

## Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Announces the Start of “Valley Link”



On November 3, the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA) will begin a new transit route. ValleyLINK East will hit the streets as a route specifically designed to connect many Middle Monongahela River Valley communities with the Route 51 area of Rostraver Township including Solar Power Industries, Willow Pointe Plaza and both the Mon Valley and Main Campus locations of Westmorland County Community College (WCCC).

“The ValleyLINK East will provide more mobility options and address some of the current gaps in our public transit system,” said MMVTA Executive Director Valerie Kissell.

ValleyLINK East will directly serve Solar Power Industries at the Rostraver Airport, the WCCC Mon Valley Center, Willow Pointe Plaza and the Mon-Vale HealthPlex before traveling to the WCCC main campus in Youngwood. The route will also offer connectivity with two other regional public transportation providers for transfer services to Greensburg and Uniontown.

“ValleyLINK East will be a collaborative effort among Westmoreland County Transit Authority (WCTA) and Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation (FACT). MMVTA will connect with FACT at the Rostraver Airport to provide connection to Uniontown and with WCTA at the main campus of WCCC in Youngwood to provide connection to Greensburg,” said Kissell.

“MMVTA will connect with FACT’s existing service at the Rostraver Airport Park and Ride to get to Uniontown at least once a day and from Uniontown at least three times a day. Westmoreland Transit and MMVTA services will connect at WCCC Main Campus a total of six times. Three trips to Greensburg and three trips for returns back to the Valley.”

The ValleyLINK East will operate Monday thru Saturday with morning and evening “sweeps” of the valley to reach Solar Power Industries for the 7 AM and 7 PM shift times. It will operate Monday thru Friday from Charleroi, North Charleroi and Monessen with many connections available at the MMVTA Transit Center from other parts of the Valley to the WCCC Mon Valley Center, Rostraver Airport Park and Ride, Willow Pointe Plaza, Mon-Vale HealthPlex and WCCC Main Campus in Youngwood.

When the ValleyLINK East starts service, it will mark the first time public transportation agencies in the area have attempted to close the transportation gap between the Middle Monongahela River Valley, Greensburg and Uniontown. The idea behind the route is to provide reliable transportation to safe transfer points in which riders can connect to existing services with partnering agencies. The MMVTA and the other agencies have seen a need for this connecting service.

“Westmoreland Transit receives numerous requests from individuals needing to travel between Greensburg and the Mon Valley. We are excited about this opportunity to partner with the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority to provide this service and meet these transportation needs,” said Westmoreland Transit Director of Planning and Marketing Lori Brkovich.

For more information about the MMVTA’s ValleyLINK East or other transit services call 724-489-0880, visit [MMVTA.com](http://MMVTA.com) or stop at the Transit Center in Charleroi.