Linking Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development in Central Pennsylvania

Valley Vision 2020 was one of ten Regional Action Strategies created under the LUTED initiative.



- Strategies varied widely in their content, philosophy and implementation.
- Content of the Valley Vision plan was shaped by our geography and our partners.
- Three of the plans were summarized in a 2010 NADO publication – Integrating Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development and Pennsylvania.

Transportation Goals from LUTED -

- 1. Prepare a Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan that enhances and protects the region's communities as well as its natural cultural and historic resources.
- 2. Create Vibrant, Attractive, Safe and Walkable Communities
- 3. Support Efficient Land Uses and Sustain Quality Transportation Infrastructure



Transportation Goals - Update the Long Range Plan

- 1. Revised the project selection process.
- 2. Used GIS mapping to expedite the ranking of projects.

Step 2 Ranking Criteria





3. Expanded the amount of information included in the consideration of environmental, cultural and historic resources.

4. Added an asset Management Component

Transportation Goals - Communities and Land Use



- Engaging with Partners and members to complete studies in Targeted Investment Areas, 2 currently underway.
- The most accessible funding source has been the PCTI program.
- Providing access to funding and training to address links between transportation and land use in comprehensive plan updates.
- See PennDOT publication 688



Parting Words:

Challenges

- Service Area size and complexity
- Land use control in Pennsylvania
- Zoning as a four letter word
- Who keeps the plan
- Limited Funding
- Marcellus Shale

Other Efforts to implement LUTED within SEDA-COG

- Rail served site development JRA
- Walkable and Bicycle Friendly Communities CRC
- Susquehanna Greenway Rivertowns Program SGP & CRC
- Route 15 Corridor Study Union County
- Lake Augusta Corridor Gateway Study CRC