

# **Borough of Lewisburg Transportation Goals and Objectives**

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The transportation plan is a living document that guides short- and long-term transportation decisions to achieve a sustainable transportation system for Lewisburg. It is periodically reviewed and updated to reflect changing community needs.

The strategic transportation planning process should involve all community stakeholders, build and maintain relationships between residents, business owners, and visitors to the Borough. It should maintain quality relationships with other Borough committees, neighboring communities, SEDACOG, PennDOT, and other regional organizations.

### **Goal 1: Vehicular traffic flow should be compatible with adjacent land uses, safe for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, as free flowing as possible, and within the capacity of the street network.**

- Objective 1.1: Discourage non-local traffic from using residential streets
- Objective 1.2: Discourage large commercial through traffic from using Market Street
- Objective 1.3: Encourage drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
- Objective 1.4: Encourage drivers to operate within posted speed limits
- Objective 1.5: Encourage bicycle travel
- Objective 1.6: Control excessive traffic noise, vibrations, and air pollution
- Objective 1.7: Ensure that traffic control devices provide for safe and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians
- Objective 1.8: Ensure that the transportation system supports rapid emergency response services and facilitates snow removal, street cleaning, and other maintenance activities

### **Goal 2: The transportation system should encourage and support the alternative transport modes of walking and bicycling.**

- Objective 2.1: Provide for safe movement of children to schools, libraries, parks, and community facilities
- Objective 2.2: Ensure good pedestrian visibility during the day and at night
- Objective 2.3: Shorten pedestrian crossing distances where needed to reduce crossing times and exposures
- Objective 2.4: Maintain sidewalk and roadway surfaces to ensure safe pedestrian and bicycle mobility
- Objective 2.5: Provide pedestrian facilities that are accessible to people with disabilities

**Goal 3: Physical traffic calming measures and signage, educational programs, and police enforcement should be used to encourage safe and courteous travel behavior.**

- Objective 3.1: Use bulb-outs, textured crosswalks, and other traffic calming measures to encourage safer driving
- Objective 3.2: Develop and implement educational programs for drivers, pedestrians, and bikers to create a safe, harmonious street environment
- Objective 3.3: Develop with the Lewisburg Police Department an enforcement program that supplements and reinforces the physical and educational actions taken to create a safe street environment
- Objective 3.4: Modify existing signage and create new signage to encourage safe and courteous driver behavior

**Goal 4: Transportation design elements must enhance and support the community's resources.**

- Objective 4.1: Explore the potential of local environmental resources, including waterways, visible landforms and regional amenities to inform the transportation network and guide its future growth, and encourage future riverfront enhancements while protecting river resources
- Objective 4.2: Enhance linkages and provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access among existing and potential formal recreational facilities both within and beyond the Borough boundaries, as well as support residents' efforts to make use of the existing transportation network for non-automotive exercise and recreation
- Objective 4.3: Maintain and reinforce the walkable, small town, historical character of existing streets, sidewalks, paths and network as a whole; and promote pedestrian-scale community at every opportunity, including making connections across, though not along Route 15
- Objective 4.4: Investigate and adopt practices that minimize traffic-related damage to historic properties in the Borough
- Objective 4.5: Design the transportation system to enhance the aesthetic quality of Lewisburg
- Objective 4.6: Provide consistent, compatible, and complementary transitions between residential neighborhoods and commercial districts

**Goal 5: The transportation system in Lewisburg must be supportive of, and be fully integrated with, the economic growth of the downtown.**

- Objective 5.1: Develop a distinctive, consistent signage theme including gateway signs to encourage motorists to visit downtown
- Objective 5.2: Maintain easy accessibility to downtown for motorists and pedestrians
- Objective 5.3: Ensure that transportation improvements sustain an inviting downtown ambiance
- Objective 5.4: Provide accessibility for commercial vehicles servicing downtown businesses including delivery zones in commercial areas that are convenient, safe, and not intrusive

**Goal 6: Parking resources should be managed to meet the needs of residents, shoppers, merchants, shippers, workers, and visitors.**

Objective 6.1: Provide highly visible distinctive signage to encourage visitors to use municipal lots

Objective 6.2: Encourage downtown employees, business owners, and apartment residents to leave Market Street parking for customers and clients by educating them about alternative parking areas and the importance of customer parking to downtown vitality

Objective 6.3: Establish an on-going parking educational program for new residents, employees, and visitors

Objective 6.4: Develop with the Lewisburg Police Department an effective and consistent parking enforcement plan

Objective 6.5: Provide adequate parking for recreational facilities

**Goal 7: Financial resources should be adequate to provide needed transportation enhancements and on-going maintenance for existing facilities.**

Objective 7.1: Use state and federal grants whenever possible to fund transportation enhancements

Objective 7.2: Explore the use of public-private partnerships to fund transportation enhancements

Objective 7.3: Create a short-term (2-year) and long-term (5-year) budget for operations and maintenance of Borough-owned transportation facilities