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LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Monday, January 30 at 9:00am

LVPC Conference Room

LVTS Technical Committee Minutes

The LVTS Technical Committee met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:00am in the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's conference room located at 961 Marcon Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown, PA 18109.

Mr. Kufro chaired the meeting.

Members in attendance: Michael Donchez, Becky Bradley, Brendan Cotter, Dave Hopkins, Chris Kufro, Darlene Heller

Members absent: Ray Green, Steve Neratko, Matthew Dornier, Ryan Meyer, George Kinney

Public present: Richard Young, Carol Harper, Scott Slingerland, David Kimmerly, Brian Harman, Steve Turoscy, April Niver, Mick Dee, Matt Szuchyt, Heather Heeter, Jennifer Ruth, Kerry Fields, Erin Willis, Robert Schoenen, Brian Miller, Jim Brady, Chris Howsare, Bill Royer, Matt Malozi

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: none

MINUTES

Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes of the December 19, 2016 joint Technical and Coordinating Committees are attached. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the Technical Committee minutes. Mr. Donchez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STATUS OF HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Mr. Kufro talked about the status of the highway projects. I-78 Auxiliary Lane project is wrapping up final design and is on schedule for an April 20th let. US 22 Widening project is a bigger project that is out a few years but is in the preliminary phase right now and we are coordinating with the current bridge project to make some alterations to modify that for the Fullerton Avenue interchange. SR 100 Section 13M Betterment project is going through the PE phase. SR 222 and Shantz Road, 863 Improvements is in final design. SR 309 Section 14M Betterment project has a let for next November and is working its way through design. SR 309 & Tilghman Interchange is wrapping up the alternatives analysis with a let of December 2020. SR 412 Connector Road has no funding and the City is still working out the right-of-way. SR 1004 Lehigh-Race Street Intersection is working through the design process. We met with the D&L staff and agreed to accommodate the trail across the bridge. SR 1009 Schoenersville Road Corridor Improvements has a November let of this year. SR 2020 Easton Avenue Corridor improvements is about a year away. SR 3011 Center Street Betterment project is on track for a let this May.

TIP AMENDMENTS

Ms. Fields talked about needing a vote for the Coplay-Northampton Bridge construction cost increase to cover a low bid. The increase is \$4,681,951. This is attributed to a couple of major

differences - the removal of a portion of the bridge increase was a lot larger because blasting will not be permitted and it is going to be phased over various portions of the project. The bridge project also includes specialty work that was a little hard to estimate as well as not everyone is equipped to do it. There is limited access for excavation support along with keeping up with compliance on all permits helps to increase the price. Sources for this are Hill-to-Hill Bridge, 309 Resurface, Line Item for the highway and bridge along with the Urban Line Item reserve. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the amendment for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Cotter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Freight Advisory Committee Meeting – February 1st @ LVPC @ 11:30am

Mr. Kufro stated that there will be a Freight Advisory Committee meeting following the Coordinating Committee at 11:30am on February 1st. Ms. Bradley stated that there will be presentations along with going over the Critical Urban Freight Corridor to forward to the State of Pennsylvania. She also said that the brochure for the Local Technical Assistance Program is now available.

OLD BUSINESS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Donchez mentioned the Easton Avenue Corridor Improvements let of February 1, 2018. Sometime this summer we will be going out into the field doing a pre-improvement analysis of what the traffic conditions are like. We will be conducting speed and delay runs, measuring delay, measuring travel times to give us a baseline as to what the operating conditions are before the signals are replaced and coordinated. After they are put in place, we will go back out and conduct that same study and do a comparison to see what benefit we get from coordinating the signals. This will be brought to the committee once complete.

Mr. Kufro said they received PennDOT Connects is going to be training module set up this spring for how it's going to roll out. Right now we received a checklist that we will use on every project that's starting the PE phase in 2017. We're going to incorporate that so it will bring more people to the kickoff meeting.

Mr. Slingerland wanted to share that Pennsylvania House Bill 43 for local municipalities to use radar for speed enforcement which has been trying to go through legislation for a few years. It got dropped last year and was just reintroduced Monday of last week. Pennsylvania is one of the only states that does not allow it currently.

Ms. Niver mentioned that Senator Casey is holding a press conference this morning regarding the infrastructure spending bill.

