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Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS)

FFY 2027-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Agency Coordination Meeting
December 10, 2025



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LRTP Overview

- Update to FFY 2023-2045 LRTP, adopted 2022
- LRTP Steering Committee
- Public outreach
- Fiscally constrained
- Addresses the 10 Federal planning factors

Federal Planning Factors
Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
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Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvement and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
Promote efficient system management and operation.
Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.
Enhance travel and tourism.

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LRTP Steering Committee Participating Organizations

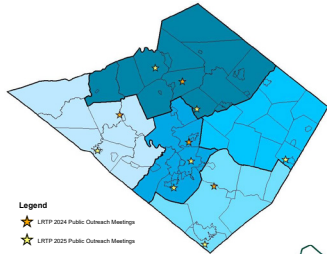
Berks County Planning Commission	Reading Area Transportation Study	Federal Highway Administration	Federal Transit Administration	PennDOT District 5-0
PennDOT Central	South Central Transit Authority	Reading Regional Airport Authority	Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority	Schuylkill River Greenways Association
Abilities in Motion	Greater Reading Chamber Alliance	Freight Representatives (Penske, Burns Logistics)		



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Public Outreach

- 2 rounds of initial public outreach – total of 14 meetings
- 165 responses from STC 12 – Year Program Update survey
- Municipality solicitation – 6 project request responses
- Agency Coordination Meeting – 12/10/25
- Minimum of 2 public meetings during public comment period – April 2026



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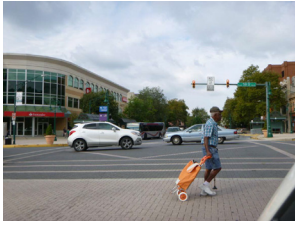
- ★ LRTP 2024 Public Outreach Meetings
- ★ LRTP 2025 Public Outreach Meetings



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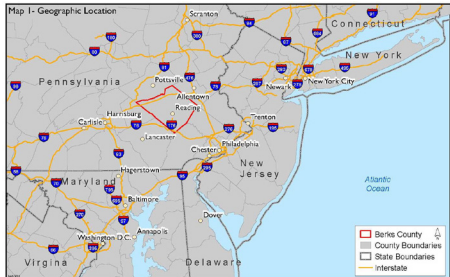
LRTP Goals

- Keep travelers safe and secure, for all modes of transportation
- Maintain and improve the existing multimodal transportation system and services within fiscal constraints.
- Invest in projects that strengthen and enhance economic development and tourism opportunities.
- Give travelers a variety of well-designed transportation choices that are in good condition.
- Enhance the County transportation system to address environmental impacts.



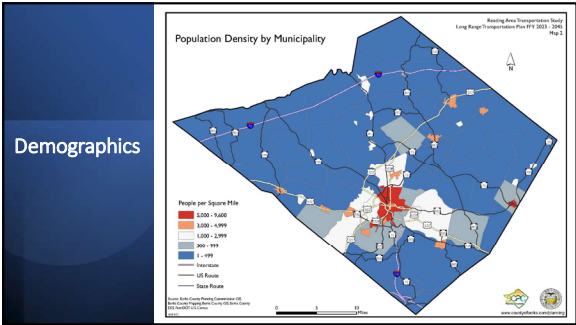

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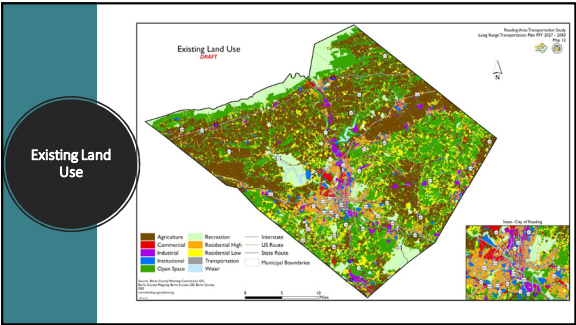



