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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE FFY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM & THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS REPORT FOR LEBANON COUNTY

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Lebanon, PA 17042

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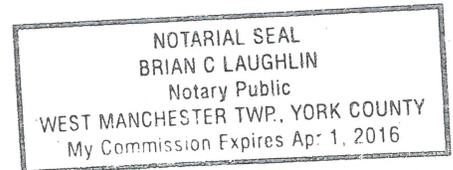
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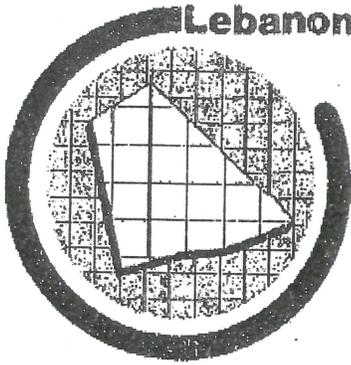


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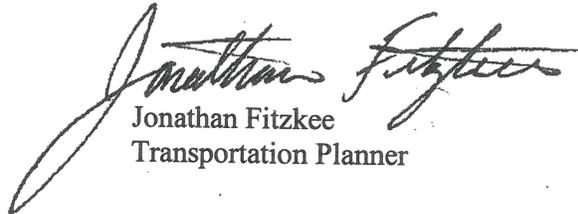
Please publish the attached notice for a public comment period for the LEBCO MPO on the following dates:

- 1) Thursday, May 1st, 2014 and Monday May 5th, 2014

The heading should be typed in **Bold** and the contents should be typed in regular type (non-bold), unless otherwise specified.

Please invoice the Lebanon County Planning Department at the noted address below and forward a proof of publication with the billing. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Fitzkee
Transportation Planner

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**LEBANON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(LEBCO MPO)
PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS SUMMARY
2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

In 2013, the draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was widely distributed for comments ... to neighboring MPOs/RPO; to all Lebanon County municipalities; to the business community (chamber, Ec. Dev. Corp., etc.); to the media (radio and newspaper did stories that led to comments from the general public); at MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board meetings; etc. Meetings were also held with key local and state stakeholders to further refine the LRTP.

In April and May of 2014, the draft LRTP, the draft 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and all supporting documents were widely distributed in Lebanon County via CDs, e-mails and postings on the LEBCO MPO website. Editorial and substantive comments were received, especially on the draft plan, and the documents were revised in early May through early June based upon many of these comments.

On March 27, 2014, the five (5) highway & bridge projects in the draft 2015-2018 TIP that may have right-of-way impacts were e-mailed to eight (8) Indian Tribe/Nation representatives for review and comment. To date, no comments were provided by the tribes.

During the week of May 12, 2014, the draft final plan, the draft final 2015 – 2018 TIP and the draft final supporting documents were placed on the LEBCO MPO's web site for review and comment. Through May and early June, the public, the LEBCO MPO Technical Committee and the Policy Board were encouraged to view these documents on the website or to obtain CDs and to provide any comments to the Lebanon County Planning Department.

The public comment period for all of these documents was officially advertised in the Lebanon Daily News on May 2 and 5, 2014 and similar notices and packets of information were hand delivered to all public libraries in the county as well as to the radio station's news directors (English and Spanish), the Hispanic Outreach Center, The Salvation Army and COMCAST TV. COMCAST TV began running the notice in English and in Spanish on May 19, 2014. The Lebanon Daily News also did a front page story of the draft LRTP/TIP on May 9, 2014 urging folks to review and comment on the documents.

The public comment period ran from May 8, 2014 through June 13, 2014, and included two (2) advertised Open House sessions conducted on June 2, 2014 in Room 207, County Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Lebanon Municipal Building. A copy of the Proof of Publication is attached.

The staff of the Lebanon County Planning Department (LCPD) also participated in numerous outreach sessions leading up to and following the final distribution of the draft LRTP and the draft 2015-2018 TIP. For example, the draft TIP was presented to the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Valley Economic Development Corporation on May 8, 2014 and May 13, 2014 respectively.

Outreach to Lebanon County's minority and low income populations was also undertaken through the many agencies and organizations that are part of the Community Action Partnership (CAP) of the Lebanon County Human Services Office. The TIP was distributed by CAP in May. CAP staff also invited everyone to ask for CDs of the other documents or to view them on the MPO's website.

