

Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO
Transportation Study
Technical and Coordinating
Committee Meeting
April 7th, 2026
Minutes

At 1:02pm, Dean Roberts opened the meeting.

Mr. Roberts noted that, according to the Sunshine Act requirements, the meeting and agenda were advertised in the Scranton Times, Citizens Voice, and Hazleton Standard Speaker and the meeting time and agenda were posted on the LLTS MPO website more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

1. Public Comment – Discussion of the items not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Roberts asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

2. Action Items

- a. Approval of the [January 13, 2026, Combined Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical committee to approve the minutes of the January 13th meeting. The motion was made by Susan Hazelton and seconded by Kathy Bednarek. The motion passed.

Bob Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating committee to approve the minutes of the January 13th meeting. The motion was made by Romilda Crocamo and seconded by Tom Reilly. The motion passed.

- b. [2025 TIP](#) and [Actions](#)
[TIP amendments](#)

Steve Fisher provided explanation on the TIP actions listed below. These are amendments that require vote.

- MPMS 123788 – Luzerne County, SR 29 High Friction Surface Treatment.
Add Construction phase for \$900,000 in Safety funds (HSIP)
- MPMS 123309 – Luzerne County, SR 924 Safety Improvement
Add PE phase for \$150,000 in Safety funds (HSIP)
- MPMS 123995 – Luzerne County, Mountain Top to Oliver Mills Trailhead.
Add Preliminary Engineering phase for \$150,000 in Carbon Reduction funds (CRP/CRPU)
- MPMS 112874 – Luzerne County, Mundy Street Earmark.
Add Construction phase for \$2.5M in earmark (SXF)

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical committee to approve the amendments to the 2025 TIP. The motion was made by Gerard Babinski and seconded by Kate McMahon. The motion passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating committee to approve the amendments to the 2025 TIP. The motion was made by Mr. Reilly and seconded by Ms. Crocamo. The motion passed.

3. Discussion Items

a. [Spring Project Commencement](#)

- MPMS 113072 - SR 3006 over Gardner Creek
- MPMS 118430 - LHVA Pedestrian Enhancements TASA
- MPMS 117890 - SR 11 over North Main Avenue
- MPMS 117891 - SR 11 over Court Street
- MPMS 117892 - SR 11 over Theodore Street
- MPMS 117893 - SR 11 over Leach Creek
- MPMS 117894 - SR 11 over SR 6307
- MPMS 117896 - SR 8029 Ramp from Main Ave
- MPMS 115915 - North Main Street Business District Streetscape
- MPMS 117981 - SR 309 Federal Aid Paving 2026
- MPMS 119492 - South River Street Streetscape
- MPMS 102000 - SR 1036 Bridge Preservation
- MPMS 101388 - SR 1036 over Abrahams Creek
- MPMS 9024 - SR 1036 over Leonards Creek
- MPMS 117982 - SR 11 (W.Main St.) Resurfacing

Eric Middleton presented the Spring project commencement for all projects in Lackawanna County and Robert Manzella presented all projects in Luzerne County. There were no further comments or questions.

b. Update from 2026 Planning Partners

Mr. Roberts stated that the meeting may be moved up a few weeks from the normally scheduled week. There has not been much more discussed up to this point.

c. [LLTS MPO TIP development timeline](#) & Draft Tip 2027-2030 (Robert Manzella) [Highway & Bridge Interstate Transit](#)

Mr. Manzella stated that the MPO will be looking to adopt the next TIP at the next meeting in July. There will be a 30-day public comment period prior to adoption. Draft TIP documents are currently available to review. If there are any comments, questions or concerns, they can be addressed to the MPO staff.

Mr. Roberts stated that the new statewide TIP would be provided to MPO staff in the coming weeks for review.

d. Safe Streets and Roads for All

Dan Reese stated that the draft plan for Luzerne County will hopefully be adopted by county council next week. There are no further updates currently.

