

Appendix F Summary of Public Comment

During the September 15 – October 30, 2023 Draft 2023-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Comment Period the WATS MPO implemented an extensive public outreach program in compliance with the WATS MPO Public Participation Plan. This public outreach included mailings and utilizing the WATS MPO social media accounts to inform the public about the Draft 2023-2045 LRTP.

The MPO sent emails and post cards to all Lycoming County municipalities and agencies/organizations listed on the MPO Public Participation Plan Interested Party List. The MPO instructed interested parties and the public that physical copies of the Draft 2023 – 2045 LRTP were available at the WATS MPO office, upon request, and anyone interested in obtaining a physical copy should contact the MPO directly to have a copy mailed to them.

During the 30-day Public Comment Period, the MPO posted 10 separate posts on Facebook, 10 separate posts on Instagram, and 10 separate tweets on Twitter. These posts included information on the different aspects of the Draft 2023 – 2045 LRTP as well as reminders of when the Public Comment Period closes, where interested residents can find more information regarding the Draft 2023 – 2045 LRTP, and where to direct questions/comments.

In addition, the MPO received public comment from residents with questions on the Draft 2023 – 2045 LRTP, which are listed below.

Comment No. 1: Michele Greene contacted WATS MPO and asked that a copy of the draft 2023 – 2045 LRTP be mailed to her home.

Action Taken: MPO staff mailed a copy of the draft 2023 – 2045 LRTP to Ms. Greene.

Comment No. 2: Michele Greene contacted WATS MPO and stated that STEP, Inc. held a listening session by the PA Dept. of Aging. Part of the listening session dealt with transportation issues that elderly residents face.

Action Taken: MPO staff contacted STEP, Inc. to receive a copy of the feedback from the PA Dept. of Aging listening session.

Comment No. 3: As a component of the 2023 – 45 LRTP update, the Lycoming County Commissioners and WATS MPO solicited public input on perceived safety issues. A list of these concerns can be found in the [Illustrative Projects section](#) of the LRTP

Action Taken: The MPO will coordinate with the facility owners to determine potential future projects to address these concerns.