The plan/TIP documents were provided to the staff at the Hispanic Outreach Center at Webster Manor at 1012 Brock Drive, Lebanon, PA. The staff (Lucy Flecha) posted a notice about the documents as you enter the building and sign-in. The Hispanic Outreach Coordinator (Leticia Perez) at The Salvation Army also took a copy of the plan/TIP/supporting documents for her review and comment and for persons who use their services. They were encouraged to ask for documents in Spanish or another language for persons not being proficient in English. To date, no copies in a foreign language were requested.

Mr. Louis Torres also talked about the LRTP and TIP documents and the open houses during his Sunday afternoon Spanish radio program on WLBR, 1270 AM radio on May 18, 2014. He asked people to view the documents at the Hispanic Outreach Center, The Salvation Army or at the other locations in the county and to provide comments to the Lebanon County Planning Department or to ask for documents in Spanish.

A Public Comment Open House was held from 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. on June 2, 2014 in Room 207 of the Lebanon Municipal Building. The city/county Municipal Building is centrally located within the City of Lebanon and on several of Lebanon Transit's (LT's) bus routes. Two people attended the afternoon session on June 2nd; 1 person attended the evening session. Staff from the Lebanon County Planning Department (LCPD) conducted the Open Houses. A LCPD employee (Luis Rodriguez) was also available to translate if needed, but that service wasn't needed.

- 1) The following comments were received by the LCPD prior to or during the 30-day public comment period:
 - a) **Comment** – Public private partnership LRTP/TIP revised project information was provided by the developer for North Cornwall Commons as a result of the off-site transportation improvements included in the Transportation Impact Study (TIS). The developer requested that this updated information be included in the plan.

- b) **Response** – The details for the following three projects were updated in the plan ... the intersection improvements at Cornwall and Rocherty Roads; the intersection improvements at PA Route 72 and Rocherty Road; and the intersection and roadway improvements at / along Cornwall Road and Isabel Drive. An e-mail response was provided indicating that the information was updated in the plan.
- c) **Comment** – Based upon the County's purchase of a home at Cornwall Road and York Street, North Cornwall Township requested that the mini-relocation of Wilhelm Avenue and a new traffic signal at Cornwall Road with York Street/relocated Wilhelm Avenue be placed on the plan and the two related plan projects be dropped.
- d) **Response** – The Wilhelm Avenue project was added to the plan and the TIP and the no longer needed other two projects were dropped from the plan. This information was provided to the township via e-mail and at two township meetings, one of which was a public meeting.
- e) **Comment** – The Inwood Iron Bridge over the Swatara Creek in Union Township needs to be replaced. This comment came to the LEBCO MPO via several letters and e-mails from Union Township officials and residents.
- f) **Response** – All remaining phases of work for the project (now a rehabilitation project) are listed on the 2015-2018 TIP. Telephone responses and e-mails were provided.
- g) **Comment** – Several residents of and staff from North Cornwall Township called and emailed to find out the status of the replacement of the Chestnut Street Bridge. It was heavily damaged in the floods in September of 2012. (The bridge is still closed to traffic.)
- h) **Response** – The project is now under construction and need not be listed on the 2015-2018 TIP. E-mail and telephone response were provided.
- i) **Comment** – One resident of North Cornwall Township called and met with township/county/PennDOT staff on additional work related to the replacement of the Mill Street Bridges.
- j) **Response** – Field views were held; analysis was done by PennDOT and others to explore ways to improve the safety/operations along Mill Street, just north of the bridges. Status reports and on-site meetings were completed. Physical work

was done to improve conditions. Dean Foods has also asked its drivers to use other routes to get to Wengert's Dairy. This is still an ongoing effort.

- k) **Comment** – Many residents, elected officials and others inquired about the status of the Schaefferstown Bypass project and the 9th & 10th Streets Bridges project.
- l) **Response** – The persons received the appropriate information about the project via telephone calls and e-mails.

- m) **Comment** – Questions and concerns continue to be raised about the wetland bank at Snitz Creek Park in North Cornwall Township.
- n) **Response** – Meetings, telephone calls and e-mails were used to answer questions and to respond to concerns. PennDOT is now working with DEP and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to re-design the wetland so it holds surface water a little longer. The project should be completed and turned back to North Cornwall Township in late 2015.

