

PROJECT REQUEST FORM

1) Project Name:	Regional Transit Project		
2) Project Location:	Shared use, Rush Township, Philipsburg Borough, Chester Hill Borough		
3) Applicant:	Philipsburg Borough		
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9) City:	Philipsburg	10) Zip Code:	16866

11) Project Type (please check only one):		
A) Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility		Route #:
B) Bridge – Local System		Route #:
C) Bridge – State System		Route #:
D) Highway		Route #:
E) Public Transportation		Route:# Rush Township, Chester Hill, Philipsburg
F) Rail		Line:
G) Other		

12) Please attach a location map and photo(s). <i>*8.5 x 11 maps are preferred and submit no more than 3 photos*</i>
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13) Please provide a brief (one or two sentence) description of the project : Low cost public transportation option within the Moshannon Valley, which will to improve access to businesses and services available throughout the region.

14) Please describe the project being requested, specifically what issues/problems are present and how this project will improve conditions: These Boroughs and Townships have a large low income and senior population who would make use of low-cost public transportation. It would also reduce private vehicle use and parking issues, roadway and parking maintenance and promote local businesses.
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SAFETY & SECURITY

Do you believe this project will:

15) Reduce crash rate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> Offering this service, will result in some private vehicle usage in the Moshannon Valley area, which should help reduce crash rates.			

16) Reduce conflicts between motorized and non-motorized transportation modes (Pedestrian/Bicycle/Buggy)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note if a pedestrian/bicycle/buggy amenity will be maintained or added as part of the project:</i> This service would provide safe, low cost transportation with capacity for bicycle and wheel chair transport. It would help mitigate pedestrian issues in regards to unsafe walking paths, same with powered wheelchairs. .			

17) Improve intersection(s) and/or roadway alignment(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note the intersection(s) that will affected:</i>			

18) Improve the security of the traveling public (Ex. Improves upon incident response, establishes detour/evacuation routes, implements security features on public transportation vehicles and facilities?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> Proper planning of this service, would allow it to serve as emergency evacuation transportation in case of disaster.			

PRESERVATION OF THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Do you believe this project will:

19) Prolong the useful life of the transportation system and infrastructure through reconstruction, rehabilitation and preventative maintenance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

This service would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads in the Moshannon Valley area, which should help improve levels of service and reduce deterioration of the wearing course on the roadways.

20) Rehabilitate and modernize public transportation facilities or fleet?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

This project would add a new public transportation option within the Moshannon Valley. The new service would open up accessibility options for a number of residents which will help enhance the ongoing economic resurgence in the region. This service would also be used in emergency situations as a means of evacuation.

21) Improve ride quality?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain and provide current International Roughness Index:

EFFICIENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT & OPERATION

Do you believe this project will:

22) Reduce congestion, improve Level of Service and reduce travel times within the project area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain and note how this project may impact adjacent routes/travel patterns:</i></p> <p>This service would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads in the Moshannon Valley area, which should help improve levels of service and reduce congestion.</p>			

23) Increase public transportation service frequency and capacity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i></p> <p>This project would add a new public transportation option within the Moshannon Valley. The new service would open up accessibility options for a number of residents which will help enhance the ongoing economic resurgence in the region. This service would also be used in emergency situations as a means of evacuation.</p>			

24) Improve system functionality through improvements such as signal upgrades, Intelligent Transportation System applications and access management approaches?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i></p>			

INTEGRATION & CONNECTIVITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Do you believe this project will:

25) Eliminate/overcome barriers (Ex. Closures, detours & delays, weight restrictions) in key corridors?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain and note official detour distances based on factors such as weight restrictions:</i>			

26) Establish/maintain intermodal connections?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
This service would provide safe, low cost transportation with capacity for bicycle and wheel chair transport. It would help mitigate pedestrian issues in regards to unsafe walking paths, same with powered wheelchairs. This service would also serve as a viable feeder service to the planned Regional Commuter Bus service that may link the Moshannon Valley to Clearfield, DuBois and the State College area.			

