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PROJECT REQUEST FORM

1) Project Name:	Betterment of Rt 26 from Exit 161 through to Rt 150		
2) Project Location:	Marion Township and Howard Borough		
3) Applicant:	HOWARD TOWNSHIP		
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9) City:	Howard,	10) Zip Code:	16841

11) Project Type (please check only one):		
A) Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility		Route #:
B) Bridge - Local System		Route #:
C) Bridge - State System		Route #:
D) Highway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Route #: 26
E) Public Transportation		Route:
F) Rail		Line:
G) Other		

12) Please attach a location map and photo(s).

8.5 x 11 maps are preferred and please submit no more than 3 photos

13) Please provide a brief (one or two sentence) description of the project :

Improvement to Route 26 from Exit #161 I-80 through to Route 150 in Howard Borough

14) Please describe the project being requested, specifically what issues/problems are present and how this project will improve conditions:

If the local interchange is completed this road MUST be improved as requested to provide proper safety for the residents of Marion Township/Howard Borough and all other traffic on this road including Amish buggy and school bus stops over 100+.

If the local interchange is not completed Rt 26 is still in need of much improvement and the Lick Run Bridge area where 2 vehicles can barely pass each other at the same time.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Do you believe this project will:

15) Reduce crash rate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes please explain:</i> Road Improvements such as widening and turning lanes will definitely reduce crash rates.			

16) Reduce conflicts between motorized and non-motorized transportation modes (Pedestrian/Bicycle/Buggy)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note if a pedestrian/bicycle/buggy amenity will be maintained or added as part of the project:</i> We have a lot of Amish Buggy traffic in Marion Township			

17) Improve intersection(s) and/or roadway alignment(s)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note the intersection(s) that will affected:</i> Line of site will be improved on Lick Run Bridge			

18) Improve the security of the traveling public (Ex. Improves upon incident response, establishes detour/evacuation routes, implements security features on public transportation vehicles and facilities)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> Any improvements to this road will decrease response time for emergency vehicles.			

PRESERVATION OF THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Do you believe this project will:

19) Prolong the useful life of the transportation system and infrastructure through reconstruction, rehabilitation and preventative maintenance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

The roadway improvements will remove some of the sharp curves and will widening the roadway and increase flow of traffic on the Lick Run Bridge.

20) Rehabilitate and modernize public transportation facilities or fleet?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

21) Improve ride quality?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain and provide current International Roughness Index:

EFFICIENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT & OPERATION

Do you believe this project will:

22) Reduce congestion, improve Level of Service and reduce travel times within the project area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note how this project may impact adjacent routes/travel patterns:</i> Improvements will certainly improve traffic flow and safety.			

23) Increase public transportation service frequency and capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

24) Improve system functionality through improvements such as signal upgrades, Intelligent Transportation System applications and access management approaches?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

INTEGRATION & CONNECTIVITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Do you believe this project will:

25) Eliminate/overcome barriers (Ex. Closures, detours & delays, weight restrictions) in key corridors?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note official detour distances based on factors such as weight restrictions:</i>			

26) Establish/maintain intermodal connections?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

27) Introduce new connections between existing travel patterns (Ex. Street connectivity, linking bicycle/pedestrian routes, connections between transit routes and providers)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

28) Align residents with their destinations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
<p>Turning lanes incorporated in the improvements to Rt 26 will align residents and traffic flow with their destinations thus eliminating accidents.</p>			

ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE & FREIGHT

Do you believe this project will:

29) Improve public transportation services: routes, ride share opportunities, vanpools, and park & ride lots?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and include projected ridership:</i>			

30) Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
These improvements would make it safer for cyclist and the Amish scooters to use this roadway. Rt. 26			

31) Improve access to airports, freight distribution facilities or major industrial districts?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
Improvements with turning lanes and widening of the Route 26 roadway will facilitate safer and more productive use by the 2 quarries in Marion Township.			

32) Implement Complete Streets principles?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

CONSISTENCY WITH PLANNED GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Do you believe this project will:

33) Be consistent with the following documents?			
A) County Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
B) Regional Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
C) Municipal Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
D) Municipal Zoning Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
E) Municipal Official Map	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes to any of the above, please explain:</i>			
These improvements all are consistent with all of the plans listed above.			

34) Improve/support the existing transportation infrastructure in existing & planned growth areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
These improvements are necessary due to planned growth areas and existing industry in the township.			

35) Promotes Smart Growth Principles (Ex. walkable communities, fosters distinct communities & sense of place, supports integration of mixed land uses into communities)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

36) Avoid negative impacts on communities and the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
Will reduce accidents and facilitate faster response time for emergency vehicles that alone is an extremely positive impact.			

ENVIRONMENT & AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

Do you believe this project will:

37) Improve air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

38) Promote energy conservation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

39) Avoid impacts on endangered or threatened species, key natural habitats, agricultural lands and historic & cultural resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			

40) Avoid impacts upon water resources (Ex. water recharge areas & exceptional value/high quality streams?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note which water resources may be affected:</i>			
Lick Run Stream			

ECONOMIC VITALITY

Do you believe this project will:

41) Improve access and/or enhance freight movement to regional & national economic centers?

YES

NO

N/A

If yes, please explain:

42) Encourage tourism?

YES

NO

N/A

If yes, please explain:

These improvements will make it easier and safer for travelers to our area.

43) Encourage infill development, the redevelopment of brownfield sites within reach of existing infrastructure & the overall redevelopment of core communities?

YES

NO

N/A

If yes, please explain:

PRIORITY

44) Is this your highest priority (#1) project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>Highest priority projects will be granted a half-point (0.5) bonus. Entities requesting projects may submit only one highest priority project.</i>			

45) If this is not your #1 priority, what rank did you assign this project?	
<i>Municipalities may submit as many projects as they wish. The CCMPO requests that you rank all of your candidate projects.</i>	

COST

46) What is the total estimated cost?	
Not available at this time.	

47) What is the cost by project phase, if known?	N/A
A) Preliminary Engineering	
B) Final Design	
C) Utilities	
D) Right of Way	
E) Construction	

