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**Progress is ...**

Progress Council partners with Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Business Alliance for the Expressway Partnership Initiative (EPI) that is pursuing a public/private partnership effort for the PA Route 51 to I-376 Expressway – Progress Council appointments made to EPI proposal review panel // Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone business survey mailed to area firms // Major marketing program underway for Mon Valley Community Education Council

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

**Progress Council partners explore Expressway public/private partnership** - The Mon Valley Progress has joined forces with the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Business Alliance to form the Expressway Partnership Initiative and seek to develop a public/private partnership for the PA Route 51 to I-376 section of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway.

**Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone business survey in the mail to area firms** – A business survey required under the state’s Enterprise Zone Program was sent out to area firms. If you received a survey, please send in your response. The data will be used to develop a strategic plan for the proposed nine-community regional enterprise zone.

**Marketing program is underway for Mon Valley Community Education Council** - Very soon a red logo of a book and the letters MVCEC will be a common site throughout the Mid Mon Valley as a wide-ranging marketing program that includes billboards to blimp literally goes up all over the region. The campaign is targeted to attract students to MVCEC classes through Penn State and Westmoreland Community College that will begin this fall at the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers.

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## Progress Council partners explores Expressway public/private partnership

The Mon Valley Progress Council has joined forces with the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Business Alliance to form the Expressway Partnership Initiative (EPI).

This partnership seeks to develop a public/private partnership for the PA Route 51 to I-376 section of the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway.

A request for letters of interest sent to major national and international firms that are engaged in public/private partnerships in the area of infrastructure yielded five responses by the June 29 deadline.

The next step in the initiative is for a review committee, comprised of representatives of EPI partner organizations, to review the responses to develop a priority listing. Upon completion of the review process, the entire list will be made public including a review of the responses. The EPI will then meet with the regional state legislative delegation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to further advance the concept of a public/private partnership for the Expressway project.

Review Committee member Bill Worthington views the process as critical to keep the Expressway project moving ahead “This is a very exciting and important step to ensure continued progress on the Expressway project. I’m looking forward to reviewing the proposals and working to develop the best funding strategy for the future of the Expressway project” Worthington said.

### Members of the Expressway Partnership Review Committee

Frank Mascara Former Congressman	James J. Dodaro Former Turnpike Commissioner
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## Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone business survey in the mail to area firms

A business survey required under the state enterprise zone program was sent to area firms. If you received a survey, please send in your response. The data will be used to develop a strategic plan for the proposed nine-community regional enterprise zone.

The business survey is one of several actions underway by the Progress Council’s consultant firm, Mullin and Lonergan, to develop a strategy plan for the proposed nine-committee Mid Mon Valley Regional Enterprise Zone. The strategic plan will be completed by the end of the year. Upon approval of the plan by the DCE, target areas in the committees will be eligible for special consideration under state funding program and a regional loan fund will be developed to target loan assistance to firms locating in the districts.

## Marketing program underway for Mon Valley Community Education Council

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The marketing campaign is targeted to attract students to MVCEC classes through Penn State and Westmoreland Community College that will begin this fall at the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers. You’ll even see a blimp floating about the Career and Technology Center in Speers.

“The marketing campaign is giving us an opportunity to increase awareness of the MVCEC and the range of course offerings. We appreciate the support provided by State Representative Daley in securing funds and his ongoing support for our efforts, said MVCEC chairman Len Colelli, Chairman MVCEC.

An open house on fall courses, set for August 3, will include a raffle for an Apple i Phone contributed by the Mon Valley Progress Council.

MVCEC course areas targeted for the fall session include:

### **Westmoreland County Community College**

Culinary Arts — Certificate  
Business — General Management Certificate  
Early Childhood Education — Certificate

### **Penn State**

Paralegal Certificate Curriculum  
Real Estate Certificate Curriculum  
Small Business Management Certificate  
Business Logistics Certificate  
Dual Enrollment Classes for high school students