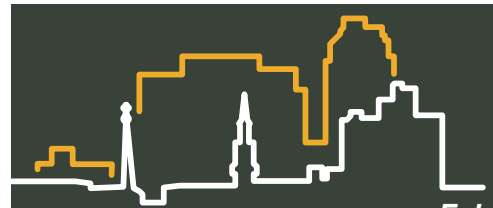




# RATS



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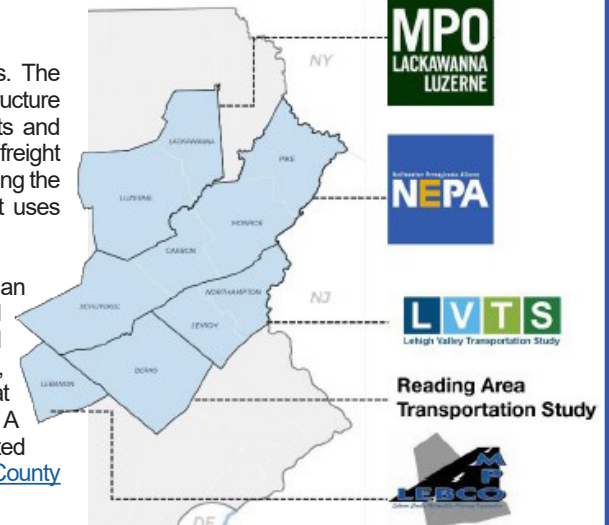
## Eastern PA Freight Infrastructure Plan

In January the Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) adopted the Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Infrastructure Plan. This regional Plan encompasses a 10-County region including the members of five Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) - Lackawanna/Luzerne MPO, Lehigh Valley Transportation Study, Lebanon County MPO, and Northeastern PA Alliance. This contingent of MPOs is known officially as the Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Alliance (EPFA) and they each are tasked with transportation planning initiatives within their respective jurisdictions.

This region is among the largest and fastest-growing freight handling areas in the country, home to rapid development and redevelopment

for warehouse and distribution functions. The Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Infrastructure Plan is a blueprint for future investments and policies aimed at mitigating the impacts of freight traffic within the region, while also managing the expected continued expansion of freight uses within Eastern Pennsylvania.

The Plan was supported through an inclusive outreach program that included input from agency partners, industry and economic development decisionmakers, as well as the public through a survey that received more than 4,200 responses. A copy of the Plan, as well as the associated appendices can be found on the [Berks County Planning Commission's website](#).



## 2019-2023 Berks County System Condition Reports

Approved January 2025

The Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) approved the RATS Annual Pavement & Bridge Condition Report 2019-2023 on Thursday, January 23rd. This report builds off the PM-2 Performance Measure Reports provided annually by PennDOT and identifies the Pavement and Bridge Conditions throughout Berks County. Through mapping to identify location and breakdowns of conditions by owner of the infrastructure, more informed decisions can be made when determining potential projects to address the 150 segment miles of poor condition pavement and 110 poor condition bridges across Berks County for inclusion in the RATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). To learn more, you can find the report here: [2025 RATS Pavement and Bridge Report](#).



The RATS Traffic Safety Report 2019-2023 was also recently approved by RATS on Thursday, January 23rd. This report builds off the PM-1 Performance Measures and identifies if any performance measure targets were achieved. The report explores general, mode specific, and overall 5-year severity crash trends; safety countermeasures and mitigation strategies; and crash locations with greater than 20 reportable crashes against the currently programmed safety-related projects in the TIP and LRTP. To explore more about traffic safety in Berks County and the currently programmed safety-related projects on the TIP, check out the report here: [2025 RATS Safety Report](#).

## Growing Berks

Agriculture's Economic Impact and A Roadmap for Its Future was formally adopted by the Berks County Commissioners on February 6th.

This plan not only captures the impact of ag today, but it projects the impact for the future. Over \$1 Billion in yearly impact underlines the importance of ag in our community.



You can view the presentation here for more details and find additional information here.

## Subdivision & Land Development Report

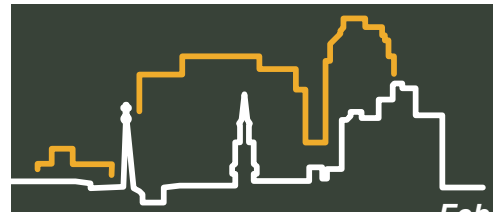




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February 2025



## WEBINAR Training

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES

### Municipal Records Management

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 • 12:00PM-1:00PM

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Wednesday  
February 26, 2025  
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### The Limits to Zoning

Thursday  
March 6, 2025  
6:30PM-8:00PM

### Building a Strong Planning Commission

Wednesday  
March 19, 2025  
6:30PM-8:00PM

### Managing the Subdivision Review Process

Tuesday  
April 8, 2025  
6:30PM-8:00PM

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## Upcoming 2025 LTAP Session

### Public Works Safety

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 • 8:00AM-12:00PM  
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1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533

**TO REGISTER:** [gis.penndot.gov/ltap/](https://gis.penndot.gov/ltap/)

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