



MOVING *MERCER*

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Steering Committee Meeting #3
March 10, 2026

Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Planning Process**
- **Project Schedule**
- **Vision, Goals and Strategies**
- **LRTP Revenue Projections**
- **Project Development Workshop and Next Steps**

Planning Process

Discovery Phase

(July 2025 - December 2025)

- Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Demographic and Socioeconomic Analysis
- Transportation System Needs
- Future Land Use

Solutions Phase

(January 2026 - May 2026)

- Goals and Strategies
- Continuing Projects
- Candidate(new) Projects
- Prioritize Projects
- Investment Plan
- Draft Project List



Confirmation Phase

(June 2026 – September 2026)

- Investment and Demographic Analysis
- Agency Coordination
- Public Comment Period on Draft Plan
- Plan Adoption (September 2026)

Project Schedule





Vision Statement

Mercer County's transportation system is safe, well-maintained and accessible for everyone. It will facilitate the growth of livable, walkable communities. It supports the County's economy and recreational assets through a network of multimodal connections that foster sustainable growth and connect both urban and rural county residents to opportunity.

Draft Goals



The Transportation Network will Support Economic Growth and Vitality



Municipalities and Agencies Work Together to Address Regional Issues



Quality of Life is Enhanced through Multimodal Connections



The Transportation System is Reliable, Safe and Well Maintained

Draft Goals, Strategies and Actions



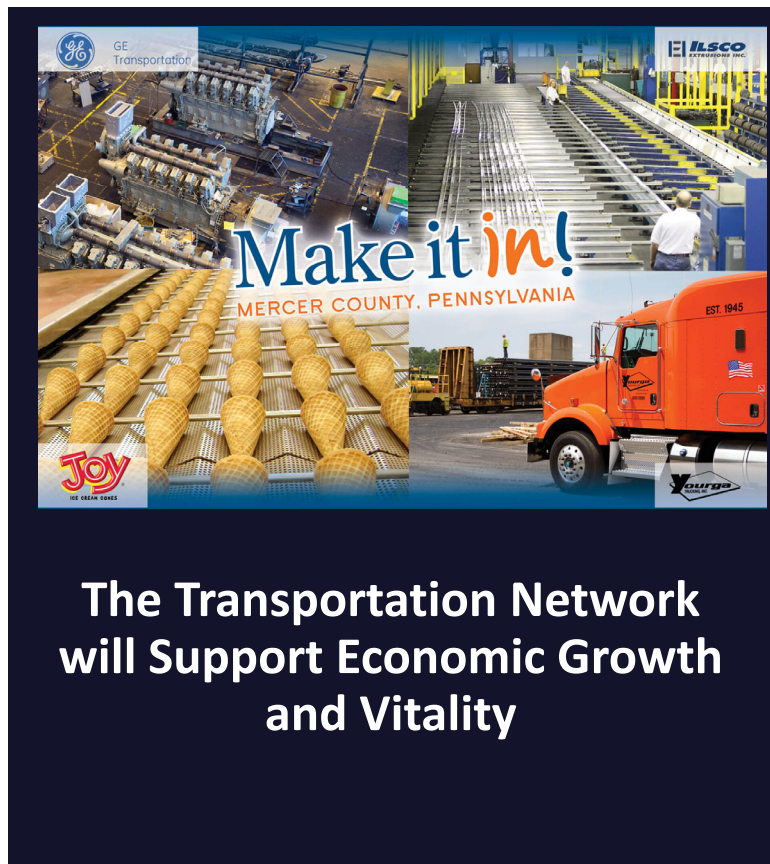
Strategy: Proactively address freight traffic impacts when considering new freight generator development

Action: Establish a freight working group to facilitate discussions between municipalities, developers and PennDOT to proactively understand and address roadway impacts.

Action: Pursue supplemental PennDOT planning funds to examine freight movement, bottlenecks, parking and truck routing in the County.

Strategy: Work with the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), high-speed internet providers and stakeholders to assist in the implementation of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program projects to connect all unserved and underserved locations in Mercer County.

Draft Goals, Strategies and Actions



Action: Reduce local barriers to deployment by coordinating and streamlining local permitting regulations and supporting regional infrastructure planning to reduce redundant construction. Work closely with the PBDA and providers to ensure accurate mapping and local engagement.

Strategy: *Revitalize downtowns and main street corridors*

Action: Work with partners to improve mobility, accessibility and livability in downtown and main street corridors to foster economic growth and to attract new residents. Improvements should be centered around pedestrian mobility, ADA accessibility, public realm and streetscape improvements, wayfinding, and events and programming.

