



## Lehigh Valley Transportation Study

C/O LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION  
961 MARCON BOULEVARD, SUITE 310  
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The Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Coordinating Committee met on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Conference Room at 961 Marcon Boulevard, Suite 310, Allentown, PA 18109.

### ***COORDINATING COMMITTEE***

#### **Name**

Steve Neratko\*\*  
Matthew Dorner\*\*  
David Hopkins\*\*  
Rick Molchany\*\*\*  
Stan Rugis\*\*\*  
Brandan Cotter\*  
Becky Bradley\*  
Larry Shifflet\*  
Michael Rebert\*

#### **Representing**

City of Allentown  
City of Bethlehem  
City of Easton  
County of Lehigh  
County of Northampton  
LANta  
LVPC  
PennDOT Central Office  
PennDOT District 5-0

### ***PUBLIC PRESENT***

Sarah Andrew  
Kim Schaffer

Community Bike Works

Matt Assad

Morning Call

Chris Boehm

Macungie Borough

Anthony Branco

Fountain Hill Borough

Luis Campos

County of Northampton

Bryan Cope

Cyndie Carman

Palmer Township

Christopher Christman

Dave Colver

Randy Cope

South Whitehall Township

Howard Kutzler

Connor Corpora

U.S. Senator Bob Casey

Michael Dee

State Representative Dan McNeill

Kathy Dimpsey	FHWA
Kerry Fields	PennDOT District 5-0
Gerald Fry	JMT
Eugene Goldfeder	Catasauqua Borough
Vincent Smith	
Ray Green	PennDOT Central Office
Carol Halper	U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent
Brian Harris	Bushkill Township
Heather Heater	Borton-Lawson
Brian Hite	Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
George Kinney	
Steve Hurni	Plainfield Township
Bob Lammi	LVPC Commissioner
Jennifer McKenna	City of Allentown
Joe Romano	Larson Design Group
Bill Royer	State Representative Ryan MacKenzie
Claire Sadler	D&L/Lehigh Valley Greenways
Matthew Szuchyt	State Senator Pat Browne
Steve Turoscy	County of Lehigh
Jeff Warren	Gilmore & Associates

(\*Denotes Voting Member and Number of Votes)

Mr. Rebert chaired the meeting.

### ***COURTESY OF THE FLOOR***

None.

### ***MINUTES***

Mr. Rugis moved for approval of the minutes from the February 3, 2016 Coordinating Committee. Mr. Cotter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### ***OLD BUSINESS***

None.

***NEW BUSINESS******Schantz Road and SR863 TIP Amendment***

Ms. Fields presented the Schantz Road and SR863 TIP Amendment which was contained on page 9 of the meeting packet.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Molchany moved to approve the Schantz Road and SR863 TIP Amendment. Seconded by Ms. Bradley, the motion passed unanimously.

***Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)***

Mr. Kinney presented the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which was included in the meeting packet. The UPWP is our biennial work program that identifies the planning priorities that we do at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission with respect to the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study as the MPO for the area.

Ms. Bradley said the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Executive Committee manages the UPWP document. However, it needs to pass through both the LVTS Technical Committee and the LVTS Coordinating Committee as part of the MPO responsibility. The resolution states that the LVPC Executive Committee and the LVTS Technical Committee accepted and forwarded Resolution 1-16 (attached) to the LVTS Coordinating Committee for approval.

Mr. Cotter moved to accept the UPWP as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hopkins, the motion passed unanimously.

***Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Awards***

Ms. Bradley explained the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and presented the awards.

The judges recommended Macungie Borough and the Jordan Creek Greenway in South Whitehall Township for funding in the state program.

Projects receiving awards from the local TAP are (attached):

- Jordan Creek Greenway Extension, South Whitehall Township
- Bike Education, Allentown
- Bike Trail Safety Enhancements, Palmer Township
- Streetscape Enhancements (pedestrian ramps, crossings), Fountain Hill Borough
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Enhancements, Catasauqua Borough
- Two Rivers Trail Gap, Northampton County in partnership with Bushkill Township, Plainfield Township and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Mr. Kinney said the group judging was focused on shovel-ready projects. It was noted that TAP funding is Federal money with no match funding required.

