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Recently, a 17-year-old hit a devastating pothole on Blytheburn Rd.

Thankfully she is ok, but the outcome could have been so much worse. It is what scares us parents. We are charged with our children's safety and we take our jobs **VERY SERIOUSLY**.

Our county council and our county administration has repeatedly ignored our pleas for help.

A loan for 75 million dollars, backed by tax dollars, is being used to replace the West Nanticoke bridge. The entire county will lose access to 3 million dollars for 25 years for one bridge. This money could replace ALL 120+ miles of county roads. Vice Chair of Luzerne County Council, John Lombardo, reprimanded us for objecting to the bridge replacement because "seconds count."

Seconds, indeed, DO count. Fire, ambulance and police are navigating these same roads that are swallowing our tires and rims and leaving our kids vulnerable on the sides of our roads.

911 receives calls from all over our county and for many scary reasons. The ambulances are not immune to these hazards and potential consequences. Seconds count. Fire, police and ambulance vehicles slowed down or left incapacitated on the sides of our county roads **LOSE SECONDS**.

There are several ideas to address our county's lack of attention toward matters of public safety.

We hope to bring this serious situation to the attention of any and all who can and **WILL** help.

Unfortunately, after over a year and a half, enough has hardly been done to show good faith. Instead we are forced to wait for what is coming, instead of what is here (BIL funds versus ARP funds and a loan for what will cost us all 75 million dollars.)

Citizens will continue taking pictures and/or noting locations of hazards.

The evidence we have gathered and will continue to gather furthers our position and shows the disregard we suffer at the hands of our council and administration.

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