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Cindy Brannan - Wright Township  
Fix Our Roads Luzerne County (FORLC) member

Good evening,

Recently a 17-year-old young lady suffered a horrendous tire blowout caused by a crater (not pothole) on Blytheburn road. She did not immediately know or recognize the feel of this damage and made it to I81. It was on the interstate that her car filled with smoke and became disabled. Our county roads caused one of our young drivers to be stranded along the interstate. Let me repeat that: **OUR COUNTY ROADS CAUSED ONE OF OUR YOUNG DRIVERS TO BE STRANDED ALONG THE INTERSTATE.**

Our Road and Bridge department was immediately informed and two members of FORLC surveyed the road, in its entirety, soon after. This road was discussed at the last council meeting by Mr. Greg Griffin. It was Mr. Griffin who joined another FORLC member to see the road's condition in person.

This road has been a topic of great concern for *months*. We now have no option other than winter cold patch. Road and Bridge began addressing some of the craters soon after this horrifying incident with one of our young drivers.

I sent you video of Blytheburn road after Road and Bridge had begun work. Unfortunately, most of the worst potholes and craters were not filled adequately and so they were "better," but still dangerous if hit straight on. Several very dangerous potholes and craters were missed entirely.

An FORLC team member has reported that work is complete and Road and Bridge is no longer addressing the serious and very dangerous condition of this county road. We do not know if our county engineer or division head reviewed the work and considered it adequate or if no review was done. I can assure you, Blytheburn Road needs more work and signs should be placed to warn drivers of this road's very dangerous condition.

We need our council to ask questions. We need our council to question this critical department's work and perhaps, request a daily log of business performed by this department. The monthly reports are repetitive and vague and offer little accountability when lives are at risk on our county roadways.

***Please request that our acting county manager and division head of Road and Bridge understand that our county roads and their conditions are putting lives in danger. Not all of our travelers are residents. They are not all familiar with our roads. It will only take one***

*traveler, unfamiliar and going the posted speed limit, to run into serious trouble. Several of our roads can only be driven safely at about 10mph. We need our council members to give direction before a closed-door executive session is discussing a devastating lawsuit pertaining to our county roads.*

Thank you

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