

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Engineering District 5-0
1713 Lehigh Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103



April 10, 1998

Mr. Kermit Geary
DX Listening Post
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Dear Mr. Geary:

Your recent inquiry regarding the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) for the State Route (SR) 22 rehabilitation project in the Lehigh Valley, known locally as *22/renew*, has been forwarded to me since the area in question falls within my jurisdiction. This two-year, 8-mile project is located between the Lehigh River Bridge in Lehigh County and stretches just past SR 191, in Northampton County.

As part of our public information program for *22/renew*, PennDOT has in place several different technologies to inform motorists of upcoming traffic congestion due to the rehabilitation project. The HAR signal you have been hearing is part of this public information program. Digital Recorders, North Carolina, designed PennDOT's HAR system.

Currently, PennDOT is using radio frequency 1630 AM, that was assigned by the FCC, for the radio advisories. This frequency operates at 10 watts under the call letters WQO 740. As part of our HAR initiative, we are using six (6) transmitters located at the following interchanges: I-78/SR 100; I-78/SR 309; Cedar Crest Boulevard/SR 22; Fullerton Avenue/SR 22; Schoenersville Avenue/SR 22; and SR 33/SR 22.

Around March 16, 1998, PennDOT began testing our HAR system by running combinations of nearly 50 different messages that would be possible during the *22/renew* project. Our system test officially ended on April 5, 1998. Daytime single lane conditions began eastbound on SR 22 at the Lehigh River Bridge on Monday, April 6, 1998.

We appreciate your interest in our Highway Advisory Radio system and our *22/renew* project. Should you have any additional questions, please contact our Community Relations Coordinator, Tricia Charlesworth, at (610) 798-4121.

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For your information I am including a copy of our 1998 Motorist Guide.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Walter E. Bortree, PE". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

WEE Walter E. Bortree, PE
District Engineer
Engineering District 5-0

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Attachment