Ms. Harper let us know that Congressman Dent has been appointed to the Appropriations Committee and Transportation Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee so he will have a voice in the transportation sector.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kufro adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
Erin Willis, Executive Secretary



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LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Wednesday, April 5 at 10:00am

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
961 Marcon Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown

LVTS Technical + Coordinating Committee Minutes

The LVTS Technical + Coordinating Committee met in a joint session on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 1:00am at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.

Mr. Rebert chaired the meeting.

Technical Members in attendance: Michael Donchez, George Kinney, Becky Bradley, Steve Neratko, Darlene Heller, Brendan Cotter, Dave Hopkins, Ray Green, Chris Kufro

Coordinating Members in attendance: Becky Bradley, Craig Messinger, Mike Rebert, Dave Hopkins, Charles Everett, Jr., Rick Molchany, Stan Rugis, Ed Pawlowski, John Brown, Owen O'Neil

Members absent: Ryan Meyers, James Ritzman, Larry Shifflet, Robert Donchez, Michael Alkhal, Sal Panto, Tom Muller

Public present: Jen Ruth, Kerry Fields, Matt Szuchyt, Gene Clater, Ed Hozza, Hayden Phillips, Tom Nolan, Nathan Jones, Candice Williams, Melissa Shafer, Jim Milot, April Niver, Carol Halper, Nancy Wilt, Tina Roseberry, Bob Lammi, Christine Weaver, Matthew Dorer, Tom Petrucci, Chris Howsare, Jay McGee, Heather Heeter, Joe Romano, Richard Young, Matt Malozi, Matt Boyer, Stacy Newcomer, Charles Unangst, Andrew Kleiner, George Lewis, Ralph Eberhardt, Scott Slingerland, Andy Wagaman, Brian Harman, Bill MacNair, Brad Flynn, Gene Porochniak, James Brady, Edgardo Colon, Brian Miller, Erin Willis, Brian Hite

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: none

MINUTES

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes of the January 30, 2017 Technical Committee and the February 1, 2017 Coordinating Committees minutes are attached. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the Technical Committee minutes. Mr. Donchez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molchany made a motion to approve the Coordinating Committee minutes. Ms. Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PennDOT Connects – Presentation by PA Secretary of Transportation Leslie Richards

Ms. Richards gave a presentation on a new project PennDOT has been working on over the last few years called PennDOT Connects. She stated that for the first time ever, they have a Transportation Investment Plan that's based in metrics. They are making sure that the money invested by the MPOs and RPOs are directly connected to the number of structurally deficient bridges in those areas as well as asset management needs in those areas. That is something the

numbers have never been tied to before but it is very important in tackling these challenges. The Transportation Performance Report shows how they are doing and making sure the investments are where they need to be or show where adjustments need to be made. The PennDOT Road Map is a \$2.1 billion investment in maintenance and preservation of the roads. For the first time ever, there is a concerted effort on the rural roads that have less volume of cars and trucks. There is a lot of initiatives with RAP (recycling asphalt pavement materials) in making sure they can pave more miles than ever before because of reusing products for other projects and extending the area that can be impacted. PennDOT Connects is truly investing in the communities through a comprehensive collaboration. PennDOT Connects is also about mobility choices with making sure everyone has as many choices as they can to get to wherever they need to go, and it all begins with planning. All users are considered who want to ride a bike, walk, ride motorcycles, drive cars or ride on transit. This is happening by building partnerships, collaborating with township and borough managers, making sure to take into consideration economic vision of these communities and where they want to be 5, 10, 15 years from now. Comprehensive Plans will be looked at along with economic development and open space plans will all be taken into consideration to make sure there is full awareness of the community being worked in. They need to make sure to leverage resources appropriately and are delivering projects that improve economic competitiveness, access to work and overall quality of life. Every project on the 2017 TIP that has not already gone through preliminary design will be going through the PennDOT Connects process. Every single project on the 2019 TIP will go through this process. They will be looking for the first time at ITS, for every project, which is real-time data – whether it tells you how many parking spots are available at a nearby transit parking garage, or when the next train's coming or when the next bus is coming. It will take different roles in different projects where each project will have a discussion to figure out what can be done and what can't be done. There will be enough time to talk about it upfront so different funding solutions or grant programs can be discussed. The long-range transportation guidance will be complete in June of this year and there will also be Connects meetings where there will be training and outreach with regards to Planning 360° and Engineering 360°. Better projects are an investment in better communities. Ms. Richards then showcased some projects currently being worked on in utilizing PennDOT Connects. Ms. Richards made a note that for the first time this year in the budget, there is a significant pot of money available for assets to any township, borough or county that is in a county that has activated the \$5 registration fee.