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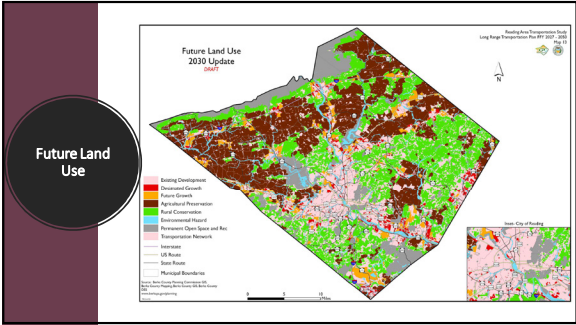
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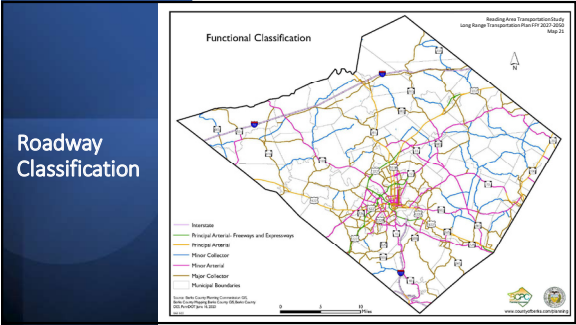
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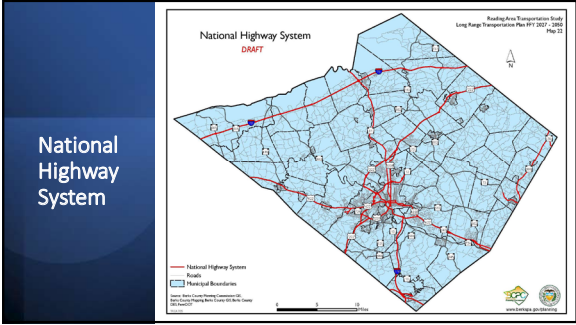
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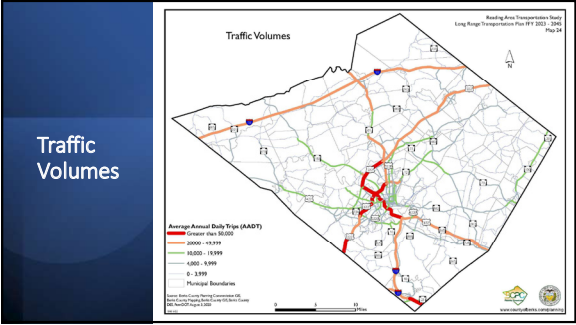
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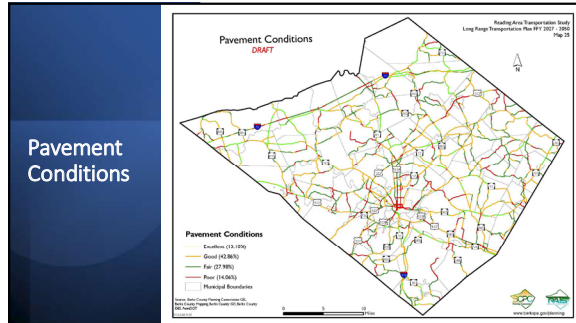


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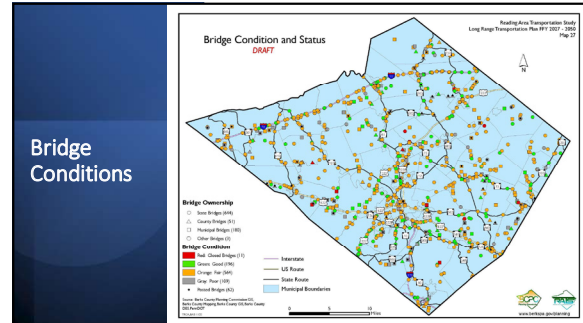