### ***COURTESY OF THE FLOOR***

Ms. Bradley said Lehigh Valley Planning Commission would like to apply for a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Planning grant for about half the cost to do a regional bike and pedestrian plan. There is a demand and need for it. We think it will build off our sidewalk inventory as well as some of the desires of the communities and support some of the things they are doing.

Mr. Rugis moved to proceed with the grant application. Seconded by Mr. Molchany, the motion passed unanimously.

### ***ADJOURN***

There being no further business, Mr. Molchany moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shifflet, Mr. Rebert adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,

Alice J. Lipe for  
Becky A. Bradley, AICP  
Secretary  
LVTS Coordinating Committee

BAB:ajl  
Finalized 05/17/16

Attachments: Resolution 1-16 – UPWP  
TAP Awards Presentation



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**RESOLUTION 1-16**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Executive Committee at its regularly scheduled and publically advertised Executive Committee Meeting on March 16, 2016 resolved to accept the Unified Planning Work Program as presented and forward said agreement to the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study for consideration;

WHEREAS, the Technical Committee of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study at its regularly scheduled and publically advertised meeting on March 28, 2016 accepted and forward the Unified Planning Work Program agreement as recommended by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Executive Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coordinating Committee of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study, at its regularly scheduled and publically advertised meeting of April 6, 2016, accepts the Unified Planning Work Program, as recommended by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Executive Committee and Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Technical Committee. The Unified Planning Work Program agreement, beginning July 1, 2016 and through June 30, 2018, for the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study is associated with Open-End Base Agreement Number 521162 between the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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Michael Rebert, PE, Chair

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Date

ATTEST:

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Becky Bradley, Secretary

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Date



# Projects Awarded



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Pedestrian Streetscape Project

Macungie Borough

\$542,288 - State Funding Recommendation

*Main Street at Race Street, view south of the railroad tracks*



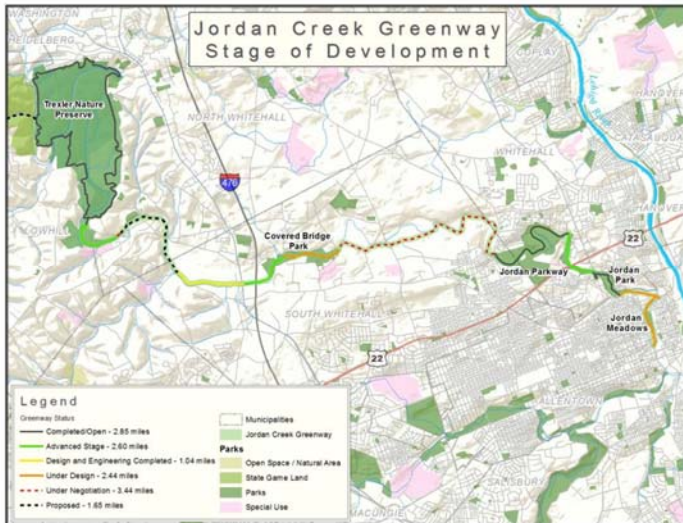


# Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Jordan Creek Greenway and Trail Project, Sections 48 and 49  
South Whitehall Township

\$292,366

\$257,634 State Funding Recommendation (Section 50)



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Education

Bike Education Project – Community Bike Works  
City of Allentown  
\$150,000

## Earn a Bike

12-week course; earn bike & helmet



### Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Bike Path Crossing Safety Improvements  
Palmer Township  
\$56,630



### Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Broadway and Delaware Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project  
Fountain Hill Borough  
\$59,950

To Whom it may concern:

In regards to roads, Broadway and Delaware Ave. in Fountain Hill.

In the 2 years I have been the crossing guard for the school children, whether it be 1 or 50, the area is a very dangerous intersection.

This intersection needs proper crossing lights, signage, street and sidewalk markings to create safe zones.

The traffic has increased each year leaving me with people who have no regard for me, or the children.

This area needs to be made into a safer intersection to protect pedestrians and children.

Fountain Hill Crossing Guard  
*Al Christian*







## Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Front Street Safety and Connectivity Project  
Catasauqua Borough  
\$292,126



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Two Rivers Trail Gap  
Northampton County, Bushkill Township, Plainfield Township  
\$420,562



TWO RIVERS TRAIL CORRIDOR  
**TWO RIVERS TRAIL GAP 9A**

