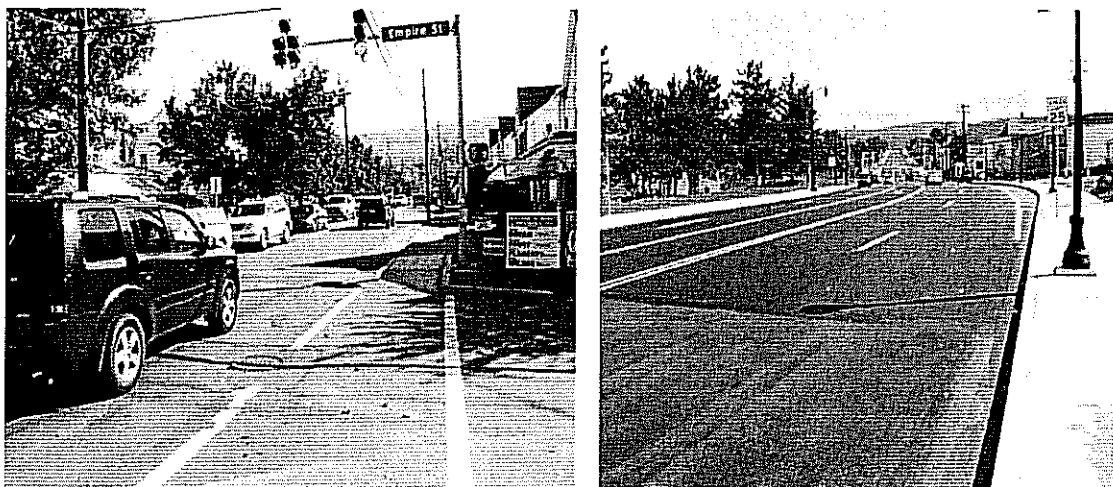


# **Lackawanna/Luzerne Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Obligation Report Federal Fiscal Year 2013**



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**Lackawanna Luzerne Transportation Study (LLTS)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Annual Listing of Federally-Obligated Projects**

**FFY 2013 (October 1, 2012 – October 1, 2013)**

**LLTS MPO**

The LLTS MPO is the federally-mandated organization through which federal transportation funds are distributed, planned, programmed and invested in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

**Federal Transportation Funding**

The source of federal transportation funding for MPOs, also known as Public Law (PL) funds, is a one percent set-aside from certain funds authorized in United States Code 23 – Highways. The PL funds are to be used for developing Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs), Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), and the transportation planning process that goes into developing those plans/programs.

The amount of funding is set by Congress via a multi-year transportation bill which gives the United States Secretary of Transportation permission to *authorize* funding for MPOs across the country through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Another step is needed to release the authorized funds. This is done via an appropriations act which sets the amount of funds, out of the total funding contained in the transportation bill, which can be used for MPO planning.

The funding is divided among the states based on the ratio of urbanized-area population in individual states to the urbanized-area population of the country. (Urbanized population figures are derived from census data).

In Pennsylvania, the funding is allocated via an agreed-upon formula developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and representatives of MPOs and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPOs) known collectively as the “Planning Partners”.

Once funding has been appropriated, the funds can be used by MPOs for projects. When this occurs, funding goes from being “authorized” to being “obligated”. Obligation is defined as being the “commitment by the federal government to pay, through reimbursement to the states, the federal share of the eligible cost of a project.”

The current transportation bill is called Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, or MAP-21. In MAP-21, Congress authorized a total of \$118 billion in transportation funds. Of that total, Pennsylvania receives approximately \$1.6 billion every year for the life of the bill (2 years in the case of MAP-21). The LLTS MPO received approximately \$228.3M for Highway/Bridge projects listed on the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program, averaging about \$57M per year.

**Annual Obligation Report**

As in past transportation bills, MAP-21 requires MPOs to publish an annual report on the projects, broken down into phases, for which funding has been obligated during a particular federal fiscal year. The bill states:

“An annual listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or

otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the state, transit operator and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in the TIP.”

