



Lehigh Valley Transportation Study

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LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**Minutes from the February 6, 2019
Joint Technical, Coordinating Committee Meeting
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Office**

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee:

Brendan Cotter, LANta
Ray Green, PennDOT Central Office
Darlene Heller, City of Bethlehem (Alt.)
Dave Hopkins, City of Easton (Alt.)
Ryan Meyer, LNAA
Becky Bradley, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

LVTS Technical Committee Absences:

Christopher Kufro, PennDOT District 5
Leonard Lightner, City of Allentown (Alt.)

LVTS Coordinating Committee:

Michael Emili, Northampton County (Alt.)
Dave Hopkins, City of Easton (Alt.)
Rick Molchany, Lehigh County (Alt.)
Owen O'Neil, LANta
Michael Rebert, PennDOT District 5
Thomas Stoudt, LVIA
Becky Bradley, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

LVTS Coordinating Committee Absences:

Michael Alkhal, City of Bethlehem (Alt.)
Craig Messinger, City of Allentown (Alt.)
Larry Shifflet, PennDOT Central Office

Guests: Dan Szekeres, Matt Dorner, Doug Zimmerman, Jeff Obrecht, Richard Ames, Joe Romano, Mike Rinker, Thomas Guth, Sherri Penchishen, Steve Turoscy, Richard Young, Ralph Eberhardt, Jeff Warren, Matt Szuchyt, Scott Slingerland, Christopher Fillmore, Lee Rackus, George Kinney, Sarah Cassi, Jen Ruth, Amanda Leindecker, Tom Shortell, and Scott Vottero

LVPC Staff: Matt Assad, Sue Rockwell, Michael Donchez, Brian Hite, Carol Halper, and Chandra Parasa

Minutes

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes of the December 5, 2018 LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting, and the minutes from the January 2, 2019 LVTS Technical Committee meeting are attached. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the Technical Committee minutes. Ms. Heller seconded the motion. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the Joint LVTS minutes. Mr. Cotter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

PennDOT Extreme Weather Vulnerability Study

Mr. Szekeres presented information on the PennDOT Extreme Weather Vulnerability Study. There are four current focus areas for this study: to gain a better understanding of the risks associated with historic flooding, develop a process to monitor historic flooding risks, assess the future impact of flooding due to higher precipitation events, and evaluate adaptation strategies and cost-effectiveness. Mr. Szekeres reviewed the five stages of the study and the risk assessment criteria used to evaluate exposure, sensitivity, and consequence. A Federal Highway Administration Pilot Study and Design-Maintenance Activities are currently underway. The goal is to provide a detailed template for conducting H & H studies that include climate change impacts. Mr. Szekeres ended his presentation by laying out the next steps for the project.

LVIA Airport Area Freight Study Update

Mr. Donchez presented a brief update on the LVIA Airport Area Freight Study. As a reminder, this study involves twelve municipalities located north of the Lehigh Valley Airport and looks at the impacts of the region's freight activity and future freight activity on the existing road network. The management team met in mid-January to review draft deliverables from the consultant and provided comments. The consultant is currently reviewing those comments and once a draft is in hand it will be presented to the steering committee. The report will be brought before LVTS in spring 2019.

Alternative Fuel Corridor Designations

Mr. Donchez gave a report on the Alternative Fuel Corridor Designations. In December 2018, the LVPC received a request from PennDOT to support their application to the Federal Highway Administration to designate alternative fuel corridors, a program under the FAST Act. Over the past three years PennDOT has submitted corridors to Federal Highways for their approval to be designated as an alternative fuel corridor. The first round of application took place in 2016 where I-476 was designated as an alternative fuel corridor. This past round, 2018, PennDOT will be submitting I-78 to be designated as an alternative fuel corridor. Mr. Donchez reminds the Committee that an Alternative Fuel Corridor is a corridor that will have either electric charging stations or compressed natural gas fueling facility stations located along the corridor. These designations are an opportunity to promote locally harvested fuel sources and the economy of region. The LVPC supported PennDOT's submission of I-78, as well as has suggested the inclusion of Route 22 and Route 33 in the next application round.

Transportation Performance Measures – Safety

Mr. Parasa reviewed the Transportation Performance Safety Measures target setting letter. The goal is to achieve Vision Zero, the vision that there are no fatalities on our transportation system. PennDOT established the annual targets back on August 31, 2018. Federal regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to establish targets for each performance measure, within 180 days of PennDOT's target establishment. The MPO targets are due by February 27, 2019, this can be completed either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of PennDOT targets, or by committing to their own quantifiable targets. The Federal Highway Administration will determine annually whether PennDOT has met, or has made significant progress toward meeting established statewide targets. Mr. Parasa reviewed the Statewide Targets as well as the Lehigh Valley MPO targets. Ms. Bradley made a motion to accept the five year rolling averages for the Technical Committee. Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Molchany made a motion to accept the five year rolling

average for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Stoudt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2017-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Accomplishments + 2019-2020 Projects Outlook

Ms. Bradley and Mr. Hite presented the 2017-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Accomplishments and 2019-2020 Projects Outlook. Ms. Bradley reviewed the bodies that make up the LVTS board, as well as the separate rolls of LVTS and LVPC. Mr. Hite reviewed all projects, their locations and overall cost, that have been completed, are currently in the process of being completed, and projects that are next to be started as laid out in the current Transportation Improvement Program. Projects completed in 2017-2018 year totaled \$89,039,399. Of that amount, \$50.8 million was spent on projects in Northampton County, \$20.3 million was spent on projects in Lehigh County, and \$17.9 million was spent between joint projects. The future Transportation Improvement Program Projects are estimated to cost \$184,108,000. The total investment of all past, current, and future projects totals \$566,231,399.

