



**LANtaBus and LANtaVan  
PROPOSED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS  
Federal Fiscal Year FY 2019**

- 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. No changes are planned for fare levels for LANtaBus service in FY 2019, however, the FY 2019 operating budget does include the elimination of LANTA’s student fare which is to be replaced by discounted passes sold in area schools.
  
- 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. No fare increase or restructuring for LANtaVan services is planned in FY 2019 at this time but may be pursued during the fiscal year depending upon financial performance of the system.
  
- C. Funds for the FFY 2019 Program of Projects will be sought through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funding programs Section 5307, 5339 & 5340 of the FAST Act in the amount of \$9.126 million as apportioned to the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA; Phillipsburg, NJ urbanized area (PA portion) for transit projects through FFY 2019. Approximately \$960,000 of funding under the Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program and approximately \$663,000 of funding under the Federal Section 5310 program is also being sought. Matching funds are provided through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 89 funding as well as through Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania for a total program budget of \$13.44 million. The FFY 2019 Program of Projects is described below. Line items will be funded through a combination of the sources noted above:

Project	Total
<b>Bus Rolling Stock</b>	<b>6,624,390</b>
Six (6) Replacement 40-FT Buses CNG	3,182,400
Four (4) Replacement 35-FT Buses CNG	2,103,240
Associated Capital Maintenance Items	450,000
Replacement Paratransit Vehicles (LANtaVan)	828,750
Replacement Non-Revenue Service Vehicles	60,000
<b>OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS</b>	<b>5,900,000</b>
Preventive Maintenance – Vehicles & Facilities	5,050,000
ADA Paratransit Service Capitalization	850,000
<b>Bus Support Equipment and Facilities</b>	<b>750,000</b>
Facility Improvements and Equipment	730,000
Signs, Shelters & Enhancements	20,000
<b>ITS &amp; Other Security</b>	<b>161,860</b>
Computers & Related Technology Equipment	161,860
	<b>13,436,250</b>

- 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, Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds or Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are being sought to underwrite the cost of capital projects not covered by FTA funds available to the Lehigh Valley.
- F. This program of projects 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.

The proposed Program of Projects (POP) for FFY 2019 will be presented by the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) at a public hearing in the Community Room on the second floor of the LANTA Allentown Office, 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA, on Friday May 11, 2018 at 12:00 noon, for the purpose of reviewing LANTA's plans for continuing LANTaBus and LANTaVan public transportation services and the Program of Projects FFY 2019 for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration.

***If no substantial changes are adopted by the LANTA Board as a result of a review of the information gathered through this public hearing process, the program of projects will be implemented as outlined here, a second public notice will not be issued and the program presented on May 11 will be final.***