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## WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY MPO COORDINATING COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Lyco. Conference Room

Lycoming County Third Street Plaza, 3rd Floor

33 W. Third Street Williamsport, PA 17701

Virtual Option: Dial-in Number: 1 (267) 332-8737

Conference Code: 703 831 968#

Microsoft Teams Link

### <u>AGENDA</u>

CALL TO ORDER	Chair High
MINUTES: December 9, 2024 meeting minutes	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Cnair Hign
ACTION ITEMS: Reaffirm E-ballot WATS 25-28 TIP MPMS 110772 Montour St. Connector	
2025-27 WATS UPWP Adoption	Daily/Vitko
DISCUSSION ITEMS:	
Modal Updates	
Management Action Report	King
2025 WATS Coordinating Committee Membership Contact Info	Vitko
OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT	Chair High
ADJOURN	Chair High

All meeting materials also available on the <u>WATS MPO Website</u> (<u>http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees</u>) The February 10, 2025 WATS Coordinating Committee meeting will be recorded. This information is a public record and may be subject to public inspection and duplication if not protected by federal or state law.

## WATS MPO Coordinating Committee December 9, 2024 Meeting Attendance Sheet

Organization	Name of Participant
Voting Members	
PennDOT Secretary for Planning	Andrea Bahoric
PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Executive	Eric High
Lycoming County Commissioner	Shannon Rossman (alternate)
Lycoming County Commissioner	John Lavelle (alternate)
Mayor, City of Williamsport	N/A
Council Member, City of Williamsport	N/A
River Valley Transit General Manager	Cameron Serafini
SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Executive Director	Steve Beattie
Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director	N/A
Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Representative	N/A
Lycoming County Boroughs Representative	Barb Schmouder
Non-Voting Members	
Federal Highway Administration	Kenana Zejciroviz
Federal Transit Administration	N/A
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	N/A
PA Department of Community & Economic Development	Chris Chapman
MPO Staff	
Transportation Supervisor	Scott Williams
Transportation Planner	Austin Daily
Transportation Planner	Mark Murawski
Transportation Planner	Sal Vitko
Other Participants	
PennDOT 3-0	Maggie Baker
PennDOT 3-0	Chris King
PennDOT Center for Program Development	Justin Batiuk
SEDA-COG	Kristin McLaughlin
STEP, Inc.	Dan Merk
New Lycoming Boroughs Representative	Barb Schmouder
Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Pat Crossley

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# WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY COORDINATING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2024 Coordinating Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, Lyco. Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.

## **CALL TO ORDER (Regular WATS Technical Committee Public Meeting)**

At 1:02 PM Eric High called the meeting to order and also mentioned that this meeting will be recorded Sal performed the roll call.

#### **MINUTES**

It was asked if there were any issues with the minutes from the previous meeting on September 9, 2024. No issues were found. Motion to approve was by Steve Beattie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Schmouder. Motion carried to approve the minutes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 2025-2028 WATS TIP Amendment adding MPMS 120852 Hwy. Safety:

County-wide highway safety project utilizing Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding. Sal Vitko stated that this is a new County-wide highway safety project. Chris King stated that this is a new systemic safety project, and PennDOT is hopeful that this is a productive way to utilize HSIP funding. Shannon Rossman asked if the safety improvements on US-15 spur would be able to use this funding. Chris stated that the US-15 project funding would be pulled from another funding source other than HSIP. Shannon Rossman made a motion to approve, John Lavelle 2nd. Motion unanimously approved.

## 2025-2028 WATS TIP Amendment adding MPMS 121503 Market & Maynard Street Queue:

Sal explained that this MPMS project was added to the 2023-26 TIP, but due to timing it needed to be officially added to the 2025-28 TIP. Sal stated that the project did not change, and this is more of a procedural approval. Justin Batiuk concurred that this is a procedural vote to officially add the project to the 2025-28 TIP. John Lavelle made a motion to approve, Steve Beattie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

## **WATS Secretary Approval to Sign future Performance Management letters:**

Scott Williams asked the Coordinating Committee for the approval to sign future PM letters. Currently, the MPO has incorporated into the WATS LRTP that the MPO will adopt PennDOT's performance measures. Scott stated that this is more of a procedural issue, since the MPO already states we will follow PennDOT's PM's, it does not need to go before the Committees for

re-approval. Scott stated that he will still provide an update to both Technical and Coordinating Committees on the MPO PM's and where the MPO is meeting or lacking in hitting the targets, but that the WATS Secretary could sign the approval letters instead of being required to take them before both the Committees for approval.

Eric High stated that most Planning Partners do follow/accept the state targets. Sal Vitko stated that the Technical Committee voted to approve the change. Shannon Rossman made a motion to approve, Barb Schmouder 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

#### **Draft 2025-27 WATS UPWP Public Comment Period:**

Austin presented on the draft 2025-27 WATS UPWP. Austin stated that the MPO staff worked with PennDOT Central Office, FHWA, RVTA, and District 3 to draft the 2025-27 UPWP. There were a few comments from PennDOT and FHWA that were corrected/addressed in the draft, and the draft is now ready to go to the public comment period. Sal Vitko stated that the UPWP public comment period will run from December 10, 2024 thru January 10, 2025. Once the comment period ends, the MPO staff will bring a final draft 2025-27 UPWP to the Technical and Coordinating Committees for approval at their January 2025 meetings. Sal stated that one of the major changes in the 2025-27 UPWP is condensing the work tasks from 10 tasks down to 4 tasks. WATS will still perform the same amount of work, but they are categorizing that work into 4 task areas instead of the 10 task areas. Sal and Austin stated that FHWA had sent over comments on the draft 2025-27 UPWP, and those comments were addressed in this draft. John Lavelle made a motion to approve, Steve Beattie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

## 2024 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan Adoption:

Sal stated that WATS MPO had worked with SEDA-COG MPO and their consultant Rockland Planning on the 2024 Coordinated plan. Sal stated that the plan update began in mid-2023 and that one new component of the plan are the first-person user surveys. Sal stated that the plan is up on both the SEDA-COG and WATS MPO websites. Sal stated that SEDA-COG adopted the plan at their November meeting. Sal stated that the Technical Committee voted to adopt the plan at their November meeting, and recommended that the Coordinating Committee to accept the plan. Shannon Rossman made a motion to approve, John Lavelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

#### 2023-24 WATS Annual Report:

Sal presented the WATS Annual report. Sal stated one change was to add the language taglines and the WATS discrimination policy, which was missing from the prior Annual Report. Sal stated that the report lists the level of work that the MPO performed in FY 2023-24, and that the MPO did not go over budget in any task areas. Also, the MPO's social media accounts are still receiving a good deal of traffic, with the MPO Twitter and Facebook accounts being viewed a lot this year. Sal stated that the WATS Annual Report also includes the FY 2023-24 LTAP Annual Report, however, the LTAP report must be a stand-alone report. Which is why it is the next item on the agenda. Sal stated the Annual Report also shows the major project that WATS staff worked on in FY 2023-24.

Sal stated that one of the major accomplishments in FY 2023 – 24 was finalizing the US-15 Corridor Study. The Study came out of the larger CSVT Project Impact Study that WATS and SEDA-COG coordinated on. One of the recommendations of the US-15 Corridor Study was to create a workgroup/task force to further review/guide US -15 Corridor development. Sal stated that at a Great Stream Commons coordination meeting with PennDOT District 3, SEDA-COG MPO, Gregg Twp., and Union County it was decided to use that group as the US-15 Corridor Task Force. Sal stated that some of the upcoming FY 24-25 projects are a US 220 Safety Project Impact Study, and finalizing and approving the 2025-27 UPWP. Steve Beattie made a motion to approve, John Lavelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

### 2023-24 WATS LTAP Annual Report:

Sal reviewed the LTAP Annual report. Sal stated that the LTAP report is incorporated in the WATS Annual Report, but because of reporting requirements it does have to be a "stand alone" report. Sal stated that the LTAP Technical Assistance visits are still increasing and there is good feedback from the municipalities and course attendees. Sal stated that one of the new courses that WATS will offer in 2025 is a load securement training, coordinating training with PA State Police Motor Carrier Division. Steve Beattie made a motion to approve, John Lavelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

## 2025 WATS Coordinating Committee Dates:

Sal presented the 2025 Coordinating Committee dates, and asked for adoption to set the 2025 dates. Shannon Rossman made a motion to approve, Barb Schmouder 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion unanimously approved.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Modal Updates**

Cameron stated that the 3 new buses should arrive in mid-2025. Cameron stated that RVTA will not have a base fare increase, but will be adjusting the multi-ride pass prices in 2025. RVTA has a RFP out for bus radios.

Dan Merk stated that the STEP, Inc. garage project is in the bid stage. The goal is to have a firm selected by January 2025, with construction expected to take 9-10 months. Dan informed the committee that STEP, Inc. will be implementing a fare increase for 2025.

Steve Beattie stated that there was no SEDA-COG JRA information specific to the rail system. Steve mentioned that PennDOT's 5-year to state rail plan is ongoing and that there is a public meeting on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Sal stated that if someone can send the link to the meeting, Sal will send the meeting link to the Transit Advisory, Technical, and Coordinating committees. There was no representative from the airport in attendance.

## **Management Action Report**

Chris King stated that the MA Reports were primarily small budget adjustments to various projects. Chris stated that the majority of these management actions took place before the 2023-26 TIP expired in September 2024. These actions moved federal fiscal year 2024 funding over to projects. Increase on the utility phase of approx. \$217,000 on US Safety Corridor Project, Picture Rocks to Glen Mawr funding increase, and increased preliminary engineering phase on a resurfacing project.

## 2025 WATS Coordinating Committee Membership Reminder

Sal reminded and informed the Committee that the MPO will be reaching out in 2025 to everyone to get updated contact information for their organization's Committee representatives. This is an annual process so that WATS has the correct contact information for everyone.

Sal thanked District 3 and District 3 Municipal Services on the help with getting a temporary stop sign up on Allenwood Camp Lane. Scott Williams informed the Committee that this the end of an era, as it is likely Mark Murawski's last WATS MPO Coordinating Committee meeting as he is officially retiring. Members of the Committee stated how Mark has been influential in moving safety, traffic, and transportation projects forward over his tenure at Lycoming County Planning.

Mark Murawski stated how appreciatively he was of the working relationship with PennDOT and the great progress the County, District, and MPO have had in working together to complete major transportation projects in the county.

Eric asked if there we meeting at 1:40 p.m.	was any other l	ousiness or	public commen	t. Hearing none,	Eric ended the

## FISCAL CONSTRAINT CHART FFY 2025-2028 TIP Highway/Bridge WATS MPO

#### Amendment (MA ID: ) Fund Type FFY 2025 FFY 2026 FFY 2027 FFY 2028 Remarks Project Title MPMS Phase Amts Fed State Federal State Loc/Oth Federal State Loc/Oth Federal State Loc/Oth Federal State Loc/Oth Montour Street Airport Connector Before Add to the TIP using Earmark funds 100,000 /AIR 110172 ROW Adjust SXF from PA168 Lycoming After SXF 100,000 Montour Street Airport Connector Add to the TIP using Earmark funds 110172 UTL SXF /AIR 600,000 from PA168 After SXF 600,000 Lycoming Montour Street Airport Connector Before Add to the TIP using Earmark funds /AIR 110172 CON SXF 2,983,000 from PA168 After SXF 2,983,000 Lycoming Before Totals \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Actions do not affect air quality Adjustment Totals \$3,683,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 conformity. After Totals \$3,683,000 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

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## **UPWP DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**

August 7, 2024	Coordination Meeting with WATS staff, PennDOT and FHWA
November 1 – November 30, 2024	FHWA Comment Period
November 18, 2024	Review with WATS Technical Committee
December 10, 2024 – January 10, 2025	Public Comment Period
January 13, 2025	Review by WATS Technical Committee
January 27, 2025	Adoption with WATS Coordinating Committee

## **UPWP Development Process**

The general procedure for UPWP updates will be as follow. The Williamsport Area Transportation Study (WATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff initiate the development process after the UPWP General Procedural Guidance is released. MPO staff hold coordination meetings and maintains communication between PennDOT Engineering District 3-0, PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management, Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA). Through these activities, the different partner agencies collaborate on potential project ideas and how projects relate to current planning efforts and projects. Progress on UPWP development will be presented at public meetings of the WATS MPO Technical Committee and Coordinating Committees. Any public comments or feedback from committee members will be incorporated into UPWP development.

At the final WATS MPO Technical Committee and Coordinating Committee meetings of the year in which UPWP development occurs the Committees review the draft UPWP. Following their review, the MPO incorporates any corrections, changes, and final funding tables into a final UPWP document. The Technical Committee recommends adopting the final UPWP document at their first meeting of the following year. The Coordinating Committee then adopts the final UPWP document at their next scheduled public meeting.

After the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee adoption, the MPO submits the final UPWP document to FHWA and PennDOT. After FHWA/FTA approval and PennDOT Notice To Proceed, the MPO begins working on the adopted UPWP on July 1 of the same year.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

## Purpose

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation-related work activities that the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD) and River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA) (with the aid of planning consultants, as necessary) will perform within Lycoming County in State Fiscal Years 2025-2027. PCD and RVTA staff jointly developed this work program in coordination with PennDOT District 3-0 and PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management. Within Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, the transportation planning process is conducted through the Williamsport Area Transportation Study (WATS). WATS was established in 1968. The purpose of this document is to describe the transportation planning and programming activities for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 in Lycoming County, and to comply with federal law and regulations.

On October 28, 1993, the <u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>, under joint sponsorship of the <u>Federal Highway Administration</u> (FHWA) and the <u>Federal Transit Administration</u> (FTA), released updated regulations covering the urban transportation planning and programming process. These regulations specified that:

- 1. Metropolitan Planning Organizations, MPO(s) in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit shall develop unified planning work programs (UPWPs) that meet the requirements of 23 CFR Part 420, Subpart A and;
- 2. Discuss the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area and describe all metropolitan transportation and transportation air quality planning activities (including the corridor and subarea studies discussed in 450.318 of this part) anticipated within the area during the next one or two year period, regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities, in sufficient detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completing it and the products that will be produced;
- 3. Document planning activities to be performed with funds provided under Title 23, U.S.C., and the Federal Transit Act. (Federal Register, Vol. 58, no. 207, p.58040).
- 4. Amendments to a MPO's/RPO's UPWP include the following budget and programmatic changes:
  - The addition/removal of tasks or addition/removal of federal funds, including PL/SPR or MPP funds, from a UPWP
  - The transfer of federal funds from any one task(s) to another task(s) where the total revision of federal funds exceeds the following thresholds:
  - \$250,000 for MPOs receiving ≥ \$1,000,000 in annual PL/SPR funds.
  - \$80,000 for MPOs/RPOs receiving ≥ \$400,000 but < \$1,000,000 in annual PL/SPR funds.</li>
  - \$40,000 for remaining MPOs/RPOs.
  - Tasks that are split between transit (FTA MPP) and highway (PL/SPR) funds must retain the same splits.
  - Changes to the scope of work or objectives of the project, regardless of whether there is an associated budget revision, that is significant enough to essentially constitute a new project.

Approval by the MPO/RPO Policy Committee, PennDOT, and FHWA is required for amendments. After adoption by the MPO/RPO Policy Committee, the MPO/RPO must request approval of the amendment by

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email or letter to PennDOT. For budget changes or transfers, a revised budget must be provided as well as a summary of the changes. If a new task/study is being added, or an existing task is being modified, the new or revised scope of work and budget must be provided.

Once reviewed by the Program Center, PennDOT must send the amendment to the assigned FHWA planner by email for approval. FHWA planners will review and approve or deny the amendment by email within 14 calendar days, where possible. Based on its coordination with FHWA, PennDOT must then approve or deny the amendment electronically or by letter. FHWA reserves the right to deny any changes if they are not consistent with Federal requirements and regulations.

In Pennsylvania, UPWPs are typically developed as 2-year programs. However, this document is dynamic and may be modified to respond to any emerging priority issue or special need vital to the orderly growth and development of Lycoming County.

The structure of this document will first outline the Williamsport Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Study as an organization, then it will cover the major responsibilities of the MPO, after that it will list the planning priorities of Lycoming County from federal, state, and local guidance, and finally this document will give a detailed description of the work activities and budget for the 2025-2027 work program. All work activities will be organized into "tasks" with individual budget amounts and these tasks will be grouped into general thematic categories.

## Williamsport Area Transportation Study Organization

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a planning body composed of elected and appointed officials representing local, state and federal governments or other agencies having an interest or responsibility in the local transportation system. The MPO is responsible for creating a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a Public Participation Plan (PPP) and a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). An MPO can be a regional, multicounty organization or a single county. Created in 1968, the Williamsport Area Transportation Study (WATS) is the single county MPO covering Lycoming County, and was created based on the population size of the City of Williamsport urbanized area. The role of the WATS MPO is to develop transportation policies, programs and projects, which move people and goods in a safe, efficient manner, promote economic development, protect the environment, and preserve Lycoming County's outstanding quality of life amenities. The Lycoming County PCD staff assumes lead responsibility for undertaking FHWA funded planning tasks while RVTA is responsible for undertaking the FTA transit planning tasks contained in this work program. WATS MPO Technical and Coordinating Committee public meetings are now held at least quarterly throughout the year. The WATS MPO Committees review and discuss relevant transportation issues, programs, and projects in Lycoming County. In the event that an in-person meeting is not feasible (public health emergency, etc.) the WATS MPO will provide detailed information on a virtual meeting option to include: date, time, dial-in number, conference code, and link to the virtual meeting software (Microsoft Teams, Skype, etc.) for the public meeting.

