

Legal Aspects:

As part of the effort to encourage public participation in planning for public transportation services, the Authority holds a public hearing annually. The purpose of the hearing is to review the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority's plans for services and the grants being sought from federal, state and local county sources to underwrite expenses.

Today's hearing will deal with LANTA's capital and operating program for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Included in the hearing presentation will be a review of LANTA's capital program for both the LANtaBus and LANtaVan service divisions as well as any anticipated changes to operating service levels or fare structure.

If anyone here wishes to make a statement, a comment or contribute testimony, we ask that you please indicate this on the attendance list we have made available near the entrance to this room.

We ask that you reserve statements, comments or questions until after the formal statement.

When called upon, please state your full name and address and any organizational affiliation you wish to make known before making your statement. Testimony will be accepted in all standard forms of communication: written, recorded, or others. All comments made today and those received by Monday, June 4, 2018 will be considered as official testimony on the record of this hearing and will be reviewed by the LANTA Board of Directors.

Comments may also be submitted by phone by calling 610-776-7433 or by mail at 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103. LANTA is also accepting comments received by electronic means either through its e-mail address (customerservice@lantabus.com) or through the on line comment form on its Internet Web Site at lantabus.com. We believe that this is an important means of letting people who are unable to attend this meeting, make their opinions known.

In addition to affording the general public an opportunity to meet with the Authority in an open forum, this hearing meets certain requirements for funding of transportation operations under Federal Transit Program, Fixing America's Surface Transportation

(FAST) Act and the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Assistance Legislation, Act 89 of 2013.

To alert the public about this hearing, advertisements appeared in the legal notice section of the Allentown Morning Call, on Wednesday, April 11 and Friday, April 27, 2017. Prior to this meeting, notices were posted on LANTA's web site, social media accounts, on all LANTA buses as well as at LANTA's transit centers in both English and Spanish.

Following the recording of all statements, the floor will be open for general questions and comments.

The LANTA Board of Directors will review all comments received through this process and adjust its plans and programs as appropriate. If however, there are no significant changes to the program outlined here today, the program will be implemented as presented with no additional public hearings.

Finally, if anyone here today or anyone who is unable to attend this hearing wishes to comment in writing, such testimony will be accepted as part of the record of this hearing if received on or before June 4, 2018, at the LANTA offices in Allentown and or Palmer Township or by phone or electronic means.

Now, the public hearing statement will be read.