### **Obligated Project Funding**

The Federal Highway Administration define “obligation” as the federal government’s legal commitment to pay or reimburse states or other entities for the federal share of a project’s costs. The de-obligated funding projects contained in this report does not that mean that the project was started or completed within 2013. It denotes the amount of funds the federal government has committed to repay at this time.

During FFY 2013, the LLTS MPO obligated a total of \$60,352,335 for 99 *phases* of 85 projects. The projects were divided into the following eight funding categories:

- Rail & Highway -3 projects totaling \$305,000 (.5% of the obligated total)
- Safety – 6 projects totaling \$4,510,707 (7.4% of the obligated total)
- Federal Bridge – 27 projects totaling \$14,932,569 (24.7% of obligated total)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) – 5 projects totaling \$2,279,050 (3.7% of obligated total)
- Federal Highway – 19 projects totaling \$21,086,059 (35% of obligated total)
- Enhancement - 2 projects totaling \$459,480 (.7% of obligated total)
- Urban – 12 projects totaling \$7,253,933 (12% of obligated total)
- Special Funding – 11 projects totaling \$9,525,436 (16% of obligated total)

### **De-Obligated Project Funding:**

In addition to funding being obligated for projects, funding is also de-obligated throughout the year from projects. The following conditions necessitate the de-obligation of funds:

- Bids on a particular project come in lower than the projected cost; the difference between the projected total and the actual bid are returned once a bid has been accepted.
- Advanced Construction (AC) projects are ones in which the contractor pays for the project up front and then is reimbursed at the end of the project; in this situation, funds are obligated for the project in the same way they are for every project; when the contractor agrees to the AC process, those obligated funds have to be de-obligated because the contractor is paying the costs up front; when the project has been completed, the funds are obligated again in order to pay the contractor.
- When a project phase is completed, the remaining funds designated for that phase must be de-obligated before those funds can be obligated for another phase.
- After a project has been completed and all the bills paid, any remaining funds must be returned to the federal government.

In 2013, the LLTS MPO de-obligated a total of \$6,040,096 for 59 phases of 54 projects. The projects were divided into the following eight categories:

- Rail & Highway – 2 projects totaling \$18,445 (.3% of total)
- Safety – 5 projects totaling \$898,382 (14.8% of total)
- Federal Bridge – 11 projects totaling \$1,555,925 (26% of total)
- Congestion Management/Air Quality – 4 projects totaling \$1,207,693 (20% of total)
- Federal Highway – 14 projects totaling \$1,424,490 (23.5% of total)
- Enhancement – 6 projects totaling \$1,842,267 (3% of total)
- Urban – 6 projects totaling \$249,497 (4.1% of total)
- Special Funding – 6 projects totaling \$501,393 (8.3%)

#### **Funding Class Descriptions:**

*Rail & Highway Funds:* Most commonly used for grade crossing projects.

*Safety Funds:* Used for roadway design features or hardware, such as guiderails, rumble strips, etc., that help reduce crashes or minimize their severity.

*Federal Bridge Funds:* Used to repair, rehabilitate or replace eligible bridges.

*CMAQ Funds:* Used for projects that help reduce traffic congestion and thereby improve air quality; includes intersection improvement projects such as new signals, signal re-timing or synchronization, creation of turning lanes, etc.

*Federal Highway Funds:* Used to repair, rehabilitate, or re-surface eligible roadways.

*Enhancement Funds:* Used for projects which provide access for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized forms of transportation; includes off-road trails or designated on-street bike/pedestrian lanes.

*Urban Funds:* These funds are available to MPOs that are classified as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) due to having an urbanized population of 200,000 or more. They are a versatile category of funds that can be used for resurfacing, highway construction, safety, and enhancement projects, and can also be flexed to fund transit projects.

