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LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Via Microsoft Teams
AGENDA

THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED AT <https://tinyurl.com/LVPC2024> OR VIA PHONE 610-477-5793 Conf ID: 437 974 566#.

Roll Call

Courtesy of Floor

Chairman's Report

1. Lehigh Valley Government Academy Certified Citizen Planner Ceremony

Minutes

1. *ACTION ITEM*: Minutes and Review of Roll Call Actions of the December 21, 2023, Commission Meeting (JD)

Comprehensive Planning Committee:

1. *ACTION ITEM*: Lower Macungie Township – Land Use of Regional Significance - Krocks Road Mixed Use (BGR/JD)
2. *ACTION ITEM*: Comprehensive Planning Committee Summary Sheet (SM)

Environment Committee:

1. *ACTION ITEM*: Environment Committee Summary Sheet (SR)

Transportation Committee:

1. *ACTION ITEM*: Street Vacation, Portion of Walnut Street, City of Bethlehem (BH)
2. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Transportation Committee Summary (KH)

Old Business:

1. *INFORMATION ITEMS*: Activity Reports:
 - a. 2023 Subdivision, Land Development, Stormwater and Municipal Ordinance/Plans Summary

- b. Monthly Subdivision, Land Development, Stormwater and Municipal Ordinance/Plans Report (SN)
- c. Industrial Market Report (JD)
- d. Highway Traffic Monitoring (BH)

New Business:

- 1. *DISCUSSION ITEM*: Priority Climate Action Plan Draft (SM,PO,BB)
- 2. *INFORMATION ITEM*: LVPC LVTS Website Rebuild (BB, MA)
- 3. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Statement of Financial Interests Form Reminder (HM)

Executive Director's Report:

- 1. *INFORMATION ITEM*: US EPA Region 3 Secretary Adam Ortiz Visit
- 2. *INFORMATION ITEM*: LVPC Updates and Annual Training Part 1

Communications and Engagement:

- 1. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Morning Call Business Cycle Column (MA)
 - a. Published Dec. 31: "It's the plenty to see here list"
 - b. Next column: Feb. 4
- 2. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Monthly, Plan Lehigh Valley Talk Show on WDIY, Lehigh Valley Public Radio, 88.1 (MA)
 - a. Air Date: Jan. 1 – "Lesser-Known Projects of 2023 with Brian Hite"
 - b. Next show – Feb. 5
- 3. *INFORMATION ITEM*: Local Technical Assistance Program Virtual Classes (BH)
 - a. Jan. 26: Road Safety Audit, 8 am to noon
 - b. Jan. 30: Traffic Signal Basics, 8 am to Noon
 - c. Feb. 9: Traffic Signs Basics, 8 am to noon
 - d. Feb. 15: Road Safety Audit, 8 am to Noon

Next Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Meeting:

Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm, Virtual

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LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes from the Thursday December 21, 2023, Meeting

The LVPC held a virtual public meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023. The meeting was advertised in the Lehigh Valley Press on December 28, 2022.

LVPC Chair Steven Glickman chaired the meeting.

Mr. Joey Dotta took Roll Call.

Members in Attendance:

Lehigh County

Michael Drabenstott, Bob Elbich, Philip Ginder, Steven Glickman, Jennifer Gomez, Kent Herman, Joyce Moore, Christina Morgan, Owen O'Neil, Kathy Rader, and Stephen Repasch

Northampton County

Christopher Amato, John Gallagher, John McGorry, Stephen Melnick, Armando Moritz-Chapelliquen, and Tina Smith,

Members Absent:

Lehigh County

Phillips Armstrong, Geoff Brace, Percy Dougherty, Jamie Johnson, Dennis Klusaritz, Rick Molchany, Santo Napoli, Kevin Schmidt and Matthew Tuerk.

Northampton County

Jessica Cope, Andrew Elliott, Charles Elliott, Dan Engle, Judy Haldeman, Darlene Heller, Rachel Leon, Carl Manges, Lamont McClure, William McGee, Scott Minnich, Edward Nelson, Salvatore Panto, William Reynolds, Taiba Sultana and Tara Zrinski.

Staff Present: Joey Dotta, Steve Neratko, Becky Bradley, Matt Assad, Brian Hite, Evan Gardi, Corinne Ruggiero, Susan Rockwell, Susan Myerov, Ben Dinkel, Patrick Osei, Denjam Khadka, Christian Martinez, Mackenzie Geisner, Taylor Beasley, Hannah Milagio, Jill Seitz, Bambi Griffin Rivera and Michelle Anfuso

Public Present: Jeff Ward, Timothy Fisher, Craig Beavers and Kent Baird

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No members of the public spoke.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Glickman first introduced two new staff members, Director of Environment Planning Susan Myerov and Transportation Planner Ben Dinkel. Each gave a short introduction of their background and their excitement to join the LVPC team.

Chair Glickman updated the Commission on the status of the LVPC's office relocation and shared information on the current construction. Chair Glickman stated that the anticipated move-in date is the end of February, pending no further materials delays. Chair Glickman expressed his thanks towards the

Commission, its officers, and LVPC staff members for their support during his two-year term as Chair, which ended at the close of 2023, as required by Commission term limit by-laws.

MINUTES

Chair Glickman stated that the minutes of the Thursday, November 16, 2023, LVPC meeting are attached, and Mr. Dotta presented the previously voted on agenda items. Chair Glickman then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Elbich made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Drabenstott seconded the motion.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none. The motion passed. Commissioner Moore abstained.

ACTION ITEM: Project Review Summary Sheet and Summaries

Comprehensive Planning Committee:

Comprehensive Planning Committee Chair Steve Melnick presented a summary of the Committee meeting that occurred on Tuesday. The meeting included a comprehensive zoning ordinance update for Palmer Township and had Township representatives attend who spoke about how proud they are of their new draft zoning ordinance and the effort to put it together. There were zoning ordinance amendments for Hanover Township (NC), Hanover Township (LC), Wilson Borough, Bushkill Township, Forks Township, and amendments to both the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance of Upper Mount Bethel Township.

Chair Glickman called for a motion to accept the staff comments. Commissioner Ginder made the motion, and Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions.

Commissioner Moritz-Chapelliquen noted a chat that Mr. Baird intended to speak on the comprehensive zoning ordinance update for Palmer Township. Mr. Baird commented that he was proud of the work and thanked the LVPC. Mr. Baird highlighted three changes in the zoning ordinance.

Chair Glickman called for a vote to accept the staff comments. The motion passed. Commissioner Morgan abstained for the Palmer Township vote.

Environment Committee:

Environment Committee Chair Steve Repasch presented a summary of the Committee meeting on Wednesday that went over LVPC & LVTS goals and strategies from various plans and how they relate to the Priority Climate Action Plan, which focuses on transportation decarbonization. Commissioner Repasch also expressed his gratitude to Chair Glickman and the Commission.

Mr. Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

Transportation Committee:

Commissioner Herman expressed his gratitude to Chair Glickman and the Commission. Transportation Committee Chair Kent Herman summarized the Committee meeting that occurred hours before that went over the 2025-2028 Transportation improvement Program or TIP Update, Eastern PA Freight Infrastructure Plan, Annual List of Obligated Projects, and the Lehigh Valley Passenger Rail Study. Commissioner Herman gave a summary of each, and Ms. Bradley spoke specifically about the Lehigh Valley Passenger Rail Study. Ms. Bradley provided some background and said that the LVPC is working with a consultant and PennDOT to review the study to have it done in the first couple months of 2024.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

Old Business:

INFORMATION ITEMS: Activity Reports

Monthly Subdivision, Land Development, Stormwater and Municipal Ordinance/Plans Report

Mr. Neratko presented the plan and review activity for November which included 22 Subdivisions, 32 Development proposals, 13 reviews for Stormwater Management, and eight Municipal Ordinances and Maps for a total of 75 reviews on 1,027.5 acres. Thirty of those reviews were in Lehigh County and 45 in Northampton.

In November, the LVPC reviewed 344 total residential units proposed, consisting of 168 single-family detached, two twins and 174 apartments. On the non-residential side, we saw 17,000 square feet commercial, 2,053 square feet retail, 102,750 square feet public/quasi-public, 4,943 square feet recreational and 6.8 million square feet of industrial, nearly all of that warehousing, and most was due to the proposal related to the River Pointe Logistics Industrial Park development in Upper Mount Bethel Township.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

Highway Traffic Monitoring

Mr. Hite summarized the monthly traffic report which included Route 22 between airport road and the Lehigh River Bridge ending November at 108,951 vehicles, Interstate 78 located just east of Route 309 recording 72,569, and Route 309 near Coopersburg showing 39,003 vehicles. Commercial truck traffic included Interstate 78 east of 309 with 19,784 commercial trucks and Route 22 just east of the Lehigh River Bridge seeing 14,026 commercial trucks.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

New Business:

ACTION ITEM: 2024 Election of LVPC Officers

Chair Glickman noted that the selected slate of officers was unanimously forwarded by the Executive Committee for Full Commission consideration. The nominations were Dr. Chris Amato for Chair, Ms. Tori Morgan for Vice Chair, and Mr. Armando Moritz-Chapelliquen for Treasurer.

Chair Glickman then asked for a motion to approve the election of 2024 officers. Commissioner Herman made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Repasch seconded the motion.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none. The motion passed. Commissioners Amato, Morgan and Moritz-Chapelliquen abstained.