Action: Develop public-private partnerships to develop and implement community specific improvements, pursue funding and explore financing mechanisms

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Maintained

Strategy: *Improve safety and security for motorized and non-motorized modes*

Action: Develop a County-wide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing and eventually eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

Strategy: *Prioritize Transportation System Preservation*

Action: Utilize available asset management tools (currently BAMS and PAMS) to evaluate bridge and pavement needs.

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Strategy: *Leverage new and emerging technologies when upgrading traffic signals and ITS systems*

Action: Work with PennDOT to identify potential corridors suitable for adaptive traffic signal systems and other ITS systems such as CCTV, DMS, Variable Speed Limits, etc. Coordination on major routes (I-80, I-79, I-376, US-62,)

Strategy: *Continue to implement the recommendations of the Regional Operation Plan (ROP)*

Action: Work with PennDOT to support opportunities to pursue discretionary funding to implement high-priority ROP recommendations

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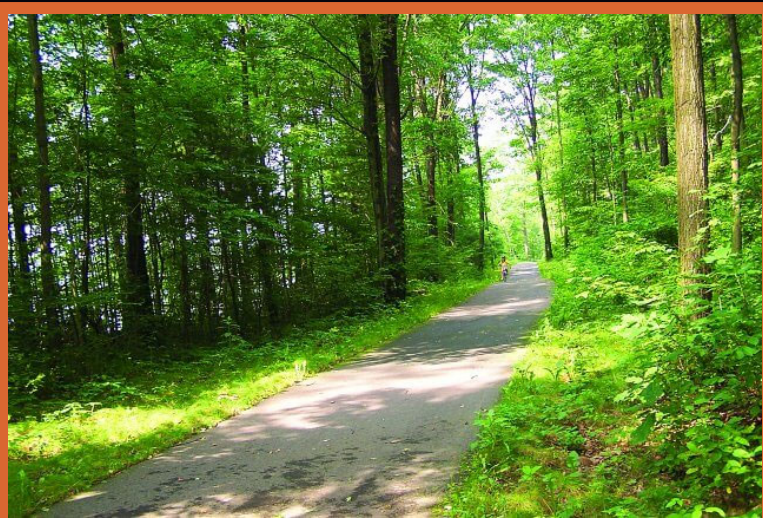
Strategy: Provide safe, reliable and high-quality transit service that is accessible, widely available, and connects people to essential destinations and economic opportunities.

Action: Work with partners to implement the Improved and Enhanced Service Plan recommendations of the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service (SVSS) Transit Development Plan to provide fixed route services in areas that meet the minimum density threshold.

Action: Assist MCRCOG in pursuing funding to advance the proposed bus stop enhancements, beginning with a systemwide bus stop improvement plan.

Action: Work with partners to implement recommendations in the Mercer County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.

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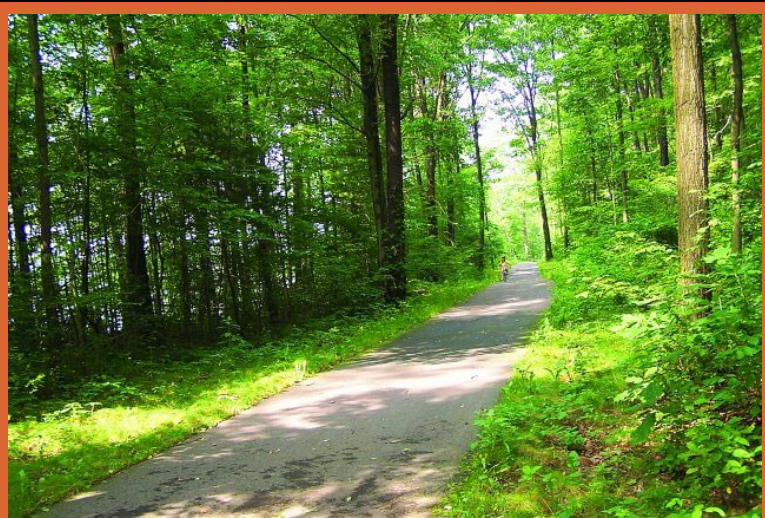
Strategy: *Prioritize multimodal connectivity and accessibility throughout the County*

Action: Pursue discretionary planning funds to develop a County-wide active transportation plan to analyze the potential, feasibility and support systems needed for connecting both urban and rural communities and neighborhoods to the larger county-wide and regional trail networks and to fill in gaps in the existing network.

Action: Explore pilot micromobility programs in communities, such as Sharon, Grove City and Greenville, to enhance mobility in urban areas, and around colleges and universities.

