# LACKAWANNA COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
# February 12th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission was held at the Electric City Trolley Museum, 300 Cliff St., Scranton, PA 18503 on February 12th, 2026. Cindy Campbell began the meeting at 10:35 AM.

## ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following members were present:

Cindy Campbell
Germaine Carey
John Pocius
Tony Grizzanti
Harry Lindsay
Bruce Zero

Absent were:
Rosemary Broderick
Carol Scrimalli
Chet Merli Jr.

Also in attendance:
Mary Liz Donato, Director
Jessica Edwards, Regional Planning Manager
Eric Middleton, Transportation Planning Manager
Paul Dunay, Senior Planner
Robert Kenney, Associate Planner

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered at the meeting.

## MINUTES

Cindy Campbell stated the minutes for the January 8th Board Meeting had been distributed via e-mail to the board. She asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the documents. Hearing no comments, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. A motion to approve was made by Germaine Carey with a second from John Pocius. The motion carried on a voice vote.

## BILLS

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| The Times Tribune: LCRPC 2026 Meeting Dates Ad. | $135.50 |
| The Times Tribune: Farmland Pres. Meeting Ad. 12/16/25 | $105.38 |

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| Luzerne County: LRTP Updates Invoice 19 | $2,661.67 |
| County Planning Directors Assoc. Of PA | $400.00 |
| The Times Tribune: LLTS MPO Meeting Ad. 1/13/26 | $230.88 |
| Environmental Planning & Design: NorLACK Plan Invoice 12 | $1,009.99 |
| Hotel Anthracite: NorLACK Comprehensive Plan Open House | $457.50 |
| The Times Tribune: Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Comment Ad. | $135.50 |
| COLTS: Q3 FY 24-25 Transportation Planning Program | $6,291.59 |
| EMB Engineering, Inc: GIS Tech. Support Nov. 2025 | $5,148.33 |
| Lackawanna Printing: Mary Liz Donato Business Cards | $42.00 |
| The Times Tribune: NorLACK Meeting Ad. 1/28/26 | $115.42 |
| The Times Tribune: SS4A Public Comment Period Ad. | $135.50 |
| APA PA: County Membership Renewal | $279.00 |

## CORRESPONDENCE

A. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Michele Bannon, Mayor of the City of Carbondale, regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for improvements to the Seventh Avenue Bridge and the Spring Street Bridge. Proposed improvements include necessary repairs and the installation of sidewalks to both structures. She wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and is supported by the Lackawanna-Luzerne Long Range Transportation Plan in promoting the use of non-motorized transportation alternatives. She also noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

B. Correspondence from Mr. Dunay to Kyra Boston, of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. on behalf of Pennsylvania American Water Company, regarding a PENNVEST application for the Griffin Dam Rehabilitation Project in Spring Brook Township. Proposed improvements include updating the outlet to meet modern design standards, increasing the capacity of the principal spillway and improving the embankment drainage system. He wrote that the project is supported by the Lackawanna County 2021 Hazard Mitigation plan and consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021. He also noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

C. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Moosic Borough regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for improvements to pedestrian facilities and stormwater management facilities on Main Street. Proposed improvements include ADA-compliant curb ramps and pedestrian-scale lighting. He wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and that the LCRPC supports the project.

D. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Stephan Hietsch, Senior Vice President for Finance/Treasurer of The University of Scranton, regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for improvements to University Commons, between Webster and Quincy Avenues. Proposed improvements include a new stormwater management system, additional catch basins, the replacement of damaged brick throughout existing walkways, and the installation of new railways on student dormitories and recreation facilities, ensuring ADA compliance. She wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and is supported by the Lackawanna-Luzerne Long Range Transportation Plan in promoting the use of non-motorized transportation alternatives. She also noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

E. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Paul Colarossi, of Ashburn Advisors, regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for the Jermyn Borough Infrastructure Improvement Project. Proposed improvements include the replacement of subbase and paving on Bridge St., Maple St., Riverview Ln., and Garfield Ave. Additional improvements include the installation of concrete sidewalks and curbing on Bridge St.; on Maple St. proposed improvements include the installation of paved shoulders, curbing, a new stormwater inlet/piping, driveway/alleyway cross pipes and manhole adjustments. Additional improvements to Riverview Ln. include the installation of new stormwater inlets and piping, while additional improvements to Garfield Ave. include the installation of curbing, new stormwater inlets and new piping. She wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and is supported by the Lackawanna-Luzerne Long Range Transportation Plan in promoting the use of non-motorized transportation alternatives. She also noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

Act 67 and 68 Reviews and Chapter 102 Permits

| Municipality | Development Name | Engineer/ Consultant | Date Received | Date Replied |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scranton/Taylor/Ransom | Stanton-Summit 1&2 Line | Woodland Design | 01/21/26 | 01/21/26 |
| Jefferson | Pond View at Jefferson Twp | VanCleef | 01/16/26 | 01/21/26 |
| Scranton | Keyser Valley Stormwater | GPI | 01/16/26 | 01/22/26 |

## OLD BUSINESS

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – FY 2024-2025

1. ADMINISTRATION

The 3rd Quarter FY 2024-25 invoice was received from PennDOT in the amount of $62,096.29, of which $6,291.59 is pass through FTA funds for COLTS.

