

**BOROUGH OF PLEASANT HILLS
RESOLUTION NO. 724**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
PLEASANT HILLS SUPPORTING THE MON FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY**

WHEREAS, economic development of the Route 51 corridor would benefit not only the Borough of Pleasant Hills, but the entire area; and

WHEREAS, improved access and upgrades to the highways will promote growth, job opportunities and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Pleasant Hills is aware that the Southwest Planning Commission is contemplating an affirmative vote on the expansion of the Mon Fayette Expressway Project; and

WHEREAS, approval and completion of the project will greatly ease traffic in the area and provide ease of access that is currently lacking. Such access will open up opportunities for economic development which will benefit not only the Borough of Pleasant Hills, but the entire region; and

WHEREAS, Act 89 has provided a specific revenue stream to facilitate the completion of this vital project and the Borough of Pleasant Hills supports completion of the project to improve the flow of traffic and transportation issues in the region and spur economic development within the entire Mon Valley region.

AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pleasant Hills as follows:

Section 1: The members of the Borough Council of the Borough of Pleasant Hills support economic development in the Borough of Pleasant Hills and in the region. Accordingly, the Borough Council of the Borough of Pleasant Hills is in favor of the completion of the Mon

Resolution No. 1307

Resolution of the Borough of West Mifflin in support of
the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway.

We the Elected Officials of West Mifflin are in Favor of the Mon Fayette Expressway Project.

We believe the completion of this expressway will mitigate transportation issues and spur economic development in the MON VALLEY region.

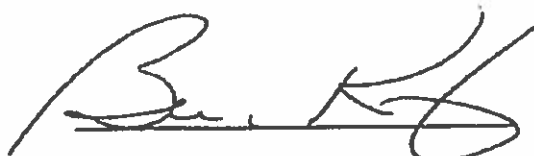
Act 89 provided a specific revenue stream to facilitate this vital project's completion.

Therefore, we are requesting the Southwest Planning Commission make an affirmative vote on this worthwhile project so that final construction can commence.

Duly adopted this 18th day of April, 2017, By the Borough of West Mifflin, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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Scott Stephenson, Council President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian M. Kamauf", written over a horizontal line.

Brian M. Kamauf, Secretary, Borough Manger

Resolution of Support NO. 1277
Borough of West Mifflin
Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway, PA Route 51 North Project

Whereas, the core justification for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway includes improved access in the Mon Valley and Mid Mon Valley essential to address ongoing conditions of economic distress that resulted from the near collapse of basic industry in the region as well as providing improved regional access to the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas, Advancement of the Expressway north of PA Route 51 would expand regional access for residents of the Mid Mon Valley to jobs and regional community assets as well as providing broader access to markets for Mid Mon Valley firms;

Whereas, nearly 1,000 acres of brownfield development sites including the City Center of Duquesne, Industrial Center of McKeesport, and Keystone Commons would directly benefit from improved access provided by the Expressway;

Whereas, an estimated 1,500 firms would benefit from improved access provided by the Expressway;

Whereas, the Expressway would promote economic revitalization for municipalities located along the entire Expressway corridor;

Whereas, recently passed state transportation legislation includes \$86 million in annual set-aside funding for the PA Turnpike Commission for advancement of expansion projects as well as a phase out of funding obligations to PennDOT under Act 44;

Whereas, the PA Turnpike Commission has utilized past set-aside funding to finance bonds for the construction of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway from the Pennsylvania border near 1-68 to PA Route 51 in Allegheny County and for construction of the Southern Beltway from the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport to US Route 22;

Whereas, provisions of recently passed state transportation legislation provide a major opportunity to develop a financing plan for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway north of PA Route 51 including the consideration of a public/private partnership;

Whereas, advancement of key sections of the Expressway north of PA Route 51 has the potential to meet core goals of the Expressway project; and

Whereas, to ensure timely development of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway it is essential to pursue advancement of the Expressway north of PA Route 51 in a manner consistent with the approved Federal Record of Decision (ROD) for the PA Route 51 to 1-376 Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway.

Therefore, we call upon the PA Turnpike Commission to develop, by the end of 2014, a financing plan and construction schedule for advancement of key segments of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway north of PA Route 51 that will address the core justification for the Expressway and is consistent with provisions of the Federal Record of Decision.

