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**Lehigh Valley Transportation Study
Minutes from the Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Committee Meeting
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA
WEB AND/OR CALL**

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Ms. Bradley stated that the agenda and materials for this meeting were posted on the LVPC website. She provided directions on how to participate in the virtual meeting and the protocol to allow the meeting to flow smoothly. Ms. Bradley also mentioned that this meeting was advertised in the Lehigh Valley Press on Monday, December 28, 2020, as well as on the LVPC website and social media outlets. She explained the procedure for public participants to ask questions or make comments. Ms. Bradley reviewed the meeting agenda.

Mr. Kufro welcomed the members and the public participants to the meeting. He then called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Bradley to read the roll call.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee

City of Allentown	Leonard Lightner (Alt)
City of Bethlehem	Darlene Heller (Alt)
City of Easton	David Hopkins (Alt)
LANTA	Brendan Cotter
LVPC	Becky Bradley
PennDOT Central Office	James Mosca
LNAA	Ryan Meyer

LVTS Coordinating Committee

City of Allentown	Craig Messinger (Alt)
City of Bethlehem	Michael Alkhal (Alt)
City of Easton	David Hopkins (Alt)
LANTA	Owen O'Neil
Lehigh County	Rick Molchany (Alt)
LVPC	Becky Bradley
PennDOT Central Office	Brian Hare
PennDOT District 5	Chris Kufro
LNAA	Thomas Stoudt

LVPC Staff Participants

Matt Assad
Michael Hanes
Brian Hite

Simon Okumu
Becky Bradley
Bethany Vazquez
Jennifer Winton

Mr. Kufro asked members of the public to state their names.

Public Participants: Megan Best, Marta Gabriel, Scott Slingerland, Jen Ruth, Amanda Leindecker, Scott Vettero, Mike McGuire, Bob Dolan, David Alas, Jason Hursh, Max Inkrote, Adam Smith, Jessica Bice, Sarah Cassi, Heather Heeter, Rich Ames, Matt Szuchyt, Heather James, Mike Grantner, Lee Rackus, Brian Miller, Ralph Eberhardt, Sheila Alvarado, Jeff Rai, David Rostron, Fred Kane, Jen Crobak, Sherri PENCHISHEN, and Ethan Baldwin.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Kufro opened the floor to the public participants who wished to comment or ask questions about an issue not on the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Kufro moved on to the next agenda item.

Minutes

Mr. Cotter stated that the minutes from the January 20, 2021 LVTS Technical Committee Meeting minutes are in the meeting packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lightner made a motion to approve and Mr. Mosca seconded. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Cotter asked Ms. Bradley for a call of votes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes from the January 20, 2021 LVTS Coordinating Committee Meeting minutes are in the meeting packet and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Molchany motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Messinger seconded. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Kufro asked Ms. Bradley for a call for votes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

PennDOT District 5-0 Bridge Project Status Report

Mr. Kufro welcomed Mr. David Rostron to present the bridge status report. Mr. Rostron reviewed the Bridge Project Status Report contained in the meeting packet.

PennDOT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Program Administrative Actions.

Mr. Kufro welcomed Jen Ruth to report on the PennDOT TIP Program Administrative Actions. Ms. Ruth indicated that PennDOT TIP Program Administrative Actions are contained in the packet. There are two District 5 Administrative Actions and two statewide Administrative Actions, and no amendments proposed this month.

Performance Measures

Mr. Okumu gave a presentation on the PM-2 and PM-3 performance safety measures and indicated that the specific measures were located in the packet for the Committees' review. Ms. Bradley noted that both the PM-3 & PM-2, required a vote to adopt. Ms. Bradley indicated that

the LVPC reviewed the proposed adjustments to PM-3 and the methodology and recommended that the LVTS MPO continue to utilize this methodology and consider a vote to adopt.

Mr. Cotter asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to adopt the PM-2 and PM-3 measures. Ms. Heller made the motion and Mr. Meyer seconded. Mr. Cotter asked if anyone on the committee or public wanted to speak on the item. Hearing none, he called for a vote. The motion carried.

Mr. Kufro asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to Adopt the PM-2 and PM-3 measures. Mr. O'Neil made the motion and Mr. Molchany seconded. Mr. Kufro asked for questions or comments committee or public. Mr. Slingerland asked "when the performance measure target of non-single occupant vehicles start to be measured and tracked?" Mr. Kufro indicated the question can be better answered on the federal level and will follow up at a later date. Hearing no further questions Mr. Kufro called for a vote and the motion carried.

LANTA Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan – FY2020 Performance & FY2021

Mr. Cotter presented information on the LANTA Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance along with their goals and requirements. Mr. Kufro asked if there were questions from the committee or public. Hearing none, he proceeded to the next item.