STATUS OF TIP BRIDGE PROJECTS

Mr. Cotter stated that the last update was presented in October of 2016. There has not been a whole lot of movement in the past 6 months on the capital end of the projects. Still waiting on 16 buses to arrive this summer in June or July. Approx. 20 paratransit vans are replaced annually and the existing contract for those had expired, so once the new contract is signed, there will be a request for vehicles. LANta is also in the process of getting a compressed natural gas fueling facility in the Allentown garage which will be completed in the July/August timeframe. There is a service building which will allow for fair box probing and maintenance of their vehicles which will go into design late summer/fall with construction starting shortly after that.

TIP AMENDMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Population + Employment Projections

Ms. Bradley stated how we do these projections every 4-5 years for the transportation program. This information is fed directly into our travel demand model so when we do have proposals to add to the Transportation Improvement Program for funding through LVTS, we have to model the effects of those projects. We have just finished revising those using Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) which is the industry's standard for economic projections. Ms. Bradley then went on to show the Projections website which showcases the data from the study as well as interactive maps detailing the population and employment density per municipality. For the first time, all three cities will be adding

more people with an overall growth for the Lehigh Valley at a 25.6% increase. Ms. Bradley noted that the Lehigh Valley has become very attractive for the 55 and older age community because Pennsylvania is one of few states that does not tax retirement income. Top population growth for Lehigh County is the City of Allentown, Upper Macungie Township, Upper Saucon Township, North Whitehall Township and Whitehall Township. Top population growth for Northampton County is the City of Bethlehem (both LECO + NOCO), Bethlehem Township, Forks Township, City of Easton and Palmer Township. Top employment growth for Lehigh County is Upper Macungie Township, City of Allentown, Whitehall Township, Lower Macungie Township and Upper Saucon Township. Top employment growth for Northampton County is the City of Bethlehem (LECO + NOCO), Bethlehem Township, Lower Nazareth Township, Fork Township and Palmer Township. Projected Growth per Industry Sector is suggesting that Transportation + Warehousing (81%) along with Health Care + Social Assistance (62%) as the largest growth. With the Projected Job Increase – Health Care + Social Assistance (31,764) is shown as the largest growth with Administrative coming in at (12,924). Ms. Bradley encouraged everyone to read through the Population + Employment Projections report along with going to the Projections website and utilizing the interactive maps so you can go back to your municipality to discuss how you want the future to be within that community.

PA Department of Environmental Protection Clean Diesel Grant Program

Mr. Donchez talked about the grant program called the PA State Clean Diesel Grant Program which had a round of funding late last year with only one application which DEP funded, so they are now opening up for another round of funding. The application will open up from April 8th through May 12th and have about \$397,000 available for clean diesel technology. Eligible project types are exhaust controls, engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, vehicle and equipment replacements, and clean alternative fuel conversions. Eligible applicants include businesses, private sectors, non-profits, school districts, municipal gov'ts along with other state agencies. The decision will be made later this summer on the awarding of grants.

State Transportation Commission 12-Year Program Update

Mr. Green talked about promoting the 2019 12-Year Program and how the 2017 Transportation Performance Report was just released. This is a snapshot of the model transportation state-wide from highway to bridgework to transit to airports, things that are compatible and viable to the network. There is an outreach effort which started on March 6th that goes thru April 19th where the public can take an online survey to share their interests, opinions and concerns about the networks within the Lehigh Valley. One tool to use is the MPMS-IQ. It is a map-based software where you can find your county, township or borough to see what projects will be worked on. Any concerns or issues can be submitted.

Ms. Bradley noted that Ben Lee won a contest between MPOs around the state that PennDOT created, where photographs were submitted from around the state. She also encouraged everyone to go online and take the survey to share your interests and concerns within your communities.

New Jersey Bicycle & Walking Summit

Ms. Burdge talked about attending the New Jersey Bicycle & Walk Summit 2017 in Princeton and wanted to share a summary of the discussions. The first session, "Is That A Parklet In Your Parking Space?" presented by Bike & Walk Montclair, highlighted potential activities in parklets including: eating, celebrating, relaxing, creating, working and playing. Parklets are reutilizing existing parking spaces for a temporary use which increases public space and supports walking and biking opportunities. They can be reactivated seasonally to support downtown activity and provide a platform to local artists for demonstrations. This can encourage people to socialize and linger more which could help boost nearby businesses.

The next session featured "NJDOT Complete Streets Design Guide Summary" update presented by NJDOT and Parsons Brinkerhoff. Complete Streets is a design approach that requires streets to be accessible for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit. It provides equal access to opportunities, safety, physical health and environmental quality and also improves community and economic vitality. A survey was conducted to find which of 4 categories participants identified themselves with in regard to 'Strong and Fearless', 'Enthusied and Confident', 'Interested but

Concerned' or 'No Way, No How'. The participants were broken down by demographics - gender, age, income, education and race. Some of the findings revealed Asians as having the highest percent of 'Strong and Fearless' cyclists at 10%, only 3% of Females as feeling 'Enthused and Confident', and 32% of Gen-Xers along with 41% of White people identify themselves in the 'No Way, No How' category. Most people across all demographics are 'Interested but Concerned'.

The third session was "Real Estate Development + Promotion of Active Transportation," presented by US Green Building Council (USGBC). One of the programs talked about Parksmart, a program promoting the design of parking structures to be sustainable or potentially flexible to future uses. SITES is another program of the USGBC, promoting certification of landscapes to reduce water demand, stormwater runoff and energy use while also providing wildlife habitats, improved air quality and outdoor recreation opportunities. Cities and communities can become LEED Certified and an attendee proposed that LEED green building checklist be submitted with plan reviews to increase pressure to keep in line with standards.

The last session was "Conducting Walkability Audits" presented by NJ Safe Routes to School Organization. Their sample Walk to School Assessment included questions like "Do you have a comfortable place to walk?" "Did you feel safe crossing the street?" These questions and more help to start the discussion on walkability within the community.

PA Vanpool Incentive Program

Mr. Green talked about the Pennsylvania Vanpool Incentive Program which will provide an incentive to create new vanpools by subsidizing vanpool user fees for a 3-year period. Maximum reimbursement for a standard vanpool is \$800/month and \$1,200/month for ADA accessibility. The contingency is 60% capacity at all times or funding will be pulled and it is noted that this is for working trips only. Users must pay a minimum of \$25/month which serves as proof of membership.

Bike to Work Week – May 13-May 21, 2017

Ms. Oscavich noted that Bike to Work Week is from May 13-21 and wanted to let everyone know what the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (CAT) has in store for activities for that week. Mr. Slingerland mentioned that there are about 650,000 people living in our region and we know approx. 1% will ride their bikes on a regular basis which is about 6,000 people. However there are many more people interested but concerned so this program can help in educating those interested people so they have more experience and knowledge on the road. Mr. Slingerland stated that there are 3 parts to the program. The first part is a contest where riders can register online and will be able to track their trips to enter for end of the week prizes. The second part is to share your stories and photos on the Facebook Event Page or website. The third part is to attend the many on-the-ground events being held throughout the region. He encourages everyone to look at the flyer and participate where you can.

Freight Advisory Committee Meeting – May 22, 2017

Mr. Kinney stated that the next Freight Advisory Committee will be held on May 22nd and will have a featured speaker, Dr. Allison Conway, a doctor for the City College of New York, who has been working with the New York City Department of Transportation, to put together a policy guidance document on delivery logistics in complete street situations.

OLD BUSINESS

MPO Coordination Rule – Senate Passes Bill to Repeal MPO Coordination Rule

Ms. Bradley talked about the Senate passing the repeal of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination Rule. The House Infrastructure Committee, with zero changes, voted to send the Senate bill to the House floor. Ms. Niver stated that it has passed out of the committee last week and is expected to come to the floor of the House sometime this month. Ms. Bradley will inform everyone as soon as it is official.

Transportation Summit – June 8, 2017 – Edward Humes guest speaker

Ms. Bradley stated that this is a joint event with the LV Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, LANta and the LV Airport Authority in bringing Pulitzer Prize Winner, Edward Humes of the

book called Door to Door. This is an easy-to-read, thoughtful book on the transportation system being multi-modal, letting us know how transportation happens around the globe. She is encouraging anyone who has not registered to please do so.

