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WILLIAMSPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY MPO TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
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: 564 839 128#
[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Mrochko

MINUTES:

October 16, 2025..... Mrochko

PUBLIC COMMENT..... Mrochko

AGENDA ITEMS:

- PA WalkWorks PresentationSamantha Pearson
- River Valley Transit Authority Service Update..... Vitko
- STEP, Inc. Service Update..... Merk
- WATS MPO..... Mrochko

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 20, 2026 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

October 16, 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

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

MINUTES

May 15, 2024 Transit Advisory Committee Public Meeting

Emily asked if there were any issues or questions on the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions / Meeting Purpose

- **Meeting Purpose-** Emily gave a brief overview of the WATS Transit Advisory Committee's purpose.
- **River Valley Transit Authority Service Update-** Sal Vitko was present to provide an update. The transit development plan should be getting started early November. He will be reaching out to individuals to be on the steering committee. RVTA is working with the City of Williamsport, PennDOT and Larson Design Group on the bus stop at 3rd and Chestnut Streets and improvements that can be made at that stop. Ridership from January through October is 682,000. They have a 97% accuracy rating for their route schedules. He will be traveling to California with Todd to look at the new buses. They should be delivered in December. A new bus wash and water reclamation facility will be installed at their Third Street location. Bicycle surveys will be conducted twice in 2026. The Central PA Healthcare Coalition reached out regarding transit assistance in the event of a disaster. Finally, they are working with the County and PennDOT on the TIP update.
- **Step, Inc Service Update-** Dan Merk was present to provide an update. The Veteran's Services program is winding down and will end in November. They will reapply for another grant but if they receive it, they cannot begin Veteran rides again until July 2026. Their new facility is planned to be completed in April 2026. They have bi-weekly onsite meetings. The Find My Ride scheduler is now expanding to cross

county trips through the system. Trips are up 3% in Lycoming County and up 2% overall.

- **WATS MPO**- Emily stated that the TIP Update is underway and they are waiting on list of projects and data from Central office. She stated that she is now the sole transportation planner for the MPO and will be for the foreseeable future.
- **Consumer Comments** – None
- **Other business/Public Comments** – Emily proposed the 2026 meeting dates which will be May 20 and October 14, 2026. Emily discussed the NEVI program ask from PennDOT Central Office. Steve Herman from SEDA-COG reported on Rabbit transit and how their micro transit has expanded to fulfill requests. They are also working on their TIP update. Sal spoke on Code Blue shelters and demographic gaps, such as ages 60-64 and young unemployed individuals with access to public transit. Dan mentioned that if they are registered with the Dept of Aging they can obtain ride passes but many fall through the gaps.
- Emily asked if there were any other comments, hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.