



2024

Northampton + Lehigh County

**BUDGET
AND
WORKPLAN**

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2024 Budget and Workplan



evolving with our growing community

As the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) enters its 63rd year serving the housing, economic, transportation, environmental, general infrastructure, information planning and coordination needs of Northampton and Lehigh counties, its priorities are evolving with our growing Region. Driving this evolution is a successful Lehigh Valley that is attracting more people and businesses, climate change-related problems, strained public and private infrastructure systems, a growing role in the global economy, the rapid technological advancement of the fourth industrial revolution, and perhaps most important, a housing shortage that is pricing families out of their own neighborhoods.

Some longstanding needs in the community remain and have grown while new issues and opportunities emerge. In addition, new federal laws, like the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act have added to the Commission's workload and are increasing the complexity, depth and breadth of responsibilities. The LVPC continues to shift its focus to address these needs, adding to an already full workload and putting strain on dedicated staff.

The dilemma is, while this region has grown by 150,000 residents, and the problems facing them have become so much more intricate and involved, our staff remains the same size, at 21. Essentially, staffing has remained between 19-21 since the 1990s. This significantly limits the LVPC's ability to respond to the ever-present, ever-growing and ever-urgent needs of the region. Even if we change nothing, inflation alone continues to add significantly to our costs. Yet, we continue to work diligently to secure additional resources and rise to the new societal challenges facing the Lehigh Valley while maintaining a balanced budget.

In the coming pages we'll outline the services we've provided for decades and will continue to provide, and the greater role we must play in addressing the needs of our growing community.

The LVPC Planning Program and Budget's strong focus on growth management through the implementation of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* will continue in 2024. In addition, the work program has specific concentration on municipal services and education, climate action, water management, housing supply and attainability, as well as, transportation safety and equity.

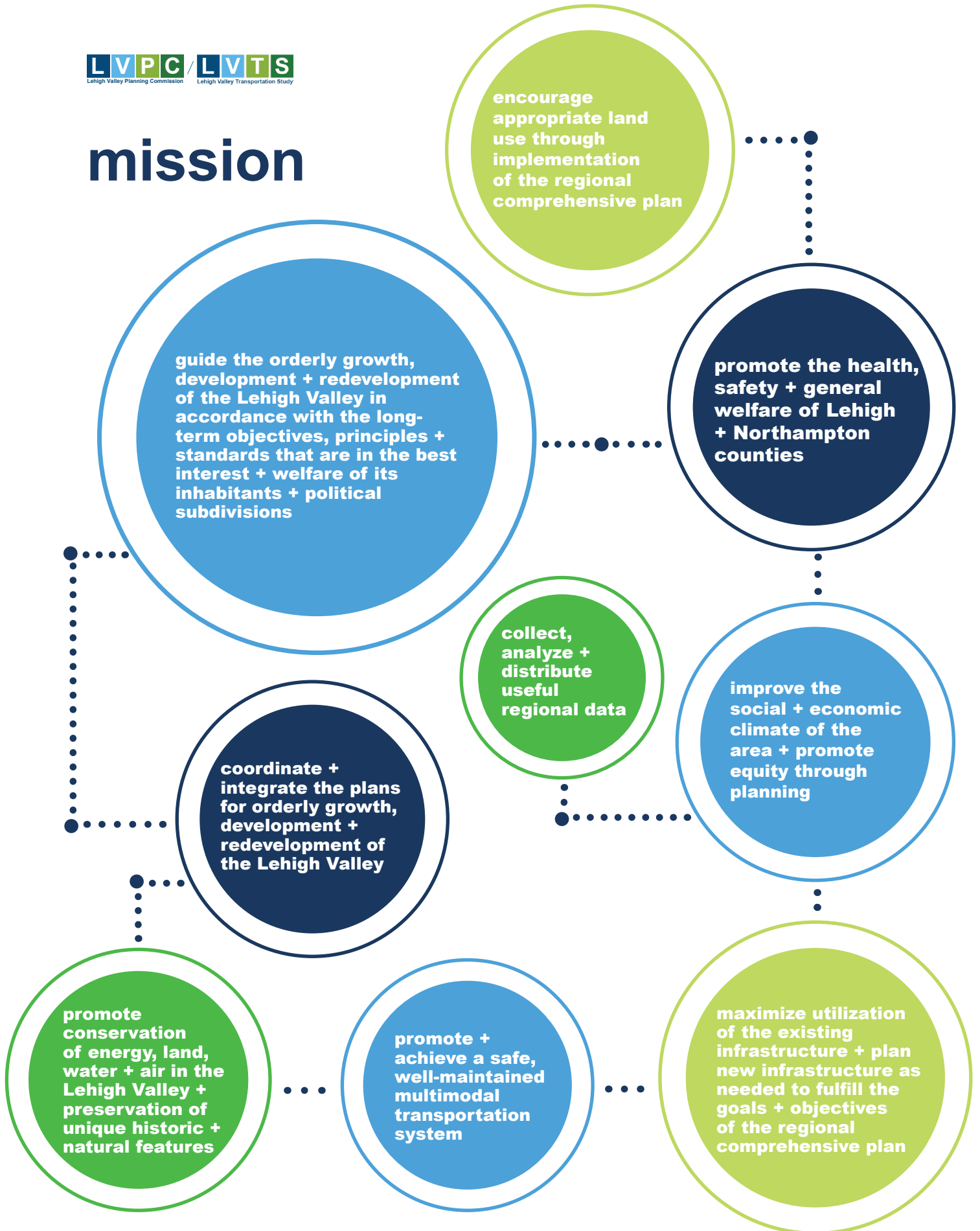
mission rooted in law

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Transportation Study operate under a series of laws that outline roles and responsibilities of the organization supported by the LVPC mission. Within this framework, the 2024 budget and workplan supports the implementation of several federal, state and county laws, many of these with increasing requirements adding to the complexity, depth and breadth of the work program. It is of note, the Inflation Reduction Act adds US Environmental Protection Act responsibilities to bi-county planning in addition to the Metropolitan Planning Organization functions of the LVTS. The laws that the LVPC and LVTS operate under include:

