

# **YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC MEETING**

## **FOR THE PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

### **MON/FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY, PA ROUTE 51 TO I-376**

The Turnpike is reinitiating this project and seeking feedback on project modifications to the 2004 Selected Alternative for the environmental reevaluation. Come out and express your concerns and/or support for the project.

The Mon/Fayette PA Route 51 to I-376 Project 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. This final project would extend from PA Route 51 to I-376. The PA Route 51 to I-376 Project obtained a Record of Decision from the FHWA in December 2004 identifying the Selected Alternative to be designed and constructed. That alternative moved into the Final Design process but was put on hold in 2009 due to a lack of sufficient funding for construction. With the passage of Act 89 in 2013, funding is once again available to move this project forward. The PTC has made some modifications to the 2004 Selected Alternative and is reevaluating the impacts of this project on the environment. As such, the PTC is seeking input from the public regarding this modified Selected Alternative for that reevaluation.

The location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Anyone needing additional information about accommodations, or to request special aids may contact Renee Colborn, Manager of Media and Public Relations at 717 939-9551, Mon. – Fri. (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
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Offered at four locations - attend the meeting that is closest to you or another as your schedule permits

**Meeting Time:  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**  
Skyview Volunteer Fire Dept.  
660 Nobel Drive  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**  
Carlow University  
St. Agnes Center  
3325 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Use Parking Lot A or D  
(see map on back)

**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**  
Gateway Middle School  
Gymnasium  
4450 Old William Penn Hwy  
Monroeville, PA 15146

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**  
Woodland Hills Junior/Senior  
High School Auditorium  
2550 Greensburg Pike  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

East Pittsburgh/North Versailles  
East Pittsburgh  
McKeesport Blvd (SR 2037)/Route 30

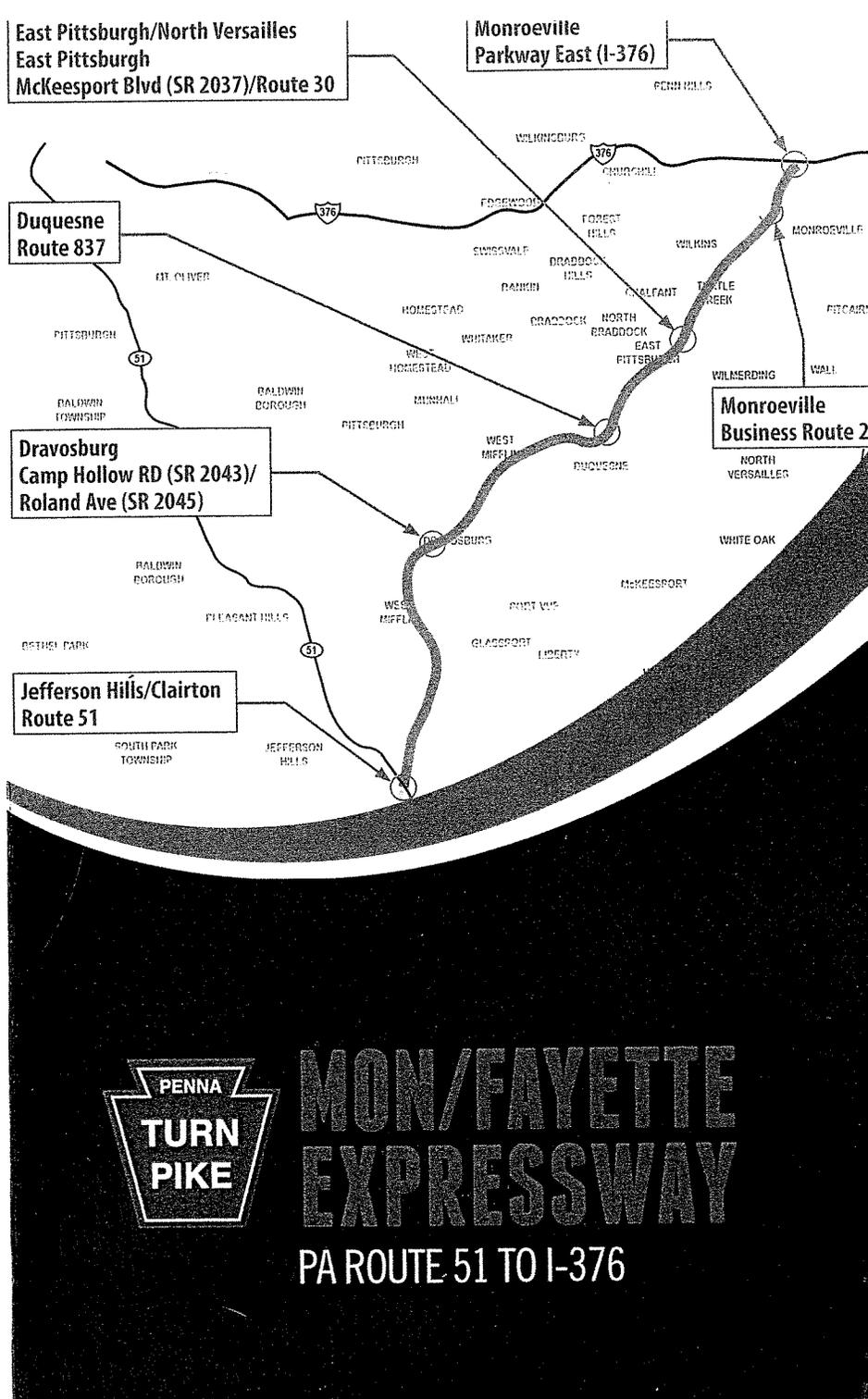
Monroeville  
Parkway East (I-376)