Old Business

FutureLV: Call for Transportation Projects + Plans Update

Ms. Bradley gave an update on the FutureLV: Call for Transportation Projects + Plans. Many projects and plans have been received for the call, a team is currently vetting for ineligible applications. Over the next couple of months the process of selection will be presented to LVTS, PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration will be coming to train LVTS members prior to project selection. Ms. Bradley reviewed the roles of LVTS and Technical and Coordinating Committees, the bodies that make up LVTS and the amount of votes each body is provided. Once the Long-Range Transportation Plan is adopted, it is forwarded to the US Department of Transportation and vetted at the federal level. A final list of projects/plans will not be selected until summer of 2019.

Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Parasa gave a status report on the Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan and presented information from the January 23, Multimodal Working Group meeting. Mr. Parasa reviewed the current project scope and goals of the plan, focusing on information pertaining to priority bicycle commuting corridors, priority pedestrian areas, and the consultant's policy and programmatic recommendations. Mr. Parasa reminded the group that the goal of the creation of priority bicycle commuting corridors is to identify 10 relatively high volumes of bicycle commuting corridors, for further field study. Currently 72 draft bicycle commuting corridors have been created to specifically address bicycle commuting. Once the 10 final corridors have been selected, the remaining 62 corridors will become a part of the visionary network for the project. A draft of the plan is expected to be completed by spring 2019.

Status of Transportation Improvement Program Highway Projects

Mr. Vottero reviewed the status of Transportation Improvement Program Highway Projects. A handout was not provided at the time of the meeting. Information can be reviewed on the attachment.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – PennDOT District 5 and LANTA

Mr. Rebert stated that there were no Transportation Improvement Program Amendments at this time from District 5-0. Mr. Cotter presented the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments from LANTA. Ms. Bradley made a motion to accept LANTA's first amendment for the technical committee. Ms. Heller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to accept LANTA's first amendment for the coordinating committee. Ms. Bradley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Bradley made a motion to accept LANTA's second amendment for the technical committee. Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Green made a motion to accept LANTA's second amendment for the coordinating committee. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

Mr. Hite announced that it is the 10th Anniversary for LTAP and the LVPC location has the highest class average in the Commonwealth. Mr. Hite reviewed the 2019 Local Technical Assistance Program class listing.

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the Floor

None

Adjourn

Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Green made the motion with Mr. Stoudt seconding. The meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by,
Bethany Vazquez, Program Associate



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Minutes from the April 3, 2019
Joint Technical, Coordinating Committee Meeting
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Office

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Guests: Matt Dorner, Carl Manges, Jen Ruth, Mark Moschella, Rosalin Petrucci, Tom Shortell, Mike Harakal, Steve Turoscy, Jim Milot, Matt Szuchyt, James Brady, Dave Snively, Jay Finnigan, John Diacogiannis, David Manhardt, Kim Schaffer, Richard Young, Scott Slingerland, Rich Ames, Max Inkrote, Amanda Leindecker, Heather Heeter, Steve Strella, Lee Rackus, Sherri Penchishen, Ralph Eberhardt, Bob Dolan, Marc Champigay, Brian Funkhouser, Kurt Derr, Brian Miller, Sarah Cassi, Jeff Obrecht, and Matt Malozi

LVPC Staff: Matt Assad, Charles Doyle, Brian Hite, Tracy Oscavich, Carol Halper, and Chandra Parasa

Minutes

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes of the February 6, 2019 LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting are attached. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes for the Technical Committee. Mr. Green seconded the motion. Mr. O'Neil made a motion to approve the minutes for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Shifflet seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Route 309 Functional Classification Upgrade

Mr. Parasa presented a letter requesting for a functional classification upgrade for State Route 309. The request is for a classification change of a portion of State Route 309 in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County from other principal arterial to other freeways and expressways. State Route 309 is an existing Other Principal Arterial from U.S. route 22 to Interstate 78. This portion to be changed begins at the State Route 309/U.S. Route 22 Interchange and ends at the State Route 309/Interstate 78 Interchange. This section provides a connection between two National Highway System Routes. The roadway along the entirety of this section is fully access controlled by ramps. State Route 309 provides mobility and access to a multitude of adjacent and nearby land uses including residential, commercial, retail, institutional, medical, and recreational. This classification change will result in continuity of classification for State Route 309 with U.S. Route 22. Ms. Heller made a motion by the Technical Committee to approve the letter. Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stoudt made a motion by the Coordination Committee to approve the letter. Mr. Shifflet seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Performance-Based Planning and Programming

Ms. Bradley presented information on Performance-Based Planning and Programming. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act established Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) requirements as part of the Transportation Performance Management rules. Over the last three years the LVTS board has adopted performance measure to comply with the FAST Act requirements. Title 23 Part 450 of the Code of Federal Regulations Subpart c requires that State Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and operators of public transportation to jointly agree-upon written provisions for how they will cooperatively develop and share information related to five key elements of PBPP. Mr. Cotter made a motion by the Technical Committee to accept the PBPP requirements. Mr. Green seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shifflet made a motion to accept the PBPP requirements for the Coordinating Committee. Ms. Bradley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

LVPC Director of Transportation Planning + Data Introduction

Mr. Doyle, the new LVPC Director of Transportation Planning and Data introduced himself to the LVTS Committees.

