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### **JOINT PRESS STATEMENT FROM SEN. JANE ORIE, REP. DARYL METCALFE AND CONG. JASON ALTMIRE**

Earlier today a working group composed of stakeholders in the Route 228 Corridor met to discuss options to the corridor's road improvements. The stakeholders included ourselves, local county and municipal officials, representatives from PennDOT, and representatives of local businesses and community coalitions.

The meeting was extremely productive and many different alternatives were discussed. We would like to stress that the proposed road improvements along the Route 228 Corridor have been on the books for many years and pre-date the proposed Simon Development and the Westinghouse complex. Although Simon is unable to continue their involvement in this project at this time we believe we must move forward with this regional improvement effort for the betterment of the corridor, our existing businesses and residents, as well as the future anticipated growth in the region.

We plan to move forward with an incremental approach to this expensive transportation project. This will enable the region to secure funding already committed to the project. PennDOT District 10 will be issuing a statement next week which will provide details of this incremental approach and will outline what improvements you can expect to see in the not-too-distant future.

We are pleased that the Department of Transportation, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Governor, as well as all of our elected representatives are cognizant of the importance of the regional scope of this project. We have all been working closely together and are united in our approach in moving this project forward.

Following the release of next week's statement we will be available for comment.

Any questions can be directed to Alan Berlin, Office of Sen. Jane Orie, at (717) 787-6538.