

# Attachment 14

# Mon Fayette Expressway, PA Route 51 to I-376

## *A Compendium of the Public Outreach Efforts (2016-2019)*

The Mon/Fayette Expressway (MFE) system consists of four independent but interconnected projects between I-68 near Morgantown, WV and I-376 in Monroeville, PA. Today, the MFE is completed and open to traffic from I-68 in WV to PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills Borough in southeastern Allegheny County creating 54 continuous miles of expressway.

The remaining project, **PA Route 51 to I-376**, will extend the current MFE system 14 miles north from PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills through West Mifflin, Dravosburg, Duquesne, North Versailles, Turtle Creek and Wilkins before connecting to the Parkway East, I-376, near Thompson Run Road in Monroeville. This will complete the 68-mile MFE system allowing continuous travel from West Virginia north to an interchange with the Parkway East in Monroeville.

Originally, the proposed PA Route 51 to I-376 Project included a leg that would extend the MFE from East Pittsburgh to Bates Street in Oakland. The Oakland portion of the MFE was dropped because of the many residential and business displacements, numerous environmental impacts, changes in the vision for the area, as well as financial constraints. Due to the passage of time, changes in the project area, changes in the design of the expressway, and changes in environmental regulatory requirements, a reevaluation of the Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision was required and prepared in 2017.

This report provides an overview of the public outreach efforts that started in 2016 with the proposed project changes through 2018 with the updated preliminary design. During that time, two major public outreach efforts were undertaken:

1. Summer 2016: An update to public officials, targeted stakeholders and the public about the PA Route 51 to I-376 re-start including the environmental re-evaluation requirement that ultimately resulted in the Oakland portion of the MFE being dropped, and
2. Spring 2018: A series of Public Plans Display Open House meetings to present the Preliminary Design for Section 53 A, B & C to public officials, targeted stakeholders and the public in order to:
  - a. Show impacted property owners what, if any, of their property was needed for the expressway,
  - b. Provide impacted property owners with a right-of-way acquisition schedule and explain how the acquisition process works,
  - c. Provide a schedule for construction, and
  - d. Provide attendees with design and right-of-way information.

In addition to those two major efforts ongoing public outreach includes:

1. Regular updates to the project website [www.paturnpikemonfayette.com](http://www.paturnpikemonfayette.com). All graphics and maps from public meetings are posted on a Public Involvement web page <https://www.patpconstruction.com/monfaysb/PublicInvolvement.aspx>.
2. Email, phone calls and meeting responses to inquiries that come through the website contact form (<https://www.patpconstruction.com/monfaysb/Contact.aspx>), through the PA Turnpike Commission call center or directly to project staff. To-date (July 2019),

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nearly 600 contacts have been logged and tracked. For each inquiry, a project team member addresses questions or concerns.

### Summer 2016 Public Outreach Highlights

1. Three identical public officials' briefings were held on:
  - a. August 2, 2016 at the Monroeville Municipal Building with 22 officials in attendance
  - b. August 3, 2016, at the West Mifflin Middle School with 22 officials in attendance
  - c. August 4, 2016 at the Swissvale Library/Senior Center with three officials in attendance

Public officials (local, county, state and federal) received a personalized invitation letter from the Chief Engineer of the PA Turnpike Commission.

2. One series of Open House meetings was conducted in four locations, one in the south leg, one in the north leg and two in the eliminated (city) leg. Note: Two meetings were provided in the city leg because of the diversity of communities between the City of Pittsburgh (western terminus of the eliminated leg) and Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale areas (communities of impact at the eastern terminus of the eliminated leg). The meeting in each of the four locations was held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. A total of 695 individuals actually signed in, while others refused to provide contact information.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># Signed In</b>
Tuesday 8/9/16	Skyview Volunteer Fire Department 660 Nobel Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122 See Appendix C for Sign-In Sheets	358
Wednesday 8/10/16	Carlow University, St. Agnes Center 3333 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 See Appendix D for Sign-In Sheets	22
Tuesday 8/16/16	Gateway Middle School Gym 4450 Old William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, PA 15146 See Appendix E for Sign-In Sheets	169
Wednesday 8/17/16	Woodland Hills Jr/Sr High School Auditorium 2550 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 See Appendix F for Sign-In Sheets	146
	<b>Total Individuals Signing In</b>	<b>695*</b>

3. A public meeting flyer was developed and distributed through direct mail to 1,744 addresses (Targeted Audience Mailing List) within one mile of the FEIS study area for the 17 municipalities within the project area. The addresses and contact information were obtained through a scan of Google Earth and databases collected from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.

