

APPENDIX A:

Letters of Support

July 29, 2019

Kim Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
55 South Fifth Street
Lewisburg PA, 17837

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Since its founding in 1846 as the University at Lewisburg, Bucknell University has been a vital part of the borough's development and prosperity. Historic downtown Lewisburg, where residents and visitors shop, eat and do business, attracts pedestrians year round and makes our area a special place to live, work and go to school. Indeed, Bucknell points with pride to our charming, vibrant downtown when recruiting prospective students and employees.

The University believes that the recent increase of vehicular traffic on Market Street threatens the appeal and usability of this distinctive regional asset. We are particularly concerned about the safety of pedestrians, who face an increasing challenge as they attempt to cross streets in our historic area, the scale of which was not designed to support the high volume of cars and trucks seen today. Additionally, the related increase in noise and pollution reduces the quality of life in this neighborhood, which is a designated National Historic District. Taken together, these factors jeopardize the legacy created by generations of Lewisburg residents and downtown business owners.

The University has invested significant resources to ensure downtown Lewisburg retains its historic integrity as well as its economic viability. In recent years alone, Bucknell has restored several Market Street buildings, including the Post Office; the Barnes & Noble Bookstore; the Campus Theatre; the Samek Downtown Gallery; and Bucknell's Small Business Development Center. We believe our region's success is intertwined with the health of downtown Lewisburg, and that government and community leaders must work together to find constructive ways to reduce vehicular congestion on Market Street while balancing the needs of motorists and commercial vehicles.

Bucknell fully supports the borough's commissioned study of multimodal transportation in downtown Lewisburg, including an exploration of ways to promote greater reliance on alternative forms of transportation. We look forward to continuing our tradition of working with other regional business and community leaders to ensure that Lewisburg will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely,



David J. Surgala
Vice President for Finance & Administration

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July 9, 2019

Kim E. Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
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RE: Truck Traffic on Market Street in Lewisburg

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Please accept this correspondence as Evangelical Community Hospital's support of the Lewisburg Borough's decision to commission a study on the effects of the significantly increased truck traffic on Market Street.

As a community Hospital, Evangelical's economic health is dependent on the economic health and viability of its community. Lewisburg has always been a thriving community with a thriving historic downtown. This has benefited the Hospital in many ways, particularly in its attractiveness to professionals, aiding us in the recruitment of physicians and other healthcare professionals. We have become concerned about the decline in public foot traffic due to parking and walking safety challenges and the economic impact it is having on small businesses. Also, as an ALS/BLS provider, my staff is challenged to access the downtown when called to a scene of an emergency as it is impossible to navigate around the large volume of trucks on Market Street.

Again, Evangelical supports the traffic study and appreciates the due diligence around this matter. Alternative strategies and collaboration are needed to address the concerns of small downtown businesses and the overall community balanced with the logistical concerns of those companies that use trucking transportation. Peppering and diminishing the quality and safety of the Lewisburg downtown with commercial truck traffic is not the solution.

I look forward to seeing the results of the study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kendra A. Aucker".

Kendra A. Aucker
President & CEO

Lynn Miller

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July 8, 2019

Ms. Kim Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
55 South Fifth Street
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Dear Ms. Wheeler:

The community of Lewisburg and its historic downtown are among the many reasons that people are drawn to the quality of life in central Pennsylvania. History, commerce, and architectural integrity make the Market Street corridor a coveted destination and point of pride for area residents. Lewisburg has been a valued asset in Geisinger's recruitment strategy over the years, and we support the Borough's efforts to preserve the unique character of the community.

We understand that recent surges in heavy truck traffic on Market Street pose significant harm to the corridor's historic structures and create serious impairments to rapid response times for fire and police. The trucks also discourage foot traffic in the downtown commercial district and threaten pedestrian safety. And the vibrations, air pollution and noise detract from the overall quality of life.

Geisinger supports the Borough's decision to commission and conduct a study of the effects of increased truck traffic. The study will generate the critical data necessary to create safe and sustainable alternatives.