Chair Glickman thanked his vice chair and treasurer for their support and wished the next slate of officers luck.

INFORMATION ITEM: 2024 LVPC Budget and Workplan

Ms. Bradley presented the recently Executive Committee approved 2024 LVPC Budget and Workplan to the commissioners. Ms. Bradley discussed the LVPC's mission first and several federal regulations the LVPC is subject to follow. Ms. Bradley noted the various county planning program obligations the LVPC are required to conduct and the required training and technical assistance. Next, the bi-county planning partner obligations were reviewed and obligations for Transportation/Metropolitan Planning Programs. Ms. Bradley covered community information and engagement details and the many partnerships of the

LVPC. The 2024 budget revenues were discussed that totaled just under \$5.9 million. Expenses were reviewed and totaled the same amount as revenues at a little less than \$5.9 million.

Commissioner Moritz-Chapelliquen asked for an example of what the county contributions fund. Ms. Bradley responded that it would be the various county planning program obligations.

ACTION ITEM: 2024 Meeting Calendar

Chair Glickman noted that Full Commission meetings are expected to meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 PM, except for November and December. Chair Glickman then asked for a motion to approve the 2024 meeting calendar. Commissioner Herman made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Elbich seconded the motion.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions.

Commissioner Repasch asked if the meetings are virtual. Ms. Bradley noted that they are advertised as virtual but that will be reconsidered after the office relocation.

Executive Director's Report:

INFORMATION ITEM: Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Training – Part 4

Ms. Bradley noted that much of what is included in part four of the training was previously discussed during the budget and workplan presentation part of the meeting. More monthly trainings spanning several topics will be covered in 2024.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

INFORMATION ITEM: Major Transportation Project Regional Leaders Meeting

Ms. Bradley summarized an event that the LVPC hosted on November 28th with several prominent Pennsylvania elected officials. The purpose of the event was to communicate the Lehigh Valley's transportation-related needs and how the LVPC expects to see these needs growing. Ms. Bradley noted that PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll had a better understanding of the Lehigh Valley's transportation needs and was a successful meeting.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

INFORMATION ITEM: Lehigh Valley General Assembly

Ms. Bradley summarized the second General Assembly of 2023 on November 29, which was attended by nearly 50 municipal, school district, community and legislative members from across the region. The meeting included updates on the busy development year, the recently adopted Long-Range Transportation Plan and the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program. There was an update on the House Bill 782 hearings at the LVPC in September, and the progress being made on the efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The meeting discussion included the Priority Climate Action Plan and an overview of what's coming from the LVPC in 2024.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

Communications and Public Engagement:

INFORMATION ITEM: Morning Call Business Cycle Column

Mr. Assad spoke about the most recent Morning Call column called “Farmland is much more than pretty.” The next column will delve into this year’s List of Obligated Projects – which is PennDOT’s title for all the stuff it got done in 2023. That column publishes New Year’s Eve.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

INFORMATION ITEM: Plan Lehigh Valley radio show on WDIY NPR 88.1FM

Mr. Assad summarized the most recent Plan Lehigh Valley radio show aired Dec. 4 on WDIY FM 88.1, and it also focused on our farming economy. Ms. Bradley was joined by LVPC Editor Matt Assad and guest dairy farmer Brian Dietrich who has invested \$1 million to automate his farm, where laser-guided robots milk his cows. That 30-minute show is now streaming at LVPC.org and WDIY.org.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

INFORMATION ITEM: Local Technical Assistance Programs

Mr. Hite presented a few virtual training opportunities coming up through the Local Technical Assistance Program starting next year. Only two weeks away will be the Municipal Stormwater Facilities Program class, on January 12 an Introduction to Traffic Studies Class, on January 17 a Stormwater Control Measures class, January 24 an Active Transportation for PA Communities class, and finally to close out January the Traffic Signal Basics on the 30th. All these classes are virtual, free to attend and from 8 AM to Noon.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

INFORMATION ITEM: Build a Better Mousetrap Contest

Mr. Hite presented the Annual Build a Better Mousetrap Innovation Challenge, where our municipalities compete against each other on ideas they came up with to address a common problem, have a unique reuse or repurposing of equipment, or just want to show off a unique process that saves money. The deadline to enter has been extended to Friday, March 1, 2024, and more information can be found on the PennDOT LTAP Website.

Ms. Bradley added that it is a point of pride that a Lehigh Valley community win or place in the top three every year. Mr. Hite noted a previous entry from Whitehall township that won the statewide contest and placed well in the national competition.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

INFORMATION ITEM: Priority Climate Action Plan WorkshopLV: Goals and Policies Discussion

Ms. Ruggiero presented a recap of the WorkshopLV Environment/Transportation meeting that included adopted LVPC and LVTS goals, policies, and strategies from various plans such as FutureLV: The Regional Plan, Livable Landscapes for both Lehigh and Northampton Counties, and Walk/RollLV. Ms. Ruggiero stated the desire to receive input on the goals, policies, and actions that we have highlighted in these plans and create a discussion on what is liked, not liked, what we are missing as well as what has changed that we may need to include. Climate action planning discussions will be continued into 2024, with two more workshops after the new year. One will be on January 17th at 11 AM at the LVPC office, and another one on February 21st at 11 AM which will be virtual.

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Glickman asked for any comments or questions. Commissioner Amato thanked Chair Glickman for his service this past year.

Chair Glickman stated that the next LVPC meeting is set to be virtual on January 25th at 7pm. Chair Glickman then asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Ginder made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Becky Bradley, AICP, Executive Director and Joey Dotta, Regional Planner



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January 12, 2024

Mr. Nathan Jones, Director of Planning/Community Development
Lower Macungie Township
3400 Brookside Road
Macungie, PA 18062

**Re: Krocks Road Mixed Use - Land Use of Regional Significance
Lower Macungie Township
Lehigh Township**

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) will consider the subject application at its Comprehensive Planning Committee and Full Commission meetings, under the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Both meetings will be on:

LVPC Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting:

- January 23, 2024, at 12:00PM
- <https://lvpc.org/lvpc-meetings>

LVPC Full Commission Meeting:

- January 25, 2024, at 7:00PM
- <https://lvpc.org/lvpc-meetings>

The application is considered a Land Use of Regional Significance under *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* in the Mixed-Use Development category. The proposed development is for a mix-use land development to include 19,800 square feet of retail, 318 apartment units, and an 88,000-square-foot hotel at 617 North Krocks Road (PIN 547567692461).

The LVPC offers the following comments:

Multimodal Accessibility Buffer

This parcel falls into a Multimodal Accessibility Buffer (MAB) based on the Transportation Plan (*FutureLV: The Regional Plan* pages 60-61). These areas are opportunities that the LVPC highly encourages for expansion, improvements, or connections to the mixed-transportation network during development or redevelopment for all modes of transportation including, motorists, transit-riders, freight-carriers

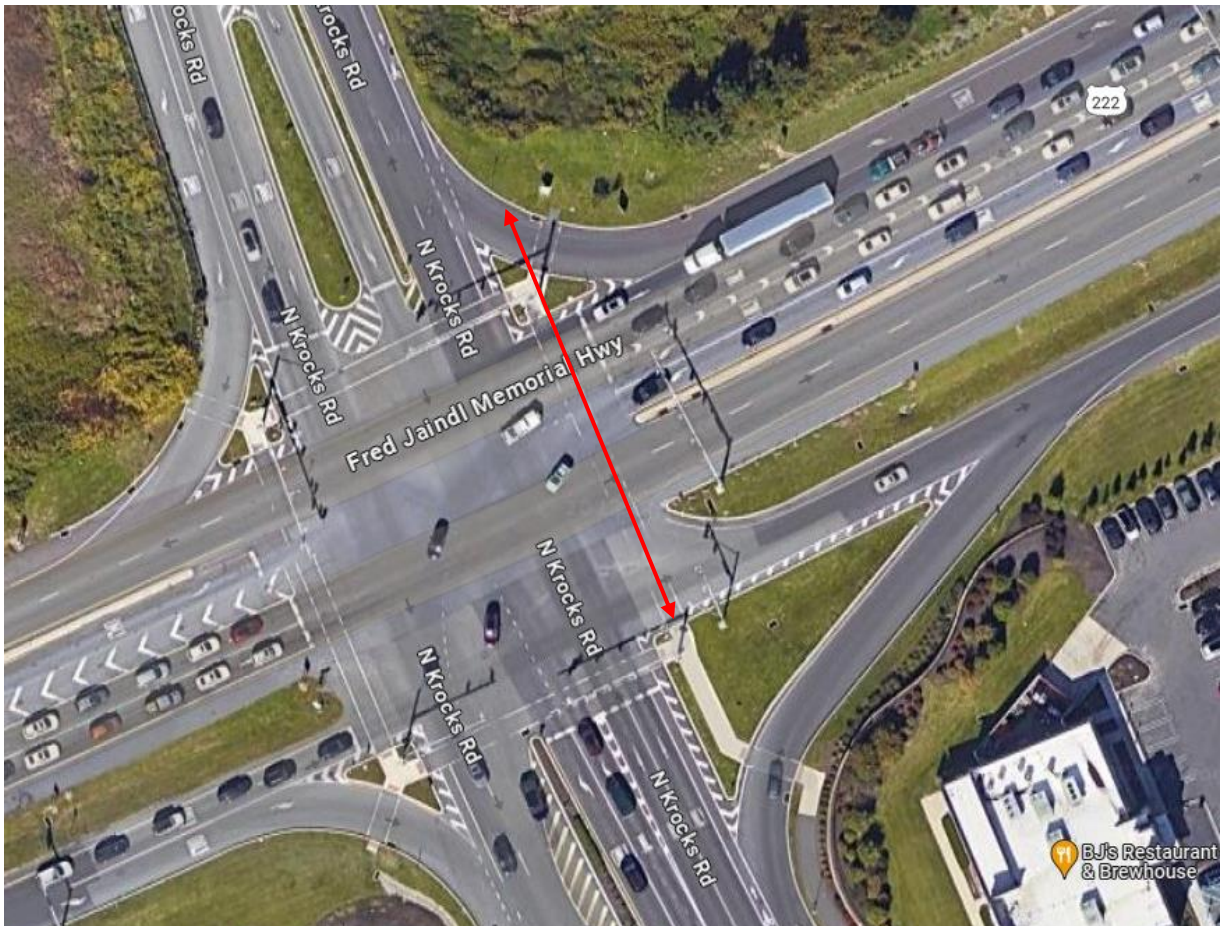
bicyclists, and pedestrians which supports Policy 2.2 to ‘provide a safe, well maintained transportation network to move people and goods efficiently while capitalizing on existing infrastructure’.

