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RE: **Street Vacation Petition**
Terminal Street from Hamilton Street to its end
(Terminal Street sits between 300 -330 Hamilton 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
 - February 23, 2023 at 5:30 PM
 - <https://lvpc.org/meetings.html>
- LVPC Full Commission Meeting
 - February 23, 2023 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 Real Star Properties, LLC of 942 North 6th Street, Allentown, PA 18102, equitable owner of 300 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101, and Y& E Empire Property Development, LLC of 942 North 6th Street, Allentown PA 18102 equitable owner of 330 West Hamilton Street, Allentown PA 18101. The proposed street vacation requests to vacate Terminal Street between Hamilton Street and its end. Terminal Street is between 300 West Hamilton Street and 330 West Hamilton 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.

Terminal Street at this location is an underutilized no-outlet road that previously served as access to the rear of the former train station. entertainment establishment at 300 West Hamilton Street.

The street vacation petition was undersigned by both applicants, with no other properties being affected by the proposed street vacation.

The petitioners wish to control access to their properties and be able to secure access to their properties as to mitigate unintended usage of the road that may impact their properties

The vacating of rights of way by the City of Allentown for Terminal Street would not negatively affect current traffic circulation. It is recommended that if any utilities are above or below ground that they remain accessible as they are today in the event of maintenance or repair that may be required to maintain the infrastructure. *(of FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 5.4)*

If the street vacation is approved, it is recommended that any gates to secure the property be located as to not interfere with vehicular traffic or pedestrian movements on Hamilton Street. The queuing of vehicles trying to access the site should be planned for by potentially locating a gate far enough inside the property as to allow a vehicle to que outside of Hamilton Street and interior to the site to gain access to the properties. *(of FutureLV: The Regional Plan Policy 2.6)*

We appreciate 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 Terminal Street between Hamilton Street south to its end.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have in regard to the LVPC Review.



Brian Hite
Transportation Planner



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