- o) **Comment** – The traffic light at US Route 422 and PA Route 934 in Annville needs to be re-designed to permit protected left-turns for southbound 934 traffic. This comment came to the LEBCO MPO via the WLBR radio local call-in program with Laura LaBeau and from various e-mails and telephone calls from residents. It was also identified in the ongoing CMP Update Study by various citizens and the business community.
- p) **Response** – LCPD staff and its traffic engineer (Gannett Fleming) responded to the concerns over the radio and with many personal phone calls and e-mails. The radio listeners and individuals were told that the US Route 422 CCIP project will be making intersection improvements at numerous signalized intersections from Cleona through Palmyra, including the intersection in question. They were told, however, that by giving any more “green time” to PA Route 934 traffic, you will just lengthen the back-ups (queuing) on US Route 422 and therefore, this option is not advisable at this time. 422 carries three times the traffic than 934. Once we have completed the project and have gone through a year's worth of testing and can see how traffic moves through each intersection, any of the highway occupancy permits (HOPs) for these traffic signals can be adjusted to address problems. LCPD staff also attended an Annville Township meeting on this matter.

- q) **Comment** – Bike Lebanon (formerly the Lebanon Valley Bicycle Coalition) continues to raise concerns about the past betterment work and future betterment work on PA Route 419.
- r) **Response** – Meetings were held at the county and at PennDOT with Bike Lebanon representatives. The project will not be revised. Betterments are basically road resurfacing projects with other minor work; widening shoulders and/or drainage improvements in this corridor are not possible based upon available funds and available right-of-way.
- s) **Comment** – Seeing no TIP projects in their jurisdiction, Jonestown Borough asked for a meeting to seek ways to begin implementation of the key recommendations in the Market Street Feasibility Study that was sponsored by the LEBCO MPO several years ago.
- t) **Response** – LCPD staff met with borough officials in the summer of 2013 to discuss project implementation, via other non-TIP funding sources like the ARLE Program or County Liquid Fuels Funds, via a special allocation. An ARLE grant application was submitted, but not approved by PennDOT. The LCPD staff will continue to work with the borough on needed Market Street improvements.
- u) **Comment** – Bike Lebanon offered many other comments and concerns during plan/TIP development over the last year.
- v) **Response** – Meetings, e-mail responses and correspondence were provided. Key bike routes in Lebanon County as per Bike Lebanon’s mapping are now being highlighted as appropriate in Linking Planning and NEPA (LPN) Level #2 forms.
- w) **Comment** – Bike Lebanon asked about using CMAQ Funds and other federal funds on bicycle projects.
- x) **Response** – At meetings and via e-mails, they were told that we’ve been doing that for years ... that’s how LVRT Phase 4 was partially funded in 2011 and that’s how the LVRT Cornwall Trailhead and LVRT Phase 9 are being funded in the current and draft TIPs.
- y) **Comment** – Many municipalities, developers, etc. have inquired about the various new funding streams in Act 89 of 2013 and how to apply for these funds.

- z) **Response** – LCPD staff and others have met with or mailed/e-mailed them step-by-step guidance on how/when to apply for these new funds or how to apply for MAP-21 TAP Funds from the statewide line item.
- aa)**Comment** – PennDOT provided Decade of Investment (DOI) candidate projects for the plan and TIP.
- bb)**Response** – LCPD staff met with PennDOT on March 17, 2014 to agree upon which projects would advance to the LRTP and 2015-2018 TIP.
- cc) **Comment** – FHWA asked for a meeting and follow-up conference call on Title VI, Environmental Justice, non-English-speaking populations, etc. and how to incorporate new information and better outreach techniques into planning and programming processes for the LEBCO MPO.
- dd)**Response** – We met with FHWA in July of 2013 on these subjects. We had a follow-up conference call in late September of 2013. In November, the staff participated in a half-day webinar on Title VI requirements for MPOs. Various documents were revised, and some new outreach approaches were tried with this plan/TIP update. Phone calls and e-mails were shared with FHWA.
- ee)**Comment** – A person regularly stops into the office for MPO updates.
- ff) **Response** – The staff has briefed this person on meeting results; shared meeting minutes; provided draft LRTP and TIP documents; etc. so he can provide comments. He is Hispanic, but has not wanted any documents in Spanish.
- gg)**Comment** – FTA requested that the FFY 2015 transit projects be announced in the newspaper and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on these projects.
- hh)**Response** – On May 2, 2014, the LEBCO MPO and Lebanon Transit (LT) advertised a public hearing on June 3, 2014. No comments were received.
- ii) **Comment** – Age Wave advocates like Kathleen Wall continue to meet with LCPD staff to seek support for non-traditional transportation for the elderly.
- jj) **Response** – An Age Wave Initiative has been started; several meetings have been held; and the LRTP has been amended to include several references and

possible efforts to be considered once the Age Wave Lebanon County Steering Committee completes its work.