Duquesne  
Route 837

Dravosburg  
Camp Hollow RD (SR 2043)/  
Roland Ave (SR 2045)

Jefferson Hills/Clairton  
Route 51

Monroeville  
Business Route 22



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# MON/FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

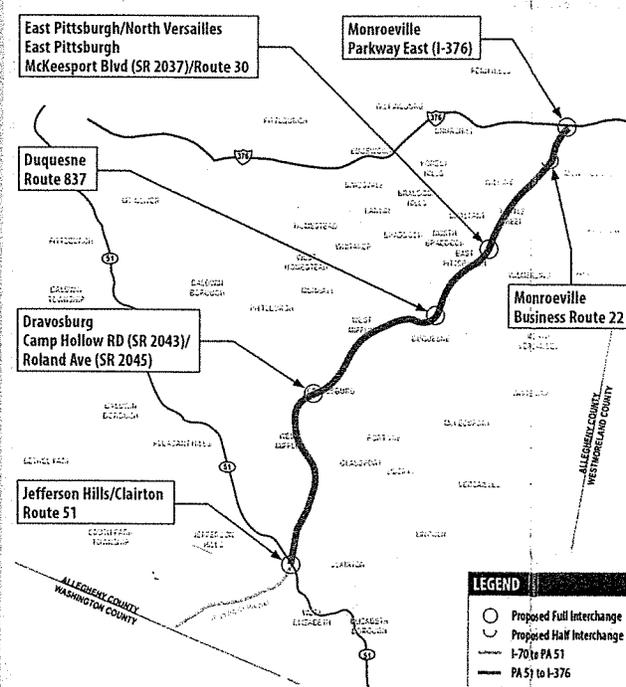
The project from PA Route 51 to I-376 is the largest and most expensive of the four Mon/Fayette projects. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project was approved in December, 2004. Design was started in 2004 but halted in 2009 due to a lack of funding. Act 89 has provided funding allowing for a restart of the project. In 2015, the PTC performed studies to identify how the originally conceived project could be modified to be completed with the funding available through Act 89. The final expressway alternative as described in the EIS started at an interchange with PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills Borough and proceeded northward crossing the Monongahela River near Duquesne. At the Monongahela River, the project split into two legs; the west leg proceeded northeast to an interchange with Interstate 376/Parkway East near Monroeville, the east leg proceeded west along the north shore of the river to an interchange with I-376, near Bates Street in Pittsburgh. Available funding provided by Act 89 requires a substantial reduction in the project cost and the Turnpike Commission has eliminated the west leg of the original project to reduce costs and avoid residential and business displacements. Reevaluation of the EIS is proceeding to determine the consequences of reducing the scope of the original project. When all environmental issues are satisfied, the Turnpike Commission intends to proceed with final design of the modified project.