The resolution of support for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway, PA Route 51 North Project was approved at a meeting of the Council of West Mifflin Borough on 05/21/14


Brian M. Kamauf, Borough Manager


Michael Matus, Council President

OFFICIAL
BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, EMPHATICALLY URGING THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION AND THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE \$2 BILLION DOLLAR MON-FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY EXTENSION FROM JEFFERSON HILLS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY TO MONROEVILLE IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY SO AS TO PROVIDE IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION ACCESS TO THE MON VALLEY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO ADDRESS ONGOING CONDITIONS OF ECONOMIC DISTRESS IN THE MON VALLEY CAUSED BY THE NEAR COLLAPSE OF BASIC INDUSTRY IN THE REGION OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO AS WELL AS PROVIDING IMPROVED REGIONAL ACCESS TO INTERSTATE 376 AND INTERSTATE 76.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has previously committed available turnpike funds to extend the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Jefferson Hills in Allegheny County to Monroeville in Allegheny County so as to connect with Interstate 376, the Parkway East, and Interstate 76, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in Monroeville, and with the Pennsylvania Turnpike already having spent millions of dollars on the extension project; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville was being moved forward by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission at its designated pace until most recently when the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission voted not to include the project on its list of approved transportation improvement projects in Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that, if the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission does not proceed with the \$2 Billion Dollar extension of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville, the money allocated for the project by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission cannot be used for any other projects in the Mon Valley and, for all intents and purposes, the Mon Valley and Southwestern Pennsylvania will lose the economic and transportation benefits of the \$2 Billion Dollars in Turnpike funds already allocated for the extension of the Mon-Fayette Expressway, as well as the loss of thousands of construction jobs for Southwestern Pennsylvania related to the construction of the extension of the Mon-Fayette Expressway; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1,000 acres of brownfield development sites including the City Center of Duquesne, Industrial Center of McKeesport, and Keystone Commons would directly benefit from improved access provided by the Mon-Fayette Expressway extension from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville; and

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BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG
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WHEREAS, an estimated 1,500 firms would benefit from improved access provided by the Mon-Fayette Expressway extension from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville; and

WHEREAS, the Mon-Fayette Expressway extension would promote economic revitalization for municipalities located along the Expressway; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to pursue advancement of the Mon-Fayette Expressway extension in a manner consistent with the approved Federal Record of Decision (ROD) for the PA Route 51 to I-376 Mon-Fayette Expressway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED By the Council of the Borough of Dravosburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED and ADOPTED by authority of the same, that:

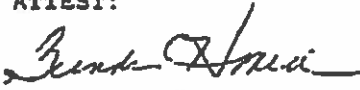
SECTION 1. The Borough of Dravosburg hereby emphatically urges the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to support the \$2 Billion Dollar Mon-Fayette Expressway extension from Jefferson Hills in Allegheny County to Monroeville in Allegheny County so as to provide improved transportation access to the Mon Valley which is essential to address ongoing conditions of economic distress in the Mon Valley caused by the near collapse of basic industry in the region over thirty years ago as well as providing improved regional access to Interstate 376 and Interstate 76.

SECTION 2. The Borough of Dravosburg directs that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania State Senator for the Borough of Dravosburg James Brewster, Pennsylvania State Representative for the Borough of Dravosburg Bill Kortz, and all other appropriate Federal, State, Allegheny County officials and Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Members so that they might be informed of the Borough of Dravosburg's emphatic support for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commissions' proposed \$2 Billion Dollar Mon-Fayette Expressway extension from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville.

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RESOLVED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY by the Council of the
Borough of Dravosburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, meeting in
regular and public session, this 18th day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:




Brenda Honick
Secretary

BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG

By: 

Jay McKelvey
President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 18th day of April, 2017.



