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

**Attendees:**

**LVTS Technical Committee:**
- 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: Jim Mosca
- PennDOT District 5: Chris Kufro

**LVTS Coordinating Committee:**
- City of Allentown: Craig Messinger (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: Brian Hare
- PennDOT District 5: Michael Rebert

**Absentees:**
- LVTS Coordinating Committee
- City of Bethlehem

**LVPC Staff Present:**
- Matt Assad
- Michael Donchez
- Charles Doyle
- Carol Halper
- Brian Hite
- Simon Okumu
- Tracy Oscavich
- Geoff Reese
Samantha Smith

Public Present:

Courtesy of the Floor
There was none.

Minutes
Mr. Rebert stated the minutes from the December 4, 2019 Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting were in the packet. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any Comments; hearing none, he asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the minutes. Mr. Cotter made the motion, Mr. Lightner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
Mr. Rebert asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, he requested a motion from the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Messinger made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Stoudt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old Business
LVTS Committee Vote of 2020-2021 LVTS Technical and Coordinating Officers
Ms. Bradley reported that last month, the following nominations were made:
Technical Committee: Coordinating Committee
Mr. Kufro- Chair Mr. Rebert- Chair
Mr. Cotter- Vice Chair Mr. Hare- Vice Chair
Ms. Bradley- Secretary Ms. Bradley- Secretary.

She stated that the by-laws allow for nominations from the floor. Mr. Kufro asked for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Technical Committee. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers for the Technical Committee for the next two years. Mr. Hopkins made the motion. Ms. Heller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Mr. Rebert repeated the slate for the Coordinating Committee and requested any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for the motion to approve the slate of officers for the Coordinating Committee for the next two years. Mr. Molchnay made the motion. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Status of Transportation Improvement Program Highway Projects
Mr. Kufro reviewed the handout contained in the packet. They are all current projects and not based on the draft TIP.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for Action and Administrative Reporting – PennDOT District 5
Mr. Rebert stated there were no 2019-2022 TIP Program amendments to report. He referred the committee members to the document in the packet.
Draft 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Motion to forward to PennDOT Central Office for preliminary review

Mr. Rebert reported that since the last meeting, there was another meeting and some of the projects were moved. He reiterated to the Committees that no interstate funds were being utilized on this TIP. After some discussion, including several projects in Easton, Mr. Rebert asked for motions from both Committees to release the draft TIP to Central Office for review. Mr. Kufro asked for a motion from the Technical Committee. Mr. Hopkins made the motion, Mr. Lightner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert asked for the same motion from the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Molchany made the motion and Mr. Stoudt seconded it. After several comments and questions, the motion passed with one nay vote from Mr. Emili on behalf of Northampton County.

Multimodal Working Group
Walk/RollLV Public Review and Comment Period

Mr. Rebert stated that this is the public comment period for the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Reese reported that the draft plan was presented to LVTS in December, it was posted on the LVPC website the next day, and the public comment period started that day. The comment period runs December 5th – January 18th. 25 commenters have responded so far, accounting for approximately 50 remarks. When the comment period ends, LVPC will bring them to the consultants who will make adjustments to the plan, then to LVTS for review. Mr. Rebert asked for comments or questions from the floor. There was one question from the public regarding the time the public comment period ends on January 18th. Mr. Reese also mentioned that the next meeting of the Multimodal Working Group Meeting is January 22nd at the LVPC office at 3:00 pm, where all the comments will be reviewed.

New Business
PennDOT I-81/I-78 Alternative Fuel Corridor Deployment Plan Proposal

Mr. Doyle reported that on January 6th he attended the kick-off meeting at Central Office for the Alternative Fuel Corridor. The corridor that impacts our region is I-78, which runs from the Lebanon County line to the New Jersey State line. The goal is to identify locations in developing a national network for alternative fuels such as Compressed Natural Gas and electric charging stations as well as signage for these locations.

Alternative Funding Study and Implementation – Request for Proposals

Mr. Hare reported that due to current funding issues, PennDOT Central Office issued an RFP for a consultant team with national experience to study the reduction of our reliance on the gas tax. It will include market research and communications and outreach. The environmental implications will also be examined, as well as design and actual operations. Specific urban areas are identified in the announcement, which include Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and the Allentown – Bethlehem area, which will be targeted. PennDOT is currently in the advertisement phase; proposals are due by January 16th and a selection will hopefully be made by late winter / early spring. They are anticipating a two year timeframe to conduct the study.
2020 Safety Performance Target Setting – Introduction to establishing new targets by FHWA requirement

Mr. Donchez reported that in the past several years, focus has been placed on using performance metrics in developing TIPs and LRTPs. MPOs are required to look at safety performance measures and worked with PennDOT to develop targets. There are three different performance measures; today, we are only dealing with Performance Management (PM) 1, Safety Performance Measures. PM 2 deals with highway and bridge conditions and PM 3 with mobility. Ms. Bradley made a motion on behalf of the Technical Committee to accept these safety targets. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was voted on and passed. Mr. Rebert called for the vote for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Hopkins made the motion and Mr. O'Neill seconded it. The motion passed.

Federal Certification Review

Ms. Bradley stated that the Certification Review, which is held every four years, is an assessment of the MPO, PennDOT, Central and District offices, LVPC and LANta. It was conducted on February 16th and 17th, including a public meeting at the end of the second day. FHWA and FTA did a debriefing at the conclusion, and LVPC had no immediate corrective actions to address. They had some very positive comments. Mr. Rebert reported that it is quite an accomplishment to get through the review with no red marks. FHWA and FTA will issue the report in late winter or early spring.

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects/Transportation Improvement Program Accomplishments Status

Mr. Donchez stated that the List of Obligated Projects, projects the federal government has committed to pay for, are now available for the public on the LVPC website. It occurs when the FHWA approves the highway and bridge project list. He referred to the list contained in the packet and available as a report online. Mr. Hite reviewed the list of TIP Accomplishments. There are $137 million worth of completed projects and $159 million for projects under construction. There is currently more than $534 million of funds invested in the Lehigh Valley for highway and bridge construction.

LVTS Joint AQ Conformity Determination Approval

Ms. Bradley reported that a letter from FHWA was received stating that we met the requirements for air quality regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) project travel demand modeling. Mr. Rebert stated that the LRTP described the air quality check and how we incorporate consideration to the effects of air quality to project planning and programming.

Communication + Correspondence

Ride-Sharing of the Future

Mr. Rebert referred to the handout contained in the packet. Ms. Bradley stated that Mr. Zebrowski, the LVPC Chair asked that this article be shared with the LVTS. It brings up some important questions for discussion.
**Public Engagement and Participation**

*Freight Parking Roundtable*

Ms. Bradley reported that a workshop to focus on the issue of Freight Parking was in the planning stages. Several members of the Freight Advisory suggested the concept of a workshop. Mr. Doyle sat in on a call with FHWA to discuss the particulars. A tentative date of April 1, 2020 was presented, but has been adjusted in the interim for a later date to be determined.

*Local Technical Assistance Program*

Mr. Hite reported there will be an LTAP class at the LVPC Office regarding Highway Safety on January 29, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Mr. Rebert mentioned that the next meeting is a joint meeting on February 5th. Since today’s joint meeting was added, we can evaluate next month depending what is on the agenda.

