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The Honorable Patrick Morrisey  
Governor of West Virginia  
State Capitol  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, WV 25305

The Honorable Stephen Todd Rumbaugh  
Secretary of Transportation & Commissioner of Highways  
West Virginia Department of Transportation / Division of Highways  
Charleston, WV

**Re: Request for State Partnership—School Street Improvements in Capon Bridge (Community, Economic, and Public-Access Corridor)**

Dear Governor Morrisey and Secretary Rumbaugh:

On behalf of the Town of Capon Bridge, I write with appreciation for the State of West Virginia's continued investment in safe transportation networks and thriving local communities. We respectfully request state partnership and financial support to complete the long-needed reconstruction and paving of **Capon School Street**, a corridor that has become central not only to school access, but to the daily economic and civic life of our community and the surrounding region.

Capon Bridge is a small municipality of fewer than 420 residents. Our tax base and annual road-maintenance capacity are simply not designed for infrastructure of the scale Capon School Street now requires. Yet Capon School Street functions far beyond a local neighborhood roadway. Over decades, it has evolved into a high-use connector for the **elementary and middle schools at the top of the hill**, for regional traffic coming into town, and for a growing cluster of public services and small businesses along the lower and middle portions of the street. In practical terms, School Street now carries school-related traffic and community traffic from well outside the town limits—without the benefit of a funding structure that matches that reality.

Importantly, the street is not only a route to school. It is also a **community services corridor**. Along and adjacent to School Street, residents and visitors access a local church, a community food pantry, and after-school care. Children and families use a local music studio and music school after hours. Numerous public recreation and community programs are located in the Old Capon Bridge Middle School facility at the base of the street, now under Parks & Recreation ownership (youth athletics, Bidly Buddy basketball, indoor archery, etc). In addition, county and governmental functions serve the public in close proximity, including the Sheriff's Department tax office, along with several small businesses

and community-serving nonprofits. For a town our size, School Street is, quite literally, one of the main “spines” of civic life.

When a corridor like this fails, the impacts ripple: families and seniors navigating uneven pavement; volunteers and nonprofits trying to deliver services; youth programs moving equipment and children safely; visitors reaching events; and small businesses depending on reliable, safe access. The current condition of School Street discourages foot traffic and undermines the welcoming, accessible character that Capon Bridge works hard to maintain.

We also want to recognize that meaningful groundwork has already been completed. Community volunteers, the Town, and partner agencies have taken substantial steps over several years to plan responsibly and to address underlying infrastructure issues—particularly stormwater and base conditions—so that future paving work is durable and not wasted by premature failure. The remaining phase—base repair, milling, and paving—is the largest cost component and far exceeds what our municipal budget can support, even with careful planning and phased work.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask the State—through your offices and the Division of Highways—to help establish a practical funding path to completion. Whether through prioritization within an appropriate state program, a targeted one-time allocation, partnership on a state/federal funding package, or another mechanism available to your agencies, **state support is the only realistic way** to deliver a long-term solution that matches the corridor’s true public and regional function. In parallel, we welcome continued collaboration on placing School Street into the appropriate maintenance system going forward so that this burden does not continue to fall solely on a small town whose resources were never meant to carry it.

A repaired School Street would strengthen the heart of Capon Bridge: improving safe access to schools, supporting small businesses, stabilizing access to essential services, and enhancing the community spaces where families gather and civic life happens. We are grateful for your consideration and for the work you do on behalf of West Virginia communities like ours. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with your staff and appropriate DOH district leadership to discuss next steps and provide any additional information that would be helpful.

With sincere appreciation,

Respectfully,

**David “Doc” Holliday**  
Mayor, Town of Capon Bridge