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PROGRESS HEADLINES

Braddock joins eleven other communities in the Expressway corridor by passing a resolution for the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway north of PA Route 51 // Conference on local government issues and challenges set for September 30 // The Progress Council's Mid Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone assists three firms in seeking a total of \$1.1 million in tax credits for expanding operations in the area.

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

More area communities pass a resolution calling for advancement of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway north of PA Route 51

Mid Mon Valley communities are now joining with those in the Expressway corridor in Allegheny County from PA Route 51 to I-376 in taking action on a resolution of support and call-to-action on the Expressway project. The resolution calls for the PA Turnpike Commission to develop a financing plan by the end of 2014 to advance key sections on the northern-most, uncompleted section of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway. Provided below is a listing of communities that have thus far taken action on the Expressway resolution.

The Progress Council approved the Expressway resolution at the March 28 spring meeting of the Board of Directors.

Communities that have passed the Expressway support resolution PA Route 51 to I-376 Expressway corridor

Penn Hills
Turtle Creek
Duquesne
Whitaker

Monroeville
North Versailles
Dravosburg
Wilkins

McKeesport
East Pittsburgh
West Mifflin
Braddock

Mid Mon Valley communities

Monessen
Bentleyville

Charleroi
Centerville

Fallowfield Township
Carroll Township

Conference on local government issues and challenges set for September 30

The Mid Mon Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative (The Cooperative) is coordinating a joint conference with the Tri-County Boroughs Association on local government issues and challenges. The conference is scheduled for September 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Donora Municipal Building social hall.

Planning for the fall conference included conducting a survey of area elected officials at a meeting of the Tri-County Borough Association regarding interest on receiving training in specific areas. Respondents indicated a preference for a weekday evening event.

Based on the survey results, the fall conference on local government issues and challenges will focus on the following areas:

- Budgeting
- Revenue collection strategies
- Responsibilities of elected officials
- Code enforcement programs

It is also anticipated that the conference will feature a demonstration of how to use computer cloud technology in records management and for sharing information in public meetings. Registration will be sent to Mid Mon Valley elected officials in the near future. Please feel free to call the Progress Council for additional information or to register for the conference. Registration is \$25.

The Progress Council's Mid Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone assists three firms in seeking a total of \$1.1 million in tax credits

Despite a very short application window, the Progress Council's Mid Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone assisted three firms in seeking a total of \$1.1 million in tax credits for expanding operations in the area. Formal notification of the June 13 deadline for EZ tax credits for the state fiscal year from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 was not received until late May.

Council staff worked quickly to notify firms in the nine Mid Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone communities of the pending deadline to seek up to a 25% EZ tax credit on state business taxes for the value of land and building acquisitions, building construction and building expansion or improvement projects.

If all three receive EZ tax credits applications are approved, the business expansion projects would support \$6.7 million in private investment and 257 jobs created or retained. To date the Progress Council's MMVREZ program has secure \$1.2 in EZ tax credits for local firms that helped to advance \$65 million in private investment with the creation or retention of 550 jobs.

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