All WATS Technical and Coordinating Committee meetings are publicly advertised in compliance with the PA Open Meetings Law and WATS Public Participation Plan.

#### Committee Structure

The WATS Coordinating Committee is the policy-making body of the MPO. The Coordinating Committee consists of 11 voting representatives as follows:

- PennDOT District 3-0 Executive, Chair
- PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning

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- Lycoming County Commissioner
- Lycoming County Commissioner
- Mayor, City of Williamsport
- Council Member, City of Williamsport
- River Valley Transit Authority General Manager
- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Executive Director
- Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director
- Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Representative
- Lycoming County Borough Representative

#### Non-voting members consist of:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- PA Department of Community and Economic Development

The WATS Technical Committee reviews all relevant transportation issues, programs and projects in Lycoming County and formulates recommendations to the Coordinating Committee. The Technical Committee consists of 9 voting members as follows:

- PennDOT Program Center Representative, Chair
- PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Representative
- Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Director
- Lycoming County Planning Commission Member
- River Valley Transit Authority General Manager
- Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director
- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Executive Director
- STEP, Inc. Transportation Manager
- City of Williamsport Engineer

#### Non-voting members consist of:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- PA Department of Community and Economic Development
- Fullington Trailways

Additionally, WATS have advisory committees for transit planning and bicycle/pedestrian planning. The WATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviews and provides input and recommendations to the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee and Technical Committee on bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility needs in Lycoming County. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee consists of 11 voting members, as follows:

- Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department Representative
- PennDOT District 3-0 Representative
- PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management Representative
- Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition Representative
- Susquehanna Valley Velo Club
- Williamsport Bicycle Club
- PTA/PTO president from a County school district

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- River Valley Transit Authority
- STEP, Inc. Office of Aging
- Lycoming College
- Pennsylvania College of Technology

#### Non-voting members consist of:

- SEDA-COG MPO
- Federal Highway Administration
- PennDOT Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Recreation and Parks Regional Advisor
- Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Coordinating Committee Representative
- Lycoming County Borough Representative

#### WATS staff and contacts

Administrative duties of the WATS MPO are conducted by the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department. The primary staff contact for the Department on WATS MPO administrative matters shall be the Lycoming County Transportation Supervisor who will act as WATS Secretary. The Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department shall be responsible for the following primary WATS MPO administrative duties:

- Develop and conduct all transportation planning work tasks contained in the WATS MPO approved Unified Planning Work Program contract that is executed between the County of Lycoming and PennDOT. The County of Lycoming may subcontract with the City of Williamsport to perform the Federal Transit Administration funded UPWP transit planning work tasks undertaken by River Valley Transit Authority.
- Schedule, publicly advertise and convene all WATS MPO public meetings, as needed, in accordance with the PA Open Records Law and WATS MPO approved Public Participation Plan. All official business of the WATS MPO will take place at publicly advertised meetings to ensure opportunity for public comment. Prepare and distribute meeting agendas and related materials for review by WATS MPO members no later than 5 calendar days prior to the public meeting. Prepare meeting minutes for distribution to WATS MPO members for review no later than 15 calendar days following the public meeting. WATS MPO will generally convene public meetings on a quarterly basis (once every three months) at the Lycoming County Commissioners Board Room, Lycoming County Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. Exceptions as to meeting dates, times and locations may be considered in order to provide timely response to actions related to WATS MPO duties and responsibilities.
- In the event that an in-person meeting is not feasible (public health emergency, etc.) the WATS MPO will provide detailed information on a virtual meeting option to include: date, time, dial-in number, conference code, and link to the virtual meeting software (Microsoft Teams, Skype, etc.) for the public meeting, and meeting links with be advertised and posted on the WATS MPO Committees website
- Ensure that all WATS MPO adopted plans, programs and policies are implemented.

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## Williamsport Area Transportation Study Responsibilities

As an MPO, WATS has a well-defined set of required core responsibilities, products, and activities. Below is a table of the major required products and deliverables of the WATS MPO with the adoption and completion dates of the current effective version and the next update. Following this table are brief descriptions of each product and the update cycle for each.

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## Plan/Activity Milestones

The below table reflects the milestone dates for major planning documents/requirements/core activities that are addressed by the WATS MPO. The currency of these items is based on the date of *adoption* of this work program January 31, 2025 not the date it becomes effective July 1, 2025.

Product	Update	Current	Next			
Troudet	Cycle	Adoption/Completion	Required Adoption	Targeted Completion		
<u>Unified Planning Work</u> <u>Program (UPWP)</u>	2 Years	February 5, 2024	January 31, 2025	January 31, 2025		
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	5 Years	December 5, 2023	December 31, 2028	December 17, 2028		
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	2 Years	May 13, 2024	July 2026	June 30, 2026		
Environmental Justice Analysis of Benefits and Burdens	2 Years	February 13, 2023	Updated with PPP	April 2024		
Public Participation Plan (PPP) Includes the Title VI, LEP, Environmental Justice and Americans with Disabilities Act Plans	As Needed	February 13, 2023	Updated with PPP	As needed		
Coordinated Public Transit Plan	As Needed	June 2024	As needed	As needed		
Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Annual Report	Annual	October 31, 2024	October 31, 2025	September 11, 2025		
Annual List of Federally Obligated Projects	Annual	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2024		

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### Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

As previously stated, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation-related work activities that the Lycoming County <u>Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD)</u> and <u>River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA)</u> (with the aid of planning consultants, as necessary) perform within Lycoming County. These activities are tailored to produce the required deliverables listed above and to address the federal, state, and local planning priorities (discussed in the <u>next section</u> of this Work Program).

#### Examples of work activities performed under previous Work Program

#### Summary of WATS Priority Planning Activities in FY 2024-2025

- Worked with PennDOT District 3, PennDOT Central Office, and SEDA-COG to begin implementation of the CSVT Special Impact Study recommendations
- Continued Participation in PennDOT Connects collaboration activities for initiating new projects and programs

#### Summary of WATS Priority Planning Activities in FY 2024-2025

- Updated and adopted the WATS 2023 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Developed and Adopted FFY 2025-2031 WATS Transportation Improvement Program
- Continued participation in PennDOT Connects collaboration activities for initiating new projects and programs
- Continued monitoring and reporting performance measures on WATS LRTP
- Coordinated with PennDOT District 3, PennDOT Central Office, and SEDA-COG to finalize
   US Route 15 corridor study as recommended and present study recommendations

#### Examples of work activities to be performed under this Work Program

#### Summary of WATS Priority Planning Activities in FY 2025-2027

- Continue monitoring and reporting performance measures on the 2023 2045 WATS LRTP
- Modify and amend the 2025-2028 TIP as needed
- Continued Participation in PennDOT Connects collaboration activities for initiating new projects and programs
- Complete annual LTAP and Federal Obligated Projects reports

#### Summary of WATS Priority Planning Activities in FY 2024

- Continued participation in PennDOT Connects collaboration activities for initiating new projects and programs
- Draft and adopt the 2025-2027 WATS UPWP
- Continue monitoring and reporting performance measures on WATS LRTP
- Complete annual LTAP and Federal Obligated Projects reports

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## Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The Williamsport MPO adopted a major update to the WATS Long Range Transportation Plan on December 4, 2023 in fulfillment of federal requirements. The MPO recognizes the strong relationship of transportation planning to land use planning, environmental planning, economic planning and overall comprehensive planning and has begun to address new federal transportation performance measures. In general, terms, the Long-Range Plan delineates how the available and projected transportation funds will be spent in Lycoming County over a 20-year period. A staged transportation project listing is included along with estimated costs, funding sources and timeframes to undertake each project phase. The plan is fiscally constrained in that project costs do not exceed present and future funding levels reasonably expected to be received during the plan's timeframe. The plan addresses federal requirements to adjust project cost estimates to reflect the Year of Expenditure inflation factors in accordance with PennDOT issued guidance, and federal requirements. The Long Range Plan also outlines the MPOs "vision" of fostering efficient mobility and access for people and goods throughout Lycoming County, promoting regional intermodal connectivity, ensuring efficient system performance and adequate preservation and promote the economic development and public safety as well as maintain the County's outstanding quality of life.

In addition, the LRTP's analysis of economic and demographic trends, along with the condition of the multimodal system inventory resulted in the <u>2045 LRTP four main "focus areas"</u> the future transportation planning and programming efforts. These focus areas outline the future transportation system vision by; describing all existing modes of transportation such as highways, bridges, public transit, air service, rail service and bicycle and pedestrian facilities; address federal planning factors, and provides public policy statements by transportation mode.

A well-established local public involvement process is in place to ensure sufficient opportunities for public input early and often during plan development. The plan also includes a full treatment of how WATS will study and address environmental justice concerns within the transportation planning and programming process.

## Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Clean Air Act Amendments

The WATS Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP) is a document identifying all highway, bridge and public transit projects containing Federal, State and local funds being programmed within Lycoming County during the next four Federal Fiscal Years. These types of projects cannot proceed until they are included on the TIP. The TIP is developed cooperatively between PennDOT, the Lycoming County PCD and RVTA for review and approval by the WATS MPO every two years. Again, an extensive MPO public involvement process is employed during development of the TIP. Projects are identified from the WATS Long Range Plan, stakeholder meetings, and coordination with PennDOT and FHWA. Projects must be consistent with financial guidance provided by PennDOT, as the TIP must also be fiscally constrained. Upon approval by the WATS MPO, the TIP is forwarded to PennDOT and FHWA / FTA for final approval. Modifications or formal amendments to the TIP can be considered by the MPO at any time. The MPO has adopted TIP Administrative Procedures to process TIP modifications and formal amendments. Since Lycoming County is designated as an air quality attainment area currently meeting the Clean Air Act standards, the WATS Long Range Plan and WATS TIP are not subject to an air quality conformity analysis.

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## Environmental Justice Analysis of Benefits and Burdens

Presidential Executive Order 12898 states that "each Federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations." Within the transportation field, environmental justice is guided by three core principles:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority or low-income populations.

Because WATS MPO utilizes federal funds to plan and implement transportation, the MPO is responsible for undertaking an environmental justice analysis of federally funded projects listed within the LRTP and TIP. In accordance with FHWA/FTA guidance, this process will be "comprehensive and continuous" and include the following "Core Elements":

- 1. Identify minority populations and low-income populations
- 2. Assess conditions and identify needs
- 3. Evaluate benefits and burdens
- 4. Identify and address disproportionate and adverse impacts and inform future planning efforts

The outcome of this analysis will also be used to inform the Public Participation process in the WATS MPO. The WATS MPO will also conduct a concurrent, broader "transportation system equity analysis" to identify any disproportionate and adverse impacts to other disadvantaged populations within Lycoming County.

#### Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Public involvement is essential to good planning. Without meaningful public participation, there is a risk of making poor decisions, or decisions that have unintended negative consequences. The fundamental objective of public involvement programs is to make certain that issues of everyone with an interest in transportation decisions are identified and addressed in the development of policies, programs and projects being proposed in Lycoming County. Federal law, (SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21 and FAST Act) require that "the MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines the process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process." WATS first adopted a Public Participation Plan (PPP) on December 19, 2013 and amended February 13, 2023. The Environmental Justice Plan, Title VI Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act Plan, and the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan will be updated during the PPP update, as they are included in the PPP. The PPP update will also be informed by the conclusions of the aforementioned Environmental Justice Analysis.

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## Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Federal transit law requires that projects selected for funding under the Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program be "included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan," and that the plan be "developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public" utilizing transportation services. These coordinated plans identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provide strategies for meeting these needs, and prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation. Beginning in October 2023, WATS MPO coordinated with SEDA-COG MPO on an update to the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan adopted on December 9, 2024.

## Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Annual Report

Williamsport Area Transportation Study MPO has partnered with PennDOT since 2005 to assist in delivery of the LTAP program. The contracting mechanism for MPO involvement is by inclusion of <u>a task in the WATS Unified Planning Work Program</u>. As a part of the delivery of the LTAP program, WATS MPO produces an annual report of LTAP activity in the prior year.

## Annual List of Federally Obligated Projects

As a requirement of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) legislation, MPOs are required to prepare an annual report that lists and summarizes all projects for which funding has been obligated during the prior Federal Fiscal Year (ending September 30). This report must be completed by December 31 of the current year. The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) defines "obligated" as "the Federal government's promise to pay a State for the Federal share of a project's eligible cost." Funding can also be "de-obligated" in response to lower than expected costs, project cancellation, or other factors, and these released funds are frequently redirected to other projects.

## Williamsport Area Transportation Study Planning Priorities

This work program has been specifically tailored to direct the work activities of WATS staff to meet the planning priorities of Lycoming County. These priorities come from a variety of sources. The federal government has developed a list of planning factors to guide transportation planning efforts. PennDOT has a statewide long-range transportation plan with a set of statewide planning goals. Comprehensive and long-range transportation planning efforts have also collected the local needs and emphasis areas. All of these priorities from different geographic scales and sources have been incorporated into the development of this work program.

#### Federal Planning Factors

Federal transportation legislation defines ten specific planning factors to be considered when an MPO develops transportation plans and program. On November 15, 2021 President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) into law. IIJA-BIL extends the same planning guiding factors as the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Public Law No. 114-94), and federal metropolitan planning regulations promulgated from the FAST Act. In addition, the IIJA-BIL added the following guidance for MPO planning processes:

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- Every MPO is required to use at least 2.5% of their metropolitan planning funding (PL funds) toward planning activities to increase safety and accessibility for all users of the transportation system OR to develop a Complete Streets Prioritization Program
- 2 Encourages MPO's to increase consideration of housing patterns and coordination with officials responsible for housing as part of the transportation planning process
- Allows MPO's to use social media and other web-based tools to encourage public participation in the transportation planning process

WATS MPO has integrated these planning factors into the current adopted Long-Range Transportation Plan and will continue incorporating the ten federal planning factors into the work tasks and resulting products provided for in this UPWP. The ten planning factors are:

- 1 Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
- 2 Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users
- 3 Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users
- 4 Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and for freight
- 5 Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns
- 6 Enhance the integration and connectivity across and between modes for people and freight
- 7 Promote efficient system management and operation
- 8 Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system
- 9 Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- 10 Enhance travel and tourism.

#### Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Planning Goals

In December of 2021, PennDOT adopted its current statewide long-range transportation plan (Pennsylvania 2045) and comprehensive freight movement plan. These documents present a clear vision and strategic direction for transportation planning across Pennsylvania. It has also greatly informed the structure and direction of the WATS 2023 - 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The strategic direction of the PennDOT 2045 LRTP identify six general goal areas based on current economic and demographic trends. These goals provide direction to future transportation system investments. The six goals identified are:

- 1. Safety: Enhance safety and security for both motorized and non-motorized modes throughout Pennsylvania's transportation system
- 2. Mobility: Strengthen transportation mobility to meet the increasingly dynamic needs of Pennsylvania residents, businesses, and visitors
- 3. Equity: Improve transportation access and equity throughout Pennsylvania
- 4. Resilience: Strengthen Pennsylvania transportation resilience to climate change and other risks and reduce the environmental impacts associated with transportation improvements
- 5. Performance: Improve the condition and performance of transportation assets
- 6. Resources: Structure transportation funding and finance approaches that allocate sufficient resources for system safety, maintenance, preservation, and improvement

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This balanced emphasis on quality of life, economic development, and sustainability for future generations harmonizes with the outcomes of Lycoming County comprehensive planning efforts. For each of these goals, PennDOT has established specific objectives and performance measures to track progress and identified specific strategies to improve within these aspects of the Commonwealth's transportation system. The tasks outlined in this work program will support these goals.

**Local Planning Priorities** 

#### County and Municipal Plans

Because WATS is a single county MPO and WATS staff members also function as Lycoming County planners, WATS long range planning and Lycoming County comprehensive planning are closely linked processes. The current Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Lycoming County Board of Commissioners on June 28, 2018 in conformance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act 247 of 1968 as reenacted and amended. This plan serves as a policy document that provides guidance to the County and local municipalities in areas such as land use, transportation, housing, infrastructure, and community development. The plan projects future growth based on data and careful analysis and then proposes the best possible policies and implementation tools to accommodate expected growth while protecting the County's vast and precious resources. The planning process involved public participation from dozens of stakeholder organizations and the public over several years.

Concurrent with the development of the overall Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, the Lycoming County Planning Commission engaged in an extensive comprehensive planning process with 28 municipalities of the County's 52 municipalities to develop six separate Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plans for the areas encompassing the designated future growth areas of Lycoming County. Plan development and review was conducted by Planning Advisory Teams (PATs) composed of local government elected officials, emergency services, school districts, community organizations, and others. Consistent with the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code, all of the Lycoming County comprehensive plans are subject to a review and validation process at 10-year intervals. The Lycoming County review process began in 2016 and was completed in 2018. While the currently effective plans have all been found to remain valid guidance documents, new implementation strategies have been developed within each multi-municipal planning area as well as in-depth reviews of land use and growth areas.