Michelle Vezzani, Mayor

OFFICIAL
BOROUGH OF GLASSPORT
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 33 (4-18-2017)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GLASSPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING THAT THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION VOTE TO ADD THE PROJECT OF COMPLETING THE FINAL PORTION OF THE MON-FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY, A HIGHWAY CONNECTING ROUTE 51 TO ROUTE 376, TO ITS LONG-RANGE PLAN AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has expended over \$16,000,000.00 in public funds to study the feasibility of constructing an express highway connecting Route 51 near the Borough of Jefferson Hills with Route 376 near the Municipality of Monroeville; and

WHEREAS, the core justification for the Mon-Fayette Expressway includes improved access in the Mon Valley essential to address ongoing conditions of economic distress that resulted from the near collapse of basic industry in the region as well as providing improved regional access to the City of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway would promote economic revitalization for municipalities located along the Expressway; and

WHEREAS, in order for construction on the final portion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway to move forward, the Federal Highway Administration must approve an environmental impact statement for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission must vote to add the project to its long-range plan in order for the Federal Highway Administration to approve the aforementioned environmental impact statement; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission tabled a vote on this decision until its next regularly scheduled meeting on June 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the design and construction of this project will create over 10,000 jobs, substantially benefitting the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,500 firms would benefit from improved access provided by the Expressway; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the final portion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway is essential to the long term viability of the Mon Valley Region of Allegheny County in that it will increase the potential for redevelopment to occur in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Glassport that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is hereby requested and encouraged to vote in support of including the final portion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway as a project in its long range plan at its next regularly scheduled meeting in June 2017; and copies of this Resolution shall be sent to all members of the Commission's Executive Committee.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF GLASSPORT


NANCY PIAZZA-WHABY, Borough Secretary


DAVID KOWALSKI, President of Council

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BOROUGH OF PORT VUE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-010

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby express the need to address the project continuation of the Mon Valley / Fayette Expressway.

Whereas, The core justification for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway included improved access in the Mon Valley essential to address on condition of economic distress that resulted from the near collapse of basic industry in the region as well as providing improved regional access to the City of Pittsburgh.

Whereas, an estimated 1,500 firms would benefit from improved access provided by the expressway;

Whereas, the Expressway would promote economic revitalization for municipalities located along the Expressway;

Whereas, we the elected officials of Port Vue are in favor of the Mon Fayette Expressway Project and we believe the completion of this expressway will mitigate transportation issues and spur economic development in the Mon Valley region.

Whereas, Act 89 provided a specific revenue stream to facilitate this vital project's completion.

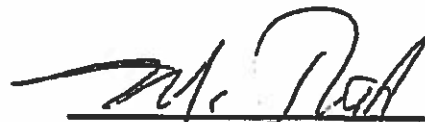
Therefore, we are requesting the Southwest Planning Commission make an affirmative vote on this worth while project so that final construction can commence.

Be it duly resolved by Council of the Borough of Port Vue at its regularly convened meeting held on the 3, day of May, 2017

ATTEST:


Malisa M. Migliori
Manager

BOROUGH OF PORT VUE


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council

**BOROUGH OF LIBERTY
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO 2017-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LIBERTY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE
COMMISSION DEVELOP A FINANCING PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
FOR THE MON VALLEY/FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY**

WHEREAS, the core justification for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway includes improved access in the Mon Valley essential to address ongoing conditions of economic distress that resulted from the near collapse of basic industry in the regions as well as providing improved regional access to the City of Pittsburgh;

WHEREAS, the residents of Liberty Borough would benefit from the improved access provided by the Expressway;

WHEREAS, the Expressway would promote economic revitalization for municipalities located along the Expressway;

WHEREAS, state transportation legislation includes annual set-aside funding for the PA Turnpike Commission for advancement of expansion projected as well as a phase out of funding obligations to PennDOT under Act 44;

WHEREAS, the PA Turnpike Commission has utilized past set-aside funding to finance bonds for the construction of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway from the Pennsylvania border near I-68 to PA Route 51 in Allegheny County and for construction of the Southern Beltway from Greater Pittsburgh International Airport to US Route 22;

WHEREAS, provisions of recently passed state transportation legislation provide a major opportunity to develop a financing plan for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway north of PA Route 51 including consideration of a public/private partnership;

WHEREAS, advancement of key sections of the Expressway north of PA Route 51 has the potential to meet core goals of the Expressway project; and

WHEREAS, to ensure timely development of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway it is essential to pursue advancement of the Expressway north of PA Route 51 in a manner consistent with the approved Federal Record of Decision (ROD) for the PA Route 51 to I-376 Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of Liberty Borough, as follows:

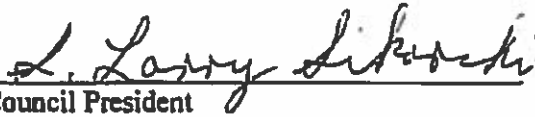
Section 1. The Borough hereby calls upon the PA Turnpike Commission to develop, by the end of 2017, a financing plan and construction schedule for the advancement of key segments of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway north of PA Route 51 that will address the core justification for the Expressway and is consistent with the provisions of the Federal Record of Decision (ROD).

