

Altmire Invites Residents to Town Hall on Alle-Kiski Valley's Transportation Needs

(SPRINGDALE, PA) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today invited local residents to join him at a town hall meeting on the AK Valley's transportation needs this Wednesday, April 15. The meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Springdale Township Volunteer Fire Department (located at 851 Parkway Drive, Harwick, PA).

As Congress prepares to rewrite the Highway Reauthorization Bill this year, Congressman Altmire is holding public forums throughout his district to listen to constituents' views on what local transportation projects would benefit their daily commutes, businesses and neighborhoods. Altmire is currently the only western Pennsylvanian on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and will play a critical role in advocating for the region's priorities.

"As Congress starts to work on this important transportation bill, I want to hear from local residents about what projects would have the greatest benefit for their daily commutes and businesses," Altmire said. "My top priority is creating a highway bill that will help make our region's roads and bridges safer, shorten commute times, and create good-paying jobs."

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will join Congressman Altmire at the forum to listen to local residents' concerns and to talk about current transportation initiatives.

Improving the AK Valley's infrastructure has been a long-time priority for Congressman Altmire. In the FY 2008 budget, Altmire secured \$500,000 for a study that will lay the groundwork for the Allegheny Valley Commuter Rail. This transit project will one-day provide passenger rail service to connect residents of Westmoreland County and the Alle-Kiski Valley with downtown Pittsburgh, and eventually the Pittsburgh International Airport.