*Courtesy of Floor*

Ms. Penchishen, the Northampton County Highway Safety Program Manager reported at their state meeting how they partner with the LVPC and how they use the traffic safety plan and WalkRoll Multimodal Plan as the plan to drive their program. PennDOT looks at them as a model to hopefully be replicated across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Molchany suggested that LANta do a presentation on the BRT Plan.

*Adjourn*

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

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and Carol Halper, Senior Advisor
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rebert. Mr. Rebert invited the attendees to introduce themselves.

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Absentee
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LVPC Staff Present:
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Michael Donchez
Charles Doyle
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Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Tracy Oscavich
Public Present:

Minutes
Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the January 8, 2020 Joint LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting are in the packet. For the Technical Committee, Mr. Kufro asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Rebert asked if there were any comments from the Coordinating Committee. There were none, so Mr. Messinger made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Mr. Hopkins. The minutes were approved.

Old Business
PennDOT District 5 Bridge Status Report
Mr. Kufro reviewed the handout in the packet. There were no comments or questions.

PennDOT District 5 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications
Ms. Ruth referred to the handout in the packet. She reviewed the two amendments to the TIP, concerning State Route 1004 Bridge over tributary to Oughouthton Creek and US 22 Resurfacing (15th Street to SR 309), that needed to be voted on by the committees. Mr. Kufro asked for questions or comments. Mr. Molchan asked for some clarification concerning the Route 22 Resurfacing Project. Mr. Rebert and Mr. Kufro confirmed that it is a series of bridges, not a single bridge and the funding for the project would come from the reserve line items on the TIP. Ms. Bradley made a motion to approve the amendments for the Technical Committee. Mr. Cotter seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mr. Rebert asked for questions or comments. Since there were none, Mr. Molchany made a motion to approve the amendments. Mr. Emili seconded the motion, which passed.

Transportation Improvement Program Schedule (TIP)
Mr. Doyle reminded the committees that the 2021-2024 TIP was forwarded to Central Office after formal motions were voted on and passed by both committees in January. The goal is to have the approval of the LVTS at the June 3rd Joint Meeting. Prior to that, there will be a public comment period after the agencies’ approvals, possibly from April 1st to May 1st.

FutureLV: The Regional Plan
Ms. Bradley brought to the attention of the committees that the final copy of FutureLV: The Regional Plan was provided with the packet of each voting member of the committees. It will be a few more weeks until more copies are available.

New Business
Transit Planning & FutureLV: The Regional Plan
Mr. O’Neil made a presentation regarding LANta’s transit network and FutureLV: The Regional Plan. He reviewed the vital role transit plays within the region. The presentation included highlights of transit planning over the last ten years, with the development of the transit network and the needs going forward. Ms. Bradley added that as an after-action, as related to FutureLV, LANta and LVPC are planning to meet with communities on the Enhanced Bus/Bus Rapid Transit line to discuss where opportunities are, where existing density is and move towards implementation.
Draft PennDOT 2020 Public Participation Plan Public Comment Period
Mr. Hare referred to the handout in the packet which is the press release that went out when the public comment period commenced on January 27, 2020. This was the start of the 45-day public comment period which will close on March 11th. Mr. Hare noted that every few years, PennDOT updates its Public Participation Plan and is committed to outreach with the public regarding the Statewide Transportation Plan. Citizens can read the document and make comments on-line at www.PennDOT.gov/PublicParticipation. There are also hard copies located at specific sites, including the LVPC office and the district offices. Comments can be left there as well.

Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Public Comment
Mr. Doyle reported that the comments received during the public comment period are being reviewed. The LVPC received approximately 150 comments covering a myriad of topics from about 35 individuals. The LVPC staff is working with consultants to integrate the comments into the two year plan.

Title VI Environmental Justice Workshop
Mr. Donchez reported that on January 23rd, PennDOT held the first of three statewide workshops regarding Environmental Justice (EJ). They discussed how transportation impacts the minority and low income populations and the need to comply with Federal regulations. An EJ analysis has to be done as part of the updates of both the Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Doyle added that our region is a highlighted example of best practices, exceeding the minimum requirements.

Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting + Presentation Review
Ms. Bradley stated that the LVPC was invited by Federal Highway Administration to make a presentation to the Transportation Research Board at a conference in Washington DC. regarding freight and the impact in the Lehigh Valley. They presented alongside the Atlanta Regional Commission, as they are moving away from just looking at urban freight issues and starting to look at suburban freight and the larger impacts on rural and suburban areas. There are two research projects which include the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Doyle added that there were about 13,000 people in attendance at the TRB Annual Meeting, many of which have some of the same issues the Lehigh Valley is dealing with. Many topics were covered and partnerships were created which will be beneficial as we move forward.

Statewide Truck Parking Update
Mr. Hare explained that a freight working group was developed at Central Office about two years ago. In 2018, the LVPC helped support an Eastern Freight Summit which had an emphasis on truck parking. Out of the summit, PennDOT created a truck parking team. The consultant support team has expertise in truck parking and has worked with FHWA. PennDOT is planning to update the State Freight Plan, which will include truck parking, and has participated in truck parking roundtables, with a roundtable event expected to be in the Lehigh Valley later this year. There will also, hopefully, be another freight summit later in the year.

Communication + Correspondence
None
Public Engagement and Participation
Mr. Assad brought to the members’ attention the brochure at their seats detailing the upcoming programs being held at the LVPC, including WorkshopLV: Freight. Ms. Bradley pointed out the WorkshopLV: Housing meeting being held on February 13th. Mr. Hite reviewed the upcoming LTAP meetings. Mr. Rebert mentioned two flyers in the packet detailing events regarding the Bridge Preservation Partnership, October 5th to 7th and Autonomous Vehicle Summit, October 26th to 28th.

Courtesy of the Floor
Mr. Rebert asked again if anyone had any comments. Mr. Molchany noted that there was 100% participation from both committees at today’s meeting.

Adjourn
Mr. Molchany made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Rebert adjourned.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Carol Halper, Senior Advisor
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kufro. Mr. Kufro invited the attendees to introduce themselves.

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Michael Donchez
Charles Doyle
Brian Hite
Craig Kackenmeister
Simon Okumu
Tracy Oscavich
David Towsey
Bethany Vazquez

**Public Present:**

John Caperilla, Sarah Cassi, Mick Dee, Kurt Derr, George Kinney, Brian Miller, Sherri Penchishe, Gene Porochniak, Jen Ruth, Tom Shortell, Scott Slingerland, Matt Szuchyt, and Steve Turoscy

**Courtesy of the Floor**

Ms. Bradley announced that the BuildLV: Annual Development Report + Special Housing Trends has been distributed and gave a brief description of the document. Ms. Bradley encouraged attendees to go on lvpc.org and explore the online interactive component of BuildLV.
Minutes
Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes from the February 5, 2020 Joint LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting are in the packet. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cotter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

PennDOT District Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside + Multimodal Transportation Fund Report
Mr. Kufro reviewed the handout in the packet. There were no comments or questions.

