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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm

AGENDA

THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED AT <https://tinyurl.com/LVPC2024> OR VIA PHONE 610-477-5793 Conf ID: 928 251 831#.

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Old Business:

1. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Vision Zero Application (BD)

New Business:

1. *ACTION ITEM*: Street Vacation Petition Review, portion of North Elizabeth Street, City of Allentown (BH)
2. *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM*: We Have Moved
 - a. *INFORMATION ITEM*: LVPC'S new office at 615 Waterfront Drive, Suite 201, Allentown, PA, 18102
 - b. *DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM*: Keeping Meetings Virtual? Or Move to Hybrid or In-Person?
3. *INFORMATION ITEM*: 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Update (HM,BD,BH,BB)

Monthly Status Reports

1. Monthly Traffic Count Report (BH)
2. Highway Projects Status Updates (BD)
3. Lehigh Valley Passenger Rail Analysis (BB)
 - a. Follow-Up Discussion on the PENNDOT Assessment, May 15th at 10AM
[www.tinyurl.com/LVTSPR0524](https://tinyurl.com/LVTSPR0524) or by phone at 610-477-5793, Conference ID: 636 219 000#
4. Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Alliance, Freight Infrastructure Plan (BB)

Next Transportation Committee Meeting:

May 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm



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April 5, 2024

Michael P. Hanlon
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RE: **Street Vacation Petition
North Elizabeth Street from Wayne Street (Vacated) to Monroe Street
City of Allentown, Lehigh County**

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) will consider the subject street vacation petition at its Transportation Planning Committee and Full Commission meetings, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Discussion on agenda items largely happens during the Committee meeting. Both meetings are virtual, please see the meeting details below to attend. The LVPC will issue a follow-up letter after the Commission meeting should the Commission have any additional comments.

- LVPC Transportation Planning Committee Meeting
 - April 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM
 - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.html>
- LVPC Full Commission Meeting
 - April 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.htm>

Mr. Hanlon,

The proposed street vacation application was submitted by the City of Allentown on behalf of Diane C. Schmidt of 323 North Ott Street. the proposed street vacation requests to vacate a portion of North Elizabeth Street from previously vacated Wayne Street to Monroe Street.

The proposed street vacation petition was reviewed for recommendations under Section 304 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and for general consistency with the intent of FutureLV: The Regional Plan.

North Elizabeth at the location petitioned to be vacated is an undeveloped, unimproved plotted street. The area is currently maintained by property owners and is essentially lawn and trees in the area of rights of way.

The street vacation petition was co-signed by Jonathan Andrews of 329 North Ott Street and Nicolas Fulton of 328 North 26th Street. It is recommended that the petitioner acquire concurrence signatures for the street vacation petition by all affected property owners including the property owners of 314, 334 North 26th Street and 313 North Ott Street. Concurrence of all property owners brings awareness of property and maintenance responsibilities of the area petitioned to be vacated if granted. *(of FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 2.2)*

It is recommended utilities that are above or below ground remain accessible as they are today in the event of maintenance or repair that may be required to maintain the essential power and telecommunications utilities as well as any City of Allentown or Lehigh County utilities and infrastructure required to sustain the public health, safety and welfare of the community. (of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 5.4*)

The vacating of rights of way by the City of Allentown for the described portion of North Elizabeth Street would not negatively affect current traffic circulation as the area will remain the same as it currently existing

The LVPC appreciates the City of Allentown's consideration of the goals and policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* in as much as it relates to the street vacation petition of a portion of North Elizabeth Street.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the LVPC review.



Brian Hite
Transportation Planner



Aerial view of the North Elizabeth Street location, petitioned to be vacated, is in red box
 Image Courtesy of Google Earth