RESOLVED this 10th day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:


Secretary

BOROUGH OF LIBERTY


Council President

RESOLUTION NO 943

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA.**

WHEREAS, we the Council of the Borough of Whitehall are in favor of the project generally referred to as the Mon Fayette Expressway, and;

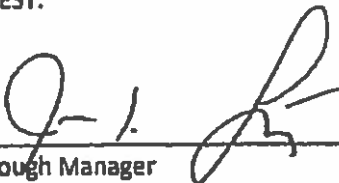
WHEREAS, Council believes the completion of the expressway will mitigate transportation issues and spur economic development in the Mon Valley, and;

WHEREAS, Act 89 provided specific funds to facilitate completion of the project.

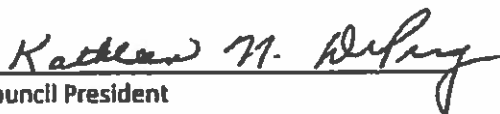
NOW THEREFORE, Council requests that the Southwest Planning Commission issue an affirmative vote on this project so that final construction can commence.

RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Whitehall this 19 day of April 2017.

ATTEST:


Borough Manager

BY:


Council President

OFFICIAL

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 5-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE USE OF ACT 89 FUNDING TO BE USED FOR THE MON FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY.

WHEREAS, the South Park Township Board of Supervisors are in favor of using Act 89 funding for the Mon Fayette Expressway Project; and

WHEREAS, the South Park Township Board of Supervisors believe the completion of the expressway will mitigate transportation issues and spur economic development in the Mon Valley region; and


WHEREAS, Act 89 provided a specific revenue stream to facilitate the completion of this vital project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Park Township Board of Supervisors are requesting the Southwest Planning Commission make an affirmative vote on this worthwhile project so that final construction can commence.

RESOLVED, this 8th day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK


Secretary


David J. Buchewicz, Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Walter C. Sacklinsky, Vice Chairman


Edward T. Snee, Supervisor

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BALDWIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE MON/FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY
FROM PA ROUTE 51 TO I-376 PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Mon Valley/Fayette PA Route 51 to I-376 Project, also known as the Mon/Fayette Expressway (MFE), is the final of four Mon/Fayette projects that would provide a four lane, limited access expressway from I-68 in West Virginia to I-376 in the Pittsburgh area; and

WHEREAS, The PA Route 51 to I-376 Project obtained a Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration in December 2004 Identifying the Selected Alternative to be designed and constructed; and

WHEREAS, the alternative moved into the Final Design process but was put on hold in 2009 due to lack of sufficient funding for construction; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Act 89 of 2013 which provides the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) a 14 percent share of revenue collected from a 55-mil oil company franchise tax levy; and

WHEREAS, this money is to be used for projects specified in the Turnpike Organization, Conversion and Extension Act of 1985; and

WHEREAS, the PTC in 2015 deduced the MFE extension qualified as an Act 89 recipient and put it on the list of projects to receive those funds; and

WHEREAS, funding is once again available to move this project forward; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2017 the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) voted to table the project; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced "that it will stop engineering-design activities on the 14 mile MFE project in Allegheny County in light of the SPC recent decision to table the project" citing that "this is a regional project, and the decision as to whether it is of value to the region should be made by those who live there." And

WHEREAS, an August 2016 report on the MFE by the national transportation organization TRIP cited the creation of 20,780 permanent jobs as well as more than 5,000 annual construction jobs; and

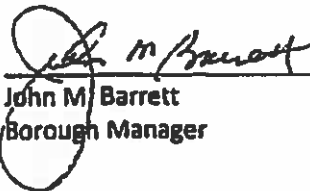
WHEREAS, supporting documentation for the above figures may be lacking, however it is believed that the MFE will alleviate the congestion along Rt. 51 corridor as well as create construction and engineering jobs in the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Baldwin, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby calls upon its State Elected Officials to support the Mon/Fayette project and urges the SPC to reconsider their action on the project.