- Implementing the County Planning Program, as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, as enacted and amended), and associated state and county acts and initiatives, as required
- Implementing the County Watershed Management Program, as required by Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act (Act of 1978, P.L. 864, No. 167, as enacted and amended), and the associated federal Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program of the Clean Water Act
- Implement the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning and Investment Program requirements per United States Code, Title 23, as enacted and amended in conjunction with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act
- Implement the Climate Pollution Reduction Program requirements per the United States Code, Title 2 and 40, as enacted and amended in conjunction with the Inflation Reduction Act
- Implementing the Sewage Facilities Act (Act of 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, as enacted and amended) for the planning and regulation of community sewage systems
- Implementing the Solid Waste Management Act (Act of 1980, P.L. 380, No. 97, as enacted and amended) for municipal, residential and hazardous waste permits
- Implementing the Public Utility Code (Act of 1978, P.L. 598, N. 116 as enacted and amended) cooperation provisions for regulated utility distribution systems
- Implementing the Delaware River Basin Compact (U.S. Public Law 87-328 of 1961 and Act of 1961, P.L. 518, No. 268) for water supply protection, pollution control, flood protection, watershed management, recreation, hydroelectric power and regulation of withdrawal and diversion

As such, the LVPC and LVTS are not optional, but required. Balancing increasing work program and budget demands is mission critical and part of the Workplan for the future.

mission



county planning program

The County Planning Program includes a wide range of key planning activities and programs designed to meet the requirements of the state and federal laws, and to meet the defined mission of the LVPC. This program includes, but is not limited to:

- Review of all subdivision and land development activity for Lehigh and Northampton counties
- Review of all municipal subdivision, land development, zoning, official map, transportation impact fee, parks/recreation/open space fee, floodplain and stormwater ordinances
- Review of all municipal comprehensive, parks/recreation/open space, agricultural security areas, environmental and transportation plans
- Review of all municipal street vacation proposals
- Review of all municipal curative amendments
- Review of all public school development/redevelopment plans
- Acting as the municipal planning staff for the boroughs of Slatington, Chapman, Glendon and West Easton
- Review of all stormwater management plans for consistency with County watershed/water quality requirements
- Review of all water withdrawal applications, sewer and water plans and service extensions
- Review of all solid waste facilities proposals and plans
- Review of state and federal grant proposals for consistency with the regional plan

January through October 2023, LVPC reviewed 513 subdivision and development plans, 203 stormwater plans and 90 municipal ordinance, map and plan amendments. That puts the Region on pace for the most number of plans since 2008.

Addressing the housing supply and attainability needs in the region requires partnerships. LVPC, Federal Reserve Bank and Urban Land Institute have embarked on unprecedented joint planning effort to increase availability and access to housing.

- Preparing, monitoring and implementing the County Comprehensive Plan
- Monitoring an amendment to the bi-county comprehensive planning components of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*
- Providing planning assistance to municipal governments in an era of increased development, land use litigation and demand
- Serving as a land use, environmental, housing, transportation and associated data resource and data hub, including as an official Census Bureau affiliate for the region
- Ensuring that the Metropolitan Planning Organization, or transportation planning functions of LVPC are consistent with the goals of the counties
- Supporting and furthering the education of municipal officials, counties and the public on subdivision, land development, zoning, comprehensive and community planning
- Furthering public education through new forms of media, including a regular LVPC column and a monthly radio show.
- Presenting the Annual LVPC Gala and Awards, exploring important issues and celebrating excellence in planning across a great region.
- Facilitating community dialogue through meetings and other public events (online and in person, as allowable)
- Managing and collaborating with LVPC/LVTS boards and committees

LVPC has entered into a five-year partnership with the US Environmental Protection Agency to create a regional climate action plan and priority transportation decarbonization plan for the Lehigh Valley.

LVPC continues to support 39 communities in six Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plans critical to local and counties' implementation of *FutureLV*. Municipal zoning and official map updates in the Nazareth Area, Northern Lehigh, River Central, Southwest Lehigh and Slate Belt are progressing.

LVPC continues to modernize operations through improved technology and in 2024 will implement online plan submission and review system to increase efficiency and better coordinate with other review agencies, applicants and the public.

metropolitan planning organization transportation planning and investment program

As the Region grows, the LVTS is responding by developing phasing and implementation plans to reduce congestion and improve safety for key corridors such as US Route 22 and Airport Road.

The LVTS, with \$280,000 in PENNDOT & FHWA funding, continues to lead a five-region Freight Planning effort, from Scranton through the Lehigh Valley to Lebanon County.

The LVPC, via the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS), serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in addition to our role as a bi-county planning commission. As an MPO, LVTS plans for and coordinates investment in the region's roads, rails, trails, bridges and transit systems. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) and US Department of Transportation (USDOT) are funding partners for the transportation planning and investment program. A two-year agreement is in place with these entities for the Metropolitan Planning Program.

