TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING

Over the past several years, the Board of Supervisors has been investigating ways to raise funds to pay for transportation improvement projects around the Township. The Transportation Improvements include projects such as: the widening of Science Park Road, the alignment of the Science Park, Valley Vista, Circleville Road intersection and the Old Gatesburg Road extension from Science Park Road to the Western Inner Loop.

The original concept for raising funds was a Transportation Partnership District which would assess homeowners and businesses on the number of trips that were generated for each individual property. Although all agreed that the list of transportation improvements should be completed, this option was not well received by some in the community. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors, by consensus decided not to pursue formation of a Transportation Partnership District.

The Board then began to investigate alternative means of raising the funds needed to complete the improvements. The Tax Review Board was asked to analyze options and provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors has reviewed the options provided by the Tax Review Board and is considering the following tax increases to pay for the program of Transportation Improvements. The possible increases are as follows:

Property Tax: Increase of 1.0 mil for a total of 1.952 mil
Earned Income Tax: Increase of 0.10% for a total of 1.9% (0.5% goes to the school district)
Transfer Tax: Increase of 0.50% for a total of 1.0%

With these tax increases the Township will create a dedicated fund to support transportation improvements, which when completed, will make Ferguson Township a better place to live and work.

If you have any questions or comments on the potential tax increases, please pass these on to any Board of Supervisor member.