Mary Liz Donato stated that the Lackawanna County commissioners have adopted the action plan for the county. Randy Waltermeyer presented the Action plan

outcomes for the County stating that the plans focused on the more serious injuries sustained from crashes. The Goal for the county is to juristically decrease the amount of serious and fatal crashes within Lackawanna County. The goal is to reduce the number of these crashes by 50% in 2045.

- e. [LLTS MPO website update and social media](#)

Mr. Reese stated that the LLTS MPO website is under construction still. The goal is to hopefully have everything functional by the July meeting.

- f. [NEVI Community Charging Program update](#) [Press Release](#) [MapNevi Webpage](#)

Mr. Manzella stated that the NEVI program is taking shape. There is a survey available for those who wish to be a site host. This program has funding opportunities listed in the press release. This funding has been approved and will be available for applicants.

- g. [Long Range Transportation Plan-final copy](#) & transmittal letter

Mr. Manzella stated that the LRTP has been adopted since the January meeting. The final copy is available on the LLTS website along with the transmittal letter. If there are any questions please direct them to LLTS staff.

Mr. Roberts stated that FHWA has decided to package this plan with the 2027 STIP. This will not cause any lapses but there will be no updates for a few months.

- h. [MPO Committee new member reappointment](#)

Mr. Manzella and Ms. Donato stated that the following member appointments were made and will take place.

TAC Committee: Lisa Rohland, Martz Terminal Director, replaces Ted Patton.

Coordinating Committee: Mary Liz Donato replaces Kristen Magnotta.

Technical Committee: Eric Middleton, added.

Coordinating Committee: Jonathan Eboli, PennDOT District Executive, added.

- i. Funding/Grant Opportunities -[PennDOT ARLE Funding Program](#)

Mr. Manzella stated that the primary purpose of The Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant Program (ARLE) Systems is to improve safety at signalized intersections by providing automated enforcement at locations where red-light running has been an issue. ARLE is a tool to help improve safety at intersections by delivering an automated enforcement activity. Pre-applications/scoping form due April 28.

4. Progress Reports

- a. 2026 LLTS MPO Hybrid Meeting Schedule:
 - July 7th, 2026
 - October 6th, 2026

5. Other Business

Mr. Roberts stated that this will be Ms. Hazelton's last MPO meeting. Ms. Hazelton has been a long-standing member of the MPO and will be missed. This message was echoed by numerous members from both the Coordinating and Technical committees.

Ms. Hazelton thanked everyone and stated that she expects the MPO to continue functioning well.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical committee to adjourn. The motion was made by Ms. Hazelton and seconded by Ms. McMahon. The motion passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating committee to adjourn. The motion was made by Ms. Crocarno and seconded by Mr. Fiume. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55PM.

If you need any further information, please contact us at 570.825.1564

Attendee List

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

<u>COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>MEMBER PRESENT</u>	<u>PROXY PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT & NO PROXY</u>
<u>PENNDOT</u>			
Jonathan Eboli, District 4-0 District Executive (Committee Vice-Chair)	X		
*Dean Roberts, Transportation Planning Manager, Central Office	X		
<u>LACKAWANNA COUNTY</u>			
Bill Gaughan (Board of Commissioners)			X
Mary Liz Donato, Lackawanna County Director of Planning	X		
<u>LUZERNE COUNTY</u>			
Romilda Crocamo, esq. - (Dan Reese, Executive Director Planning & Zoning - Permanent Proxy)	X	X	
<u>CITY OF HAZLETON</u>			
Jeffrey L. Cusat, Mayor - (Joshua Esposito, Barry Isett and Associates - Permanent Proxy)			X
<u>CITY OF SCRANTON</u>			
*Paige Cognetti, Mayor - (Tom Reilly Jr, Reilly Associates - Permanent Proxy)		X	
<u>CITY OF WILKES-BARRE</u>			
*George Brown, Mayor - (Mark Barry, Director of Operations - Permanent Proxy)		X	
<u>TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE - LACKAWANNA COUNTY</u>			
Tim McGrath, COLTS Director	X		
<u>TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE - LUZERNE COUNTY</u>			
Robert Fiume, LCTA Director, (Committee Chair)	X		
<u>AVIATION REPRESENTATIVE</u>			
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport Director (Stephen Mykulyn - Meeting Proxy)	X		