LANTA provides public transportation to several bus stop locations within Hamilton Crossings, approximately .3 miles south of the project site on the other side of the Route 222 Bypass/Fred Jaendl Memorial Highway.

The proposed mixed-use development plan within the Krocks Road Development complex includes a comprehensive pedestrian network, particularly along the main entrance driveway “Road B” from North Krocks Road. The proposed sidewalk also continues from the Road B and Krocks Road intersection down to the Krocks Road and Route 222 Bypass intersection, where it can connect with the existing crosswalk and pedestrian connections at the Route 222 Bypass signalized intersection with Hamilton Crossings. The LVPC commends this connectivity which supports ‘improving connections between mass transit and pedestrian infrastructure’ (of Policy 2.3).

The LVPC recommends that sidewalks be installed along both sides of Road “A” and Road “B” to further ‘strengthen sidewalk infrastructure’ (of Policy 5.3). This would also help mitigate the need for pedestrians to cross traffic lanes which is a safety concern for all pedestrians but especially for vulnerable road users such as those using a mobility device who must use and share the road with motor vehicles when there is no sidewalk available. Adding sidewalks on both sides promotes ‘safe and secure community design’ (of Policy 5.2) and creates a space that is accessible for all users supporting the ‘use of universal design’ (of Policy 5.2).

The LVPC strongly recommends that improvements be made at the intersection of 222 and Krocks Road. The apartment buildings and hotel will increase pedestrian traffic, adding to the numbers that already use public transportation and must cross this intersection, especially to reach Hamilton Crossings retail center on the south side of Route 222 from the development. Pedestrians must cross seven lanes of traffic.



The seven lanes that pedestrians must cross is indicated by the red arrow

The LVPC 'promotes context-specific design solutions' (of Policy 5.4) for 'safe and secure community design' (Policy 5.1) and strongly recommends that the pedestrian timed crossing light be time extended to allow sufficient time people of all ages and abilities to safely cross traffic including those people who use a mobility device or tool such as a wheelchair, walker, scooter, who are pushing a stroller or using a white cane. Inequalities in walking/rolling speeds based on age and ability impact people's capability to use crosswalks within the allotted time.

Additionally, the LVPC suggests additional safety measures such as refreshing the pedestrian cross walk marking and adding a pedestrian refuge island, which according to the Federal Highway Administration, protect pedestrians from traffic and can reduce crashes with pedestrians by 32%. These additions would increase pedestrian safety supporting Policy 5.1 to 'reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities toward zero'.

The LVPC strongly recommends that the municipality work with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), and the developer to study possibilities at this intersection to maximize safety and mitigate congestion to 'provide a safe, well-maintained transportation network to move people and goods efficiently, while capitalizing on existing infrastructure (Policy 2.2). The LVPC also recommends

coordination with LANTA Land Use/Transportation Planner Molly Wood
mwood@lantabus-pa.gov.

Crosswalks

The LVPC commends the pavement marked crosswalks shown throughout this proposal which ‘promotes safe and secure community design’ (Policy 5.1) and recommends that crosswalks be added from the northwest and southwest corners of Building 10 to be connected to the sidewalk network.

The LVPC also suggests a crosswalk be added from the southeastern corner of Building 2 to the dog park and recreation area to further meet the accessibility needs for all future residents and guests which supports ‘universal design’ (of Policy 5.2).

Pedestrian-Scale Lighting

The LVPC applauds the walking paths included in the plans which integrate mixed transportation into public space design (of Policy 5.2). The LVPC recommends pedestrian scale lighting as a way to create community space that promotes physical and mental health (Policy 5.3), especially for the paths around basins three and four, ‘supporting safe and secure community design’ (of Policy 5.1).

Bicycle Racks

The LVPC applauds the inclusion of bicycle racks throughout the plans. For many people a bicycle is their primary mode of transport and including parking for bicycles supports a safe, healthy, inclusive, and livable community (*FutureLV* the Regional Plan Goal 5), integrates mixed-transportation into public space design (of Policy 5.2), and it ‘improves bicycle infrastructure’ (of Policy 5.2).

School Bus Stops

The LVPC recommends that the developer coordinate with the local school district to locate school bus stops for school children from the apartments planning ahead to ensure that the locations are in secure well-lit locations.

Transportation Impact Study (TIS)

The Figure 2 site plan, in the TIS submitted for review to the LVPC was drafted August 2022 and varies from the submitted plans drafted in May 2023. There are multiple differences including the clubhouse layout. The LVPC strongly recommends that, prior to approval, the plans be updated for consistency. The TIS will be used as a reference for future land developments in the vicinity and they should be consistent.

Emergency Access

The primary entrance for the project is also the entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at Krocks Road and St. John and St. Paol Avenue. The LVPC recommends that the municipality discuss with both the cemetery and local law enforcement any impacts that could occur during peak hours of use with respect to congestion or stopped traffic due to funeral processions. The LVPC also recommends advance coordination around traffic control for these infrequent events to plan for time of day and traffic directional needs in

such a highly trafficked area. This supports 'providing a safe, well-maintained transportation network to move people' (Policy 2.2).

The LVPC strongly recommends coordination with PennDOT to study this location to determine if a traffic signal or a roundabout could be constructed at the entrance. Currently there are congestion issues at this location and adding 4,500+ daily trips will exasperate the congestion. The LVPC suggests consideration of a roundabout which would minimize maintenance, have higher rate of traffic flow since stopping is not required, and serve as a traffic calming measure which would improve safety for pedestrians.

If a traffic light is determined to be the most appropriate for this entrance, the LVPC suggests that turn movements and mobility for Reppert Lane be considered since the irregular angle of Reppert Lane and the existing turn movements could be compromised by traffic signal operations. The LVPC encourages that this be evaluated that pedestrian infrastructure be modernized to mitigate the impacts to vulnerable road users to 'reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities toward zero' (of Policy 5.1).

The locations of this entrance within the segment of road that narrows from two lanes to one northbound should be reviewed for protentional signage and/or pavement markings to minimize lane changes by drivers traveling through rather than entering the development (*FutureLV Policy 2.2*).

There is a proposed emergency access from the site to the Allentown Service Plaza and Cetronia Road. The LVPC recommends that the developer engage with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and Service Plaza operators about future gating and access as emergency access needs to be maintained and kept open during snow and other emergency events.

Upper Macungie Township should be involved with any planned installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Krocks Road and Cetronia Road. This is within the Upper Macungie Township jurisdiction and could incur maintenance and energy costs associated with operations. The LVPC recommends that the Jurisdiction of road, whether public or private, should be clarified and maintenance responsibilities memorialized during the planning process at the municipal level.

Planned Transportation Capacity

The LVPC suggests that over-sized parking spaces be planned for at the hotel and apartments allowing space accommodate delivery and moving trucks, vehicles used for landscaping, and semi-truck cabs not connected to a trailer which require 10' of space for parking. This LVPC makes these recommendations for future residents, hotel guests, and employees, movers and delivery vehicles and suggests that these be planned for both short and overnight parking. This would help to support parking options, which supports Policy 2.4.

Additionally, the LVPC recommends that the proposed dumpster locations be verified against the truck turning templates to ensure there is adequate access space for garbage trucks to access, empty receptacles, and turn around.

Electric Charging Spaces

The Township should encourage the addition of electric vehicle charging spaces, recognizing the rapidly expanding need for renewable energy sources and the advancement of autonomous and electric vehicle technologies (Policies 2.5 and 3.2).

United States Postal Service (USPS)

United States Postal Service should be consulted for delivery service to the project as a centralized delivery system will mostly likely require a cluster box post office delivery point. The LVPC recommends planning for these to be located in accessible and well-lighted locations that will allow safe access for both pedestrians and USPS employees. For large residential projects, the USPS guidance document on centralized mail delivery should be used as a guide <https://about.usps.com/what-we-are-doing/current-initiatives/delivery-growth-management/residential-delivery.htm>.

