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RE: **Street Vacation Petition  
North Elizabeth Street from Wayne Street (Vacated) to Monroe Street  
City of Allentown, Lehigh County**

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) will consider the subject street vacation petition at its Transportation Planning Committee and Full Commission meetings, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Discussion on agenda items largely happens during the Committee meeting. Both meetings are virtual, please see the meeting details below to attend. The LVPC will issue a follow-up letter after the Commission meeting should the Commission have any additional comments.

- LVPC Transportation Planning Committee Meeting
  - April 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM
  - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.html>
- LVPC Full Commission Meeting
  - April 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM
  - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.htm>

Mr. Hanlon,

The proposed street vacation application was submitted by the City of Allentown on behalf of Diane C. Schmidt of 323 North Ott Street. The proposed street vacation requests to vacate a portion of North Elizabeth Street from previously vacated Wayne Street to Monroe Street.

The proposed street vacation petition was reviewed for recommendations under Section 304 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and for general consistency with the intent of FutureLV: The Regional Plan.

North Elizabeth at the location petitioned to be vacated is an undeveloped, unimproved plotted street. The area is currently maintained by property owners and is essentially lawn and trees in the area of rights of way.

The street vacation petition was co-signed by Jonathan Andrews of 329 North Ott Street and Nicolas Fulton of 328 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street. It is recommended that the petitioner acquire concurrence signatures for the street vacation petition by all affected property owners including the property owners of 314, 334 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street and 313 North Ott Street. Concurrence of all property owners brings awareness of property and maintenance responsibilities of the area petitioned to be vacated if granted. *(of FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 2.2)*

It is recommended utilities that are above or below ground remain accessible as they are today in the event of maintenance or repair that may be required to maintain the essential power and telecommunications utilities as well as any City of Allentown or Lehigh County utilities and infrastructure required to sustain the public health, safety and welfare of the community. (of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 5.4*)

The vacating of rights of way by the City of Allentown for the described portion of North Elizabeth Street would not negatively affect current traffic circulation as the area will remain the same as it currently existing

The LVPC appreciates the City of Allentown's consideration of the goals and policies of *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* in as much as it relates to the street vacation petition of a portion of North Elizabeth Street.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the LVPC review.

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Brian Hite  
Transportation Planner