2. SYSTEMS PLANNING

Mary Liz Donato, Eric Middleton, and Jessica Edwards participated in the January 13th LLTS MPO quarterly at COLTS.

The 2026 LLTS Long-Range Transportation Plan was adopted by the MPO at the January 13th meeting.

The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan is now available for public comment. The plan can be found on the county website. The comment period ends on February 23rd.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton participated in a virtual meeting with Bowman Consulting to discuss the next steps of the SS4A plan. It was decided to hold a virtual webinar for the municipalities shortly after the commissioners adopt the plan. The webinar will explain how the plan can be used as a tool to leverage federal or state transportation safety grant funding. The plan will also be presented and discussed at the April MPO meeting.

Eric Middleton participated in the biennial TIP Air Quality and Conformity virtual meeting on January 29th.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton participated in a TIP review virtual meeting with LLTS staff and PennDOT D-4 and central office staff on January 29th.

Mary Liz Donato and Dan Reese, Luzerne County planning director, participated in a virtual meeting with AMPO staff regarding the introduction of transportation legislation in the U.S. House. The bipartisan bill, titled Back to BASICS (Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act), will be introduced this week. Congressman Bresnahan is one of the bill's sponsors.

## SCRANTON-NEW YORK PASSENGER RAIL RESUMPTION

A virtual PennDOT public meeting will be held on February 19th, from 4-5 PM regarding the Service Development Plan.

## HAZARD MITIGATION

The final draft plan was received on January 12th and forwarded to the steering committee and municipalities for comment. The plan was also posted on the county website for a two-

week public comment period that concluded on January 30th. No comments were received. The plan is now under review by PEMA.

## NORTHERN LACKAWANNA PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NorLack)

The 45-day review period concluded on February 2nd. No comments were received. A public open house was conducted by this office and consultant, EPD, on January 15th from 6:30-8 PM at the Hotel Anthracite in Carbondale. Officials from all five municipalities and approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance. Public hearings/adoptions of the plan were scheduled to occur in February; however, a publishing error by the Scranton Times has forced the postponement until March. The hearings/adoptions will now start with Greenfield Twp on March 3 and end with Jermyn on March 19. A planning committee meeting was also rescheduled to February 25 at Whites Crossing Hose Co. to outline the schedule for the zoning ordinance reviews by the local planning commissions.

## NORTH POCONO PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NPPA)

A NPPA committee meeting was held on February 11th at the Moscow Borough Building.

## SCRANTON-ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SAPA)

Seven of the nine municipalities have adopted the resolutions extending the current Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement and authorizing the county to apply for DCED funding for the comprehensive plan update and commitment of local match funds. The application for the DCED MAP funding will be submitted in March to meet the April 1st deadline.

## ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

No activity.

# NEW BUSINESS

A. Development Reviews

# RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 12th day of February in 2026, the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission, having received and reviewed the following proposals:

| **Municipality** | **Nature of Proposal** |
|---|---|
| Scranton | Howell Lot Annexation |
| Taylor | Lands of J Z E2 |
| Moosic | Auto Zone Store #10927 |

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| Fell | D&L Realty Co: Lot 5 Revision |
| Jefferson | Lands of Szymanski/Decandis: Rev |
| Scott | Pivot Solar Development |
| Scranton | Copacabana Glamping Complex |
| Archbald | Project Green Mountain |
| Archbald | Lands of PDC Realty, LLC |
| Elmhurst | Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified & A Sorrowful Mother |
| Archbald | Lands of Loh & Tierney |
| Taylor | Taylor Colliery Parcel 1 |
| South Abington | Lands of New Venture Homes LLC |
| | |
| Scott | Zoning Ord. Amend: Data Centers/Solar Farms |
| Ransom | Zoning Ord./Map Amend: Data Centers |
| Olyphant | Zoning amend: data center regulations |
| Roaring Brook | Zoning Ord. Amend: Junk Yards |
| Fell | Zoning Ord. Amend: Data Centers |

do hereby submit the following reports, which are attached hereto and made part hereof, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

A motion to recommend approval of the reviews was made by Harry Lindsay with a second from Tony Grizzanti. The motion carried on a voice vote. John Pocius and Cindy Campbell abstained from the vote for any plans prepared by Labella.

B. GIS Fee Schedule Update

After a short discussion regarding the GIS fees, a motion to recommend approval of the updated GIS fee schedule was made by Bruce Zero with a second from John Pocius. The motion carried on a voice vote.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business offered at the meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered at the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

As all business had been conducted, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Zero with a second by Harry Lindsay. The motion carried.

Submitted by
Mary Liz Donato
Director