Action: Develop a standing SVATS committee to guide the planning and implementation process for improvements to the active transportation network in the County.

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Strategy: *Ensure pedestrian infrastructure is considered in all new developments*

Action: Work with local governments to update development ordinances, as necessary, to consider pedestrian infrastructure in all new developments.

Strategy: *Enhance tourism, recreational opportunities and access to natural resources*

Action: Expand the regional trail network through strategic connections to interregional and statewide networks such as the Pittsburgh to Erie Trail and the North Country Trail. Work with railroads, PennDOT, and landowners to secure easements for dedicated trail right-of-way.

Action: Explore trail town designations for Jamestown, Greenville and Sharpsville.

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**Municipalities and Agencies
Work Together to Address
Regional Issues**

Strategy: Promote Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) as a Technical Resource for Local Governments

Action: Poll local governments to determine what resources are needed to support municipal planning initiatives in the County. Develop staff skills and programs such as grant writing, data analysis and mapping, community and transportation planning as needed to support local governments.

Strategy: Develop multi-municipal partnerships to pursue discretionary funding for priority projects

Action: Convene municipal officials and other community and business leaders to form a standing funding group to lead the development of discretionary funding applications. Utilize the goals, strategies and projects contained in the LRTP and the Comprehensive Plan to guide the project selection process.

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Strategy: Promote resiliency and environmental stewardship through collaboration and coordination

Action: Employ a multi-municipal approach to address stormwater management by establishing regional, watershed based, stormwater consortiums that coordinate planning, funding, and implementation of stormwater management and green infrastructure projects and programs. These consortiums can be used as models to address other, multi-municipal resiliency, environmental, recreational or transportation/development issues.

Strategy: Enhance incident management through increased coordination

Action: Establish a standing Incident Management Coordination Committee to discuss and formulate strategies to increase efficiencies and address deficiencies through coordination and shared services.

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Strategy: *Work collaboratively to determine the most suitable locations for potential technology and AI driven businesses*

Action: Inventory and market brownfield or grayfield sites that are suitable for technology and AI driven businesses. Prioritize sites that have access to water and energy, and that minimize negative impacts to the environment, the transportation network, and communities.

Strategy: *Continue to collaborate with municipalities and partners to site EV charging stations for the NEVI Program and where stations provide the greatest benefit to the County.*

Action: Prioritize future community charging locations within urban, mixed use and employment and commerce centers.

Highway/Bridge Program Revenue Estimates

Phase I (2027-2030 TIP)

- \$76,142,000

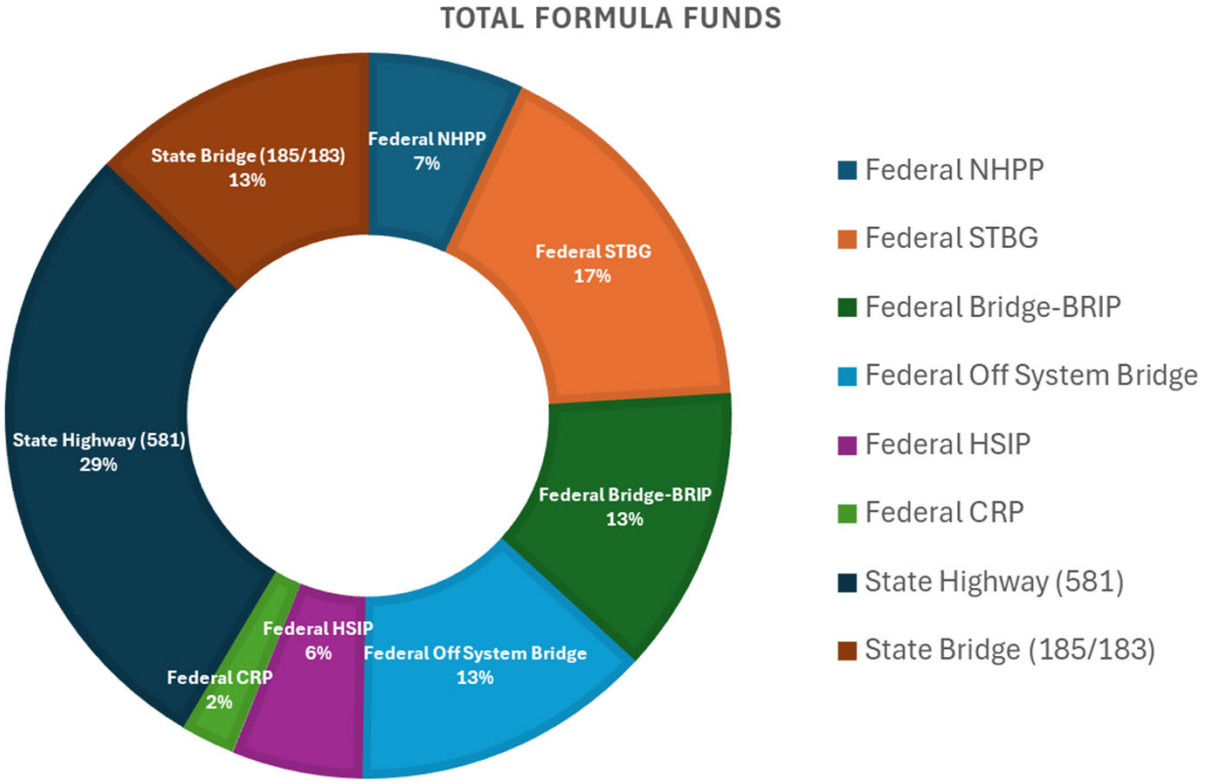
Phase II (2031-2038)

