

**Upper Bucks Public Transportation Feasibility Study**  
**Steering Committee Meeting #2**  
**August 10, 2021**

1. **Introduction of New Members** – Rich Brahler, Director of Transportation for Bucks County opened the meeting with the introduction of Jim Hopkins from Springfield Township.
2. **First Public Meeting Overview** - Chad Dixson provided an overview of the first public meeting. Some key points included:
  - Majority of public meeting attendees were from the study area
  - Key destinations included Quakertown, Sellersville, Perkasie, Nockamixon State Park
  - Key corridors included PA 309 and PA 663
  - Frequency and convenience of schedule could be largest barrier
  - Must bring employees to the study area including Healthcare workers
  - There's a lack of service between Lehigh Valley and Quakertown
3. **Market Analysis** – Andrew Zalewski then discussed the market analysis Foursquare ITP is developing.
  - The market analysis includes population and job density, key destinations, travel patterns and socio-demographic patterns.
  - Density drives demand. Unfortunately, the study area does not have many areas that typically support public transportation. These are concentrated in the area's boroughs.
  - Some of the key destinations and employers include Grand View Health, Atlantic Building Products, Penn Foundation, Branch Valley Fish and Game Club, The Community at Rockhill and Humpreys Four Star Pest Control.
  - Andrew then continued by discussing travel patterns for the study area. Two key points were identified. Trips were concentrated in two clusters, mainly Quakertown and Perkasie. Most of the trips remain within the study area.
  - The Market Analysis Findings were:
    - Low population and job densities present barrier to providing effective transit service
    - Population that would most benefit from transit concentrated in Quakertown, Sellersville, and 309 Corridor
    - Largest employers do not match up with greatest density of jobs
    - Most trips are short and confined to study area and adjacent communities
    - Key focus areas for future recommendations: Perkasie/Sellersville, Quakertown, Route 309, Route 663, and Route 152
4. **Virtual Site Visit** – Chad then provided the group with a virtual site visit using Google Maps for four areas including Quakertown, Sellersville/Perkasie, PA 309 Corridor and PA 663 Corridor. The group provided feedback on their thoughts on key travel patterns, priority destinations and potential barriers to service. All agreed that the boroughs need to be served.

5. **Project Schedule** – Chad provided the latest project schedule.
  - Data gathering will continue through August.
  - Alternatives Analysis will be from September to October.
  - Costs and Funding will be from October to January 2022.
  - Feasibility Report will be developed from January to April 2022.
  
6. **Project Website** – Rich discussed the project website. All information from the meetings can be found at <https://www.buckscounty.gov/1216/Upper-Bucks-Public-Transportation-Feasib> or [www.tinyurl.com/UpperBucksPT](http://www.tinyurl.com/UpperBucksPT)
  
7. **Conclusion and Next Steps** – Rich indicated that the next Steering Committee Meeting and Public Meeting will mostly likely occur in late September/October. Rich and Chad closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

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