We look forward to learning more about the study's findings and the recommended course of action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lynn Miller", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Lynn Miller



September 13, 2019

Kim E Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
55 South Fifth Street
Lewisburg PA 17837

RE: Lewisburg Market Street Traffic Study

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Please accept this Letter of Support as the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce's endorsement of Lewisburg Borough's decision to commission an engineering and operations study on the effects of traffic on Market Street, State Route 45.

Our region's prosperity is in large part, contingent on the economic vitality and viability of its communities. Lewisburg is a thriving community with rich traditions. Its community leaders have managed this historic borough and its bustling downtown exceptionally well. This leadership has benefited our entire region in many ways, particularly when it comes to Lewisburg's attractiveness to both visitors and to professionals looking to locate in the Greater Susquehanna Valley due to work assignments. The Chamber with its 700+ members, representing more than 53,000 employees is chagrined at the news of a possible decline in the number of visitors, shoppers and diners in Lewisburg due to parking and pedestrian safety concerns. We find any negative economic impact caused by these concerns on small businesses and residents to be intolerable.

Please add the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce to the list of supporters of the Lewisburg Market Street Traffic Study. Please know that we appreciate the Borough's due diligence and their engineering-based approach to this matter. Alternative strategies and collaboration are clearly needed. We believe, now that the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project is well under construction, it's time to address the concerns of small downtown businesses and of the broader community in an attempt to balance the logistical concerns of everyone involved.

We look forward to seeing the results of the study and to serving in the convener role to bring each of the parties together in response to the study's findings.

Sincerely,

Susan A Greene, Chair
GSVCC Board

Joseph McGranaghan, Chair
GSVCC Transportation Committee



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Kim E. Wheeler, AICP
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Dear Kim,

As President of the Lewisburg Arts Council, I am writing to express our support of the current decision to commission a study to assess the effects of truck traffic on the Market Street corridor. The excessive truck traffic has disrupted the fabric of life in downtown Lewisburg through increased noise pollution, air pollution from exhaust fumes, and has posed a threat to pedestrian safety. These conditions challenge the existence of downtown Lewisburg as we have known it. The truck traffic deters many residents from coming downtown thereby reducing the number of both local residents and visitors who frequent the businesses and restaurants located on Market Street.

Since 1968, the Lewisburg Arts Council has worked to foster and showcase the Arts within the Lewisburg community. Each year we sponsor four events, beginning with a two-week long Celebration of the Arts in the Spring, including a well-known street festival, as well as Music in the Park, a weekly music series during June, July and August. We also sponsor the Sidewalk Chalk Festival in July and the evening Stroll Through the Arts in November. These events are always free and open to all; they continue to thrive because they are set in downtown Lewisburg. People often remark on how much they love participating in the street festival and spending the day on Market Street surrounded by its historic buildings and charming store fronts.

It is hoped that the study will provide highway planners and the community with data to interpret the long-term impact of heavy traffic in these historic neighborhoods. We also hope that the study will develop strategies to divert truck traffic to roads better suited for commercial vehicles than Market Street.

We look forward to the completed study and a positive solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

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Constance A. Timm
President



July 15, 2019

Ellen J. Ruby
Lewisburg Downtown Partnership
PO Box 298
239 Market Street, 2nd Floor
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Re: Lewisburg Market Street Transportation Safety Study

Dear Ms. Wheeler,

The Lewisburg Downtown Partnership (LDP) provides full-time, effective management for the downtown business district in Lewisburg, PA. We also organize and hold multiple programs and events available to business owners, employees, residents and visitors of Lewisburg. In addition, the LDP promotes events and activities held in downtown Lewisburg by other non-profit organizations. We bring together diverse community interests and resources to promote the economic vitality, architectural heritage and cultural vibrancy of the downtown commercial district for the benefit of the greater Lewisburg community.