- \$155,342,000

Phase III (2039-2050)

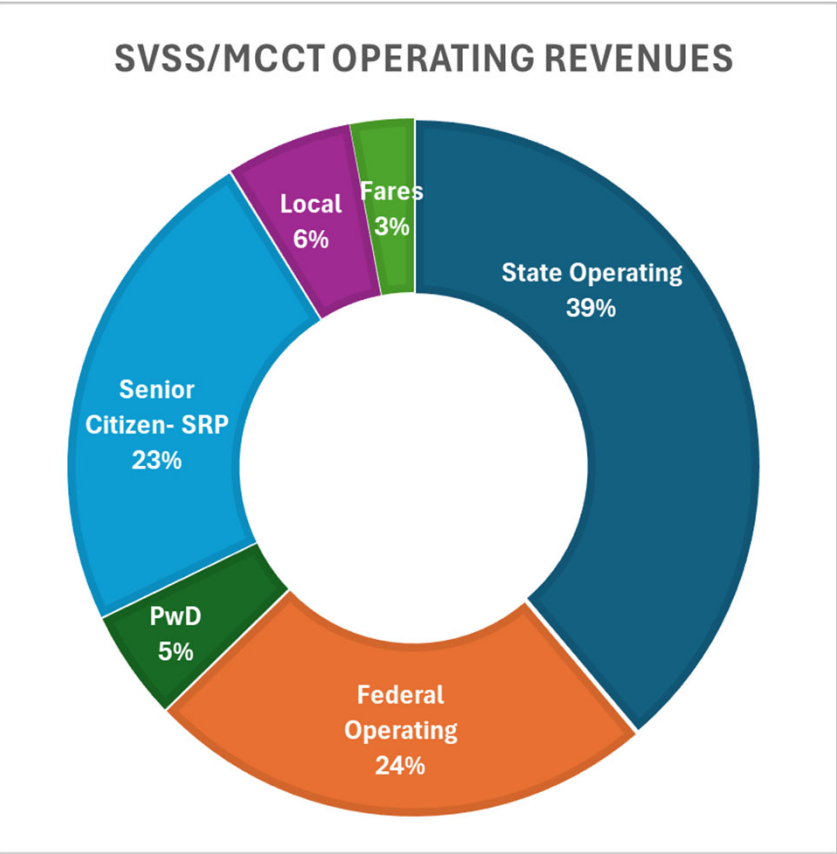
- \$232,956,000

TOTAL: \$464,440,000



Public Transit Program Revenue Estimates

Operating	Capital
Phase I (2027-2030 TIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11,735,000 	Phase I (2027-2030 TIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4,698,000
Phase II (2031-2038) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$23,757,000 	Phase II (2031-2038) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9,440,000
Phase III (2039-2050) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$36,706,000 	Phase III (2039-2050) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$14,415,000
TOTAL: \$72,198,000	TOTAL: \$28,553,000



Next Steps

Spring 2026:

- Workshop: April 21, 10:00am-12:00pm (in-person)
 - ✓ Review Project Lists
 - ✓ Project Prioritization
 - ✓ Investment Plan
- Community Demographic Analysis

Summer 2026:

- Agency Coordination Meeting, (July 22nd)
- Air Quality Conformity Determination (June)
- Round 2 of public engagement:
 - ✓ Public Meeting (Date TBD)
 - ✓ 30-day Comment Period (August 3rd- September 1st)
- Finalize Plan for adoption on September 15, 2026.



Thank You!