# Lackawanna/Luzerne Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Obligation Report Federal Fiscal Year 2025



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# Lackawanna Luzerne Transportation Study (LLTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Annual Report/Listing of Federally Obligated & De-Obligated Projects

# Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 (October 1, 2024 — September 30, 2025)

#### LLTS MPO

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

# **Federal Transportation Funding:**

#### Transportation Planning:

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 and other 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 comprises 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), representatives of MPOs, and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPOs) known collectively as the "Planning Partners."

#### Transportation Construction:

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 the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). In IIJA, Congress authorized a total of \$550 billion for infrastructure and transportation including the development of new initiatives. Pennsylvania is expecting to receive approximately \$16 billion in formula funding. Pennsylvania can also compete for funding by applying for a wide range of associated grant programs.

#### **Annual Obligation Report**

IIJA requires MPOs to publish an annual report on the projects, broken down into phases for which funding has been obligated during the federal fiscal year from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. 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."

During FFY 2025, the LLTS MPO programmed a total of \$85,535,961 for 66 projects. The 66 projects were divided into five funding phases:

- Construction- 38 projects totaling \$63,990,302 (74.81%)
- Preliminary Engineering- 13 projects totaling \$3,424,159 (4%)
- Right of Way- 2 projects totaling \$3,900,000 (4.56%)
- Final design- 12 projects totaling \$13,981,500 (16.35%)
- Utility-1 project totaling \$240,000 (0.28%)

# **De-Obligated Projects:**

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

- Bids on a particular project come in lower than the estimated cost; the difference between the estimated total and the actual bid is returned once a bid has been accepted.
- Advanced Construction (AC) projects are ones in which the contractor pays for the project up front and is then 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 must be de-obligated because the contractor is paying for the project up front.
- 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 are paid, any remaining funds must be returned to the federal government.

During FFY 2025, the LLTS MPO de-programmed a total of \$7,091,813 for 44 projects. The 44 projects were divided into the following six phase categories:

- Construction- 15 projects totaling \$3,390,129 (47.80%)
- Final Design- 13 projects totaling \$1,812,787 (25.56%)
- Preliminary Engineering- 7 projects totaling \$846,945 (11.94%)
- Right of Way- 6 projects totaling \$812,394 (11.46%)
- Study- 2 projects totaling \$189,388 (2.67%)
- Utility- 1 project totaling \$40,171 (0.57%)

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

Carbon Reduction Program: Provides funding to projects that strive to reduce transportation emissions.

Rail & Highway Funds: Most 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.

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

**Enhancement Funds:** Used for projects which provide improved infrastructure/pathway amenities for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized forms of transportation; this 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 Funds:** Funds earmarked for specific projects by members of Congress allocated under prior transportation bills. (The FAST ACT does not contain any earmarked funds).

**Bridge Off System Funds:** Used for bridges under 20 feet that are located on Rural Minor Collectors, Rural Local Roads, or Urban Local Roads.

**NHPP Funds:** Used for construction of new facilities, conditioning, and support of the National Highway System (NHS).

**Surface Transportation Program Funds:** Flexible funding used for federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road; pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.

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

- 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). Additional project information can be found on PennDOT's One Map online interactive map. This resource provides project search by location, region, or MPO as well as review project details such as status and let date (the date when sealed construction bids are anticipated to be opened). This site also allows filtering through different project programs: Decade of Improvement, Transportation Improvement Program, Twelve-Year Program, and other available resources as well.
- Short Project Title.
- Project Phase (PH): STUDY (Study); PE (Preliminary Engineering); FD (Final Design); UTL (Utilities); ROW (Right of Way); CON (Construction).
- County.
- State Route (SR) Number, and Section (SEC) when applicable.
- Project Funding Class.
- Amount of Obligated Funds.

Abbreviations Used in Short Project Titles:

Ov – Over RR - Railroad

Emer or Emg - Emergency Ped - Pedestrian

BR or Brg - Bridge Tr - Trail

Hwy - Highway D&H - Delaware & Hudson

Imp – Improvement D&L - Delaware & Lackawanna

Net – Network Int or Intersect – Intersection

Pavt - Pavement ELRS - Edge Line Rumble Strips

SRTS - Safe Routes to School Ck or Cr – Creek

Ph – Phase Trib – Tributary

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

4-21-FP – 4-21 refers to District 4-0 in FY 2021

4-22-FP – 4-22 refers to District 4-0 in FY 2022

4-23-FP-4-23 refers to District 4-0 in FY 2023

4-24-FP-4-24 refers to District 4-0 in FY 2024

4-25-FP-4-24 refers to District 4-0 in FY 2025

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION
118429	Dickson City Boro Multimodal Revitilization TASA	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$2,101,449
119601	SR 6 over Norfolk Southern RR	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$1,400,000
120529	SR 11 Rain Event Repairs 3	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$160,000
120592	I-81 Rain Event Repairs	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$135,000
112495	Federal Aid Paving 4-20-FP2	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$50,500
8238	SR 307 over Interstate 380	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$3,442,996
94567	SR 348 Intersection Improvement	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$1,040,860
8191	SR 435 over Lackawanna County Railroad Authority	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$13,723,946
109778	SR 435 over Roaring Brook	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$6,677,452
96719	SR 632 over Ackerly Creek	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$124,518
8174	SR 690 over Van Brunt Creek	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$530,170
79521	SR 2013 over Meadow Brook	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$552,000
8308	SR 3006 over Gardner Creek	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$25,000
115720	SR 3020 over Lacka Co Rail Bridge Preservation	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$5,783,013
115918	SR 6006 over Leggetts Creek Bridge Preservation	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$3,400,000
118738	T-718 over Roaring Brook	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$1,362,550
106314	Elm Street Bridge over Lackawanna River	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$5,555,497
7911	North Main Avenue Bridge over Leggetts Creek	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$2,751,495
108017	Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails (GHRT) PH III	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$15,000
113623	Hanover Industrial Estates Multimodal Improvements	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$260,000
106324	Commerce Boulevard Crossing	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$523,924
119725	Sweet Valley Road Improvements	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$1,550,000
67296	SR 11 over Hunlock Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$2,532,796
112837	SR 29 over Susq River and RR Bridge Preservation	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$189,176
9128	SR 115 over I-81	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$2,448,000
110085	SR 239 over Pine Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$1,200,000
115919	SR 309 over Township Rd T-462 Bridge	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$640,000
110327	SR 309 Signal Corridor	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$1,256,960
9174	SR 309 over Branch of Toby Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$140,722
117976	Federal Aid Paving 4-23-FP1	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$210,000
100508	SR 1005 over Becker's Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$303,513
115733	SR 1013 over Tobys Creek Bridge Preservation	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$160,000
96722	SR 1044 over Abraham's Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$70,000
105050	Nanticoke Streetscaping	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$230,285
103196	CP Pittston / Dupont Corridor	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$577,505
8741	SR 2035 Suscon Road over Bear Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$40,000
79532	SR 2041 over Bear Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$2,740,000
8868	SR 3014 over Nescopeck Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$85,975
				Total	\$63,990,302

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION
67203	SR 307 over Williams Bridge Reservoir	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$125,000
8230	SR 3015 over Lackawanna River	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$475,000
67224	SR 4036 over Falls Creek	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$315,000
8040	6th Ave.Bridge,Carbondale	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$328,000
93931	SR 11 over SR 2037, Susquehanna River and Railroad	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$5,990,000
97942	SR 309 over Toby Creek 1	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$63,000
97943	SR 309 over Toby Creek 2	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$73,500
97941	SR 309 over SR 8039 Ramp A	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$110,000
102030	SR 2002 (San Souci Parkway) Reconstruction	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$5,760,000
67460	SR 3040 over Tributary Nescopeck Creek	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$240,000
101925	SR 4035 over Pine Creek	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$250,000
103454	N Washington St. over Luzerne/Susquehanna Railroad	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$252,000
				Total	\$13,981,500

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION
122573	Dunmore Borough Keystone Industrial Park Road	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$100,000
67227	SR 107 over Branch Tunkhannock Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$250,000
116484	SR 347 over Lackawanna River	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$100,000
112288	SR 2107 over I-81 NB & SB	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$340,000
67231	SR 3002 over Branch of Saint Johns Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$330,000
113272	Mill Street over D&L Railroad/Roaring Brook	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$746,000
115571	SR 309 and SR 2045 Safety Improvement	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$355,000
101927	SR 437 over Railroad	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$464,240
93036	SR 3010 over Branch Wapwallopen Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$104,795
8464	SR 3011 over Wapwallopen Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$460,000
9234	South Valley Parkway	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$1,170
101925	SR 4035 over Pine Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$124,375
103454	N Washington St. over Luzerne/Susquehanna Railroad	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$48,579
				Total	\$3,424,159

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION
93931	SR 11 over SR 2037, Susquehanna River and Railroad	Right of Way	4	Luzerne	\$2,300,000
102030	SR 2002 (San Souci Parkway) Reconstruction	Right of Way	4	Luzerne	\$1,600,000
				Total	\$3,900,000

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION
7764	West Lackawanna Ave. Bridge over Conrail Railroad	Utility	4	Lackawanna	\$240,000
				Total	\$240,000
			Total Obliga	tions	\$85,535,961

\* Negative amounts in the obligation column are a result of de-obligating unused funds for a project. De-obligation is a release of funds due to either the cancelation or completion of a project.