Federal Funding Re-Authorization

Ms. Bradley presented information on the Federal Funding Re-Authorization. In 2020, the current Federal Transportation Bill will expire. As a staff, the LVPC is in the process of creating priority recommendation letters to send to Senators Casey and Toomey. Through the National Association of Regional Councils, the LVPC was given the opportunity to meet with Representatives of the House of Representatives to work on the language that would potentially go into the new federal transportation bill back in February 2019.

Ms. Bradley briefly reviewed the priorities for the next transportation reauthorization. The priorities are as followed:

- Provide adequate, stable, and flexible funding so regions can choose the investments that work best for them across all models
- Enhance the role Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural/Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) play to achieve increased mobility, access

to opportunities, and economic prosperity, while addressing rapid shifts in innovative technology and data, demographics, and climate

- Prioritize transportation safety and encourage the use of performance metrics to track success and shape future decisions.

Ms. Bradley continued the conversation by reviewing the proposed role that Congress should have during the upcoming transportation reauthorization and some of the recommendations that may be reflected in the letter to the Senators. A letter will be brought before the LVTS Board at the next meeting.

State Transportation Commission 12 Year Program Update

Mr. Shifflet presented information on the State Transportation Commission 12 Year Program Update. PennDOT is six months into the new Transportation Improvement Program, a 12 year program, but updates for the next program are already underway. The public comment period for this update runs from March 11 to April 26. During that time public can go onto TalkPATransportation.com and complete a Transportation Survey. On March 20, PennDOT held an online public meeting where the Secretary and Jim Ritzman hosted and provided some statistics. Over 1,200 people attended the online public meeting. To date, over 3,000 people have participated in the public survey.

I-95 Freight Corridor Coalition Freight Academy

Ms. Bradley gave a brief synopsis of the I-95 Freight Corridor Coalition Freight Academy event that took place on April 2nd at the Mack Truck Facility in Macungie. Every other year the I-95 corridor holds a Freight Academy. This academy is the only program in the county that offers an intensive experience learning about Freight. The program was largely made up of U.S. DOT officials, other DOT personnel that head over freight, and three MPO personnel. Mr. Donchez, LVPC Senior Transportation Planner, was one of the individuals expected into this highly competitive program. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission hosted the academy at Mack Trucks in Macungie. Some of the topics covered in this session included: land use planning in Pennsylvania, the evolving needs of the freight industry, facility development, and other related concepts. The panel of speakers included David Jaindl, Rickard Lundberg, Brian Hare, Don Cunningham, Becky Bradley and Bob Dolan.

Old Business

FutureLV: Call for Transportation Projects + Plans Update

Mr. Rebert presented an update on the FutureLV: Call for Transportation Projects + Plans. Over 200 projects were submitted during the application period, 221 of which were found to be eligible for consideration. The 221 projects are currently undergoing a vetting process to determine funding eligibility and ranking projects according to federal regulations. In addition to the 221 projects, any projects that are considered federal priorities will also be added into the mix. The list will be posted during the summer of 2019.

Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Parasa gave a status report on the Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan. On March 27th the multimodal working group met to discuss public outreach strategies. Mr. Parasa reported the current activities by the consultant including draft chapters on existing conditions, and the gap analysis for the plan. Mr. Parasa reviewed ideas of public engagement and shared highlights from the multimodal working group meeting and the feedback received regarding public engagement efforts.

Status of Transportation Improvement Program Transit Projects

Mr. Cotter reviewed the status of Transportation Improvement Program Transit Projects. The LANTA Board of Directors approved a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to order up to eleven Paratransit vehicles in January 2019. A formal NTP will be issued to the vendor upon approval by PennDOT Central Office. LANTA anticipates ordering five vehicles with a subsequent order for the remaining six vehicles at a later NTP date. Vehicles should arrive and be placed into

service approximately five to six months after NTP. LANTA received ten CNG buses in December 2018 – January 2019, which were placed into revenue service. These vehicles replaced diesel buses that were put into revenue service in 2001, 2003, and 2004. LANTA's fleet now stands at 34 CNG buses. LANTA Board of Directors approved a NTP in November 2018 for an additional 10 CNG buses which will be arriving in September 2019 and placed into revenue service. These buses will replace the remaining diesel buses from 2003 and nearly all of the 2004 diesel buses. The construction for the LANTA service building is nearing completion and is estimated to be concluded and operational at the end of April 2019 or the beginning of May 2019.

Highway Status Report

Mr. Rebert presented the Highway Status Report for the month of April.

MoveLV: 2017-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Accomplishments + Outlook

Ms. Bradley notified the LVTS Board and public that the 2017-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Accomplishments + Outlook have been published and are available on the LVPC website.

BuildLV: Annual Development Report

Ms. Bradley gave a brief presentation of the BuildLV: Annual Development Report. The report has been published and is available on the LVPC website.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – PennDOT District 5 and LANTA

Ms. Ruth presented the Transportation Improvement Program amendments and actions for PennDOT District 5 and LANTA. A joint vote was taken for the amendments presented. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the amendments for the Technical Committee. Mr. Meyer seconded. Mr. Shifflet made a motion to approve the amendments for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Messinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

Mr. Hite announced that the upcoming LTAP meetings are as followed:

- Intersections, April 10th @ LVPC office from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Work Zone Temporary Traffic Control, April 16th @ LVPC office from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Equipment + Worker Safety, April 17th @ LVPC office from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Traffic Sign Basics, May 21st @ LVPC office from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Planning + Pizzas

Ms. Oscavich announced the upcoming Planning and Pizzas, they are as followed:

- Green Infrastructure, April 24th @ LVPC office beginning at 12:00 pm
- BuildLV, May 29th @ LVPC office beginning at 12:00 pm
- 3rd Annual Local Government Appreciation Day, June 26th @ Wayne A Grube Park beginning at 12:00 pm

The Chamber's 2019 Lehigh Valley Transportation Forum

The Chamber's 2019 Lehigh Valley Transportation Forum will be held on June 11th at Mack Trucks Customer Service Center.