Looking south from North Elizabeth Street



Looking North from Monroe Street

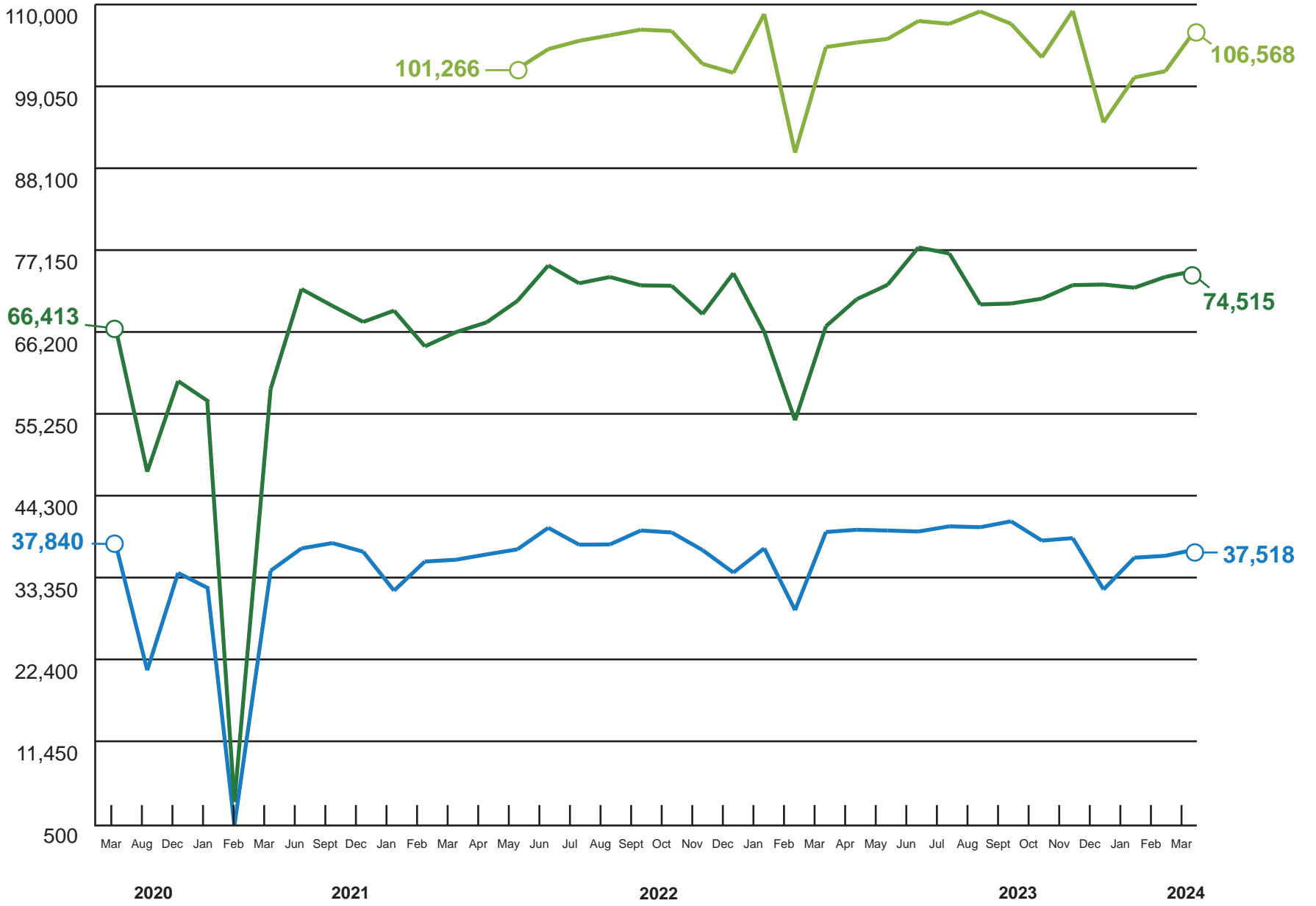
Images Courtesy of Google StreetView



Aerial image provided by the City of Allentown
Submitted with the Street Vacation Petition from the City of Allentown