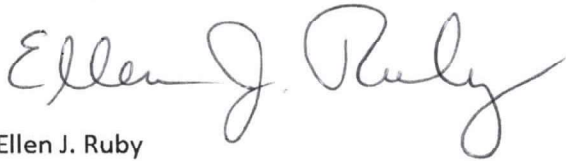
We are deeply committed to seeing Lewisburg grow and prosper – and a vibrant Lewisburg benefits the entire region.

Our downtown community is being threatened by the significantly increasing heaving truck traffic moving throughout the day and night on the Market Street corridor which runs through Lewisburg's Historic District. I have listened to many business owners and residents in our community as they speak of the impact of the increased truck traffic. From cracked walls and falling ceiling plaster and tiles, to concerns for pedestrian safety, many of those who work and live in Lewisburg are concerned about the current situation.

I am writing to indicate my strong support for the Borough's decision to commission a study to look at the effects of heavy truck traffic in downtown Lewisburg. As the Executive Director of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, I stand ready to assist with implementing changes that will help alleviate the impact of issues like noise pollution, air quality, and pedestrian safety, as well as any other issues that are addressed in this study.

This study will provide the tools for the Borough of Lewisburg and PennDOT, in alignment with the PennDOT Connects program guidelines, to create better transportation systems *and* communities through collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ellen J. Ruby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ellen J. Ruby

Executive Director, Lewisburg Downtown Partnership

LEWISBURG HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

June 29, 2019

Kim Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
55 South Fifth Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

RE: Market Street Traffic Study

Dear Kim,

The members of the Lewisburg Historic Architectural Review Board unanimously support the efforts to curtail truck traffic through our National Register Historic District.

Our group of volunteer professionals meet each month to review applications for Building and Zoning Permits in the Lewisburg Historic District. We see applications each month from private business owners and homeowners trying to improve their properties and preserve the character of our community.

Specifically regarding applications along Market Street, property owners are constantly having to clean and re-paint their facades, certainly this deterioration is accelerated due to the heavy truck traffic.

Secondly, we see many requests to replace historic wood windows with modern insulated units, often more for sound insulation than any concerns for energy efficiency. There are many studies which show a well-preserved wood window with a storm panel is more energy efficient than a modern vinyl window. This is not necessarily the case with sound, so we are losing a significant amount of historic fabric to address this noise issue.

Lastly, the vibrations caused by the trucks no doubt has impacted our masonry buildings in particular. Our historic brick buildings should be some of our most durable, stable buildings. We see a disproportionate amount of brick repair and maintenance work on and near Market Street, which we believe could be caused by the truck traffic.

It is a shame we are all fighting an uphill battle against forces outside our community. Our downtown businesses and overall community livability rely on Market Street being a pleasant experience. The noise and sheer scale of these trucks has a significant negative impact on this experience. I personally live a ½ block off Market Street and I can tell the general speed of traffic on Market based on the sound of the trucks going by from my backyard!

The Lewisburg Historic Architectural Review Board unanimously supports any efforts to reduce truck traffic through our Historic District.

Sincerely,



Ted L. Strosser, AIA
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July 19, 2019

Kim Wheeler
Special Projects Coordinator
Lewisburg Borough
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RE: Letter of Support for Market Street Corridor Transportation Study

The Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation works in collaboration with the Borough and the Bucknell community to create a vision that preserves natural settings and streetscapes, strengthens ties among neighbors, and improves quality of life in the Borough. Our organization has been very concerned about the impact of both the temporarily increased truck traffic and projected future sustained increases in truck traffic in the region. While these impacts are felt throughout the community, the greatest burden has been on Market Street downtown. Our organization is supportive of and engaged with the Market Street Corridor Transportation Study in light of these observed and predicted changes in traffic patterns regionally. We recognize these changes as presenting ongoing challenges to the safety and viability of walking and biking in town.

