

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 15-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION (SPC) to approve and endorse the region's Area Development project priority listing, and authorizing submission of application for funds.

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

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Regional Commission (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 Area Development Committee, comprised of the Planning Directors in each county, on June 9, 2006 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 13-06 and Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee Resolution 4-06 on April 24, 2006 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 Area Development Committee, include:

1. Meadow Ridge Business Park Access Road, Greene County - \$250,000  
This project will improve the marketability of Meadow Ridge Business Park in cooperation with RIDC, Perry Township, Perry Township Planning Commission, PENNDOT District-12, Greene County Planning Commission and local business owners, by constructing improvements addressing the safety, efficiency, and aesthetics of the travel route into the Park which includes Mt. Morris Interchange, SR 2009 and the existing access road.
2. Indiana Regional Medical Center Access Road, Indiana County - \$356,000  
The Indiana Regional Medical Center with project administration by PENNDOT District-10, is proposing to construct an access road to expand the medical center campus for new

and additional healthcare services. The proposed access road would intersect with SR 954, located in White Township, Indiana County.

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

1. Apollo Borough Brownfield Remediation, Armstrong County - \$50,000  
This project will use ARC funds to complete an economic revitalization project through the environmental remediation of an industrial brownfield site adjacent to the Apollo Borough Central Business District (CBD).
2. Hope for the Homeless in Our Community, Fayette County - \$100,000  
This project will help to provide permanent housing to the homeless.
3. Mars Borough Revitalization, Butler County - \$32,000  
This project will involve streetscape improvements, including construction of new sidewalks, crosswalks, trees, lighting and other aspects that will enhance the central business district of Mars Borough.
4. Indiana County Small Business Incubator Renovation Project, Indiana County - \$200,000  
This project will partially fund the renovation of approximately 43,000 square feet of the existing Robertshaw Building that houses the Indiana County Small Business Incubator program.
5. Midland KOZ Business Park, Beaver County - \$200,000  
The project will provide public water to the Midland KOZ Business Park (70 acres), a brownfield site in Midland Borough, Beaver County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopt and approve 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, Charles A. Camp, 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 26th day of June 2006, and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

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

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Secretary-Treasurer