

Slate Belt Rising Introduces New Community Calendar for the Slate Belt Region!

By Ela Madrazo

SLATE BELT - late Belt Rising is excited to announce the launch of the Slate Belt Community Calendar, a dynamic and comprehensive resource designed to bring together local events and activities in one accessible platform. This calendar serves as a hub for residents and visitors to explore, share, and participate in the vibrant life of the Slate Belt area all in one place.

The calendar, a collaborative effort, links to multiple partner organizations and municipalities, broadening its accessibility and impact. It represents a key initiative by Slate Belt Rising (SBR) to support the diverse array of non-profits, schools, clubs, and businesses that brighten our region with their events. Our goal is to amplify these events' visibility and reach a wider audience, fostering community engagement and connection.

Adding an event to the Slate Belt Community Calendar is easy and open to all! To have your event listed, simply email the details to Brian Fenstermaker, SBR Director, at bfenstermaker@cacvl.org. Additionally, organizations interested in integrating the calendar into their websites can reach out to Brian for collaboration.

Access the calendar directly from the Slate Belt Rising homepage or by visiting <https://www.slatebeltrising.org/calendar>

Slate Belt Rising, a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt communities. By leveraging the unique history, architecture, and culture of each municipality into a regional approach, SBR will use a Neighborhood Partnership Plan to foster comprehensive community and economic development.

"There are so many great things going on in the Slate Belt. SBR wanted to find a way to expand our services to the community and help to promote and highlight events in our community. Not everyone is on social media, and this is a great way to reach those who are and especially those who are not."

-Brian Fenstermaker, SBR Director

NO! Vote on the Proposed 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan

By Brittney Waylen

EASTON - County Executive Lamont G. McClure voted no on the proposed 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at today's Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (LVTS) Joint Technical & Coordinating Meeting.

The proposed 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan continues to perpetuate the inequitable distribution of transportation funding within the Lehigh Valley. Under the 2023 proposed plan, only 18% of funding would be directed toward projects located solely in Northampton County. While this is an improvement over the 15% Northampton County was slated to receive under the prior 2019 LRTP, it continues to be approximately half of the funding allocated to Lehigh County. Beginning with the 2019 LRTP update, Northampton County has proposed numerous projects that we feel are a high priority for PennDOT to address, but they have either been omitted from the plan or remain in the preliminary phase of design. This disparity will likely continue or worsen as the \$243 million "22 Tomorrow" study commences and more funding is allocated towards a proposed expansion of Route 22 in the Allentown area.

"All of our Northampton County legislators should make it abundantly clear in Harrisburg that relegating us to second-class status when it comes to infrastructure funding is unacceptable," says Executive Lamont McClure.



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