The annual county contributions serve as the required match to the federal transportation program. Specifically, ensuring that federal and state requirements are met, investments monitored, required data collected, analyzed and utilized ultimately, supporting the allocation of over \$4 billion in transportation funds over the next 25 years. Short-term investments worth over \$600 million, through the Transportation Improvement Program are analyzed, organized and managed by the MPO Staff, voted on by decision of the LVTS and authorized by PENNDOT and USDOT.

It is of note that, both Northampton and Lehigh counties, PENNDOT, LANTA, the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and LVPC represent the region's transportation interests collectively through the LVTS. Each county receives direct bridge funding from the Transportation Improvement Program. Municipal governments, Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA), PENNDOT and several non-profits also receive funds from the Transportation Improvement Program. LVPC staff provide a wide variety of transportation planning services, data analytics, measuring, monitoring, funds acquisition and management, education and regulatory compliance functions.

The transportation planning program includes, but is not limited to:

- Coordination of the region’s transportation infrastructure through planning and collaboration with Northampton and Lehigh counties, all 62 Lehigh Valley municipalities, LANTA, the Lehigh and Northampton Airport Authority, PENNDOT, USDOT, local businesses and developers, educational institutions, non-profit transportation service providers, States of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, neighboring regions, including the New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Northeast Pennsylvania and Berks County areas, and many other key stakeholders and the public
- Furthering the dialogue, collaboration, research and solutions for recently emerged and emerging transportation issues such as freight growth, the need for better walking, biking and transit connections, climate resiliency, a safer system, alternative fuel transitioning and autonomous vehicle infrastructure planning
- Serving as planning staff support to LANTA, PENNDOT and the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority
- Developing, evolving and maintaining transportation planning in the Lehigh Valley
- Managing an over \$4 billion transportation planning and investment program
- Ensuring regulatory compliance necessary to support transportation investments
- Soliciting, prioritizing, evaluating, programming and monitoring transportation project and study requests
- Monitoring transportation system changes through the data modeling, traffic count, segment inventory and travel time delay study programs
- Planning for and incorporating the development of new, restructured, sustainable and increased funding for infrastructure maintenance and improvements, including assisting partners and communities
- Maintaining, analyzing, utilizing and distributing transportation data to partners and the public, including system performance measures
- Evaluating and mitigating the impact of transportation plans and programs on environmental justice communities, including working with under-served and under-represented communities

- Identifying and coordinating connections to critical transportation facilities and corridors that support the economy and connect employment centers, housing and other community facilities and services
- Preparing the region for a diversified energy and technology-based mobility future
- Educating public works and other municipal officials, engineers, planners and the public on transportation issues, maintenance and technologies to support the continued functioning of the transportation system
- Supporting the LVTS through committees and working groups



In 2024, LVTS is updating the four-year Transportation Improvement Program, investing in the implementation of over \$485.6 million of road, bridge, multimodal and transit projects.



LVTS is updating a series of required specific transportation plans, including transportation safety, multimodal investment and coordinated human services transit plans, all critical to advancing regional goals and ensuring investments are targeted to areas of greatest need.

the workplan

INTENSIFIED COMMUNITY FOCUS

The focus of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) has always been on our community, but as this region’s development, transportation needs and freight movements intensify, we must target and increase the services we provide.

Operating as a single agency, with two distinct and separate boards and a shared staff and budget, the LVPC, as the bi-county planning agency and the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS), as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lehigh Valley Metropolitan Area annually create a single work program. This document details work to be initiated and/or completed by LVPC/LVTS (Commission, when used jointly) during 2024.

In 2024, the Commission is evolving the work program to reflect a changing region, new regulations and evolving requirements for MPOs and bi-county planning agencies. The 2024 Work Program is driven by the regulatory requirements for both county planning agencies and MPOs and within this framework responds to national, state, regional, county and local issues and opportunities. As the Lehigh Valley has entered a new era, several key changes have been noted by board members, government, non-profit and for-profit partners and the community as a whole. These include:

- ▶ Increases in types, density and complexity of proposed developments
- ▶ Growth and diversification in population and employment, driven by immigration and an expanding business environment
- ▶ Earnest and renewed public focus on balanced growth, including the transportation-land use connections, changing transportation patterns, and varying vehicle types, impacts and congestion
- ▶ Changing public preferences and expectations for travel mode options and interoperability
- ▶ Increasing need for enhanced transportation safety
- ▶ Increasing climate awareness and hazard mitigation. The need for action are growing matters of regional concern, especially around vulnerabilities like flooding, aging infrastructure, air quality and equity
- ▶ Need for housing supply and attainability in locations with employment, services and transportation connections
- ▶ New opportunities and challenges associated with global, societal, environmental and housing, as well as economic preferences, investments, values and realities
- ▶ Increasing stress on local governments and associated services to address rapid change
- ▶ New requirements from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- ▶ New competitive funding opportunities from the IIJA and IRA

The intensity of development has increased in a way unlike anything this region has seen before. The Lehigh Valley is in a new era and the approaches to managing our community and our economy are evolving as a result.

The Lehigh Valley is at a tipping point and communities are increasingly looking for us to provide more information, direction and answers.