Freight Advisory Committee

The upcoming freight advisory meetings are April 3rd @ LVPC, 10:00 am, and August 7th @ LVPC, 10:00 am

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the Floor

Ms. Bradley congratulated Mr. Stoudt on the biographical article in the Power Issue of the LV Business Journal.

Adjourn

Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Meyer made the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, Executive Director and
Bethany Vazquez, Program Associate



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Chair, Technical Committee

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Secretary,
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Technical Committee

**Lehigh Valley Transportation Study
Minutes from the June 5, 2019
JOINT TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Office**

Mr. Rebert called the meeting to order. He invited the committee members and the public to introduce themselves.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee:

City of Allentown	Mayor Ray O'Connell, Leonard Lightner (Alt.)
City of Bethlehem	Darlene Heller (Alt.)
City of Easton	Dave Hopkins (Alt.)
LANta	Brendan Cotter
LNAA	Ryan Meyer
LVPC	Becky Bradley
PennDOT Central	Raymond Green, Chair
PennDOT District 5	Chris Kufro

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City of Allentown	Mayor Ray O'Connell, Craig Messinger (Alt.)
City of Bethlehem	Michael Alkhal (Alt.)
City of Easton	Dave Hopkins (Alt.)
LANta	Owen O'Neil
Lehigh County	Phillips Armstrong
LVIA	Tom Stoudt
LVPC	Becky Bradley
Northampton County	Michael Emili (Alt.)
PennDOT District 5	Michael Rebert, Chair

LVTS Coordinating Committee Absentee:

PennDOT Central Larry Shifflet

LVPC Staff Present:

Peter Barnard, Charles Doyle, Michael Donchez, Carol Halper, Chandra Parasa, Geoff Reese

Public Present:

Ben Bayuk, Bud Carter, Sarah Cassi, Matt Dörner, Ralph Eberhardt, Andrea Ebur, George Kinney, Amanda Leindecker, Matt Malozi, Mark S. Moschella, Pam Pearson, Sherri Penchishen, Lee Rackus, Jeff Rai, Steve Repasch, Joe Romano, Jen Ruth,

Michael Sherman, Moriah Smith, Tina Smith, Luke Sterner, Steve Strella, Steve Turoscy

Minutes

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the May 1, 2019 Technical Committee Meeting were in the packet. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert said that the April 3, 2019 Coordinating Committee Meeting minutes were also in the packet. Mr. Messinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Coordinating Committee, Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert opened the floor for Courtesy of the Floor. There was none.

Old Business

Multimodal Working Group

Mr. Reese stated that the Multimodal Working Group is a committee of the LVTS; its first project is Walk/RollLV Active Transportation Plan which has been meeting since September, getting about 45 people to each meeting. The next meeting is June 26th at 3 PM at American on Wheels. There is almost a complete draft of the plan and will be bringing it back to the committee. The launch event will be held at 3:30 PM on June 12th at Broad and New Streets in Bethlehem. The hope is that this is the first of a series of events to demonstrate how all these modes of transportation can be safe on the street at the same time. The staff hopes that members of the LVTS will participate in all the events.

Status of the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Projects

Mr. Kufro reviewed the projects on the list contained in the packet.

Transportation Improvement Program

Administrative Actions

Mr. Rebert stated there was a list of administrative actions included in the packet, but there is one amendment.

Amendment Actions

Ms. Ruth reported that \$1,423,630 needed to be added to the tip for the SR 22 – 25th Street to Farmersville Road project to meet the low bid. The source is the LVTS Highway and Bridge line item and will need to meet PMC approval. Ms. Bradley wanted to clarify that the funds were being taken out of the Highway and Bridge Line Item Reserve and moved to the Farmersville Road project. Mr. Donchez emphasized that this would zero out the 581 funding for this project. Mr. Rebert called for a motion from the Technical Committee. Ms. Heller made a motion to approve the TIP amendment, Mr. Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. For the Coordinating Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Messinger, seconded by Mr. Cotter. The motion passed unanimously.

Alternative Fuel Corridors Designation

Mr. Doyle reported that Governor Wolf issued a press release stating that I-78 in the Lehigh Valley was designated an alternative fuel corridor, which would fund signage directing drivers of vehicles using compressed natural gas to fueling stations in the region.

New Business

TIP Air Quality Significant Projects

Mr. Donchez stated that the three projects reviewed last month, Jordon Creek Bridge, 7th Street Multi-modal Corridor and the Amazon Off-Site Improvements went through the air quality conformance analysis and were found not adversely affect air quality. The next step will be for the analysis to be released for 30 day public review and comment. Mr. Rebert stated that the Amazon Project used Transportation Economic Development money, not regional funds.

US Department of Transportation Training on the Role of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Mr. Rebert introduced Michael Sherman from the Federal Highway Administration who gave a briefing regarding federal regulations concerning the role of the MPO. Mr. Sherman explained that he would be covering federal regulations that MPOs are required to follow in developing and maintaining a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and would also touch on the recertification process. He stressed that the LRTP is a collaborative process that includes transit providers, the public and others that are impacted by the LRTP.

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Multi-State Freight Working Group Meetings

Ms. Bradley stated that it was decided by the LVTS that it would join this group of MPOs who are working on managing global freight matters. The other MPOs consist of North Jersey, City of New York, Orange County NJ and 4 MPOs in Connecticut. There are typically four meetings a year, and they are planning the fall meeting in the Lehigh Valley.

