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RE: **Street Vacation**  
**Chestnut Street from American Parkway to the East side of Race Street**  
**City of Allentown, Lehigh County**

Mr. Hanlon,

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) considered the subject street vacation petition at its Transportation Planning Committee and Full Commission meetings on October 28, 2021, pursuant to the requirements of Section 304 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) and was reviewed for general consistency with the intent of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*.

The proposed street vacation was submitted by the City of Allentown on behalf of Mr. William G, Malkames, Attorney representing 315 W. Linden Street, LLC, for a Chestnut Street from American Parkway to the East side of Race Street.

Chestnut Street is an unmaintained road adjacent to the building at 315 W. Linden Street, consisting of residential apartments with no immediate access to American Parkway. The petition states that "Race Street serves no public purpose and terminates without access to American Parkway".

Mr. Malkames contacted all the adjacent landowners to sign off the street vacation petition. The adjacent property on this portion of Chestnut Street, RJ Corman Railroad Company of Nicholasville KY and their representative, Deborah Hawley signed off the street vacation petition letter as of receipt of the request for Street vacation requests which require the petitioner, all property owners and the City of Allentown to agree to the vacation.

Access of the proposed vacation of Chestnut Street should be maintained for emergency response purposes to the apartment building. Policy 5.1 of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* recommends promoting safe and secure community design and emergency management.

We appreciate the City's consideration of this goal in as much as it relates to the street vacation petition of a portion of Chestnut Street.

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