LTAP Quarterly Report

Mr. Hite said that the first quarter this year held four classes averaging 25 students per class. The next set of classes is April 12th with Equipment + Worker Safety with 32 students signed up for that, April 18th is Pavement Preventative Maintenance, May 3rd is Asphalt Roads Common Maintenance and May 11th is Road Surface Management. Mr. Hite also mentioned having a local technical assist on May 5th with Upper Macungie, Lower Macungie and South Whitehall for the Hamilton Boulevard Corridor project.

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Boyer, the Executive Director of Commuter Services talked about the commuter services their organization provides in the surrounding MPOs.

Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Molchany made the motion with Ms. Bradley seconding. The meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by,
Erin Willis, Executive Secretary



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Members absent: Darlene Heller, Steve Neratko, Ryan Meyer

Public present: Heather Heeter, Tom Shortell, Dan Walston, Brian Miller, Steve Strella, Carol Halper, Richard Young, Vanessa Koenigkramer, Kerry Fields, Erin Willis, Brian Harman, Lee Rackus, Jim Brady, Sam Berkman, Tracy Oscavich, Bill Royer, Ralph Eberhardt

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: none

MINUTES

Mr. Green stated that the minutes of the April 5, 2017 joint Technical and Coordinating Committees are attached. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the Technical Committee minutes with the amendment to the Status of LANTA Projects. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STATUS OF TAP PROJECTS

Mr. Kufro talked about the status of the Transportation Alternatives Program projects. Allentown SRTS was let on February 9th. There was a pre-construction meeting on May 4th. There is an issue with the adjoining Eastern Metal Recycling property. They are looking at removing that corner of the intersection from the project so it can move forward. Shared Lane Markings Network was a let on February 9th with a pre-construction meeting held back in May. Macungie Main Street Safety was let on May 18th with a low bid coming in that was higher than what's been budgeted so the borough is evaluating to see if additional funds can be found for that shortfall. Jordan Creek Greenway was let back in January with a pre-construction meeting back in April. Jordan Creek Greenway Section 48 and 49 are working through coordinating environmental scoping document. Broadway and Delaware Avenue in Fountain Hill is working through the environmental scoping document. Front Street Safety and Connectivity in Catasauqua are working through the environmental scoping document. Two Rivers Trail Gap 9A in Northampton County is working on the Application to Lease Real Property along Rt. 33 and is also going through environmental scoping document. Palmer Township Bike Path Crossings has environmental work going on. The Allentown Bike Education had a let of April 13th and is working through some right-of-way clearances and 4232 for funding which gave the city permission to

proceed back in April. Allentown Safety Lehigh and Martin Luther King has a sponsor in the process of obtaining a designer for the project. Station Ave. Streetscapes in Coopersburg also has a sponsor obtaining a designer for the project. Macungie Pedestrian Streetscape just held a kick-off meeting and field view back on May 12th.

Mr. Kinney made a note that a regional TAP award was given to the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation a few years ago. The LVPC had a Bike-To-Work Week a few weeks ago and there was a scope change that allowed the City of Easton to develop a skills course that we were a part of. Mr. Kinney commented on the skills course which was observed during bike to work week activities.

TIP AMENDMENTS

There are no TIP amendments to report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

TAP/ARLE Funding Announcements

Mr. Kinney talked about the name change from Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) to Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program. That change was a result of the FAST Act. ARLE stands for Automated Red Light Enforcement Program. The ARLE program draws its revenue from a number of red light cameras mostly in the Philadelphia area. There are 31 total with 28 being in Philadelphia and 3 in Abington Township. There is a website for the ARLE grant program that has all the information needed – application, program guidance, award agreement, terms and conditions and a FAQ page. This is a quick turnaround grant program becoming effective on June 1st and closes on June 30th.

Mr. Kinney also talked about the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program and how PennDOT also has a website dedicated to this reimbursement program. There is a regional award set-aside and also a state pot of money. On the website there is an application and program guidance and it also shows the timeline for the program. The application cycle opens July 10th, applications are due on September 22nd with final selections completed by January 26, 2018. Ms. Bradley stated that if anyone wants to apply for the state's pot of money, they have to come to the TASA Session on Wednesday morning at LVPC – it is a requirement. Mr. Kinney then referred to the contact page of the website for anyone who needs more information. Ms. Bradley said that after the applications are submitted, PennDOT then sends them to LVTS to review the applications for the local pool of money and once that's allocated out, then LVTS will make recommendations on the remainder of the projects. At a minimum, LVTS will be putting out \$1.2 million. Mr. Kinney mentioned that in the guidance is the eligible projects.

