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RE: Avondale Borough – Route 41 – Dire Road Condition

Dear Tom:

As you are aware in the last few weeks, we have exchanged email communications following the public forum held in Avondale Borough on April 15, 2025 and the test milling operation that took place on May 8, 2025. Despite PennDOT indicating a willingness to address the problem at the April 15th public forum and a test milling operation showing that Avondale Borough's water pipes beneath Route 41 are not leaking, PennDOT refuses to completely and fully repair Route 41 within the Borough.

Avondale Borough Council remains justifiably frustrated that PennDOT refuses to fully repair the damaged portion of Route 41 which traverses through the middle of Avondale Borough. Enclosed please find a letter dated May 14, 2025 from the Borough's Engineer, Carroll Engineering, which details the activities that took place on May 8th and Carroll Engineering's analysis of the situation.

As referenced in Carroll Engineering's May 14th letter, the May 8th investigation revealed no water. One does not have to be an engineer to understand that if there is indeed water leaking from the Borough's pipes, then upon investigation, that water would be present and constant as water is continually flowing through the Borough's water system. That is not what the investigation revealed. To attempt now to backstep because there is no water to test is disingenuous. No water indicates that this is not a Borough water pipe issue.

We will continue to advocate with PennDOT and every level of government for a full and complete repair of Route 41 in Avondale Borough.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. P. Venzie', is written over the typed name.

Kimberly P. Venzie

Enclosure

cc: Avondale Borough Council Members
Sharon Norris, Borough Secretary/Administrator



May 14, 2025

Paul Morgan, Council President
Avondale Borough
110 Pomeroy Avenue
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Avondale, PA 19311

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Subject: PA Route 41 Pavement Condition

As you know, Carroll Engineering Corporation participated with you in observing the test milling operation on the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue State Route 41 (Newport Gap Pike) conducted by PennDOT on the morning of May 8, 2025. The purpose of the test mill was an attempt to see if water was present beneath the surface, and if so, to collect a sample of the water and have it analyzed for chlorine. The road construction appears to consist of approximately 2-inches of wearing coarse asphalt underlain with reinforced concrete.

No water or wet conditions were observed during the test. As such, no samples could be collected to determine if potable water was present as would be indicated via chlorine residual.

The Borough owns and maintains a 12-inch water main under Route 41. PennDOT contends that potable water is present under PA Route 41, and it originates from a water main leak. There are no indications, recent history, or water plant operational records that support such a claim. Furthermore, if the water main was leaking, it would be obvious. Water main breaks/leaks do occur from time to time in the Borough and are typically expressed at the road surface with severe surface water flows and road erosion due to the pressure of the main. It is a dynamic situation, not static as PennDOT contends.

Our position remains that the road patches are not suitable for the rate and weight of car and truck traffic on this road. Poor road repair methods and base failure are the reasons for the continuously deteriorated condition of this State-owned Road.

The Borough maintains no responsibility for this state-owned road. However, the Borough will continue to advocate for its residents who suffer from the continued disturbance, noise and vibrations resulting from this neglectful management strategy.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

CARROLL ENGINEERING CORPORATION



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cc: Avondale Council and Administration

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