

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

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. TIP Public Comment

Mr. Roberts asked if there were any public comments regarding the 2027-2030 TIP. Dan Reese stated that the MPO did receive one comment from the City of Scranton. The comment included a request to include four bridge projects on the 2027-2030 TIP. Staff responded to the comment by stating that the MPO does not have the funding to be included in this TIP cycle, but these projects will be added in the next Long Range Transportation Plan.

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

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

3. Action Items

a. Approval of the April 7, 2026, Combined Technical and Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the April 7th MPO meeting minutes. The motion was made by Kate McMahon and seconded by Stephen Mykulyn. The motion passed.

Bob Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the April 7th MPO meeting minutes. The motion was made by Tom Reilly and seconded by Mary Liz Donato. The motion passed.

b. The 2027-2030 Conformity Determination

Mr. Roberts explained that the MPO will have to go through a period of monitoring although the area is in attainment. This document states that all plans and programs adhere to the conformity report.

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the 2027-2030 Conformity Determination. The motion was made by Ms. McMahon and seconded by Kathy Bednarek. The motion passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the 2027-2030 Conformity Determination. The motion was made by Mark Barry and seconded by Mr. Reilly. The motion passed.

c. [The 2027-2030 Air Quality Resolution](#)

Mr. Roberts stated that the air quality resolution is a corresponding document to the conformity determination. This resolution states that the MPO has met all requirements of the clean air act and identified all significant projects.

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the 2027-2039 Air Quality Resolution. The motion was made by Ms. McMahon and seconded by Jennifer Borino. The motion passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the 2027-2030 Air Quality Resolution. The motion was made by Mr. Reilly and seconded by Ms. Donato. The motion passed.

d. The 2027-2030 Tip Package

Mr. Roberts explained the following 2027-2030 TIP package updates.

- [The MOU for the 2027-2030 TIP](#)
- [Community Demographics](#)
- The 2027-2030 [Highway & Bridge TIP](#) (with public narrative)
- The 2027-2030 [Interstate TIP](#) (with public narrative)
- The 2027-2030 [Transit TIP](#) (with public narrative)
- The 2027-2030 [Statewide TIP](#) (with public narrative)
- [The Self-Certification Resolution](#)

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the 2027-2030 TIP Package. The motion was made by Mr. Reilly and seconded by Ms. McMahon. The motion passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the 2027-2030 TIP Package. The motion was made by Ms. Donato and seconded by Mark Barry. The motion passed.

e. [2025 TIP](#) and [Actions](#)

TIP amendments

- [MPMS 68977](#)– **SR 1014 Overbrook over SR 309**

Steve Fisher explained that this project is a reaffirmation increasing from 5 million to 10 million dollars. This will hopefully be obligated prior to the end of the federal fiscal year.

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the reaffirmation for SR 1014 Overbrook over SR 309. The motion was made by Ms. Borino and seconded by Ms. McMahon. The motion passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the

reaffirmation for SR 1014 Overbrook over SR 309. The motion was made by Mr. Reilly and seconded by Mr. Fiume. The motion passed.

➤ **MPMS 124237 – SR 309 & Wilkes Barre Blvd**

Mr. Fisher stated that this includes the addition of a preliminary engineering phase to this project. A traffic unit is required to determine if a signal is necessary prior to the SR 309 river bridge construction.

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to approve the amendment for SR 309 & Wilkes Barre Blvd. The motion was made by Ms. Borino and seconded by Ms. Bednarek. The motion Passed.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to approve the amendment for SR 309 & Wilkes Barre Blvd. The motion was made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Ms. Donato. The motion passed.

4. Discussion Items

a. Summer Project Commencement

- MPMS 92949 - Tigue Street Park N Ride
- MPMS 67203 - SR 307 over Williams Bridge Reservoir
- MPMS 67199 - SR 3023 over Roaring Brook
- MPMS 118331 - SR 8025 over Ramp D Preservation
- MPMS 106664 - SR 8025 over Roaring Brook and Service Road
- MPMS 123788 - SR 29 High Friction Surface Treatment
- MPMS 122736 - SR 11 & SR 92 Intersection Improvement
- MPMS 68977 - SR 1014 Overbrook over SR 309
- MPMS 111770 - I-80 EB/WB over SR 93
- MPMS 120104 - SR 93 and I-80 Off Ramp

Eric Middleton presented the summer 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 for 2026 Planning Partners, Sept 1st - Sept 3rd

Mr. Roberts stated that the Planning partners conference will be held at the Penn Stater again. The dates will be Sept 1st - Sept 3rd and registration is open.

c. LCTA Supplemental funding update, for BRT

Mr. Manzella stated that the following update was made : \$32,000 in 2025/2026 and \$32,000 in 2026/2027; revised to the \$64,000 in 2026/2027.

d. NEVI Community Charging Program update

Interested in starting a charging station? [Take the survey](#)

Mr. Manzella stated that there is a survey available regarding the NEVI program. The updates are expected to continue as these opportunities become available.

e. Safe Streets and Roads for All [SS4A]Luzerne County

Mr. Reese stated that Luzerne County had some funding available after the completion of the action plan. With the funding there will be safety audits completed along with a draft model ordinance constructed for municipalities to hopefully adopt.

Lackawanna County: Final Plan

Ms. Donato stated that the Lackawanna County SS4A action plan has been completed and recently held a workshop for municipalities in effort to gain written support of the plan in the form of a pledge.

f. LLTS MPO website update

Mr. Reese stated that progress is still being made to update the social media and website. This will hopefully be completed soon, making the MPO's documents and resources more readily available for the public.

g. MPO Committee: New Member Appointment

Ms. Donato welcomed Ms. Borino as a new member of the Technical Committee. Ms. Borino is the ADE for design at PennDOT district 4.

h. Funding/Grant Opportunities

Mr. Manzella stated that the Pilot Program helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities. Potential projects must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, and improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

-Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

5. Progress Reports**a. 2026 LLTS MPO Hybrid Meeting Schedule:**

➤ October 6th, 2026

6. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Roberts asked for a motion from the Technical Committee to adjourn the July 7th, 2026, MPO meeting. The motion was made by Ms. McMahon and seconded by Ms. Borino.

Mr. Fiume asked for a motion from the Coordinating Committee to adjourn the July 7th, 2026, MPO meeting. The motion was made by Ms. Donato and seconded by Mr. Barry. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:47PM.

Attendee List

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

	MEMBER PRESENT	PROXY PRESENT	ABSENT & NO PROXY
<u>COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS</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	
<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

	<u>MEMBER PRESENT</u>	<u>PROXY PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT & NO PROXY</u>
*Dean Roberts, (Committee Chair) PennDOT Central Office, Transportation Planning Manager	X		
Jennifer Borino, PennDOT District 4-0, Assistant District Executive for Design	X		
Gerard Babinski, PennDOT District 4-0, District Bridge Engineer			
*Mary Liz Donato, Lackawanna County, Director of Planning	X		
Robert Bochicchio, Lackawanna County, Engineering Consultant, Greeman-Pederson, Inc.	X		
Eric Middleton, Lackawanna County, Transportation Planning Manager	X		
*Tom Reilly Jr, Proxy for Scranton Mayor Paige Cagnetti, 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		
Appears on Coordinating and Technical Committee = *			

Attendee List**Tuesday, April 7, 2026****LLTS Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Members**

Aaron Whitney, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce (AJ Cimahosky)	X
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	X
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	—
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 Coordinator	—
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
Koren Clark, Scranton Area Foundation	X
Jessica Edwards, Lackawanna County Planning	X
Jessica Ruddy PennDOT District 4-0	—
Barb Idhaw	—
Joe Corcoran, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association	—
John Petrini, PennDOT District 4-0	X
Julianne Lawson, PennDOT District 4-0 Planning and Programming	—
Rob Manzella, Luzerne County Transportation Planner	X
Mark Tobin,	—
Jon Shaw, NEPA Alliance Transportation Planning	X
Michelle Sparich, Luzerne County	X