*Special Funding:* Funds earmarked for specific projects by members of Congress allocated under prior transportation bills. (Map-21 does not contain any earmarked funds.)

All of the obligated and de-obligated projects are described in the attached tables according to the following categories:

Project Funding Class

MPMS Number (MPMS stands for Multi-modal Project Management System. It is an inventory of Highway/Bridge and Rail/Freight projects that contains information about project phase milestones, funding, and status).

Short Project Title

Project Phase: PE (Preliminary Engineering); FD (Final Design); UTL (Utilities); ROW (Right Of Way); CON (Construction)

County

State Route (SR) Number

Amount of Obligated Funds

**Abbreviations Used in Short Project Titles:**

Ov – Over

Emer – Emergency

Brg – Bridge

Hwy – Highway

Imp – Improvement

Intersect – Intersection

Net – Network

Pav – Pavement or Paving

ERP – Economic Recovery Program

BETT – Betterment Project (Roadway Rehabilitation – includes more than paving, but less than reconstruction)

RR - Railroad

Ped - Pedestrian

Tr. - Trail

D&H – Delaware & Hudson

D&L – Delaware & Lackawanna

TS Lee – Tropical Storm Lee

ELRS – Edge Line Rumble Strips

SIP – Surface Improvement Program

FUND_CLASS_NM	MPMS	SHORT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	SR	OBLIGATION
<b>OBLIGATED PROJECTS</b>						
Rail & Highway	91491	7th Ave Light/Gate Cdale	CON	4		115000
Rail & Highway	95753	Bowman St Lights / Gates	CON	4		125000
Rail & Highway	95615	Penn Ave Abolition	CON	4		65000
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>305000</b>
Special Funds	95263	Drinker St NB Exit Signal	PE	4	81	410000
Special Funds	8400	Birney Plaza Signals	CON	4	11	742500
Special Funds	74755	Nanticoke Earmark	CON	4		250155
Special Funds	8890	Airport Access Road	CON	4		857248
Special Funds	74745	Hanover Twp Local Ramps	CON	4		123956
Special Funds	85008	Blackman St SB Ramp	PE	4	81	350000
Special Funds	94116	*SR 92 Emg Road Repair	CON	4	92	295100.38
Special Funds	95272	*TS Lee Dept Force	CON	4	309	16702.93
Special Funds	8677	8th Street Bridge	CON	4	1021	151274
Special Funds	74761	Nanticoke Streetscape	FD	4	2002	100500
Special Funds	9234	South Valley Parkway	FD	4	3046	3608000
Special Funds	9234	South Valley Parkway	UTL	4	3046	220000
Special Funds	9234	South Valley Parkway	ROW	4	3046	2400000
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>9525436.31</b>
CMAQ	8400	Birney Plaza Signals	CON	4	11	1147500
CMAQ	70235	White Haven Park-n-Ride	FD	4	940	130000
CMAQ	70235	White Haven Park-n-Ride	ROW	4	940	265000
CMAQ	50703	Dorrance Park & Ride	FD	4	3007	130000
CMAQ	50703	Dorrance Park & Ride	ROW	4	3007	130000
CMAQ	57712	Tomhicken Rd. Park & Ride	CON	4	3020	440550
CMAQ	51149	SR315 & Avoca Airport Rd	CON	4	315	36000
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>2279050</b>
Urban	8221	Lackawanna Trail (Bett.)	FD	4	6	174265
Urban	63437	Eddy Creek Box, Olyphant	CON	4	347	4613.56
Urban	69535	Main Street Corridor #2	CON	4		348000
Urban	95436	Fed Aid Paving 4-13-FP 1	FD	4	1001	200000
Urban	95436	Fed Aid Paving 4-13-FP 1	CON	4	1001	4373600
Urban	95433	Fed Aid Paving 4-14-FP 1	FD	4	3002	250000
Urban	8607	Huntsville-Dallas Rd #9	CON	4		392154
Urban	8890	Airport Access Road	CON	4		731892.44
Urban	62968	PA 115 Rock Fence	FD	4	115	49450
Urban	50800	Upper Demunds/Hildebrant	PE	4	309	958.54
Urban	86021	4-09-SIP4 (ERP)	CON	4	924	25000
Urban	93125	Pierce St Paving	CON	4		704000
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>7253933.54</b>