## BACKGROUND

Improved transportation conditions for the Monongahela River Valley (Mon Valley) have long been a goal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Initial expressway planning in the 1960s was to serve the Mon Valley's world-ranked industries of steel, coal and coke production. With the economic decline of the Mon Valley in the late 1970s and 1980s, the planning efforts were refocused with the intent that better highway access and mobility would help redevelopment efforts in the area. PA Act 61 of 1985 and Act 26 of 1991 elevated the priority of developing the Mon/Fayette Expressway.

By 2012, approximately 52 miles of the Mon/Fayette Expressway had been completed in Fayette, Washington and Allegheny Counties from the West Virginia border to PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills, Allegheny County. These projects were completed at a total cost of \$1.7 billion.

The latest development for the Mon/Fayette Expressway came in 2013 with the passage of a state law that increased available funding for the project. The transportation-funding law known as Act 89 provided a new funding stream needed to complete the final Mon/Fayette project.



The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) follows environmental regulations established under the 1970 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act, and other federal and state laws developing each of the Mon/Fayette Expressway projects. These regulations mandate that major transportation projects be developed in an environmentally sensitive manner that addresses input from the public and environmental resource agencies. As a result, a full range of alternatives (including no-build, transit, roadway upgrades and new highway) were considered. Environmental clearances (Records of Decision) have been issued for each of the four Mon/Fayette Expressway projects.

### HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

Act 89 of 2013 has provided the necessary funding to advance the project through design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

## WHY IS THIS NEW EXPRESSWAY BEING BUILT?

The Mon/Fayette Expressway (MFE) system is a regional transportation improvement project that has been in development for more than 25 years. The economic decline of the steel, coal and coke industries in the Mon Valley in the 1970's and 80's brought about a refocused effort to develop better highway access and mobility to help spur redevelopment efforts in the area. Today, the new expressway system has not only provided much needed access to these areas, it provides a faster and safer travel option for traffic, particularly commercial vehicles, that once used the existing arteries such as PA Rt. 51, 88 and 857 as well as U.S. Routes 119, 70 and 40.

The final leg of the expressway will further improve the local transportation network and is designed to provide safe, efficient transportation improvements from PA Rt. 51 in Jefferson Hills to I-376 in Monroeville.

The PA Rt. 51 to I-376 Project will complete the 74-mile MFE system and further reduce travel times from areas south of Pittsburgh and will also encourage redevelopment of abandoned industrial sites, encourage revitalization of neighborhoods and relieve local traffic congestion on roadways in the southern and eastern portions of Allegheny County. The completion of the project will also complement the regional transportation network.



**Mon/Fayette Expressway, PA Route 51 to I-376 Project**

**Comment Form**  
Reevaluation Public Meetings: August 2016

1. In what zip code do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you live in the Pittsburgh area, how long have you lived there?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11 years +
- NA

3. After reviewing the currently proposed project displayed at this meeting (narrowed median width, cashless tolling, eliminated leg into the City), what are your thoughts on this current alignment?" Select the opinion that best fits:

- Strongly Favor
- Favor
- Neutral
- Not in Favor
- Strongly Not in Favor

4. Please explain why you do or do not favor the alignment as currently proposed:

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5. Do you have other issues of concern that you have not yet mentioned? If so, please list below.

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6. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please drop your form in the comment box or see reverse side for mailer**

*Thank you for taking the time to share your comments.  
Your input is very important to us and to this project.*

The completed Form should be mailed to the address below by Friday, August 26, 2016

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