

Freeport Multimodal Street Project

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Freeport Borough street improvements to provide better trail access

Freeport Borough kicked off its Multimodal street improvement project in its Laneville neighborhood in October to provide better access to the two existing trailhead parking areas for the Butler-Freeport Community Trail.

According to Freeport Borough Council President Richard Hastings, the project will bring positive benefits to not just Freeport itself, but also to Armstrong County as a whole.

"We are the southern gateway to the county, and what better way of reflecting that than upgrading the community we live in," Hastings said. "Freeport is a hub for bike and water trails. The new signage to help bring people into town will only signify what we already know: that we are a jewel along the Allegheny and [that] we are a great place to have a business and raise a family."

He added: "Freeport stands to become a launching point for many recreational activities with the multiple trails in the immediate vicinity (Butler-Freeport, Tredway, Rachel Carson, Baker) and with easy access to the river. With people coming into town and frequenting the businesses this will only help to make Freeport stronger and more vital - and with strong communities throughout Armstrong - the county only will grow and prosper."

Plans and bid specifications were prepared by PennDOT. The Armstrong County Commissioners awarded the contract to A. Folino Construction, Inc., of Oakmont, Pa., to complete the project for the bid amount of \$103,582.

Once that project is complete, a separate smaller project will connect trail users to the borough's downtown business district via a "share the road" loop. The approximate 1-mile loop will include signage and markers painted on the roadway to alert motorists of potential bicyclists using the road.

These projects are being paid for through a combination of funding streams that include a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA); Liquid Fuels funds provided by the Armstrong County Commissioners; and a local share from Freeport Borough.

Freeport borough was among seven municipalities in Armstrong County that received state Multimodal funds with assistance from the office of Sen. Don White (Armstrong/Indiana).

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Local, state and county officials gather near the Butler-Freeport Community trailhead in Freeport on Oct. 10, 2017, in a section of the Lanesville Neighborhood slated for enhanced trail access. From left: Freeport Council President Richard Hastings; Freeport Mayor Jim Swartz; Senator Don White; and Armstrong County Commissioner Pat Fabian.

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County, local and state officials review plans of a multimodal street improvement project in Freeport Borough on Oct. 10, 2017. From left: Armstrong County Commissioner Pat Fabian; Freeport Mayor Jim Swartz; Senator Don White; Freeport Council President Richard Hastings.