We promote quality of life and interact with residents of the community regularly. We have been engaged in promoting road safety for several years, with our Walk It! Bike It! Lewisburg committee, and find the increased truck traffic in direct opposition to that group's goals of both improving safe driving and promoting increased foot traffic. We know the impact of the increased truck traffic is impairing livability, walkability, and desirability on Market St. We collect public input on community concerns and Market St traffic figures prominently both as a threat to public safety and also as a physical impediment to street life and detriment to the historic building stock.

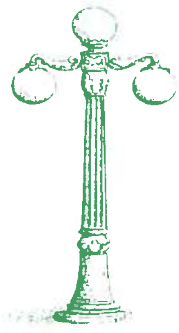
In support of the study, in addition to contributing to publicity and public input, our Walk It! Bike It! Lewisburg Committee has been able to share records of past informal traffic studies and Bucknell student projects as well as more recent traffic counts, signal design concepts, and community-driven proposals for improving road safety for all users on Market Street. We see the current traffic study as a critical step in moving our community towards a vision of Complete Streets which will balance the needs and concerns of all users, bringing this impaired street back from its current unsafe and damaging tilt toward through traffic and interstate commerce.

We look forward to the results of the study and continuing to work with the Borough toward being a safe, healthy, lively, and inviting community into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samantha Pearson".

Samantha Pearson
Executive Director
Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation



Shade Tree Commission
Borough of Lewisburg

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September 9, 2019

Kim Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
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Ms. Wheeler,

Please accept this letter of support from the Lewisburg Shade Tree Commission regarding the Lewisburg Borough's decision to take steps to address the increased levels of heavy vehicle traffic on Market Street (State Route 45) by commissioning a complete Market Street Transportation Corridor Study.

Lewisburg's Market Street Corridor trees are vital to the safety, beauty, health, and charm of our Downtown Historic District. The Market Street trees significantly benefit the community, increasing property values, enhancing air quality by absorbing carbon, removing pollutants from the atmosphere and releasing oxygen; buffering noise and providing shade for homes, office buildings, pedestrians and vehicles with their leafy canopies that cool surface temperature.

Lewisburg's Market Street Corridor trees also provide a "safety buffer" between vehicles traveling along the Market Street Corridor and the many people who walk the Corridor, each day and into the night, in our highly-pedestrian Downtown Historic District.

Additional trees are going to be planted along Lewisburg's Market Street Corridor but many more trees are needed to offset the increased pollution, noise and disturbance caused by the increased heavy vehicle traffic along Market Street. It is clear to anyone walking along Market Street that the amount of heavy vehicle traffic dramatically exceeds what the road and town are designed for.

We appreciate and support all efforts to reduce the congestion on Market Street and hope that the trees of Market Street can live long, healthy lives.

Sincerely,

Mark Spiro

Barbara Kalin, Chair

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Lewisburg Shade Tree Commission



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June 10, 2019

Kim E. Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
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RE: Truck traffic on Market Street

Dear Ms. Wheeler,

With its rich heritage and storied past, Lewisburg is a quintessential Pennsylvania downtown. As one of the commonwealth's oldest Main Street communities, Lewisburg has often been an exemplary community that other communities have looked to for decades. When it comes to college towns, Lewisburg leads the way in their partnership with Bucknell University and the Borough of Lewisburg. When the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership first formed, the goals were to fill the vacancies in the downtown business district, market downtown as a destination, and forge partnerships to encourage collaboration. The Lewisburg Downtown Partnership has worked to foster and sustain small businesses along Market Street, while the Borough's Historical Architectural Review Board has ensured that the district's historic character is preserved. As a result, Lewisburg is home to one of the state's most successful Pennsylvania Keystone Communities Main Street programs and the National Main Street Center's, Main Street America™ nationally accredited programs.

Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC) strongly supports the Borough's decision to commission a study to assess the effects of truck traffic on the Market Street corridor. Now, more than ever, it is important for a community to remain relevant to the needs of its residents, visitors, business owners, and other stakeholders. With changing demographics, and a shifting of uses for downtown, issues such as noise pollution, air quality, and pedestrian safety all become ever increasingly important issues to address towards the livability, safety, and economic viability of the community.

