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PENNDOT ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT ON NEW RAMP PROJECT FOR THE ROUTE 228 CORRIDOR IN BUTLER COUNTY

Indiana, Pa. – PennDOT Engineering District 10, representatives from the offices of Senator Jane Orié, Representative Daryl Metcalfe, Congressman Jason Altmire, Senator Mary Jo White, the Butler County Commissioners, Cranberry Township, the Westinghouse Corporation, the Butler County Community Development Corporation, the Cranberry Township Chamber of Commerce and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, have been conducting work sessions to focus on completing projects on Route 228 with available funding.

As an outcome of those meetings, PennDOT has agreed to these stakeholders' recommendation and will work with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to add the projects to the Transportation Improvement Plan.

The projects involve a new northbound on-ramp to I-79 from Route 228 and a southbound loop-ramp to I-79 from Route 228 (see attached drawing). The projected cost is roughly \$20 million. These improvements are intended to reduce signal delays at the Route 228 and I-79 ramps and provide improved access to I-79. PennDOT has begun to finalize preliminary design work and will start final design work upon receipt of environmental clearance. Construction could start in the summer of 2012.

“We are pleased that the Department of Transportation, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Governor, as well as all of the locally elected representatives are cognizant of the importance of the regional scope of the project,” said Senator Jane Orié and Representative Daryl Metcalfe. “We have all been working closely together and are united in our approach. We appreciate PennDOT’s participation in the working group and are excited that they are moving forward with the completion of the I-79 interchange. We look forward to the completion of the project.”

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