

\$137 Million Done, \$159 Million Underway

By Matt Assad, Managing Editor

LEHIGH VALLEY - Who hasn't driven into a construction zone and muttered to themselves "does there have to be construction everywhere?"

The answer to that is well, yes, and that's not such a bad thing because it's necessary to keep the transportation network flowing.

The year 2019 was a productive year on the Lehigh Valley's roadways, as crews completed \$137.7 million in construction projects, while continuing work on another \$159 million worth of road, bridge and transit projects along some of the region's busiest roadways.

That includes Route 22, which handles more than 100,000 cars a day. That's where the \$101.5 million bridge over the Lehigh River opened ahead of schedule last fall, widening the region's busiest bottleneck. The project is part of a Route 22 renewal program that's relieved congestion by extending interchange lanes from MacArthur Road, through the Fullerton interchange, and across the Lehigh River.



Other completed projects include \$4 million worth of safety barriers installed along medians on Routes 33 and 222 and the \$6 million Freidensville Road Bridge over the Saucon Creek.

Some big projects that remain underway include the \$39 million Coplay-Northampton Bridge, the \$31.6 million Tilghman Street Bridge project and the \$24 million reconstruction of Route 100 in Upper Macungie Township.

"Our road network is seeing more vehicle miles traveled by Lehigh Valley drivers every year," said LVPC Director of Transportation Planning and Data Management Charlie Doyle. "It's important that we keep up with the maintenance and improvement

schedule because our transportation network is the lifeblood of our economy."

The LVPC helps administrate the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study, which serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. All of the projects are part of the current \$534 million 2019-2022 TIP. The TIP is updated every two years and a new \$430 million 2021-2024 TIP is scheduled to be adopted this summer.

The money was spent on projects by entities that include the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Lehigh County, Northampton County and municipal governments. Other funds for projects completed in 2019 included some of these:

- \$7.2 million for milling and pavement repairs on the Interstate 78 passing lanes throughout Lehigh and Northampton counties.
- \$37,000 for a congestion detection system on the off-ramp from Route 222 at Route 100.
- A slate of 12 line items totaling more than \$159 million of investment are still under construction or ongoing as part of the current four-year, \$534 million TIP that runs through 2022. Included among them is:
 - \$39 million for the Coplay-Northampton Bridge, to be completed this winter.
 - \$31.7 million to replace the Tilghman Street Bridge, to be completed in Allentown in the summer of 2021.
 - \$24.9 million to reconstruct Route 100, from Industrial Boulevard to Tilghman Street.
 - \$14.7 million to repave Route 22 in Bethlehem Township, between Bethman Road and Farmersville Road, including the ramps at Route 33. Completion is set for the fall of 2020.
 - \$14.6 million for the Route 29 Bridge over the Reading Railroad line in Upper Milford Township.
 - \$13.4 million to repair or preserve bridges throughout Lehigh and Northampton counties.
 - \$7 million to rehabilitate two Route 248 bridges across tributaries to Hokendauqua Creek in Moore Township.
 - \$6.5 million to fund the Freeway Service Patrols that prevent congestion by removing disabled vehicles along Route 22 and Interstate 78.
 - \$3.8 million to repair the Route 248 Bridge over the east branch of Monocacy Creek in Upper Nazareth Township.
 - \$2.1 million to diamond groove sections of Interstate 78 and Route 309 throughout Lehigh County, to improve skid resistance and improve safety.
 - \$1.2 million to improve intersections and streetscapes in Coopersburg Borough's business district.
 - \$503,000 to preserve Delabole Road Bridge over Greenwalk Creek.

*Includes money allocated over past 10 years

The progress report and a comprehensive Listing of Obligated Transportation Projects are done annually by PennDOT and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.

The full report of TIP Accomplishments and the 2019 Listing of Obligated Projects can be found at <https://lvpc.org/transportation-programs.html>

The current full 2019-2022 TIP, with estimated costs and schedules for more than 100 projects, is available at <http://lvpc.org/tip.html>



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 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/ Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-3966, www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville will hold a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April 28th. We would appreciate your help in advertising this year's event without cost to the church.

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
 Thurs., Feb. 13 -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Sat., Feb. 15 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting Sun., Feb. 16 -8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Children's Church -10:30 a.m. Adult Forum Pastor Dave Goss (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message (610) 588-3896 www.ebumc.org

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 Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer, 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am Family Fellowship, 9:30am Intercessory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, www.faccpa.org

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1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr. 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service. Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736, www.flccbangor.com.

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First United Methodist Church
55 N. Third St., Bangor
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am, Communion first Sunday of month, Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

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 1337 Lower South Main Street

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 Sunday School at 9:30 AM
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 All are welcome!

God's Missionary Church of Northampton
4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329), Northampton, PA

Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm, Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister. (610) 262-4412. <http://GMC-N.com>

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5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
 Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am Service/Communion, 10:15am SS, 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum. (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist
404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.org

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 Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM; Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

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 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Almanzar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

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 (See Church Website)
 Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM
 Holy Days (See Church Website)
 Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm. Sunday School starts at 8:30am (September-May) Sunday Service- 9:45am Holy Communion is served weekly. All are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor

Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl

Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided), 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis. (570) 664-4603.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth.

Delete Sunday school Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m. St. Brigid's Episcopal Church 310 Madison Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-746-3910 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish

300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl

Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

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12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl

Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal

1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor

Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service.

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast

471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)

SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Cecelia Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal

340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap

Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows

service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

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720 Delaware Avenue
 Portland, PA 18351
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Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLGC)
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