FutureLV Comprehensive Plan Strategy Lab

A discussion was held amongst the committee about the Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats in Transportation within the Lehigh Valley. This is part of the regional comprehensive plan's information gathering process.

OLD BUSINESS

Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber Transportation Summit

Ms. Bradley mentioned how the LVPC partnered with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce to put on their annual Transportation Summit with author, Edward Humes giving a key note presentation discussing the contents of his book, *Door to Door*. Mr. Eberhardt talked about the great turnout for the event with about 300 attendees. Ms. Bradley said that there was a Business Matters taping during the event that she hopes everyone will watch.

Business Matters – Aires July 3, 2017

Ms. Bradley noted that the Business Matters taping that occurred during the Transportation Summit will be airing on July 3rd on channel 69.

Local Technical Assistance Program

Sign Retroreflectivity Inspection will be held on June 29th at 8:30am at the LVPC office. Warm Mix asphalt will be held on July 11th at 8:00am at Williams Township. Work Zone Traffic Control will be held on July 11th at 8:00am at Upper Nazareth Township.

LTAP/LVTS Celebration – Mission BBQ on June 30th at 11am at Canal Park in Hanover Township

There will be a luncheon celebration of the LTAP and LVTS workforce at Canal Park in Hanover Township on June 30th at 11am. This celebration will honor those who maintain the 4126 miles of roadway and infrastructure in the Lehigh Valley.

Education + Training Strategy Lab – July 18th @ 8:30am in the LVPC office

The next strategy labs will be Education + Training on July 18th from 8:30am-10:30am here at the LVPC office. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word to those who would be interested.

Save The Date

The upcoming 4th Annual Lehigh Valley Awards will be held on October 17th at DeSales University. There is usually between 250-300 people that attend. Nomination packets have been mailed out to all of the municipalities in the region. The reason for doing these awards is not only to thank all of the people it actually takes to complete a project but also to build a recognition that there are so many good things that are happening in the region that go under recognized and that we should stop and celebrate those things. The deadline for entries is July 20, 2017.

Also, there will be a Future Forces Event coming up on December 6th. This is a mid-point opportunity for the Comprehensive Plan. It will be a day-long event up at the Wood Dining Room at Lehigh University. There will be panels of experts based on all the strategy labs that have been held. There will be one on vehicle automation and multi-modal transportation which LANTA will be a key partner in, land use, technology, etc. This is about what our future will be and bringing in people who can give us some good advice so decisions can be made on what the scenarios for the region will be. From that the goals and policies will be developed.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR - None

ADJOURN

Mr. Green adjourned the meeting.

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Members absent: Darlene Heller, Dave Hopkins, Becky Bradley

Public present: Dan Walston, Brian Hite, Jennifer Ruth, Dipen Patel, Scott Slingerland, Steve Strella, Richard Young, Carol Halper, Heather Heeter, Matt Malozi, Tom Shortell, Bill Royer, Ralph Russek, Brian Miller, Chris Briggs

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: none

MINUTES

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STATUS OF HIGHWAY/BRIDGE PROJECTS

Mr. Kufro talked about the status of the Highway projects. US 22 Widening has a let date of August 2022 and is on schedule. They are continuing work with PE phase. SR 100 Section 13M has a let date of September 27, 2018 with the design field approved and on-going coordination with Upper Macungie Township about possible inclusion of aspects of their quadrant road project into this project. SR 222 and Shantz Road and 863 Improvements is on schedule for November 2018 let. The highway plan has been approved and there was just a pre-app meeting in June. SR 309 Section 14M Betterment on schedule for a let of February of 2021. Line and grade plans were finalized and sent to PennDOT and they are currently revising it based on meeting held back in April of 2017. SR 309 and Tilghman Interchange is on schedule for a December 2020 let. Alternatives analysis has been complete and is working on line and grade. SR 412 Connector Road has no let date. The project is idle and not covered in the 2017 TIP. SR 1004 Lehigh-Race Street intersection has a let of January 2020. Revised Draft Effects Report was received and is under review. SR 1009-01S Schoenersville Road Corridor Improvements is on schedule for this November. The Traffic Control plans are complete and Signing and Pavement Markings to be completed in the

next few weeks. Right-of-Way claims negotiations are ongoing. SR 2020-04S Easton Avenue Corridor Improvements has a lot of October 2018 with the design field view is approved conditionally and right now working on a signal traffic control, signing and pavement markings.