Affordable Housing

This proposal includes 372 residential units. To support ‘attainable housing in locations that maximize social and economic opportunities’ (Policy 4.5) the LVPC recommends that the cost of affordable housing for this area be taken into consideration when determining rents. This proposal is within Census Tract 63.05. According to the Census’s 2022, 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS), residents in this area earn a median yearly income of \$103,061 and pay a median rent of \$1,234 before utilities. The LVPC recommends that the affordable housing needs for future employees of the commercial area, as well as for the surrounding community, be considered when determining rents.

General Land Use Plan

The General Land Use Plan shows areas recommended for Development, Farmland Preservation, Preservation Buffer, and Exurban uses and should guide development and preservation efforts. *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*, pages 48-49. Based on the General Land Use Plan, this parcel falls into both a development area and farmland preservation.

A large swath of this parcel is agricultural land that is part of a Farmland Preservation Area. These areas are predominantly agriculture and are recommended to remain agriculture based on the General Land Use Plan on pages 52 and 53 in *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*. The types of uses recommended include agriculture and related housing and businesses, parks and open space, and housing not related to agriculture on a very limited scale.

Although this parcel falls into Farmland Preservation, it also falls into a development area. Development areas have most, or all of the factors needed to support growth, such as sewer and transportation infrastructure capacity and contiguity to existing development and are capable of accommodating a substantial amount of additional development. Centers and Corridors located within Development areas are recommended for denser, mixed-use developments (*FutureLV* Plan Maps Pages 48-49).

Coordinate Land Use Decisions

Municipalities that are part of the Southwest Lehigh County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan are being included in this review letter to 'coordinate land use decisions across municipal boundaries' as part of Policy 1.4.

Stormwater Review

The project site is located within the Little Lehigh Creek watershed. This watershed has a fully implemented Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance. Comments relative to our review of the project's stormwater management plan are included as attachment 1.

The LVPC encourages the developer to consider opportunities for incorporating sustainable energy systems that reduce overhead operational costs and 'minimize environmental impacts of development' (Policy 3.1), such as geothermal energy systems, solar panels and greywater reuse for irrigation and plumbing. Incorporating sustainable practices to help to 'reduce climate change impacts' (Policy 3.4)."

Municipalities, when considering subdivision/land developments, should reasonably attempt to be consistent with *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*, as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) [Article 1§105, Article III§303, §304 & §306(a), Article VI§603(j)].

The LVPC review does not include an in-depth examination of plans relative to subdivision design standards or ordinance requirements since these items are covered in the municipal review.

Sincerely,



Bambi Griffin Rivera
Senior Community and Regional Planner



Brian Hite
Transportation Planner



Joseph Dotta
Regional Planner

cc: Lower Macungie Mixed Use Development, LLC, Applicant;
Denis F. Keenan, Project Engineer/Surveyor;
Bryan McAdams, Township Engineer;
Denjam Khadka, LVPC Senior Civil/Environmental Engineer;
Steve Neratko, LVPC Chief Community and Regional Planner;
Geoffrey A. Reese, PE, LVPC Master Planner and Engineer;
Sharon Trexler, Alburtis Borough Manager;
Allen Crawford, Chair, Macungie Borough Planning Commission;
Michael Gibson, Emmaus Borough Planning Commission Chair;
Emily Fucci, Lower Milford Zoning and Planning Director;
Brian Miller, Upper Milford Planning Coordinator



Project Review Summary Sheet

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Date: January 2024

Project	Municipality	Brief Statement of Purpose	LVPC Comment
33 West Walnut Street	City of Bethlehem	Zoning Map Amendment - to rezone the parcel located at 33 West Walnut Street from High Density Residential District (RT) to Central Business Zoning District (CB). The site is currently developed with an existing parking garage (Walnut Street Parking Garage). The applicant anticipates future redevelopment of the site, retaining the current commercial and parking garage use.	The proposal supports reuse and redevelopment within urban areas and encourages reinvestment in commercial areas (of Policies 1.1 and 4.6). Providing a single consolidated parcel for a development with uniform zoning that aligns with adjacent zoning districts is also a best practice in managing land use and development (of Policy 1.4).



Project Review Summary Sheet

Environment Committee

Date: January 2024

Project	Municipality	Brief Statement of Purpose	LVPC Comment
Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge (DRBC Review)	North Whitehall Township	Application by Laury MHC, LLC to renew approval of existing 37,500 gallons per day (gpd) Keystone Mobile Home Park wastewater treatment plant and discharge. No modifications to the plant are proposed.	Aligns with <i>FutureLV</i> action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2).
Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge (DRBC Review)	Lynn Township	Application by Lehigh County Authority to renew approval of existing 80,000 gallons per day Lynn Township wastewater treatment plant and discharge. No modifications to the plant are proposed.	Aligns with <i>FutureLV</i> action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2).
Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge (DRBC Review)	Allen Township	Application by SPG, Inc. to renew approval of existing 20,000 gallons per day Whispering Hollow South Mobile Home Park wastewater treatment plant and discharge. No modifications to the plant are proposed.	Aligns with <i>FutureLV</i> action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2).
Application to Renew Approval of Existing Groundwater Withdrawal (DRBC Review)	Walnutport Borough and Lehigh Township	Application by Walnutport Authority to renew approval of existing groundwater withdrawal of up to 8.267 million gallons per month from six wells to continue to supply the Authority's distribution system. No increase in groundwater allocation is proposed.	Aligns with <i>FutureLV</i> action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2).
Application to Renew Approval of Existing Groundwater Withdrawal (DRBC Review)	Whitehall Township	Application by Whitehall Township Authority to renew approval of existing groundwater withdrawal of up to 44.0 million gallons per month (mgm) from six wells to continue to supply the Authority's distribution system. The allocation is a reduction from the previously approved allocation of 57.38 mgm.	Aligns with <i>FutureLV</i> action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2).



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January 10, 2024

Tad J. Miller, City Clerk
City of Bethlehem
10 East Church Street
Bethlehem PA 18018-6025

RE: **Street Vacation Petition
A Portion of Walnut Street
City of Bethlehem, Northampton County**

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) will consider the subject street vacation petition at its January Transportation Planning Committee and Full Commission meetings, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).

Discussion on Street Vacation petitions 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 or revisions to this letter.

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

Mr. Miller,

The proposed street vacation application was submitted by the City of Bethlehem by James L. Broughal, Esquire of Broughal and DeVito, LLP on behalf of the petitioners Bethlehem Parking Authority and West Broad Street Associates, LLC owner and operator of commercial real estate and parking garage at 33 West Walnut Street, Bethlehem PA, hereinafter referred to as petitioners. The proposed street vacation requests vacating a portion of Walnut Street of approximately one block length as depicted in detail below as prepared by Robert W, Telschow, Jr., Pennsylvania Professional Land Surveyor with Colliers Engineering and Design revised on January 9, 2024:

Right-of-Way Vacation #1

BEGINNING at a point, said point being the intersection of the westerly boundary line of Lot 27, Block 14 with the southerly right-of-way line of West Walnut Street (variable width), and running, thence

1. **S 87°45'12" W, 233.61 feet**, along the northerly boundary line of Lot 2,

Block 14, to a point in the northerly boundary line of Lot 13A, Block 14, thence

2. **S 87°45'40" W, 49.01 feet**, along the aforesaid northerly boundary line of Lot 13A, Block 14, to a point therein, thence
3. **N 2°14'20" W, 8.00 feet**, through West Walnut Street, to a point therein, thence
4. **N 87°45'40" E, 49.01 feet**, through the same, to a point therein, thence
5. **N 87°45'12" W, 233.94 feet**, still through the same, to a point therein, thence
6. **S 0°10'11" W, 8.01 feet**, through the same, to the Point and Place of **BEGINNING**.

CONTAINING: 2,262.32 square feet (0.052 acres) of land more or less.

Right-of-Way Vacation #2

BEGINNING at a point in the southerly right-of-way line of West Walnut Street (variable width), said point being the following courses from the intersection of the westerly boundary line of Lot 27, Block 14 with the southerly right-of-way line of West Walnut Street:

- a. **S 87°45'12" W, 233.61 feet**, along the northerly boundary line of Lot 2, Block 14, to a point in the northerly boundary line of Lot 13A, Block 14, thence
 - b. **S 87°45'40" W, 255.70 feet**, along the aforesaid northerly boundary line of Lot 13A, Block 14, and continuing along the northerly boundary line of Lot 13B, Block 14, and Lot 13, Block 14, to a point therein, thence
 - c. **S 36°51'40" W, 15.91 feet**, along the aforesaid northerly boundary line of Lot 13, Block 14, and running thence
1. **S 1°12'20" E, 27.56 feet**, still along the northerly boundary line of Lot 13, Block 14, to an angle point therein, thence
 2. **S 84°20'05" W, 23.13 feet**, still along the same, to a point therein, thence
 3. **N 36°51'40" E, 37.41 feet**, through West Walnut Street, to the Point and Place of **BEGINNING**.

CONTAINING: 318.85 square feet (0.007 acres) of land, more or less.

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*.

The portion of West Walnut Street, the proposed location to have its rights-of-way vacated by the city, is along the frontages of commercial business and public parking garage.

