

Route 130 Citizens in Motion announces

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# Press Release

## **CIM (Route 130 Citizens in Motion) Announces:**

### The approval and addition of Pleasant Valley Road / Sandy Hill Road relocation onto the Transportation Improvement Plan

**Penn Township - Westmoreland County, January 20, 2005:** Today at the Southwestern Pa Planning Commission's regular meeting, the proposed relocation of Pennsylvania Route 130's intersection with Pleasant Valley / Sandy Hill Roads was approved and added to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This is a significant step forward in implementing this much needed change because approval of the project by the Southwestern PA Planning Commission makes the project eligible for Federal Funding. "The importance of this approval cannot be overstated with regard to solving the transportation problems Penn Township faces today" said Route 130 Citizens in Motion's Chairman Dr. Jeffrey Baird. Dr. Baird went on to say that the relocation of the intersections would allow property owners in the area to maximize the use of adjacent land and would help Penn Township diversify its tax base to help offset the effect of explosive residential development in the Township.

Penn Township's Commissioners had previously discussed the possible relocation of one or both intersections in the past, but after engaging in discussions with CIM and local government bodies, the Penn Township Commissioners decided that such relocation was a "Top Priority" for resolving the transportation problems in this area of Penn Township. The township Commissioners worked in conjunction with CIM as well as the Westmoreland County Commissioners and their staff, and PennDot in the cooperative effort to secure approval for this project. "The cooperation and collaboration among all of these entities is almost unprecedented in Penn Township, and the speed and thoroughness of the effort is a testament to each entity's commitment to the welfare of Penn Township," said Dr. Baird. CIM has pledged continued support of the effort by working to have preliminary design work started as soon as possible. "We are looking forward to continuing work with the Township, County PennDot in this Public-Private Partnership," added Dr. Baird.

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Route 130 Citizens in Motion, Inc. ("CIM") is seeking nonprofit corporation organized for the promotion of commerce in Penn Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and the encouragement of sound land use and tax policies. The group's purpose is to educate the general public and help the local officials create areas within Penn Township for balanced, responsible growth and the steps to make this growth happen through a 5-10-15 year comprehensive plan.