

Lehigh Valley Transportation Study
Minutes from the Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Joint Technical and Coordinating 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, Mr. Doyle stated that the agenda and materials for this meeting were posted on the LVPC website. He provided directions on how to participate in the virtual meeting and the protocol to allow the meeting to flow smoothly. Mr. Doyle also mentioned that this meeting was advertised in the Lehigh Valley Press on December 28, 2020, as well as the LVPC website and social media outlets. He explained the procedure for public participants to ask questions or make comments. Ms. Bradley reviewed the meeting agenda.

Mr. Kufro welcomed everyone and asked Ms. Bradley to take attendance.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee

City of Allentown	Leonard Lightner (Alt)
City of Bethlehem	Darlene Heller (Alt)
LANTA	Brendan Cotter
LVPC	Becky Bradley
PennDOT Central Office	James Mosca

LVTS Coordinating Committee

City of Allentown	Craig Messinger (Alt)
City of Bethlehem	Michael Alkhal (Alt)
LANTA	Owen O'Neil
Lehigh County	Phil Armstrong
Lehigh County	Rick Molchany (Alt)
LVPC	Becky Bradley
Northampton County	Michael Emili (Alt)
PennDOT Central Office	Brian Hare
PennDOT District 5	Chris Kufro

LVPC Staff Participants

Matt Assad
Charles Doyle
Michael Hanes
Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Tracy Oscavich

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

Public Participants:

David Alas, Ethan Baldwin, Jessica Bice, James Brady, Jennifer Croback, Ralph Eberhardt, Heather Heeter, Amanda Leindecker, Sherri Penchishen, Lee Rackus, Dave Rostron, Jen Ruth, Scott Slingerland, Jennifer Swann, Matt Szuchyt, and Scott Vottero

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 welcomed Mr. Michael Hanes, Associate Director of Transportation and Data Management to the LVPC Team. Mr. Hanes shared a few words with the LVTS board.

Minutes

Mr. Cotter stated that the minutes from the December 2, 2020 LVTS Technical Committee Meeting were in the packet. Mr. Cotter asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Mosca made a motion and Mr. Lightner seconded it. Mr. Cotter asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for a call of votes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes from December 2, 2020 LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting were in the packet. Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Molchany made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Mr. Messinger. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for a call of votes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Special Order of Business

Incoming USDOT Secretary Meeting

Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong gave a report on his meeting with incoming Transportation Secretary Mr. Pete Buttigieg and several local government officials around the county. Executive Armstrong stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the infrastructure needs facing the local governments and the region's transportation needs.

Old Business

PennDOT District 5 Highway Status Report

Mr. Vottero reviewed the PennDOT District 5 Highway Project Status Report and asked if any member of the LVTS Board or public had any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Kufro thanked Mr. Vottero and moved on to the next agenda item.

PennDOT TIP Program Administrative Actions

Ms. Ruth briefly summarized the PennDOT Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Actions and asked if any member of the LVTS Board or public had any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Kufro thanked Ms. Ruth and moved on to the next agenda item.

Highway Safety Improvement Program – PM-1 Safety Performance Measures Target Adoption

Mr. Doyle stated that each year PennDOT, in cooperation with the LVTS, is required by the Federal Highway Administration to establish performance targets for eligibility of certain program funds. At the December 2, 2020 LVTS meeting, the 2021 Performance Measures were introduced for compliance with federal procedures required under the Fixing America's Surface

Transportation Act. Mr. Doyle stated that adoption of targets are required for funding eligibility. Mr. Doyle briefly reviewed previous Performance Measures analyses with the Committees. Ms. Bradley reviewed the newly proposed 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets. Mr. Kufro asked if the Committees or public has any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Kufro asked to call for a vote.

Mr. Cotter asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to adopt the Safety Performance Measures. Mr. Lightner made the motion with Mr. Mosca seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kufro asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to adopt the Safety Performance Measures. Mr. Molchany made the motion with Mr. O'Neil seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PM-2 and PM-3 Performance Measures

Mr. Doyle briefly reviewed the PM-2 and PM-3 Performance Measures with the Committees. PM-2 concerns measures of pavement and bridge conditions for interstate and non-interstate National Highway Systems. PM-3 concerns reliability of vehicle miles travelled for both interstate and non-interstate National Highway Systems, truck reliability in the interstate, emission of pollutants, annual hours of peak excessive delay per capita and percentage of non-single occupancy vehicles. Mr. Doyle review the 2- and 4-targets for each measure with the Committee.

New Business

LANTA SolStop Bench

Mr. Cotter presented information of the LANTA SolStop Bench. LANTA has introduced a two-seater bench with touchless lighting for narrow sidewalks through the LANTA SolStop Program. The information on the program was published in the Morning Call on December 22, 2020. Mr. Cotter reviewed the first installation of the SolStop Bench, its interchangeable components and informed on the Moving LANTA Forward program.

COVID-19 Pandemic Highway Traffic Monitoring

Mr. Hite gave an update on the monthly COVID-19 traffic counts from March 2020 to December 2020. Mr. Hite also reported on the Average Annual Daily Traffic for 2019 vs. 2020 as well as the Average Annual Daily Truck Traffic for 2019 vs. 2020.

Communication + Correspondence

LVPC Business Cycle Column

Mr. Assad stated that the most recent LVPC column on High Cube and Automated Warehousing is in the committee packet. The next LVPC column is scheduled to publish on Sunday January 3, 2021.

Public Engagement and Participation

Mr. Hite pointed the Committees and attendees to upcoming engagement opportunities which included:

- Local Technical Assistance Program – Virtual Classes
 - Registration can be found at <https://gis.penndot.gov/ltap>
 - Introduction to Traffic Studies – February 2

- Traffic Calming – February 10
- Winter Maintenance 101 – February 16
- Pedestrian and Crosswalks – February 18
- Pavement Markings: Applications and Maintenance V.II – February 23
- Asset Management – February 25

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. O'Neil seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Bethany Vazquez, Program Associate