All currently adopted <u>Lycoming County Comprehensive Plans</u> contain a chapter devoted to transportation planning that connects transportation to other functional areas of planning such as land use, community infrastructure, and public safety. Each plan review document is arranged around a series of "Issues" with a corresponding list of strategies, projects, and initiatives to address the issue. After reviewing all of these currently prioritized issues across all six multi-municipal plans and the countywide comprehensive plan, three major common transportation needs emerge:

- 1. A need to better accommodate non-motorized modes of transportation. This can involve streetscape enhancements to improve walkability, the construction of multiuse urban trails, the consideration of Amish horse-drawn vehicles, or better planning for bicycles as transportation.
- 2. A need to address the maintenance needs of transportation infrastructure, in particular poor condition bridges, and ensure a resilient and robust transportation system. There is a specific recognition that poor condition bridges (especially locally owned bridges) require a coordinated solution and a more general need to design and build a transportation system that can withstand our frequent flooding events.

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3. A need to better forecast how future economic development and future transportation infrastructure would influence and stimulate each other. This need manifested in several different ways. There is a wide recognition that any economic development (e.g. natural gas drilling) needs to have a concurrent emphasis on preparing for the effects of the development on congestion and physical condition of transportation infrastructure and to ensure that appropriate multimodal transportation capacity is available to accommodate freight and personal mobility. This includes expanding facilities at the Williamsport Regional Airport, ensuring that there are adequate areas of rail-served, developable industrial land, and provided adequate transit service to transport employees and customers. There is also concern about the trickle down effects that the Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project (CSVT) will have on traffic flows and on the development potential of both the US-15 and the I-180 corridors.

#### Other local transportation related studies and activities

- PennDOT District 3-0: Assessment of US-15 north of Williamsport to meet interstate standards for future I-99 designation
- PennDOT District 3-0: Embankment failure monitoring and maintenance
- PennDOT District 3-0: SR 2014 pedestrian crossing and signal study
- CSVT Special Impact Study implementation
- Municipal pedestrian/bicycle facilities planning
- Municipally owned redundant bridge study

#### WATS 2023 - 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Focus Areas

The 2023 – 2045 WATS LRTP outlines the region's transportation planning "vision," and is supporting by the 2025-2027 WATS UPWP. An analysis of economic and demographic trends along with the condition of the multimodal system inventory of Lycoming County was completed during the most recent update to the WATS Long Range Transportation Plan. The result of this analysis was a set of four main "focus areas" for future transportation planning and programming in Lycoming County:

- 1. Economic development in Lycoming County is dependent on both freight movement and the mobility of visitors to our arts, culture, and recreation resources. Therefore, **projects that maintain the ability to move freight or travel to Lycoming County should be a priority.**
- 2. Our multimodal transportation system is in excellent condition. There are no glaring deficiencies in highways, bridges, transit, rail, or air service. There are no needs for additional capacity. Therefore, maintenance and safety projects take precedence.
- 3. We need more multiuse trail connections between communities as well as improved access to existing facilities. We need more and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Williamsport and the boroughs to better serve our population that will age in place, to appeal to young people, to assist low-income populations, to support economically vibrant downtowns, and to promote the retention and attraction of population. Therefore, streetscape, walkability, and safety projects located in urbanized areas should be a priority.
- 4. As rural populations decrease, we need to consider options that decrease the infrastructure maintenance cost burden on rural municipalities while focusing investment on the infrastructure of the parts of the county where delivery of services is most efficient and cost effective. Therefore, projects that identify and remove costly functionally redundant infrastructure or improve infrastructure in already densely developed areas should be a priority.

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## **ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES, FY 2025-2027**

## Work categories and tasks to be performed under this work program

A full description of the work activities and deliverables within the categories and tasks of this work program will follow in a later section. All categories and tasks of work to be performed are split between tasks to be completed by Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development and those to be completed by River Valley Transit Authority. Since some tasks and categories have changed from the prior UPWP, it is worthwhile to provide an outline of the categories and tasks comprising the activities and deliverables of this work program along with the responsible agency:

#### Category 1: Administration

Task 1-A: WATS MPO Administration (*PCD*)
Task 1-B: RVTA Administration (*RVTA*)

#### Category 2: Transportation Programming

Task 2-A: WATS MPO Programming (PCD)

Task 2-B: RVTA Programming (RVTA)

### Category 3: Long Range Planning

Task 3-A: WATS MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Update and

Implementation (PCD)

Task 3-B: RVTA Long Range Planning

#### Category 4: Supplemental Tasks

<u>Task 4-A</u>: Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) (*PCD*)

<u>Task 4-B</u>: US-220 Safety Project Impact and Land Use Study (*PCD*)

Task 4-C: Safe & Accessible Transportation (PCD)

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## Matrix of Work Program Tasks and Related Planning Priorities

In order to demonstrate how the work activities of WATS and RVTA will reflect the planning priorities identified in the previous section of this document, the following matrix was produced (please refer to list above for task code descriptions):

Planning Priorities		1 · 1 1 · B 2 · A 2-B 3 · A 3 · B 3 · C 3 ·				<u>3 - D</u>	<u>D 4 - A 4 - B</u>				
	Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency	х	х	х	х	х		Х		Х	
	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users			Х	х	х	х	х			Х
	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users			х	Х	Х		х			х
	Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and for freight	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х		
Federal Planning Factors	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns	х				х		х			
	Enhance the integration and connectivity across and between modes for people and freight	х	х	х		х	х	х	х		
	Promote efficient system management and operation		Х	Х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system			х		х		х	х		
	Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and			х		х		х	Х		х
	Enhance travel and tourism.	х	х	х	х	х		х			
Para DOT	System preservation by using increasingly good data about the transportation systems in Pennsylvania to develop asset management strategies to maintain the current transportation system at a high level of quality			х		х		х	х		
PennDOT Transportation Planning	Improvement of safety statewide for all modes and all users			Х		Х	Х	Х			х
Goals	To expand and improve personal and freight mobility			Х		Х	Х	Х	Х		
	Emphasize stewardship by increasing efficiency and streamlining processes	х	х	Х		х		х		х	х
	A need to better accommodate non-motorized modes of transportation					×	х	х			
Lycoming Transportation Planning Needs	A need to address the maintenance needs of transportation infrastructure, in particular structurally deficient bridges, and ensure a resilient and robust transportation system			х		Х		х			
Necus	A need to better forecast how future economic development and future transportation infrastructure will influence and stimulate each other	х	Х	х	Х	Х		х	х	х	
	Projects that maintain the ability to move freight or travel to Lycoming County	х	x	х		x	x	х	х		
	Maintenance and safety projects				х	х					х
WATS LRTP Transportation Planning Emphasis Areas	Streetscape, walkability, and safety projects located in urbanized areas					Х		х	х	х	
Emphasis Arcus	Projects that identify and remove costly functionally redundant infrastructure or improve infrastructure in already densely developed areas			х		х					

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## WATS FY 2025-2026 Budget

The budget for WATS FHWA base allocation tasks in fiscal year 2025-2026 will be as follows:

WATS Base Allocation Tasks	FHWA PL (80%)	PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF) (9.8924%)	Local (10.1076%)	TOTAL
1-A WATS Administration	\$99,000	\$12,242	\$12,508	\$123,750
2-A WATS MPO Programming	\$45,000	\$5,564	\$5,686	\$56,250
3-A WATS MPO Long Range Planning and Implementation	\$42,000	\$5,194	\$5,306	\$52,500
TOTAL	\$186,000	\$23,000	\$23,500	\$232,500

The budget for WATS FHWA supplemental tasks in fiscal year 2025-2026 will be as follows:

WATS Supplemental Tasks	FY 2025-2026					
WATS Supplemental Tasks	FHWA	PennDOT	Local	TOTAL		
4-A LTAP	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000		
4-B PennDOT Connects Supplemental Funds US-220	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000		
Safety Project Impact & Land Use Study*	_					
4-C Safe & Accessible Transportation	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000		
TOTAL	\$71,000	\$0	\$0	\$71,000		

<sup>\*</sup>FHWA SPR Funds with no required local match ratio

The budget for RVTA transit planning tasks in fiscal year 2025-2026 will be as follows:

	FY 2025-2026					
RVTA Transit Planning Tasks	Section 5303 Budget					
	Federal MPP	Local	TOTAL			
1-B: RVTA Administration	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$24,000			
2-B: RVTA Programming	\$16,400	\$4,100	\$20,500			
3-B: ADA Transit Programming	\$27,400	\$6,850	\$34,250			
TOTAL	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$78,750			

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## WATS FY 2026-2027 Budget

The budget for WATS FHWA base allocation tasks in fiscal year 2026-2027 will be as follows:

WATS Base Allocation Tasks	FHWA PL (80%)	PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF) (9.8924%)	Local (10.1076%)	TOTAL
1-A WATS Administration	\$99,000	\$12,242	\$12,508	\$123,750
2-A WATS MPO Programming	\$45,000	\$5,564	\$5,686	\$56,250
3-A WATS MPO Long Range Planning and Implementation	\$\$42,000	\$5,194	\$5,306	\$52,500
TOTAL	\$186,000	\$23,000	\$23,500	\$232,500

The budget for WATS FHWA supplemental tasks in fiscal year 2026-2027 will be as follows:

WATS Supplemental Tasks	FY 2026-2027			
	FHWA	PennDOT	Local	TOTAL
4-A LTAP	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
4-B PennDOT Connects Supplemental Funds US-220	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Safety Project Impact & Land Use Study*	_			
4-C Safe & Accessible Transportation	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$71,000	\$0	\$0	\$71,000

<sup>\*</sup>FHWA SPR Funds with no required local match ratio

The budget for RVTA transit planning tasks in fiscal year 2026-2027 will be as follows:

	FY 2026-2027			
RVTA Transit Planning Tasks	Section 5303 Budget			
	Federal MPP	Local	TOTAL	
1-B: RVTA Administration	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$24,000	
2-B: RVTA Programming	\$16,400	\$4,100	\$20,500	
3-B: ADA Transit Programming	\$27,400	\$6,850	\$34,250	
TOTAL	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$78,750	

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## Federal Highway Administration Base Allocation Tasks - Lead agency is Lycoming County Planning and Community Development (PCD)

#### **Category 1: Administration**

#### Task 1-A: WATS MPO Administration

Responsible Agency: Lycoming County PCD

The purpose of this task will be to ensure timely and effective administration of the WATS transportation planning program through development of the Unified Planning Work Program, submission of quarterly progress reports and invoices, preparation of the LCPC / WATS annual report, scheduling and holding WATS Technical, Coordinating, and Transit Advisory Committee, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings, and ensuring adherence to the MPO public involvement procedures and environmental justice requirements in all planning related activities. Assist the Lycoming County Commissioners and Lycoming County Planning Commissioner in the administration of the County Liquid Fuels funds that Lycoming County receives from PennDOT.

Also, work done under this task will coordinate regional transportation issues and needs with the SEDA-COG MPO, Northern Tier RPO, Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, local municipalities, The PA Wilds, the PA Lumber Heritage Region, the Susquehanna Greenways Partnership and other key partners and stakeholders in the transportation planning process.

Work done under this task will also, continue to foster transportation partnership arrangements involving the public and private sectors to accelerate funding of transportation projects that command high local priority for economic development purposes. Emphasis will be placed on funding opportunities to help implement projects contained in the WATS TIP and WATS Long Range Transportation Plan. The PA General Assembly enacted P3 (Public-Private Partnership) legislation to authorize public private transportation partnership opportunities. As well as, prepare or participate in Project Needs Studies for major transportation projects, assist PennDOT with environmental analyses, identify and implement innovative financing mechanisms for major capital projects and participate in agency coordination meetings as appropriate.

#### Major Activities Previously Completed in FY 2024-2025 UPWP

- PCD and RVTA staff prepared the FY 2024-2025 WATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- PCD prepared and submitted four quarterly progress reports and invoices to PennDOT detailing progress on transportation planning activities contained in the UPWP.
- PCD ensured compliance with the MPO adopted public involvement procedures and environmental justice requirements.
- The 2023 and 2024 LCPC/ WATS annual report was prepared and submitted to all planning partners and stakeholder organizations.
- Work with PennDOT to promote public/private partnerships (P3s) and incentive/innovative financing
  opportunities in support of community and economic development.
- Partnered with the City of Williamsport, Lycoming College, private developers and PennDOT District 3-0 to complete the two phased Traffic Impact Study evaluating proposed transportation system changes in the Old City Revitalization area and implement recommended improvements.
- PCD staff regularly participated as a non-voting member on the SEDA-COG MPO, Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, WATS Transit Advisory Committee, WATS Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and other forums. Technical assistance and advice are provided to these organizations as needed on a variety of transportation related initiatives.
- Project Needs Study, no special project assistance requested.

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#### Major Activities To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Develop and adopt the FY 2027-2029 WATS Unified Planning Work Program, including the following
  - Submit all documents required for contract execution, including Exhibits "2" and "3" and authorizing signature resolutions. Begin preparation of the FY 2027-2029 UPWP in accordance with the next two-year update cycle.
  - o Identify carryover/ongoing supplemental planning tasks as candidates when the UPWP is updated.
  - o Provide separate budget tables for each year of the UPWP and document as part of the twoyear agreement. Identify specific work program tasks in the appropriate fiscal year.
- Submit progress reports and invoices to PennDOT not later than 30 days following the reporting period.
- Completion of timesheets, expense forms, and reports documenting completion of work activities within this work program.
- Scheduling, set-up, and assistance with all in-person and virtual WATS MPO meetings, WATS MPO committee meetings, and public meetings.
- Provide meeting notices, agendas and meeting materials to WATS Committee members not less than 5 working days prior to meetings and distribute the meeting minutes within 30 working days after the meetings. Continue using electronic distribution of materials to WATS membership/meeting attendees and post on the county website www.lyco.org/wats-mpo
  - WATS Technical Committee
  - WATS MPO Coordinating Committee
  - WATS MPO Transit Advisory Committee
  - WATS MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- If the WATS MPO Freight Advisory Committee is formed, provide meeting notices, agendas and
  meeting materials to WATS Committee members not less than 5 working days prior to meetings and
  distribute the meeting minutes within 30 working days after the meetings. Continue using electronic
  distribution of materials to WATS membership/meeting attendees and post on the county website
  www.lyco.org/wats-mpo
- WATS members to submit agenda materials to LCPC. (Not less than 10 working days prior to meetings.)
- Assist with the research, evaluation, recommendation, and procurement of supplies and equipment for the WATS MPO.
- Assist with the submission and processing of contractor/vendor invoices for various MPO projects or studies.
- Ensure the WATS MPO has access to PennDOT's SharePoint website for efficient document and information sharing purposes. PennDOT utilizes this site as a resource to provide documents to Planning Partners.
- Ensure space is provided on the county website for PennDOT to share statewide documents (STIP, LRTP, etc...) with the public for review and comment. WATS will continue the use of social media for its public outreach efforts and seek opportunities to expand the use of social media. This and other forms of public outreach for MPO planning documents and other MPO activities are performed in accordance with the WATS MPO Public Participation Plan.
- Administer and maintain the WATS MPO social media pages.
- As appropriate, work with FHWA to implement the new OMB Super Circular requirements, which went into effect December 26, 2014. The Super Circular addresses new requirements for monitoring contractors and sub recipients, allowable costs, etc.
- Prepare and submit the WATS MPO Annual Reports to PennDOT, other planning partners and stakeholder organizations.