INCREASED COMMUNITY NEED

But now, we know there's more that must be done. Just as our Pandemic-related analysis helped identify the neighborhoods where jobs and housing were most at-risk, and where thousands of students would need connectivity for virtual learning, we know our community will need help navigating a monumental housing shortage that has left many families unable to find homes they can afford or reach jobs in emerging employment centers. We will continue to work with 31 municipalities currently advancing multi-municipal plans that will help them better control development, but we know we can go even deeper into this housing dilemma. We hope to provide a detailed analysis of not only how much more housing we need, but at what income levels, and where specifically it should be built. New partnerships to achieve 'housing for all' with the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Urban Land Institute, banks, development companies and local governments are key. This will be critical to preventing families from being priced out of their neighborhoods and maintaining the Lehigh Valley as an attractive place to live for people of all incomes. It's one of the many community initiatives we're continuing to advance in 2024.

Gone are the days of reviewing development plans merely to determine whether they are "generally consistent" with the comprehensive plans. As our population and place in the global economy grows, our highest priority now is striking a balance between managing the growth that comes with our Region's success and preserving the very character that makes us unique. Therefore, our reviews now describe in detail — in some cases several pages worth — where a development is doing the things that help preserve that character, where it is lacking and most importantly where it can be improved. With support from our municipal partners, developers routinely go back to the drawing board to make changes. And the results are undeniable.

The Commission often encourages local governments to deny proposals that don't match the zoning and/or *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*. In many others that comply with the zoning — and can't be denied — our LVPC planners have given municipalities the playbook on how to make these developments better fit into the community. It has resulted in more walkable projects with sidewalks, better transit access, more green roofs, truck parking accommodations that keep the tractor-trailers from idling on our exit ramps and road shoulders, truck routes designed to keep them off our neighborhood streets and green infrastructure that makes the developments more attractive and better able to handle stormwater runoff. It's been an instrumental tool in our increasingly difficult effort to strike that balance.

LVPC/LVTS 2024 Work Program is designed to respond to these societal shifts and changes in regulatory requirements, while meeting the mission, legislative and contractual obligations of the organization, even as those tasks become dramatically more complex.

EVOLVING FEDERAL LEGISLATION

A key component of the Work Program is the 2022-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which began July 1, 2022 and is an active agreement through June 30, 2024. The UPWP outlines the tasks to meet the requirements of the federal transportation planning program.

MPOs have the responsibility to undertake a performance-based planning and programming approach to making investments in our transportation system. LVPC achieves this approach by following the direction and guidance provided by the federal FAST (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) Act and the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), as well as undertaking the region's priority planning initiatives as identified by the LVTS in partnership with the LVPC. As new regulations and guidance for MPOs are issued from the November 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), LVPC will update the UPWP, as needed. Several new areas of emphasis are included in these laws:

- ▶ **Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future**
 - Transportation plans and infrastructure investments should help achieve the national greenhouse gas reduction goals of 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2050, and increase resilience to extreme weather events and other disasters resulting from the increasing effects of climate change. The transportation planning process will be used to accelerate the transition toward electric and other alternative fueled vehicles, plan for a sustainable infrastructure system that works for all users, and adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- ▶ **Equity and Justice40 in Transportation Planning**
 - Advance racial equity and support for underserved and disadvantaged communities. Ensuring public involvement in the planning process will help plans and strategies reflect various perspectives, concerns and priorities from impacted areas.
- ▶ **Advancing Complete Streets**
 - Plan, develop, and operate streets and networks that prioritize safety, comfort and access to destinations for all people, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micro-mobility users, freight delivery services, and motorists. The goal is to provide an equitable and safe transportation network for travelers of all ages and abilities, including those from marginalized communities facing historic disinvestment.
- ▶ **Enhanced Public Involvement**
 - Increase meaningful public involvement in transportation planning by integrating Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) tools into the overall public involvement approach while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices.
- ▶ **Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination**
 - Coordinate with representatives from DOD in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs for STRAHNET routes and other public roads that connect to DOD facilities.
- ▶ **Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination**
 - Coordinate with FLMAs in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs for access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands.

▶ **Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)**

- Incorporate PEL as a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process.

▶ **Data in Transportation Planning**

- Incorporate data sharing and considerations into the transportation planning process.

MPOs are awaiting guidance from the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) on these new and enhanced areas of emphasis and will likely need to revise the UPWP over the length of the agreement as requirements evolve.

PLATFORM FOR THE FUTURE

The planning activities identified in 2024 allow LVPC to address a variety of issues in our diverse region. Key issues for the Commission in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 include providing for the safety, and resiliency of the region's transportation infrastructure, increasing the efficiency and operations of our roads and transit systems, strengthening and measuring the performance of our transportation assets and promoting growth and revitalization in our older communities. We'll need to do that while minimizing pressure and protecting our greenfields and open spaces, caring for our air, land, and water resources, and continuing to support programs that will integrate transportation, land use, housing, connectivity, the environment, resiliency, growth management and equity. A continuing priority for the Commission in 2024 is the implementation of our long-range and comprehensive plan.

The Commission believes that the FY 2024 work program responds to changing planning and critical issues identified by the leadership and citizens of the region, and will continue to lead the way toward a brighter future.