Enhancements	71686 Ashmore Ped. Bridge	CON	4		109580
Enhancements	92910 W-B Street Scape Ph. V	CON	4		350000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>459580</b>

Safety	62958 Remove Weave Condition	CON	4	6006	25000
Safety	94567 SR 348 Intersection Imp	PE	4	348	73000
Safety	57706 Kennedy Drive/County Road	FD	4	1012	186000
Safety	57706 Kennedy Drive/County Road	ROW	4	1012	410000
Safety	84565 SR 118 & Idetown Rd.	CON	4	118	1150000
Safety	92444 Cooks Store Intersection	PE	4	118	124000
Safety	62969 PA 309 Rock Fence	PE	4	309	50000
Safety	62969 PA 309 Rock Fence	CON	4	309	2492707
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>4510707</b>

Federal Highway	89923 All Weather Pavt Mark 13	CON	4	6	420000
Federal Highway	96394 Glenburn Pond Pipe Repair	CON	4	6	1378000
Federal Highway	90526 Business 6 Resurfacing	CON	4	6006	239238
Federal Highway	8190 SR 6006 over SR 107	FD	4	6006	175600
Federal Highway	57693 SR 435 & 690, Moscow	CON	4	435	708000
Federal Highway	8890 Airport Access Road	CON	4		12147226.6
Federal Highway	74745 Hanover Twp Local Ramps	CON	4		16252
Federal Highway	74755 Nanticoke Earmark	CON	4		162521
Federal Highway	67478 SR 11 Ov. Abandoned RR	CON	4	11	300000
Federal Highway	9128 SR 115 over I-81	PE	4	115	298080
Federal Highway	62969 PA 309 Rock Fence	CON	4	309	2936500
Federal Highway	80754 SR 309 Slope Repair	FD	4	309	100000
Federal Highway	50800 Upper Demunds/Hildebrant	PE	4	309	639041.46
Federal Highway	9029 Eight St. Abrahams CK BR	ROW	4	1021	69600
Federal Highway	57728 River Street Corridor, WB	FD	4	2004	229600
Federal Highway	57728 River Street Corridor, WB	UTL	4	2004	8000
Federal Highway	57728 River Street Corridor, WB	ROW	4	2004	16000
Federal Highway	97715 PA 309 Rock Outcrop	CON	4	309	319000
Federal Highway	70249 Dallas Int. 5 Leg	ROW	4	415	578000
Federal Highway	8964 I-81 to Barletta Rd.	FD	4	924	31000
Federal Highway	67456 TR 924 Over Conrail,Hazle	PE	4	924	314400
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>21086059</b>

Federal Bridge	8086 Main Street Bridge Moosic	PE	4	7410	69000
Federal Bridge	8086 Main Street Bridge Moosic	FD	4	7410	483000
Federal Bridge	8086 Main Street Bridge Moosic	ROW	4	7410	46808
Federal Bridge	83027 SR 0011 over SR 8025	CON	4	11	70000
Federal Bridge	8193 SR 106 ov Tunkhannock Ck	FD	4	106	190960
Federal Bridge	8359 Elk Creek Bridge	UTL	4	171	52000