PennDOT District 5 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications
Ms. Ruth referred to the handout in the packet. She reviewed one amendment to the TIP, concerning the Filetown Road Bridge that needed to be voted on by the committee. The proposed $80,000 amendment for the project is to be used for preliminary engineering and come from the South Walnut Street Bridge Project with fiscal constraint maintained through the LVTS Highway and Bridge Line Item Reserve. The South Walnut Street Bridge project funding is being moved from a Federal Fiscal Year 2020 construction let date to Federal Fiscal Year 2021 as the result of an extended environmental review. Mr. Kufro asked for questions or comments.

Ms. Bradley stated that details of the proposed amendments are posted to the LVPC website in accordance with the Public Participation Plan here: https://www.lvpc.org/transportation-committees.html. Mr. Kufro stated that the preliminary engineering (PE) is time sensitive and an electronic ballot for the PE amendment will be taken for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Kufro continued by stating that an amendment for the construction piece of the project will be brought forth at an upcoming meeting, but for time purposes the PE portion of the amendment needed to be voted on promptly. Mr. Kufro requested an email ballot for the PE phase be sent to the Coordinating Committee prior to April 1st. Mr. Hopkins asked for the reasoning behind the push to vote on the PE separately. Mr. Kufro stated that due to the end of the federal fiscal year, the project needed to get started before the time runs out and funds are lost.

Mr. Kufro asked for any additional questions or comments. Since there were none, Mr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion, which passed.

Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan Status Report
Mr. Doyle gave a quick update on the draft Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan. Staff has reviewed over 160 comments and are now working with the consultant on a final draft. The final draft is expected to be brought before the LVTS Committees in April for review.

New Business

Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Capital Funding Initiative Selection
Mr. Porochniak stated that PennDOT Central Office recently released the Transportation Systems Management and Operations Capital Funding Initiative Project Selection Process. TSMO projects are focused on intelligent transportation system (ITS) upgrades and projects that address key mobility and safety issues, with the goal of improving traffic operations. This was a statewide initiative that solicited an open call for projects from November 2019 to December
2019. Mr. Porochniak announced that two projects from the Lehigh Valley have been awarded, one for the Lehigh Valley Freeway Service Patrol, and the other for the Route 22 Lehigh Urban ITS project. The funding for the projects will begin at the beginning of the 2021 Federal Fiscal Year which begins in October 2020. Ms. Bradley asked if further action is needed by LVTS. Mr. Kufro and Ms. Ruth stated that the projects were already included and no further action was needed.

**FutureLV: The Regional Plan Website and Online Maps**

Ms. Bradley announced that *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* is fully accessible online. Mr. Kackenmeister and Mr. Towsey took the Committee through the *FutureLV* website, as well as demonstrated the use of the interactive maps. The *FutureLV* plan can be found at lvpc.org. Mr. Towsey asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Hopkins asked with all the data involved in the website, how the team keeps the information up to date. Ms. Bradley stated that as new information is received the team updates the website, this could be anywhere from daily to monthly to annually depending on the type of data set. Mr. Kufro thanked Ms. Bradley and her staff for the hard work on *FutureLV* and applauded the staff for the accomplishment of making such a complex plan accessible and understandable online for the public. Mr. Lightner echoed Mr. Kufro’s comments and thanked the staff for all their work on the Plan.

**Eastern Regional Traffic Management Center, Regional Operations Plan Stakeholder Meeting**

Mr. Doyle reported that the regional operations planning process has been underway for five months, this was the second of three meetings scheduled to take place. Mr. Donchez stated that this Regional Operations Plan is an update to the 2007 plan. The Regional Operations Plan looks at the operation of the transportation network and addresses operational issues as they relate to traffic flow, congestion, safety, etc., by implementing operational improvements rather than capacity-type improvements. The intent of this second stakeholders meeting was to identify various areas in the region where operational improvements could be implemented. Mr. Porochniak asked if the goal of the plan was to be more project focused or objective focused. Mr. Doyle stated that there does not appear to be intent to specific solutions to be addressed in the plan but rather provide options that stakeholders can take in the future.

**BUILD Grant – Riverside Drive**

Ms. Oscavich announced that the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant has been released for 2020 and will close on May 18th. The LVPC will be re-applying for the Riverside Drive Project. For 2020, $1 Billion is available to be granted, $500 Million of which is designated for urban areas, and $100 Million to be awarded per state. The grants will be awarded on September 15, 2020. Ms. Oscavich stated that though the project was not awarded the grant last year, the application was one of two hundred and seven, out of thousands, that made it to Secretary Chao’s desk for review and were encouraged by USDOT to reapply.

**Communication + Correspondence**

None.

**Public Engagement and Participation**

Mr. Kufro briefly reviewed the upcoming public engagement and participation opportunities. Mr. Hite reviewed the upcoming Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) meetings. Mr. Kufro mentioned two flyers in the packet detailing events regarding the Bridge Preservation Partnership, October 5th to 7th and Autonomous Vehicle Summit, October 26th to 28th.
Adjourn
Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Ms. Bradley. Mr. Kufro adjourned and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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

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LVTS Coordinating Committee:
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LVPC Staff Participants:
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Charles Doyle
Carol Halper
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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/RollLV: 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
Prior to the meeting being called to order, Ms. Vazquez 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. Vazquez also mentioned that this meeting was advertised in the Morning Call on May 7, 2020, as well as 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 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 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:
City of Allentown Craig Messinger (Alt)
City of Easton Dave Hopkins (Alt)
LANta Owen O’Neill
Lehigh County Phillips Armstrong / Rick Molchany (Alt)
LNAA Tom Stoudt
LVPC Becky Bradley
PennDOT Central Office Brian Hare
PennDOT District 5 Michael Rebert

Absentee:
LVTS Coordinating Committee:
City of Bethlehem
Northampton County
LVPC Staff Participants:
Matt Assad
Charles Doyle
Carol Halper
Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Geoff Reese
Dave Towsey
Bethany Vazquez

Public Participants:
Rick Ames, Carmen Bell, Jim Birdsall, Jennifer Crobak, Jay Finnegan, Marta Gabriel, Cathy Gorman, Max Inkrote, Cheryl Johnson-Watts, Fred Koeck, Amanda Leindecker, Anthony Moussa, Sherri Penchishen, Lee Rackus, Amanda Raudenbush, Debbie Roezar, Jen Ruth, Kim Schaffer and Chris Strohler

Courtesy of the Floor
Mr. Kufro asked if there was any member of the public who wished to make a comment or asked a question regarding a subject not on the agenda. There were none. He reminded participants that they could ask questions in the Q&A box on their screens.

Minutes
Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes from the May 6, 2020 LVTS Technical Committee Meeting were in the packet and on the slides. For the Technical Committee, Ms. Bradley pointed out that the Technical Committee actions from the May 6, 2020 meeting were being shown on the screen. Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lightner made a motion and Mr. Cotter seconded it. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for an abbreviated roll call vote. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from the April 1, 2020 Coordinating Committee Meeting were in the packet and on the screen. Ms. Bradley mentioned that the actions from the April 1, 2020 meeting were on the screen. Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Molchany made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Mr. O'Neil. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for an abbreviated roll call vote. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business
WORK PLAN ITEM: PennDOT District 5 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside and Multi-modal Transportation Fund Projects Status Report
Mr. Kufro reviewed the list of projects from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside fund and multi-modal transportation funded projects within the Lehigh Valley, the projects were included in the meeting packet and on the screen. There were no questions or comments.
ACTION ITEM: PennDOT District 5 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Administrative Actions and Amendments
Ms. Ruth reviewed the TIP Administrative Actions in the handout and on the slides. There were no questions regarding the Administrative Actions. She then stated there were three TIP Amendments that needed to be voted on.