TIP AMENDMENTS

There are no TIP amendments to report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Multi-State Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Kinney talked about how the surrounding MPO's in the Greater Northeast – New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Western Connecticut Council of Governments, Connecticut Metro Council of Governments, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, South Central Regional Council of Governments, Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, Orange County Transportation Council, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission – who share transportation management zones that overlap, is included in this agreement. We would work together as a northeast mega-region which ensures coordination of plans and decision making in these metropolitan areas. This requires the LVPC to share information regarding the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Modeling and Data, the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation Conformity. This is a concerted effort by all the MPOs in the northeast region to come together and further the collaborative efforts when developing products and programs. Mr. Kinney said he is looking for a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to enter into this agreement. Mr. Walston stated that FHWA has some recommendations in additional verbiage to put into this agreement regarding the new performance measures requirements for planning and programming. Mr. Donchez made a motion to approve the MOU with the inclusion of the performance measures language. Mr. Cotter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2017 Earmarks Available for Repurposing

Mr. Kufro stated that it is under administration action number two and there's been an amount of \$13,517 for the second round of repurposed earmarks and it's from the Route 222 Trexlertown project which has been added to the Route 22-400 construction project. Mr. Kinney added that the state did a great job last year in getting into what was available with over 197 earmarks statewide totaling about \$128 million for repurposing with our region grabbing \$2.7 million of that last year. Compared to 197 earmarks last year, there are only 17 earmarks statewide this year. Mr. Walston stated, in the long narrative of the MPMS, that when the demo ID has been changed, please include that in the long narrative of MPMS indicating what that modification is.

State Route 22 Construction Overview

Mr. Kufro presented an overview on the Route 22-400 construction project. Construction started on this project back in August 2015. He spoke about replacing a fractured critical bridge which cannot be cut in half and still function – it has to stay intact – so the plan is to build half of the bridge at one section, then put the traffic on the new section and then build the second half. Once done, the whole thing will have a shift in it, but it's the one way to get this thing done and built right while being able to maintain the traffic that's needed. The 5th Street Bridge was officially closed on May 9th and was demolished by the end of May. The north side of the 5th Street Bridge is being

replaced with a retaining wall due to insufficient right-of-way. The plan is to replace the 5th Street Bridge as part of the Route 22 widening project. There's an agreement with Whitehall Township on turnback of two of the roads. The department is going to replace the 5th Street Bridge which is state-owned and also maintain it while Whitehall Township will take over maintenance responsibilities over a portion of the two state-owned roads. The big bridge goes over the Lehigh River and goes over the canal. This project is a little behind schedule because of running into foundation issues but they are now in. The beams are down and some parts of the deck are poured. This bridge is on schedule to open to east bound traffic by late October and the west bound traffic will be shifted over by the end of this year. The west bound Bridge is projected to be complete by August 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

LANTA Coordinated Public Transit Plan Update

Mr. Donchez said that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission is working to put together a Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. This plan takes a look at the paratransit service in the Lehigh Valley. It's a van service that provides services to the elderly and persons with disabilities. The current plan was adopted back in 2007 and per FTA guidelines, there's a recommendation to update the plan every ten years. This plan will identify the existing transportation services that are out there – which includes all human service agencies that provide services to their clients – when they operate and how frequently, where they go and how many trips they take, to see what's existing in the field. We will take a look at strategies identifying transit needs in the two county region and will be prioritizing the services for recommendations to fill those gaps which will all become part of the plan. This plan is important because it serves a certain segment of society by providing public transit trips for them and also because of an existing grant program (Section 5310 grant program) PennDOT has. This provides funds for the purchase of small paratransit vehicles and associated equipment to various agencies that allow them to provide transportation services for their clients. Right now there's about \$650,000 available to us annually of 5310 money and PennDOT annually has a grant program that they award that money locally in the Lehigh Valley to different agencies including LANTA. Benefits include improving services for those with disabilities and continued eligibility for 5310 funding. In order to be eligible for 5310 funds the projects that agencies are applying for to get money for vehicles, they need to address a gap that's identified in the plan. We are in the process of soliciting public comments. There were three meetings this past month – one with LANTA's Committee meeting, one at the Lehigh County Government Center on July 10th and the last at Easton City Hall on July 20th – to solicit input into the plan. Some of the gaps identified was the need for accessible taxis, also the effects of autonomous vehicles and the impacts they might have on transportation within the Lehigh Valley. Another is a voucher program for same-day emergency service since right now there is no same-day service. Also the continued use of retired vehicles making them available to other agencies to purchase should they be short of vehicles. Scheduling gaps is another concern. Being able to schedule through personal computers or through iPhones and tablets is something that can be addressed. Also the opportunity to partner and share resources with other agencies and coordinating trips with the medical providers along with educating riders on the impacts of late running appointments and how that has an impact on the system. The next step is to compile this information and taking a look at the existing services, contacting the agencies to find out more information about their services and then trying to match the needs addressed. More information will be given at the future meetings.