The submitted application indicates that the petitioners plan to reconstruct the garage in its entirety with a modern structure to meet the needs of the City of Bethlehem. Petitioners own a majority of the property on both sides of Walnut Street requested to be vacated.

If the street rights-of-way vacation petition is approved, it is recommended that the City of Bethlehem ensure adequate, safe and efficient pedestrian access along the frontages of the building(s) for pedestrians of all abilities continued access as exists today along West Walnut Street with respect to the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA). (of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 5.2*)

The vacating of rights of way by the City of Bethlehem for the described portion of West Walnut Street would not negatively affect current traffic circulation. It is strongly 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 Bethlehem utilities and infrastructure required to sustain the public health, safety and welfare of the community. (of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 5.4*)

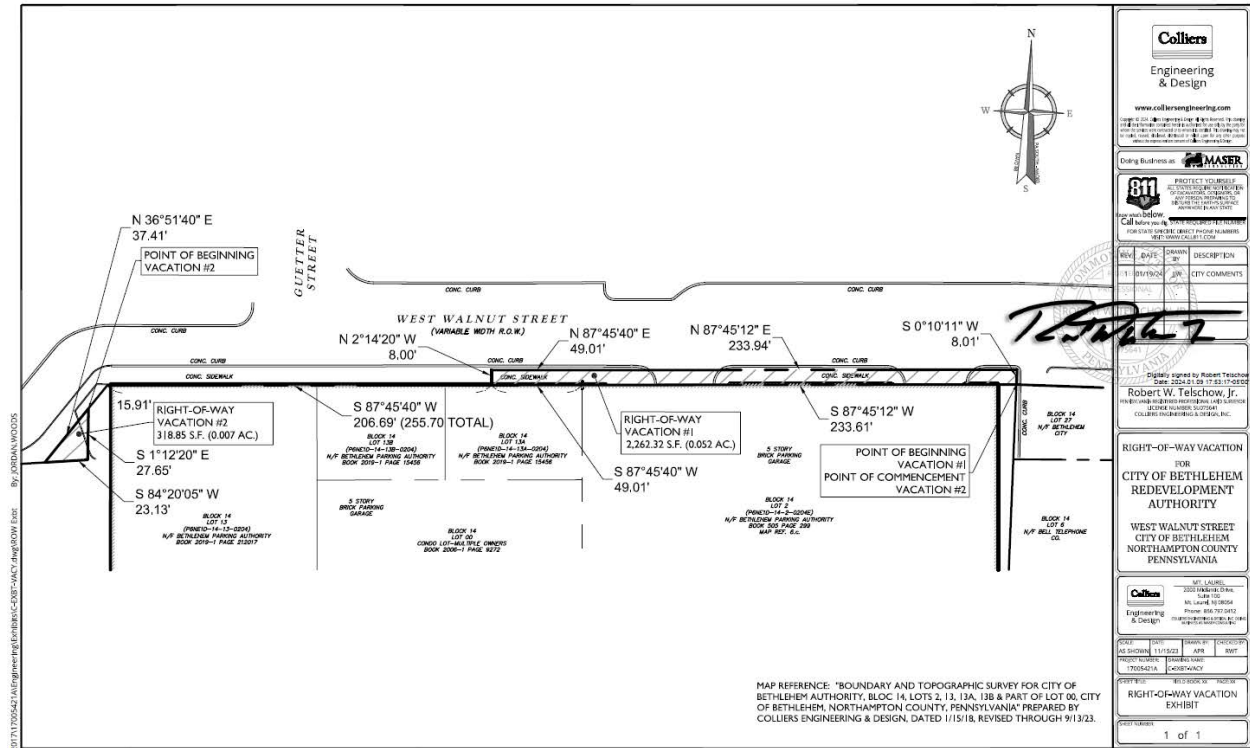
The LVPC appreciates the City of Bethlehem's consideration of the goals and policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* in as much as it relates to the street vacation petition of a portion of West Walnut Street.

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



Brian Hite
Transportation Planner

Cc: Patrick Osei, LVPC, Director of Transportation Planning
Darlene Heller, City of Bethlehem, Planning and Zoning Director



Plan provided by Colliers Engineering and Design



Project Review Summary Sheet

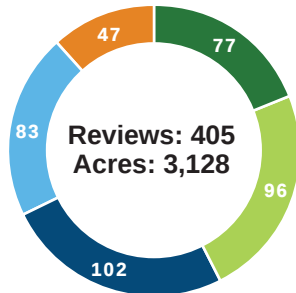
Transportation Committee

Date: January 2024

Project	Municipality	Brief Statement of Purpose	LVPC Review Comment
Street Vacation Petition for a portion of West Walnut Street.	City of Bethlehem	Street Vacation Petition to vacate a portion of West Walnut Street associated with the redevelopment of the Walnut Street Parking Garage.	With recommendations would align with <i>FutureLV</i> actions to: Ensure transportation accessibility for all persons (under <i>policy 5.2</i>) and Promote context-specific design solutions (under <i>policy 5.4</i>)

Plan Activity

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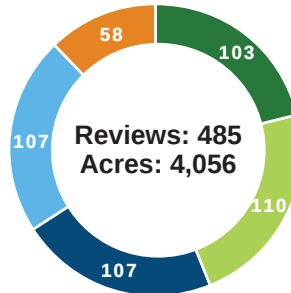
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Regional Totals*

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Subdivision/Lot Line
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Development

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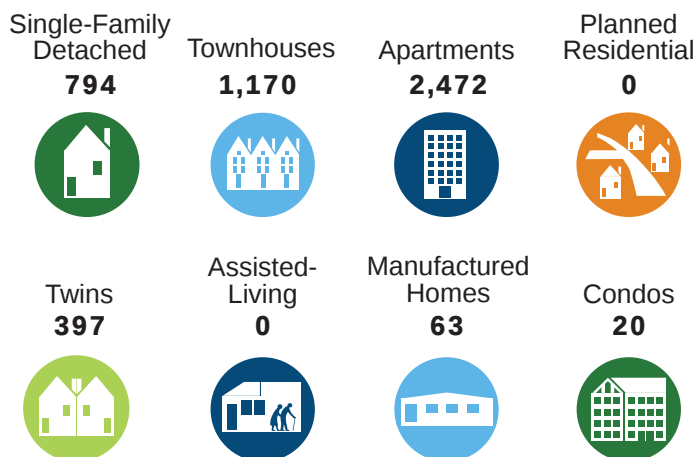
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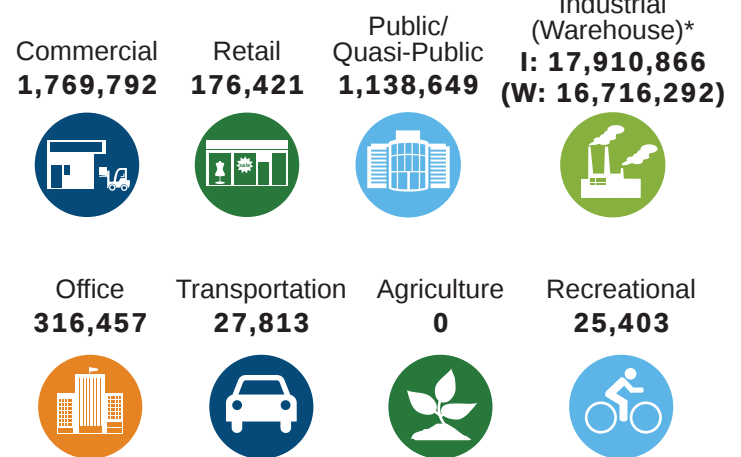
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Types of New Development

Residential: 4,916 Total Units

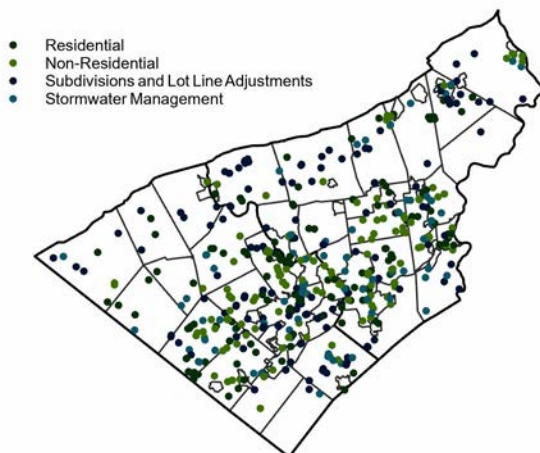


Non-Residential: 21,365,401 Total Square Feet

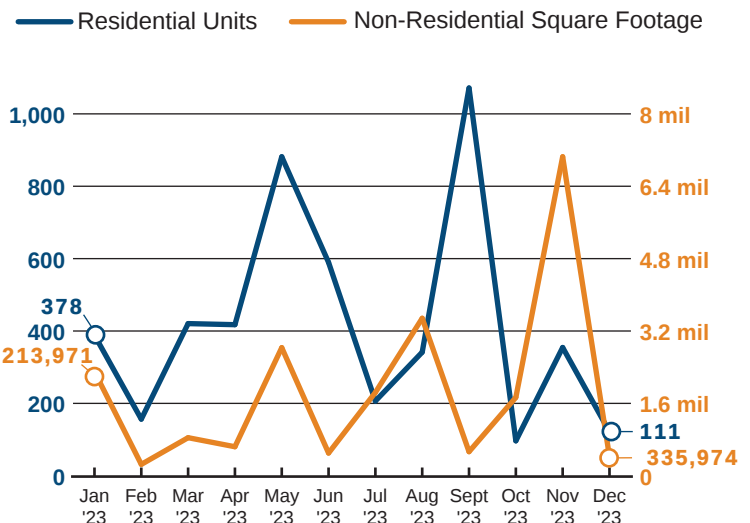


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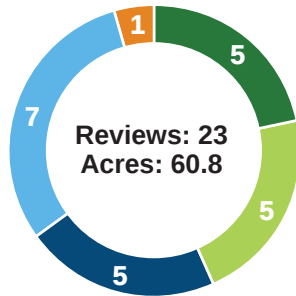