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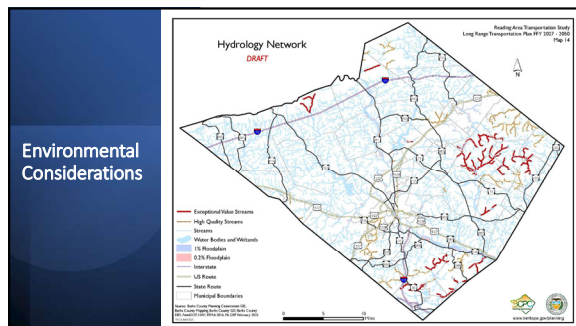
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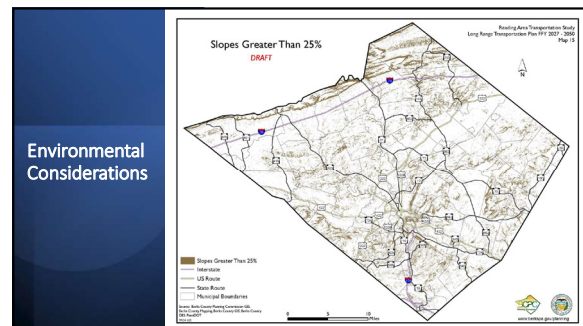
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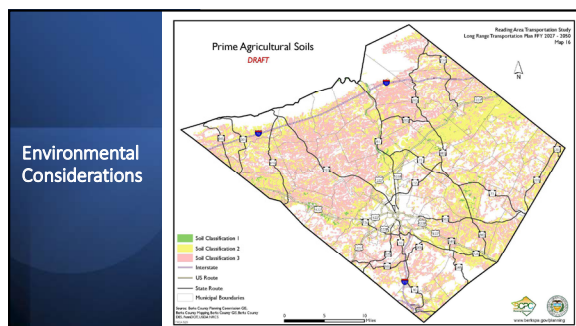
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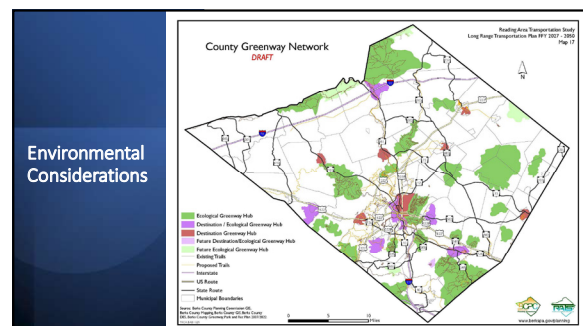
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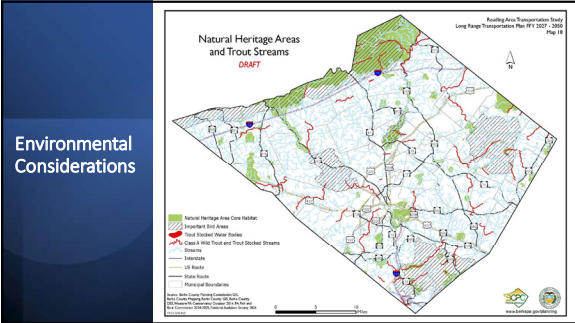


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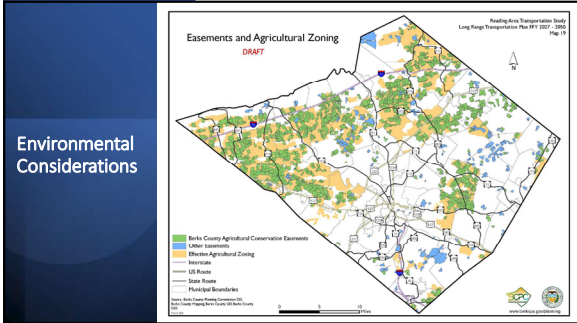