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- Continue to develop and expand the use of the <a href="www.lyco.org">www.lyco.org</a>, the Lycoming County website, to share planning and programming information and the tenets and requirements of current federal legislation with the public and tribal governments.
- WATS MPO staff, as appropriate will assist the Lycoming County Planning Commission and Lycoming County Commissioners with the management of the Lycoming County Liquid Fuels grant program.
   Specifically, the MPO staff role will be to provide background, technical expertise, data review, etc. to the Lycoming County Commissioners/LCPC on the use of County Liquid Fuels funding.
- WATS MPO staff will also assist in the facilitation of municipal application reviews and prioritization of potential projects for consideration by the Lycoming County Commissioners/LCPC.
- Ensure that WATS is addressing the requirements for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) as part of its contracting practices. Refer to the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP) website at www.paucp.com for a list of certified DBEs. For information regarding the PA UCP or DBE certification, contact the PennDOT Bureau of Equal Opportunity (BEO) at (717) 787-5891 or toll free at (800) 468-4201. Deliverables: A listing of all contracts, including DBE goals established for them, if applicable. The WATS MPO should be able to explain the method used for determining a contract's DBE goal and provide documentation to that effect. For each work program task, including actual payments to DBE firms. For auditing purposes, maintain copies of cancelled checks issued to DBE firms or another appropriate form of payment verification. Utilize the new DBE reporting form and state deliverable dates on a quarterly basis. The DBE form is located on the Office of Planning's SharePoint website under Program Center, Financial / Contract Management, Financial and Contracts. Participate in equal opportunity, non-discrimination and DBE trainings offered by PennDOT, FHWA and FTA. Work with the Bureau of Equal Opportunity and Program Center to provide WATS MPO training on site. WATS will invite other interested local partners (including RVTA, STEP and the Williamsport Regional Airport) to participate in these trainings. PennDOT DBE training includes all aspects of 49 CFR Part 26 and is fully consistent with DBE procedures for FTA grantees.
- Participate in training for the Commonwealth's Small Business Procurement Initiative (SBPI) and the Small Diverse Business Program (SDB – formerly the Disadvantaged Business Program). The purpose of the SBPI is to increase opportunities for small businesses to compete for award of Commonwealth contracts as prime contractors. Please refer to www.dotsbe.pa.gov for more information.
- Where appropriate, work with PennDOT and RVTA to review and update their cooperative Planning
  Agreements to accurately document their collaborative planning process and determine their
  respective and mutual roles, responsibilities, and procedures governing their cooperative efforts in
  carrying out the federal and state required transportation planning processes, including performance
  measures implementation.
- To meet the spirit and intent of Title VI, continue to facilitate opportunities for all populations to
  participate in the planning and programming process, including minority, non-English speaking and
  Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and low-income groups. As appropriate, develop communication
  materials to enhance participation of these groups. As needed, procure LEP services within the
  confines of the WATS UPWP Agreement and state procurement guidelines.
- Support staff development through relevant conferences, workshops, and seminars. Research, register, and attend training events and activities to enhance the abilities of WATS staff to implement the activities described within this work program if not specifically identified within another task.
- Attend PennDOT Planning Partners' and other statewide meetings (As scheduled)
- Work with PennDOT to promote public/private partnerships (P3s) and incentive/innovative financing opportunities in support of community and economic development.
- Continue to partner with the City of Williamsport, Lycoming College, private developers and PennDOT
  District 3-0 to evaluate transportation system changes and needs in the Old City Revitalization area and
  implement recommended improvements.
- Continue to identify and implement innovative financing mechanisms for major capital projects such as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB). Promote the PIB as a tool for financing transportation

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- projects, including community reinvestment projects. Work with PennDOT to identify and support sustainable sources of revenue.
- Work with the Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce to identify and advance transportation infrastructure projects and initiatives to promote economic development
- Continue coordination with SEDA-COG MPO, Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission RPO, The PA Wilds Planning Committee, the PA Lumber Heritage Region, and Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce on regional transportation issues and needs.
- Provide technical assistance to PennDOT and other transportation providers as necessary. Assistance may come from non-traditional technical resources, such as county planning, academia, or other public or private planning expertise.
- When appropriate or where reasonable WATS MPO capacity exists, assist PennDOT with outreach to
  County or local governments and other planning partners. The Office of Planning collaborates with local
  and county governments, MPO/RPO Planning Partners and the public to plan transportation projects
  and maintain a multi-modal network. The Office of Planning serves as a resource and administers a
  number of programs to assist local governments, regional and metropolitan planning organizations,
  and the public.
- As part of PennDOT's modernization efforts, continue to expand the use of technology to more
  efficiently provide the opportunity for coordination and collaboration.
- Participate on the Central PA Transportation Coalition to implement the Regional Transit Needs
  Assessment Study recommendations and update the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
  jointly with the SEDA-COG MPO as a regional approach.
- Work with RVTA, STEP, other regional transit providers, and PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation to implement the Regional Transit Consolidation Study recommendations.
- Reach out to area and regional stakeholders to explore the formation of a WATS MPO Freight Advisory Committee to provide insight into freight movement needs, issues, and concerns.
- Prepare and/or participate in project needs studies for transportation problems identified for further study by the WATS Technical and Coordinating Committees, Programming Advisory Committee or through PennDOT. Work with PennDOT and the environmental resource agencies to gain acceptance for the completion of needs studies as part of the planning process as requested.

#### Major Deliverables To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Participate in PennDOT District 3-0 SR 2014-84M Two phased Traffic Impact Study Status Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Participate in PennDOT District 3-0 and partner organizations meetings supporting community and economic development (As Needed)
- Attend Williamsport- Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Attend SEDA-COG MPO Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Attend Northern Tier RPO Meetings (As Needed)
- Attend PA Wilds Planning Committee Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Attend PA Lumber Heritage Region Meetings (As Needed)
- Attend Lycoming County municipal Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Prepare and / or Participate in Transportation Project Needs Studies (As Requested)
- Coordinate through Agency Coordination Meeting, (ACM) On Needs Studies (As Required)
- Ensure WATS MPO Adoption of FY 2025-2027 UPWP (1/31/2025)
- Submit all documents including Exhibits "2" and "3" and Authorizing Resolution for FY 2026-2028
   UPWP Contract Execution (3/14/25)
- Submit WATS Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices (Within 30 Calendar Days Following Reporting Period)
- Email WATS Meeting Packets to Members (Not Less Than 5 Calendar Days Prior To Meeting)

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- Distribute WATS Meeting Minutes to Members (Within 30 Calendar Following Meeting)
- Submit 2024 LCPC/WATS Annual Report to PennDOT 9/30/24)

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$99,000	\$99,000	\$198,000
PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF)	\$12,242	\$12,242	\$24,484
Local (Lycoming County)	\$12,508	\$12,508	\$25,106
Total	\$123,750	\$123,750	\$247,500

#### **Category 2: Transportation Programming**

#### Task 2-A: WATS MPO Programming

Responsible Agency: Lycoming County PCD

The purpose of this task will be to assist PennDOT in the implementation of the FFY 2025-2028 WATS Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP) as needed in accordance with the PennDOT General Procedural and Financial Guidance documents. Environmental justice activities will be continued and strengthened to ensure that the entire public has the opportunity to become involved in the planning and programming process. The WATS Long Range Transportation Plan will be used to identify new funding candidates for inclusion on the 12 Year Program and TIP. PCD Staff will work with PennDOT to modify or amend the FFY 2025-2028 TIP as needed. In addition, PCD staff will also work with PennDOT and FHWA to develop the FFY 2027 draft TIP, and the approval of the 2027 TIP.

Lycoming County is currently designated as an Air Quality Attainment Area for all six pollutants under the Federal Clean Air Act. In the event Lycoming County is designated as a non-attainment area due to changes in the Federal Clean Air Act standards or changes in Lycoming County's air quality, it may be appropriate for the WATS MPO transportation planning program priorities to be adjusted accordingly to provide sufficient support and technical assistance to PennDOT to ensure compliance with air quality standards.

This task will also assist in verifying and updating the Highway Performance Monitoring System, (HPMS) data to monitor highway traffic volumes and performance levels along selected segments at the direction of PennDOT in fulfillment of federal requirements. PCD Staff will also assist PennDOT in compiling, expanded, and updating current traffic count database for Lycoming County by taking supplemental (to HPMS) vehicle classification and / or volume counts (as needed). Traffic count locations will be identified by PennDOT and the PCD so that overall transportation planning as well as specific project planning data needs are met.

Major Tasks Previously Completed in FY 2024-2025 UPWP

- PCD staff assisted PennDOT in the development of the FFY 2025-2028 TIP.
- PCD staff assisted PennDOT and RVTA in development of the draft FFY 2025 Transit TIP.
- PCD worked with PennDOT District 3-0 to implement the PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach
  initiative by convening meetings with local municipal officials and other stakeholder groups that
  participated in the Lycoming County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Planning Advisory Teams,
  (PAT's) to review scopes of work for new TIP projects and secure meaningful local feedback to improve
  transportation and community linkages.
- Completed 2024 annual Federal Obligated Projects reports
- LCPC staff monitored Lycoming County's air quality status in relation to new standards. Since there have been no changes to Lycoming County's air quality attainment status, no action has been needed to respond to new standards at this time.
- The PCD Staff met with PennDOT Bureau of Planning and Research staff to conduct Quality Assurance review on selected segments prior to performing the annual HPMS data collection.

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• The PCD Staff verified and updated roadway inventory and performance measures on 115 sample sections in support of the HPMS program. All data was entered into the PennDOT Roadway Management System ahead of schedule.

#### Major Tasks To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Utilize the Project Development PennDOT Connects/Local Government Collaboration meetings to initiate all new projects being considered for inclusion in the 2023-2045 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan Update and TIP/12 Year Program. These meetings will occur prior to program development. Continue to develop this process for transit projects. Cooperation between the WATS MPO, River Valley Transit Authority and PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 is needed to identify and ensure that implementation is successful and that projects with the best scope and cost are advanced through the WATS Long Range Transportation Plan and TIP. Document the process used by the WATS MPO for the PennDOT Connects Initiative.
- Monitor and advance, in conjunction with PennDOT, the non-traditional projects including Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Local Access Road projects identified by WATS, PennDOT, and River Valley Transit Authority and projects programmed on the WATS TIP. The WATS MPO will continue to take an active role in status/coordination with project sponsors to help ensure that the projects are advancing, completed on time, and are within budget.
- Modify/amend FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as required. Adopt the Draft FFY 2027-2030 WATS TIP and submit all required information per the TIP checklist. FHWA and FTA regulations, as well as PennDOT's General and Procedural Guidance require that documentation of the process used by the WATS MPO for project selection and prioritization for TIP updates be included with the WATS TIP submittal package.
- Develop the draft FFY 2027-2030 TIP.
- Review and evaluate the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies in the WATS Public Participation
  Plan. Maintain the implementation of the WATS Title VI / Non-discrimination Plan with updates and changes
  as they are released.
- Expand and improve Environmental Justice (EJ) activities by implementing the Core Elements of Environmental Justice guidance from PennDOT. The expanded use of social media outlets as a primary source of information within communities should be and will be an avenue for contacting and notifying impacted groups. WATS meeting information will be posted on the Lycoming County website at <a href="https://www.lyco.org">www.lyco.org</a>
- Maintain Lycoming County/WATS website linkages to PennDOT TIP Visualization applications.
- Continue to collaborate with the State Transportation Commission, (STC) in the Modernized Twelve Year
  Program (TYP) Public Outreach Campaign. Continue to work with the STC and PennDOT to garner input by
  encouraging citizens to take the online survey through various methods including meetings, mass email
  communications, social media, etc. Data and comments collected through the TYP Public Outreach
  Campaign will also be considered for inclusion in the WATS Long Range Plan, available via the STC website
  at <a href="https://www.TalkPATransportation.com">www.TalkPATransportation.com</a>
- Initiate Process to Ensure Conformity Analysis on LRTP/TIP Projects in the event Lycoming County falls into non-attainment status for regulated pollutants (As Required)
- Assist in monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and implementing PA Climate Change Action Plan (As Requested and In Accordance With PennDOT/DEP (As Scheduled)
- Support the implementation of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding and projects to reduce transportation emissions (As needed)
- Verify and update roadway inventory and performance measures on 115 Highway Performance Monitoring System, (HPMS) sample sections, including any additional segments that may be required based upon revised urban boundary revisions, in accordance with HPMS manual specifications. Submit HPMS data to PennDOT by the first Friday in December of each calendar year.

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• In support of the above, appropriate PCD staff will attend one HPMS and one Traffic Workshop sponsored by PennDOT.

Major Deliverables To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Support Implementation of PennDOT Connects Project Development/Local Government Collaboration Process and Attend Key Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Modify and Amend FFY 2025-2028 WATS TIP (As Required)
- Work With PennDOT, RVTA and Municipal Officials to Develop and Adopt FFY 2027-2030 WATS TIP and submit TIP checklist package for STC/FHWA/FTA approval (As Per PennDOT General and Procedural Guidance Schedule)
- Update WATS Public Participation Plan, Title VI Policy & Procedure Plan, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act Plan, and Environmental Justice Plan for WATS MPO. These deliverables will be updated as needed
- Completed 2025 and 2026 annual Federal Obligated Projects reports
- Initiate Process to Ensure Conformity Analysis on LRTP/TIP Projects in the event Lycoming County falls into non-attainment status for regulated pollutants (As Required)
- Assist in monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and implementing PA Climate Change Action Plan (As Requested and In Accordance With PennDOT/DEP (As Scheduled)
- Support the implementation of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding and projects to reduce transportation emissions (As needed)
- Updated and verified HPMS data to be used for assessing and reporting highway system performance under the FHWA's strategic planning process.
- Complete 2025 HPMS Sample Sections and Submit Data to PennDOT (12/5/2025)
- Complete 2026 HPMS Sample Sections and Submit Data to PennDOT (12/4/2026)
- Prepare for 2025 and 2026 HPMS sample section data collection
- Attend PennDOT HPMS and Traffic Workshops (As Scheduled)

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$104,000
PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF)	\$6,430	\$6,430	\$12,860
Local (Lycoming County)	\$6,570	\$6,570	\$13,140
Total	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$130,000

## **Category 3: Long Range Planning**

Task 3-A: WATS MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Implementation

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#### Responsible Agency: Lycoming County PCD

The purpose of this task will be to implement and update the WATS Long Range Transportation Plan as necessary by prioritizing/staging all multi-modal transportation capital projects as required in accordance with the process improvements recommended during the reengineering of the planning and programming process. It may also be necessary to revise plan policies. The actions contained in the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan Update as well as the six Joint Municipal Comprehensive Plans as part of the WATS Long Range Plan will be advanced toward phased implementation. The PCD is addressing environmental justice requirements and providing opportunities for public involvement early and often during the plan update process.

This task will also be reviewing and updating highway designations, which include but are not limited to the Interstate Systems, the Enhanced National Highway System, Federal Functional Classification System, Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors, and Scenic Byways designations when appropriate.

#### Major Tasks Previously Completed in FY 2024-2025 UPWP

- WATS staff continue to monitor and analyze the 2023-2045 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan
  including a full analysis of planning priorities, demographic trends, environmental justice analysis,
  system condition, and other key factors.
- Reviewed and monitor highway designations as a part of the 2023 2045 WATS MPO Long Range Transportation Plan monitoring

#### Major Tasks To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Develop Multi-Municipal Growth Area Land Use/Transportation Access Management Plans with priority
  assigned to preparation of plans for the I-99/US 220 and US 15 South Planning Advisory Team, (PAT) growth
  areas and incorporate plans with WATS Long Range Transportation Plan Update to ensure future growth
  does not cause significant impacts to the transportation system in terms of public safety, system
  preservation and operational efficiency that would require major public investments to correct. Work
  closely with municipalities having land use jurisdiction to implement plan recommendations.
- Work with PennDOT, FHWA and FTA to implement provisions of the current federal legislation including performance measures and targets; freight provisions; accelerate project delivery/environmental streamlining; and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.
- Ensure that FWHA and FTA are provided with an opportunity to participate in the WATS LRTP development
  process. At a minimum, provide FHWA and FTA with a copy of the draft WATS LRTP documents for review
  prior to adoption by the WATS MPO.
- The WATS Long Range Transportation Plan project listing should reflect a prioritization / staging of all capital projects with a strong emphasis on preservation and operating efficiency of the existing infrastructure for all of the modes to ensure consistency between the WATS LRTP, Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, six Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plans and the WATS TIP consistent with specific Highway and Transit financial guidance.
- Establish and document a process to coordinate changes to the WATS LRTP and WATS TIP to ensure fiscal
  constraint, to strengthen the linkage between planning and programming, and to expedite the project
  delivery process. Guidance on fiscal constraint, asset management needs and targets for preservation for
  the WATS LRTP project lists are available from PennDOT and FHWA.
- Maintain updated economic, geographic, and demographic data and trends for Lycoming County.
- Coordinate with PennDOT, FHWA and FTA on the development of transportation performance measures for both the WATS LRTP and the WATS TIP. FHWA has also requested that additional documentation be included in the LRTP's, if not already part of the current document, as follows:
- Support the Pennsylvania Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) focus areas and key strategies.
- Participate in PennDOT updates to statewide plans as requested.
- Monitor trends and performance of the WATS transportation system related to PM-1, PM-2, and PM-3
  performance measures and targets.

