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Re: Limekiln Road Bridge (ID#09400700200437), Doylestown Township

Dear Ms. Ralston,

I am writing to request that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission establish the replacement of the Limekiln Road bridge (id#09400700200437) that runs over Cooks Run in Doylestown Township as a top priority in the DVRPC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). PennDOT's designation of the bridge as "Poor" and the fact that Doylestown Fire Company's response times have increased due to a newly imposed weight restriction causing the company to take a detoured route should be taken into consideration when determining a timetable for the replacement. The bridge replacement has a great effect on the fire company's ability to keep residents safe in a timely manner.

PennDOT officials have stated that the new 7-ton weight limit was put in place due to the integrity of the bridge being weakened. The company now must take an alternative route, which includes four additional traffic lights and a narrow winding road, to a large percentage of its emergency calls. Additional minutes can be the difference between life and death in emergency situations.

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Once again, I would like to ask that plans to replace the Limekiln Road bridge be accelerated for the safety of Doylestown residents. Thank you for considering my request.

Very truly yours,



Steven J. Santarsiero
PA Senator, District 10

CC: The Honorable Leslie S. Richards, Department of Transportation, Secretary
Barry Seymour, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director
Evan Stone, Bucks County Planning Commission
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The Honorable Wendy Ullman, State Representative