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**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 3:48 PM  
**To:** Robert.Tworkowski; Fuss, Barry  
**Cc:** Zhang, Hai-Yan; Johnston, Bruce; Todd Greenstone; Laura; Knapp, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Rustic Road Committee Meeting - November 28, 2017  
**Attachments:** RE: Zion road bridge replacement; RE: Zion road bridge replacement

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for the message below as it helps to clear up some questions that I had with the attached RRAC letter dated September 15, 2017.

I was wondering who the farmers were that was mentioned in the paragraph below:

There are other farmers that use this Zion Road Bridge that also need to provide their views on the width of bridge for moving their farm equipment.

*This bridge is an important connection for our area farmers who are currently using circuitous detours because of the new weight limits on this bridge.*

*Farmers who regularly use the bridge for agricultural purposes move large farm equipment and trucks on this section of road, some weighing 80,000 pounds.*

*These farmers concur that the bridge is wide enough but must be reconstructed to accommodate heavy loads.*

*A wider bridge would increase traffic speeds and the likelihood of conflicts between farm equipment and commuters on the road. **There are conflicts between farm equipment and commuters today as they share this one lane bridge.***

*Given the location of the bridge in the Agricultural Reserve where agriculture is the preferred land use, we do not consider that to be acceptable. **A new single lane Zion Road bridge may result in future Safety and Liability issues for the County Government.***

As staff to the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee, we will discuss this bridge replacement issue during our next meeting which is scheduled for November 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving the comments from additional farmers in the Laytonsville area that use the Zion Road bridge.

Thanks J

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**Subject:** Rustic Road Committee Meeting - November 28, 2017

Barry –

We would like to invite you and the SHA staffer reviewing the Zion Road bridge project to our meeting on Tuesday, November 28, at 6:15 pm (you are given a time slot of 30 minutes for the presentation and follow on discussion) to discuss retaining the existing width of the bridge, as the RRAC Committee has recommended. We understand that approval for Federal funding may be given to bridge designs that don't meet the minimum design criteria where conditions warrant, and would like to discuss how the bridges in the Rustic Roads Program might satisfy the necessary conditions for exceptions.

Prior to our meeting , we would like to receive two items for review (by November 22, 2017):

- the five-year crash history for Zion Road from Riggs Road to Sundown Road, and,
- the traffic count for Zion Road (and if possible and updated traffic count).

We are requesting an update of the traffic count due to a concurrent culvert failure that occurred on Sundown Road. That culvert failure closed Sundown just east of the intersection with Zion Road during the time of the traffic count which may have skewed the actual usage data.

Last, on Monday, we received correspondence from Jeremy Criss of the Office of Agriculture regarding a query from your office on the width of this bridge and the needs of farmers. Three of our seven committee members are farmers, with one representing the Ag Advisory Committee (Laura Van Etten) and one of whom uses this road for his operations regularly (Todd Greenstone). All three members confirmed that the current width of the bridge meets their needs. The weight limit that is now on the bridge is currently hindering some of their operations, so that is why we are seeking a timely replacement and resolution of this matter.

In the future, please refer your questions regarding farmers' needs on Rustic Roads to our committee, as the purpose of having three farmer members is to furnish comments on exactly that question.

Please submit the review items above to our staff coordinator, Mike Knapp, by November 22, 2017.

In the meantime if you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at 240-461-0750.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on November 28, 2017.

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