Transportation Climate Initiatives

Georgetown Climate Center: Transportation-Climate Equity Symposium

The LVTS's partners in this initiative include MPOs in Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, DVRPC, and the MAP MPOs. This initiative is supported by the Merck Foundation and looks at Equity and Environmental Justice issues when it comes to air quality and transportation issues.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations Greenhouse Gas emissions Modeling Project

Ms. Bradley stated that this issue was addressed in the previous item.

Route 309 Functional Classification Upgrade Status

Mr. Donchez reported that 2.08 miles of Route 309 from Route 22 to the I-78 split has been reclassified from a principal artery to a freeway expressway. This will allow for additional funding for the Route 309 / Tilghman Street interchange.

Communication + Correspondence

Mr. Rebert stated there were two letters in the packet.

Letter from Secretary Richards - I-95 Corridor Coalition Mileage Based User Fee Study Request

Ms. Bradley reported that Pennsylvania is participating in a pilot program by the I-95 Corridor Coalition to test other mechanisms for generating revenue since the gas tax revenue is diminishing due to more fuel efficient cars and alternative fueled cars. This program is testing a Mileage Based User Fee Process. Secretary Richards is looking for 450 volunteers to sign up to participate.

Letter from Northampton County Executive McClure- Restore Pennsylvania Initiative

Ms. Bradley stated that Executive McClure sent a letter supporting the Governor's funding initiative. It would assist in generating funds for the Multi-Modal funding from PennDOT and PA DCED.

FutureLV: The Regional Plan

Centers and Corridors Transportation / Land Use Connectivity

Mr. Doyle explained the definitions of centers and corridors and the process for developing a long term strategy for them. Mr. Barnard discussed the policy implications and Mr. Doyle discussed corridor types.

FutureLV Working Group

Ms. Bradley mentioned that August 2nd the official draft will go out for a 45 day public review, September 26th it will be presented to the LVPC Board of Commissioners and October 2nd, the final report will come to the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be June 17th from 3:00-5:00 PM in the LVPC office.

Mr. Rebert opened the meeting for Courtesy of Floor, of which there was none.

Mr. Stoudt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Carol Halper, Senior Advisor



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Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Minutes from the August 7, 2019

JOINT MEETING OF THE LVTS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Lehigh Valley Planning Committee Office

Mr. Rebert called the meeting to order. He invited the members of both committees and the public to introduce themselves.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee:

City of Bethlehem	Darlene Heller (Alt.)
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Northampton County	Michael Emili (Alt.)
PennDOT Central	Larry Shifflet
PennDOT District 5	Michael Rebert, Chair

Absentees:

LVTS Coordinating Committee:

LVIA

LVPC Staff Present:

Matt Assad, Michael Donchez, Carol Halper, Brian Hite, Simon Okumu, Tracy Oscavich, Chandra Parasa, Geoff Reese

Public Present:

Geoff Brace, Chris Briggs, John Caperilla, Connor Capora, Gene Clater, Mick Dee, Kurt Derr, John, Diacogiannis, Bob Dolan, Ralph Eberhardt, Ommar Eltayeb, Bob Elbich, Jay Finnigan, Brian Funkhouser, Vito Gallo, Max Inkrote, George Kinney, Bob Lammi, Amanda Leindecker, Don Lerch, Susan Lindenmoyer, Kevin Lott, Bill McGee, Brian Miller, Jim Milot, Mark Moschella, Steve Novak, Sherri Penchishen, Lee Rackus, Michael Rimer, Jen Ruth, Tom Shortell, Scott Slingerland, Tina Smith, Lorie Sugra, Matt Szuchyt, Dan Walston, Greg Zebrowski

Courtesy of the Floor: There was none.

Minutes

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the July 10, 2019 Technical Committee meeting were in the packet. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kufro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert then stated the minutes from the June 5, 2019 Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee were in the packet. Mr. Messinger made a motion to approve those minutes, Mr. Emili seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Multimodal Working Group

Mr. Reese stated that the next meeting of the Multimodal Working Group will be September 25, 2019 at the American on Wheels Museum at 3:00 pm. The draft plan for Walk/RollLV will be discussed.

Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan Update Draft Plan Update

Mr. Reese reported that a few months ago the initial draft was received and comments were submitted to the consultant. A formatted draft of a portion of the document was recently obtained from the consultant. Once the consultant gets the go-ahead to finalize, the complete formatted draft should be ready for the community on September 25th.

Status of Transportation Improvement Program Transit Projects

Mr. Cotter referred to the handout in the packet and reviewed the TIP Transit Project updates for LANta.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for Action and Administrative Reporting – PennDOT District 5

Mr. Rebert reported there were administrative actions included in the packet.

New Business

Project Update: Build Grant – Closing the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Gap

Ms. Oscavich reported that the BUILD Grant was submitted on July 15, 2019. The request is for \$21 million to USDOT for 3.5 miles for the multimodal revitalization project known as Riverside Drive. There is a 48% private match. The grant announcement is expected on November 12, 2019. She thanked those in the room who supported the effort. Mr. Molchany mentioned that the partners will be reaching out to LVTS members to make calls and send letters to US Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and legislators.

FutureLV – Transportation Funding Cuts to LVTS

Mr. Rebert introduced Larry Shifflet, Deputy Secretary of Planning. Mr. Shifflet's presentation dealt with the cut in transportation funding. He started his presentation by stating that the cuts were due to less overall funding, specifically state funding, a shift in investment strategy per the federal authorization acts and increase investment in interstates. Mr. Shifflet entertained comments and questions from the committees and the public.

