

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION (SPC) to approve and endorse the region's Area Development Project Priority Listing, and authorizes submission of the 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 20, 2007 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 13-07 and Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Executive Committee Resolution 4-07 on April 30, 2007 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. Indiana County Jimmy Stewart Airport – AirPark Access Road - \$320,000
This project will attract businesses to an existing KOZ zone at the Indiana County Airport by providing an adequate access road. The development of the site will further leverage the highway infrastructure investments made along the U.S. Route 119 corridor over the last several years.
2. Starpointe Business Park Access Road, Washington County - \$250,000
This project is for construction of an access road to accompany other infrastructure expansions into the Phase IB portion of the Starpointe Business Park to attract new private investment in the park and expand employment opportunities, especially in manufacturing and other light industrial enterprises.

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

1. Downtown West Newton "Bridge to Tomorrow" Project, Westmoreland County - \$250,000
This project will increase economic opportunities and commercial revitalization for West Newton by connecting the downtown area with the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP). This development will capitalize on the growing tourism market
2. Hope for the Homeless in Our Community, Fayette County - \$140,000
This project in the City of Uniontown involves the construction of a four unit apartment building to serve as permanent supportive housing for homeless families.
3. Strategic Community Planning in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County - \$50,000
This project includes the development of comprehensive community plans for neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh and will create a framework for the development of a city-wide comprehensive plan.
4. Cabbage Flats/Mapletown Sewer Project - \$250,000
This project entails expansion of a sewer treatment and collection system to serve the Cabbage Flats and Mapletown areas of Monongahela Township in Greene County, which are plagued with malfunctioning on-lot septic systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission adopt and approve the aforementioned lists and projects, and authorizes 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 28th day of June 2007, and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

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

Secretary-Treasurer