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June 4, 2026

Dear Mr. Kufro and Reading Area Transportation Study Members,

As you may be aware, a PennDOT project is currently underway to replace and improve drainage pipes carrying stormwater under SR 1030 (Oysterdale Road) in Pike Township, Berks County. This effort is being accompanied by a Berks County Conservation District project to restore the Oysterville Creek to its original course.

I am grateful for these developments, as they will reduce the occurrence of wetness, standing water and ice on the road surface and will significantly improve driver safety.

Additionally, I write to recall to your attention the erosion of the already narrow to non-existent shoulders of the roadway in this area. This was part of the original concern about Oysterdale Road and has been another risk-enhancing factor, evidenced by accidents in which vehicles leave the roadway.

As such, as improvements for safety enhancement are undertaken, establishing shoulders for the road surface, particularly between the intersections with Carl Road and Baldy Hill Road, should be a high priority. Furthermore, I understand that this course of action would be supported by the neighboring residents.

I thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I welcome you to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David M. Maloney".

Rep. David M. Maloney, Sr.
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CC: Mr. Joseph Zimring, Chief Executive Officer, Rolling Rock Stone

Piper, Alan

From: Joseph Zimring <jzimring@rollrock.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 3:05 PM
To: Piper, Alan
Cc: Maloney, Sr., David; Senator Tracy Pennycuick; Kufro, Christopher; Young, Ronald (PENNDOT); 71 Pike; Gary Weller; Drakeley, Sean; Philip Wetzel
Subject: Request to Add Oysterdale Road Shoulders to the RATS TIP
Attachments: 2026_Photos of Vehicle and Truck Accidents on Oysterdale Road.pdf

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Dear Mr. Piper,

I am writing to formally request that the Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) add the installation of road shoulders on SR 1030 (Oysterdale Road) between Carl Road and Baldy Hill Road in Pike Township, Berks County, to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Background

Oysterdale Road has long suffered from narrow to non-existent shoulders along this stretch of roadway. This deficiency has contributed to multiple serious vehicle accidents over the years, including commercial truck rollovers and passenger vehicles leaving the roadway. The problem has been compounded by a significant increase in traffic volume over the past decade, as GPS navigation systems now route both personal and commercial vehicles along Oysterdale Road as a primary corridor between Allentown and Reading.

Current Work Already Underway

I am pleased to report that meaningful progress is being made on related infrastructure improvements. PennDOT District 5 is currently working towards replacing and improving drainage pipes carrying stormwater under SR 1030, and the Berks County Conservation District is working towards executing a project to restore Oysterville Creek to its original channel, funded through a grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. These improvements will significantly reduce water runoff and ice accumulation on the roadway. However, they will not address the absence of road shoulders, which remains a critical and independent safety risk.

Legislative Support

On June 4, 2026, Representative David M. Maloney, Sr. (130th Legislative District and Chairman of the House Game and Fisheries Committee) sent a formal letter to PennDOT District Executive Chris Kufro and to the RATS membership requesting that adding shoulders to Oysterdale Road between Carl Road and Baldy Hill Road be treated as a high priority. Senator Tracy Pennycuick has also been actively engaged in supporting this effort, having already helped drive meaningful support and budget allocation toward reducing water runoff and ice accumulation on the roadway. The local community and neighboring residents are fully supportive of the work already funded — and we are requesting that additional funding be identified and allocated to address the critical life safety risks that remain.

Request

We respectfully request that RATS add the Oysterdale Road shoulder project to the Transportation Improvement Program so that PennDOT can begin formal planning and programming of this work. The safety concerns on this road are well-documented, the legislative support is in place, and the timing is ideal given the infrastructure improvements already underway. Coordinating the addition of shoulders to the road alongside the pipe installation work that is already being planned would also represent significant cost efficiency for the Commonwealth.

I am attaching photographs to this email documenting several of the serious accidents that have occurred in recent years on this stretch of Oysterdale Road. A hard copy of this letter is also being send to you by mail. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you directly about this request and to provide any additional documentation that would be helpful. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Joe Zimring

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