Communication + Correspondence

None

FutureLV: The Regional Plan

FutureLV Working Group:

Mr. Doyle stated that the next meeting of the FutureLV Working Group would be held on August 19th at the LVPC Office from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Mr. Doyle pointed out that each voting member of the Technical and Coordinating Committees had a draft copy of FutureLV: The Regional Plan at their seat. He asked that the committees vote to authorize approval to release the list of projects contained in the plan for public review and comment during the upcoming public comment period. After much discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Kufro for the Technical Committee to authorize the release of FutureLV: The Regional Plan for public comment. Mr. Cotter seconded the motion, which passed. The same motion was made by Mr. Molchany for the Coordinating Committee. It was seconded by Mr. Shifflet. The motion passed with Mr. Emili voting no.

Mr. Green made a motion for the Technical Committee to release the air quality projects separately; Mr. Cotter seconded the motion which passed. Mr. Molchany made the same motion for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Alkhal seconded the motion, which also passed.

Public Engagement and Participation:

Ms. Oscavich reviewed the upcoming Planning + Pizza events included on the agenda.

Mr. Hite reviewed the LTAP training sessions also on the agenda.

Ms. Oscavich reminded the Committees that the LVPC Gala + 6th Annual Lehigh Valley Awards will be held on October 16, 2019 in the evening at DeSales University. The nominations for the awards have been submitted and the judges will meet soon to make their decision.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Walston wanted to bring to the attention of the committee members the Traffic Incident Management Initiative led by the Turnpike and PennDOT. It is an electronic training for first responders. The Fire Association and PSATS have links. Mr. Walston asked that the committees assist in getting the word out to the municipalities. He can be contacted for more information.

Two members of the public brought up the issue of excessive trucks and traffic due to the warehouses being built. After stating their concerns, Mr. Rebert suggested they attend the Freight Advisory meeting, which was starting after adjournment, to further the discussion.

Adjourn

Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary
Carol Halper, Senior Advisor



Lehigh Valley Transportation Study

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Technical Committee

Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Minutes from the October 2, 2019

JOINT MEETING OF THE LVTS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Office

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rebert. Mr. Rebert invited the attendees to introduce themselves.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee:

City of Bethlehem	Darlene Heller (Alt)
City of Easton	Dave Hopkins (Alt)
LANta	Brendan Cotter
LNAA	Ryan Meyer
LVPC	Becky Bradley
PennDOT Center	Ray Green
PennDOT District 5	Chris Kufro

LVTS Coordinating Committee:

City of Allentown	Craig Messinger (Alt)
City of Bethlehem	Michael Alkhal (Alt)
City of Easton	Dave Hopkins (Alt)
LANta	Owen O'Neill
Lehigh County	Richard Molchany (Alt)
LNAA	Tom Stoudt
LVPC	Becky Bradley
Northampton County	Michael Emili (Alt)
PennDOT Central	Larry Shifflet
PennDOT District 5	Michael Rebert

Absentee:

LVTS Technical Committee:

City of Allentown

LVPC Staff Present:

Matt Assad
Michael Donchez
Charles Doyle
Carol Halper
Simon Okumu
Tracy Oscavich

Public Present:

Chris Briggs, Sarah Cassi, Mick Dee, Kurt Derr, Matt Dorner, Ralph Eberhardt, Dave Edinger, Brian Hare, Max Inkrote, George Kinney, Bob Lammi, Amanda Leindecker, Don Lerch, Matt Malozi, Sherri Penchishen, Jen Ruth, Tom Shortell, Scott Slingerland, Steve Strella, Matt Szuchyt, Dan Walston, Richard Young

Courtesy of the Floor

There was none.

Minutes

Mr. Rebert stated the minutes from the September 4, 2019 Technical Committee meeting were in the packet. There being no comments, Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kufro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting on August 7, 2019 were in the packet. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Molchany seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Multimodal Working Group

Ms. Bradley stated that the Multimodal Working Group, a subcommittee of the LVTS, met last week. The next meeting is October 23rd at 3 PM at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The consultant is expected to attend the next meeting with a copy of the draft plan.

Status of Transportation Improvement Program Highway Projects

Mr. Kufro reviewed the highlights of the handout in the packet.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for Action and Administrative Reporting – PennDOT District 5

Mr. Rebert stated there were none to report and he referred the committees to the handout in the packet.

FutureLV: The Regional Plan

Mr. Rebert reviewed the LVTS working sessions to reorganize the project list and the methodology used. The Technical and Coordinating committees met at least 4 times. They were able to add all the projects the Committees felt should be on the LRTP.

Public Review and Comment Period Report

Ms. Bradley reported there were 224 comments regarding FutureLV. All were documented. They are in the appendices of the plan and are being uploaded to the internet. She thanked everyone for the good feedback regarding these complicated issues. Mr. Doyle provided a brief analysis of the funding to improve local and

regionally significant projects. The funding totals \$1.62 billion, with PennDOT receiving the largest share, followed by the counties, the cities, then the townships and boroughs.

