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TO: CLUB MEMBERS

SUBJECT: PA Turnpike Commission Open Public Meetings for the Route 43 Project and Current Route 43 Status Near Clairton Sportsmen's Club

BACKGROUND

The original Route 43 Project Route 51 to I-376 road location near the Club, as presented in the 2004 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in January, 2004 by passed the Club to the east with no impact to the Club. In November, 2005, the Commission revised a portion of the route so as to run further west, resulting in the road running to the west of New England Road. This revised route relocation would eliminate the muzzleloader range, CMP range, the rifle range, the lower action pistol range, and possibly the pistol range. It would, based on our estimates, result in a significant loss of membership, and probable financial disaster for the Club. The Route 43 Project was stopped thereafter due to lack of funding.

ROUTE 43 PROJECT RESTARTED

Early this year, the Turnpike Commission restarted the Route 43 Project from Route 51 to I-376. Since March, we have been discussing the Route 43 Project impact on the Club with the Turnpike Commission, local politicians, and our legal counsel.

In April, 2016, we met with Mr. Bill Kortz to solicit his help. Subsequently, we met with the PA Turnpike Commission and their subcontractors, Mr. Bill Kortz, our legal counsel, Board of Directors, and select Club members on Friday, June 24, 2016. At that meeting, The Turnpike Commission confirmed that the route would be as presented in November, 2005. We discussed the severe impacts to the Club that this proposed route would result in. We also presented all of the community programs and Club functions that benefit many, such as Youth Day, JOAD, Toys for Tots, Civilian Marksmanship Program, Police Forces that train at the Club, and much more. At that meeting, we requested that the Turnpike Commission evaluate alternatives to minimize impact on the Club, including moving the road back to the 2004 FEIS location. Based on the Club's analysis of the impacts to the Club, the Commission agreed to evaluate other alternatives. This meeting is documented in a letter to our Senators and Representatives (see the Club website for a copy) requesting their help.

Subsequent, to that meeting, the Commission announced Open Public Meetings (see the Club website for a copy), the first being on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Skyview Volunteer Department in West Mifflin from 6 to 8 pm.

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Commission Reviews Road Relocation with the Board of Directors

On Thursday, July 28, 2016, the Commission requested a meeting with the Board to review their re-evaluation results. Based on previous meetings and on-going discussions, **the Commission discussed their re-evaluation results and proposed a road relocation closer to the 2004 FEIS location, so as minimize impacts on the Club. The Board of Directors concur with the presented alternative.** Detailed maps will be posted on the club website as soon as they are provided to us. Paper copies will be available at the Club on Sunday, August 7, 2016.

Summary

We will remain vigilant until final approval is obtained by the Commission.

However, the Turnpike Commission has been very understanding relative to the Club situation and possible impacts to the Club. They have re-evaluated alternatives as we requested, and have proposed an alternative routing agreeable to both the Club Board of Directors and the Commission. That relocation will be presented in the Open Public Meetings.

The Club Officers and Board of Directors will attend the August 9, 2016 Open Public Meeting to review the public maps and show our positive support for the alternative presented at the July, 28, 2016 meeting, and to thank the Commission for their understanding and cooperation relative to Club circumstances.

Please attend any of the meetings identified in August to review the entire Route 43 Project from Rout 51 to I376. Please THANK the Commission for their cooperation.

Thanks to All Who Have Helped.

Bill Sellitto,

President

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