



## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Berks County Planning Commission

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RE: DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Application – Boyertown Borough Streetscape Phase II Improvements – Boyertown Borough

DATE: July 28, 2022

The Berks County Planning Commission is in receipt of the Boyertown Borough application for the Boyertown Borough Streetscape Phase II Improvements Project under the Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund Program.

### **Project Description:**

Under Phase II the Borough would like to remove and replace damaged sidewalk and curbing, construct a decorative brick border, add new pedestrian lighting, and add delineated on-street parking with decorative meters and streetscape appurtenances. These improvements are proposed along East Philadelphia Avenue (SR 0073) between the Colebrookdale Railroad tracks and Washington Street, along S. Reading Avenue (SR 0562) between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and the access to the Town Center public parking area, and along N. Reading Avenue (SR 2067) between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Additionally, Boyertown Borough has requested funding for the on-road portions of the Secret Valley Trail Inner Loop Trail to link neighboring Colebrookdale Township residents with the downtown streetscape improvements in the Borough.

### **Project Findings:**

Phase I of this project was previously funded in 2009 using a Transportation Enhancement Program earmark, and construction followed in 2011. This proposed project will extend enhancements from this previous streetscape project and is in collaboration with the future pedestrian improvements initiated by the Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust. The proposed Phase II improvements cost and requested grant amount is \$1,229,796.

The project, which is located in the streets' right of way, is in areas of Existing Development in Boyertown Borough as identified by the Berks County Comprehensive Plan 2030 Update. As such, this proposal is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Berks County Comprehensive Plan.

### **Recommendations:**

The Multimodal Transportation Fund application process requires applicants to provide a letter from the appropriate planning agency certifying that the proposed project is in compliance with the comprehensive land use plans.

Staff recommends the Board provide a letter of compliance for the Boyertown Borough Streetscape Phase II Improvements Project.