



## Town Commissioners of Perryville

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June 27, 2013

Amrita Hill, Principal Officer  
Major Projects, NEC (South)  
National Rail Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)  
60 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Susquehanna River Bridge Reconstruction and Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Hill:

To supplement the letter from Perryville that submitted on June 4, 2013, I offer the following two additional comments.

First, I understand that Norfolk Southern Railroad has considered expanding the "Port Road", which connects to the Amtrak line at the railroad station in Perryville. We are concerned about the affect the Susquehanna River Bridge Reconstruction and Expansion Project will have on future improvements to "Port Road" as well as on the current rail traffic on the heavily used "Port Road", which is an existing chokepoint in the rail system. Further compounding this issue is that the Town government buildings are immediately east of and adjacent to the "Port Road" and immediately north of and adjacent to the Amtrak rail line. Additionally, Perryville's water plant is bound by a private Norfolk Southern railroad crossing that is frequently blocked by trains waiting to access the Amtrak main line. Therefore, the proposed improvements to the NEC and how those improvements will impact Norfolk Southern are of the utmost concern to the Town of Perryville.

Second, as a local Greenway, and partner with the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway (LSHG), the Town of Perryville has endorsed the LSHG Management Plan, which includes pedestrian crossing over the Susquehanna River connecting Perryville to Havre de Grace as one of its primary goals. We request that through this reconstruction and expansion process that you help make this goal a reality.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
  
Denise Breder, Town Administrator

CC: Mayor and Commissioners  
Mary Ann Skilling, Town Planning Director  
Anthony Di Giacomo, Cecil County Principal Planner  
Mary Ann Lisanti, Executive Director, LSHG