

**Zawitoski, John**

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**From:** Criss, Jeremy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 2:56 PM  
**To:** Fuss, Barry  
**Cc:** 'David Weitzer'; Zawitoski, John; 'Eddie Kuhlman'  
**Subject:** Agricultural Advisory Committee Recommendation for the Closing of Whites Ferry Road-Summer of 2014

Hello Barry,

The Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC discussed last night the proposed closing of Whites Ferry Road during the summer of 2014.

They unanimously voted to support the closing of Whites Ferry Road for the 11 week period of time to enable the County DOT to replace the two bridges that cross Broad Run Tributary.

The AAC believes closing the road for 11 weeks will result in a much lower level of disruption to the community as compared to the proposed 104 weeks that it would take if one lane remains open during the construction period. Eleven weeks of road closure is much better than 104 weeks of construction and this represents only 1/10 of the time of disruption.

The AAC is encouraged that the County DOT is willing to consider an annual waiver process for farmers to apply that will allow them to cross the bridges with weight restrictions.

The AAC is also encouraged to learn that the DOT will consider requests from anyone that is economically impacted by the road closure subject to documentation outlining the reduced income.

It is our understanding the complete replacement of the bridges may also result in federal financial assistance that will help to reduce the total County costs for replacing the bridges.

Members of the AAC are planning on attending the public meeting next Tuesday February 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks J

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