



Lehigh Valley Transportation Study

Lehigh Valley Transportation Study Minutes from Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee Special Meeting

RICHARD MOLCHANY
Chair, Coordinating Committee

BRENDAN COTTER
Chair, Technical Committee

BECKY A. BRADLEY, AICP
Secretary,
Coordinating Committee +
Technical Committee

Prior to the call to order, Ms. Milagio stated the agenda and materials for the meeting were posted on the LVPC website. She provided directions on how to participate in the virtual meeting and protocol for the meeting to flow smoothly. The meeting was advertised in the Morning Call on April 26, 2025.

Mr. Rick Molchany chaired the Coordinating Committee portion of the meeting, and Mr. Ryan Meyer chaired the Technical Committee portion of the agenda.

Mr. Molchany welcomed the members and the public participants and called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Ms. Milagio took Roll Call.

Attendees:

Technical Committee

Ryan Meyer	LNA
Becky Bradley, AICP	LVPC
David Petrik (Alt.)	City of Allentown
Basel Yandem (Alt.)	City of Bethlehem
David Hopkins (Alt.)	City of Easton
Jen Ruth	PennDOT District 5
Nick Raio	PennDOT Central Office

LVTS Coordinating Committee

Rick Molchany (Alt.)	Lehigh County
David Hopkins (Alt.)	City of Easton
Becky Bradley, AICP	LVPC
David Petrik (Alt.)	City of Allentown
Michael Alkhal (Alt.)	City of Bethlehem
Michael Emili (Alt.)	Northampton County
Chris Kufro	PennDOT District 5-0
Jim Mosca	PennDOT Central Office
Owen O'Neill	LANTA
Thomas Stoudt	LNA

Members Absent:

Technical Committee

Brendan Cotter	LANTA
Matthew Tuerk	City of Allentown
J. William Reynolds	City of Bethlehem
Salvatore Panto	City of Easton

Coordinating Committee

Matthew Tuerk	City of Allentown
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J. William Reynolds City of Bethlehem
Lamont McClure Northampton County

Staff Present: Becky Bradley, Evan Gardi, Brian Hite, Hannah Milagio, Faria Urmy

Public Present: Brian Hare, Steve Turoscy, Brett Webber, Jeff Rai, Scott Harney, Gene Porochniak, Ralph Eberhardt

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Molchany asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak on an item not listed on the meeting agenda, and there were none.

Old Business

**INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM: 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment Riverside Drive RAISE Grant**

Public Comment Review

Ms. Milagio reviewed the project description and the most recent public review and comment period for the Riverside Drive RAISE Grant project. She noted that all comments received during the public comment period were included in the packet for review.

LVTS Re-Adoption of the Air Quality Conformity Report

Ms. Bradley noted that the Air Quality Conformity Report was reviewed by the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) in December 2024 and had no comments. There were no questions from LVTS members or the public.

Mr. Meyer called for a motion from the Technical Committee to recommend the readoption of the Air Quality Conformity Report to the Coordinating Committee. Ms. Bradley made a motion from the Technical Committee to recommend the readoption of the Air Quality Conformity Report to the Coordinating Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Raio. Ms. Bradley called for the vote and the motion carried.

Mr. Molchan called for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the readoption of the Air Quality Conformity Report as forwarded by the Technical Committee. Mr. Mosca made a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the readoption of the Air Quality Conformity Report as forwarded by the Technical Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Stoudt. There were no questions from LVTS members or the public. Ms. Bradley called for the vote and the motion carried.

LVTS Adoption of the Air Quality Conformity Resolution

Ms. Bradley reviewed the draft Air Quality Conformity Resolution, and she noted that it was included in the meeting packet for review. There were no questions from LVTS members or the public.

Mr. Meyer asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to recommend adoption of the Air Quality Conformity Resolution to the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to recommend adoption of the Air Quality Conformity Resolution to the Coordinating Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Meyer. Ms. Bradley called for the vote and the motion carried.

Mr. Molchan asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to adopt the Air Quality Conformity report, as forwarded by the Technical Committee. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to adopt the Air Quality Conformity report, which was seconded by Mr. Mosca. Mr. Molchan asked if there were any questions from Coordinating Committee members or the public, and there were none. Ms. Bradley called for the vote and the motion carried.

LVTS Re-Adoption of the 2025-2028 TIP Amendment

Ms. Bradley and Ms. Ruth presented the fiscal constraint chart for the Riverside Drive RAISE Grant. Mr. Meyer asked if there were any questions from LVTS members or the public, and there were none. He asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to recommend approval of the Riverside Drive RAISE Grant TIP Amendment to the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Raio made a motion to recommend approval of the Riverside Drive RAISE Grant TIP Amendment to the Coordinating Committee, which was seconded by Ms. Ruth. Ms. Bradley called for the vote and the motion carried.

Mr. Molchany noted that the Riverside Drive project is an excellent example of how the LVTS, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, ensures that regional improvements are being made. He asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the Riverside Drive RAISE Grant TIP Amendment as forwarded by the Technical Committee. Mr. Hopkins made a motion Committee to approve the Riverside Drive RAISE Grant TIP Amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Mosca. Mr. Molchany asked if there were any questions from the LVTS members or the public. Mr. Porochniak thanked the LVTS members and staff for their cooperation. There were no additional questions. Ms. Bradley called for the vote and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Molchany stated that the next LVTS meeting would be a virtual Technical Committee meeting at 9 AM on May 21, which would immediately follow by an in-person Technical Committee workshop for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside project selection at 10:30 AM. The next Joint Technical and Coordinating Committee meeting will be held virtually at 9 AM on June 18. The Technical Committee will also host workshops for the Carbon Reduction program on June 25 at 9 AM and July 16 at 10:30 AM. Ms. Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mosca, and the meeting was adjourned.