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Honorable James E. Ross
Senate of Pennsylvania
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Dear Senator Ross:

Thank you for your letter requesting information on Homewood Big Beaver Bridge.

The bidding process has not yet begun. Construction time is estimated at 15 months with completion to be December 31, 1987. The 1979 costs were apportioned as follows:

PennDOT 40%	\$ 908,000
Beaver County - 10%	227,000
Borough of Homewood pay Conrail	15,000
Borough of Big Beaver pay Conrail	15,000
Remaining Costs to Conrail	<u>1,135,000</u>
Total	\$2,300,000

After construction is complete, maintenance will be performed by Borough of Homewood with cost being divided 1/3 to Homewood Borough, 1/3 to Big Beaver Borough and 1/3 to County of Beaver.

Your reference to the detour route is somewhat confusing. The detour route laid down follows Route 551 which crosses under the railroad at Beaver Falls. The westbound detour follows New Route 18 and Wallace Run Road.

The public has been using a road known as Midvale Road (railroad knows it as School House Road) for detour purposes. This presents some sight and grade problems at the railroad crossing. The sight problems cannot be rectified. Well-bottom tractor trailers could conceivably get hung up on the rail of the westbound track. Two things were done. The Borough of Big Beaver posted the roads for a maximum of 7.5 tons and signs are being made and will be erected, promptly restricting well-bottom trailers with less than 15" clearance.

We will advise you when bids have been advertised and the date construction will begin.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Taliaferro
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