- Support operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation
  facilities from regional operational plans (reducing bottlenecks, reducing congestion-including nonrecurring congestion, improving mobility and safety) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, and
  energy savings.
- Study (and adjust as necessary) the balances of mobility and access on our downtown road systems, such as advancing transportation improvements needed to support the Old City Revitalization initiative.
- Document and assess capital investment and other strategies to preserve the existing transportation infrastructure
- Track and assess Benefits and Burdens Analysis
- Track utilization of visualization in planning techniques
- Track project selection and project prioritization
- Conduct performance based planning and programming
- Confirm air quality conformity determinations, where required
- Maintain an updated Public Participation Plan to ensure that WATS remains in full compliance with federal
  and state public participation requirements and maximizes opportunities to ensure meaningful public
  involvement in the WATS transportation planning process.
- Implement the Program Development and Project Delivery Process to improve efficiency of project implementation through sound land use/transportation/economic development linkages.
- Track land use planning activities within the WATS planning process and ensure coordination with Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan, six Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plans and WATS Long Range Transportation Plan, and related freight plans. Initiate any changes in the process that may be identified as part of the documentation.
- Provide input to PennDOT in efforts to identify any training and planning activities targeted to County and local governments, conservation districts and community stakeholders; examples include Smart Growth, Complete Streets, implementation tools, PennDOT One Map, functional classification, HPMS and traffic counting, PennDOT Connects Forms, access management, transit oriented development, healthy communities, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) connectivity, interchange area development, transportation impact fees and energy savings.
- Partner with PennDOT to advance opportunities to manage travel demand. Travel behavior change should be considered by supporting a broad range of commuting alternatives to single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel
- Where appropriate, work to support the improvement of National Highway System, (NHS) intermodal
  freight connections and National Highway Freight linkages through the WATS Long Range Transportation
  Plan. Support the Pennsylvania Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan. Enhance the visibility and
  effectiveness of freight planning in Lycoming County through the implementation of the WATS Long Range
  Transportation Plan.
- Participate in development of freight plans, freight advisory committees, and development of regional freight inventories.
- Identify ways to implement and support the objectives of the Pennsylvania 2045 statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan, and State Highway Safety Plan.
- Identify livability, sustainability, and resiliency planning strategies to tie the quality and location of transportation facilities and services to broader opportunities such as access to employment opportunities, affordable housing, quality schools, safe streets, economic development, social equity, and environmental conservation.
- As a pilot county, utilize PennDOT's Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessment to: incorporate flooding
  resiliency into WATS TIP projects; enhance the Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation planning process; and
  improve emergency preparedness in coordination with the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety,
  EMS responders and integrate with Lycoming County and municipal Emergency Operations Plans.
- Develop and implement analysis of natural hazard risk to transportation infrastructure especially flooding and landslides.

- Support creation of a WATS TIP reserve item for responding to slide and subsidence impacts to the state road system
- Participate in Transportation Impact Studies (TISs) and review of Highway Occupancy Permits (HOPs) to
  ensure planned development is coordinated with sound land use/transportation linkages/economic
  development, and that all transportation modes have been adequately considered.
- Work with PennDOT and local governments to implement access control measures in highway corridors as an alternative to future capacity improvements such as, preserving right-of-way, implementing transportation impact fees, and/or developing official maps.
- Partner with PennDOT in developing strategies to advance to conclusion, modify, or implement plans and projects that are outside of the WATS MPO fiscal constraint based on cash flow.
- Develop intergovernmental planning processes for multi-municipal, corridor-focused land use/transportation assessments for targeted geographic areas. Areas targeted should be reflective of placed-based circumstances, including but not limited to population growth or decline, shifts in human and economic resources, and other regional trends identified in the WATS Long Range Transportation Plan and should precede the identification of specific WATS TIP projects. Planning activities should be initiated in collaboration with County, local and PennDOT District 3-0 stakeholders and should be consistent with available program resources, PennDOT / WATS MPO planning tools. Planning activities shall also, be consistent with the Lycoming County Comprehensive Plan and the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plans. Planning activities should lead to better consideration of land use priorities and transportation network operations in the selection and prioritization of highway, bridge, transit and multi-modal projects.
- Seek more inclusion and collaboration with municipal officials, school district and other stakeholder organizations as part of the PennDOT Connects collaboration process on transportation planning issues and at early stages of project development.
- Support evaluation of transit service extensions to growth areas and regionally (beyond Lycoming County) where providing such service is cost effective, meets mobility needs, and promotes economic activity.
- Identify and promote ways to increase transit usage, especially targeted to the 65 and older population.
- Promote transit-oriented development
- As part of Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO), continue to assess the need and appropriateness of traffic operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) elements through the WATS Long Range Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Traffic operations / ITS projects and strategies deployed in the WATS MPO region should be consistent with PennDOT's TSMO and Traffic Operations Policies and Guidelines. The projects should be included in the Northcentral Regional Operations Plan, (ROP). Update regional ITS architecture, where appropriate.
- Assist in implementation of the Regional Operations Plan as required.
- Conduct analysis of PennDOT reportable crash data as it is released to identify trends and temporal/spatial
  patterns to assist in developing sound, data-driven safety projects. Participate in other data driven safety
  planning activities and road safety audits that lead to better consideration of safety in the selection and
  prioritization of highway and transit projects. The WATS MPO will consider road safety audit study(s)
  through the WATS UPWP in collaboration / consultation with PennDOT District 3-0. A safety planning
  workgroup has been established to help implement safety initiatives.
- Continuously monitor and evaluate procedures used for collecting statistical data (race, sex, national origin/limited English, age, disability, income, etc.) of participants in, and beneficiaries of transportation programs by tracking participation in public meetings and reviewing new regional census data. Data will be current and accurate. Revisions will be reflected in the Benefits and Burdens Analysis.
- Explore the development of transportation system equity analysis and development of recommendations to be included in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan
- As part of WATS MPO efforts to assist PennDOT with asset management activities, include transportation inventories of local transportation assets:
  - Locally owned bridges less than 20ft.
  - o Locally owned, non-federal aid roadways, where applicable

- Promote and support data driven transportation asset management especially preventative maintenance, preservation, and "lowest lifecycle cost" approaches by municipal governments.
- Identify low volume functionally redundant bridges for removal prior to them becoming structurally
  deficient
- Identify low volume rural roads for conversion to gravel
- Support transportation projects that contribute to the improvement of the overall road and bridge system of Lycoming County
- Identify, develop, and maintain additional transportation related datasets needed for sound decision making
- As part of additional considerations for inventories, WATS should develop minimum data collection requirements for inventories identified and work with PennDOT to refine these requirements:
  - o Signage, including inventories for retro-reflectivity per FHWA's requirements
  - o Traffic signals
  - Freight facilities
  - Bicycle / Pedestrian facilities (To avoid data duplication, WATS will confer with DCNR prior to data compilation)
  - Transit fleets/facilities/routes
  - o ITS Infrastructure
  - Others as determined by WATS
- For FY 2025-2027 WATS will consider the development of potential pilots for Freight and Bicycle/Pedestrian facilities data collection; including consideration of purchasing data collection equipment for such facilities, if required. If appropriate, establish work groups to ensure consistency of data collection statewide.
- For FY 2025-2027 WATS will consider the development of corridor-based studies of traffic patterns and volumes and acquire software and training as necessary to support these activities
- Coordinate with the Airport Authority to preserve and expand commercial air services including securing improved service to respond to business needs.
- Work with Montoursville Borough, Airport Authority, Rail Authority and PennDOT District 3-0 to advance a
  federal earmark funded project to improve access to the Williamsport Regional Airport along Montour
  Street.
- Support the restoration and maintenance of competitive commercial air service opportunities at the Williamsport Airport
- Coordinate with SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority, Norfolk Southern and local industries on rail service needs, review Rail Freight Assistance Program and Rail Transportation Assistance Program applications and attend PUC Field Investigations on rail / highway grade crossing alterations. Identify rail safety project candidates for programming under the rail safety TIP line item. Identify and evaluate additional opportunities to develop rail served industrial sites
- Continue to work closely with SEDA-COG MPO to maintain an updated Joint Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan.
- Implement the existing Lycoming County Greenways, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Susquehanna Trail Feasibility Study recommendations by advancing the Susquehanna Greenway Trail project between Williamsport and Jersey Shore.
- Coordinate with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership on regional greenway initiatives such as the proposed Genesee Susquehanna Greenway.
- Trails and multiuse paths are considered core transportation infrastructure within the Lycoming County multimodal transportation system and are noted as such within the WATS 2045 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan. Development of these assets is primarily achieved through implementation of the 2008 Lycoming County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space & Greenway Plan. WATS staff will take a lead role in initiating a review and update to this document in order to support the following federal planning factors:

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- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns
- o Enhance the integration and connectivity across and between modes for people and freight
- Enhance travel and tourism.

This update will also support local and state planning goals by providing coordinated development of safe, accessible multiuse infrastructure for non-motorized mobility.

- Jointly identify and integrate a prioritization concept that identifies critical multi-modal transportation
  facilities and intermodal connectors that support the state's economy and connect the regions of the state
  to important employment centers, workforce catchment areas and national and international markets. The
  network (to be defined through the prioritization process) provides the integral core connections for
  moving people and freight across the state, linking businesses and residents to regional, national and
  international destinations.
- Support projects that further access and interconnections between multiuse nonmotorized trail systems.
- Assist municipal governments and other local entities with developing and implementing bicycle and pedestrian safety audits.
- Identify appropriate corridors in need of transportation/land use studies and work with partner organizations to contract for studies
- Identify appropriate corridors throughout the County for complete streets improvements
- Continue to participate on municipal and regional bicycle/pedestrian planning committees to develop and implement active transportation projects and initiatives.
- Review National Highway System, National Highway Freight Network, NHS intermodal connectors, and urbanized boundary updates for the WATS area, at a minimum every ten years in conjunction with the Census.
- Work with PennDOT as requested to complete evaluation process to support eventual I-99 designation for US-15 north from the terminus of I-180 to the New York state line.

### Major Deliverables To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Ensure WATS MPO implementation of 2023-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (As required)
- Monitor and Report on Performance Measures Included In the WATS 2023-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (As Required)
- Use Available Data Sources and Work With PennDOT and FHWA to Analyze Safety, Pavement/Bridge System and Freight Performance Measures and Targets (As Required)
- Update WATS 2023-2045 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan (As Needed)
- Complete Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Analysis and complete, update, and amend the "Core Elements" of Environmental Justice for WATS LRTP and TIP (As Required)
- Attend PA PUC Field Investigations on highway/rail crossings (As Scheduled)
- Attend SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Board Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Attend Williamsport Regional Airport Authority Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Attend Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Meetings (As Needed)
- Assist in Advancement of Genesee-Susquehanna Greenway Project Development Activities (As Requested)
- Support grant applications for projects that support any of the focus areas or implementation and monitoring strategies of the 2023-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Assist in Advancement of Montour Street Extension Project Development To Improve Access to New Williamsport Regional Airport Terminal. (As requested)

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- Develop and Prioritize Critical Multi-Modal Facilities and Connectors (As per PennDOT Guidance and Schedule)
- Attend City of Williamsport and other regional and local Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Coordinate through Agency Coordination Meeting (ACM) on Long Range Transportation Plan (As Required)
- Lycoming County Functional Class Map updates (As needed)
- Revise NHS Related Mapping (As per PennDOT Schedule To Be Determined)
- Identify and Apply for Federal or State Scenic Byways Designations (As needed)
- Assist PennDOT with review of the Metropolitan Planning Area and urbanized area boundaries as a result of US Census data (As needed)

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000
PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF)	\$4,328	\$4,328	\$8,656
Local (Lycoming County)	\$4,422	\$4,422	\$8,844
Total	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$87,500

## **Category 4: Supplemental Tasks**

## Task 4-A: Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Administration

Responsible Agency: Lycoming County PCD

The PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program, PennDOT LTAP, is part of a national initiative to transfer transportation technology through training, technical assistance, and other customer services to municipal elected officials and their staff. PennDOT LTAP provides technical information and proven technologies to meet the growing demands on municipal governments. In an effort to expand and promote LTAP services to the 52 municipalities within the single county region, WATS proposes to assist PennDOT with facilitating LTAP training and Technical Assistance visits during FY 2025-2027.

This planning effort will be undertaken as outlined below:

- Develop a priority-training list that identifies training needs within the municipality. Using the priority-training list, WATS will work with PennDOT to schedule training dates. WATS will then provide a facility for training courses on the selected date(s) of training.
- Advertise training to all 52 municipalities and PennDOT's Municipal Service Representatives through letters, course brochures, emails, etc..., announcing the training dates and locations. All registrations for training courses will be coordinated directly through WATS. Provide PennDOT registration information one week prior to the scheduled course date(s).
- Market the value of PennDOT's LTAP and its long-term impact on the workforce. Provide a
  mechanism for municipalities to contact WATS with issues that LTAP can assist with by offering
  training or tech assists and ascertain from the municipalities what format is most beneficial for them
  to receive local technical assistance.
- Attend county conventions such as the Lycoming County Association of Township Officials, West Branch COG equipment show, municipal meetings, etc..., as needed to market LTAP services. Utilize the <a href="https://www.lyco.org">www.lyco.org</a> county website to market LTAP as well.
- Participate in an annual LTAP MPO/RPO meeting and other PennDOT meetings as required. Attend LTAP training courses and participate in at least one technical assistance on-site visit in Lycoming County.

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Submit quarterly reports detailing all LTAP project activities and expenditures to PennDOT Project
Managers. Prepare an annual report that summarizes the evaluations in a report detailing the process
used to market LTAP in Lycoming County. Summarize the outcomes and recommendations for future
activities with LTAP in Lycoming County.

#### Major Tasks Previously Completed In FY 2024-2025

- Scheduled, Marketed and Facilitated 8 in-person LTAP Training Courses In Lycoming County
- Marketed 75 LTAP Virtual Courses and Drop-In webinars
- Trained 116 Municipal Officials Attending LTAP Courses In Lycoming County
- Developed LTAP Budget, Travel and Marketing Plans
- Completed LTAP 2024 Annual Report
- Participated In Lycoming County Association of Township Officials, West Branch COG Equipment Shows, and other conferences/events to Market LTAP Programs and Services
- Attended LTAP Annual Planning Partner Meetings
- Participated in Tech Assists With Municipal Officials

#### Major Tasks To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027

- Continue Identifying Priority Training Needs and Scheduling LTAP Courses
- Continue Promoting LTAP Technical Assistance Offerings and Attending On Site Visits
- Continue Marketing LTAP Through Newsletters, Flyers, Email Alerts, Press Releases, Social Media Posts,
   Website Content and Attendance At Municipal Conventions and Equipment Shows
- Integrate LTAP With Other Transportation Activities and Programs

## Major Deliverables To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Issue Municipal Training Needs Survey and Compile Results (12/31/25)
- Schedule and facilitate 2025 LTAP Training Classes Within Lycoming County (7/31/25)
- Schedule and facilitate 2026 LTAP Training Classes Within Lycoming County (6/30/26)
- Complete Marketing and Other Preparations To Support Strong Municipal Attendance at LTAP Classes (Within 10 Days of Class)
- Work with municipalities to schedule and promote Technical Assistance visits (As needed)
- Attend Technical Assistance Visits (As Scheduled)
- Attend Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Spring and Fall Conventions, West Branch COG Equipment Shows, and other conferences/events To Market LTAP (As Scheduled)
- Attend PennDOT LTAP Planning Partner Meetings (As Scheduled)
- Submit LTAP / WATS 2025 and 2026 Annual Reports (By July 31 of Each Year)

#### BUDGET

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local (Lycoming County)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000

## Task 4-B: US-220 Safety Project Impact and Land Use Study

Responsible Agency: Lycoming County PCD

**Study Purpose** 

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To evaluate the impacts on traffic flow patterns on township roads in Woodward Township caused by turn restrictions implemented as part of the US-220 Safety Project with special emphasis on safety, increased burden on local road and bridge infrastructure, emergency services response capabilities, and school bus transportation.

#### **Background**

The US-220 Safety Project involves a multiyear effort with an estimate final cost of \$40.9 million and using Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Surface Transportation Program (STP), and State Highway (581) funding to address major safety issues on US-220 between SR 287 and the City of Williamsport in Lycoming County. This section of US-220 was studied as a future corridor for completion of I-99, but when it became clear that it would be many years before a major interstate expansion project would be funded, the corridor was programmed for:

- Bridge replacements over Larry's Creek and Quenshukeny Run
- A new bridge carrying traffic from relocated Front Street over Quenshukeny Run
- Rehabilitation and widening of the bridge over Pine Run
- Guide rail upgrades
- Highway lighting
- Multiple U-turn, Jug Handle, turning lane installations, and pavement improvements

#### **Study Approach**

The study area will consist of the entirety of Woodward Township in Lycoming County. The US-220 national highway system corridor effectively slices the township in two and acts as a barrier between properties along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River and properties north of the highway. The US-220 Safety Project resulted in restriction of turning movements from collector roads intersecting US-220 and have created changed traffic patterns with local traffic that previously used 220, shifting to lower functional class state roads and township roads that have not been designed or maintained to meet the increased volumes. This study will therefore start with an assessment of traffic volumes on local roads conducted by WATS personnel. Traffic counts will be conducted at locations previously surveyed when 220 was being studied as the future corridor for I-99. These traffic counts along with any counts conducted by PennDOT before or during the 220 Safety Project will be evaluated to utilized in a traffic volume assessment.

The study will also review the previous I-99 connections and develop planning level cost estimates for the proposed connections, in preparation for any future I-99 projects. As a component of this task, the study will evaluate and develop planning level cost estimates for potential overpass connections to Martins Rd., Pine Run Rd., and Quenshuckney Rd.

A comprehensive review of county and municipal land development, zoning, and floodplain ordinances will be made to determine if amendments are needed to accommodate anticipated development pressures resulting from the US 220 Safety Project induced traffic pattern changes. This review will include a review of the US220/I-99 Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan to determine consistency with plan recommendations.

The Lycoming County Planning and Community Development staff will assume the lead role in study development with the use of a qualified consulting firm specializing in land use/transportation integration.

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A study steering committee will be formed to guide the overall study process and review deliverables which will consist of Williamsport Area Transportation Study MPO staff, Woodward Township, and PennDOT Central Office and Engineering District 3-0. Public involvement activities will be conducted consistent with the WATS Public Participation Plan.