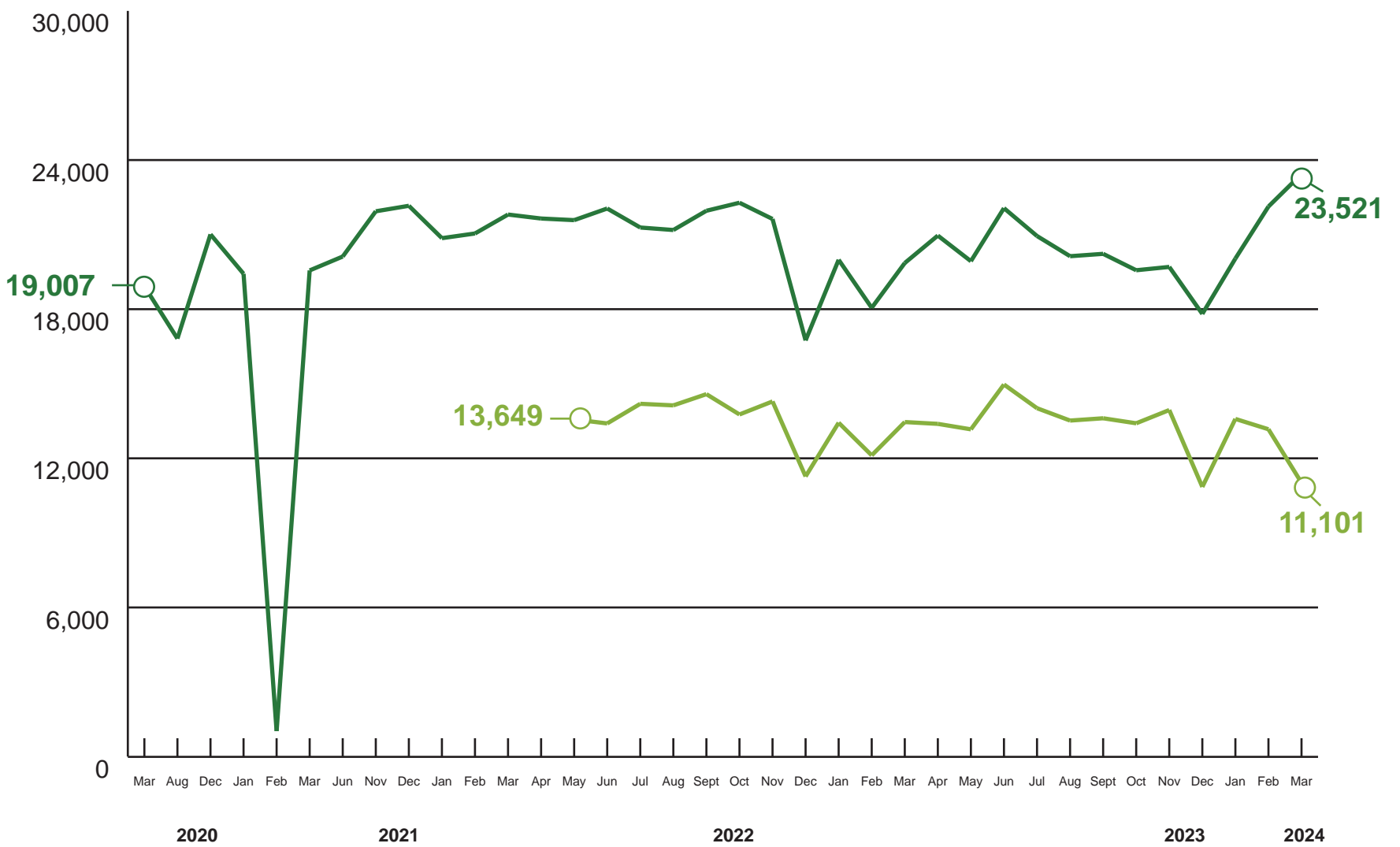
TOTAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC

INTERSTATE-78 Just east of the State Route 309 exit (Lehigh County) **STATE ROUTE 309** Just south of State Route 378 (Lehigh County) **STATE ROUTE 22** between Airport Road and Lehigh River Bridge (Lehigh County)



TOTAL TRUCK TRAFFIC

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**LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSPORTATION STUDY
HIGHWAY STATUS REPORT
MEETING APRIL 17, 2024**

US 22, Section WDN Widening (C-C. Frey)

**Whitehall, South Whitehall, and Hanover Townships, and City of Bethlehem Lehigh County;
Hanover Township, Northampton County**

MPMS 96384 - est let N/A

- Revised Preliminary POA study submitted in late January. Minor comments on narrative issued on February 21, 2024
- Preliminary Noise Analysis is being revised to current project limit just west of Airport Road and break-out project strategies discussed with CO and FHWA, resubmission is delayed until Supplement 10 is processed to restructure agreement for break project delivery approach
- Due to anticipated ROW displacements in EJ area, a streamlined Environmental Assessment (EA) will be required for NEPA clearance; due to time restrictions of EA, the EA will be initiated once the Preliminary POA and Preliminary Noise Analysis are closer to approval
- Design team continuing work to identify EJ community leaders (Hispanic, Syrian, and Asian populations) in preparation of public involvement process
- Upon environmental clearance, US 22 Widening will be advanced via a series of breakout projects. First breakout project will be SR 22/Fullerton Interchange (MPMS 117610) anticipated to be let in 2027
- Project temporarily on hold until engineering agreement is restructured for revised project approach, supplement under review by District 5-0 with execution anticipated in May 2024

SR 145, Section MLT 7th Street Multimodal Corridor (C-R. Prophet)

City of Allentown and Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

MPMS 99697 – est let April 1, 2027

- Final Design is being delayed aligning with funding, currently programmed in FFY 2026

SR 309, Section 14M Betterment (C-M. Fallon)

North and South Whitehall Townships, Lehigh County

MPMS 102312 – est let June 5, 2025

- NPDES and JPA permits resubmitted to District August 28, 2023, and comments received September 24, 2023
- Coordination with Traffic Unit is ongoing
- Structure Foundation Report for Retaining wall resubmitted December 18, 2023, comments received December 27, 2023
- Final Structure Plans for Culvert Extension approved January 26, 2024
- Railroad coordination ongoing
- CE reevaluation document updates in progress, Archeology Phase 1 Addendum submitted March 20, 2024
- Traffic signal plan resubmission on March 25, 2024
- Signing Plans and Pavement Marking Plan resubmission on March 25, 2024

SR 309, Section 12M 309 & Tilghman Interchange (A. Samy)