NON VOTING MEMBERS			
<u>PA NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY</u>			X
Larry Malski, President			
<u>FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</u>	X		
*Gene Porochniak, Community Planner			
<u>FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)</u>			X
*Timothy Lidiak, Project Manager			
<u>DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>	X		
*Chris Chapman, Local Government Policy Specialist			

Appears on Coordinating and Technical Committee = *

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Technical Committee Members			
*Dean Roberts, (Committee Chair) PennDOT Central Office, Transportation Planning Manager	X		
Susan Hazelton, (Committee Vice-Chair) PennDOT District 4-0, Assistant District Executive for Design	X		
Gerard Babinski, PennDOT District 4-0, District Bridge Engineer	X		
*Mary Liz Donato, Lackawanna County, Director of Planning	X		
Robert Bohicchio, Lackawanna County, Engineering Consultant, Greeman-Pederson, Inc.	X		
Eric Middleton, Lackawanna County, Transportation Planning Manager	X		
*Tom Reilly Jr, Proxy for Scranton Mayor Paige Cognetti, Engineering Consultant, Reilly Associates	X		
*Mark Barry, Proxy for Wikes-Barre Mayor George Brown, Director of Operations	X		
Kathy Bednarek, Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA), Grants Coordinator	X		
Michael Danchek County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS)			X
Stephen Mykulyn, Lackawanna County Aviation Representative	X		
*Carl Beardsley, Luzerne County Aviation Representative			X
Kate McMahon Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) Alliance Member	X		
Dan Reese Luzerne County Planning and Zoning, Executive Director	X		
Ralph Sharp, Proxy for Hazleton Mayor Cusat, Hazleton Public Transit (HPT) Director	X		
Larry Malski, Esq., Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, President			X
NON VOTING MEMBERS			
*Gene Porochniak, FHWA, Community Planner	X		
*Timothy Lidiak FTA, Project Manager			X
*Chris Chapman DCED, Local Government Policy Specialist	X		
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LLTS Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Members

Aaron Whitney, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce (AJ Cimahosky)	___
Alan Stout, Luzerne County Convention & Visitors Bureau	___
Bernie McGurl, Lackawanna River Corridor Association	___
Christine Dettore, DCNR	___
Denise Corcoran, ARCIL	X
Janet Sweeney, Pa Environmental Council	___
Joyce Morrash Zaykowski, W-B City Hall	___
Keith Williams, NEPACIL	___
Larry West, Scranton City	___
Sierra Club	___
Mary Malone, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce	___
Nina Waskevich, AAA North Penn	___
Owen Worozbyt Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association	___
Patrick Williams, Clarks Summit	___
Shane Novak, Luzerne County Planning Commission	___
Stephanie Milewski, North Pocono Trails Association	X
Lisa Rohland, Martz Trailways Terminal Director	X
V. Dan Gavin, TMG Health	___
Vivian Williams, Scranton Area Foundation	___
Eileen Cipriani, City of Scranton	___
Steve Pitoniak, Retired Planner	___

Non-Members

April Hannon, PennDOT Bike-Ped Coordinantor	___
Emma Pugh, PennDOT District 4-0 Planning and Programming	X
Frank Knorek, Luzerne County Transportation Authority	___
Steve Fisher, PennDOT District 4-0 Planning and Programming	X
Greg Kurtz, Luzerne County Operational Services Division Head	___
Jessica Edwards, Lackawanna County Planning	X
Jessica Ruddy PennDot Distrctict 4-0	___
Jim Brady, STV	___
Joe Corcoran, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association	X
John Petrini, PennDOT District 4-0	X
Julianne Lawson, PennDOT District 4-0 Planning and Programming	___
Gus Fahey, Valley in Motion	X
Mark Tobin,	X
Jon Shaw, NEPA Alliance Transportation Planning	X
Andy Furmint,	X
Randy Waltermyer, Bowman Consulting	X

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