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**WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY MPO TRANSIT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2025
TIME: 2:00 PM
PLACE: Lyco. Conference Room
Lycoming County Third Street Plaza, 3rd Floor
33 W. Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Virtual Option: Dial-In Number: 1 (267) 332-8737
Conference Code: 655 355 956#
[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Mrochko

MINUTES:

May 15, 2025 Mrochko

PUBLIC COMMENT Mrochko

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Introductions / Meeting Purpose Mrochko
- River Valley Transit Authority Service Update Vitko
- STEP, Inc. Service Update Merk
 - Veterans Services
 - Facility Update
 - Find My Ride Schedule
 - STEP Service Update
- WATS MPO
 - 2027–2030 TIP Update Mrochko
 - WATS MPO staffing update Mrochko
- Consumer Comments Group

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT Mrochko

ADJOURN Mrochko

All meeting materials also available on [WATS MPO Website \(http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees\)](http://www.lyco.org/WATS-MPO/Committees). The May 15, 2025 WATS Transit Advisory Committee meeting will be recorded. This information is a public record and may be subject to public inspection and duplication if not protected by federal or state law.

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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2025 at 2:00 Transit Advisory Committee Teleconference Public Meeting: Held at 33 W. Third Street, 3rd Floor, Lyco Conference, Williamsport, PA 17701 and various locations via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Sal performed roll call for meeting attendees and informed them that the meeting is being recorded.

MINUTES

October 17, 2024 Transit Advisory Committee Public Meeting

Sal asked if there were any issues or questions on the October 17, 2024 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions / Meeting Purpose

- **Meeting Purpose**-Sal Vitko gave a brief overview of the WATS Transit Advisory Committee's purpose. The TA is a standing WATS advisory committee that assists and provides feedback to the WATS Tech. and Coordinating Committees. The TA meets twice a year and is a forum for the public to learn about transit initiatives and to voice concerns or praise on transit related issues/services.
- **River Valley Transit Authority Service Update**-Cameron Serafini stated that their ridership will exceed 800,000 which is their highest since Covid. The Token transit app is at approx. 13,000 fares per month. This week is rider appreciation week and they are holding drawings for passes. March was Driver Appreciation Month. Tri – annual review is coming up the last week in May. They will be expanding their board from 5 members to 7 members. Once the review is over, they will be working with SVT Consultants for the Transit Development Plan. RVTA is updating their fleet, 3 CNG buses on order now and by 2026 100% CNG buses. They are looking at more app-based fare collection options.
- **Step, Inc Service Update**- Dan Merk stated that effective April 28th 2025 they launched Find My Ride application. Users will be able to go onto the application and schedule their own trips without having to call into and speak with STEP staff member. The new system will provide self service options that riders did not have access to in the past. They can track the trip and cancel if needed. Dan stated that this update will assist with transportation access and allow Clinton/Lycoming County

agencies to help schedule rides. Dan stated they average 3,500 calls a month. The new transportation garage by Williamsport Ford is currently being constructed. They were hit with catalytic convertor theft on approximately 20 of their vehicles. They partnered with RVTA to temporarily use their parking lot. The new building will house the vehicles, small offices, and training space. Estimated completion date is April 2026. A Clinton County project is the Designated Stop Program. It includes 3 fixed routes to increase service

- ***WATS MPO-*** Sal stated that the TIP Update will be getting underway soon. Sal will be starting with RVTA on May 27 2025. Austin will be starting with the City of Williamsport on Monday. Jenny stated the County has extended 2 offers to the new transportation planners. Once they begin she will be in touch to committee members with their contact information.
- ***Consumer Comments*** – UPMC Outpatient Care is hopeful to partner with STEP and RVTA to provide transportation. Don from SEDA-COG stated at their last meeting Danielle from Bureau of Public Transit presented on lack of funding for public transit and the future. They are looking at different options for future fares and funding. He also mentioned about reconvening the Share Ride Piolet Steering Committee. He wished Sal and Austin the best of luck in their new positions.
- Sal asked if there were any other comments, hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED 2026 PUBLIC MEETING DATE SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME
May 21, 2026	2:00 PM
October 15, 2026	2:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION ADDRESS (if in-person meetings will be held):

Lyco. Conference Room
Lycoming County Third Street Plaza Building, 3rd Floor
33 West Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

In the event that an in-person meeting is not feasible, the WATS MPO will provide detailed information on a virtual meeting option.

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