



Council Connections

Bridging Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties
October 22, 2026



Economic Development Impacts of Completed ADHS Corridors

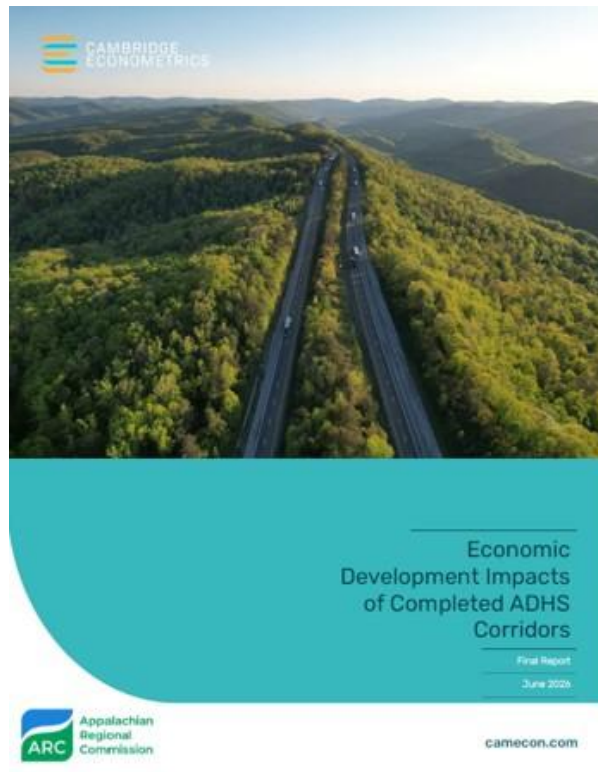
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 2:00pm-3:00pm

This one-hour Webinar showcases the research report, commissioned by the **Appalachian Regional Commission**, concluding that completed ADHS Corridors can play a critical economic development role by opening up new opportunities in manufacturing, logistics, tourism, and related sectors. These case studies include specific examples that illustrate that while outcomes vary by region, completed ADHS corridors still generate meaningful economic benefits for surrounding regions and provide a foundational platform for diversified and opportunity-driven economic development.

In-depth case studies of ADHS corridors include: Corridor B (US-23 Kentucky), Corridor E (I-68 Maryland), Corridor T (I-86 New York), and Corridor V (in Alabama and Mississippi).

To review, the Corridor Overview of **Corridor E (I-68) in Maryland** begins on page 30.

Webinar details and Registration are available by following [this link](#).



Western Maryland Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Presents

3 Locations, One Regional Vision: Join the Western Maryland Roadshow!

Over the past few months, we've been listening closely to local business owners, innovators, and leaders across Western Maryland to learn what it truly takes to start and scale a business here.

Now, we're taking our findings on the road and we want your perspective to help turn insight into action.

To make it convenient for founders, small business owners, and resource providers across the region, we are hosting **three Regional Roadshow stops:**

- **Allegany County** | Nov. 5, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Allegany College of Maryland
 - **Washington County** | Nov. 5, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, Public Safety Training Center
 - **Garrett County** | Nov. 6, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Garrett College
- (All sessions are free to attend, with light refreshments provided!)*

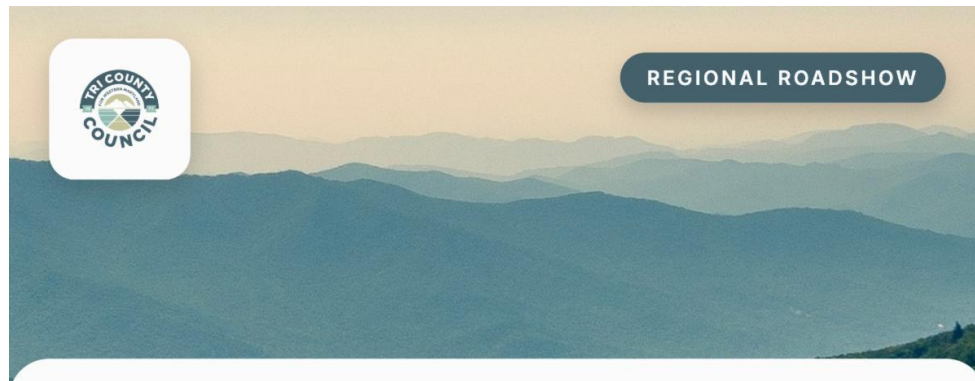
Three Ways to Get Involved:

1. Share Your Voice: Tell us directly about the challenges and growth opportunities in your local community.
2. Test New Tools: Get early access to regional resources and feedback platforms designed to support small businesses.
3. Shape the Regional Action Plan: Help align priorities and strategy across our shared business ecosystem.

Choose the location most convenient for you and join the conversation.

 [Register for Your Preferred Location Here](#)

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected Western Maryland.
We look forward to seeing you there!



REGIONAL ROADSHOW

THREE COUNTIES · THREE CONVERSATIONS

Build What's Next

Where Adventure Meets Innovation

Meet local founders, try EcoMap, and help shape what comes next for Western Maryland.

NOV 5	Allegany Thursday	NOV 5	Washington Thursday	NOV 6	Garrett Friday
9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Allegany College of Maryland, Cumberland	1:30 – 3:30 P.M.	Public Safety Training Center, Hagerstown	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Garrett College, GEIC McHenry

FREE · Light refreshments

REGISTER: bit.ly/WMD_Roadshow



The Federal Reserve's 2026 Small Business Credit Survey is open, and the Comptroller of Maryland is a partner in this effort.

Owners and key financial decision-makers of **for-profit businesses**, share your recent experiences about what financial conditions you face, whether and how you use debt, and more. **Your perspective matters.** Answers to these questions contribute to data that directly inform the Fed, federal government agencies, service providers, policymakers, and others—a public good ultimately benefiting your business and others like yours.

Responses are completely confidential, and participants do not need to provide personal identifying information. **Please take the 12-minute survey now.**

[SURVEY LINK](#)

Survey closes November 13, 2026.

Additional details can be found here:

[Federal Reserve's Small Business Credit Survey](#)



How to Respond to the Top 10 Sales Objections

October 26, 2026

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Cost: Free

For more details and to Register, follow [this link](#).

Developing A Business Plan

October 127, 2026

10:00AM - 11:15AM

Cost: Free

For more details and to Register, follow [this link](#).

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