Resolution Adopting FutureLV: The Regional Plan as the LVTS Long-Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Mr. Rebert called for a motion to adopt the FutureLV: The Regional Plan as the LVTS Long Range Transportation Plan per Resolution No. 10-2-19-A. Mr. Meyer made the motion for the Technical Committee, Mr. Cotter seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously. Mr. Molchany made the same motion for the Coordinating Committee; Mr. Shifflet seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

New Business

Resolution Adopting a “Health in All Policies” Approach to Transportation Planning

Ms. Bradley stated that the LVPC Executive Committee adopted this resolution at their last meeting and forwarded it to LVTS for consideration. She explained that the LVPC / LVTS applied for a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PA Department of Health and the University of Pittsburgh to get some training in how to incorporate health in our transportation and land use planning program and to support the development of the Regional Plan. The renderings in the plan were funded by this grant. Ms. Bradley made a motion for the Technical Committee to adopt Resolution No. 10-2-19-B, “Health in All Policies”. Ms. Heller seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously. Mr. Shifflet made the same motion for the Coordinating Committee, Mr. Emili seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Draft 2020-2022 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Bradley explained the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the two year contract between the LVPC, PennDOT and the federal government for Metropolitan Planning Organization functions. Ms. Bradley asked Dan Walston from Federal Highway Administration to explain the list of planning activities that he shared with the Technical Committee in September.

Ms. Bradley stated that the UPWP will go into effect on July 1, 2020. Ms. Bradley requested that all comments regarding the draft be emailed to her by October 25th. The revised draft will go to the LVPC Executive Committee then back to LVTS Technical Committee, then to the Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting on December 4th.

Communication + Correspondence

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation 2020-2021 Multimodal Transportation Funding

Ms. Bradley reported that applications for PennDOT Multimodal funds are due on November 8th at 5 PM. The goal is to announce the awards early next calendar year.

Public Engagement and Participation:

Ms. Bradley brought to the Committee's attention the meeting being hosted at the LVPC on October 8th at 10:30 AM of the Metropolitan Area Planning Forum Freight Meeting. She also reviewed the list of Planning + Pizzas, LTAP classes, Lehigh Valley Government Academy courses and other public events that are listed on the meeting agenda. She added the Planning + Pretzels Water Working Group Meeting on October 31st at 2 PM in the LVPC conference room.

Mr. Rebert opened the meeting for courtesy of the floor. Mr. Slingerland thanked the committees for giving everyone a chance to speak at the presentations and for their vision for evolving solutions for transportation and the effect transportation has on everyone's quality of life.

Ms. Bradley stated that the LRTP is available on-line and hard copies will be available as needed. When the LVPC, Northampton County and Lehigh County have adopted FutureLV: The Regional Plan more copies will be made and widely distributed.

Adjourn

Mr. Molchany made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
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**Lehigh Valley Transportation Study
Minutes from the December 4, 2019
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Brian Hite
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Public Present:

Sarah Cassi, Hannah Clark, Tara DeStefano, Kurt Derr, Bob Dolan, Matt Dorner, Mohamed Dora, Holly Edinger, Jim Elliott, Bill Erdman, Jay Finnegan, Marta Gabriel, Ben Guthrie, Bob Ibach, Max Inkrote, John Gallagher, George Kinney, Andrew Kreiner, Carl Lagler, Don Lerch, Brian Miller, Jim Milot, Jen Ruth, Claire Sadler, Tom Shortell, Ann Schubert, John Schubert, Scott Slingerland, Scott Stenroos, Steve Strella, Matt Szuchyt, AnnMarie Vigilante, Cheryl Johnson Watt and, Randy Zimmerman

Courtesy of the Floor

There was none.

Minutes

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the November 6, 2019 Technical Committee Meeting are in the packet. Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Kufro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the October 2, 2019 Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting are in the packet. Mr. Messinger made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion, which passed.

Old Business

Status of Transportation Improvement Program Transit Projects

Mr. Cotter updated the Tip Transit Program. He reviewed the handout in the packet.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for Action and Administrative Reporting

Mr. Rebert stated that the statewide administrative actions were contained in the handout in the packet.

FutureLV: The Regional Plan

Ratification of LVTS Air Quality Conformity Resolution e-mail ballot

Ms. Bradley reported that the regional plan was fully adopted by the LVTS and the LVPC, the later recommend it be forwarded to the two counties. Northampton County Council adopted the plan on November 21st and the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners adopted the plan on November 26th. She also noted that

FHWA requested more specifics be added to the LVTS resolution adopting the plan, which were passed by email ballot by both LVTS committees. Then FHWA had more revisions, which were also voted on by email ballot. Technical Committee voted to ratify the email vote on November 6th. Ms. Bradley referred to the final draft of the resolution contained in the packet which now needs to be ratified by the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Molchany made the motion and Mr. Emili seconded it. The motion to ratify passed unanimously.

Formal Concurrence of Minor Text Revisions

Ms. Bradley referred to Northampton County Executive McClure's letter and associated Plan revisions which contained some suggested changes to the Regional Plan. On November 6th Technical Committee voted to concur with the changes. Ms. Bradley requested that Coordinating Committee vote for a formal concurrence of the text changes. Mr. Emili made that motion. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

What Cyclists Need to know about Trucks" – presentation by Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (CAT) and XPO Logistics

Ms. Bradley stated that Mr. Slingerland and members from CAT came together with Bob Dolan of the Freight Advisory Committee to work on a unique project. Mr. Slingerland introduced Mr. Schubert, board president of CAT. Mr. Schubert made a presentation which included a short video depicting some of the issues truck drivers face when there are cyclists on the road. Mr. Hare asked for the video to be shared at a future PennDOT Freight Working Group. Audience and LVTS questions and discussion occurred.

