



## Lehigh Valley Transportation Study

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### LVTS JOINT TECHNICAL + COORDINATING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 1:00 pm DRAFT Meeting Agenda

#### Roll Call

#### Minutes

#### New Business

1. *ACTION ITEM:* Joint Resolution of the LVTS Technical + Coordinating Committees and the LVPC Executive Committee Intent to Apply for U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant, Match Commitment and Authorization to Act (BB)

#### Adjournment

#### Next LVTS Meetings & Workshops

LVTS Technical Committee Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Workshop #2  
May 21, 2025, at 10:30 am **In-Person**

LVTS Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting  
June 18, 2025, at 9:00 am **Virtual**

LVTS Technical Committee Carbon Reduction Program Workshop #1  
June 25, 2025, at 9:00 am **In-Person**

LVTS Technical Committee Carbon Reduction Program Workshop #2  
July 16, 2025, at 10:30 am **In-Person**

Meetings will be held virtually, and workshops will be in-person.

Meeting participation information can be found here:

<https://www.lvpc.org/transportation-committees.html>

The LVPC/LVTS website, [www.lvpc.org](http://www.lvpc.org), may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in non-English languages and alternative formats, if requested.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**TO:** LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees and LVPC Executive Committee

**FROM:** Samantha Pearson, Director of Development and Becky Bradley, LVPC Executive Director/LVTS Secretary

**CC:** Tracy Oscavich, Director of Administration, Vicki Weidenhammer, Controller, Faria Army, Regional Plan Program Manager

**REGARDING:** Joint Meeting to Take Action to Support a U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant Application

As the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committee members and LVPC Executive Committee members will be participating in the LVPC Strategic Plan Retreat on May 15<sup>th</sup>, it is an opportunity to advance a key grant application that can significantly help the region's transportation safety.

Enclosed in your packet is a resolution to apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries across Lehigh and Northampton counties.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), like LVPC, through the LVTS, adopted our last *Traffic Safety Plan* a decade ago. While it includes a commitment to reduce fatalities and major injuries by 50%, as an intermediate goal and down to zero in the long-term, it does not include a project selection process or a project list, technical assistance or training, each necessary to achieve a Vision Zero goal. Given the incredible growth in population and business over the last decade additional measuring and monitoring is also needed. Accounting for these factors, especially around freight transportation, is critical. In addition, developing a process for identifying, assessing and prioritizing safety projects and associated investments through the MPO, state and federal sources is key to achieving any policy goals. We anticipate developing a portfolio of projects to support desired outcomes along with our state, county, municipal, private and non-profit sector partners. In addition, the SS4A planning grant will allow us to build a formal training and on-site technical assistance program, key to ensuring that the region's 62 municipalities are building knowledge and abilities to address transportation safety needs as they arise if the planning grant application is successful.

The total planning process is expected to cost \$1,000,000. The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program requires 20 percent of the total project funding to come from non-Federal sources.

The enclosed resolution, 05-15-25A, commits LVPC to apply for the grant as well as serves as an electronic signature and authorization form. Further, the enclosed resolution commits LVPC to providing a funding commitment of \$200,000 for this project.

The Administration requests LVTS Technical Committee consideration and recommendation to the Coordinating Committee. After action by the LVTS it is requested that the LVPC Executive Committee act upon the same.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION 05-15-25A

### OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSPORTATION STUDY TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Intent to Apply for U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant, Match Commitment and Authorization to Act

- WHEREAS,** The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) is desirous of applying to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for a planning grant for the research, analysis, policy development, project identification, project prioritization, implementing parties and funding identification, development of a formal technical assistance and training program, and measuring and monitoring program to improve safety of the transportation system in the Lehigh Valley; and
- WHEREAS,** The LVPC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania, collectively known as the Lehigh Valley, in accordance with 23 U.S. Code § 134 - Metropolitan Transportation Planning; and
- WHEREAS,** The MPO is specifically required by to 23 U.S. Code § 134 to "encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight, foster economic growth and development within and between States and urbanized areas to better connect housing and employment," which supports and requires a transportation safety plan; and
- WHEREAS,** The Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS) through its Technical and Coordinating Committees acts as the planning and approval entity for MPO work products, the LVPC Executive Committee acts as the administrative and fiscal approval entity for the MPO, with the LVPC staff as the professional administrative, technical, planning, and monitoring team, all working to achieve adopted policy and implementation goals for the Lehigh Valley's transportation system; and
- WHEREAS,** The LVTS and LVPC remain committed to guiding, maintaining and improving the multimodal transportation system in the Lehigh Valley, with a highest priority placed on system safety; and
- WHEREAS,** The SS4A Planning Grant Program will enable and support substantial advancement of transportation safety priorities, especially given the nationally

significant population and transportation-based industrial growth in the Lehigh Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** The LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees and LVPC Executive Committee are supportive of application to the SS4A Planning Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS,** The LVPC intends to apply for \$1,000,000 from the SS4A Planning Grant Program to support achievement of the safest and efficient multimodal transportation system with a vision towards zero fatalities and serious injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** The LVPC commits to the US Department of Transportation required match of \$200,000 and complete the Lehigh Valley Transportation Safety Plan within 24 months; and

**WHEREAS,** The LVPC Executive Committee authorizes the Administration to prepare, file and execute the SS4A Planning Grant application.

#### **JOINT ACTION BY THE LVTS TECHNICAL AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES AND LVPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Technical Committee remains committed to improving transportation safety in accordance with federal statute and recognizes that the region's *Traffic Safety Plan* should be updated to account for the rapid population and employment growth, which is nationally significant, underscoring application by the LVPC to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant which it recommends for action to the LVTS Coordinating Committee and LVPC Executive Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Coordination Committee concurs with the resolution of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Technical Committee and recommends and encourages the LVPC Executive Committee to apply for a U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Lehigh Valley Executive Committee accepts the recommendation of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Technical and Coordination Committees and concurs with the same. the LVPC Executive Committee to apply for a U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant.

**FURTHER. BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the LVPC Executive Committee authorizes the Administration to prepare, file and execute application for up to a \$1,000,000 U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant for a Lehigh Valley Transportation Safety Plan and commits a \$200,000 to support the same.

***SIGNATURE PAGES***

I hereby certify that this Joint Resolution was adopted by the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Executive Committee at its joint meeting on May 15, 2025.

**Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Technical Committee:**

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Brendan Cotter, Chair

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Ryan Meyer, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Becky A. Bradley, AICP  
LVPC Executive Director and LVTS Secretary

**Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Coordinating Committee:**

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Richard Molchany, Chair

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David Hopkins, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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LVPC Executive Director and LVTS Secretary

**Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Executive Committee:**

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Christina Morgan, Vice Chair

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