

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum announces its 2026 Spring Meeting on **May 15, 2026, 1-3 PM EST. This meeting will be hosted by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission as a virtual meeting.** The link to the meeting is www.tinyurl.com/MAPForum2026. The meeting agenda appears below.

2026 Spring Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum May 15, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call of the Metropolitan Area Planning Forum Membership** (1:00-1:05 PM)
2. **Welcome and Introductions** (1:05 – 1:10 PM) – Becky Bradley, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
3. **Public Participation** (1:10 – 1:20 PM) – Reserved for registered participants on a first come, first served basis. Register at www.tinyurl.com/MAPForumReg by 9:00 am on the meeting day. Remarks should be limited to no more than three minutes.
4. **Keynote Presentation** (1:20 pm – 1:50 PM)
 - a. **Trade Dynamics Impact on Supply Chains**, Paul Bingham, Director, Global Intelligence and Analytics Transportation Consulting for the S&P Global
5. **Regional Issues** (1:50 – 2:15 PM)
 - a. **Advanced Manufacturing, Data Centers and the Change Economy**, Jill Seitz, AICP, Chief Community and Regional Planner and Evan Gardi, Transportation Planner
6. **Work Program Activities** (2:15 – 2:50 PM)
 - a. **MAP Forum Core Projects** – Rich Donovan, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
 - b. **Multi-State Freight Working Group** – Steve Weber, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
 - i. Next Meeting is on June 25, 2026, 10-11 AM EST, meeting information is posted to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's website at lvpc.org
 - c. **Resilience Working Group Data** – Meghan Sloan, Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
 - d. **MAP Forum Memorandum of Understanding** – Mark Nielsen, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
7. **Next Meeting and Agenda Items** (2:50 – 2:55 PM) – Becky Bradley, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
8. **Adjourn** (no later than 3:00 PM)

THE MAP FORUM IS A CONSORTIUM OF TEN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPOs) AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT (COGs) IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, CONNECTICUT AND PENNSYLVANIA THAT HAVE SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE COORDINATION OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN THE MULTI-STATE METROPOLITAN REGION.

The MAP Forum complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and federal Limited English Proficiency guidelines. If you need special accommodations to participate in this meeting, or translation services, please contact the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) at planning@lvpc.org or (610) 264-4544 no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Meeting participation information is posted to the LVPC's website at lvpc.org and in the Lehigh Valley Press on May 6, 2026.