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION*
61813	SR 6 (Robert P. Casey Highway) to SR 6006	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(512,000)
120526	SR 11 Rain Event Repairs 1	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(1,098,061)
95486	I-81 NB/SB Substructure Bridge Preservation	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(205,766)
100487	SR 632 over Tributary Lily Lake	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(45,903)
57706	Kennedy Drive/County Road	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(65,080)
102866	SR 3013 Main Street Signal Corridor	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(42,026)
69210	SR 8015 over Leggett's Creek	Construction	4	Lackawanna	\$(76,050)
8608	Hillside-Huntsville CR 16	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(110,180)
67434	SR 11 over Railroad and Mill Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(3,356)
101386	SR 29 over Pikes Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(148,820)
120577	SR 29 Rain Event Repairs	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(104,963)
67366	SR 309 over SR 2022 and Railroad	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(351,738)
68966	SR 1012 over Branch Harvey's Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(42,315)
120380	SR 1047, SR 1415, SR 309 Rain Event Repairs	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(513,038)
67329	SR 4016 over Reyburn Creek	Construction	4	Luzerne	\$(70,834)
		Total	\$(3,390,129)		

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION*
94567	SR 348 Intersection Improvement	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(200,000)
97930	SR 435 over Interstate 84	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(176,222)
100487	SR 632 over Tributary Lily Lake	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(204,932)
8174	SR 690 over Van Brunt Creek	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(54,400)
8308	SR 3006 over Gardner Creek	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(7,218)
100499	SR 4036 over Branch Falls Creek	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(116,531)
84368	SR 6011 Green Ridge Street over Lackawanna River	Final Design	4	Lackawanna	\$(365,084)
101386	SR 29 over Pikes Creek	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$(99,638)
85008	Blackman St SB Ramp	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$(4,506)
57671	SR 1012 over Drakes Creek Bridge	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$(157,247)
96721	SR 1012 over Tributary Drakes Creek	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$(113,522)
96722	SR 1044 over Abraham's Creek	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$(73,488)
67333	SR 3040 over Tributary Nescopeck Creek	Final Design	4	Luzerne	\$(240,000)
		Total	\$(1,812,787)		

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION*
114919	Interstate 81 Cable Median Barrier	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$(160,246)
114917	Interstate 84 Cable Median Barrier	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$(158,727)
100487	SR 632 over Tributary Lily Lake	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$(50,371)
8174	SR 690 over Van Brunt Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$(46,080)
100499	SR 4036 over Branch Falls Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Lackawanna	\$(1)
105050	Nanticoke Streetscaping	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$(396,561)
67333	SR 3040 over Tributary Nescopeck Creek	Preliminary Engineering	4	Luzerne	\$(34,959)
				Total	\$(846,945)

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION*
94567	SR 348 Intersection Improvement	Right of Way	4	Lackawanna	\$(600,000)
100487	SR 632 over Tributary Lily Lake	Right of Way	4	Lackawanna	\$(1)
8174	SR 690 over Van Brunt Creek	Right of Way	4	Lackawanna	\$(60,396)
8308	SR 3006 over Gardner Creek	Right of Way	4	Lackawanna	\$(59,999)
100499	SR 4036 over Branch Falls Creek	Right of Way	4	Lackawanna	\$(63,999)
101386	SR 29 over Pikes Creek	Right of Way	4	Luzerne	\$(27,999)
				Total	\$(812,394)

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION*
84368	SR 6011 Green Ridge Street over Lackawanna River	Study	4	Lackawanna	\$(188,723)
105050	Nanticoke Streetscaping	Study	4	Luzerne	\$(665)
				Total	\$(189,388)

MPMS	PROJECT TITLE	PHASE	DISTRICT	COUNTY	OBLIGATION*
67434	SR 11 over Railroad and Mill Creek	Utility	4	Luzerne	\$(40,171)
				Total	\$(40,171)
				Total De-Obligated	\$(7,091,813)

# **Transit Grants**

At the request of FHWA, attached below are the FFY 2025 transit grants for the two transit authorities and Hazleton Public Transit which is a department of city government within the LLTS MPO. In total, the 3 entities are: County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS), Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA), and Hazleton Public Transit (HPT).

# Colts FFY 2025

Grant #	Federally Obligated Funds in FFY 2025	Description of Project Funded
PA-2025-034	\$1,744,800.00	STP Flex New Administration & Maintenance Facility
PA-2025-031	\$3,635,000.00	Section 5307 Operating Assistance, JARC, & Preventive Maintenance; Section 5339 FFYs 2022 & 2023; Bus Maintenance & Facility Equipment

# **LCTA FFY 2025**

Grant #	Federally Obligated Funds in FFY 2025	Description of Project Funded
PA-2025-011	\$109,339.00	Acquiring two buses to provide shared ride service
PA-2025-051	\$260,701.00	Acquiring two buses to provide shared ride service
PA-2025-003	\$3,696,825.00	Section 5307, 5339 and Section 5307 Flex (CRP) Capital Projects

**HPT FFY 2025** 

N/A