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The Honorable Tim McDaniel
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Commissioners
Barbour County Commission
26 North Main
Philippi, West Virginia 26416

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your letter, dated August 15, 2017, regarding your concern with the loss of a historical landmark, the Carrolton Covered Bridge, in Barbour County.

I am pleased to advise you that clean up and stabilization efforts of the Carrolton Covered Bridge are well under way with a combination of state and contract forces that are moving rather swiftly. The Division of Highways' (DOH) intention is to salvage and stabilize the remaining timber structure and get the bridge open to traffic as soon as possible. At the same time, reconstruction plans are being discussed, and cost estimates developed, to allow the DOH to evaluate the effort required to rebuild the covered portion of the structure.

Again, thank you for writing and sharing your concerns. Should you need any additional information, please contact Mr. Brian Cooper, our District Seven Engineer/Manager, at Post Office Box 1228, Weston, West Virginia 26452 or by telephone at (304) 269-0400.

Best regards,

Thomas J. Smith, P. E.
Secretary of Transportation/
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