27) Introduce new connections between existing travel patterns (Ex. Street connectivity, linking bicycle/pedestrian routes, connections between transit routes and providers)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
This service would provide safe, low cost transportation with capacity for bicycle and wheel chair transport. This service would also serve as a viable feeder service to the planned Regional Commuter Bus service that may link the Moshannon Valley to Clearfield, DuBois and the State College area.			

28) Align residents with their destinations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i>			
This low cost public transportation option within the Moshannon Valley, would improve access to businesses and services available throughout the region. This service would also serve as a viable feeder service to the planned Regional Commuter Bus service that may link the Moshannon Valley to Clearfield, DuBois and the State College area.			

ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE & FREIGHT

Do you believe this project will:

29) Improve public transportation services: routes, ride share opportunities, vanpools, and park & ride lots?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain and include projected ridership:

We expect to increase ride sharing by providing a secure parking area and by marketing its existence. The Borough will reach out to private and public vanpools and ride share organizations to make use of the lot. This service would also serve as a viable feeder service to the planned Regional Commuter Bus service that may link the Moshannon Valley to Clearfield, DuBois and the State College area.

30) Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

31) Improve access to airports, freight distribution facilities or major industrial districts?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

32) Implement Complete Streets principles?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

CONSISTENCY WITH PLANNED GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Do you believe this project will:

33) Be consistent with the following documents?			
A) County Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
B) Regional Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
C) Municipal Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
D) Municipal Zoning Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
E) Municipal Official Map	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes to any of the above, please explain:</i> Provides viable transportation options for all residents. Improves access to core communities. Links residential areas with commercial districts.</p>			

34) Improve/support the existing transportation infrastructure in existing & planned growth areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i> Based on the Growth Forecasting project and the comprehensive plans in place, Downtown Philipsburg and the adjoining residential areas are expected to see continued growth over the life of this plan. This project supports and enhances growth opportunities in the future.</p>			

35) Promotes Smart Growth Principles (Ex. walkable communities, fosters distinct communities & sense of place, supports integration of mixed land uses into communities)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i> This project is designed to improve the connectivity of the larger Moshannon Valley community. This new service opens up access between residential areas and commercial districts, making the Moshannon Valley a less car oriented region.</p>			

36) Avoid negative impacts on communities and the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<p><i>If yes, please explain:</i> Helps reduce traffic and therefore, emissions. Promotes alternative transportation.</p>			

ENVIRONMENT & AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

Do you believe this project will:

37) Improve air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> Lessens private vehicle usage, which will result in reduction in emissions.			

38) Promote energy conservation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> Lessens private vehicle usage, reducing each users carbon footprint.			

39) Avoid impacts on endangered or threatened species, key natural habitats, agricultural lands and historic & cultural resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If no, please explain:</i>			

40) Avoid impacts upon water resources (Ex. water recharge areas & exceptional value/high quality streams?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<i>If no, please explain and note which water resources may be affected:</i>			

ECONOMIC VITALITY

Do you believe this project will:

41) Improve access and/or enhance freight movement to regional & national economic centers?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

This service would serve as a viable feeder service to the planned Regional Commuter Bus service that may link the Moshannon Valley to Clearfield, DuBois and the State College area.

42) Encourage tourism?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

Provides access to the downtown and makes the Moshannon Valley more of a walkable community.

43) Encourage infill development, the redevelopment of brownfield sites within reach of existing infrastructure & the overall redevelopment of core communities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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If yes, please explain:

Increases the ability of individuals to live and work in this core community. Should serve to enhance quality of life, which is key to the ongoing economic resurgence of the area.

PRIORITY

44) Is this your highest priority (#1) project?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO #2	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Highest priority projects will be granted a half-point (0.5) bonus. Entities requesting projects may submit only one highest priority project.

COST

45) What is the estimated cost, if known?	Unknown
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