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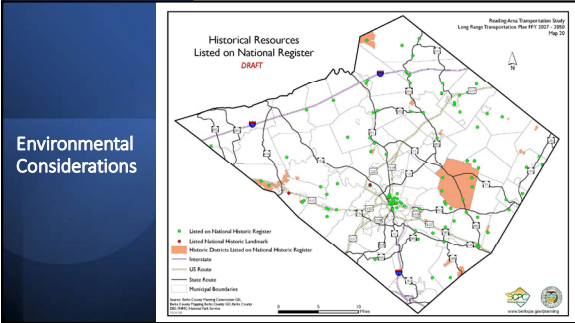
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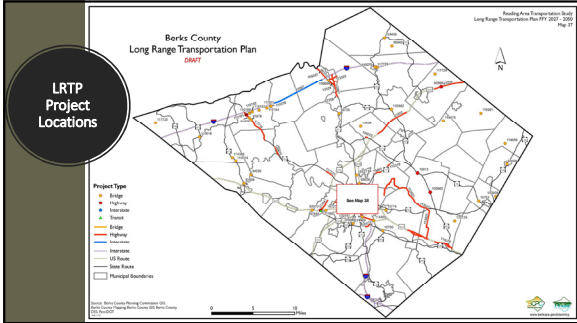
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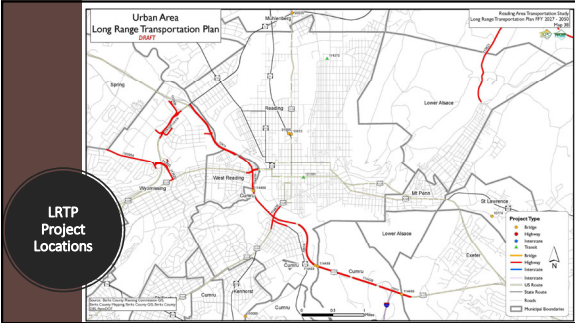
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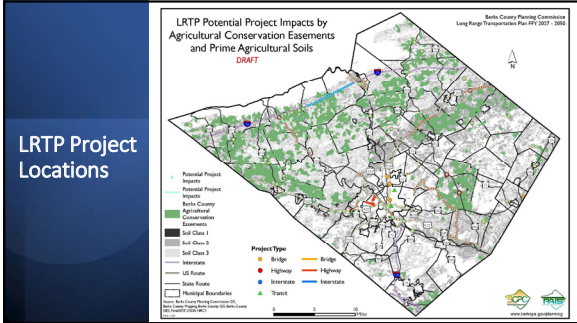
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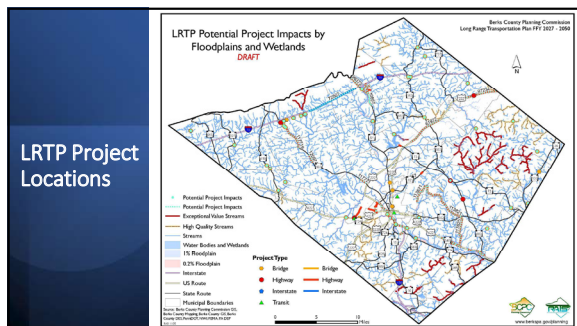


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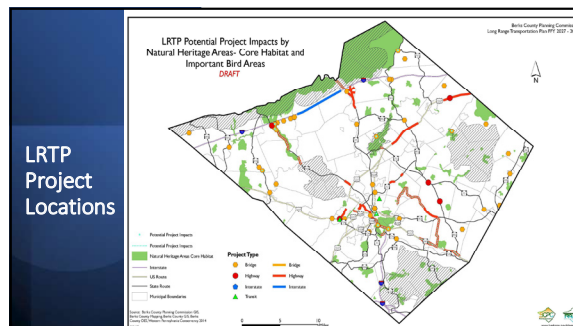


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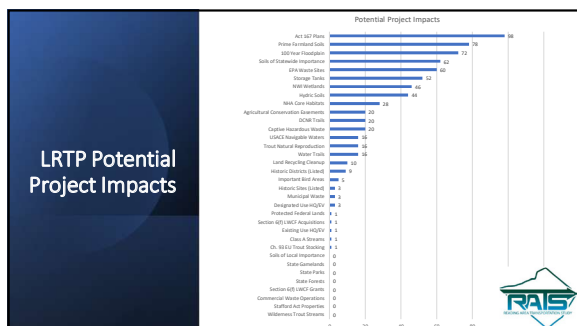
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Environmental Impact Mitigation

L RTP Mitigation Strategies

- Continue to assist PennDOT District 5-0 to find suitable seasonal wetland bank sites as appropriate
- Continue to work with PHMC to identify historic sites in Berks County and mitigate impacts to historic resources
- Continue to utilize the PennDOT Connects policy to determine potential environmental impacts early in the project development process
- Continue to coordinate with resource agencies for all projects to mitigate impacts
- Continue to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for all projects



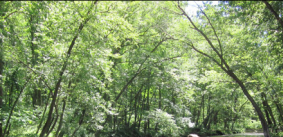


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- Continue to work with the Berks County Emergency Services department to implement mitigation efforts identified in the Berks County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Continue to utilize PennDOT's Extreme Weather Vulnerability Study to identify strategies to improve transportation system resiliency

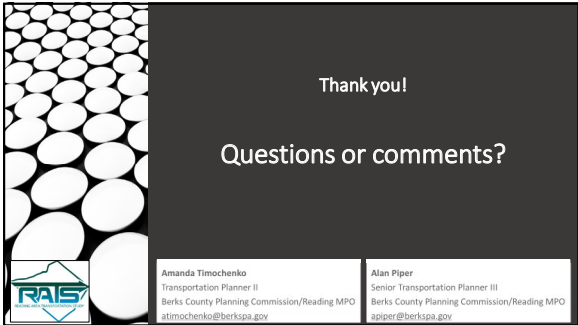


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