



**LANtaBus and LANtaVan
PROPOSED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS
Federal Fiscal Year FY 2024**

- A. LANtaBus is the name of the fixed-route, public transportation system operated by LANTA. The Authority plans to continue LANtaBus services at current levels. The LANtaBus system continues to operate with emergency multi-ride fare discounts. The FY 2024 operating budget for the LANtaBus system includes a fare restoration strategy to address these discounts.
- B. LANtaVan is the name of the Authority's division which arranges transportation services for people with disabilities in the LANtaVan service area who are unable to use regular, fixed route transit services. The Authority has no plans for a fare increase or fare restructuring for LANtaVan services in FY 2024.
- C. Funds for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Program of Projects will be sought through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funding programs Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area Formula Funds, Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Funds of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in the amount of \$7.459 million as apportioned to the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA; Phillipsburg, NJ urbanized area (PA portion) for transit projects through FFY 2024. Approximately \$960,000 of funding under the Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program and approximately \$700,000 of funding under the Federal Section 5310 program is also being sought. Matching funds are provided through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well as through Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania for a total program budget of \$15.73 million. The FFY 2024 Program of Projects is described below. Line items will be funded through a combination of the sources noted above:

Project	Total	Federal
Bus Rolling Stock	7,378,965	2,768,692
Ten (10) Replacement Buses	5,331,465	1,870,692
Associated Capital Maintenance Items	150,000	120,000
Replacement Paratransit Vehicles (LANtaVan)	1,800,000	700,000
Replacement Non-Revenue Service Vehicles	97,500	78,000
OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS	6,450,250	5,160,200
Preventive Maintenance – Vehicles & Facilities	5,500,000	4,400,000
ADA Paratransit Service Capitalization	950,250	760,200
Bus Support Equipment and Facilities	800,000	640,000
Facility Improvements and Equipment	600,000	480,000
Signs, Shelters & Enhancements	200,000	160,000
ITS & Other Security	1,101,600	550,800
Facility Security Contractor	1,101,600	550,800
	15,730,815	9,119,692

- D. There will be no significant environmental impacts; the projects are in conformance with the guidelines of the Clean Air Act of 1990.
- E. The items being presented at the hearing have been approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study, (LVTS), and are part of the certified Transportation Improvement Program for the Lehigh Valley. The project conforms to comprehensive land use and transportation planning within Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Through the MPO, Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are being sought to underwrite the cost of capital projects.
- F. This project is necessary for the general welfare of the elderly and people with disabilities and transportation schedules have been and will continue to be developed to generally service areas where such persons reside. The project will also be used to continue a coordinated specialized paratransit system designed to provide service to semi ambulatory persons and those confined to wheelchairs to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Senior citizens 65 years of age or older ride public transit free of charge. People with disabilities, certified as eligible, ride LANTaBus for one half the cash fare. LANTA also has other discount fare programs for frequent riders as well as people with mobility-related disabilities.

A copy of the Proposed Program of Projects and the Transit Element of the Transportation Improvement Program for the Lehigh Valley is available at lantabus.com/public-notice/ and can be sent to any member of the public upon request. To request a copy of these documents, please call 610-253-8333, write to LANTA, Rider Resources Department, 60 West Broad Street, Suite 100 Bethlehem, PA 18018; or email customerservice@lantabus.com. This material can be made available to persons with disabilities in alternative medium upon request.

If any member of the public would like to comment on the program of projects as shown, comments must be received in writing by Friday June 9, 2023 to be considered by the LANTA's Board of Directors prior to adopting the FFY 2024 program of projects as presented. Comments can be submitted by email at customerservice@lantabus.com, by mail at LANTA, 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103 Attn: Executive Director; or by calling 610-435-4517. The LANTA Board of Directors will consider the proposed program for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2023.

If no substantial changes are adopted by the LANTA Board as a result of a review of the information gathered through this public comment period, the program of projects will be implemented as outlined here, a second public notice will not be issued, and the program shown will be final.