Federal Bridge	8359 Elk Creek Bridge	CON	4	171	577264
Federal Bridge	8311 SR 407 ov Lackawanna Lake	CON	4	407	450000
Federal Bridge	8244 PA 435 Bridge ov SR 348	CON	4	435	2028001
Federal Bridge	7884 SR 438 ov SB Tunkhnnck Ck	FD	4	438	91654
Federal Bridge	8307 *PA 438/Tunkhannock	FD	4	438	166094
Federal Bridge	8007 Stafford Meadow Brook Br	FD	4	307	170064
Federal Bridge	8007 Stafford Meadow Brook Br	ROW	4	307	21724
Federal Bridge	8008 SR 1009 over Fall Brook	CON	4	1009	680000
Federal Bridge	68862 SR 4012 over D&H RR	CON	4	4012	100000
Federal Bridge	8006 SR 4032 ov Summit Lake Ck	ROW	4	4032	40000
Federal Bridge	67085 T437 College Av Marcomis	PE	4	7211	276000
Federal Bridge	9079 SR 93 ov Nescopeck Creek	PE	4	93	260800
Federal Bridge	9017 SR 239 Ov Shickshinny Ck	ROW	4	239	180000
Federal Bridge	9017 SR 239 Ov Shickshinny Ck	CON	4	239	1568000
Federal Bridge	9085 SR 1061 over Harvey's Ck	PE	4	1061	280000
Federal Bridge	67306 Gardners CK, Plains TWP	ROW	4	2011	16000
Federal Bridge	8743 Plymouth Borough Bridge	CON	4	2067	201600
Federal Bridge	8979 Wapwallopen Ck,Hollenback	CON	4	3012	91000
Federal Bridge	67343 SR 3021 ov Nescopeck Ck	PE	4	3021	320000
Federal Bridge	8434 SR 3034 ov Nescopeck Ck	PE	4	3034	298400
Federal Bridge	9026 SR 4007 ov Shickshinny Ck	PE	4	4007	280000
Federal Bridge	8748 T-860 Bridge, Hanover Twp	CON	4	7101	620000
Federal Bridge	8793 *Cleveland St Brg, Plains	CON	4	7103	3384.24
Federal Bridge	9165 Cnty Rd 16 Brg 1,Kingston	FD	4	7220	142800
Federal Bridge	9165 Cnty Rd 16 Brg 1,Kingston	ROW	4	7220	40000
Federal Bridge	67478 SR 11 Ov. Abandoned RR	ROW	4	11	99200
Federal Bridge	67478 SR 11 Ov. Abandoned RR	CON	4	11	5018816

**TOTAL**

**14932569.2**

**GRAND TOTAL**

**60352335.1**



## DE-OBLIGATED PROJECTS

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FUND_CLASS_NM	MPMS	SHORT TITLE	PH	SR	OBLIGATED
Rail & Highway	79968	*SR 0093 Grade Crossing	CON	93	-18445.72
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-18445.72</b>
CMAQ	72944	*Bike Trail mapping	PE		-3392.12
CMAQ	8322	*Scranton Cbd Network	FD		-295900.04
CMAQ	8212	Keyser Avenue Sami, 185	CON	3011	-900000
CMAQ	64089	*Forty Fort Bikeway	CON	1006	-8401.14
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-1207693.3</b>
Special Funds	8342	*Valley View Business Park	PE	247	-400013.97
Special Funds	72162	*Ivan Flood Damage 2004	PE	502	-370.78
Special Funds	73201	*LHV Riverfront Greenway	CON		-13918.08
Special Funds	74754	*Mohegun Sun Arena Paving	CON		-996.51
Special Funds	82861	*Chase Rd. Br., Flood '06	PE		-38040.37
Special Funds	82864	*Hillside Rd., Flood 2006	PE		-48053.93
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-501393.64</b>
Safety	62958	*Remove Weave Condition	FD	6006	-60571.52
Safety	62958	*Remove Weave Condition	UTL	6006	-224999
Safety	62958	*Remove Weave Condition	ROW	6006	-463936
Safety	84566	*Lack/Luz Avery Signing	CON	81	-49678.06
Safety	85304	*Luz. Co. Low Cost Safety	CON	2007	-15472.03
Safety	80045	*SR 0093, Safety	CON	93	-60000
Safety	57708	*PA 309 and St. Johns	ROW	309	-23726.26
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-898382.87</b>
Enhancements	71664	*Providence Square-Ph II	CON	6011	-7256.73
Enhancements	77375	*Jermyrn Streetscape Ph1	CON	1023	-4038.56
Enhancements	71688	*Dalton Walking Trail	CON		-1020.02
Enhancements	50415	*Back Mtn. Rail/Trail No 2	CON	0	-90995.61
Enhancements	88001	*Sugar Notch Phase II	CON		-41688.55
Enhancements	73215	*Hanover Twp SR2S	CON		-39268.06
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-184267.53</b>
Urban	73200	*500 block of Lack Ave E&W	CON		-958.54
Urban	76949	*Back Mtn Rail/Trail No 3	CON		-2158.14
Urban	77377	*Sugar Notch-Hanover Trail	CON		-31623.27
Urban	73360	*W-B 'K' routes FY 05	CON		-86832.05
Urban	65662	*Delaware&Lehigh Her.Corr.	CON		-42979.86
Urban	8607	*Huntsville-Dallas Rd #9	PE		-84945.77
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-249497.63</b>
Federal Highway	7877	*CLRKS SMMT TRANSP STDY	PE		-0.02
Federal Highway	62960	*Exit 7 Improvements	PE	6	-858.19
Federal Highway	89365	*All Weather Pavt Mark 10	CON	6	-118796.35

