

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION (SPC) to approve and endorse the region's Area Development project priority listing, for submission to the Appalachian Regional Commission for potential funding.

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) provides funding for projects through the 201 Local Access Road program; and,

WHEREAS, the ARC provides funding for projects through the 214 Construction and 302 Non-Construction programs; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Local Development District (LDD) to establish a process for submitting construction and non-construction projects to ARC for funding; and,

WHEREAS, this is a competitive process for limited funding wherein county projects are prioritized and submitted to the State; projects from across Pennsylvania compete for prioritization and are submitted to ARC for funding; and projects from all thirteen states in the Appalachian region compete for ARC funds; and,

WHEREAS, the eligibility and the ratio of funding is dependent upon the level of economic distress, as determined by ARC, of the county in which the project is located; and,

WHEREAS, SPC facilitated a meeting of its Economic Development Strategy Committee on July 11th, 2008 to establish a ranked regional project list; and

WHEREAS, SPC's regional Enterprise Development Program (EDP) approved by Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation Board of Directors Resolution 3-08 and Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee Resolution 3-08 on April 28, 2008 is the top regional project for ARC's 302 Non-Construction funds and will provide direct hands-on assistance to businesses through international trade assistance, low interest loans, government procurement, and electronic commerce, and will provide direct assistance to communities through economic planning and research, and technology assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the 201 Local Access Road projects, priority ranked by the region's Economic Development Strategy Committee, include:

1. Grove Road Bridge, Allegheny County
The project will replace an existing bridge on Grove Road in Castle Shannon, Allegheny County which provides access to an industrial park. The replacement will increase the bridge's weight limitations expanding development opportunities in the park.
2. Starpointe Business Park Access Road, Washington County
This project involves the construction of a 4,300 linear foot access road in Starpointe Business Park located in Hanover Township, Washington County. The road will connect other infrastructure expansions and aide in the development of 90 acres of pad ready sites.

WHEREAS, the 214 Construction and 302 Non-Construction projects, priority ranked by the region's Economic Development Strategy Committee, include:

1. Windy Ridge Business and Technology Park, Indiana County
This project entails the acquisition and development of a site at the intersection of US Route 422 and State Route 286 in White Township, Indiana County. The park is envisioned to capitalize on a technology based economic development strategy implemented primarily through the Indiana County Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) program.
2. Monaca Riverfront Park, Beaver County
This project will rehabilitate and improve an existing three-acre riverfront park situated along the Ohio River in Monaca Borough, Beaver County.
3. Allegheny Together - Trail Town Initiative, Allegheny County
This project will fund planning for an additional two towns under the Trail Town Initiative administered by Allegheny County Department of Economic Development. This program focuses on bringing trail users into the communities by crafting action plans.
4. Center West Sewer System and Treatment Facility – Phase I, Washington County
This project will provide proper sanitary sewage disposal for the project area in Centerville Borough and West Brownsville, Washington County.
5. Crystal Extension Phase III, Fayette County
This project entails the installation of 720 linear feet of 8- inch water line extension in Springhill Township, Fayette County. This project will complete a multi-phase project in which all other phases have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission approve and endorse the aforementioned lists and projects, and authorize the Commission Executive Director and the Corporation President to submit all necessary applications and enter into all agreements and contracts pursuant thereto.

I, Rodney Ruddock, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION; that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the Members of said Commission at a meeting duly called and held on the 28th day of July 2008, and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer