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## Transportation Needs Assessment

Every four years the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study is required by federal statute to review long-range transportation policy and investments. In 2023, the transportation planning embedded in *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* will be assessed and revised to meet this requirement. This process will evaluate priorities of the current 25-year transportation plan with an enhanced focus on advancing equitable communities, transportation safety and infrastructure resiliency measures included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, enacted by Congress and signed into law on November 15, 2021. The intent of the transportation update of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* is to evolve and advance a forward-thinking strategy that leads to the Lehigh Valley into the future while addressing the needs of today.

### Process

**Who:** Project sponsors can use the form provided to submit eligible projects. You may complete the forms for any projects you would like considered for state or federal funding managed by the region or our staff will help you fill out the forms during the meeting.

**Purpose:** To update the 25-year Long-Range Transportation Plan elements of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* to reflect the priorities of the community.

**When:** All projects to be considered are required to be received by the LVPC no later than March 27, 2023.

**Why:** To ensure that the transportation system in the Lehigh Valley is maintained, safe, accessible, prepared and resilient in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare of the Lehigh Valley and supporting:

1. Efficient and Coordinated Development Pattern
2. Connected and Mixed-Transportation Region
3. Protected and Vibrant Environment
4. Competitive, Creative and Sustainable Region
5. Safe, Healthy, Inclusive and Livable Communities

**Eligibility:** All projects must be located in Lehigh County or Northampton County. These projects must be transportation improvements such as roadway, bridge, intersections, trails, programs, studies, or plans.

**How:** The staff of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission manages the Metropolitan Planning Organization functions for the region. This team, reporting to the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS) monthly, is working on the transportation planning for this project. The LVTS Technical Committee serves as the planning board for the LVTS and is lead for the preparation of the Long-Range Transportation Plan revisions. The public is invited to participate in the update through the LVTS Technical Committee monthly meetings, as well as through a series of community engagement meetings beginning in late February. Access is to the virtual meetings is at [lvpc.org/transportation-plans](http://lvpc.org/transportation-plans).

Please use this Transportation Needs Assessment form to detail your community transportation needs. Plan and project sponsors may include a maximum of 10 additional pages of supporting documentation as a single document, (limit emails to 16mb) if necessary to describe the plan or project, depict plans or drawings, provide photographs or present other supporting materials. See Section H for more information. If you need assistance completing this form, please contact Hannah Milagio, Program Associate for Community Engagement at (610) 264-4544 or [hmilagio@lvpc.org](mailto:hmilagio@lvpc.org)

**SECTION A - PLAN/PROJECT SPONSOR**

*INSTRUCTIONS: Provide the name of the plan/project sponsor*

Government, Authority, Organization or Name:

Type of organization or entity:

- Governmental Entity
- Authority under state or federal law
- Non-profit entity
- For profit entity
- Other (please specify)

If you are a non-profit, for-profit or a recognized authority, is the local municipal or county government involved in this request?

- Yes
- No

**SECTION B – POINT OF CONTACT**

*INSTRUCTIONS: Provide the name, organization, physical address, phone and email address for both the plan/project’s sponsor point of contact and plan/project engineer, if applicable. [Sponsors may have engineers complete the form completion, if appropriate].*

Plan/Project Sponsor:

Name & Title	
Organization	
City/Town	
State/Province	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Plan/Project Planner or Engineer (if applicable):

Name & Title	
Organization	
City/Town	
State/Province	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

**SECTION C – PLAN/PROJECT NAME & TYPE**

*INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a plan/project name. Check the appropriate box for project or plan. Check the appropriate box for type of project (highway, bridge, intersection, etc).*

Plan/Project Name:

Plan/Project Type:

- Roadway
- Bridge
- Intersection
- Trail
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian
- Bus Transit
- Rail

**SECTION D – PLAN/PROJECT LOCATION & LIMITS**

*INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a description of the plan/project location, with beginning and ending points, as appropriate.*

Plan/Project Location:

Plan/Project Limits or Boundaries:

**SECTION E – PLAN/PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

*INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a description of the proposed plan/project. Be as thorough as possible in developing the plan/project description. Use information from the checklist in Section F to complete details about the plan/project description. For Plan/Project Description, indicate: What will be accomplished? What issue(s) will be solved? What data was used to determine the need? For the Plan/Project Need, indicate: How does the plan/project meet the needs of the community?*

Plan/Project Description:

Plan/Project Need:

## SECTION F – PLAN/PROJECT JUSTIFICATION INFORMATION

*INSTRUCTIONS: Check the applicable box(es) for the justification for the type of plan/project proposed. For example, for a bridge plan/project, is it currently open, posted with a weight restriction, or closed to traffic? Is the condition rating good, fair, or poor? Describe the need for the plan/project, such as safety, gaps in the network, safe routes to school or other identified needs in the community. If the proposed plan/project is a study, have any concept plans been started/completed? If a study is available, please explain how the proposed plan/project relates to the study.*

Project Justification:

For All Plans/Projects:

- In a municipal comprehensive, transportation, or parks, recreation, and open space plan
- On a municipal Official Map
- In *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*, adopted in 2019
- In *Walk/RollLV: Active Transportation Plan*
- In Lehigh Valley Greenways Plan
- In Lehigh Valley Trail Inventory
- In Lehigh or Northampton Counties' Livable Landscapes Plans
- On or connecting to the LANTA Enhanced Bus/Bus Rapid Transit future route
- In Another Plan

○ Name of Plan (if applicable):



**SECTION F – PLAN/PROJECT JUSTIFICATION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

For Bridge Plans/Projects (Bridge Status):

- Open
- Posted
- Closed
- On Federal Aid Route System

Date Bridge was last inspected:

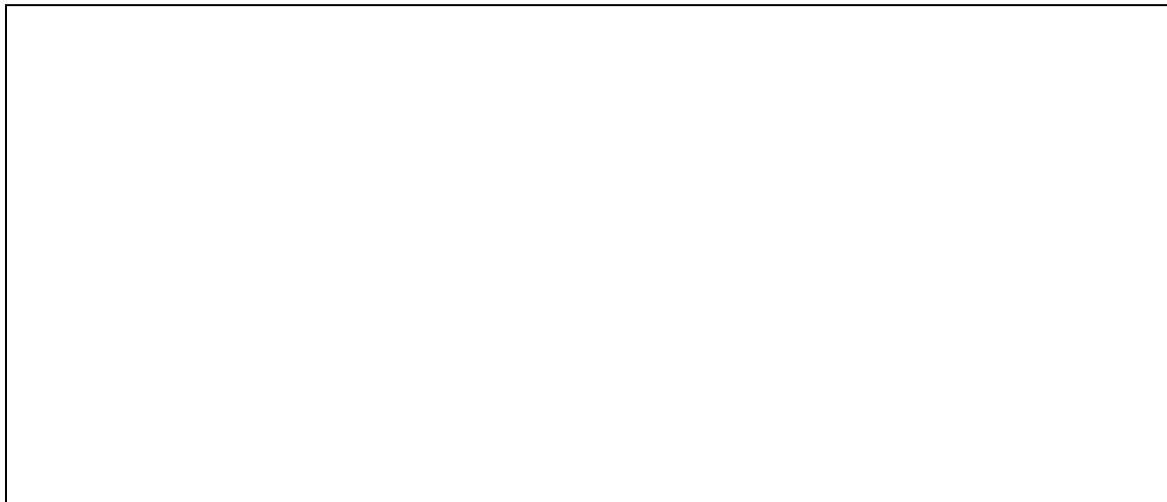
Bridge condition rating at last inspection, if applicable:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**SECTION G – ESTIMATED PLAN/PROJECT COST**

*INSTRUCTIONS: Provide an estimate of the total plan/project cost, including any proposed local financial match. Total plan/project costs should include estimates for preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction, if available or applicable.*

Cost Estimate:



## **SECTION H – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

*INSTRUCTIONS: If you have any supporting materials, please send them to Hannah Milagio's attention at [planning@lvpc.org](mailto:planning@lvpc.org) or via mail to: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, 961 Marcon Blvd, Suite 310, Allentown, PA 18109. Maximum page limit of 10 pages, and maximum email attachment size of 16mb.*