



Lehigh Valley Long Range Transportation and Freight Plans adopted

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Both *MOVELV: Long Range Transportation Plan* and *MOVELV: Lehigh Valley Regional Freight Plan* were adopted this past fall by the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lehigh and Northampton counties. The transportation plan covers a 25-year period from 2015 to 2040. It specifies multimodal highway, bridge, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian project priorities. The plan discusses demographic and economic trends and their impact on the performance of the transportation network. It also lays out a financial plan—the value of all projects contained in the plan must not exceed the amount of funds that can reasonably be expected over the program period (i.e., the plan is fiscally constrained). The plan identifies a \$2.5 billion program of projects that address the transportation needs of the Lehigh Valley and serves as a guide for future transportation infrastructure investments.

The freight plan analyzes current and future commodity flow data by both highway and rail modes and identifies problem areas and concerns throughout the regional freight network for further analysis and study. Freight volume by both tonnage and volume for outbound, inbound, intra and through movements provide important measurements for monitoring impacts on the transportation network. “Given the emergence of e-commerce and other factors influencing freight movements, the freight plan will guide the long term freight infrastructure planning efforts in the Lehigh Valley”, according to Becky Bradley, LVPC Executive Director.

Both plans are available on the LVPC website:

Long Range Transportation Plan:

http://www.lvpc.org/pdf/MOVELV/MOVELV_FullDocument.pdf

Regional Freight Plan:

http://lvpc.org/pdf/MOVELV/freight/LV_RegionalFreightPlan.pdf