#### **Major Study Tasks**

- Conduct a traffic volume assessment on local roads utilizing existing PennDOT traffic data and traffic volume data collected by the WATS MPO staff or consultant team
- Review existing Subdivision and Land Development, Zoning, and Floodplain ordinances for Lycoming County, and Woodward Twp. This review will determine the need for ordinance amendments in planning for future US 220 Safety Project impacts on future development patterns, and overall transportation system consistency with the US 220/I-99 Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Reviewing existing ordinances and land use patterns/trends in the study area will provide insight into current needs, and inform recommendations on potential impacts on the highway and locally owned transportation network.
- Forecast anticipated US 220 Safety Project induced traffic impacts within the study area and analyze the impacts on the transportation system
- Review crash statistics within study area and identify low cost counter measures and other strategies to ensure PennDOT/WATS Safety Performance Measure goals can be achieved with the expected future growth patterns and transportation system impacts
- Review of "Complete Streets" approaches for the US 220 Corridor. These may focus on reduction of travel speeds, traffic calming measures, bike and pedestrian facilities etc.
- Review vehicle navigation/wayfinding in regards to routing and access. Data/information from this review will be used to inform recommendations on traffic congestion management, wayfinding to area/regional recreational activities, and travel/traffic/public safety communications
- Identify and evaluate transportation infrastructure improvement needs for review through PennDOT Connects and program fiscally constrained projects on the WATS LRTP and TIP as appropriate for approval by the WATS Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Develop access management strategies to minimize and control new driveway locations in a coordinated manner. The proposed access management strategies should incorporate Complete Streets considerations, encourage multimodal usability, and ensure that the safety and operational integrity of the highway system is maintained as future development occurs
- Prepare study report for approval by the Lycoming County Planning Commission and WATS MPO (following study steering committee review and acceptance) and transmit to PennDOT and other stakeholder organizations and interested parties.

# **Study Schedule**

• Commence Study / Consultant Selection July 1, 2025

• Complete Study June 30, 2027

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	TOTAL
FHWA State Planning Research (SPR) Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000

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Local (Lycoming County)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000

#### Task 4-C: Safe & Accessible Transportation

Responsible Agency: Lycoming County PCD

The purpose of this task is to ensure administration and review of Complete Streets planning to ensure the safe and adequate accommodations of all users, to include pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with divers-abilities, motorist, and freight vehicles within WATS MPO.

## Major Tasks Previously Completed in 2024-2025 UPWP

- Assisted municipal governments and other local entities with developing and implementing bicycle and pedestrian safety audits
- Acquired bikeway/trail count infrastructure to begin data collection on bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure facilities
- Assisted with review of Susquehanna River Walk extension (As needed)
- Convened WATS MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings

#### Major Tasks To Be Completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Assist municipal governments and other local entities with developing and implementing bicycle and pedestrian safety audits
- Continue to participate on municipal and regional bicycle/pedestrian planning committees to develop and implement active transportation projects and initiatives
- Implement the existing Lycoming County Greenways, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Susquehanna Trail Feasibility Study recommendations by advancing the Susquehanna Greenway Trail project between Williamsport and Jersey Shore (Susquehanna River Walk extension, etc.)
- Coordinate with the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership on regional greenway initiatives such as the proposed Genesee Susquehanna Greenway
- Trails and multiuse paths are considered core transportation infrastructure within the Lycoming County multimodal transportation system and are noted as such within the WATS 2018-2038 WATS Long Range Transportation Plan. Development of these assets is primarily achieved through implementation of the 2008 Lycoming County Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, Open Space & Greenway Plan. WATS staff will take a lead role in initiating a review and update to this document in order to support the following federal planning factors:
  - Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
  - o Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users
  - Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns
  - o Enhance the integration and connectivity across and between modes for people and freight
  - o Enhance travel and tourism

This update will also support local and state planning goals by providing coordinated development of safe, accessible multiuse infrastructure for non-motorized mobility.

- Utilize WATS 2023-245 LRTP Complete Streets screening criteria for roadway projects:
  - Is the roadway located in a US Census urbanized area?
  - Has roadway already been identified for complete streets improvements through another planning process?
  - o Is roadway functional classification appropriate for mixed mode transportation?

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- Does the roadway meet any of the following conditions:
  - Located in or adjacent to a college or other school campus
  - Located in a business district or mixed use commercial zone
  - History of at least 1 nonmotorized serious injury or fatality in the past 5 years
  - Located along fixed route transit service
  - Located in or adjacent to a high concentration of low income, or persons with disability census block group
- As part of additional considerations for inventories, WATS should develop minimum data collection requirements for inventories identified and work with PennDOT to refine these requirements:
  - o Signage, including inventories for retro-reflectivity per FHWA's requirements
  - o Traffic signals
  - Freight facilities
  - Bicycle / Pedestrian facilities (To avoid data duplication, WATS will confer with DCNR prior to data compilation)
  - Transit fleets/facilities/routes
  - ITS Infrastructure
  - Others as determined by WATS

### Major Deliverables to be completed in FY 2025-2027 UPWP

- Attend Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Meetings to discuss Complete Streets related initiatives and activities (As Needed)
- Assist in Advancement of Genesee-Susquehanna Greenway Project Development Activities (As Requested)
- Coordinate the WATS MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings and provide feedback to WATS Technical and Coordinating Committees (minimum twice annually)
- Attend City of Williamsport and other regional and local Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Meetings to discuss Complete Streets related initiatives and activities (As Scheduled)
- Begin data collection of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure facilities and other active transportation facilities to include but no limited to usage, infrastructure type, safety, asset management data, etc. WATS MPO will use the trail counters to gather usage counts, etc. on Lycoming County bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. This data will influence and be utilized in transportation planning and/or future initiatives

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027	TOTAL
FHWA PL	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
PennDOT Municipal Liquid Fuels (MLF)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local (Lycoming County)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000

# Transit Tasks - Lead Agency is River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA)

# Category 1: River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA) Administration

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#### Task 1-B: RVTA Administration

Responsible Agency: River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA)

Coordinate activities between public and private transportation providers to reduce overall operating expenses, meet RVTA's established maintenance goal for private sector utilization, and promote potential public / private partnerships.

Create marketing plans for the fixed route system, the ADA complementary paratransit service and the Williamsport Historic Trolleys to encourage additional ridership and improve the public awareness of mass transportation. Design and implement campaigns and events that include promotion on many social media platforms to encourage additional interaction and public input and participation in River Valley Transit Authority's operations. Outreach opportunities will be developed to be more involved in the community.

Utilize RVTA's accounting/financial management system and operating management information system to monitor RVTA's financial capacity and develop an ongoing financial plan.

#### **Actions & Procedures:**

- Evaluate existing and potential new service in terms of possible contracting opportunities in order to reduce overall operating expenses. (Ongoing
- Coordinate charter activities with local private carrier in response to the revised FTA Charter Service
  Regulations 49 CFR Part 604 and submit quarterly reports to FTA. (Quarterly)
- 3. Investigate contracting opportunities for demand responsive carriers to provide complementary paratransit service for RVTA to meet the ADA service requirements. (Ongoing)
- 4. Continue to utilize the private sector in several areas of vehicle maintenance, which have proven to be less costly than if RVTA provided the services directly. Meet an established goal of spending at least twenty-five percent (25%) of RVTA's maintenance budget on contracts with private enterprise. Continue to work with the private sector in terms of CNG technology on RVTA's CNG transit vehicles. (Ongoing)
- RVTA will engage local municipalities to develop long term agreements for the securement of annual local match funds as well as engagement of private enterprise to provide additional route guarantee funding when opportunity exists. (Ongoing)
- 6. RVTA continues to promote our public image and expanded range of services to attract new passengers and improve overall ridership. Marketing initiatives include timely updating and continued maintenance of RVTA's website, Digital screen advertising for bus service promotion, integrating social media with Avail Technologies FRITS system, PennDOT's Find My Ride Program, developing a social media strategy, updating RVTA's outreach programs, and creation of an annual ride guide publication. (Ongoing)
- 7. RVTA will continue to enhance communication strategies by expanding the use of our website (<a href="www.ridervt.com">www.ridervt.com</a>) and other social media outlets to expand and improve public participation activities to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to become involved in RVTA's planning and programming process including RVTA's UPWP, TIP, Six-Year Capital Improvement Program, ADA, DBE, Title VI programs as well as provide opportunities to request reasonable accommodations. (Ongoing)
- 8. Continue to promote and update RVTA's "My Ride" app, which provides bus passengers with real-time information about bus arrival and departure times at individual bus stops via online connections. (Ongoing)
- 9. To better accommodate LEP patrons, RVTA will continue to develop communication strategies to expand and improve activities to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to become involved in RVTA's planning and programming process. RVTA will analyze Census track statistical data on patrons' race, sex, national origin/limited English, age, disability, income, etc. to properly market activities to meet the needs of our customers. (Ongoing)

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- 10. RVTA will evaluate past promotional activities for the fixed route service, as well as, the marketing campaigns for bus service including Williamsport Historic Trolleys, Little League World Series, Lycoming County Fair, MLB Games, and City of Williamsport's Recreation Department. (Ongoing)
- 11. Develop a long-term financial strategy to reduce operating expenses and improve financial sustainability. Evaluate RVTA's current financial stability utilizing system wide data collected and the anticipated levels of federal, state, and local funding for the next four years. This assessment will include transit costs (capital, operating, and maintenance, modernization) to use in making service decisions. (12/31/2025)
- 12. RVTA will review our fare adjustment policy and evaluate current farebox recovery levels to identify an optimal price point for passenger fares and discounted fare media. (Ongoing)
- 13. RVTA will pursue new federal funding sources through discretionary transportation grant opportunities, as well as, state, local and other alternative funding sources for the funding of fixed route public transportation service. (Ongoing)
- 14. To reduce costs and increase employee efficiency, RVTA will increase the utilization of web-conferencing, webinars, and other electronic outreach methods in meeting public participation, as well as, employee training. (Ongoing)

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-27	TOTAL
FTA Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP)	\$19,200	\$19,200	\$38,400
Local (City of Williamsport)	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$9,600
Total	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$48,000

# **Category 2: River Valley Transit Authority Programming**

#### Task 2-B: RVTA Transit Programming

Responsible Agency: River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA)

Maintain and preserve RVTA's existing transit facilities and services consistent with WATS Long Range Plan policies and economic development efforts.

Update RVTA's time series data, ADA paratransit service data, operating data for each individual route and complete the annual National Transit Database Report.

#### **Actions & Procedures:**

- 1. Pursue projects listed on RVTA's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Transit, which includes Capital, Planning, and Operating Assistance programs and amend the current TIP when necessary. (Ongoing)
- 2. RVTA will develop an FFY 2027-2030 TIP for review and approval by the WATS Technical and Coordinating Committees. (9/30/2026)
- 3. Develop a six-year capital improvement program (2026-2032) for approval by the various funding sources to be included in the 2026 & 2027 Performance Report and Plan Updates. (6/30/2026 and 06/30/27)
- 4. Collect ridership data from the FRITS program, which provides real-time analysis of farebox data and streamlines the retrieval of farebox data, to determine ridership levels on all RVTA routes and provide a detailed examination of the efficiency, productivity, and financial performance on an individual route basis. (12/31/2024)
- 5. Collect monthly ADA paratransit passenger data. (Ongoing)
- 6. Compile the necessary statistical information needed to complete RVTA's annual National Transit Database Report for FY 2026 and FY 2027. (10/30/2026 and 10/30/2027)

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- 7. RVTA will utilize PennDOT's Capital Planning Tool (CPT) asset management system to manage RVTA's assets that include rolling stock, facilities, and equipment. This system was designed to make it easier for the Bureau of Public Transit and transit agencies to share and exchange information related to assets, projects, funding, and grants. (Ongoing)
- 8. RVTA will annually certify that all data reported is accurate by performing quality/accuracy checks of data used to calculate Act 44 grant awards. RVTA will have procedures in place to test and analyze data for quality/accuracy prior to submission into dotGrants. (Ongoing)

#### **BUDGET**

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-27	TOTAL
FTA Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP)	\$16,400	\$16,400	\$32,800
Local (City of Williamsport)	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$8,200
Total	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$41,000

# **Category 3: River Valley Transit Authority Planning**

## Task 3-B: RVTA ADA Transit Planning

Responsible Agency: River Valley Transit Authority (RVTA)

Maintain full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and DOT regulations and assure that the ADA paratransit service is responsive to the needs of its intended clients.

Monitor and update River Valley Transit's Authority (RVTA's) 2024 Performance Report and Plan Updates in terms of the overall system performance, capital improvements, service regionalization plan and the maintenance program.

Maintain compliance with the Omnibus Employee Testing Act of 1991 and Public Transportation Safety Plan requirements.

#### **Actions & Procedures:**

- Continue to meet periodically throughout the fiscal year with the WATS Transit Advisory Committee to
  provide guidance, assistance, and oversight at a policy level to RVTA, STEP, Lycoming County and the
  WATS Technical and Coordinating Committees in the interest of assuring effective and equitable
  paratransit service for persons with disabilities. The Transit Advisory Committee will review all
  transportation related projects and services to provide public involvement and outreach to all
  stakeholders in the transportation planning process, as well as, rating the transportation service being
  provided. (Ongoing)
- 2. Continue to maintain informal consultation and outreach activities regarding ADA on an ongoing basis and be responsible for (1) certifying ADA eligible clients, (2) coordinating scheduling and service delivery with STEP, (3) monitoring ridership and operating expenses on a monthly basis, and (4) providing liaison with social service agencies and advocacy groups concerning all transportation services provided by RVTA to disabled patrons. (Ongoing)
- 3. Conduct a lift use survey in which the operators record the number of times they operate the wheelchair lift/ramp during the day. (Ongoing)
- 4. Disseminate brochures and provide information on the website regarding RVTA+ to individuals and relevant organizations, counseling with individual clients and in some cases with social service agencies about particular needs of certain clients, and resolving questions and complaints regarding ADA related services. (Ongoing)

- 5. Provide voter registration opportunities for individuals with disabilities in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("motor voter law") and the 1995 Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act. (Ongoing)
- 6. Continue to coordinate with STEP on the ADA paratransit service. (Ongoing
- 7. Continue informal consultation and outreach activities regarding services for persons with disabilities. (Ongoing)
- 8. RVTA will utilized a consultant to implement a Transit Development Plan process to generate a current TDP. (12/31/2025)
- 9. Complete RVTA's 2024 Performance Report and Plan Updates to monitor RVTA's operations and performance on an ongoing basis, identify trends and issues that may affect the system in the future, and to analyze options for preserving and enhancing public transportation in the Williamsport area. (12/31/2025 and 12/31/2026)
- 10. Conduct annual customer service satisfactions surveys to receive data and identify common trends in customer satisfaction and dissatisfaction to identify potential service improvements. Utilize data from Avail Technologies *F.R.I.T.S.* (*Fixed Route Intelligent Transportation System*) technology platform to track usage patterns and monitor current route KPI to identify inefficiencies and low performing routes. Seek and evaluate alternative Fixed Route Transit models including Micro-Transit corridors to replace low performing standard fixed route service. (Ongoing)
- 11. RVTA will work on the action items identified in PennDOT's most recent Act 44 Performance Review Report. RVTA will continue implementation of the Authority's current Strategic Plan. (Ongoing)
- 12. RVTA will analyze various congestion management strategies, which include, encouraging greater use of transit services by all transportation users, establishing and promoting park-n-ride facilities from regional areas and urban fringe areas and investigate the feasibility of alternative fixed route service models. RVTA will continue to work with surrounding counties to develop and implement regional connector routes to major employers and healthcare facilities to the west and south of Lycoming County. (Ongoing)
- 13. RVTA will work with FTA and PennDOT to implement MAP-21 and Act 44 provisions including performance management measures and targets, as well as, updating RVTA's long-range transportation plan and WATS MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan. (Ongoing)
- 14. RVTA will update our six-year capital improvement program (2027-2032) to ensure a high level of quality service including the continued operation of the compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facility and the continual purchase of CNG transit vehicles. RVTA's Fixed Route rolling stock will be 98% CNG fueled by FY26. RVTA will continue to work with the PA Department of Environmental Protection to monitor and evaluate greenhouse gas emissions in our service area and apply for AFIG grants when applicable. (12/31/2026)
- 15. RVTA will schedule semi-annual public transit advisory committee meetings to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the development of all transportation program and services provided by RVTA. RVTA will continue to develop communication strategies by expanding the use of our website (<a href="www.ridervt.com">www.ridervt.com</a>) and other social media outlets to improve our public participation activities. This is to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to become involved in RVTA's planning and programming process including RVTA's UPWP, TIP, Six-Year Capital Improvement Program, ADA, DBE and Title VI programs. (Ongoing)
- 16. RVTA will coordinate transportation needs with STEP, Inc. including the provision of ADA paratransit service to maintain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). (Ongoing)
- 17. In terms of transit regionalization, RVTA will continue to manage the Endless Mountains Transportation Authority (EMTA), Bradford, Sullivan, and Tioga counties fixed route and shared ride provider. RVTA will continue to participate in seeking alternative transportation solutions for neighboring Counties and Transportation performance measures will be developed and evaluated annually for any pilot service. (Ongoing)

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- 18. RVTA will continue to update our FTA Title VI Program to remain in compliance with FTA regulations. To better accommodate LEP patrons, RVTA will develop communication strategies to expand and improve activities to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to become involved in RVTA's planning and programming process. RVTA's Title VI Program includes non-English speaking and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and low-income groups. (Ongoing)
- 19. RVTA will continue to update our FTA approved DBE Program to remain in compliance. RVTA's DBE Plan will be renewed with the beginning of FY2024. This DBE Plan contains a Small Business Participation Element and utilizes the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP). RVTA will continue to report DBE utilization semi-annually to FTA. (Ongoing)
- 20. Maintain compliance with the FTA's Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 as outlined in regulations 49 CFR Part 655 and 40, which includes Pre-Employment, Reasonable Suspicion, Random, Post-Accident, Return-to-Duty, and Follow-up. (Ongoing)
- 21. Maintain RVTA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan as required by 49 CFR Part 673. This includes a top down, organizational wide approach to managing safety risk and ensuring the effectiveness of a transit agency's safety risk mitigation. (Ongoing)
- 22. Continue to acquire safety and security equipment on RVTA transit vehicles and facilities as part of RVTA's policies related to the transit-related terrorism act. Utilize available training programs from TSA for Bus Operations and Supervisors. (Ongoing)
- 23. RVTA will continue to participate with PennDOT on safety planning activities related to highway and traffic improvements in Lycoming County and surrounding areas. (Ongoing)

#### BUDGET

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-27	TOTAL
FTA Metropolitan Planning Program (MPP)	\$27,400	\$27,400	\$54,800
Local (City of Williamsport)	\$6,850	\$6,850	\$13,700
Total	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$68,500

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# APPENDIX A: WATS Bylaws

#### **ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Williamsport Area Transportation Study, (WATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO) hereinafter referred to as the WATS MPO.