1. The first amendment is to add the LVTS Bridge Preservation and Repair #6 Preliminary Engineering phase to the current TIP. This is to continue PennDOT’s priority bridges to get them into construction. Construction is carried on the draft 2021 TIP. The source is the Line Item.

2. The second amendment is to add SR 4020 over a tributary to Bertsch Creek Bridge in Northampton County to the TIP, adding Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way and Construction. Construction is being done by the Department. Right-of-Way and Construction need to be added to the draft 2021 TIP. Preliminary Engineering would start now with funds from the Line Item.

3. The third amendment is to increase Right-of-Way for the Route 309 and Tilghman Street Interchange Reconstruction in the amount of $9,524,785.00. This increase will fully cover Right-of-Way. The sources are low bids from the Jordan Street Bridge, numerous deobligations returned to the region and the Line Item.

Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Mosca added that Amendment #3 was contingent on approval by the Department’s Program Management Committee. Ms. Bradley stated that it appears funds are being moved from the Freeway Service Patrol, does that mean that the project will no longer be funded? Ms. Ruth answered that the Freeway Service Patrol used to be an 80 – 20 split, but it is now 100% federally funded, so they are giving us money back from the 80-20 split because we had to separate them on two different State Project Numbers, that are assigned to unique projects.

Mr. Kufro asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to accept the three TIP Amendments, including Mr. Mosca’s comment. Mr. Hopkins made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cotter. Hearing no questions or comments from either the voting members or the public, Mr. Kufro called for the vote. Ms. Bradley read an abbreviated roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rebert asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to accept the three TIP Amendments, including Mr. Mosca’s comment. Mr. Molchany made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Messinger. Hearing no questions or comments from either the voting members or the public, Mr. Rebert called for the vote. Ms. Bradley read an abbreviated roll call and the motion passed unanimously.

LANta Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
Mr. Cotter reported that there were several Administration Actions in the handout, however there were two Transit TIP Modifications that had to be voted on.

1. The first modification LANta is proposing is to add $3,774,560 in federal funds into federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 in operating assistance.

2. The second modification is under preventive maintenance. It is a decrease of $1,880,826 in Federal FY (FFY) 2019 and $1,540,000 in Federal FY 2020.
Those reductions in preventive maintenance were shifted into LANta operating assistance in FFY 2020. The source for operation assistance came from preventive maintenance in FFY 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Kufro asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve LANta’s proposed TIP amendments #1 and #2. Ms. Bradley made the motion and Ms. Heller made the second. Mr. Kufro asked for comments and questions from the members and the public. Hearing none he asked Ms. Bradley to read the abbreviated roll call. The motion carried.

Mr. Rebert asked for the same motion from the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Molchany made the motion and Mr. Stoudt 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 abbreviated roll call. The motion carried.

LVTS Coordinating Committee Adoption of Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan
Mr. Rebert stated that the Coordinating Committee will need to vote on the adoption of the Walk/Roll; Active Transportation Plan. He asked Ms. Bradley to make some comments. She stated that the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees and the Multimodal Working Group, now known as WorkshopLV: Multimodal, have been working for about a year and a half to develop the region’s first pedestrian, bicycle, last feet to transit and accessibility strategy. They have also been coordinating with the LVPC’s Environment and Transportation Committees. The final draft was received by the consultants and posted to the LVPC website.

Ms. Bradley invited Mr. Reese to walk through the plan review and anticipated adoption process. Mr. Reese reviewed the timeline of the plan which included the path to adoption. Mr. Reese introduced several members of the WorkshopLV: Multimodal to discuss key elements of the plan. They are Kim Schaffer, Community Bike Works, Jim Birdsall, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Cheryl Johnson-Watts, Allentown School Board and Sherri Penchishen, City of Bethlehem. Ms. Johnson-Watts talked about the purpose of WalkRollLV and the vision and goals. Ms. Penchishen stated the importance of creating a pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Birdsall shared the three basic types of recommendations regarding bicycling and Ms. Schaffer stated that the plan concludes with policy and program recommendations. Mr. Reese concluded that the WalkRollLV: Active Transportation Plan was adopted by the LVPC on April 30, 2020, and approved by the LVTS Technical Committee on May 6, 2020 and referred to the Coordinating Committee for adoption at this meeting.

Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to approve WalkRollLV: Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Hopkins made the motion; Mr. Molchany seconded it. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any questions or comments from the members. Mr. Molchany asked since the LVPC did the sidewalk audit, would there be an attempt to work with municipalities to close the sidewalk gap? Mr. Reese answered that the sidewalk inventory was completed in 2017. WalkRoll looked even deeper regarding the important gaps. This goal is contained in WalkRoll and FutureLV and we are looking forward to working with the municipalities. Mr. Hare asked if there will be reports to the committee regarding outcomes, successes and implementation of the plan. Ms. Bradley responded, “Definitely.” WorkshopLV:
Multimodal will continue to be an active committee. They are already developing concepts for events in different parts of the Lehigh Valley, including some with several non-profits. Hearing no further questions from the committee, Mr. Rebert asked if there were questions or comments from the public. Hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for an abbreviated roll call vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Rackus wrote in the Q&A:

*I think the question should be work with the municipalities AND THE STATE to complete. There are many gaps in Whitehall that are on State Routes, and across the jughandles. I mean gaps in sidewalks, sorry needed to clarify. Also the issue of who is the permittee for the walks on state routes needs to be resolved. There is no reason for the local municipality to be a permittee for walks along private property on a state route.*

- Ms. Bradley responded that the plan passed and we'll get your comments in the minutes but, are you OK with me doing the following: 1) adding this to the public comment record for the TIP because they go to a broader audience and bring more awareness to the issue? 2) Taking this to the County Commissioners Association of PA/County Planning Directors Association as a request to add to their advocacy agenda? Ms. Rackus wrote that she appreciated the consideration.

WORK PLAN ITEM: Draft 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Public Meeting
Please see the attached minutes from the TIP Public Meeting

New Business
There was no new business.

Communication + Correspondence
Mr. Rebert called upon Mr. Assad to comment on the attached articles.

RELEVANT NEWS: LV Business Cycle Column
Mr. Assad pointed out Ms. Bradley’s column in the Morning Call from Sunday May 31, 2020.

RELEVANT NEWS: The Atlantic: “America’s Next Crisis Is Already Here”
Mr. Assad stated that this article details the financial toll the pandemic is taking on cities and towns.

RELEVANT NEWS: Huff Post “Biking Boom” Article
This article suggested by LVPC Chair, Greg Zebrowski, is about how an existing bicycle boom is being accelerated by the pandemic.

Public Engagement and Participation
Ms. Vazquez reviewed the list of Public Engagement and Participation in the handout and on the slide.

Courtesy of the Floor
Mr. Rebert offered an opportunity for members of the committees and the public to make additional comments. There were none.
Adjourn
Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Molchany made the motion and everyone voted yes. Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Carol Halper, Senior Advisor
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 Morning Call on August 23, 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 called the meeting to order. He asked for a roll call. Ms. Bradley read the roll call. A Quorum was attained.

**Attendees:**
- City of Allentown
- City of Bethlehem
- LANtA
- LNAA
- LVPC
- PennDOT Central Office
- PennDOT District 5

**Leonard Lightner (Alt.)**
- Darlene Heller (Alt.)
- Brendan Cotter
- Ryan Meyer
- Becky Bradley
- James Mosca
- Chris Kufro

**Absence:**
- City of Easton

**LVPC Attendees:**
- Matt Assad
- Charles Doyle
- Carol Halper
- Brian Hite
- Simon Okumu
- Dave Towsey
- Bethany Vazquez

Mr. Kufro welcomed the members of the public and asked them to state their names so they can be recognized.

**Public Participants:**
- David Alas
- Rich Ames
- Sarah Cassi
- Jennifer Crobak (FHWA)
- Ralph Eberhardt
- Heather Heeter
- Judith Henckel
- Max Inkrote
- Amanda Leindecker (PennDOT
District 5), Lee Rackus, Jeff Rai, Jen Ruth (PennDOT District 5), Scott Slingerland, Steve Strella, Matt Szuchyt and Richard Wilford-Hunt

**Courtesy of the Floor**
Mr. Kufro asked if there were any comments from the public on issues not contained on the agenda. There were none.

**Minutes**
*Technical Committee approval of LVTS Technical Committee Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2020*
Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes from the last meeting were included in the packet. Also included are the roll call votes from the last meeting. Ms. Bradley reviewed those votes. Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lightner made the motion and Mr. Cotter seconded it. Ms. Bradley did an abbreviated roll call. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**WORK PLAN ITEM: PennDOT District Transportation Bridge Status Report**
Mr. Kufro reviewed the Bridge Status Report which was contained in the packet and on the slides. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the members or the public. There were none.

**WORK PLAN ITEM: PennDOT District TASA/TAP/Multimodal Project Status Report**
Mr. Kufro reviewed the TASA/TAP/Multimodal Project Status Report which was included in the packet and on the slides. He asked if there were any questions from the members or the public. Ms. Bradley stated we will have to allocate some TASA funds this year since there are funds that will expire, and PennDOT will not be conducting a round of funding this year. Ms. Bradley added that they are hoping at the next Technical Committee meeting or perhaps a special meeting to sort out what we will do with this process. We are working on the internal infrastructure and will report back on how we want to allocate funding that has been turned back or funds that have never been allocated. Mr. Kufro stated it would be best to have a special meeting and thanked Ms. Bradley for bringing up the issue.

**ACTION ITEM: PennDOT TIP Adjustments/Amendments, E-Ballots from August**
Ms. Ruth reported there were 22 administrative actions on the spreadsheets included in the packet and on the slides. She asked if there were any questions. There were none, however Ms. Bradley explained that August is a busy month for PennDOT, and they need to move funds to keep projects going. Ms. Bradley asked if Ms. Ruth or Mr. Kufro could explain. Ms. Ruth stated that September 30th was the last day of the 2019 TIP and the goal is to tie up every dollar allocated to existing projects. The federal 4232 forms had to be in by Friday. The state has a different timeline; so, there will be more actions at the next meeting. Mr. Kufro explained that for the federal money, three clearances were needed, railroad, right-of-way and utility. They are all needed to lock down the federal money, and once secured, the 4232 forms can be submitted. Mr. Kufro then asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or members. There were none.

Mr. Kufro stated that on August 18, 2020 the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees received an email ballot for two TIP amendments. These amendments were requested by PennDOT and they pertained to the 309 Tilghman St FD Amendment and the Hill to Hill PE Amendment. He reported that all members of the Technical Committee voted in the affirmative, as noted on the slides.
WORK PLAN ITEM: Truck Parking Roundtable Review
Mr. Doyle reported that on August 12th and 13th, the LVTS in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and PennDOT, hosted a virtual Lehigh Valley Truck Parking Roundtable. There were three sessions over the two days, with presentations by LVPC, FHWA, USDOT, PennDOT and various experts from around the nation. There were more than 100 attendees. Highlights from speakers at the sessions included representatives from the Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Regional Council of Governments on peer perspective for innovative parking solutions and the American Transportation Research Institute who provided insight into sophisticated analysis techniques for identifying truck parking needs throughout the nation. We are currently waiting for recommendations from the FHWA. Mr. Doyle concluded by sharing some of the information the LVPC provided at the roundtable, which were in the packet and on the slides.

New Business
2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Status Update
Mr. Kufro handed this portion of the meeting over to Jennifer Croback, Planning Program Manager at the FHWA Pennsylvania Division and liaison to the LVTS. Ms. Croback stated that she wanted to provide an update where FHWA is with the 2021 STIP and TIP process. PennDOT compiled all the TIPs from the MPOs throughout the state to develop the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP was adopted on August 13th by the PA State Transportation Commission, as part of the adoption of the 12-year program. These materials are sent to FHWA and FTA. They are now reviewing the documents. FHWA works with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine that new projects demonstrate Air Quality Conformity. FHWA is working towards their joint approval by the end of the month so they can move toward with the 2021 STIP on October 1st. There were no questions or comments from the members or the public.

WORK PLAN ITEM: The Eastern Transportation Coalition Multi-State Mileage-Based User Fee Truck Pilot
Mr. Doyle stated that the Eastern Transportation Coalition was formerly known as the I-95 Corridor Coalition, which is a partnership of 17 states, including Pennsylvania and Washington DC. They are looking at alternative solutions to funding sources for transportation infrastructure. To that end, they launched a 6-month multi-state truck pilot in October 2018. The pilot program is an ongoing series of studies.

WORK PLAN ITEM: Highway Performance Management System Presentation
Mr. Okumu gave an overview of the Highway Performance Management System (HPMS), which is the traffic count program funded by the US Department of Transportation and PennDOT. He reviewed the equipment used and the safety protocols, especially during the pandemic. The HPMS is a national highway information system that includes data on the extent, condition, performance, use and operating characteristics of the nation’s highways. The Roadway Management System or Segment Inventory Program is the primary means for defining and monitoring the state-owned highway network. Mr. Okumu reviewed that a traffic count is a data collection of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, which is conducted along a road, path or intersection. Mr. Okumu also reviewed where the LVPC conducts traffic counts. There are 831 locations in Lehigh County and 850 in Northampton County.
Mr. Hite discussed the types of traffic counts. There are volume counts, classification counts, manual classification counts and continuous counts. He also stated that traffic counts are important because of funding, programming, planning and traffic engineering, highway design and air quality analysis. Mr. Hite shared that the main traffic information conduit for municipalities, planning organizations and state and federal agencies, as well as the public, is the PennDOT Traffic Information Repository website or TiRe.