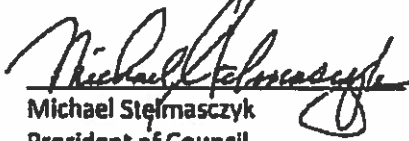
ADOPTED THIS 18th day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN



John M. Barrett
Borough Manager



Michael Stelmasczyk
President of Council

APPROVED THIS 18th day of April, 2017.



David Depretis
Mayor

**TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
SUPPORTING THE COMPLETION OF THE MON-FAYETTE
EXPRESSWAY PROJECT.**

WHEREAS; The Mon- Fayette Expressway Project is a vital project for the future of the Mon Valley.

WHEREAS; The completion of the final 14 miles of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Route 51 to Interstate 376 would help ensure the future and growth of all Mon Valley communities including Elizabeth Township.

WHEREAS; The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission has decided to table the project excluding this long term project from the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS; The Board of Commissioners of Elizabeth Township recognize the many benefits to the Mon Valley that the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway would have. Support and urge that the final 14 miles of the Mon-Fayette Expressway Project be completed.

NOW THEREFOR BE RESOLVED THAT Elizabeth Township supports the completion of the final 14 miles of the Mon-Fayette Expressway Project.

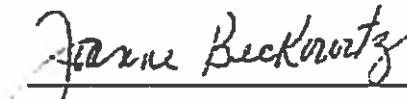
RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Elizabeth in lawful session assembled on this 1st day of May 2017.

ATTEST:



**Joelle Whiteman
Assistant Office Manager**

TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH



**Joanne Beckowitz, President
Board of Commissioners**



**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

VINCENT VICITES - *Chairman*
DAVE LOHR - *Vice-Chairman*
ANGELA M. ZIMMERLINK - *Secretary*



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FAYETTE

April 10, 2017

The Honorable William Kortz II
Member
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
751 Pittsburgh McKeesport Blvd.
Dravosburg, PA 15034

Dear Representative Kortz II:

Re: Mon-Fayette Expressway status and Route 51 to Interstate 376

As stakeholders and public leaders, all of us share a common interest in sustaining and growing our region, with the City of Pittsburgh as epicenter. It is in this spirit of cooperation that we ask the SPC to reconsider its decision to "table" pursuit of the final 14 miles of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Route 51 to Interstate 376 by excluding this long-term project from the 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The consequences of the March 20 action has already resulted in deleterious fallout inasmuch as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has stopped design, engineering and related activities, saying it will not serve in an advocacy role. Ergo, the SPC and PTC are further delaying a major transportation improvement that would have been open to its original destination and serving valuable purpose if it were not for a variety of objections raised in the past and often found to be of questionable merit.

Construction that has been accomplished in segments, starting in 1973, is well documented. But "missing links" have thwarted fulfilling potential. Too much time has been wasted. We need to think and act as a region before we lose another generation of dreams, opportunities and young people.

For years, public officials have bemoaned the lack of an "outer beltway" for the Pittsburgh metropolitan area. What already exists, combined with completing the Mon-Fayette Expressway and Southern Beltway, would fulfill that need. It also would enhance "spurs" such as I-279 and

Route 28, relieve traffic pressure on I-376 and expand options for personal travel and commerce throughout the 10-county region.

References to a \$1.6 billion cost and 2035 completion date mislead many people into believing the futility of an infrastructure investment that, in reality, has been a work in progress since the Turnpike began building the Beaver Valley Expressway, Greensburg Bypass, Mon-Fayette Expressway and Southern Beltway. We invite you to visit the latter corridor and see for yourselves the enormous benefits that the initial 6-mile segment has spawned, including building a GE research facility and state-of-art Gordon Foods distribution center relocated here from Columbus, Ohio. Development related to the MFX has been slower but significant, minimizing troubling population and job losses.

Notably, oil franchise taxes and motor vehicle registration fees earmarked for toll roads expansion by the State Legislature that had been generating revenues in the \$60 million-a-year range a decade ago are estimated to increase to more than \$140 million a year as a result of Act 89 of 2013, thereby financing continuing progress on the MFX and Southern Beltway.