PennDOT Regional Operations Plans

Mr. Kufro turned the floor over to Mr. Adam Smith, Jacobs Engineering to present the Regional Operations Plan (ROP), USDOT requires Transportation Systems management and Operations (TSMO). Mr. Smith discussed Developing Regional Operations Plans, PennDOT's ROP Updates, PennDOT One Map, Lehigh Valley ROP Projects: Traffic Signal Improvements, US 22/I-78 Integrated Corridor Management, Districtwide ITS Improvements, Multimodal Improvements, D5 TMC Upgrades, Freeway Service Patrols + TIM Team, Regionwide Truck Parking Study.

Mr. Kufro thanked Mr. Smith for his work and presentation and asked if there were any questions. Ms. Bradley indicated she is looking forward to the next steps and working with Mr. Smith. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any other questions: Owen O'Neil thanked Mr. Smith on behalf of LANTA.

Moving on to New Business

Introducing the new LVPC Executive Administrative Assistant Jennifer Winton

Mr. Kufro welcomed Ms. Winton to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Ms. Winton briefly shared words about herself with the Board.

Eastern Pennsylvania Multi-Regional Planning

Ms. Bradley stated LVTS entered into a resolution with the following MPS's Lackawanna/Luzerne Metropolitan Planning Organization, Lebanon County Metropolitan Planning Organization (LEBCO), Northeast Pennsylvania Alliance NEPA) and the Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) and that detailing information was located in the packet. Mr. Molchany asked what the relationship was between District 5 and the Districts to the north? Mr. Kufro stated there is a very good working relationship with District 8. Ms. Bradley stated data that is required by the Federal Government and that the LVTS has formal cooperative data sharing agreements. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions from the committee. Hearing none, he handed off to Mr. Cotter to request a motion. Mr. Hopkins made a motion for the Technical Committee and Ms. Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the

motion was approved. Mr. Kufro asked the Coordinating Committee to make a motion. Mr. Molchany made a motion and Mr. Hare seconded the motion. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley to call the votes. The vote was unanimous, and the motion was approved.

PennDOT State Route 145 Road Corridor Safety Improvements:

Mr. Mike McGuire and Mr. Jason Hursh gave a presentation on the PennDOT State Route 145 Road Corridor Safety Improvements. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions. Ms. Bradley asked why there were no crosswalks at the bridge near the Wawa? Mr. Hursh indicated that widening the bridge to add a crosswalk would significantly change the project. Ms. Bradley stated that another issue in the corridor is dedicated turn signals, and asked if the project includes dedicated turn signals? Mr. Hursh, yes, the signal is called Grid Smart which will be a significant improvement. Mr. Messinger added that the Grid Smart signal would adjust to the traffic needs and tie into the systems and the plan of the City of Allentown. Ms. Bradley stated that is it correct that all sidewalk areas will remain, but asked if sidewalks were being removed? Mr. Hursh stated they are not removing any sidewalks but extending some sidewalks as well as sections in poor condition and need improving. On South 5th Street, they will be adding sidewalk and curb on the Route 145 section. There will be no eliminating any sidewalks. Mr. Molchany said just a point of this project on that this corridor is extremely busy and these efforts will improve the safety and traffic throughout the region. Mr. O'Neil stated at the intersection of Emmaus Avenue and 4th Street there is a bus stop where the right turn lane is being added. Currently the bus does turn right and there will need to be talks about where the bus stop is going to be located after the improvements.

Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions from the public: Scott Slingerland asked if the speed limit will change? Mr. Slingerland further added that reducing the speed limit further would add to the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Mr. Hursh indicate the posted speed limit is 40 MPH there was no proposal to change the speed limit, but that the team could do a study if necessary. Mr. Eberhardt thanked all for the presentation and congratulations on proposing a solution. He asked that since this corridor is a gateway into the city, is there any consideration for aesthetic upgrades to acknowledge its role as an entrance into the city of Allentown? Mr. McGuire indicated at the moment that is not part of this project. Ms. Bradley indicated that safety and mobility were the contributing factor, and this is a start to achieve the larger vision.

Mr. Kufro asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he moved to the next agenda item.

Public Engagement:

Local Technical Assistance Program Classes: All Classes are 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Registration can be found at: <https://gis.penndor.gov/ltap>

- Pedestrian and Crosswalks – February 18
- Pavement Markings: Applications and Maintenance V.II – February 23
- FHWA Bikeway Selection guide – February 24
- Asset Management – February 25
- FHWA Bikeway Selection

Mr. Molchany noted that Mr. Hite reported previously that our region has the highest attendance in the Commonwealth. Mr. Hite thanked PennDOT for offering this free training and that there is a strong enthusiasm in the Lehigh Valley.

Adjournment

Mr. Kufro asked if there was anything for the good of order. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Molchany made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Alkhal seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Jennifer Winton, Executive Secretary LVPC

