

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Luzerne County Transportation Authority will hold a public hearing in the LCTA's Meeting Room located at 315 Northampton St. Kingston, PA on Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 at 4:00 PM. At this meeting, a proposal for a Program of Projects and a request for financial assistance under the Federal Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, will be considered. Prior to the hearing, the POP (program of projects) will be available for review at the above address from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday and on the LCTA website: www.lctabus.com

The project is for Replacement of Fixed Route Bus Video Equipment, Preventive Maintenance, Paratransit Transportation, and Tire Lease expenses. The term of the project is July 1st, 2016 to June 30th, 2017 with funds secured from Section 5307 and will take place entirely within the service area.

The estimated cost of the entire project is:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 2,440,410
State (PennDOT)	\$ 557,629
Luzerne County	\$ <u>52,473</u>
	\$ 3,706,439

The first capital item is Replacement of the Fixed Route Bus Video System:

Federal (FTA)	\$131,650
State (PennDOT)	\$32,912
Luzern County	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$760,000

The second capital item is Preventive Maintenance:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 2,000,000
State (PennDOT)	\$ 454,519
Luzerne County	\$ <u>45,481</u>
	\$ 2,500,000

The third capital item is Paratransit Transportation:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 253,760
State (PennDOT)	\$ 57,699
Luzerne County	\$ <u>5,741</u>
	\$ 317,200

The fourth capital item is Tire Lease:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 55,000
State (PennDOT)	\$ 12,499
Luzerne County	\$ <u>1,251</u>
	\$ 68,750

There are no negative impacts on the environment because of these projects. Continuation of the operation of mass transit in the LCTA service area will have a positive impact.

There are no negative effects anticipated as a result of these projects, which are in conformance with land and transportation planning in this area. All projects assist the patron and employees but do no damage to individuals, businesses and the environment.

A special fare will be charged to eligible disabled persons and a free fare for senior citizens over the age of 65 will continue to be provided during all service hours with no anticipated changes. At the hearing, the Luzerne County Transportation Authority will afford an opportunity for interested persons, agencies and private carriers to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the projects. Interested persons may submit orally, or in writing, their evidence and recommendations pertaining to said projects.

If, after review by the public and a public hearing, changes are made to the Program of Projects (POP), the revised version will be available for review at the same location and during the same hours for a period of fifteen (15) days. If no changes are made at the public hearing, the POP will become final.

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