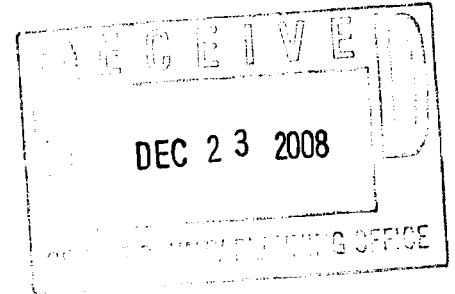


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CCMPO
Mr. Mike Bloom
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Dear Mr. Bloom:

In light of recent public comments, the Board of Supervisors of Marion would like to request that the SR0080, section A18, I-80/PA 26 local access interchange, Marion Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania be reconsidered.

Marion Township Board of Supervisors feel that the current proposed local I-99/I-80 section B18 access could be maintained with a redesign of the traffic area. Route 26 roadway conditions do not favor a location other than the current local access location. Many improvements to Route 26 would need to be completed for the roadway to maintain safety for our local residents if there was a change of current local access.

If a new local access interchange was constructed, Route 26 is not sufficient to handle heavy traffic volume and would require improvements to the narrow roadway and blind spots on hills. There are sharp turns and a narrow bridge that is not suited for tractor-trailer traffic or maneuvering. Many Amish families travel Marion Township roadways by horse and buggy and heavy traffic volume or tractor-trailer traffic would greatly increase the possibilities of accidents.

In light of the above noted information, Marion Township would require improvements to be done before any local access other than that of the present location were to be constructed.

Sincerely,

Jack Aberegg, Chairman
Marion Township Board of Supervisors

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