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Targeted Audience Mailing List	Number
Major Employers and Industrial Parks	30
Businesses (not including major employers)	312
Public Schools	28
Colleges and Universities	17
Private Schools	25
Health Care Providers	136
Senior and Public Housing Facilities	41
HUD Housing	183
EMS	49
Green Spaces	50
Dravosburg and Turtle Creek Design Advisory Team Members	44
Economic Development Agencies and Council of Governments	23
Notice of Intent to Enter Letter Recipients	806
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,744</b>

4. A flyer was included as a part of the Public Officials' invitation and those Officials were encouraged to distribute the flyer to their constituents. The flyer was also included as a downloadable PDF on the project website.
5. Any individual who attended any of the August 2016 meetings or completed a Comment Form and who was not on the Targeted Audience Mailing List was added to the that mailing list. There were 614 individuals in this category.
6. The project website, [www.paturndpikeonfayette.com](http://www.paturndpikeonfayette.com) served as a mechanism for distributing information about the public meetings, for posting the meeting displays and the Comment Form.
7. A Press Release announcing the Open House plan was distributed through the PA Turnpike media contact list.

## Spring 2018 Public Outreach Highlights

1. For Public Officials, two identical briefings were held at the same location on the same date (March 21, 2018). One was held in the morning and another in the afternoon. A total of 15 public officials were in attendance.  
Public officials (local, county, state and federal) received a personalized invitation letter from the Chief Engineer of the PA Turnpike Commission.

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2. The Public Plans Display Open House focused on communities south of the Monongahela River (Jefferson Hills, West Mifflin, Dravosburg, City of Duquesne, City of Clairton) and was held on three consecutive dates at the Georgetown Centre (a large conference center within the project area).

Date	# Signed In
Tuesday, 4/3/18	269
Wednesday, 4/4/18	257
Thursday, 4/5/18	199
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>725</b>

3. An Open House Plans Display meeting announcement was distributed through direct mail to 2,207 addresses that included property owners within the right-of-way (south of the Monongahela River and in the municipalities of Jefferson Hills, West Mifflin, Dravosburg, City of Duquesne and City of Clairton), individuals attending prior public meetings and within those same municipalities, individuals who received a notice of intent to enter letter regarding the environmental bat studies and within those same municipalities, Dravosburg Design Advisory Team members, and individuals who specifically requested invitations to all open house or public meetings.
4. A newspaper display ad was placed in two regional Tribune Review newspapers:
- #30 West Mifflin, Dravosburg, Duquesne PS 12,522 homes
  - #24 Jefferson, Clairton 7,012 homes
5. The project website, [www.paturndep.com](http://www.paturndep.com) served as a mechanism for distributing information about the public meetings, for posting the meeting displays and the Comment Form. The meeting announcement was also included as a downloadable PDF.
6. A Press Release announcing the Open House plan was distributed through the PA Turnpike media contact list.
7. In addition, the meeting announcement was included as a part of the Public Officials' invitation. Public Officials were encouraged to redistribute the announcement to their constituents.

The Duquesne Light Company was not formally invited to the public meetings (public officials meetings). No formal agenda for these public meetings existed. The meetings were held in an open-house style format with various stations set up to display the designs of each construction section, and an area to explain right-of-way acquisition. Engineers were on hand to explain the plans and answer questions. By the end of 2018, property acquisitions in the area started to take place and are still continuing today.



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**For Immediate Release: March 28, 2018**  
**Media Contact: Renee Vid Colborn, 724-755-5260**

**PA Turnpike Moving Forward to Finish Mon/Fayette Expressway**  
*Public invited to see updated project design at open house plans displays in April.*

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is moving forward with its plans for the Mon/Fayette Expressway PA Route 51 to I-376 Project in Allegheny County with public plans display open houses slated for early April.

The plans will focus on an eight-mile stretch of the Mon/Fayette Expressway (Turnpike 43) from PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills to PA Route 837 in Duquesne. The estimated \$900 million Jefferson Hills to Duquesne project is the southern portion of the larger, 14-mile project that will eventually extend the Mon/Fayette Expressway to Interstate 376 near Monroeville.

The Commission was able to move ahead with this project after the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission voted to support it last summer. “This long-awaited project, which we were mandated to build by the state legislature back in 1985, represents a significant investment in the Mon Valley that will enhance mobility and is expected to bring economic opportunities for the region,” said PA Turnpike CEO Mark Compton.

The public will be able to review the project plans, ask questions and talk with right-of-way representatives. Interested parties can choose to attend one of three, identical plans display open houses:

- 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 3
- 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 4
- 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 5

These sessions will be hosted at the Georgetown Centre, 526 East Bruceton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

The plans on display will only show the project south of the Monongahela River, which includes people living in Jefferson Hills, West Mifflin, Dravosburg, City of Duquesne and the City of Clairton.

“We have the funding to start with this section of the project first which will begin with right-of-way acquisition,” added Compton. It is anticipated that construction work could begin in 2021 with an estimated completion in 2026.

