

# Highway group holds meeting

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**STEUBENVILLE** — Last July, a group that was ready for an announcement of a highway impact study met at Jefferson Community College to discuss next steps in completion of a four-lane expressway linking directly between Pittsburgh and Columbus because the study was put on hold.

That group started with a mission and has grown to dozens of interested parties in seven counties stretching from Steubenville to Columbus, formalizing its operations as the Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor Committee, which held a meeting Friday morning at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

In the ensuing months, the group has, with the help of interested state legislators, pushed a change in state law governing how the Ohio Department of Transportation pays for projects, helped



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**MAKING A POINT** — Tony Guida, third from left, a Steubenville Realtor and leading local proponent of the Columbus to Pittsburgh highway committee, makes a point during Friday's highway corridor committee meeting at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Listening are, from left, Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb; Ed Looman, executive director of Progress Alliance; and Julie Gwinn of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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