2024 LVPC and LVTS Workplan

County Planning Program Obligations	Timeline/Deadline
Bi-County Reviews	
Subdivision and Land Development Reviews	Ongoing
Municipal Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances	Ongoing
Official Maps	Ongoing
Traffic Impact Fees	Ongoing
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plans and Fees	Ongoing
Stormwater Management Plans	Ongoing
Comprehensive Plans	Ongoing
Capital Improvement Plans	Ongoing
Solid Waste Plans	Ongoing
Utilities Plans	Ongoing
Sewage Facilities	Ongoing
Water Facilities	Ongoing
Water Withdrawal Permits	Ongoing
Street Vacation Reviews	Ongoing
Bi-County Planning Commission Operations	Monthly;
Regulatory Compliance	Annual Report - March 1, 2024

Training and Technical Assistance	Timeline/Deadline
Lehigh Valley Government Academy	
Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute Course in Community Planning	Spring/Fall 2024
Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute Course in Subdivision and Land Development	Spring/Fall 2024
Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute Course in Zoning	Spring/Fall 2024
Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute Course in Zoning Administration	Spring/Fall 2024
2024 Local Technical Assistance Program	30-Dec-24

Bi-County Planning Partner Obligations	Timeline/Deadline
Lehigh Valley Housing Supply and Attainability Strategy	2024
Lehigh County Freight Land Use Assessment and Municipal Guide	30-Jun-24
Lehigh Valley Global Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan and Water Resources Assessment	2025
Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation - Zoning Code and Official Map Update Support	Ongoing
Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation - Zoning Code and Official Map Updates Support	Ongoing
River Central Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation - Zoning Code and Official Map Updates Support	Ongoing
Slate Belt Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation - Zoning Code and Official Map Updates Support	Ongoing
Southwest Lehigh Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation - Zoning Code and Official Map Updates Support	Ongoing
Farmland and Open Space Reviews Support	Ongoing
Municipal Regulatory Support and Technical Assistance Program	Ongoing
2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (Completed Regulatory Compliance)	30-Jun-24
Annual List of Obligated Projects (Project Implementation Accomplishments)	20-Dec-24
Title VI Plan Update Implementation	30-Jun-24
July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 Interim Unified Planning Work Program (Final)	30-Jan-24
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027 Interim Unified Planning Work Program (Draft to PENNDOT/USDOT)	Estimated November 1, 2024
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027 Interim Unified Planning Work Program (Final)	Estimated January 30, 2025

Transportation/Metropolitan Planning Program Obligations	Timeline/Deadline
Federal Certification Review (External Review)	30-Jun-24
Transportation Access, Safety and Modernization Planning	30-Jun-24
Transportation Safety Plan	30-Jun-24
Congestion Management Process/Transportation Systems Management and Operations Program Prioritization	30-Jun-24
Walk Audit/Safe and Accessible Program	30-Jun-24
Allocation of Lehigh Valley Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Funds	30-Jun-24
Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Plan	30-Jun-24
Functional Classification System Updated	31-Dec-24
Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan	31-Dec-24
Allocation of Lehigh Valley Carbon Reduction Funds	31-Dec-24
Climate Action Planning	
Carbon Reduction Plan (USDOT)	1-Mar-24
Carbon Pollution Reduction Priority Climate Action Plan - Transportation Decarbonization (US EPA)	1-Mar-24
Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update	1-Mar-24
Regional Climate Action Plan (USEPA)	Aug-25
2024 Highway Performance Monitoring Program	30-Nov-24

Transportation/Metropolitan Planning Program Partner Obligations	Timeline/Deadline
2024 Local Technical Assistance Program On-Call Municipal Assistance	30-Dec-24
Passenger Rail Assessment	Estimated December 20, 2023/ Early 2024
PENNDOT-LANTA Bus-Rapid Transit Road Improvements Project	Estimated June 30, 2024
Airport Road Corridor Improvements Plan (Anticipated)	Anticipated Start in 2024
US Route 22 Corridor Improvements Plan (Anticipated)	Anticipated Start in 2025

Community Information and Engagement	Timeline/Deadline
DataLV Website Updates	2024
Transformative Talks	Spring and Fall 2024
All Government and Community General Assembly	Spring and Fall 2024
WorkshopLV Topic Specific Focused Working Groups	Spring and Fall 2024
Plan Lehigh Valley National Public Radio - WDIY 88.1 FM Monthly Program	Monthly
Business Cycle Monthly Column in the Morning Call Newspaper	Monthly
BuildLV Development Monthly Development Activity Report in the Lehigh Valley Business Journal	Monthly