PDC supports PennDOT in their pursuit of PennDOT Connects as their guiding principles. This study aligns with PennDOT Connects' commitment to: community collaboration, coordinated planning, and consideration of community needs, and PDC looks forward to seeing the completed study.

Sincerely,

Julie S. Fitzpatrick, Special Projects Coordinator/Assistant Director



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

June 6, 2019

Kim E. Wheeler, AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
55 South Fifth Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

RE: Truck traffic on Market Street

Dear Ms. Wheeler,

Thank you for meeting with our staff in April. The Lewisburg Historic District is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1969 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission certified the local district as historically significant, according to the requirements of the Historic District Act of 1961. Market Street has been at the heart of the community since Ludwig Derr laid out the town in 1785. For years the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership has worked to foster and sustain small businesses along this corridor, while the Borough's Historical Architectural Review Board has ensured that the district's historic character is preserved. As a result, Lewisburg is home to one of the state's most successful downtown commercial districts.

More recently, it has become clear that the community's distinctive small-town character is being threatened as a result of increasing, heavy truck traffic. The almost steady stream of semi-trailers through the center of the borough raises a variety of urgent concerns about pedestrian safety, delayed emergency response times, deteriorating air quality, and the negative effects of rising noise and vibration levels on the significant historic buildings that line the street. Together, these trends are putting the community's historic preservation successes and downtown vitality at risk – and all for the sake of a shortcut that only benefits the trucking companies.

The PA State Historic Preservation Office strongly supports the Borough's decision to commission a study to assess the effects of truck traffic on the Market Street corridor. This report promises to break new ground here in Pennsylvania. By providing communities, our office, and highway planners with data to understand the long-term impacts of heavy traffic in historic neighborhoods, the study will give PennDOT and MPO staff the information they need to plan highway routes that thoughtfully balance the interests of local residents and small businesses with the practical concerns of a growing trucking industry. Among its conclusions, we hope the study recommends 1) strategies to divert through-traffic to roads that are better suited for commercial vehicles and/or 2) design changes that are intended to discourage truck drivers from using Market Street to get to destinations on the other side of the river.

We look forward to seeing the completed study.

Sincerely,

Bryan Van Sweden, Community Preservation Coordinator

June 15, 2019

Ellen J. Ruby
Lewisburg Downtown Partnership
P. O. Box 298
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Dear Ellen:

I fully support the borough's decision to commission a study on the effects of hugely-increased truck traffic on Lewisburg. As a Lewisburg native and former director of the Packwood House Museum, I can attest to past effects of such traffic on Market Street. When the current bridge construction was underway, idling trucks caused all sorts of noise and contributed to structural issues on the historic buildings near the bridge. Packwood House, part of which was constructed in the 1790s and added to by the 1850s, developed serious cracks in walls and ceilings because of the constant rumbling noise by parked trucks outside. Nearby residents saw their homes develop the same issues.

Lewisburg's Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, contains buildings dating from the 1790s to the 1940s. The shops lining Market Street are housed in these brick and wood "blocks" that are all suffering age-related wear and tear. Adding increased truck traffic only increases the cost of maintenance. Pedestrians are affected as well; when Bucknell is in session, foot traffic on Market Street is vastly increased.

Please keep me informed as the commission does its due diligence to compile a report that I hope state officials will rely upon to make the right decision to find an alternative route for truck traffic on streets that were never designed for such modern vehicles. Please feel free to call upon me if you need additional support.

Sincerely,



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July 23, 2019

Kim Wheeler
Special Projects Coordinator/Grants Manager
Borough of Lewisburg
55 North Fifth Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837



Dear Kim,

Please accept this letter as the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau's support of the Lewisburg Borough's decision to commission a study on the Market Street Corridor. Of special concern to visitors in our area, are the effects of the significantly increased truck traffic on Market Street.