A 10-year, \$20-million contract was recently awarded to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Inc. (JMT) of Hunt Valley, Maryland, which also has a local office in the Pittsburgh area. JMT will oversee construction of this section from PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills to PA Route 837 in Duquesne by helping with planning and design through completion while also managing project time, cost and quality on behalf of the PA Turnpike.

For more information about the Mon/Fayette PA 51 to I-376 Project visit the website at [www.paturnpikemonfayette.com](http://www.paturnpikemonfayette.com).

# 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  
[www.paturnpikeonfayette.com](http://www.paturnpikeonfayette.com)



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**

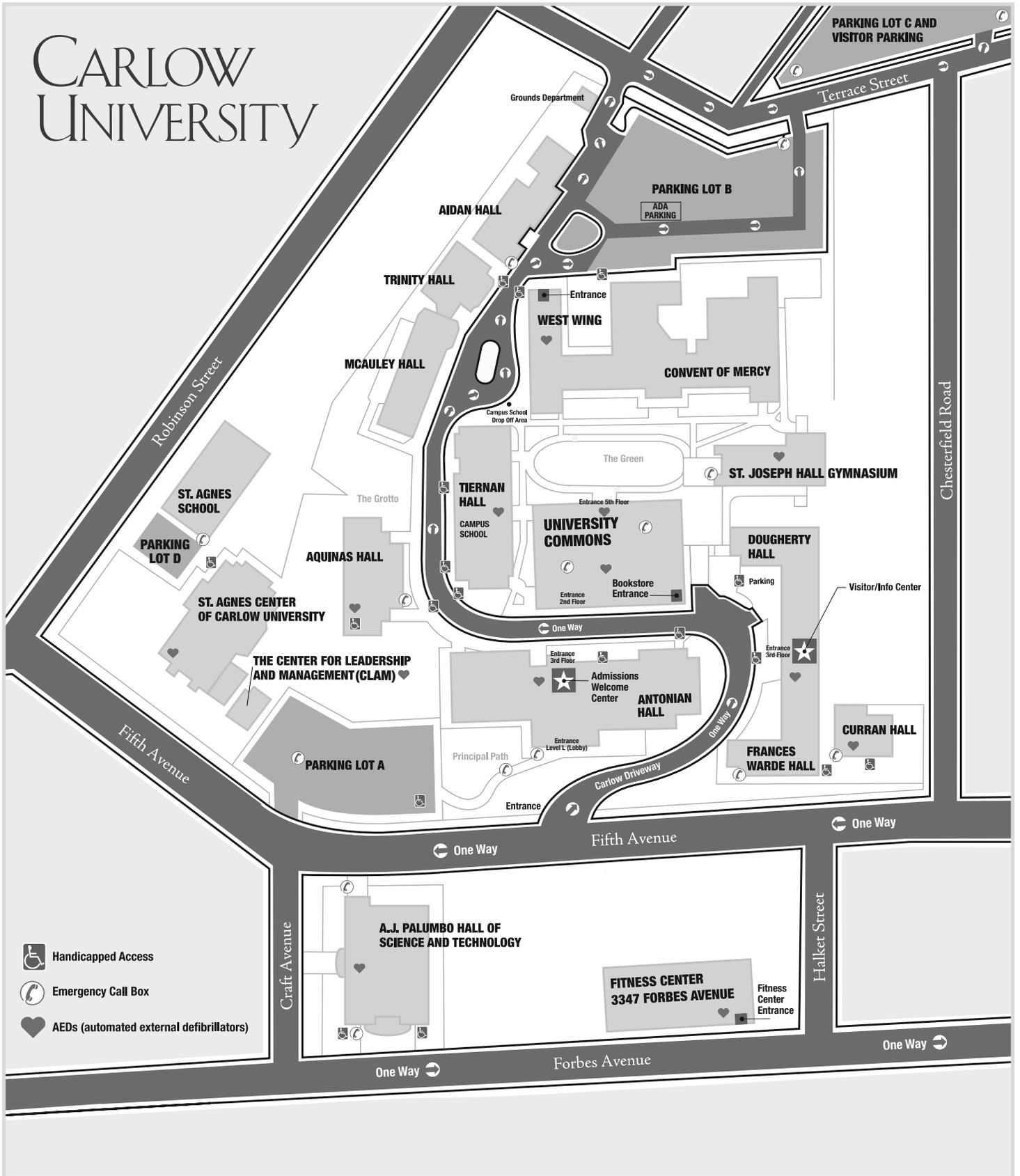
**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**  
Skyview Volunteer Fire Dept.  
660 Nobel Drive  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

**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

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- Emergency Call Box
- AEDs (automated external defibrillators)

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