**WORK PLAN ITEM: High-Cube Warehousing Guidance**
Ms. Bradley defined high-cube warehouses as typically automated buildings as tall as 180 feet or roughly the height of a 17 or 18 story building. These facilities integrate Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems (ASRS). They are largely staffed by forklift robots or “Forkbots”. This system allows for increased accuracy, saves energy and allows for faster turnaround times for trucks. However, the height of these high-cube warehouses can change the character of communities in the region. The LVPC staff is working on a municipal resource and guidance publication. It will outline the issues, opportunities and how municipal governments through zoning, subdivision and land development and building codes can handle proposals for high-cube and automated warehousing.

**Communication + Correspondence**
Mr. Assad gave a brief overview of the LVPC Morning Call column from August 9th, in which Ms. Bradley wrote about what to expect post-pandemic. The next column will be about the new LVPC Foreclosure and Eviction Tool, which will help direct aid to where it is needed the most. It will be published on September 13th.

**Public Engagement and Participation**
Mr. Hite stated that due to the pandemic, the LVPC will continue to monitor orders from the Governor. He also reviewed the upcoming LTAP classes, which are all virtual.

At this point, Mr. Wilford-Hunt of Upper Mount Bethel Township, had a comment about high-cube warehouses. The building height in the developer’s proposed ordinance change will be a problem. We need these height restrictions. He asked that someone attend the public meeting on September 9th at 7 PM at the Upper Mount Bethel Township Community Park. It is an in-person meeting.

Ms. Henckel entered into the Q&A that she was from Upper Mount Bethel and is also concerned and is interested in receiving more information about high-cube warehouses.

Mr. Hite continued the announcements by stating the WorkshopLV: Multimodal will be October 28th at 3 PM.

**Courtesy of the Floor**
Mr. Kufro opened the floor again for public comment. There were none.

**Adjourn**
Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cotter made the motion and Mr. Lightner seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Carol Halper, Senior Advisor
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 Morning Call on October 2, 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. Rebert welcomed the members and the public participants. He then called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Bradley to take attendance.

**Attendees:**

**LVTS Technical Committee**
- 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**
- City of Allentown: Craig Messinger (Alt)
- City of Bethlehem: Michael Alkhal (Alt)
- City of Easton: 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

**LVPC Staff Participants**
- Matt Assad
- Charles Doyle
- Carol Halper
- Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Bethany Vazquez

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

**Public Participants**
David Alas, Rick Ames, Megan Beste, Jennifer Crobak, Ralph Eberhart, Amanda Leindecker, Jeff Rai, Jen Ruth, Kim Schaffer, Scott Slingerland and Matt Szuchyt

**Courtesy of the Floor**

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

**Minutes**

Mr. Kufro stated that the minutes from the September 2, 2020 LVTS Technical Committee Meeting were in the packet. Mr. Kufro asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cotter made a motion and Mr. Meyer seconded it. Mr. Kufro asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for an abbreviated roll call vote. Before the roll call vote, Ms. Bradley read the results of the roll call votes from the September 2, 2020 meeting, then conducted an abbreviated roll call. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Rebert stated that the minutes from July 15, 2020 LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting were in the packet. Mr. Rebert asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Molchany made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Mr. O’Neil. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for an abbreviated roll call vote. Ms. Bradley read the roll call votes from the July 15, 2020 meeting, then conducted an abbreviated roll call. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

*PennDOT District 5 Highway Status Report*
Mr. Kufro reviewed the Highway Status Report with the Committees. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the voting members or from the public participants. No comments or questions were posed.

*PennDOT District 5-0 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications*
Ms. Ruth stated that since the July 15, 2020 Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting, there were thirty-one District 5-0 Actions, one Statewide Administration Action and two Amendments. Ms. Rebert stated that on August 18, 2020, the members of the Technical and Coordinating Committees received an email ballot request for two TIP Amendments, the first for the 309 Tilghman Street Final Design Amendment and the second for the Hill to Hill Bridge Preliminary Engineering Amendment. These Amendments were previously voted upon and motioned for approval, with no actions required at this time.

*Traffic Counts and COVID-19 Impacts*
Mr. Hite reviewed the impacts COVID-19 and Tropical Isaias on traffic counts. The report indicated that traffic levels have steadily returned to pre-pandemic conditions, with truck traffic numbers being higher than pre-pandemic levels.
State Transportation Improvement Program Status Update
Mr. Hare reported that the State Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the State Transportation Commission.

New Business

PennDOT Temporary Personnel Reassignments
Mr. Rebert reported that he has been temporarily reassigned as District Executive to District 6. This reassignment should last about nine months; therefore, he will have to resign as the Chair of the LVTS Coordinating Committee. The LVTS Bylaws require that the floor be open for nominations. At this point, Mr. Rebert nominated Mr. Kufro, who will serve as the acting District 5-0 Executive, for the position of Chair of the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Kufro stated that if he is selected, this would leave the chairmanship of the Technical Committee open and that he would like to nominate Mr. Cotter as Chair of the Technical Committee and Mr. Mosca to fill the opening as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Bradley reviewed the current officers of both committees. Starting with coordinating Committee, Ms. Bradley reiterated that Mr. Rebert nominated Mr. Kufro as Chair. Mr. Molchany seconded the nomination. Mr. Kufro accepted the nomination. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any other nominations; there were none. The motion passed and Mr. Kufro was named the new Chair of the Coordinating Committee.

Moving on to Technical Committee Chair vacancy, Ms. Bradley reiterated that Mr. Kufro nominated Mr. Cotter as Chair of the Technical Committee. Mr. Hopkins seconded the nominations. Mr. Cotter accepted the nomination. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any other nominations; there were none. The motion passed and Mr. Cotter was named the new Chair of the Technical Committee.

Moving on to Technical Committee Vice Chair vacancy, Ms. Bradley reiterated that Mr. Kufro nominated Mr. Mosca as Vice Chair of the Technical Committee. Mr. Hopkins seconded the nominations. Mr. Mosca accepted the nomination. Mr. Rebert asked if there were any other nominations; there were none. The motion passed and Mr. Mosca was named the new Vice Chair of the Technical Committee.

LANTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
Mr. Cotter presented information on the LANTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, which can be found on page 39 of the October 7 LVTS packet and on the LVPC website. The deadline for this plan is December 31, 2020. Mr. Cotter noted that the plan has to be reviewed on an annual basis. The plan was approved by the LANTA Board of Directors in September.

CARES Act Grant Awards
Mr. Meyer reported on the CARES Act Grant Awards. The Airport Authority received 6.2 million dollars in CARES Act funding back in May. To date, LVIA has received 2.3 million of the granted 6.2 million dollars.

PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Open Application Period
Mr. Doyle reported that in early September, PennDOT announced an opening round for the Multimodal Transportation Fund. Grant applications will be accepted by PennDOT through November 6, 2020. Mr. Doyle explained that this grant is different from the Department of
Community and Economic Development program. Mr. Doyle also noted that while the LVPC and LVTS encourage application to these grants, as an organization the LVPC is prohibited from sponsoring or directly support grant proposals due to the staff’s affiliation with the LVTS MPO. Mr. Doyle concluded with a review of applicant requirements.

**Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Continuing Resolution Update**
Ms. Beste, of Congresswoman’s Susan Wild’s office, presented an update on the FAST Act Continuing Resolution. The FAST Act Continuing Resolution has past and gives 13.6 billion dollars to the Highway Trust Fund for another year.

**Communication + Correspondence**

**LANTA Comprehensive Operations Analysis**
Mr. Cotter presented information on the LANTA Comprehensive Operations Analysis. As development is building along the Route 33 corridor, LANTA is taking an assessment of their services in Easton and all areas north of the Bethlehem Transportation Center. Community members can make a difference in their communities by filling out the LANTA survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Route33COA. The survey will be open through November 1, 2020.

**Carol Halper’s Retirement Announcement**
Ms. Halper announced her retirement on October 15, 2020. Ms. Halper shared her sentiments with the board members.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Rebert 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.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Bethany Vazquez, Program Associate
Lehigh Valley Transportation Study
Minutes from the Wednesday, November 4, 2020
Technical 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 October 8, 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. Cotter welcomed the members and the public participants. He then called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Bradley to take attendance.

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 Central Office  James Mosca
PennDOT District 5  Scott Vottero

LVPC, Staff Participants
Matt Assad
Charles Doyle
Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Jill Seitz
Samantha Smith
Bethany Vazquez

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

Public Participants
Jen Ruth, Scott Slingerland, Rich Ames, Ralph Eberhardt, Matt Szuchyt, Jeff Rai, Amanda Leindecker, and Lee Rackus

Courtesy of the Floor

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

Minutes

Mr. Cotter stated that the minutes from the October 7, 2020 Joint LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting were in the packet. Mr. Cotter asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hopkins made a motion and Mr. Mosca seconded it. Mr. Cotter asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he asked Ms. Bradley for an abbreviated roll call vote. Before the roll call vote, Ms. Bradley read the results of the roll call votes from the September 2, 2020 meeting, then conducted an abbreviated roll call. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

*PennDOT District 5 Bridge Status Report*

Mr. Cotter reviewed the Bridge Status Report with the Committee. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the voting members or from the public participants. No comments or questions were posed.

*PennDOT District 5-0 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications*

Ms. Ruth reviewed the PennDOT Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Actions. Since the last meeting on October 7, there have been two District 5-0 Administrative Actions, neither of which reached the threshold of more than $2 million to require an Amendment. There were no questions for Ms. Ruth.

*FAST Act Continuing Resolution Update*

Mr. Doyle briefly gave an update on the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act Continuing Resolution. On September 30, the federal government extended the existing transportation finding authorization bill with a stopgap continuing resolution. The continuing resolution provides an opportunity to sustain federal funding through September 30, 2021, at the same levels of investment as were programmed from the original FAST Act authorization. Mr. Doyle stated that the LVPC will be monitoring progress in legislation throughout the year and keep the board informed on any progress towards a next authorization bill.

New Business

*Draft High Cube and Automated Warehousing Community Guide*

Ms. Bradley and her team gave a presentation on the LVPC’s Draft High Cube and Automated Warehousing Community Guide. The guidance begins with the introduction into defining high cube and automated warehousing and provides context to three local examples which provide insight into the implications of high cube and automated warehousing and how municipalities can regulate such uses. Ms. Bradley stated that a special meeting will be held on November 9, to receive feedback from municipalities on the guidance. Information for the meeting can be found at the LVPC website.

*Statewide Freight Forum*

Ms. Bradley announced that the PennDOT virtual Statewide Freight Forum will take place on November 5, 2020. The forum provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about statewide efforts in supporting planning for the greater efficiency of freight and logistics industries. Ms. Bradley encouraged all to attend.
DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program: Jordan Creek Greenway Trail Grant Announcement

Mr. Doyle shared information regarding the award of $500,000 from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for improvements to the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail in the City of Allentown. Improvements along the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail have been underway for several years with the goal of connecting five existing townships, cities and county-owned parks and recreation areas. The entire greenway will connect the Jordan Meadows Park in Allentown to the Appalachian Trail along the ridge of Blue Mountain, allowing for the protection of high conservation-value lands and a 13-mile trail for the public.

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PennDOT Virtual Innovation Week

Mr. Hite shared information about the PennDOT Virtual Innovation Week. The free event will consist of five days with two, two-hour sessions each day. The event will also include a virtual exhibit hall showcasing homegrown innovative equipment, materials, applications and technologies. Mr. Hite reviewed some the topics covered by the virtual presentation, who should attend and how participants can register for the event.

America Walks: Community Change Grant

Mr. Doyle shared some information on the America Walks: Community Change Grant. AmericaWalks focuses on building local and state network of community change advocates. The program involves many initiatives and will award grantees $1,500 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active and engaged places to live, work and play. Mr. Doyle shared how communities can apply. The application period is open from October 5th through November 9th and winners will be notified in December 2020. Funds must be used during the 2021 calendar year.

Public Engagement and Participation

Mr. Hite reviewed the public engagement and participation efforts for the months of November and December in light of COVID-19.

Adjournment

Mr. Cotter asked if there was anything for the good of order. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mosca made a motion to adjourn.

Submitted by,
Becky Bradley, AICP, LVTS Secretary and
Bethany Vazquez, Program Associate
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 Morning Call on October 8, 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. Hare welcomed the members and the public participants. He then called the meeting to order, as Mr. Kufro was experiencing audio issues and asked Ms. Bradley to take attendance.

Attendees:

LVTS Technical Committee
City of Allentown    Leonard Lightner (Alt)
City of Easton      Dave Hopkins (Alt)
LANta               Brendan Cotter
LNAA                 Ryan Meyer
LVPC                Becky Bradley
PennDOT Central Office    James Mosca

LVTS Coordinating Committee
City of Allentown    Craig Messinger (Alt)
City of Easton      Dave Hopkins (Alt)
City of Bethlehem   Michael Alkhal (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  Chris Kufro

LVPC Staff Participants
Matt Assad
Charles Doyle
Brian Hite
Simon Okumu
Bethany Vazquez
Mr. Hare asked members of the public to state their names.

Public Participants
Ralph Eberhardt, Marta Gabriel, Amanda Leindecker, Brian Miller, Lee Rackus, Jen Ruth, Tom Shortel, Scott Slingerland, Jennifer Swann, and Jeff Warren

Courtesy of the Floor

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

Minutes

Mr. Cotter stated that the minutes from the November 4, 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. Hopkins 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 rejoined the meeting via phone and stated that the minutes from October 7, 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.

Old Business

Transportation Alternative Set-Aside & Multimodal Transportation Funded Projects Report
Mr. Kufro stated that the PennDOT TASA Project Status Report was in the packet on pages 14 to 16. Mr. Kufro asked if any member of the LVTS Board or public had any questions. Hearing none, Mr. Kufro moved on to the next agenda item.