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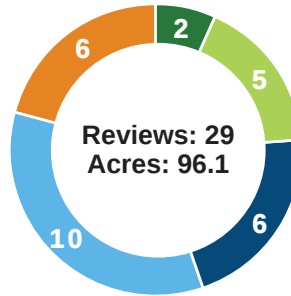
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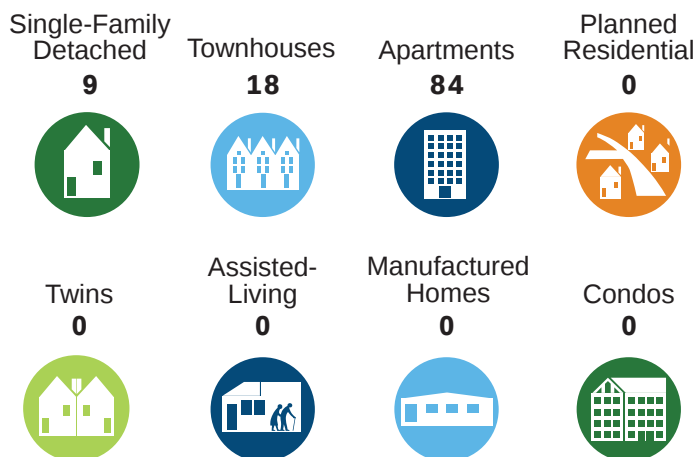
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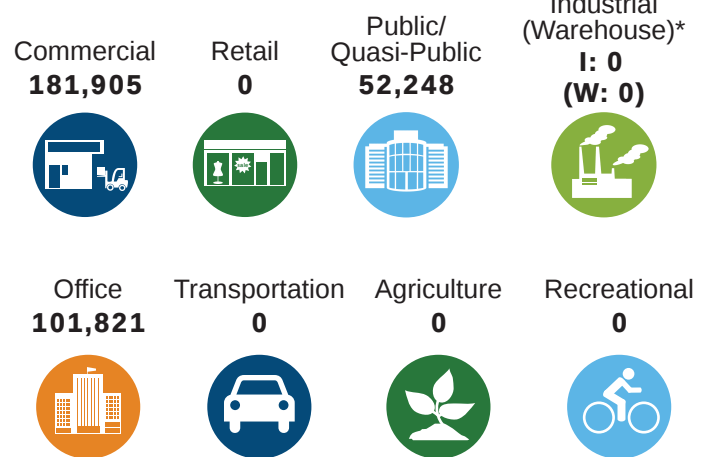
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Types of New Development

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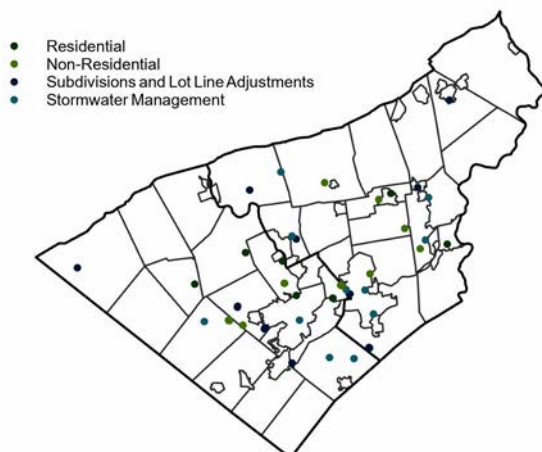


Non-Residential: 335,974 Total Square Feet

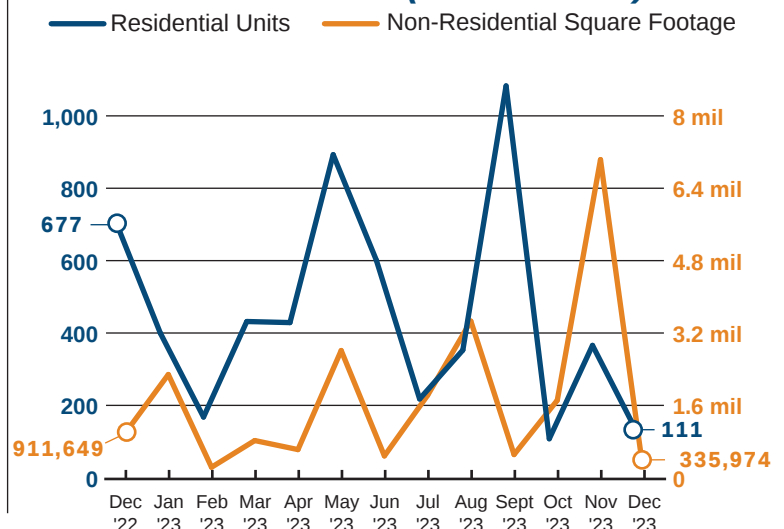


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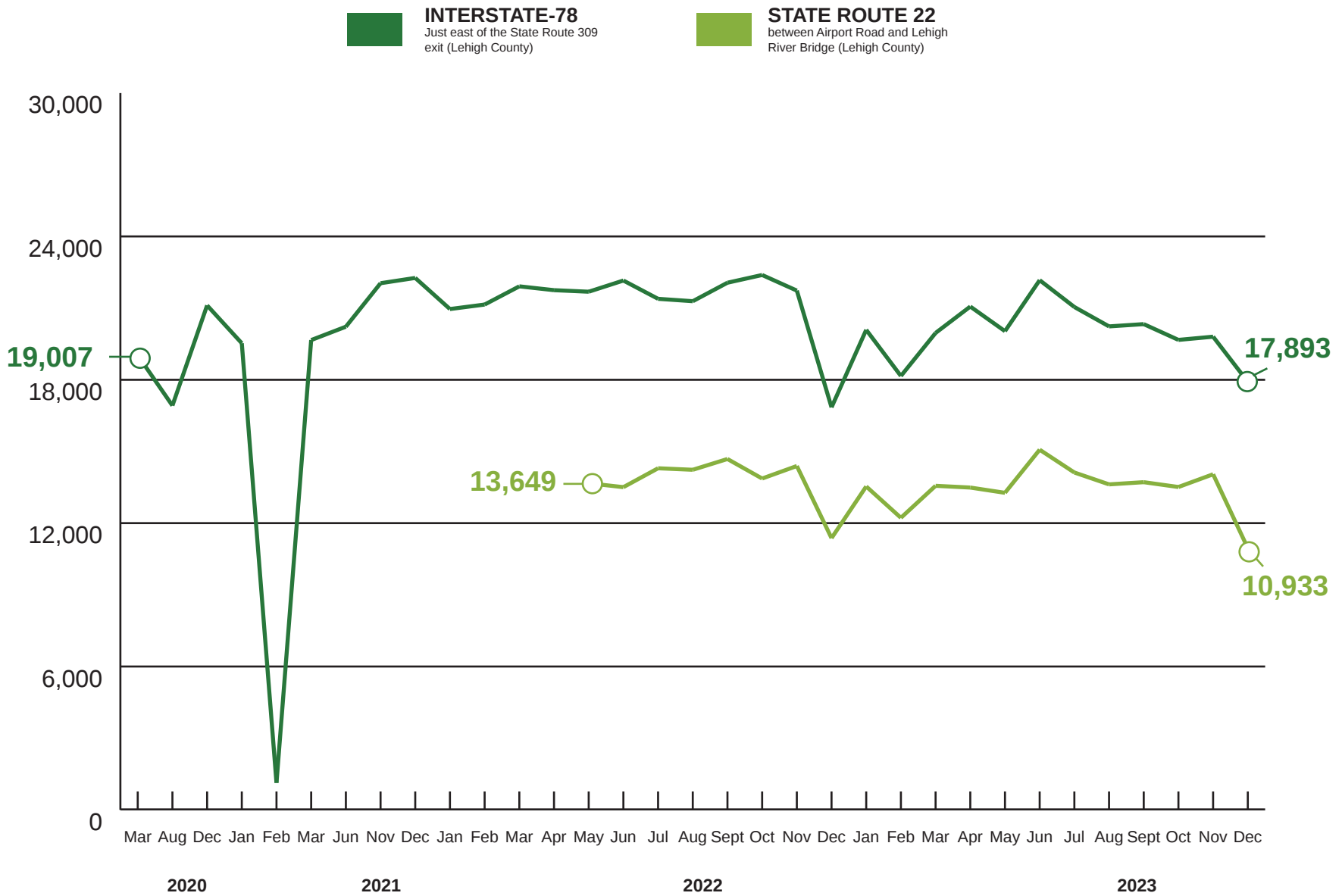
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TOTAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC



TOTAL TRUCK TRAFFIC



DRAFT Priority Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures from the Lehigh Valley Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

1. Integration of Land Use Planning and Transportation

Incorporating planning for transit, bicycle and pedestrian networks within local and regional comprehensive planning can encourage development patterns that support multimodal transportation networks, complete streets and reduced trip lengths, as well as preserving open space, agricultural land and providing convenient trail networks. Through supportive land use-transportation decisions, the ability for residents to choose non-automobile travel modes for their trips reduces the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.

