



Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority

LANTA Board Meeting

Agenda

October 7, 2025

1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Public Comment
 4. Approval of the Minutes – September 9, 2025 Board Meeting
 5. Report of the Chair
 6. Report of Committees
 - A. Finance – Matt Malozi
 - i. Items for consideration of approval:
 - a. Ratification of Actions Taken During Executive Session
 - B. Administration & Safety – Sheila Alvarado
 - C. Service Support & Planning – Kim Schaffer
 - D. Service Delivery & Accessibility – Iris Linares
 7. Other Items
 8. Adjournment
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

September 29, 2025

Owen O'Neil, Executive Director
Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority
1060 Lehigh Street
Allentown, PA 18103

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

This letter is in response to Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority's (LANTA) letter dated September 15, 2025 requesting the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (Department) approval of a one-time use of state capital assistance funding under 74 Pa.C.S. § 1514 to fund LANTA operations. LANTA is requesting \$24 million to support its operations for two years.

Section 427.6(b) of the Department's Regulations, 67 Pa. Code § 427.6(b), allows the use, with Department approval, of capital assistance funds for operating assistance to prevent one or more of the following:

- to prevent a reduction in service.
- to prevent an unreasonable fare increase.
- to prevent a projected one-time unbalanced operating budget.

The use of capital assistance funds for operating assistance must include a written justification supporting that the proposed one-time use of capital funds for operating assistance will not result in the deferral of any important capital project that could have been funded if the capital funds were not transferred to operations.

As stated in your letter, LANTA does not receive a statutorily specified allocation of capital assistance funding. However, LANTA does receive competitively awarded funding under 74 Pa.C.S. § 1514 (c) to match federal capital funding and other specified projects, like rolling stock and facility maintenance.

LANTA is facing a \$12 million annual operating budget deficit as a result of several factors, including service expansion to support population and economic growth in the region and stabilization of the Shared Ride program with operating funds. Without additional financial support, LANTA has indicated they will have to reduce service on fixed route buses by 40 percent, reduce the availability of Shared Ride, and significantly increase fares across all modes beginning in January 2026.

The Department is reviewing LANTA's FY 25-26 capital assistance grant and other information necessary to make a decision on this request. I hope to have a determination or recommendation in the very near future.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Biggica, Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, at 717.787.8197 or mebiggica@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Carroll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Carroll" clearly distinguishable.

Michael B. Carroll
Secretary of Transportation



**Joint LANTA Finance Committee and
Administration & Safety Committee**

**Agenda
October 7, 2025**

Finance Committee

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Report on Initiatives
 - A. State Funding Update
 - B. Upcoming Schedule of Public Meetings/Communications Regarding Service and Fare Actions
 - C. FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Preparation
 - D. Valley Ride Fare Collection System Implementation Update
5. Adjournment

Administration & Safety Committee

1. Call to Order
 2. Administration & Safety Dashboard
 3. Procurements
 - A. Update – Advertising Vendor Services RFP
 4. Report on Initiatives
 - A. APC Equipment FTA Recertification
 - B. Upcoming General Safety Meetings
 - C. PennDOT Act 44 Management Review
 5. Other Items
 6. Adjournment
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Preliminary Service and Fare Change Public Announcements and Meetings Schedule

Annual Survey – released on or before October 13, 2025 and run through November 14, 2025.

Service Reduction Scenarios

- Implementation January 26, 2026.
- Potential Scenarios – 5% reduction, or 20% reduction dependent upon funding situation.
- Public Meeting to be held week of November 17 (Thursday November 20 at latest).
- Legal Ad to be published 30 days prior to meeting date (week of 10/17).
- Posting of public meeting announcement on buses 21 days prior (week of 10/27).
- Scenarios will be presented to the Board at the Service Support & Planning Committee on November 11. Both scenarios may need to be presented depending upon the information we have at the time regarding PennDOT's approval of LANTA's stabilization request.
- Information regarding the scenarios (either the selected scenario or both depending upon information available at the time) will be posted on the LANTA website for public review after the Service Support & Planning Committee meeting to provide some public review time prior to the public meeting.

Fare Increase – Fixed Route

- Early March 2026 implementation, to coincide with Phase 2 of Valley Ride implementation.
- Disparate Impact/Disproportionate Burden Analysis of the proposed fare increase to be presented to the Board at the Service Delivery & Accessibility Committee meeting on December 9.
- Legal Ad for fixed route fare increase public meeting to be published after the December 9 Board meeting.
- Public meeting for fare increase to be held mid-January (date to be determined).

Fare/CoPay Increase – Lottery Shared Ride Program

- Tentative implementation date – March 1, 2026 or later if necessary.
- Public meetings may be held simultaneously with fixed route fare increase public meeting or possibly as a separate process.



Administration & Safety Committee Dashboard

Monday, 10/06/2025

LANTA employees count as of 10/06/2025 below.

Union Employees	Count	Percentage
Male	154	69.36%
Female	68	30.64%
Total	222	100%
Non-Union Employees		
Male	40	50.63%
Female	39	49.37%
Total	79	100%
All LANTA Employees		
Male	194	64.45%
Female	107	35.55%
Total	301	100%

Open Positions: Currently LANTA has the following open positions:

- None

Internal Training Update: List of internal trainings that were completed in August 2025:

- New employee training Operations and Maintenance – 0
- Recertifications – 24
- Retraining – 0
- Ride-Alongs – 44
- Endorsement Trainings – 0
- Safety Meetings - 0