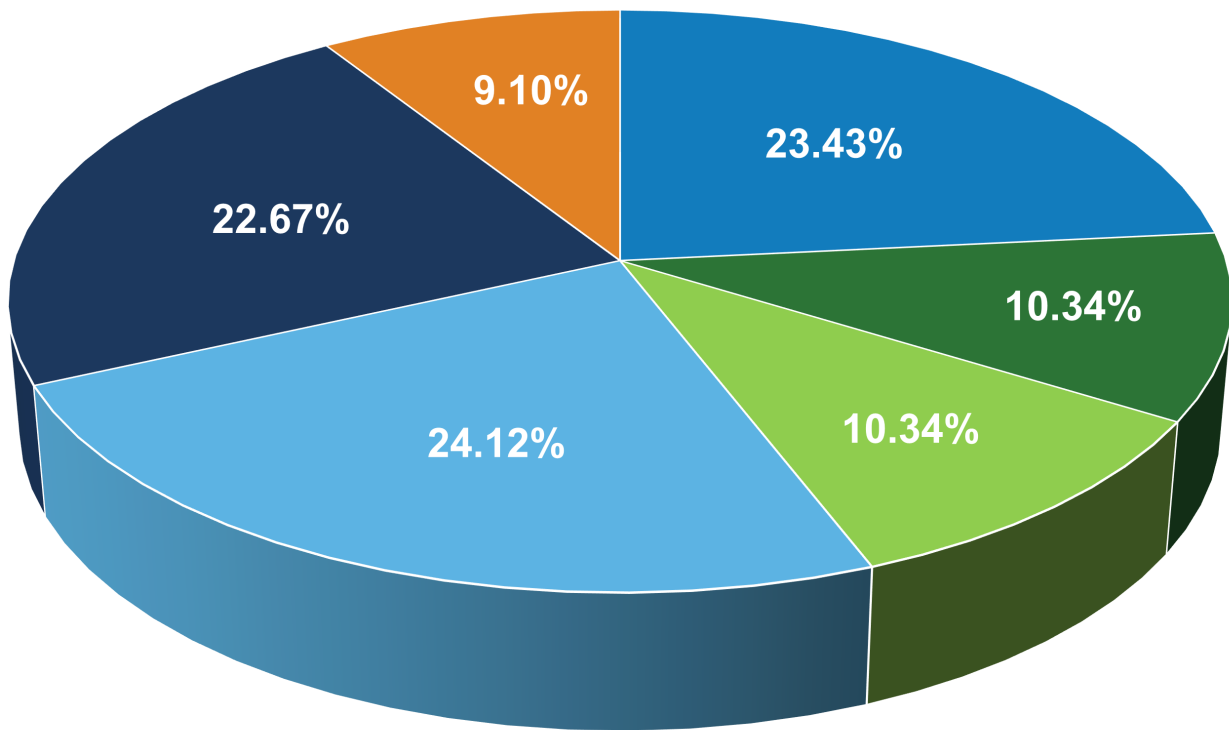
Partnerships	Timeline/Deadline
Social Media Public Engagement Through Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X	Daily
Workforce Board Lehigh Valley	Ongoing
Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority	Ongoing
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Transportation, Public Policy, Development Outlook and Energy and Environment Partnerships	Ongoing
United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley Age-Friendly Communities Initiative	Ongoing
Lehigh Valley Greenways and The Link Trail Partners	Ongoing
Metropolitan Planning Area Forum of Northeast Transportation Partners	Ongoing
Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Alliance Transportation Planning Partners	Ongoing
Eastern Transportation Coalition for US	Ongoing
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Planning Partners	Ongoing
American Planning Association - Pennsylvania Chapter - Lehigh Valley-Berks	Ongoing
Urban Land Institute - Lehigh Valley Satellite	Ongoing
Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) - Lehigh Valley Satellite	Ongoing
National Association of Regional Councils	Ongoing

the budget

The 2024 budget request is designed to address the needs of the increasing population and complexity of the issues that the region is experiencing, as well as escalating demand for county planning, especially municipal support.

ESTIMATED REVENUES	2021 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
Northampton County	\$575,000	\$605,000	\$605,000	\$605,000
Lehigh County	\$600,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$605,000
Pennsylvania and US Departments of Transportation	\$1,024,000	\$1,485,314	\$1,573,046	\$1,371,008
Specific Project Contracts (Includes EPA Grant)	\$297,015	\$310,292	\$468,411	\$1,411,158
Office Relocation and Fit-Out - 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,326,385
Operating Reserves				
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission	\$208,345	\$324,626	\$477,461	\$532,461
Total	\$2,704,360	\$3,375,232	\$3,773,918	\$5,851,012

ESTIMATED 2024 REVENUE AS PERCENT OF BUDGET



- Pennsylvania and US Departments of Transportation
- Lehigh County
- Northampton County
- Specific Project Contracts
- Office Relocation and Fit-Out
- Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

2024 LVPC budget

1000	REVENUES	BUDGET
1100	COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	
1111	Slate Belt Multi-Municipal Plan	\$32,743
1116	Housing Supply & Attainability Strategy - LECO 2024 ARPA	\$40,000
1117	Regional Equity & Access Project - LECO 2024 ARPA	\$10,000
1118	LECO Freight-Based Land Use & Municipal Guidance Project - LECO 2024 ARPA	\$10,000
1119	LECO - Planning Implementation Partnership for Northern Lehigh	\$115,000
1120	ANIZDA Planning Services Agreement	\$12,500
	SUBTOTAL - COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	\$220,243
1200	ENVIRONMENT PLANNING	
1209	Regional Watersheds Assessment - PEMA Grant Funds	\$100,000
1209.L	Regional Watersheds Assessment - LECO PEMA Match - 2023 Operating Reserves	\$16,666
1209.N	Regional Watersheds Assessment - NORCO PEMA Match	\$16,666
1213	Regional Watersheds Assessment - PA DEP Grant Funds	\$40,000
1213.L	Regional Watersheds Assessment - PA DEP LECO Match - 2023 Operating Reserves	\$5,000
1213.N	Regional Watersheds Assessment - PA DEP NORCO Match	\$5,000
1210	Regional Climate Action Plan - LECO 2024 ARPA	\$7,200
1210.L	Regional Climate Action Plan - LECO Funding - 2023 Operating Reserves	\$28,800
1211	Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) - US EPA	\$245,095
	SUBTOTAL - ENVIRONMENT PLANNING	\$464,427