Section 2: The purpose of the WATS MPO shall be to serve as the official transportation planning organization for the County of Lycoming, designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under current and applicable federal laws and regulations. The entire geographical coverage area of the County of Lycoming, PA shall be defined as the planning area. Such federal laws and regulations establish five core functions of an MPO that include the following:

- 1. Establish a setting: Establish and manage a fair and impartial setting for effective regional decision-making in the planning area.
- 2. Identify and evaluate alternative transportation improvement options: Use data and planning methods to generate and evaluate alternatives. Planning studies and evaluations are included in the MPO Unified Planning Work Program, (UPWP).
- 3. Prepare and maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Develop and update a long range transportation plan for the planning area covering a planning horizon of at least 20 years that fosters: (1) Mobility and access for people and goods, (2) Efficient system performance and preservation, and (3) Good quality of life.
- 4. Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Develop a short-range (four-year) program of transportation improvements based on the long-range transportation plan. The TIP should be designated to achieve the area's goals, using spending, regulating, operating, management and financial tools.
- 5. Involve the public: Continually involve the general public and other affected constituencies in the essential functions listed above.

#### ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The parties hereby establish the governing body of the WATS MPO as the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee shall consist of eleven (11) voting members, as follows:

- PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Executive
- PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning
- Lycoming County Commissioner
- Lycoming County Commissioner
- Mayor, City of Williamsport
- Council Member, City of Williamsport
- River Valley Transit Authority General Manager
- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Executive Director
- Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director
- Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Representative
- Lycoming County Boroughs Representative

The PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Executive shall serve as Chair of the Coordinating Committee.

The Coordinating Committee voting members shall be designated by their respective member organizations and shall serve without term limits at the discretion of their member organizations. Each member organization shall so designate the individual(s) serving on the Coordinating Committee as their voting member(s) at the beginning of each calendar year and provide written documentation to the WATS MPO Chairman for WATS MPO files maintained by the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department. Member organizations shall also designate an alternate voting member that may vote on behalf of the designated voting member in the case where the designated voting member is unable to attend a specific meeting.

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At the final scheduled public meeting within a calendar year, the Coordinating Committee will set a public meeting schedule for the upcoming year. Prior to this meeting, the WATS Secretary will contact all Lycoming County boroughs and solicit interest in participating in the committee in the upcoming year. The WATS Secretary will present the interested boroughs and a recommendation to the WATS Technical Committee who will nominate a borough to represent the interests of all boroughs in the county to serve on the WATS Coordinating Committee. The WATS Coordinating Committee will then vote on whether to accept the recommendation of the WATS Technical Committee. A borough shall not serve as a representative on the WATS Coordinating Committee in consecutive years unless no other boroughs indicate interest. The selected borough will be responsible for designating the individual representing them on the committee. If, for any reason, the WATS Technical Committee and WATS Coordinating Committee are unable to complete this procedure at the final meeting of a calendar year the committees will complete the appointment procedure at the next practical public meeting times. The previously appointed borough will continue to serve until reappointed or another borough is appointed.

Section 2: In addition to the 11 voting members, the Coordinating Committee shall include four (4) non-voting members, as follows:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- PA Department of Community and Economic Development

Non-voting members of the Coordinating Committee shall receive WATS MPO reports and meeting notices and agendas, shall be entitled to participate in WATS MPO discussions, but shall serve without vote.

Section 3: The parties hereby establish a Technical Committee, which shall provide recommendations to the Coordinating Committee for approval related to transportation strategies, plans and projects, using technical analysis, specialized knowledge, and citizen input on specific issues. The Technical Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members, as follows:

- PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management Representative
- PennDOT Engineering District 3-0 Representative
- Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Director
- Lycoming County Planning Commission Member
- River Valley Transit Authority General Manager
- Williamsport Regional Airport Executive Director
- SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Executive Director
- STEP, Inc. Transportation Manager
- City of Williamsport Engineer/Community Development Director

The PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management Representative shall serve as Chair of the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee voting members shall be designated by their respective member organizations and shall serve without term limits at the discretion of their member organizations. Each member organization shall so designate the individual serving on the Technical Committee as their voting member at the beginning of each calendar year and provide written documentation to the WATS MPO Chairman for WATS MPO files maintained by the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department. Member organizations shall also designate an alternate voting member that may vote on behalf of the designated member in the case where the designated voting member is unable to attend a specific meeting.

At the final scheduled public meeting within a calendar year, the Technical Committee will set a public meeting schedule for the upcoming year.

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Section 4: In addition to the 9 voting members, the Technical Committee shall include four (4) non-voting members, as follows:

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- PA Department of Community and Economic Development
- Fullington Trailways Company

Non-voting members of the Technical Committee shall receive WATS reports and meeting notices and agendas, shall be entitled to participate in WATS discussions, but shall serve without vote.

Section 5: The WATS MPO Coordinating Committee may establish advisory committees, ad hoc work groups, special purpose task forces or steering committees to gather specialized experience, technical advice and input that may be needed to help carry forth transportation planning related activities under the jurisdiction of the WATS MPO transportation planning process. The WATS MPO has established a Transit Advisory Committee that is comprised of WATS members, transit providers and various social service organizations to provide input and recommendations to the WATS MPO on public transit issues and needs in Lycoming County. The WATS MPO has also established a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee comprised of public officials and private organizations and consumers to provide input and recommendations to the WATS MPO on bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility needs in Lycoming County.

Section 6: The WATS MPO has established a Transit Advisory Committee that is comprised of WATS members, transit providers and various social service organizations to provide input and recommendations to the WATS MPO on public transit issues and needs in Lycoming County.

Section 7: The WATS MPO has also established a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee comprised of public officials and private organizations and consumers to provide input and recommendations to the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee and Technical Committee on bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility needs in Lycoming County

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven (11) voting members, as follows:

- Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department Representative
- PennDOT District 3-0 Representative
- PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management Representative
- Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition Representative
- Susquehanna Valley Velo Club
- Williamsport Bicycle Club
- PTA/PTO president from a Lycoming County school district school
- River Valley Transit Authority
- STEP, Inc. Office of Aging
- Lycoming College
- Pennsylvania College of Technology

In addition to the 11 voting members, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall include six (6) non-voting members, as follows:

- SEDA-COG MPO
- Federal Highways Administration
- PennDOT Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Recreation and Parks Regional Advisor

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- Lycoming County Association of Township Officials Coordinating Committee Representative
- Lycoming County Boroughs Representative

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee voting members shall be designated by their respective member organizations and shall serve without term limits at the discretion of their member organizations. Member organizations shall also designate an alternate voting member that may vote on behalf of the designated member in the case where the designated voting member is unable to attend a specific meeting.

Non-voting members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall receive WATS reports and meeting notices and agendas, shall be entitled to participate in WATS discussions, but shall serve without vote.

#### ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

Section 1: It shall be the duty and responsibility of the WATS MPO to direct and control the policies and objectives of the transportation planning and programming process, with due regard to the requirements and recommendations of its represented agencies of government, in order to accomplish and maintain the WATS MPO's eligibility for federal and state transportation funds, and help implement the WATS MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and other plans and programs under WATS MPO responsibility.

Section 2: Actions of the WATS MPO shall be by a majority vote of designated voting members or their alternates present at a publicly held meeting and entitled to vote, provided that a quorum is present at the beginning of the meeting. For the Coordinating Committee, a voting quorum shall be met with six (6) voting members or their alternates present at the public meeting. For the Technical Committee, a voting quorum shall be met with four (4) voting members or their alternates present at the public meeting. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman of each respective committee casts the tie-breaking vote within that committee. As such, the Chair of each respective committee is counted as part of a quorum. No quorum is necessary to convene meetings of advisory committees unless determined by the Coordinating Committee.

Section 3: On occasions when formal actions need to be expedited without convening a public meeting, an electronic mail ballot and / or phone ballot may be conducted in accordance with the WATS MPO approved Public Participation Plan. The Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department staff will determine the appropriateness of the voting technique used to poll WATS voting members. The result of the vote will not be considered valid until a voting majority has been obtained. All WATS voting members will be afforded five business days to review information provided and cast their vote. The Lycoming County Planning and Community Department Staff will notify all WATS voting members of the result. The voting action will be re-affirmed by vote at the next regularly scheduled WATS MPO public meeting.

Section 4: The WATS MPO may recess into executive session only for purposes authorized under the PA Open Records Act and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Act.

#### **ARTICLE IV: PROVISIONS**

Section 1: Vacancies on the WATS MPO Coordinating or Technical Committees shall be filled by an appointment by the responsible member organization, as more fully discussed in Article II – Membership.

Section 2: Removal of any member, or their representative, of the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee or the Technical Committee, due to failure to attend meetings, or for other reasons, shall be at the discretion of the appointing authority. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings or less than 50% attendance over a twelve (12) month period will result in a letter being issued by the WATS Coordinating Committee Secretary to the appointing authority apprising them of the situation.

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#### ARTICLE V: ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Section 1: The administrative duties of the WATS MPO shall be conducted by the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department. The primary staff contact for the Department on WATS MPO administrative matters shall be the Lycoming County Transportation Supervisor who will act as WATS Secretary.

Section 2: The Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department shall be responsible for the following primary WATS MPO administrative duties.

- Develop and conduct all transportation planning work tasks contained in the WATS MPO approved Unified Planning Work Program contract that is executed between the County of Lycoming and PennDOT. The County of Lycoming may subcontract with the City of Williamsport to perform the Federal Transit Administration funded UPWP transit planning work tasks undertaken by River Valley Transit Authority.
- Schedule, publicly advertise and convene all WATS MPO public meetings, as needed, in accordance with the PA Open Records Law and WATS MPO approved Public Participation Plan. All official business of the WATS MPO will take place at publicly advertised meetings to ensure opportunity for public comment. Prepare and distribute meeting agendas and related materials for review by WATS MPO members no later than 5 calendar days prior to the public meeting. Prepare meeting minutes for distribution to WATS MPO members for review no later than 15 calendar days following the public meeting. WATS MPO will generally convene public meetings on a quarterly basis (once every three months) at the Lycoming County Commissioners Board Room, Lycoming County Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. Exceptions as to meeting dates, times and locations may be considered in order to provide timely response to actions related to WATS MPO duties and responsibilities.
- Ensure that all WATS MPO adopted plans, programs and policies are implemented.
- The WATS MPO website will be maintained at www.lyco.org.
- All WATS MPO administrative records and files shall be maintained at the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.
- WATS MPO administrative related costs borne by the County of Lycoming and the City of Williamsport shall
  be reimbursable in accordance with the WATS MPO approved UPWP related contract terms and conditions
  executed between the County of Lycoming, PennDOT and City of Williamsport.

#### ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT

Proposed amendment to these bylaws shall be reviewed by the WATS Technical Committee and then distributed to the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee for an official vote of approval by a voting majority of members present at a publicly advertised meeting convened by the WATS MPO where a voting quorum is achieved.

These foregoing bylaws were adopted by the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee at a public meeting held the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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# APPENDIX B: List of Acronyms

AADT: Annual Average Daily Traffic

AASHTO: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

ACM: Agency Coordination Meeting

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

ADT: Average Daily Traffic

ACS: American Community Survey AIP: Airport Improvement Program

ALP: Airport Layout Plan

APA: American Planning Association ARFF: Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting ARLE: Automated Red Light Enforcement

ATCT: Air Traffic Control Tower

BAMS: Bridge Asset Management System

BIL: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law BMP: Best Management Practice BMS: Bridge Management System CBD: Central Business District

CCAP: County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

CFMP: Comprehensive Freight Management Plan

CMA: Congestion Management Agency
CMAQ: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMP: Congestion Management Process

CNG: Compressed Natural Gas

COFC: Container on Flat Car

CSVT: Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project DCED: Department of Community and Economic Development DCNR: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

DEP: Department of Environmental Protection

DOI: Decade of Investment

**DVMT: Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled** 

ECMS: Engineering and Construction Management System

EJ: Environmental Justice

EMC: Emergency Management Coordinator ENS: Emergency Notification System EOC: Emergency Operations Center

EOP: Emergency Operations Plan
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
FAA: Federal Aviation Administration

FAST: Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act

FBO: Fixed Base Operator

FD: Final Design

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FFY: Federal Fiscal Year

FHWA: Federal Highways Administration FRA: Federal Railroad Administration FTA: Federal Transit Administration GIS: Geographic Information Systems

GWA: Greater Williamsport Alliance Planning Area

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HAT: Height Above Terrain

**HOP: Highway Occupancy Permit** 

HPMS: Highway Performance Monitoring System HSIP: Highway Safety Improvement Program IIJA: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

ILS: Instrument Landing System

ISTEA: Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act

IRI: International Roughness Index ITE: Institute of Transportation Engineers ITS: Intelligent Transportation System

JACIP: Joint Automated Capital Improvement Program

JRA: Joint Rail Authority (SEDA-COG)

LCPC: Lycoming County Planning Commission

LEP: Limited English Proficiency LOLD: Letter of Local Determination

LOS: Level of Service

LPN: Linking Planning & NEPA

LRTP: Long Range Transportation Plan LTAP: Local Technical Assistance Program

LUTED: Land Use, Transportation, and Economic Development

LVRR: Lycoming Valley Railroad

MALSR: Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System

MAP-21: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

MATP: Medical Assistance Transportation Program

MLF: Municipal Liquid Fuels Program MOU: Memorandum of Understanding MPC: Municipalities Planning Code

MPMS: Multimodal Project Management System

MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization

MSA: Metropolitan Statistical Area MTF: Multimodal Transportation Fund

NACTO: National Association of City Transportation Officials

NAICS: North American Industry Classification System

NBIS: National Bridge Inspection Program NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act NHPP: National Highway Performance Program

NHS: National Highway System

NIMS: National Incident Management System NPIAS: National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems

**NPS: Nonpoint Source** 

NWI: National Wetlands Inventory OPI: Overall Pavement Index P3: Public Private Partnership

PAC: Program Advisory Committee

PAMS: Pavement Asset Management System

PAPI: Precision Approach Indicators PAT: Planning Advisory Team

PCT: Pennsylvania College of Technology

PE: Preliminary Engineering

PEMA: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

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PennDOT: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation PHMC: Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

PNDI: Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory

PPP: Public Participation Plan

PSAB: Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs

PSATS: Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

PSP: Pennsylvania State Police

PUC: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

RAISE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

RLR: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement RMS: Roadway Management System ROP: Regional Operations Plan

**ROW: Right of Way** 

**RPO: Rural Planning Organization** 

RRIF: Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing

RTAP: Rail Transportation Assistance Program

**RVTA: River Valley Transit Authority** 

SAFETEA-LU: Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy For Users

SAMI: Safety and Mobility Initiative

SD: Structurally Deficient

SEDA-COG: Susquehanna Economic Development Association Council of Governments

SHSP: Strategic Highway Safety Plan SOV: Single Occupancy Vehicle

STAMPP: Systematic Techniques to Analyze and Manage PA Pavements

STC: State Transportation Commission

STIP: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

STP: Surface Transportation Program TAM: Transit Asset Management

TAP: Transportation Alternatives Program

TEA-21: Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

TIA: Transportation Impact Assessment

TIS: Transportation Impact Study

TIP: Transportation Improvement Program TMA: Transportation Management Area TMDL: Total Maximum Daily Load

TOFC: Trailer on Flat Car

TRB: Transportation Research Board

TSA: Transportation Security Administration

TSMO: Transportation System Management & Operations

TYP: Twelve-Year Program

UPWP: Unified Planning Work Program

**USDOT: United States Department of Transportation** 

VASI: Visual Approach Slope Indicators

VMT: Vehicle Miles Traveled

WATS: Williamsport Area Transportation Study

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# APPENDIX C: Resources Used to Develop Planning Priorities

# United States federal government planning priorities

United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration. MAP-21.

