

# LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March 19, 2019 Public Transit Ridership Forum Meeting held at 2:00 PM at the LCTA HQ in Kingston, PA and via Facebook Live.

Present: Norm Gavlick (LCTA, ED), Frank Knorek (LCTA), and 17 online public attendees.

- An LCTA official welcomed those in attendance, provided an overview of the meeting, and stated that today's meeting would center on the public transportation funding situation facing LCTA and other similar agencies in Pennsylvania.
- An LCTA official provided an overview of the public transportation funding structure encountered in Pennsylvania (federal, state, and County/local match).
- An LCTA official provided an overview of the pending legal decision concerning the PA Turnpike lawsuit, and how the decision could seriously impact public transportation operating and capital funding.
- An LCTA official stated: "One of the outcomes of less transit funding would be the ability to replace the fleet of aging public transit vehicles, and LCTA is already seeing delayed replacement cycles for some paratransit vehicles that were due to be delivered this year."
- An LCTA official stated: "The PA State Legislature has the duty to find a sustainable funding source for public transportation, and that the LCTA website has a resource section where our riders can contact their legislators and show support for public transportation."
- An LCTA official provided an update on the status of current and proposed future transportation projects that LCTA is undertaking, to include: AVL/FRITS Project, Bus Stop Signage Project, Murray Complex Project, and Hazleton-Wilkes-Barre Connector Initiative.
- An LCTA official stated: "LCTA stakeholders will be meeting with our regional legislators at a meeting next month to show the importance of public transportation to the area economy, and be part of the solution to develop a sustainable public transit funding plan."
- LCTA officials conducted a Q&A session with the audience in attendance.
- The LCTA ED stated: "Thank you for riding, and try public transit...and bring a friend along for the ride. Thank you for your time today!"
- The next LCTA Public Transit Ridership Forum meeting will be held at a time and location to be determined.