1000	REVENUES	BUDGET
1300	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	
1313	PENNDOT: 2022-2024, Base Contract	\$898,333
1313.L	PENNDOT: 2022-2024, Base Contract - LECO Match	\$32,375
1313.N	PENNDOT: 2022-2024, Base Contract - NORCO Match	\$32,375
1314	LTAP - PENNDOT: 2022-2024	\$12,500
1315	Eastern Regional Freight Alliance Project - PENNDOT: Supplemental	\$185,712
1316	Eastern Regional Freight Alliance Project - Local MPO Matches	\$43,836
1316.L	Eastern Regional Freight Alliance Project - LECO Match - 2023 Operating Reserves	\$10,732
1316.N	Eastern Regional Freight Alliance Project - NORCO Match - 2023 Operating Reserves	\$10,732
1317	PENNDOT Safe & Accessible (IIJA) Funds: 2022-2024	\$10,963
1318	PENNDOT: 2024-2025, Base Contract	\$240,000
1318.L	PENNDOT: 2024-2025, Base Contract - LECO Match	\$32,500
1318.N	PENNDOT: 2024-2025, Base Contract - NORCO Match	\$32,500
1319	LTAP - PENNDOT: 2024-2025	\$12,500
1320	PENNDOT Safe & Accessible (IIJA) Funds: 2024-2025	\$11,000
	SUBTOTAL - TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$1,566,058
1400	MISCELLANEOUS	
1402	Sales - Publications, Registrations, Sponsorships (Maps)	\$34,000
1404	Subdivision Review Fees Net	\$350,000
1405	Interest	\$73,000
1411	Work Force Board Shared Staff	\$75,461
	SUBTOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	\$532,461
1500	RESERVE FUNDS & APPROPRIATIONS	
1501	Operating Reserves 2023 - LECO ARPA Funds	\$236,188
1501.A	Operating Reserves 2023 - Office Fit-Out and Relocation	\$1,326,385
1501.B	Operating Reserves 2023 - Expenses	\$425,000
1502	Lehigh County Planning Appropriation	\$540,125
1503	Northampton County Planning Appropriation	\$540,125
	SUBTOTAL - RESERVE FUNDS & APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,067,823
TOTAL REVENUES		\$5,851,012

2024 LVPC budget

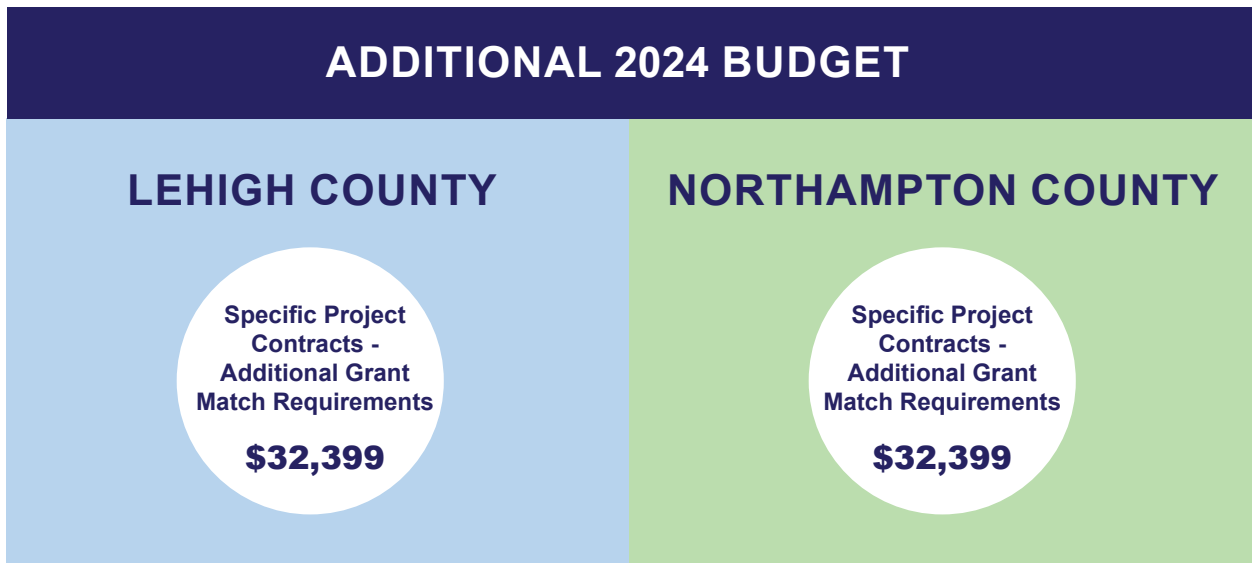
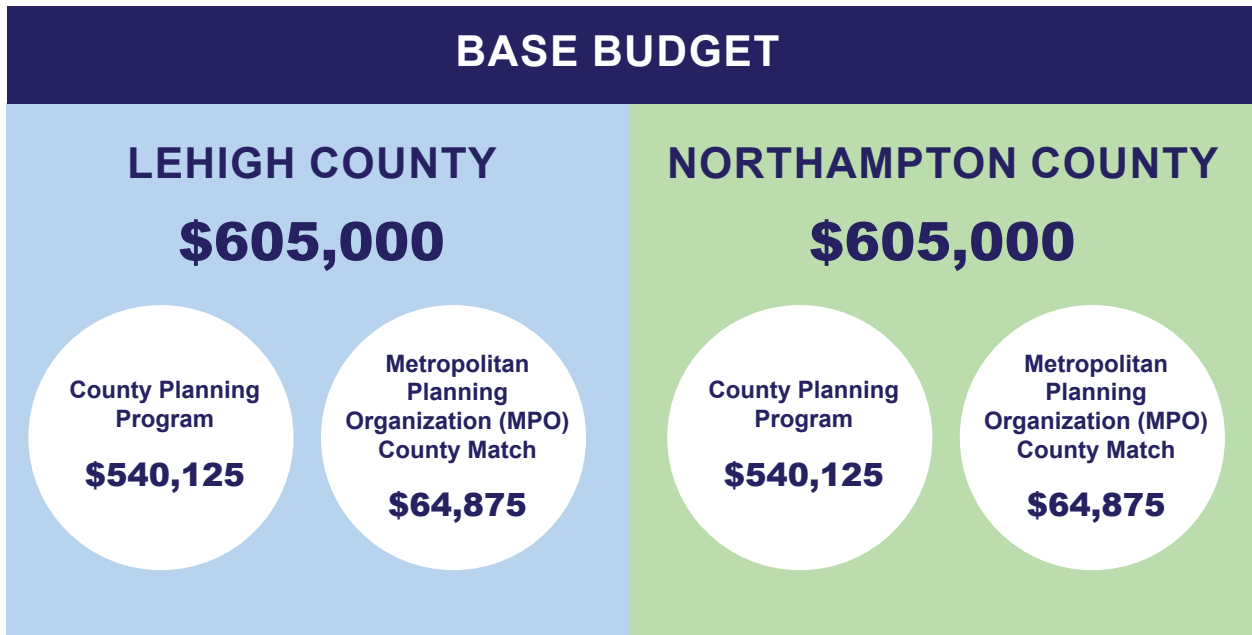
2000	EXPENSES	BUDGET
2100	PERSONNEL	
2101	Payroll: Permenant	\$2,349,498
2102	FICA	\$179,745
2103	Health Insurance	\$288,676
2104	Group Life & LTD Insurance	\$11,340
2105	Pension	\$239,826
2106	OPEB	\$36,079
	SUBTOTAL - PERSONNEL	\$3,105,164
2200	CONSULTANTS & SUPPLIES	
2201	Solicitor	\$120,000
2202	Auditor	\$19,400
2203	Pension Actuary	\$25,000
2205	Contract Services	\$585,000
2206	Local Government Academy	\$12,000
	SUBTOTAL - CONSULTANTS & SUPPLIES	\$761,400
2400	GENERAL OFFICE	
2401	Rent	\$153,953
2402	Operating Expenses & Utilities (Phone, Internet, IT Software and Maintenance, etc.)	\$266,918
2403	Postage	\$4,500
2404	Insurance	\$37,000
	SUBTOTAL - GENERAL OFFICE	\$462,371
2500	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	
2501	Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$3,000
2502	New Equipment & Office Improvements	\$1,331,075
	SUBTOTAL - EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$1,334,075

