AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a bridge over the Clarion River, in Jefferson County, at a point on State Route 899 in the general area of the Village of Clarington, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State Route 899, and making an appropriation therefor.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is authorized to erect and construct a bridge over the Clarion River, in Jefferson County, at a point on State Route 899 in the general area of the Village of Clarington, and to acquire the necessary land for approaches thereto. The Department of Highways shall expend so much as shall be necessary in the erection and construction of the bridge.

Section 2. In the construction of the bridge and the approaches thereto and connections with existing State Route 899, the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or construction of State highways, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Any damages sustained by reason of taking property in the location, widening or construction of any such bridge, the approaches thereto and connections with State Route 899, shall be ascertained in accordance with laws applicable to the ascertainment of damages in relocating, widening or constructing State highways, and such damages, when ascertained, shall be paid by the Commonwealth or county or counties as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws relating to State highways.

The Department of Highways shall have authority to make and carry out and to do every other act necessary to carry out the project herein authorized.

Section 3. After the completion of the bridge and the approaches thereto, they shall be reconstructed and maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with present or future laws governing the reconstruction and maintenance of State highways.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.