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Projects Recommended by LVBC Board to be included in the Update of the Lebanon County Transportation Plan

Foreword: The LVBC Board understands that 2 very critically important recommendations have been proposed by consultant Steve Chiaramonte, Lead Transportation Planner at WSP USA.

Both of these are recommendations that LVBC Board has made to LEBCO MPO since 2010; we are very pleased to have these included. These are

- Lebanon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Bicyclist – Pedestrian advisory group to LEBCO MPO

Note: The LVBC Board recommends for 2021 or sooner that either the Technical Advisory Committee or the Policy Board include a *voting representative* of the bicyclists/pedestrians' mode of transportation.

LVBC Board Infrastructure Priorities:

1. Utilize the **Lebanon County Bicycle Transportation Map** to commence work on the most critical bicycle roadways for cyclists' safety; these are the regional roads.

LVBC Board recognizes that any improvements will be linked to when PennDOT has scheduled resurfacing, rehabilitating, reconstructing. We have identified several sections that are undergoing PennDOT work presently and these opportunities should not be lost.

LVBC Board recommends that PennDOT projects that are underway now or very soon should have bicycle facilities incorporated in these projects where possible. Specific examples follow.

- A. **SR/US 422** should be made safer for the cycling public as this is the main connecting corridor between counties and is the most urbanized corridor with the greatest traffic counts.

2020: The City section of US 422 is vital for those passing through and local residents. The City section should receive immediate attention for cyclists' safety due to upcoming resurfacing.

- B. **SR 322: Through bike lanes and corresponding signage are needed at 2 intersections - SR 322 and SR 934 and SR 322 and SR 117. The signage *Begin Right Turn Lane Yield to Bikes* should be installed immediately, i.e. 2020.**

- C. **SR 72:** The short segment between the Lancaster County line and into Lebanon County needs shoulder widening due to loss of shoulder when turning lane into Speedway was constructed years ago. Urbanized SR 72 between Rocherty and through the City is very unsafe for cyclists. **2020: work to be undertaken at Isabel; work being completed at Rocherty; City resurfacing in 2020 ?** SR 72 – in Lickdale –Swatara State Park segment – rumbles installed where shoulders are not safe to use.
- D. SR 501: Between Reistville and SR/US 422 – widen shoulders for cyclists and Amish conveyances/pedestrians. Improve intersection at Reistville for sighting oncoming traffic.
- 2. **SR 419 Scenic By Way** *Background: This roadway was anticipated to be made safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to enjoy the incredible scenery. Instead, in 2013, the shoulders were diminished and travel lanes widened which leads motorists to drive faster; truck traffic is considerable. This entire roadway should be recommended for visiting cyclists and for bike fundraiser routes but the risks are too great. Past participants on Tour de Lebanon Valley complained so frequently about the conditions that this road is only used for short connections. Amish utilize considerably.*

LVBC Board recommends funding SR 419, the scenic by way, for widening shoulders especially in specific, very unsafe sections which have been identified.

- 3. **Harrisburg Urbanized Corridor:** *Background: In 2013-2014 a connectivity study was undertaken that included southwestern Lebanon County urbanized communities of Palmyra, South Londonderry Township (Campbelltown) and North Londonderry Township. Municipalities supported this effort financially. LVBC and individuals also provided funding. Nothing has been done with this study contracted with Alta Planning.*

LVBC Board recommends that representatives of the 3 Lebanon County municipalities located in the Harrisburg Urbanized Corridor, bicyclists from these municipalities, and Derry Township/Hershey be convened in 2020 to identify on road and off road facilities that will enable residents to travel by bicycling or walking between these communities. This is a critically important transportation project that could lessen use of private vehicles and create healthy opportunities for people of all ages.
(this work can be incorporated into a county bike ped plan)

- 4. **LVBC Board recommends that Palmyra Campbelltown Road should have shoulder widening ASAP.**
Background: When PennDOT County Maintenance built a shoulder with recycled asphalt on this roadway in 2012 at our urging, LVBC was advised that with adequate funds, County Maintenance could increase the shoulder width within ROW with additional recycled material. Present shoulders are now deteriorating. Of the 3 connecting roads – S Lingle, Forge and Palmyra-Campbelltown, the latter offers the best option.

5. **Non Compliant Rumbles SR 443** – The edge line rumbles were installed where there is not four foot shoulder to the right in spite of Penn DOT's policy which was in effect at this time.

LVBC Board recommends that the non compliant rumbles on SR 443 be removed, especially in the most risky locations.

(Note Non compliant rumbles are on Butler Road; County Maintenance indicates that a project will incorporate removing these between 322 and Mine Road when resurfacing takes place; date may be 2022)

Non Infrastructure LVBC Board Recommendation

Education of bicyclists is critically important.

Background: In September, 2011, Lebanon County Planning Department and LVBC partnered to hold a meeting of relevant parties including police departments, FASP, School Districts, YMCA, municipalities, Safe Kids Lebanon County and others.



There was no further action.

LVBC led an education campaign in 2018 and 2019 at an approximate cost of \$15,000. Lebanon County Planning Department assisted LVBC financially in airing local radio PSAs to educate both motorists and bicyclists.

LVBC Board recommends that LEBCO MPO / Lebanon County Planning convene relevant parties to develop a county wide education safety campaign for bicyclists.