- kk) **Comment** – The 3 municipalities (Palmyra Borough, N. Londonderry Township and S. Londonderry Township) that receive the Harrisburg STU Funds that come to the LEBCO MPO asked for the next several years of funding go toward possible work on S. Lingle Avenue.
- ll) **Response** – Meetings, phone calls and e-mails have confirmed that once PennDOT and the county can agree upon a scope of work for S. Lingle Avenue, this project will be added to the 2015-2018 TIP.
- mm) **Comment** – The LCPD was asked by Cornwall Borough to advance the plan project in Cornwall Center (possibly a roundabout) to the TIP.
- nn) **Response** – The LEBCO MPO asked for and received additional planning funds in SFY 2015-2016 for the Cornwall Center Multi-Modal Transportation Study. Several meetings and e-mails have taken place with the borough and other key stakeholders to advance this study.
- oo) **Comment** – Lebanon Valley College (LVC) asked for traffic calming and bike/ped safety improvements on PA Route 934 when the bridge over NS is under construction in 2015.
- pp) **Response** – Two meetings were held with PennDOT, LVC, Annville Township and the county to agree upon the additional work on PA Route 934 and how it will be funded. The current plan and TIP were modified accordingly.
- qq) **Comment** – A Bike Lebanon representative gave us numerous comments and concerns during the 30-day comment period on the draft LRTP and on the related CMP Update corridor analyses.
- rr) **Response** – She was thanked for her comments, some of which were passed along to the CMP Update consultant for their consideration in the final documents. The LCPD and LEBCO MPO do not agree with her assessment of the condition of certain state roads, and we have expressed that response to her on several occasions. We also provided her with the requested air quality documents and our past use of federal highway funds for bike/ped improvements on LVRT and township trails projects. One of her proposed action items was included in the LRTP. We also requested specific candidate projects from Bike Lebanon, but none have been received to date. DE Mike Keiser from PennDOT District 8-0 also e-mailed her with his responses to her comments. The LCPD e-mailed her sample LPN forms to see how bike comments are incorporated into

Level #2 forms. And the LCPD also gave her details on TIP projects that she wanted to know more about, and a 3.5 hour one-on-one meeting was held with her, which resulted in many changes to the draft LRTP.

ss) **Comment** – A person stopped in during one of the open houses to ask that US Route 422 (Cumberland Street) between 12th and 16th Streets have the passing lane removed and turned into a continuous left-turn lane to slow down traffic and to better meet the access/egress needs of businesses in that corridor.

tt) **Response** – The person was told that we will explore this option as we implement LVRT Phase 6 in the coming years.

uu) **Comment** – Another bike advocate e-mailed us in the morning and stopped in during the evening open house to discuss a number of topics.

vv) **Response** – The person's questions and concerns were answered. He was updated on a number of projects that will have very positive impacts on the bicycling and pedestrian users in key corridors and at key intersections. The LCPD staff spent well over an hour with this person. Many other transportation and land use topics were also discussed.

ww) **Comment** – Another bike advocate stopped in during the afternoon open house to ask about many topics. He was very much interested in the area of the North Cornwall Commons (NCC) development and PA Route 934 north of US Route 422.

xx) **Response** – Copies of the preliminary designs for the NCC projects, the improvements to Smile Drive and the internal NCC development trails were shown to him or described to him. The traffic calming work associated with the work to replace the NS RR Bridge on PA Route 934 and the ongoing partnership with the college and Annville Township which will lead to bike and ped improvements in calendar year 2015 were shared with him. There was a wide ranging discussion on many other topics too.

yy) **Comment** – Four more bike advocate e-mailed, asking for good, wide shoulders and other accommodations to support safe bicycling and planning for bike/peds. One lady specifically asked for improvements on certain roads.

zz) **Response** – E-mail responses were provided thanking the first lady for her thoughts and opinions and outlining some of the incremental things the county/MPO are doing for bicyclists and pedestrians; and thanking this man for his thoughts on planning for bike/ped interests and incorporating them into a

multi-modal plan. Both were told that additional state funding and possible future federal funding should help all modes of transportation as Lebanon County moves forward. The second lady was also told that we are exploring possible bike/ped improvements along S. Forge Road. The last man had met with County Planning before, asking for shoulder improvements to E. Evergreen Road; he was told that the draft 2015-2018 TIP does not include a project like that.