Multimodal Working Group

Walk/Roll LV: Active Transportation Plan Draft Presentation

Ms. Bradley stated that Geoff Reese is the project manager for the Multimodal Working Group with Charlie Doyle. Mr. Reese introduced the consultants on the plan to make the presentation of the draft plan. Jim Elliott of Toole Design Group and Ben Guthrie of Traffic Planning Design presented the draft of the Walk/Roll LV: Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Reese stated that the public comment period for this plan opens today for 45 days. Ms. Bradley added that the plan will be on the LVPC website and comments can be made on the website, by mail, email or telephone. Mr. Reese mentioned that there will be a Public Meeting on January 8, 2020 as part of the LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting.

Lehigh Valley International Airport Area Freight Study

Mr. Doyle stated the plan is finalized and is available on the LVPC website. The study was a result of more than a year of collaboration between freight industry leaders, 13 municipalities surrounding the Lehigh Valley International Airport (LVIA) and representatives from the Lehigh and Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA). The study is comprised of analysis concerning implications of growing land use and transportation needs and serves as a menu of options for the 13 municipalities involved in plan, to use as they move forward. Ms. Bradley

mentioned that it will be a useful tool as the region works to problem solve the rapid growth. The report is on the LVPC website.

Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Bradley reminded the members that the UPWP is the contract between the LVPC, PennDOT and USDOT for the work the LVPC will do as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization. She shared that at the November 6th meeting, the Technical Committee reviewed the UPWP and voted to recommend it to the Coordinating Committee. Ms. Bradley reviewed the combined changes highlighted in the packet and noted these were the result of public, LVPC and staff input. These were accepted by both the LVTS Technical Committee and LVPC Executive Committee too. Ms. Bradley asked for a motion to adopt the UPWP as presented. Mr. Rebert asked for the motion. Mr. Stoudt made the motion and Mr. Molchany seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

New Business

First Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Rebert reviewed the draft TIP highlights for 2021-2024, which are contained in the packet. He stated that in April or May, the TIP will need to be formally adopted. This draft is the result of LVTS Technical / Coordinating Working Meetings in November.

Mr. Rebert reviewed the State 12-Year Program for the Lehigh Valley. The Pennsylvania 12-Year Program is an additional \$395,037,046.00 in funds into the region. It is NOT our LVTS TIP, and the two should not be confused. District 5 did very well, thanks to Senator Browne's efforts. He referred to the list in the packet. Ms. Bradley stated that PennDOT chose to focus on the Interstate and these funds will help move forward projects on the unmet needs list in the regional plan. She too thanked Senator Browne for his part in obtaining these funds.

2020 Calendar Meeting Dates

Ms. Oscavich reviewed the handout in the packet that contained meeting dates for 2020. When the dates are finalized, they will be advertised and posted on the LVPC website. Mr. Rebert requested a Joint Technical / Coordinating meeting be added in January.

PennDOT Regional Operations Plan Development

Mr. Doyle reported that there was a meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations hosted by PennDOT on November 18, 2019. He mentioned the importance of the plan for transportation planning of intelligent transportation systems, dynamic messaging, and emergency services. Additional details will be brought to LVTS as they become available.

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects/Transportation Improvement Program Accomplishments Status

Ms. Bradley stated this report is due every year, at the end of December. The list of obligated projects will be submitted to the LVTS and PennDOT by the end of the month.

Highway Performance Monitoring System Status (HPMS)

Ms. Bradley stated that the Highway Performance Monitoring System is our traffic count program. PennDOT provides a list of counts to conduct around the Lehigh Valley. Brain Hite manages the program with the assistance of Simon Okumu. Mr. Hite reviewed the HPMS and how the LVPC goes about doing traffic counts in both counties. A total of 181 segments were reviewed and 115 traffic counts were conducted between March 1st and November 15th. The final report will be submitted today.

PennDOT Regional Innovation Day

Mr. Hite reported that he and Mr. Okumu attended this event, which showcased innovated approaches to by local governments and PennDOT across Pennsylvania, covering topics including safety and traffic operations, roadway and bridge design, construction and management. Approximately 500 people were in attendance. Some of the various sessions attended that were pertinent to their work at LVPC included Smarter Work Zones, Improving Safety Using GIS and Mapping Tools, Using Data to Improve Traffic and Safety Analysis, Innovative Traffic Management Technology, and Municipal Innovations and Programs. Former PennDOT Secretary Richards spoke at lunch.

Formation of a Nominating Committee: 2020-2021 LVTS Technical and Coordinating Officers

Ms. Bradley reviewed the portion of the LVTS by-laws pertaining to the nomination of officers. Officers are selected every two years for a two year term. The secretary is always the executive director of the LVPC. The following nominations were made:

Ms. Bradley nominated Mr. Kufro as chair of the Technical Committee.

Ms. Bradley nominated Mr. Cotter as vice-chair of the Technical Committee

Mr. Molchany nominated Mr. Rebert to continue as chair of the Coordinating Committee

Mr. Stoudt nominated Mr. Molchany as vice-chair of the Coordinating Committee, which he declined.

Mr. Molchany nominated Mr. Hare as vice-chair of the Coordinating Committee.

Ms. Bradley stated that other nominations will be taken from the floor at the January 8, 2020 meeting. The slate will be voted on at that meeting.

Communication + Correspondence

PennDOT Letter – Brian Hare

Mr. Rebert reported that Mr. Hare will be replacing Mr. Shifflet on the Coordinating Committee.

Public Engagement and Participation

Ms. Bradley stated that the Federal Certification Review, which occurs every 4 years, will be on December 16th and 17th. There will be a public meeting on December 17th at 4:30 PM. Members of LVTS will be asked to attend.

Adjourn

Mr. Rebert called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Molchany made the motion. Ms. Bradley seconded it. Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Carol Halper, Senior Advisor