



RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT MARKS COMPLETION OF THE KITTANNING MARKET STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT

A Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held near the steps of the Armstrong County Courthouse on December 5, 2018 marking the completion of the Kittanning Market Street Revitalization Project.

The event drew a crowd of dignitaries, business representatives, members of the public and those who had been involved in the project.

State Sen. Don White (R-41st), who was instrumental in helping secure a substantial portion of grant funding for the project, praised the collaborative efforts of all the groups, agencies and individuals who had helped bring about Market Street's transformation.

Joining him at the ribbon-cutting were the following: State Rep. Jeff Pyle (R-60th); Chairman Pat Fabian, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners; Vice-Chairman Jason Renshaw, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners; Secretary George Skamai, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners; Councilwoman Betsy Wilt, Kittanning Borough; Chairman Andy Bradigan, Kittanning Revitalization Committee; Assistant Director Carmen Johnson, Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development; President Gordon Taylor, Senate Engineering Company; Project Engineer Phil Hermen, Senate Engineering Company; Bryan Kiskadden, M&B Services.

The scope of completed work has included sidewalk replacement with bump-outs for safer pedestrian crossing, landscaping, underground utility line relocation, new traffic signals/controllers, new mast arms/poles, new ADA ramps and crosswalks, converting McKean Street to 2-way traffic, and the installation of new light poles, benches, landscaping, flower

baskets and trash receptacles. A standing clock, which was funded through a private donor, was erected near NexTier Bank and Citizens Bank.

The project also involved paving a portion of South Grant Avenue, the section of Jefferson Street from Arch to Mulberry, and the section of McKean Street from Arch to Jacob. There have also been ADA improvements to the walkways in the project area and improvements to the Jefferson Street Parking Lot and several alleys. In addition to the revitalization project, PENNDOT paved the entire length of Market Street. Grant funding was used to reconstruct Jacob Street, helped pave Mulberry Street, the McKean Street Parking Lot and a few alleys.

This project was paid for through a combination of funding streams that included a local share from Kittanning Borough; Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program Grant (RACP); Economic Development Initiative Grant through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED); The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT); Multimodal Transportation Fund grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA); Liquid Fuels funds provided by the Armstrong County Commissioners; Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI); Smart Transportation Funding grant through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission; The Armstrong County Industrial Development Council; Keystone Communities Program Grant; Community Development Block **Grant (CDBG)** funds; private donations from individuals and businesses including F & M Bank; and Rosebud Mining Company.

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