

# Executive Summary for Appalachian Regional Commission Application

**Project Title:** Lackawanna County Stauffer Road Paving Project Phase 3

**Project Applicant:** Lackawanna County

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**Counties Served:** Lackawanna County (Transitional County) Census Tract: 1125

**Basic Agency:** PennDOT

**Goal/Strategy: Primary ARC Goal #3** Critical Infrastructure; **Primary ARC Objective #4** Complete the Appalachian Development Highway System and construct local access roads to strengthen links between transportation networks and economic development. **PA Goal 3 - Critical Infrastructure; PA Objective 3.7-** PA's businesses, citizens and visitors will have a safe and efficient highway system to promote local commerce and provide safe travel throughout the region. **PA Strategy 3.7.4:** Continue to allocate resources for development and improvement of local access roads for economic and community activities.

**Purpose:** Phase 3 construction and widening (to include the shoulder) of Stauffer Road, with addition of 4 bus shelters that services the Stauffer Industrial Park, a 17-tenant developed business park that has never been formally paved.

**Funding:**

Source	Non-Construction Activity	Equipment	Construction	Total	Percent	Status of Funds
ARC:			\$800,000	\$800,000	80%	Pending
Local/Liquid Fuels:			\$200,000	\$200,000	20%	Secured
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**Project Description:** This County-owned industrial park road has never been formally paved since the park's creation in 1970 but has been done in piecemeal sections dependent upon funding available and access for business tenants as land was purchased and utilities installed. It is Lackawanna County's desire to complete this project in phases and abide by PennDOT standards to provide safer, more efficient access to this 17-tenant, fully developed industrial park with 2,860 employees with an average daily volume of 5,000 vehicles with 25% of this number being truck traffic. The project includes widening to formally construct shoulders on each side of the road add to 4 bus shelters for existing transit routes within the park. The tenants of Stauffer Industrial Park and their respective employee numbers are as follows:

FIRM	PRODUCT	EMPLOYEES
United Parcel Service	Delivery Service	250
Anthracite Recycling	Recycling	25
Arlington Industries	Electrical Fittings	300
Moore's Tire Supply	Tire Distribution	10
Allied Services	Mfg. plastic bags	45
SNF/Polychemie	Mfg. Polymers	8
Schiff's Food Service	Food Products	135
Kane Warehousing	Warehouse/Trucking	1,700
B.C. Bundt	Bakery	70
DPS Nutrition	Nutrition Distribution	15
American Food and Vending	Food Distribution	15
Dept. of Military Affairs	Maintenance facility	55
A.P.T. Distributing, INC.	Wholesale flooring supplies	14
PA Dept. of Labor and Industry	Government	175
Sanofi Pasteur	Pharmaceutical Distribution	23
Northeast Ind. Supply	Packaging and janitorial supplies	9
PDQ	Printing	12

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,861</b>
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Phase I of this project was funded PA DCED Multimodal funding. Phase II of this project was funded with an ARC grant and matching funds from Lackawanna County. ARC provided a \$784,833 grant to fund Phase II of this project in 2018. Phase I was bid in February 2019 and construction is expected to be completed 2019. Phase III includes the cost of construction only as the design of the project is now complete.

*Period of Performance:* October 1st, 2020-September 30th, 2021. Project is ready to start earlier if possible.

**Strategic Rationale:** This project will be completed to serve current and future business tenants within the industrial park. Constructing this road will also improve emergency response not only to the industrial park, but also to the surrounding community, as it links two highly traveled roads. By building and updating this infrastructure now, this construction will enhance the business and employment experience for the 17 current tenants, including the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and approximately 2,860 employees; improving safety by providing better access for emergency vehicles such as fire, police and ambulance. This road also provides a direct link to two (2) highly traveled State roads, Keyser Avenue and Oak Street and is part of the larger highway system with access to the PA Turnpike, Routes 81 and Routes 84, servicing the Northeastern Business Urban Corridor. A recent survey of Lackawanna County-owned roads rated this infrastructure as Poor. This application is a request for support with Phase 3 of this project and would complete 1.3 miles of the 2.3 mile road. This project supports the Luzerne Lackawanna Transportation Plan by updating and improving transportation infrastructure. This proposed project relates to two of the goals and strategies identified in the 2013-2018 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Five-Year Plan for Northeastern Pennsylvania prepared by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance. Specifically, it relates to the following:

- Goal #2 Attract New Businesses; Strategy #9 Maximize the use of existing infrastructure for land/building redevelopment projects.
- Goal #6 Inventory and Strengthen the Infrastructure within the Region; Strategy #4 Utilize our transportation network as an asset for increased economic development.

**Collaborative Partnerships:** When funded, this project would be coordinated with PennDOT and the Lackawanna-Luzerne Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be added to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development currently coordinates all transportation planning and initiatives with PennDOT and with the Lackawanna County Department of Roads and Bridges.

**Project Sustainability & Capacity:** This project would be coordinated with and supervised by Lackawanna County Department of Roads and Bridges, the Lackawanna County Department of Transportation Planning within the Department of Planning and Economic Development. It would be sustained by regular maintenance through the Department of Roads and Bridges once all construction is complete. By improving this busy road, it will lower the cost of maintaining it since it will no longer need to be seasonally patched and repaired. The funds that are saved yearly will be a portion of the regular maintenance cost for this roadway. Lackawanna County has the staff capacity and experience to administer and implement complex federal and state grants. We have successfully managed several ARC grants in the past 5 years.

**Impact Measures:**

Outputs:

- 1.3 miles of roadway constructed
- 17 businesses served

Outcomes:

- 17 businesses improved
- 2,860 jobs retained

**Congressional and Legislative Districts of:**

- Representative Lou Barletta, 11<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania
- Representative Matthew Cartwright, 17<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania

PA State Senators

- Senator John P. Blake, 22<sup>nd</sup> District of Pennsylvania

PA State Representatives

- Representative Bridget Malloy Kozierowski, 114<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania