

Mon/Fayette Expressway Project from PA Route 51 to Interstate 376 Summary

The Mon/Fayette Expressway Project from PA Route 51 to Interstate 376 would extend the Mon/Fayette system north from Route 51 in Jefferson Hills in southeastern Allegheny County to two interchanges with the Parkway East (I-376) – one in Monroeville/Penn Hills and one in the City of Pittsburgh near Second Avenue and Bates Street. The purpose of this project is to provide safe, efficient transportation improvements that will complement the regional transportation network, enhance the accessibility to both social services and industrial development sites located along the Monongahela River Valley, and to relieve traffic on the congested local roadways in southeastern and eastern Allegheny County.

The Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance Phase of the Transportation Project Development Process is now completed for this project. The US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) on December 7, 2004 issuing environmental clearance and identifying the Selected Alternative for this project. The Project is now proceeding with Final Design, followed by right-of-way acquisition.

The Final Design Process involves the refinement of the Selected Alternative, the development of a Right-of-Way (ROW) Plan, ROW acquisition, and preparation of detailed Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) that ultimately will be used to construct the Expressway. To facilitate this process, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) has divided the proposed 24-mile Expressway into 13 design sections to ensure the proper engineering expertise is available for the various components of the Expressway. Each design section has its own consultant team to address the design challenges and specific circumstances of the communities in that area.

Once all ROW has been acquired and the PS&E is approved, the PS&E package will be used to solicit construction bids and subsequently, select the construction contractors.

The Commonwealth's current financial commitment to the project is \$291million. That sum is deemed sufficient to complete the environmental clearance process, final design, and right-of-way acquisition for the project. Total project costs for the Selected Alternative are estimated at \$1.9 billion.

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PROJECT

OVERVIEW

The 24-mile Mon/Fayette PA Route 51 to I-376 Project begins at PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills Borough and proceeds northward through West Mifflin, Dravosburg and Duquesne to a new Monongahela River crossing between Duquesne and North Versailles. The Expressway then splits into two legs, one east and one west. The eastern leg continues northeast through East Pittsburgh, Turtle Creek and Wilkins Township to I-376 (Parkway East) in Monroeville and Penn Hills. The western leg continues through North Braddock, Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale to I-376 in the City of Pittsburgh near Second Avenue and Bates Street, providing a bypass of the Squirrel Hill Tunnel.

Interchanges are proposed at PA Route 51 (Jefferson Boulevard) in Jefferson Hills, Camp Hollow Road and Richland Avenue in West Mifflin and Dravosburg, PA Route 837 in Duquesne, East Pittsburgh/McKeesport Boulevard in North Versailles, U.S. Business Route 22 in Monroeville, Thompson Run Road and Old William Penn Highway in Penn Hills, I-376 in Monroeville, Sixth Street in Braddock, PA Route 885 at the Glenwood Bridge, I-376 in Pittsburgh, and Second Avenue near the Hot Metal Bridge.