Measure 1: Implement Priority Bicycle and Priority Pedestrian Networks

Measure 2: Increase Transit Passenger Trips

2. Transition to Clean (low carbon) or Zero Emission Fuels

Increased investment in low carbon fuel and vehicle technologies is a critical component of transportation decarbonization. Transitioning to clean and sustainable fuel options/vehicles such as electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles (powered by hydrogen generated from low carbon sources) and biomass fueled vehicles is expected to drive the majority of emissions reductions in US (DOE, 2023). These innovations need to be paired with supporting alternative fueling infrastructure that is readily available and accessible to all users.

Measure 1: Increase Deployment of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs)

3. Clean or Zero Emissions Fueling Infrastructure

Innovations in the development and of clean fuel technology need to be paired with continuing Federal and State support for the development of alternative fueling infrastructure and deployment. As more vehicles transition to these low carbon alternatives, supporting fueling/recharging infrastructure must similarly be scaled up to match new demand and be widely accessible and convenient to users.

Measure 1: Increase number and geographic distribution of alternative fueling stations in the region over 2022 baseline by 20% in 2030 and 40% in 2050.

4. Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure refers to an interconnected network of open spaces and natural areas, often used to manage stormwater, and improve water quality and reduce hazards to public health and safety. Examples include urban forests, parks, green roofs, natural drainage systems and low impact development. When communities utilize and enhance their natural environmental assets as an integral part of their infrastructure, they can reduce their impact on climate change and increase their ability to adapt to changes that may occur.

Measure 1: Reimagine and retrofit major transportation corridors (US Route 22, State Routes 33, Interstate 78 and the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike) to

include additional green spaces, enhanced native and non-invasive landscaping and tree canopy and nature-based stormwater management practices.

5. Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)

For more efficient use of transportation resources and the reduction in vehicle miles traveled, transportation systems management strategies can be implemented locally and regionally. TSMO strategies focus on reducing congestion. For this measure, TSMO strategies are prioritized for regional highways and major corridors as outlined in the regional adopted plan transportation map. This includes 207.3 miles of regional highways and 187.8 miles of major corridors.

Measure 1: Implement Smart Technology to reduce congestion, support uniform traffic control standards, encourage trip planning technology applications for all modes of travel.



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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY:

- A Candidates** - Persons seeking elected state, county and local public offices, including first-time candidates, incumbents seeking re-election, and write-in candidates who do not decline nomination/election within 30 days of official certification of same.
 - B Nominees** - Persons nominated for public office subject to confirmation.
 - C Public Officials** - Persons serving as current state/county/local public officials (elected or appointed). The term includes persons serving as alternates/designees. The term excludes members of purely advisory boards.
 - D Public Employees** - Individuals employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision who are responsible for taking or recommending official action of a non-ministerial nature with regard to: contracting or procurement; administering or monitoring grants or subsidies; planning or zoning; inspecting, licensing, regulating or auditing any person; or any other activity where the official action has an economic impact of greater than a de minimis nature on the interests of any person. The term does not include individuals whose activities are limited to teaching.
- A former public official or former public employee must file the year after termination of service with the Commonwealth or political subdivision.**
- E Solicitors** - Persons elected or appointed to the office of solicitor for political subdivision(s).

IMPORTANT: Please read all instructions carefully prior to completion of form. Also, **review the filing chart for proper filing location.** Any questions may be directed to the State Ethics Commission at (717)783-1610 or Toll Free at 1-800-932-0936.

The Form is required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act "Ethics Act," 65 Pa C.S. § 1101 *et. seq.*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS INSTRUCTIONS

Please print neatly in capital letters. If you require more space than has been provided, please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper to the form. Blocks 01 through 06 are for current information.

- Block 01** Enter your last name, first name, middle initial and suffix (if applicable) in the spaces provided. Public office candidates should use the exact name used on official nomination petition or papers.
- Block 02** List an office (business or governmental) or home address and daytime telephone number.
- Block 03** Check the box or boxes to indicate your status. See definitions on front page. If you are correcting a prior filing, please check the box designating an amended form.
- Block 04** Check the appropriate box (seeking, hold, held) for each position you list in the blocks below. List all public position(s) which you are seeking, currently hold, or have held in the prior calendar year. Please be sure to include job titles and official titles such as "member" or "commissioner" (even if serving as an alternate/designee).
- Block 05** List all Commonwealth agency(ies) or political subdivision(s) as to which you: (1) are presently seeking a public position or public office as a candidate (incumbent or non-incumbent) or nominee; (2) presently hold public office(s) or public employment; and/or (3) previously held a public office(s) or public employment during all or any portion of the calendar year listed in block 07. (The term "political subdivision" includes a county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, school district, vocational school, county institution, district, and any authority, entity or body organized by the aforementioned).
- Block 06** List your current occupation or profession. This information may be the same as stated in block 04.
- Block 07** List the calendar year for which you are filing this form. Like tax returns, the form discloses financial information for a prior calendar year. For example, for the form due May 1, 2024, block 07 would read "2023." The information in blocks 08 through 15 should represent financial interests for the calendar year listed in Block 7.
- Block 08** **REAL ESTATE INTERESTS:** List the address of any property which was involved in transactions (leasing, purchasing, or condemnation proceedings of real estate interests) with the Commonwealth or any other governmental body within the Commonwealth. If you have no direct or indirect interests in such a property, then check "NONE."
- Block 09** **CREDITORS:** List the name and address of any creditor and the interest rate of any debt over \$6,500 regardless of whether such debt is held solely by you or jointly by you and any other individual, including your spouse, where each obligor is fully responsible for the obligation. A joint obligation with other persons for which the filer is responsible only for a proportional share that is less than the reporting threshold, is not required to be reported. **Do not report a mortgage or equity loan on your home (or secondary home),** or loans or credit between you and your spouse, child, parent or sibling. Car loans, credit cards, personal loans and lines of credit must be listed on the form if the balance owed was in excess of \$6,500 at any time during the calendar year. If you do not have any reportable creditor, then check "NONE."
- Block 10** **DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME:** List the name and address of each source of \$1,300 or more of gross income - - including but not limited to gross income from the public position - - regardless of whether such income is received solely by you or jointly by you and another individual, such as a spouse. "Income" includes any money or thing of value received or to be received as a claim on future services or in recognition of services rendered in the past, whether in the form of a payment, fee, salary, expense, allowance, forbearance, forgiveness, interest, dividend, royalty, rent, capital gain, reward, severance payment, proceeds from the sale of a financial interest in a corporation, professional corporation, partnership or other entity resulting from termination/withdrawal therefrom upon assumption of public office or employment or any other form of recompense or combination thereof. The term refers to gross income and includes prize winnings and tax-exempt income but does not include gifts, governmentally-mandated payments or benefits, retirement, pension or annuity payments funded totally by contributions of the public official or employee, or miscellaneous incidental income of minor dependent children. Filers are not required to list income amounts. If you do not have ANY reportable source of income, then check "NONE."
- Block 11** ***GIFTS:** For each source of gifts(s) valued at \$250 or more in the aggregate, list the following information: the name and address of the source; the circumstances, including a description of each gift; and the value of the gift(s). **Do not report political contributions otherwise reportable** as required by law, gift(s) from friends or family members (the term "friend" does not include a registered lobbyist or employee of a registered lobbyist), or any commercially-reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business. The Commission has held that a person cannot be deemed a "friend" if that person and/or a business with which that person is associated is regulated by or has contracts with the public official's governmental body. If you did not receive any reportable gift, then check "NONE."
- Block 12** ***TRANSPORTATION, LODGING OR HOSPITALITY EXPENSES:** List the name and address of each source and the amount of each payment/reimbursement by the source for transportation, lodging or hospitality that you received in connection with your public position if the aggregate amount of such payments/reimbursements by the source exceeds \$650 for the calendar year for which you are reporting. Do not report reimbursements made by a governmental body or by an organization/association of public officials/employees of political subdivisions that you serve in an official capacity. If you do not have any reportable expense payments/reimbursements, then check "NONE."
- Block 13** **OFFICE, DIRECTORSHIP OR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS ENTITY:** List the name and address of the business entity for any office that you hold (Example: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), any directorship that you hold (through service on a governing board such as a board of directors), and any employment that you have in any capacity whatsoever as to any business entity. This block focuses solely on your status as an officer, director or employee, regardless of income. If you do not have any office, directorship or employment in any business entity to report, then check "NONE."
- Block 14** **FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** List the name and address and interest held in any business for profit of which you own more than 5% of the equity or more than 5% of the assets of economic interest in indebtedness. If you do not have any such financial interest to report, then check "NONE."
- Block 15** **TRANSFERRED BUSINESS INTERESTS:** List the name and address of any business in which you transferred a financial interest (as defined in block 14 above) to a member of your immediate family (parent, spouse, child, brother or sister), as well as the interest held, relationship to the individual, and date of transfer. If you did not transfer any such business interest, then check "NONE."
- Signature** Sign the form and enter the current date. **Back dating the form is a violation of law and could result in the initiation of civil, administrative and/or criminal penalties.**