2000	EXPENSES	BUDGET
2600	SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	
2601	Sec., Drafting, Printing	\$52,500
2602	Library, Publications & Dues	\$13,750
2603	Travel & Expenses	\$15,000
2604	Ads & Legal Notices	\$14,000
2605	Training and Conferences	\$37,000
2606	Banking and Payroll Processing	\$3,500
2607	Miscellaneous & Contingency	\$500
2608	Public Participation	\$51,752
	SUBTOTAL - SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	\$188,002
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,851,012

your investment

Each County’s investment in the LVPC includes funding for the County Planning Program as well as the County match to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Additionally, there are specific project contracts that include the Eastern PA Freight Alliance Freight Infrastructure Plan and Lehigh Valley Regional Watershed – Phase I that require county match funding. The required match for these projects is an additional \$32,399 each from Lehigh and Northampton County.



2024 Project Specific Match Requirements

Match Requirements	State / Federal / Other Sources	Lehigh County Match	Northampton County Match	Total Project
Eastern PA Regional Freight Alliance Freight Plan (State/Federal-Required)	\$328,536	\$10,732	\$10,732	\$350,000
Lehigh Valley Regional Watershed Assessment - Phase I				
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Grant (State-Required)	\$100,000	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$133,334
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Management Grant (State-Required)	\$40,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
Lehigh Valley Climate Pollution Reduction Priority and Regional Action Plan				
US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	\$1,000,000	NONE REQUIRED	NONE REQUIRED	\$1,000,000
Total Project Funding	\$1,468,536	\$32,399	\$32,399	\$1,533,334

Note: Lehigh County has already provided additional match funding to LVPC for the Eastern PA Freight Alliance Freight Infrastructure Plan and the Lehigh Valley Regional Watershed – Phase I in the amount of \$32,399.

joint resolutions

THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

(Added: 5/8/81)



RESOLUTION

Number 14-81

A JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF
LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES

SECTION V FINANCES AND STAFF:

1. The governing bodies of Lehigh and Northampton Counties shall appropriate funds equally to contribute to the operation of the JPC.

Article VI: Expenses

The Joint Planning Commission of Lehigh-Northampton Counties shall function as a single unit, and the Counties of Lehigh and Northampton shall equally share the expenses for its operation. However, specific requests for service applying to one County only or a specific municipality may be funded by the individual County or municipality involved.



The LVPC's 2024 Budget is based on contributions from Lehigh County and Northampton County, as is dictated by Article VI, (b) of the Joint Resolution by Lehigh and Northampton County Commissioners Electing to Comply With and Be Governed By the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (adopted May 25, 1967 by Lehigh County; May 29, 1967 by Northampton County; and February 9, 1968 by the Joint Planning Commission). **These contributions from the counties are programmed for the annual staffing and operations of the LVPC and will not be used for the relocation of the LVPC office.**

Since 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation have increased the investment in this region's Metropolitan Planning by \$460,000 and agreed to a Unified Planning Work Program that guarantees funding through June of 2024, but Metropolitan Planning funds are limited to transportation functions and cannot directly support county planning functions.

The 2024 LVPC Budget Request reflect these requirements while maintaining a high level of service to the region and responding to growing needs.



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