United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration. <u>Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or "FAST Act"</u>.

United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration. <u>Bipartisan</u> Infrastructure Law (BIL).

# Pennsylvania statewide planning priorities

PennDOT. Pennsylvania 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

PennDOT. Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

PennDOT. Comprehensive Freight Movement Plan.

# Lycoming County local planning priorities

Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development. <u>Lycoming County Comprehensive Plans</u>.

Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development. <u>Recreation, Parks,</u> Open Space & Greenway Plan.

Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development. <u>Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan</u>.

Williamsport Area Transportation Study MPO. <u>Moving in the Right Direction: Long Range</u> Transportation Plan 2018-2038.

SEDA-COG MPO and Williamsport Area Transportation Study MPO. <u>Coordinated Public Transit-</u> Human Services Transportation Plan.

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# APPENDIX D: Combined PCD/RVTA Budget Tables

The budget for WATS work program tasks in fiscal year 2025-2026 will be as follows:

WATS Work Program Tasks FY 2025-2026	FHWA PL (80%)	PennDOT MLF (9.8924%)	Local (10.1076%)	FTA MPP	Local	TOTAL
CATEGORY 1: Administration	\$99,000	\$12,242	\$12,508	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$147,750
1-A WATS MPO Administration	\$99,000	\$12,242	\$12,508	\$0	\$0	\$123,750
1-B :RVTA Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$24,000
CATEGORY 2: Transportation						
Programming	\$52,000	\$6,430	\$6,570	\$16,400	\$4,100	\$85,500
2-A WATS MPO Programming	\$52,000	\$6,430	\$6,570	\$0	\$0	\$65,000
2-B RVTA Programming	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,400	\$4,100	\$20,500
CATEGORY 3: Long Range Planning	\$35,000	\$4,328	\$4,422	\$27,400	\$6,850	\$78,000
3-A WATS MPO Long Range Planning and Implementation	\$35,000	\$4,328	\$4,422	\$0	\$0	\$43,750
3-B: ADA Transit Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,400	\$6,850	\$34,250
TOTAL	\$186,000	\$23,000	\$23,500	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$311,250
CATEGORY 4: Supplemental Tasks						
4-A LTAP	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
4-B PennDOT Connects Supplemental Funds US- 220 Safety Project Impact & Land Use Study*	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
4-C Safe & Accessible Transportation	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$71,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$257,000	\$23,000	\$23,500	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$382,250

<sup>\*</sup>FHWA SPR funds with no required local match ratio

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The budget for WATS work program tasks in fiscal year 2026-2027 will be as follows:

WATS Work Program Tasks	FHWA PL (80%)	PennDOT MLF	Local (10.1076%)	FTA MPP	Local	
FY 2026-2027	(80%)	(9.8924%)	(10.1070%)			TOTAL
CATEGORY 1: Administration	\$99,000	\$12,242	\$12,508	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$147,750
1-A WATS MPO Administration	\$99,000	\$12,242	\$12,508	\$0	\$0	\$123,750
1-B :RVTA Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$24,000
CATEGORY 2: Transportation	4	4			4	
Programming	\$52,000	\$6,430	\$6,570	\$16,400	\$4,100	\$85,500
2-A WATS MPO Programming	\$52,000	\$6,430	\$6,570	\$0	\$0	\$65,000
2-B RVTA Programming	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,400	\$4,100	\$20,500
CATEGORY 3: Long Range Planning	\$35,000	\$4,328	\$4,422	\$27,400	\$6,850	\$78,000
3-A WATS MPO Long Range Planning and Implementation	\$35,000	\$4,328	\$4,422	\$0	\$0	\$43,750
3-B: ADA Transit Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,400	\$6,850	\$34,250
TOTAL	\$186,000	\$23,000	\$23,500	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$311,250
CATEGORY 4: Supplemental Tasks						
4-A LTAP	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
4-B PennDOT Connects Supplemental Funds US-220	4	4	4.5		4-	
Safety Project Impact & Land Use Study*	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
4-C Safe & Accessible Transportation	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$71,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$257,000	\$23,000	\$23,500	\$63,000	\$15,750	\$382,250

<sup>\*</sup>FHWA SPR funds with no required local match ratio

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# APPENDIX E: Cost Allocation Plan, County of Lycoming

## **Planning Commission**

#### **Cost Allocation Plan 2020**

Cost Allocation Plan 2020					
Retirement	68,208.19		overhead		
Social Security	65,983.28		18.006%	567,056.03	Total
Medical Insurance	239,484.37	•		404,110.03	Fringe
Prescription Drugs	25,270.70				
Life Insurance	432.74		_	162,946.00	Indirect Costs
Unemployment	3,972.00		=		
Worker Compensation	758.75				
Total	404,110.03				
	404,110.03				
Personnel Expense	904,972.63	= 44.654%			
For reimbursement/budget purposes					
44.654%	71.26%	indirect			
18.006%	28.74%	fringe			
62.660%	1				
Part-time					
Social Security	65,983.28	7.291%			
Unemployment	3,972.00	0.439%			
Worker Compensation	758.75	0.084%			
	70,714.03	7.814%			
	7.814%	PT Fringe Rate			

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# APPENDIX F: WATS Salary Schedule

# Lycoming County Planning Commission Salary and Indirect Costs Rates 2020 7.814% Part time

	Salary Rate	44.654% County Fringe	18.006% County Indirect	Costing Rate	Billing Rate
Bixel, Alexa	22.614	10.098	4.072	36.784	68.000
Daily, Austin	25.720	11.485	4.631	41.836	78.000
Feigles, Edward	35.950	16.053	6.473	58.476	108.000
Fleming, Maleick	23.180	10.351	4.174	37.705	70.000
Fry, Amy	36.780	16.424	6.623	59.826	111.000
Gartelman, Christine	16.740	7.475	3.014	27.229	51.000
George, Heather	22.930	10.239	4.129	37.298	69.000
Green, Kelsey	24.560	10.967	4.422	39.949	74.000
Haas, Mark	30.860	13.780	5.557	50.197	93.000
Hodges, Christopher	24.100	10.762	4.339	39.201	73.000
Hook, Sherrie	20.230	9.034	3.643	32.906	61.000
Hubbard, David	25.950	11.588	4.673	42.210	78.000
Lavelle, John	40.550	18.107	7.301	65.959	122.000
Lehman, Heather	27.650	12.347	4.979	44.975	83.000
Lewis, Stacy	23.810	10.632	4.287	38.729	72.000
Murawski, Mark	43.940	3.433	7.912	55.285	68.000
Murphy Richard	32.830	14.660	5.911	53.401	99.000
Picciano, Jennifer	34.680	15.486	6.244	56.410	105.000
Rossman, Shannon	53.790	24.019	9.685	87.495	162.000
Strunk, Dana	21.890	9.775	3.942	35.606	66.000
Vitko, Salvatore	27.260	12.173	4.908	44.341	82.000
Williams, Scott	34.070	15.214	6.135	55.418	103.000
TOTAL STAFF	650.084	274.101	117.054	1041.239	1896.000

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# APPENDIX G: Summary of public comments

No public comments were received.

## Actions Between 11/05/2024 and 01/13/2025

#### For Williamsport

**Overall Change Amount:** 

\$183,960

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137274	11/05/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

Narrative:

WATS MPO. State Funds (185)

MPMS # 6031 & 99061 - ROW Phase. Adding both back on to TIP. Not opened on previous TIP.

68713 CON 185 Decreased by -62,315 in FFY 2025

6031 ROW 185 Add 27,605 in FFY 2025 99061 ROW 185 Add 34,710 in FFY 2025

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-62,315		
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
6031	Lycoming	4010	011	SR 4010 over Larrys Creek	ROW	\$27,605		
99061	Lycoming	4010	006	SR 4010 ov Larry's Creek	ROW	\$34,710		

Action ID Commit Date Action Type Change Amount

137284 11/05/2024 Administrative Action \$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. State Funds (185)

Increase due to Updated estimate from PM

68713 CON 185 Decreased by -10,000 in FFY 2025

88743 PE 185 Add 10,000 in FFY 2025

From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-10,000	
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
88743	Lycoming	4001	003	SR 4001 over Lt Pine Crk	PE	\$10,000	

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137375	11/08/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. State Funds (581)

MPMS # 119791 - FD Phase.

Adding phase back onto the TIP due to not obtaining environmental clearance in time to open the phase on the previous TIP.

68713 CON 581 Decreased by -30,000 in FFY 2025

119791 FD 581 Add 30,000 in FFY 2025

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-30,000		
			To: `	Williamsport/District 3-0				
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
119791	Lycoming	2039	010	3rd St to Four Mile Drive	FD	\$30,000		

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137412	11/13/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. State funds (185)

Add phase to cover WO cost increase.

68713 CON 185 Decreased by -90,000 in FFY 2025

110167 PE 185 Add 90,000 in FFY 2025

From: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-90,000
To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount
110167	Lycoming	54	101	SR 54 over Susquehanna River	PE	\$90,000

Action ID Commit Date Action Type Change Amount

137537 11/19/2024 Administrative Action \$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO, District 3-0. 100% State.

From:

68713 CON 581 Decreased by -30,000 in FFY 2025

To:

119791 FD 581 Increased by 30,000 in FFY 2025

119/91 FD 581	19/91 FD 581 Increased by 30,000 in FFY 2025						
From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-30,000	
To: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
119791	Lycoming	2039	010	3rd St to Four Mile Drive	FD	\$30,000	

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137580	11/20/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

## Narrative:

NTIER RPO. Federal Funds (NHPP)

MPMS # 99374 - CON Phase.

Increase due to Other - project is in AUC as CO deobligated too much money for the low bid.

Funding used is NHPP (Federal)

 $68713 \; \text{CON} \;\; \text{NHPP} \;\;\; \text{Decreased by -22,000} \;\; \text{in FFY 2025}$ 

99374 CON NHPP Add 22,000 in FFY 2025

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-22,000		
			To: Y	Williamsport/District 3-0				
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
99374	Lycoming	15	256	US 15 Guide Sign Upgrade	CON	\$22,000		

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137806	12/03/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

68713 CON HSIP Decreased by -255,000 in FFY 2025

93732 ROW NHPP Add 240,000 in FFY 2025 93732 UTL NHPP Add 15,000 in FFY 2025

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-255,000	
			To: `	Williamsport/District 3-0			
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
93732	Lycoming	220	122	PA 287 to West Fourth Street	UTL	\$15,000	
93732	Lycoming	220	122	PA 287 to West Fourth Street	ROW	\$240,000	

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137830	12/04/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (NHPP, HSIP)

\*Technical Correction to MA 137806\*

MA 137806 used HSIP funds from MPMS 68713. NHPP Funds were added to MPMS 93732. This MA is to correct the swap.

68713 CON HSIP Increased by 255,000 in FFY 2025 68713 CON NHPP Decreased by -255,000 in FFY 2025

From: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$0

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137928	12/11/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. State Funds (581)

MPMS # 114099 - UTL Phase.

Adding the phase based on consultation with RRX Coordinator who executed an agreement with the RR.

68713 CON 581 Decreased by -5,700 in FFY 2025

114099 UTL 581 Add 5,700 in FFY 2025

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming	-	000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-5,700	
			To: `	Williamsport/District 3-0			
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
114099	Lycoming	405	101	Second St.to Park Drive INTERIM	UTL	\$5,700	

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount	
137931	12/11/2024	Administrative Action	\$183,960	

Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (NHPP, STP)

MA NON ZERO Balance due to the addition on deobligations

Influx of deobligations

68713 CON NHPP Increased by 96,637 in FFY 2025 68713 CON STP Increased by 87,323 in FFY 2025 6096 CON STP Decreased by -87,323 in FFY 2025 - DEOB 114045 FD NHPP Decreased by -96,637 in FFY 2025 - DEOB

To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$183,960

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137941	12/11/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (NHPP)

Increase due to Updated estimate from PM

68713 CON NHPP Decreased by -50,000 in FFY 2025

From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project County S.R. Section Project Title Phase Amount							
68713	Lycoming	-	000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-50,000	
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
98940	Lycoming	2014	118	Bennet Run to Odell Road	CON	\$50,000	

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount	
137961	12/11/2024	Administrative Action	\$0	

## Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (NHPP)

Increase due to removal, by Program Center Federal Funds Management Unit, of too much funding during AC conversion.

8713 CON NHPP Decreased by -40,000 in FFY 2025 114095 CON NHPP Add 40,000 in FFY 2025

From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-40,000	
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
114095	Lycoming	220	237	Pine Creek to SR 287	CON	\$40,000	

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount
137967	12/11/2024	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

68713 CON BOF Decreased by -25,000 in FFY 2025

117923 CON BOF Add 25,000 in FFY 2025

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-25,000	
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
117923	Lycoming	1005	037	SR 1005 over Plunketts Creek	CON	\$25,000	

 Action ID
 Commit Date
 Action Type
 Change Amount

 137973
 12/12/2024
 Amendment
 \$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (CRP, CRPU)

Amendment-WATS MPO approved on 12/9/24 eSTIP approved by FHWA on 12/11/24

New project addition to the TIP using Federal Funds

68713 CON CRP Decreased by -100,000 in FFY 2027
68713 CON CRP Decreased by -70,000 in FFY 2025
68713 CON CRPU Decreased by -152,000 in FFY 2027
68713 CON CRPU Decreased by -70,000 in FFY 2025
121503 CON CRPU Add 100,000 in FFY 2027
121503 FD CRPU Add 70,000 in FFY 2025

121503 PE CRP	Add 70,000 in FF	Y 2025							
From: Williamsport/District 3-0									
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount			
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-392,000			
To: Williamsport/District 3-0									
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount			
121503	Lycoming	180	155	Market St & Maynard St Queue Preemption	CON	\$252,000			
121503	Lycoming	180	155	Market St & Maynard St Queue Preemption	PE	\$70,000			
121503	Lycoming	180	155	Market St & Maynard St Queue Preemption	FD	\$70,000			
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Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount	
138012	12/16/2024	Amendment	\$0	

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (HSIP)

Amendment-WATS MPO approved on 12/9/24 eSTIP approved by FHWA on 12/11/24

New project addition to the TIP using Federal Funds

68713 CON HSIP Decreased by -289,140 in FFY 2025 68713 CON HSIP Decreased by -1,064,000 in FFY 2026 68713 CON HSIP Decreased by -1,064,000 in FFY 2027 Decreased by -1,064,000 in FFY 2028 68713 CON HSIP 68713 CON HSIP Decreased by -199,288 in FFY 2029 120852 CON HSIP Add 301,582 in FFY 2026 120852 CON HSIP Add 1,064,000 in FFY 2027 120852 CON HSIP Add 1,064,000 in FFY 2028 120852 CON HSIP Add 199,288 in FFY 2029 120852 FD HSIP Add 420,619 in FFY 2026 120852 PE HSIP Add 289,140 in FFY 2025 120852 PE HSIP Add 341,799 in FFY 2026

	From: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-3,680,428	
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
120852	Lycoming	54	124	Lycoming Co. Lane Departures	PE	\$630,939	
120852	Lycoming	54	124	Lycoming Co. Lane Departures	FD	\$420,619	
120852	Lycoming	54	124	Lycoming Co. Lane Departures	CON	\$2,628,870	

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Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type Change Amount	
138264	01/09/2025	Administrative Action	\$0

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (NHPP, STP)

Increase phase program amount to PS&E amount

68713 CON NHPP Decreased by -6,637 in FFY 2025 68713 CON STP Decreased by -59,323 in FFY 2025 98940 CON NHPP Increased by 6,637 in FFY 2025 98940 CON STP Increased by 59 323 in FFY 2025

76940 CON 31F Increased by 59,325 In FF1 2025								
From: Williamsport/District 3-0								
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-65,960		
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount		
98940	Lycoming	2014	118	Bennet Run to Odell Road	CON	\$65,960		

Action ID	Commit Date	Action Type	Change Amount	
138269	01/10/2025	Administrative Action	\$0	

#### Narrative:

WATS MPO. Federal Funds (STP)

Increase to meet the updated estimate

68713 CON STP Decreased by -7,000 in FFY 2025 98940 CON STP Increased by 7,000 in FFY 2025

From: Williamsport/District 3-0							
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
68713	Lycoming		000	WATS TIP Reserve	CON	\$-7,000	
	To: Williamsport/District 3-0						
Project	County	S.R.	Section	Project Title	Phase	Amount	
98940	Lycoming	2014	118	Bennet Run to Odell Road	CON	\$7,000	