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Fitzgerald Submits Five Bills to Council for Its December 3 Meeting

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald submitted five bills to Council for its referral or consideration at its upcoming December 3 meeting:

• Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of a temporary construction easement in Hampton Township to facilitate the elimination of Gourdhead Run Bridge.

• Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of easements in Jefferson Hills to facilitate the replacement of the existing structure of the McRoberts Run Bridge.

• Ordinance authorizing the transfer of right-of-way and easement areas and facilities to be constructed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) along South Braddock Avenue to Swissvale Borough, to accept and maintain a portion of Kenmawr Avenue from Rankin Borough, and transfer certain right-of-way and easement areas on Jackson Street and relocated Sixth Avenue and facilities to be constructed by PennDOT to Rankin Borough.

• Ordinance authorizing the Law Department and the Department of Public Works to administer routine permits, conveyance and amicable acquisitions of real property affecting county projects and other matters for calendar years 2020 and 2021.

• Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption of real property for improvements related to the construction of an income-restricted, mixed-use multifamily housing project in the City of Pittsburgh’s Strip District neighborhood. Due to the brownfield conditions of the property, site work will include meeting flood plain development standards, utility infrastructure, and additional public improvements including environmental remediation, construction of sidewalks, and trail updates. The total cost is estimated at $53 million, of which an estimated $38 million is attributable to new construction within the area. The exemption is contingent upon the number of affordable housing units available to, and leased by, income-qualified tenants. The exemption is a 10-year exemption beginning at 100% in the first and second years and decreasing by 10% every two years following. The project will have a 60% exemption in years nine and ten and will return fully to the tax rolls in year 11.

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