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Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project
Advisory Board
of the
Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace
for the
Mayor and Town Commission of Perryville

Advisory Bulletin #18
Street Underpasses in Perryville
March 20, 2015

Background

The Advisory Board met on March 12, 2015 to discuss the two road underpasses along the Amtrak main line, located at Front Street and at the MARC Station. This discussion did not include the two Broad Street underpasses at the rail wye serving the Norfolk Southern line to Harrisburg, as it is not anticipated that these two bridge structures would be significantly altered in elevation or alignment.

Both roads passing under the main line are currently used by Amtrak personnel and other specially designated entities, but neither one is a public right-of-way. Both provide direct access to the same destinations, and are therefore redundant, except that the MARC Station underpass has a very low vertical clearance. The proposed high speed rail line is not likely to require local station platforms for its pair of tracks, except during emergency diversions of track usage, and therefore should not require the existing underpass for pedestrian crossover.

Recommendations

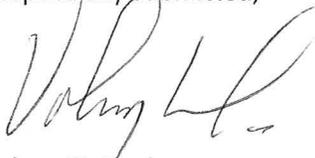
1. The existing divided-lane underpass opposite Front Street, which provides truck access to the Amtrak repair facility and portions of the Perry Point VA grounds, should be retained.
2. Whether modified to accommodate track realignment or not, the north face and wing walls of this underpass should be restored to its original architectural appearance.
3. The entire north entrance of this underpass should be thoroughly cleaned and well landscaped along the adjacent embankments and out to Broad Street.
4. The low, tunnel-like underpass that divides the two MARC Station parking lots should be abandoned by sealing it off from the north side. The south side may be left open for historical purposes, provided it is made secure from trespassers.

5. The underpass access road cut leading in from Broad Street should be filled level with both MARC Station parking lots to provide a common entrance/exit at Broad Street and many more parking spaces.

Recommended Action

The Advisory Board recommends that the Mayor and Town Commission of Perryville take necessary steps to consolidate these or similar recommendations into a formal communication to the SRRBP Project Team as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Volney H. Ford
Chairman