PennDOT District 5-0 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications
Ms. Ruth stated that there were three District 5-0 Administrative Actions, one Statewide Administration Action and one Amendment proposed this month and that both committees would need to vote separately on the Statewide amendment found on page 18 of the packet. Ms. Ruth gave a brief description of the Amendment. The Amendment is for an over $6 million increase for the Lehigh-Race Street Intersection Project. The project was supposed to be let off the previous TIP, however due to coordination with the railroad PennDOT was unable to get the project let. PennDOT needs to add roughly $3.8 million to the 2021 TIP to get the project back up to what it was on the 2019 TIP, plus a roughly $2.3 million increase for additional testing, monitoring, maintenance, safety measures and relocation of infrastructure facilities. The sources for the funds are the 22 resurface projects that were let off the previous TIP. Ms. Ruth stated that she was able to advance the money that was expected to be A-C’d on the current 2019 TIP. Ms. Ruth stated that PennDOT had full regulatory authority for this advancement. PennDOT also voted on advancing money from the previous TIP for adding Hill to Hill PE to the 19 TIP so the money programmed on the 2021 TIP is no longer needed. Ms. Ruth also explained other adjustments that were made from the previous TIP that were now being taken off the 2021 TIP. Mr. Mosca noted that the proposed amendment is contingent on approval in
PennDOT Programs and results are expected in about a week. Mr. Hopkins asked if the relocation of the water link for the Lehigh-Race Street project was a new aspect that was not previously anticipated. Ms. Ruth stated that at the time of the submission was not known and now that it is known that is why the funds have been moved. Mr. Emili asked if the 412 Improvements project that was being de-obligated was already largely completed. Ms. Ruth stated that yes, the project as already been largely completed.

Mr. Cotter asked for a motion for the Technical Committee on the proposed amendment. Mr. Lightner made the motion and Mr. Mosca seconded. Ms. Bradley called for votes and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kufro called for a vote of the Coordinating Committee on the proposed amendment. Mr. Molchany made a motion to approve the amendment for the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Alkhal seconded the motion. Ms. Bradley called for votes and the motion passed unanimously.

**Draft High Cube and Automated Warehouse Community Guide**

Ms. Bradley and her team presented on the draft High Cube and Automated Warehouse Community Guide document. The guide is designed to provide information that supports municipalities as they navigate new and evolving development types and ultimately, how different land uses can most effectively support the goals, policies and action of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*. Ms. Bradley reviewed the industrial and warehouse growth in the Lehigh Valley from 2015 to October 2020, as well as pointed out the trends of where these facilities are located. Ms. Bradley also shared local examples of High Cube and Automated Warehousing facilities in the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Hite took the Committees through the potential outcomes, both positive and negative, of these facilities as well as the traffic impacts and trip generation data that High Cube and Automated Warehouses produce. The team also discussed local regulatory authority for such uses. Ms. Bradley concluded by stating that the draft document is located on the LVPC website, lvpc.org, and that all questions and comments on the document can be sent to massad@lvpc.org.

**New Business**

**Proposed 2021 Meeting Calendar Dates**

Ms. Bradley stated that the 2021 LVTS calendar was available on page 19 in the packet. After discussion, the calendar for 2021 proposed to move the LVTS Committee meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. Ms. Bradley noted that this change is consistent with how LVTS meetings used to be held up until a few years ago and stated that each Committee needed to vote on the 2021 Calendar.

Mr. Cotter asked for a Technical Committee motion on the 2021 Calendar. Mr. Lightner made the motion to approve the 2021 dates and Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. Ms. Bradley called for a vote and the motion passed.

Mr. Kufro asked for a Coordinating Committee motion on the 2021 Calendar. Mr. Molchany made the motion to approve the 2021 dates and Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. Ms. Bradley called for a vote and the motion passed.

**Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funding Process**

Ms. Bradley stated that the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside fund is a federal cost reimbursement program, distributed by the Federal Highway Administration and administrated
by PennDOT. The funds are authorized by the Federal Highways Administration and managed through PennDOT. Currently, about $1.5 million has been apportioned to the Lehigh Valley. Ms. Bradley stated that the funds will need to be allocated and contracted before the end of the federal fiscal year (September 30, 2021). Ms. Bradley stated that the LVTS will hold a special virtual meeting on December 3 at 9:00 am to discuss the process for allocation of the TASA funds.

Annual Listing of Obligated and De-obligated Projects + Accomplishments
Mr. Doyle stated that as a fulfillment to the FAST Act legislation, the LVTS reports annually on the amount of federal funds spent on transportation projects through its annual listing of obligated projects. This report is prepared as an overview of transportation investments in the Lehigh Valley and serves as a reference to specifically highlight the accomplishments of transportation improvement projects within Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Ms. Bradley and Mr. Hite took the Committees through the report, which is available on the LVPC website, lvpc.org.

Highway Safety Improvement Program Safety Performance Measures
Mr. Hare stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is required by the federal government to establish safety targets by August 31 of each year and then those targets are shared with the Metropolitan and Rural Planning Agencies in the fall. Mr. Hare reviewed the safety targets with the Committees and stated that the LVTS will need to take action by February 27, 2021, either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of the targets, or by establishing their own quantifiable targets for consistency. Ms. Bradley stated that the LVPC staff has reviewed the proposed safety target methodology and believe that it is fair and recommended that the LVTS continue to utilize the methodology for the safety target update. Mr. Molchany asked if there were updates on the current safety targets before the new targets are adopted. Mr. Hare explained that the actual numbers are not in yet until the end of 2020 as there is a five-year roll-over period. Additional discussion ensued between Committee members regarding the Lehigh Valley’s performance on the targets to date and the proposed safety metrics. Mr. Molchany asked if the Committees needed to decide, before year end, if it will use the state’s metrics. The Committee agreed to use the state metrics.

PennDOT Pathways Program, Major Bridge P3 Program + Funding Bonding
Mr. Hare stated that with the increased freight and truck traffic, funds available to maintain highways and bridges are not at part with usage due to shrinkage in gas tax and federal revenues over the year. Mr. Hare stated that in order to keep up with the wear and tear that is caused by the high volume of traffic, PennDOT is exploring sustainable transportation options. Currently, the department is facing up to an $8.1 billion gap in its annual highway and bridge transportation funding to keep the network in good condition. As a result, PennDOT is soliciting public feedback for the PennDOT Pathways Program to explore short and long-term funding solutions. Through this program, PennDOT has launched an extensive initiative to examine possible funding solutions (short and long-term) to explore how communities would be better served. Mr. Hare stated that as part of this program, PennDOT recently launched an alternative funding Planning and Environmental Linkages Study to explore options for funding maintenance and improvement of PA’s highways and bridges. Mr. Hare continued by sharing information on another program, the Major Bridge P3 program. This program is a component of the upcoming Pathways initiative that aims to charge user fees for usage of the major bridges in the commonwealth and an exploration of sustainable transportation funding options. Mr. Hare stated that comments on the program can be submitted until December 17, 2020 to the follow:

- Website: www.penndot.gov/funding
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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 public on Sunday January 3, 2021.

Public Engagement and Participation

Mr. Hite encouraged the Committees and LVTS meeting attendees to participate in the WorkshopLV: Freight meeting directly following the LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting. Mr. Hite also 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
    - Part 1 of a comprehensive MS4 Series: Erosion and Sediment Control – December 4
    - Asset Management – December 8
    - Safe Driver v.II – December 9
    - Pavement Markings v. II – December 15
    - Local Road Safety Plans – December 16
- WorkshopLV: Multimodal – December 16th @ 3:00 pm
  - Information can be found at lvpc.org

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. Kufro seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

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