*Please note the Commission has long held that the receipt of things of value, such as gifts, transportation, lodging and hospitality from vendors, those regulated, and others, may form the basis for a conflict of interest under Section 1103(a) of the Ethics Act.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

01	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	SUFFIX

02	ADDRESS office (business or governmental) or home	City	State	Zip Code	Area Code	Phone
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NOTE: IF YOU ARE INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT BEARS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR FINANCIAL ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

03	STATUS Check applicable box or boxes, more than one box may be marked.				☐ Check this box if you are amending an original filing
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	B ☐ Nominee	C ☐ Public Official (Former)	D ☐ Public Employee (Former)		

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B					

05	GOVERNMENTAL BODY in which you are/were an Official, Employee, Candidate or Nominee (e.g., dept, agency, authority, borough, board, commission, county, school district, twp, etc.)	
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06	OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION (This may be the same as block 4)	07 YEAR SEE INSTRUCTIONS
		Information in blocks 8-15 represents disclosure for the calendar year listed here: 2 0

08	REAL ESTATE INTERESTS involved in transactions with the commonwealth, any of its agencies, or a political subdivision	If NONE, check this box ☐
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09	CREDITORS TO WHOM IS OWED MORE THAN \$6,500	If NONE, check this box ☐
	Name: Address: Interest Rate	

10	DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME OF \$1,300 OR MORE, including (but not limited to) all employment	If NONE, check this box ☐
	Name: Address: (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)	

11	GIFTS VALUED AT \$250 OR MORE IN THE AGGREGATE	If NONE, check this box ☐
	Source of Gift Value of Gift	
	Address of Source of Gift Circumstances (including description) of Gift	

12	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING OR HOSPITALITY WHERE ACTUAL EXPENSES EXCEEDED \$650 IN THE AGGREGATE	If NONE, check this box ☐
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14	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN BUSINESS FOR PROFIT	If NONE, check this box ☐
	Business (Name and Address) Interest Held (i.e., 5%, 10%, etc.)	

15	BUSINESS INTERESTS TRANSFERRED TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER	If NONE, check this box ☐
	Business (Name and Address) Interest Held Relationship Date Transferred	
	Transferee (Name and Address)	

The undersigned hereby affirms that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of said person's knowledge, information and belief, said affirmation being made subject to the penalties prescribed by 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities) and the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §1109(b).

Signature _____ Enter Current Date _____

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A. STATUS BLOCK A - CANDIDATES Statewide State Senate State House Supreme Court Superior Court Common Pleas Court Traffic Court Municipal Court Commonwealth Court	State Ethics Commission	Append to nomination petition when filed with the State Bureau of Elections 210 North Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120-0029	ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DAY FOR FILING A PETITION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT FOR ELECTION
Constables / Deputy Constables	State Ethics Commission	Append to nomination petition when filed with County Board of Elections	
Countywide City Borough Township Municipality (home rule charter)	File with the Clerk/ Secretary in the Municipality in which you are a candidate		
Magisterial District Judges	File with the County in which the Magisterial District is located		
School Director	File in the School District where you are a candidate		
Announced Write-in	For state office file with State Ethics Commission . For county or local office file with governing authority of political subdivision.	No additional copy required	Within 30 days of official certification of having been nominated or elected unless such person declines the nomination or office within that time frame.
Unannounced Write-in Winners of Nominations			
Unannounced Write-in Winners of Elections			
B. STATUS BLOCK B - NOMINEE State Level	State Ethics Commission	File with the Official or Body vested with the power of confirmation	10 days before official or body approves or rejects the nomination.
County/Local Level	Governing authority of political subdivision		
C. STATUS BLOCK C - PUBLIC OFFICIAL Commonwealth Public Officials such as: Members of Boards and Commissions (including alternates/designees); Heads of executive, legislative and independent agencies, boards and commissions; and persons appointed to positions designated as offices.	State Ethics Commission	File with <u>each</u> Agency, Board, Commission, Department, or Government Body in which employed or to which appointed. (make additional copies if needed)	FILE NO LATER THAN MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR A POSITION IS HELD AND OF THE YEAR AFTER LEAVING SUCH A POSITION.
State House Member State Senate Member	State Ethics Commission	File with the House Chief Clerk or Senate Secretary (whichever applies)	
Local Public Officials serving in/as: Counties; Boroughs; Townships; Home Rule Municipalities; Municipal Authorities; School Districts Incumbent Judges and Magisterial District Judges who are not candidates file a Statement of Financial Interests for Judicial Officers with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC).	File only with the governing authority of the respective local political subdivision	Additional copy is not required to be filed (unless serving in multiple capacities, then file with <u>each</u> entity as required)	
Constables / Deputy Constables	State Ethics Commission	No additional copy required	
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Talking Business With Becky Bradley: It's the plenty to see here list

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In transportation world, we tend to talk a lot about giant projects with eye-popping price tags that often take years to complete. When you drop \$90 million on a Route 22 bridge that's crossed by 100,000 motorists a day, people tend to focus on that. And it's hard not to notice the spending of \$100 million for a Route 33 extension that connected the Lehigh Valley's three busiest highways — 33, 22 and 78.

Big projects with eight zeroes tend to overshadow the literally hundreds of other projects that, while not as expensive or used by as many, are just as important to communities where they are located. That's partly why the most recent infrastructure laws, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, require that every region do an annual accounting of all the projects done during the federal fiscal year. But even those federal laws seem to want them to be glossed over because they require it be called the "Annual Listing of Obligated Projects." Seriously? Might as well call it

“the nothing to see here list.” It marginalizes the incredible amount of work and associated investments that enable our transportation system to function.

Government-speak aside, it's a nuts and bolts accounting of how transportation dollars were used to complete and advance important projects across the Lehigh Valley. Overall, the 2023 list shows \$81.6 million invested to further 67 road, bridge, trail, transit and safety projects in almost every corner of the region, including 13 projects the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was able to put the finishing touches on. Another 18 project phases came in under budget and saved \$4.7 million that can be applied to other projects. All of them included, in most cases, years of behind-the-scenes planning, engineering, design and construction work that often goes unnoticed.

But among those are projects that are vital for the people in those communities. Some completed in 2023 include:

- **Easton's Two-Way Conversion** – This \$2 million project converted a collection of one-way streets to two ways, ending decades of frustration and confusion for motorists in Easton's central business district. And while it may not seem intuitive, two-way streets are actually safer for pedestrians than one-way corridors that seem to invite motorists to speed.
- **Route 611 Resurfacing, Williams Township** – This \$3.2 million project resurfaces 3.4 miles of a key scenic route that connects the Lehigh Valley to points south, along the Delaware River. It carries more than 5,000 vehicles a day.
- **D&L Trail, Catasauqua and Hanover Township (Lehigh County)** – Completing the D&L Trail from Catasauqua to Canal Park in Hanover Township, Northampton County is part of a major plan to create a 165-mile trail from Bristol, Bucks County to Wilkes-Barre.
- **Fountain Hill Pedestrian Enhancements** – Within a more than \$500 million transportation program, \$203,000 seems like small change, but upgrades to pedestrian ramps and intersection crossings at Broadway and Delaware Avenue, improves accessibility and safety in and around that busy areas near St. Luke's University Health Network's flagship campus. It's also an example of dozens of similar improvements being done across the Lehigh Valley.
- **Wire Mill Bridge, Allentown** – Used by 15,000 motorists and countless pedestrians daily, this \$8 million project to replace a 1940s open grate bridge over the Little Lehigh Creek, serves as a key connection between South Allentown and the central business district, including the lone local pedestrian path for students going to the Building 21 charter school. It's used by more than 15,000 people a day. Because the detour was more than one mile away, a temporary pedestrian bridge was erected by PennDOT during construction.

· **Geiger's Covered Bridge, North Whitehall Township** – Not every project is primarily about efficiently and safely moving people. This \$400,000 project rehabilitated a beloved covered bridge that was built in 1860. While this bridge is important to move cars across the Jordan Creek, it's also an integral part of the region's character and heritage because it predates motorized vehicles.

· **Lehigh Valley Freeway Service Patrol** – I include this one because it's a perfect example of a project that's helped a lot of people who didn't even realize it was there. This annually funds roving tow trucks whose single job is to quickly get stranded motorists off of Route 22 and Interstate 78, between Routes 100 and 33. Not only do they, usually within minutes, get misfortunate motorists off the region's most intimidating roadways, but they prevent and lessen traffic jams, prevent rubber-necker accidents and ultimately reduce carbon emissions by lessening the amount of time vehicles are sitting idle on our highways.

That's just a few examples of projects that were completed, but many more were moved forward, and if you've been paying attention to our 600-plus project Long-Range Transportation Plan just passed last month, you know a lot of projects are started each year.

It may not fit the narrative people like to imagine while they're sitting in traffic, but local, state and federal officials are pretty efficient at getting things done — unless it has to do with naming their reports.

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