In latter stages of highway planning, each segment was designed to be independently functional and justifiable. For example, the segment from the existing "dead-end" of the MFX in Large would extend limited-access travel north to Lebanon Church Road. It could be built and open within six years, serving the Allegheny County Airport, US Steel Corp.'s Irvin Works, Bettis Atomic Power Lab and others. The next segment would connect to Route 837 in Duquesne, serving Kennywood, US Steel Corp.'s Clairton Works, Duquesne Industrial Park and, by extension, enable time-savings travel to Sandcastle, the Waterfront complex in Homestead, the Rankin Bridge to the Parkway East and Glenwood Bridge.

That's looking to the future. That's helping existing business. That's saving jobs. That's attracting business. That's regional vision and investment.

The magazine, "Pittsburgh Quarterly," which benchmarks us with other comparable metro areas, pointed out in its most recent issue that annual traffic delays here have risen 15 percent since 2003. The automobile will remain the preferred mode of travel for the foreseeable future.

However, as society evolves into driverless vehicles, new mobility strategies, energy-saving technology, light-rail extensions or innovations not yet imagined, expressway rights-of-way procured today will be invaluable assets for the future.

We recognize there will always be pros, cons, questions and alternatives to new capacity highways. Many apply when it comes to the "cap" over I-579, Bus Rapid Transit between Downtown and Oakland, a \$100 million upgrade of the Banksville Interchange at the Fort Pitt Tunnel and other arguably discretionary projects. We have heretofore supported those and other investments, often at the expense of transportation and development initiatives to benefit our own counties.

In context, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission already maintains and operates 100 miles of the east-west mainline through the 10-county region encompassed by the SPC. An equal number of miles of expansion projects, including 60 continuous miles of the Mon-Fayette Expressway, represent "trunk

lines" that carry a substantial volume of commercial, interstate, regional and local traffic. Imagine Southwestern Pennsylvania without them!

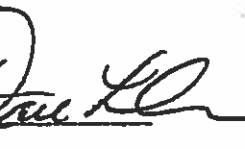
We need to be visionary and optimistic, not parochial and pessimistic. Completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway and Southern Beltway can help reverse population and jobs losses, provide new corridors for spin-off development from the new Shell Chemical "cracker plant" and help fulfill the mission and expectations of the SPC as a "regional" organization as its name once designated.

We implore fellow SPC members to re-think their decision, to imagine lost potential if we leave these as "roads to nowhere," and to solidify the symbiotic relationship established over the years for the mutual benefit of everyone whom we represent as a body.



Vincent A. Vicites

Commissioner Chairman



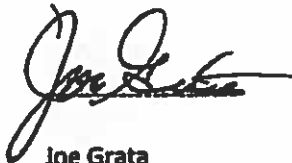
Dave Lohr

Vice Chairman



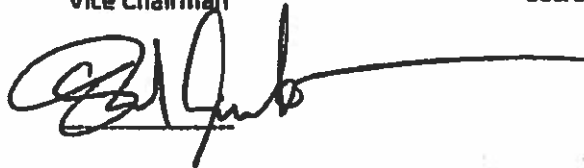
Angela M. Zimmerlink

Secretary



Joe Grata

SPC Member



Fred Junko

SPC Member

cc: Members, Staff, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, State Senators, State Legislators, Congressman of SPC Region



BOB MACEY DISTRICT 9

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April 24, 2017

The Honorable William C. Kortz
751 Pittsburgh McKeesport Blvd.
Dravosburg, PA 15034

RE: Mon-Fayette Expressway Project

Dear Friend:

I am writing to urge you to consider adopting a resolution at your municipality's next regular meeting in support of the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway Project. I also respectfully request that you and your colleagues submit letters of support to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), Allegheny County Executive and secretary-treasurer of the SPC, Rich Fitzgerald and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC).

As a lifelong resident and elected official representing the majority of the Mon Valley's economically distressed communities, I wholeheartedly disagree with the SPC's decision to table pursuit of the final 14 miles of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Route 51 to Interstate 376 by excluding this long-term project from the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Rather than placing bureaucratic roadblocks in the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's way, we should applaud their perseverance and leadership in making such a crucial investment in the Mon Valley. Additionally, the state Legislature earmarked funding for the extension and those funds cannot be allocated to any non-turnpike extension projects.