North and South Whitehall Townships, Lehigh County

MPMS 96432 – est let July 25, 2024

- ROW acquisition 90% complete
- Utility coordination ongoing
- Final Noise report Submitted for CO review
- Structure Foundation Reports - remainder of sign structures approved, all of the noise wall reports ongoing, (NSA-4 Resubmitted)
- Final Structure plans for bridges ongoing, sign structures ongoing and noise walls FSP submitted after voting was completed
- 90% Constructability Review to be Completed March 22, 2024

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SR 378, Section 04M SR 378 Lighting (M. Patel)

City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County

MPMS 110398 – est let April 1, 2027

- Working on Lighting agreement with City of Bethlehem
- PA One Call conducted – receiving information from utility companies
- Conceptual Design and plans progressing
- The Gannett Flaming has completed a scoping (March 18, 2024) of project; BRPA will be completed upon scoping approval,
- Utility/URMS coordination is ongoing

SR 1017, Section 02S Mauch Chunk Signal Improvements (C-M. McGuire)

South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County

MPMS 110174 – est let May 22, 2025

- Environmental clearance received January 10, 2024
- Design Field View approval received January 10, 2024

SR 22, Section 15M SR 22/SR 191 Interchange Improvements (C-M. McGuire)

Bethlehem Township, Northampton County

MPMS 117606 – est. let April 1, 2030

- Continuing with environmental studies
- Continuing to advance traffic modeling for the design year
- Continuing laying out draft alternatives

SR 191, Section 04S SR 191 Lower Nazareth Intersection Improvements (C-R. Himmelwright)

Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County

MPMS 116936 – est. let March 12, 2026

- Infiltration Testing completed
- Safety Review submission approved February 27, 2024
- Public Meeting scheduled for April 10, 2024, at Lower Nazareth Township Building

SR 248, Section 05S Route 248 Realignment (C-M. McGuire)

Bath Borough, Northampton County

MPMS 86853 – est let May 23, 2024

- Traffic Control Plans being revised based on Department comments
- Utility companies are designing their facilities, coordination ongoing
- Right of Way conditional clearance issued February 27, 2024
- PS&E plans being back checked by Contract Management

SR 2018, Section 02S Freemansburg Ave (SR 2018) Safety Improvements (C-J. Besz)

Bethlehem Township, Northampton County

MPMS 117509 – est let December 4, 2025

- The Phase I ESA was submitted on January 16, 2024
- The Phase I Archeology Study was completed, submitted and approved on March 1, 2024
- The Safety Review Submission was approved on February 24, 2024
- Infiltration testing results were approved on March 13, 2024
- The Wetlands and Bog Turtle Habitat Assessment was approved on March 19, 2024
- Utility coordination continues
- Development of the CE is ongoing
- Development of the Design Field View is ongoing

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ACRONYM REFERENCE	
ACM/LBP	ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL / LEAD BASED PAINT
ADA	AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT
BRPA	BRIDGE AND ROADWAY PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT
CE	CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CEE	CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION EVALUATION
CO	CENTRAL OFFICE
CRP	CULTURAL RESOURCES PROFESSIONAL
DCNR	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DEP	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DFV	DESIGN FIELD VIEW
DO	DISTRICT OFFICE
E&S	EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION
EJ	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
ESA	ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT
FD	FINAL DESIGN
FHWA	FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
H&H	HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC
HOP	HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT
HRSF	HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
JD	JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION
JPA	JOINT PERMIT AGREEMENT
L&G	LINE AND GRADE
LCCD	LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
LGTS	LINE, GRADE AND TYPICAL SECTION
LOMR	LETTER OF MAP REVISION
MPT	MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC
NCCD	NORTHAMPTON COUNT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOITE	NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER
NPDES	NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
NTP	NOTICE TO PROCEED
PE	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
PHMC	PA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
PNDI	PENNSYLVANIA NATURAL DIVERSITY INVENTORY
POA	POINT OF ACCESS
PS&E	PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE
ROW	RIGHT OF WAY
RSGER	RECONNAISSANCE SOILS AND GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING REPORT
SEPS	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION PLANNING SUBMISSION
SFV	SCOPE AND FIELD VIEW
SHPO	STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
SPMP	SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKING PLAN
SUE	SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING
T&E	THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES COORDINATION
TCP	TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN
TIF	TECHNICALLY INFEASIBILITY FORM
TIP	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
TS&L	TYPE, SIZE AND LOCATION
USFWS	UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2024
TO: LVTS Technical & Coordinating Committees
FROM: Evan Gardi, Transportation Planner
CC:
REGARDING: Eastern PA Freight Alliance – Freight Infrastructure Plan

A coordination meeting with the other MPO partners in the Eastern PA Freight Alliance is being planned. During this meeting, the group will speak with the consultant to review the draft plan.