NY/NJ Port Authority – Lehigh Valley Visit

Previously the LVPC has toured the Port of NY/NJ to get a sense of their operations and how their operations can impact demand for freight travel in the Lehigh Valley. The Port Authority contacted us because they wanted to conduct a tour of the Lehigh Valley with their staff, first touring the Pocono area, then coming to the Lehigh Valley. The LVPC gave a PowerPoint presentation on why the Lehigh Valley is so attractive for warehousing and logistics centers for freight travel. Comparisons were shown of similarly sized warehousing facilities, one in the Lehigh Valley and one in the greater New York/New Jersey area with regard to what their rental fees cost, what taxes are and other statistics related to the cost of doing business. The significant takeaway on that is the costs are less in the Lehigh Valley than they are in the metropolitan areas of New York/New Jersey. The LVPC took them on a tour of the Lehigh Valley, starting at the FedEx site, then showed them the Fogelsville area of Shantz Road and the industrial parks concluding with Lehigh Valley Rail Management giving a guided tour of the Bethlehem Inter-Modal facility showing their operations. It was a great opportunity to further coordinate with the Port in our ongoing planning efforts and give them a better perspective of what the capacities and capabilities are here and why the Lehigh Valley is seeing such growth in freight. The Port was surprised to see the extent of warehousing facilities and the extent of logistic centers in the Valley and the size of logistic centers as well. Mr. Walston suggested reaching out to the Harrisburg area transportation study given the development going down I-78 to I-80.

Local Technical Assistance Program

Mr. Kinney noted that Salt + Snow Management will be held on August 1st from 8:00am-3:00pm and has been sold out. There will be some MS4 components in this course.

Save The Date

The upcoming 4th Annual Lehigh Valley Awards will be held on October 17th at DeSales University. Also, there will be a Future Forces Event coming up on December 6th. It will be a substitute for the final Freight Advisory Committee meeting. It will look at the future of technology, its advances and the impact it will have on transportation and land use.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Cotter talked about how the FAST Act releases competitive grant programs and released one about two weeks ago for bus and bus facilities under the Federal Section 5339 program so they are making about \$226 million available to transit properties across the nation with an emphasis on state of good repair, replacing your fleet or your facilities that can't make do with the formula funds. It's a competitive program and grants are due August 25th so LANta will be applying for 14 busses replacing busses put into service in 2001 and 2003. LANta is looking for a motion to recommend from the Technical Committee to the Coordinating Committee for a letter of support coming from the MPO for LANTA's application to FTA with the reasoning being if they were awarded funding, the TIP will need to be amended to take on additional dollars to the region. Mr. Donchez made a motion to approve the letter of support. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Cotter abstaining.

Mr. Donchez stated that the LVPC is working on an update to the Public Transportation Plan. The current plan was adopted back in 2014 and there were a couple items out of date or no longer applicable. One item is taking TIP amendments through a

public comment period which isn't normally done as they are typically time sensitive. The plan is being amended only in specific items, bringing it up to date with processes and procedures that is done with electronic outreach. This is important because it needs to be consistent with the policies that are in our Public Participation Plan particularly as they apply to projects on the TIP. The public review and comment period starts on August 7th and runs through September 21st. There will be a public meeting during that timeframe. More information will be given in the upcoming months.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Slingerland asked if there is rail access in the freight logistic centers. Mr. Donchez stated that Bethlehem has rail access but no current tenants using the siding but as additional facilities get constructed deeper into the commerce center, the rail spurs extended to the site so should they want service, it's a matter of taking a siding off of the rail spur. There are facilities out in the western counties that have spurs right into their facilities but not at the Bethlehem facility.

ADJOURN

Mr. Green adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
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