The Mon-Fayette Expressway is the foundation of the Mon Valley's future. The extension of the Expressway would open the Mon Valley to businesses from West Elizabeth through West Homestead along the Monongahela River. With over 1,000 acres of developable property for business and industry, the Expressway would also align itself with river and rail traffic, creating job opportunities. With points in West Mifflin and Dravosburg, the Expressway has the potential to increase air traffic and cargo for the Allegheny County Airport. The continuation of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Jefferson Hills to the Parkway East would create a transportation link for businesses in the Mon Valley and Turtle Creek region, providing these companies with improved production capabilities, as well as national recognition. A report on the Expressway project issued last August by the national transportation research group, TRIP, cited the creation of 20,780 permanent jobs, as well as more than 5,000 annual construction jobs. These jobs would deter crime and create growth in the Mon Valley's depressed communities.

The extension of the Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway from Swissvale to a proposed Expressway interchange in East Pittsburgh would also help reverse population and job losses. The

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value of the busway extension and the Expressway was cited not only in the TRIP report¹ but also in the transportation Action Plan (TAP) published last fall by the Construction Legislative Council (CLC) of Western Pennsylvania.¹¹ Both reports noted how the Expressway combined with the East Busway would vastly improve regional transit access and reduced traffic congestion on the Parkway East by providing direct transit access into the City of Pittsburgh.

There are many opportunities that will be created through the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway. Although we may not see such opportunities develop in our lifetime, the Expressway will offer hope and a reason for future generations to remain in the Mon Valley.

The first step towards this effort will require the SPC to change course and authorize the Expressway to proceed. Then, as a region, we should work together with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to ensure that the Expressway is constructed in a timely manner. It is in this spirit of cooperation that I ask you to submit resolutions and letters of support for the Mon-Fayette Expressway Project.

For your convenience, I have enclosed contact information. As always, thank you for your public service and support of this important infrastructure investment. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 412.350.6565.

Sincerely,



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District 9 Representative

Encl.

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The Honorable Marc Gergely
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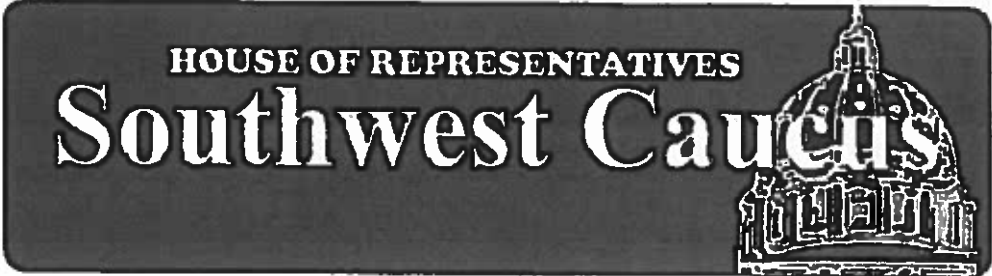
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April 28, 2017

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
c/o Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Chair
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

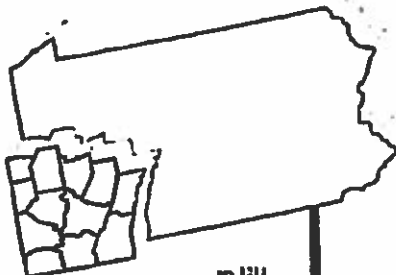
We, the undersigned, are writing to urge the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) to include the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway project's final 14-mile section in its long-range plan without further delay.

After the March decision to postpone a vote, a critical fact became abundantly clear – the earmarked funding is only for use by the PA Turnpike Commission (PTC). If no action is taken, those dollars will almost certainly be spent in another region of the Commonwealth. This would result in the loss of \$2.2 billion in dedicated funds and an estimated 10,000 direct roadway design and construction jobs.

The completion of the Mon-Valley Expressway project is a vital component in the revitalization of the region. That direct connection to Pittsburgh has to happen in order to fully realize and attract any future economic development investment.

This upcoming vote is nearly three decades in the making. We implore the SPC to move to complete the Mon-Fayette Expressway and give our region the opportunity to prosper that it so richly deserves.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

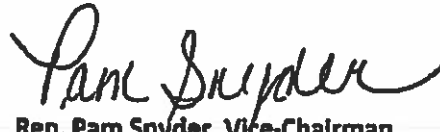


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