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City Council  
City of Allentown  
435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18101

RE: ZONE Allentown

City Council,

On behalf of the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Allentown's ZONE Allentown comprehensive zoning ordinance rewrite and SALDO update. LANTA's mission is to provide the Lehigh Valley with the highest quality and most cost-effective public transportation system possible through the efficient use of all available resources. ZONE Allentown encourages active and sustainable development practices and encourages growth along mixed-use corridors. LANTA, utilizing its high-capacity transit routes, offers residents an alternative form of transportation.

LANTA has worked closely with City Planning staff to ensure that LANTA has a defined role in the land development review process, helping to make sure new projects meet the transit and pedestrian needs of the city. The updated SALDO introduces new sections on Vision Zero and Complete Streets, aimed at preventing traffic-related deaths and injuries by requiring land developments to accommodate transit, connectivity, and mobility. In addition, the zoning updates promote development and affordable housing along corridors served by high-capacity transit, helping to better align growth with areas that are best supported by transit service. We also appreciate that the revised parking code specifically encourages walking, bicycling, and transit use, and provides parking reductions for developments near transit.

ZONE Allentown encourages walkable, green, and healthy living and aligns with the priorities of LANTA by increasing accessibility along LANTA routes and ease of access for residents without the reliance of cars. We hope that City Council unanimously supports and votes to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance and SALDO.

Sincerely,

Owen P. O'Neil  
Executive Director