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PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Transportation stalls and Governor Corbett calls for future legislative action

Despite a broad-based statewide efforts of business, labor and community groups, transportation legislation stalled in the House. Governor Corbett and other legislative leaders look to the fall legislative session as the next opportunity to pass legislation that would seek to address the \$3.5 billion dollar annual backlog of needed transportation projects.

Senate Bill #1, which passed the Senate on 45 to 5 bipartisan vote, included provisions that would have targeted funding to the PA Turnpike Commission that could have been used to advance the Mon Fayette Expressway

Progress Council active in legislative effort

The Progress Council pursued a number of actions in partnership with local and regional organizations to support transportation legislation. The Council was involved in organizing two trips to Harrisburg to meet with both legislative supporters and opponents. The photo is from a June 18 Harrisburg trip includes (back row) Mon Yough Chamber board member Steve Vargo, Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics truck driver training director George Harrison, (front row) Progress Council Vice President Bob Burke, Mon Yough Chamber President Maury Burgwin and Progress Council Executive Director Joe Kirk.



A May 14 Harrisburg trip, sponsored through the Construction Legislative Council of Western PA, included construction industry representatives from the Pittsburgh area.

In addition to the two Harrisburg trips, the Council sought letters from local businesses in support of sound highway and bridges, authored news articles and submitted several letters to the editor.

In preparation for the fall state legislative session, the Progress Council will be encouraging local

Local Government Academy training sessions underway



A joint venture of the Mid Mon Valley Intergovernmental Cooperative with Pittsburgh-based Local Government Academy has resulted in the Academy conducting a three-part series on Flight and Blight issues at the Mon Valley YMCA.

The first two 11:30 am to 2:30 p.m. sessions held on May 10 and June 14 focused on understanding the tools in the fight against blight. More than 40 local and area governmental staff and elected officials have attended the sessions. The July 12 session will deal with the role of the judiciary in assuring community vitality.

The three-part training program is costs \$85 with members of the Cooperative receiving a 50% discount. Please contact Cooperative coordinator Joe Kirk at 724-684-3381 for more information.

Cooperative–sponsored Public works study ready to begin

The Cooperative is working with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development on a second multi-municipal peer review project that will focus on improving operations and intermunicipal cooperation of local public work departments. The first peer review project, completed in 2012, dealt with financial and budget procedures.

The communities of Speers, Dunlevy, Allenport, California and Monongahela are participating in the no-cost study of public works. Given that most of the public work departments are in the range of two people, the study will include options of intermunicipal cooperation.

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businesses to send letters to their state legislators and consider meeting with them to discuss the impact of poor roads and bridges on their businesses.

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