

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

2013-2016

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FINANCIAL CAPACITY

Financial Condition -

The financial picture for Luzerne County Transportation Authority over the past two years has seen steady improvement due largely to the implementation of Act 44 funding through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With careful planning and a constant eye on expenses what had been considered a somewhat shaky financial picture prior to the Act 44 can now be considered an improved financial condition. Although general operating costs have increased largely due to rising fuel costs, wages and benefits the passing of Act 44 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided substantial and much needed funding on the state level which prevented service interruptions allowing LCTA to remain whole in both service and workforce areas. At this point and time with the consolidation of the Hazleton Public Transit and the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Transportation Department into the LCTA system, the established funding measures from PennDOT and the relatively stable funding from both the federal and local levels the financial outlook at LCTA remains stable allowing the Authority to continue its level of service into the future.

Financial Capability -

With capital assistance funding being provided in the form of SAFETEA-LU, a major portion of operating expenses will be funded under Preventive Maintenance where costs show an increase from the previous year.

Other major projects planned for LCTA during the 2013-2016 planning years include the purchase of a total of 3 new heavy duty buses and 1 ADA van, purchase of bus tires, paratransit service and other capital costs for land acquisition, ADP equipment, shop equipment, replacement battery packs, as well as transit enhancement. Although capital funds over the next few years will be carefully monitored in order to allow for the purchase of all items, LCTA anticipates

adequate funding to provide for these projects through its allocation from the federal, state and local governments. Remaining carryover funds will also be utilized for the purchases. Operating assistance is also included.

Capital item costs included under Section 5307 Formula funding, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania BSG and Act 44 Capital and Operating and Local funds are as follows:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Federal:</u>				
Sec. 5307:	\$2,624,000	\$2,989,000	\$2,638,250	\$2,723,500
 <u>State:</u>				
1517 Capital:	\$ 29,750	\$ 117,750	\$ 775,710	\$ 36,250
1513 Operating:	\$6,596,059	\$6,596,059	\$6,596,059	\$6,596,059
 <u>Local:</u>				
	\$ 584,089	\$627,408	\$661,844	\$ 676,156
 TOTAL	 \$ 9,833,898	 \$10,739,969	 \$10,671,863	 \$10,031,965

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PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

#2013-1

Project Description -

Capitalizing 80% of actual associated maintenance costs incurred by both revenue and non-revenue vehicles and the Authority's facilities and equipment. Included in this line item are total preventive maintenance expenses of \$2,756,250 with a state share of \$506,141. With the consolidation of services with Hazleton Public Transit preventive maintenance expenses are allocated as \$1,925,000 for LCTA and \$831,250 as Hazleton Public Transit.

Project Justification -

Since the elimination of federal operating assistance, associated vehicle maintenance costs including parts and wages are now capitalized thereby creating greater utilization of federal capital assistance while easing the strain for transit authorities in general.

Priority -

This is a top priority item for the 2012-2013 year.

Project Budget -

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>
\$2,756,250	\$2,205,000	\$506,141	\$45,109

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SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS PROGRAM

#2013-2

Project Description -

To fund the costs associated with providing transportation services to the handicapped/disabled population.

Project Justification -

Luzerne County Transportation Authority offers a paratransit service to the handicapped/disabled population who are in need of transportation to various appointments, meetings, etc. Federal funding now provides for those expenses to be capitalized at 80% of the net project cost.

Priority - This is a top priority for the 2012-2013 year.

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
\$ 300,000	\$240,000	\$55,090	\$4,910

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LEASING OF BUS TIRES #2013-3

PURCHASING OF BUS TIRES #2013-4

Project Description -

LCTA utilizes funds for the leasing of tires for its transit revenue vehicles from a major supplier determined through a bidding process. Purchasing of tires will also be considered during this year.

Project Justification -

LCTA has for many years leased the tires it uses for its fleet of revenue buses from a major supplier, presently Bridgestone/Firestone. Although LCTA will continue to lease tires for a portion of this fiscal year the Authority will also pursue purchasing tires for the remainder of this fiscal year and into the future.

Priority -

This item should be considered a top priority for this year.

Project Cost -

<u>Leasing Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
\$40,000	\$32,000	\$7,345	\$655

Purchasing Cost

\$35,000	\$28,000	\$6,427	\$573
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OPERATING ASSISTANCE

#2013-5

Project Description -

Funding will be used to cover general operating expenses incurred by the Authority on a day to day basis.

Project Justification -

Operating assistance would be used to cover expenses that are incurred on a regular basis including but not limited to wages, benefits, spare parts and materials, fuel and insurances.

Priority -

This project should be considered a top priority for this year.

Project Budget -

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>
\$6,553,898	\$0	\$6,021,056	\$532,842

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PURCHASE ADP EQUIPMENT/HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

#2013-6

Project Description -

The purchase of new computer equipment, hardware and software would consist of new personal computers and related equipment, software and also the regular maintenance of the entire system.

Project Justification -

With a continuing increase in the amount of electronic reporting, record keeping and grants filing being required, updating and maintaining an efficient computer network is essential to accomplish the necessary tasks and also to provide for software programs and maintenance of the systems. Updated equipment and programs will ensure Luzerne County Transportation Authority's grant and reporting access.

Priority -

The purchase of computer equipment, hardware and software is a top priority for LCTA for this year.

Project Cost -

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State 1513</u>	<u>Local</u>
\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$0

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REHAB YARDS AND SHOPS

#2013-7

Project Description -

This project will consist of re-constructing the present fuel island to accommodate a gasoline pump to use for the filling of vans from the Luzerne County Shared Ride division. Project will include pumps and equipment, materials and repaving of grounds area. This will allow for timely fueling of each type of vehicle simultaneously.

Project Justification -

In order to provide proper fueling stations for Shared Ride vehicles and continuing fueling of the LCTA fixed route buses, tanks and pumps for gasoline must be made available in order to accommodate the quantity of vehicles on a daily basis.

Priority -

This project should be considered a top priority for this year.

Project Budget -

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State 1517</u>	<u>County</u>
\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$0

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TRANSIT ENHANCEMENTS

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION and SIGNAGE

#2013-8

Project Description -

Landscaping and property upkeep around the Authority's operations, maintenance and administration facility as well as informational and directional signage.

Project Justification -

In order to maintain a pleasant and inviting outside area of the Authority's facility, continuing efforts will be made to provide informational signage as well as landscaping and grounds beautification of the surrounding areas of the Authority's facility

Priority -

This project should be considered a top priority for this year.

Project Budget -

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>
\$28,750	\$23,000	\$5,750	\$0

