



COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA TRANSIT SYSTEM

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING MINUTES

JULY 8, 2026 AT 11:00AM

FORMAT: HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM)

Members Present:

Keri Savage, Tim McGrath, Mike Danchak, Zain Rabbani, Kelly Matone, Bill Schoen, Doug Hein, Kristin Xanthis, Keith Williams, and Una David.

Presenters:

Tyler Beduhn & Vickie Karandrikas, Kimley-Horn

Michael Danchak, Chief Finance Officer of COLTS

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) met on July 8, 2026, to discuss updates to the committee's structure, receive presentations on the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and proposed Shared Ride fare adjustments, and review recent service enhancements, including the PNC Field CrowdMover.

Welcome and COLTS Updates

The meeting opened with updates on current COLTS initiatives, community outreach efforts, and upcoming events. Members were provided with information on recent agency activities and opportunities to continue engaging with riders and community stakeholders.

Citizens' Advisory Committee Framework

The Committee reviewed a revised mission, purpose, and guiding principles designed to foster a more collaborative and discussion-focused environment. Members discussed transitioning away from formal parliamentary procedures in favor of a consensus-based approach that encourages open dialogue and meaningful public participation.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to utilize consensus-based decision-making for future recommendations and discussions.

Transit Development Plan (TDP)

Representatives from Kimley-Horn, the consulting firm leading COLTS' Transit Development Plan, presented an overview of the planning process and project timeline.

The presentation included:

- An overview of the Transit Development Plan and its objectives.

- The current status of the project.
- Upcoming stakeholder interviews.
- Public surveys and community engagement opportunities.
- Opportunities for riders and community members to participate throughout the planning process.

Committee members discussed the importance of gathering meaningful public input to help shape future transit services and improve mobility throughout Lackawanna County.

Shared Ride Program Update

Michael Danchak presented information regarding the proposed Shared Ride fare adjustment. The presentation reviewed the reasons for the proposed fare increase, including rising operating costs and the continued need to provide safe, reliable, and high-quality transportation services. The proposal applies only to General Public Shared Ride fares and Persons with Disabilities (PwD) co-pay fares; no changes are proposed for MATP or other subsidized transportation programs. Members also reviewed the public comment process and anticipated implementation timeline.

PNC Field CrowdMover Update

The Committee received an update on the expanded PNC Field CrowdMover service. Staff distributed the updated route information and discussed service enhancements designed to improve access to RailRiders games.

The updated service provides transportation between Jessup Park & Ride, Lackawanna College, the Lackawanna Transit Center, Skyview Park, Hilltop Manor, and PNC Field for \$1.75 per trip, with both inbound and outbound service available on game days. The Committee discussed the route, operating schedule, and continued outreach efforts to promote the service to the community.

Open Discussion

Committee members shared rider experiences and discussed transportation needs throughout their communities. Additional discussion focused on identifying future service improvement opportunities and topics for upcoming CAC meetings.

Next Meeting

The Citizens' Advisory Committee will continue meeting quarterly to provide community input and assist COLTS in improving transportation services throughout Lackawanna County. Future meeting dates and agendas will be announced on the COLTS website and social media channels.

The next Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting is anticipated to be held during the second week of October 2026, with the specific date and time to be announced.