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau promotes Snyder, Northumberland and Union counties as a regional destination. Our historic and bucolic downtowns and our stunning scenic byways are consistently hailed as some of our most valuable tourism assets. Visitor spending in Union County in 2017 – according to Oxford Economics, as commissioned by the Pennsylvania Tourism Office, was \$150 million dollars. It is not a far reach to state that Lewisburg—because of its easy access to Interstate 80 and Routes 15 and 45, the historic charm of a walkable downtown, which offers a variety of shops and restaurants, along with Bucknell University's events, arts and culture, plus the variety of lodging options for tourists—is the driver for visitor spending for Union County.

Lewisburg, Union County, and regional visitor spending could be negatively impacted—for the long term—with increased freight truck traffic on Market Street that would make downtown Lewisburg unattractive to tourists and visitors. People like to travel to places that are safe and welcoming and pleasant to the eye and that offer a variety of interests and things to do. This could all be compromised for a variety of reasons should:

- Lewisburg's unique shops and eateries close, due to limited foot traffic, as people no longer feel safe walking along or crossing Market Street, because of truck traffic.
- Bucknell University encourages students and visitors to stay on campus, because of an unsafe downtown, due to truck traffic.
- The Historic District of Lewisburg is compromised, because of the dirt, pollution and the constant vibrations of non-stop truck traffic.
- Noise pollution prevents shoppers from having normal conversations, while walking downtown or sitting outside in sidewalk cafes.
- Downtown Events become limited, because they are feel unsafe for pedestrians.

In my recent presentation to our members at our Annual Member Dinner, I shared how such scenarios, as those noted above, could easily negatively impact our entire region, as a destination. Local and regional detrimental scenarios may not be at the forefront of our minds, but could include: environmental disturbances in our rivers and streams, an accident at a nearby amusement park or attraction, a rainy summer—or traffic conditions that make traveling to the region or visiting one of its gems both problematic and unsafe. Tourists and visitors like safety, convenience, and positive experiences. They avoid dangers and nuisance.

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau wholeheartedly supports any studies and efforts aimed at reducing truck traffic and providing for a safe downtown in Lewisburg, for all to experience and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Miller
Executive Director



*Exploring Union County's Past to
Inform the Present and the Future*

June 20, 2019

Kim E. Wheeler AICP
Borough of Lewisburg
55 South Fifth Street
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Dear Ms. Wheeler:


The Union County Historical Society applauds and supports your efforts to preserve the small-town atmosphere of downtown Lewisburg.

Recent surges of heavy truck traffic pose a significant hazard to the borough's historic structures, they discourage foot traffic throughout the downtown commercial district, and they detract from the overall quality of life.

If the Lewisburg community is to promote, improve and expand this well-known quality of life, then we must work together to raise awareness of historical environments by finding ways that encourage truckers to use alternative routes.

Please keep us informed of any future developments.

Thank you.


Bruce Teeple, President
Union County Historical Society
Board of Directors



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July 13, 2019

Kim E. Wheeler, AICP
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Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Please accept this correspondence as William Cameron Engine Company's support of the Borough of Lewisburg's decision to commission a study on the effects of the increased large truck traffic through downtown Lewisburg on Market Street.

As the primary fire and emergency services agency for the Greater Lewisburg Area, we have experienced significant challenges accessing emergency scenes on and around Market Street. The increased truck traffic has impacted our ability to rapidly respond to and mitigate emergencies as well as places our department's members along with the community at increased risk.

Transversing Market Street has become hazardous and virtually impossible to navigate due to increased truck traffic. On one occasion, a responding unit was damaged by a passing truck due to its size and the limited space available to yield to emergency vehicles. Another concern is the safety of patients and fire department personnel who are providing care as they attempt to load the patient and stretcher into the unit as large trucks pass within feet.

Again, the William Cameron Engine Company supports the traffic study and applauds the Borough of Lewisburg for identifying the hazardous impacts caused by the increased truck traffic. We look forward to a collaborative approach in an effort to solve this dynamic challenge.

Sincerely,



James, J. Blount III, Fire Chief
William Cameron Engine Company