Federal Highway	64188 *Keyser Ave Unnamed Creek	CON	3011	-66.22
Federal Highway	57694 *Betty Street Improvement	CON	1010	-9713.77
Federal Highway	93450 *Group 4-12-FP 1	CON	107	-790000
Federal Highway	89921 *All Weather Pavt Mark 11	CON	171	-50385.41
Federal Highway	71677 *Susque. Warrior Trail	CON		-0.08
Federal Highway	69998 *Wetland Mitigation	CON	309	-1295.49
Federal Highway	69526 *924 Barletta to Scotch	FD	924	-230483.85
Federal Highway	69526 *924 Barletta to Scotch	UTL	924	-71346.2
Federal Highway	8993 *PA315 Corridor Hwy (Bett)	CON	315	-66621.61
Federal Highway	9059 *PA315 Corridor SAMI	CON	315	-54159.81
Federal Highway	68699 *Abutment Removal	CON	2029	-15357.79
Federal Highway	68722 *Abutment Removal	CON	2032	-15405.72
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-1424490.51</b>

Federal Bridge	7763 *Lackawanna Avenue Bridge	CON	7302	-244410.23
Federal Bridge	80089 *N. Main St. Br.Temp. Road	UTL	3013	-209115.74
Federal Bridge	8154 *Ackerly Ck Brg, Glenburn	UTL	4010	-415.38
Federal Bridge	7908 *East Market Bridge #1	ROW	7302	-6136.83
Federal Bridge	9172 *PA 315 Laurel Run Bridge	CON	315	-896.02
Federal Bridge	56699 *Evans St over Toby's Crk	FD	1054	-50564.24
Federal Bridge	56699 *Evans St over Toby's Crk	ROW	1054	-15700
Federal Bridge	8637 *River Road Bridge over RR	PE	2004	-30103.75
Federal Bridge	8788 *River Rd Brg @ Mill Creek	FD	2004	-221820.28
Federal Bridge	9095 *T-388 Bridge #1,Sugarloaf	FD	7230	-90531.58
Federal Bridge	9095 *T-388 Bridge #1,Sugarloaf	ROW	7230	-37600
Federal Bridge	8900 *Harvey's Ck.Brg,Plymouth	ROW	29	-2497.31
Federal Bridge	69273 *John S Fine Bridge	CON	29	-646134.32
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-1555925.68</b>

**GRAND TOTAL** **-6040096.88**