



# Press Release

Contact: Tom Fox  
Phone: (724) 755-5260

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Feb. 13, 2009

## **PA TURNPIKE TO CLOSE MON/FAYETTE OFFICE IN DUQUESNE**

PITTSBURGH, PA. (FEB. 13, 2009) —The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will close its Mon/Fayette Expressway, PA Route 51 to I-376 Project Office in Duquesne, Pa. effective 3 p.m. on Friday, March 6. The decision to close the office was necessitated by declining customer visits and a pause in project advancement due to funding limitations.

The field office was originally opened in June 2005 to provide direct access and information regarding project development to local communities throughout the project area. Since its opening, the project office staff met with and answered questions from nearly 2,000 visitors and hosted 140 project coordination and other community-based, project-oriented events. However, visits to the office by local residents have significantly declined over the past year, and the decision to close the office was made in the interest of cost effectiveness.

"The closing of this office is part of our ongoing effort to spend available revenue where it is most effective and productive," said Turnpike CEO Joseph Brimmeier. "Be assured, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission remains fully committed to the completion of the remaining Mon/Fayette Expressway and the Southern Beltway Projects and is exploring alternative funding sources that include public-private partnerships."

Turnpike personnel will continue to provide accurate and timely project information and attend community meetings. All project related inquiries may be directed to Tom Fox at the Turnpike's Western Regional Office at 724-755-5260 or [tfox@paturnpike.com](mailto:tfox@paturnpike.com). Up-to-date information on the Mon/Fayette Expressway and Southern Beltway Projects will also be available online at [www.paturnpike.com/monfaysb](http://www.paturnpike.com/monfaysb).

-End-