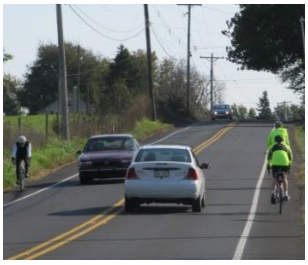
Palmyra Campbelltown Road Illustrative Future Project – LVBC Response 6/1/2020

Background/history of Palmyra Campbelltown Road

The segment between US 322 and Market Street was reconstructed and pedestrian access was was worsened.

Village of Campbelltown residents are asking South Londonderry Township to construct a sidewalk on the west side on Township property. This will not resolve the problem illustrated in the photograph. It is important to address this access for walking now.

While one section of the road was becoming less accessible for bike/ped, and others, Penn DOT County Maintenance was improving the section within North Londonderry Township and South Londonderry Township to Market Street. LVBC had worked with both the previous and present Managers. They built shoulder where there was none or expanded shoulder, and eliminated recurring large holes.



The Manager provided the following information on October 29, 2012
"Palmyra Road cost $17,000 to widen with recycled asphalt we had on hand and $91,000 to level it. We need to do the final course someday and I would estimate the cost, depending on the price of asphalt, to be $150,000 to $180,000."

With the above information, LVBC has continued to ask Penn DOT to undertake what was anticipated with the "final course". The *County Bicycle Transportation Map* identifies this road.

PennDOT County Maintenance Manager who consulted the Bike Transportation Map during his 2012 planning and made other improvements for bike/ped when he was in the position.

LVBC does not recommend a north south side path as a realistic solution for people to travel between Palmyra, North Londonderry Township (south and southeast of Palmyra) and the Village of Campbelltown.

LVBC's additional concern about the recommended project is that the term, OR, is used. This should not be an "or" recommendation. (refer to the PBIC's article)

Also, PA traffic law states that motorists are to provide four foot safe passing of a bicyclist. On high trafficked roads such as the three north south roads – S Lingle, Forge and Palmyra Campbelltown - motorists find it frequently impossible to use the oncoming travel lane to pass. Adequate shoulders on these roads will make it more comfortable, more convenient and safer for both motorists and bicyclists.

We certainly recognize the need for families, youngsters and less experienced cyclists to have access to safer alternatives.

The following is recommended.

Title: Active Transportation Network

Type: Safety

Description: Construct a phased in, active transportation network using streets, sidewalks, and off road, shared use paths to enable residents to travel by bicycling/walking/rolling among the urbanized communities of North and South Londonderry Townships, Palmyra Borough and adjoining Derry Township (Hershey). Both east-west and north-south corridors are needed.

The Main Street study that was undertaken many years ago may have useful information. LVBC had a representative who served on the stakeholders group. (excerpts provided)

The LVBC recommendation allows for a mix of facilities to "*construct a connected and accessible circulation network for active transportation users."* It also allows for this to be developed in phases to capture opportunities that arise from new or existing commercial or residential developments, assessed recreational fees, and STU funds from HATS that are provided annually to LEBCO MPO and to be spent in the Harrisburg Urban Corridor of these three municipalities.

Wayfaring signage will help visitors and new residents know the routes to reach their destinations. Pedestrians have access to sidewalks in the Borough, newer developments in South Londonderry and at least one North Londonderry subdivision which also has paths.

Reaching Hershey is a key destination for many in this area of the County. Also, residents in Palmdale/eastern section of Hershey bike and walk to destinations within the County for work or shopping; they may live in Rockledge and the only in/out is S. Lingle Avenue.

A stakeholders' session/s should be conducted to obtain input.