



LANCASTER COUNTY
PLANNING

**Pequea Valley Regional Comp Plan
Committee Meeting – Connecting People, Place, and Opportunity**

Salisbury Township Municipal Building
Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees

Lancaster County Planning Department

Sharon Cino, Gary Jones, Sam McMinn

Partners

David Thompson (Paradise Township), Kirsten Peachey (Salisbury Township), Damian Clawser (Salisbury Township), Rich Eby (Pequea Valley School District), Christopher Slaymaker, Frank Howe (Leacock Township), Wally Hockensmith (Paradise Township), Mike Sensenig (Leacock Township), Dale Hershey (Paradise Township), Chris Beiler (Salisbury Township)

Welcome / Introduction | Sharon Cino

- The Together Initiative Network (TIN) group invited us to their quarterly meeting on August 28 to talk about housing challenges facing the Pequea Valley region. This group consist of local nonprofits, churches, school district, business, medical groups, and local township municipal leaders.
- Demographic information was provided showing changes from the 2010 to 2020 census. This data will be included in the new plan appendix.
- Top jobs and industries in the region include construction, manufacturing, retail trade, healthcare, social assistance, and accommodation/food services.
- Jobs in this region are generally located in growth areas.
- Countywide, we need to improve safety, increase pedestrian and bicycle connections, and provide more options for public transit.
- Lancaster County MPO is preparing a [Safety Action Plan](#). This plan will include countywide crash data and public input. The next public input opportunity closest to the area will be held at the Gordonville Mud Sale on September 21. A comment was made about sharing the PV handout at the same event.
- Municipal needs from the TIP were discussed, including the resurfacing of the roadway from east of Carriage Drive to US 3 South Vintage Road. Other improvements include wider shoulders on PA 741 and non-motorized user improvements on PA 741.

Transportation Concerns Map Exercise | Sam McMinn, Gary Jones

- There are concerns about traffic on the PA 741 bridge that crosses Amtrak near PA 41.
- There is a need for more walkable commercial centers at the location of Old Leacock between Gordonville and Fairview Groceries in Paradise.
- Residents sit in traffic when traveling through White Horse to Lancaster City.
- A traffic signal is needed at the intersection of Singer Avenue and US 30.
- Improvements are needed at the intersection of US 30, Paradise Lane, and Leacock Road.
- There is a sight distance concern at Hershey Avenue and cutting through Clark Mechanical parking lot.
- There is a need for improvements at the intersection of PA 340 at Queen Road.
- A traffic signal is needed at the intersection of South New Holland and PA 772 south of Pequea Valley High School. The school experiences frequent truck traffic from Tyson.
- Additional connections are needed between Clearview Road (western Intercourse) and Center Street (around Barry's Car Barn and Hooper, Inc.).
- A traffic study was completed for Leacock Township. There is concern about truck traffic from truck inspections that are being performed on US 30. Trucks are avoiding the inspection area by using PA 340.
- The region needs help deterring trucks from using side streets. Navigation Apps like Waze and Google Maps frequently lead trucks to low clearance underpasses such as the Vintage Road Amtrak underpass near the US 30 interchange, PA 741 at PA 41. Map applications do not consider bottlenecks, obstacles, weight restricted bridges, and low clearance underpasses when generating routes.
- Gap Fire Company is exploring a move to a more accessible location that would reduce response times. Currently, volunteers must travel on congested roads to get to the fire station.
- MK Builders is having difficulty developing land and transportation connections from Vintage Road and Mcilvaine Road. There are no roadway connections to US 30.
- The region should create more of a network of service roads to attract investment. Official maps are a tool that could help achieve this.
- Future connector roads should be determined in the early planning stages.
- It may be difficult to relocate roads if Paradis Quarry expands in the future.
- US 30 could be redeveloped to be more tourist-friendly.

Survey Update | Sharon Cino

- The survey has nearly 300 survey responses and will remain open until September 30.

Next Steps | Sharon Cino

- The next meeting is scheduled for October or early November.
- The topic of discussion will be Growing Responsibly.