

# Tired of traffic congestion on the Parkway East?

## There is a solution. Complete the Squirrel Hill Tunnel Bypass.

**T**he unfinished portion of the Mon Fayette Expressway project includes a bypass around the Squirrel Hill Tunnels originating on I-376 (Parkway East) near Monroeville and ending in downtown Pittsburgh near Oakland at Bates Street.

Reasons to support this project are clear and plentiful. Unfortunately, finding a funding solution that would advance the project to construction continues to be a struggle for lawmakers in Harrisburg.

For residents, businesses and frequent visitors to eastern Allegheny and western Westmoreland counties we know that the Bypass project must move forward. Our personal safety, quality of life and economic competitiveness depends greatly on solving traffic congestion on the Parkway East.

Call or email your elected officials today. Tell them you're tired of Parkway East back-ups and that there is a way to solve the problem. They must find a way to fund the Squirrel Hill Tunnel Bypass project.

You can make a difference!

### Call or Email TODAY!

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### Why is completing the Bypass so important?

- 120,000 cars use the Parkway East each day. Completing the Bypass project will reduce traffic congestion on the Parkway East by 75% and traffic on city neighborhood streets by 40%.
- Completion of the project has serious homeland security and evacuation implications. Currently, the only evacuation route from downtown to the east suburbs is the Parkway East, which includes the vulnerable Squirrel Hill Tunnels.
- There has not been a significant project to increase traffic capacity to and from the east suburbs to downtown Pittsburgh in nearly 50 years. Drive times to the city continue to rise, giving the east suburbs the dubious reputation of being the most difficult part of the region from which to commute.
- The single biggest hurdle to residential growth, quality of life and economic development in the east suburbs is traffic congestion that negatively impacts access to downtown Pittsburgh and other parts of the region.
- The completed Bypass will improve access for intermodal commerce and enhance mass transit routes across the entire region. It would also provide much needed transportation infrastructure to revitalize *Brownfield* development sites throughout the Mon Valley.

For more project information visit:  
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