



Lehigh Valley Transportation Study

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**Lehigh Valley Transportation Study
Minutes from the April 1, 2020**

**Joint Meeting of the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA WEB
AND/OR CALL**

Before the meeting was called to order, Ms. Oscavich provided directions on how to participate in the virtual meeting. This was followed by Ms. Bradley thanking everyone for their flexibility and willingness to participate virtually. She stated that the meeting was advertised in the Morning Call on March 27, 2020 and promoted on the LVPC website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Ms. Bradley also reviewed the virtual meeting protocol and the agenda.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rebert.

Roll Call

Mr. Rebert asked Ms. Bradley to take attendance.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee:

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| City of Allentown | 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 Office | James Mosca |
| PennDOT District 5 | Chris Kufro |

LVTS Coordinating Committee:

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| City of Allentown | Craig Messinger (Alt) |
| City of Easton | Dave Hopkins (Alt) |
| LANta | Owen O'Neill |
| Lehigh County | Rick Molchany (Alt) |
| LNAA | Tom Stoudt |
| LVPC | Becky Bradley |
| Northampton County | Michael Emili (Alt) |
| PennDOT Central Office | Brian Hare |
| PennDOT District 5 | Michael Rebert |

Absentee:

LVTS Coordinating Committee:

City of Bethlehem

LVPC Staff Participants:

Matt Assad
Charles Doyle
Carol Halper
Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Tracy Oscavich
Bethany Vazquez

Public Participants:

Matt Dorner, Heather Heeter, Bill Hines, Max Inkrote, Amanda Leindecker, Todd Leiss, Gene Porochniak, Lee Rackus, Jen Ruth and Kim Schaffer

Courtesy of the Floor

There were none.

Minutes

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the March 4, 2020 LVTS Technical Committee Meeting were in the packet. For the Technical Committee, Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lightner made a motion and Mr. Mosca seconded it. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he called for a roll call vote. Ms. Bradley read the roll call and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the February 5, 2020 LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting were in the packet. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Mr. Messinger. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he call for a vote. Ms. Bradley read the roll call and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

PennDOT District 5 Highway Status Report

Mr. Kufro reviewed the handout in the packet and the slide. There were no questions or comments.

PennDOT District 5 requested Coordinating Committee Email Ballot for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Rebert explained that at the March 4, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting, a TIP amendment was proposed by PennDOT that would add preliminary engineering to the Filetown Road Bridge project on the 2019-2022 TIP. Added to the TIP would be \$64,000 of federal funding sources and \$16,000 from state funding sources. Funds would be moved from the Walnut Street Bridge in Slatington to fiscal year 2021. The Technical Committee voted to forward the amendment to the Coordinating Committee for an email ballot due to the time sensitivity. The amendment was posted on the LVPC website in accordance with the LVTS Public Participation Plan. Ms. Bradley read the

results of the Coordinating Committee email ballot. She reported that the TIP amendment passed unanimously.

PennDOT District 5 Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Actions and Amendment

Ms. Ruth reviewed the administrative actions on the handout in the packet and on the slides. She described the first TIP amendment and statewide administrative action #2 and the TIP modification which is proposed amendment #2.

Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to accept TIP amendment #2, since amendment #1 was voted on at the March 5th Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Cotter made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Lightner. Hearing no questions or comments from either the voting members or the public, Mr. Kufro called for the vote. Ms. Bradley read the roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert called for a motion to accept TIP amendment #2, since amendment #1 was previously passed by email ballot. Mr. Messinger made the motion, Mr. Molchany seconded it. Hearing no questions or comments from either the voting members or the public, Mr. Rebert called for the vote. Ms. Bradley read the roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

LANta Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Cotter reported that LANTA is proposing two transit TIP modifications. He reviewed the modification contained on the handout and slides. They pertain to operations assistance and heavy duty bus purchases. Mr. Kufro asked for motion from the Technical Committee to approve LANta's proposed TIP amendments #1 and #2. Mr. Lightner made the motion with Ms. Bradley making the second. Mr. Kufro asked for comments and questions from the members and the public. Hearing none he asked Ms. Bradley to read the roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert asked for the same motion from the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Molchany made the motion and Mr. Hare seconded it. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any comments and questions from the members and the public. Hearing none he asked Ms. Bradley to read the roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Update

Mr. Doyle reviewed the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. He reviewed the timeline contained in the packet and on the slide. Moving forward, the intention is for the TIP to go out for the 30 public review no later than May 18, 2020 and for the TIP to be discussed at the June 3rd Joint LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting. The expectation is for the TIP to be adopted at the July 8th Joint LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting. Once the LVTS adopts the TIP, it will go to PennDOT and US Department of Transportation for review and acceptance.

Walk/Roll Final Draft Document and Next Steps

Ms. Bradley reported that the Multimodal Working Group did not meet in March due to COVID-19 and the need to maintain social distancing. The LVPC has received a final draft of the Walk/Roll LV: Active Transportation Plan from the consultants. The plan is posted on the LVPC website. The next Multimodal Working Group will meet virtually on April 22, 2020 at 3 PM. The meeting can be accessed via the web page <http://tiny.cc/MMWG0422Mtg> 2. or via phone at +1 872-222-9976, Conference ID: 372 703 729# . Ms. Bradley encouraged the LVTS and the public to read the draft as the Multimodal Working Group, the LVPC Environment and Transportation Committees are considering moving it to the full LVPC Commission and the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees. All comments can be forwarded to Ms. Bradley by email or by calling the LVPC office.

New Business

PennDOT One Map to MapCore 2.0

Mr. Hare reviewed PennDOT's online mapping repository that recently transitioned from its original One Map to Mapcore 2.0. These changes to the PennDOT mapping and data access are more user-friendly and functional. Mr. Doyle added that the process is much smoother, faster and more accessible.

USDOT BUILD Grant – Riverside Drive

Ms. Oscavich reviewed the Riverside Drive Multimodal Revitalization Corridor Project and stated that the LVPC would be submitting an application for the U.S. Department of Transportation_2020 BUILD Grants. The applications are due May 18, 2020. She requested a letter of support from the LVTS to include in the packet to USDOT. A draft letter was included in the packet and shown on the screen. Mr. Kufro asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to support the 2020 USDOT BUILD grant. Mr. Lightner made the motion with a second by Mr. Meyer. Mr. Kufro asked for comments and questions from the members and the public. Hearing none he asked Ms. Bradley to read the roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert asked for the same motion from the Coordinating Committee. Mr. O'Neill made the motion and Ms. Bradley seconded it. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any comments and questions from the members and the public. Hearing none he asked Ms. Bradley to read the roll call. The motion passed unanimously

Communication + Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the Floor

There were none.

Adjourn

Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bradley made a motion and Mr. Lightner seconded it. Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

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