

Lancaster Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects
FFY 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

The Annual List of Obligated Projects report is a requirement of current federal transportation law, known as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which requires MPOs to publish an annual report on the projects for which federal funding has been obligated during the federal fiscal year from October 1 to September 30. The federal regulation states that:

"An annual listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding program year shall be published or otherwise made available through the cooperative effort of the state, public transportation operator(s), and metropolitan planning organization. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in the TIP."

The Federal Highway Administration defines obligation as the "federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse states or other entities for the federal share of a project's eligible costs." Thus, an obligated project is one that has been approved by the federal government for reimbursement, though not necessarily reimbursed yet. This reimbursement can be for projects that have been initiated in previous years or will not be completed until future years, and the final cost of a project may be different from the amount obligated. Funding can also be "de-obligated" from projects in response to lower-than-expected costs, project cancellation, or other factors, and these released resources are often redirected to other projects.

This report responds to the directive set forth in federal statute. It lists all federally funded transportation projects in the Lancaster MPO region that were obligated during Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021).

The following is an explanation of the items in this report:

- MPMS is the project identification number in PennDOT's Multi-modal Project Management System (MPMS). This is a unique identifier for each project. stands for Multi-modal Project Management System number. It is an inventory of Highway/Bridge and Rail/Freight projects that contains information about project phase milestones, funding, and status. Additional project information can be found at [PennDOT's One Map](#) interactive online map and searching by the MPMS # as the Asset ID. This interactive map also provides project search by region, route, address or intersection options and gives project details such as let date, estimated completion date, etc.
- Project Title is the name of the project as it can be found in MPMS.
- Project Description is the brief project description from MPMS.
- Project Administrator identifies who is responsible for completing the project.

- Phase is the list of phases associated with a particular project that is on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). PE (Preliminary Engineering); FD (Final Design); UTL (Utilities); ROW (Right of Way); CON (Construction); Study.
- SR is the State Route and section number where the project is located.
- Obligation* FFY2021 is the amount of obligated federal funds for the FFY of this report
- Prog. Total FFY2021 to 2024 is the amount of federal funds programmed for the project
- Fed. Funds Remaining is the amount of federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years
- Fund Category is the type of funding that has been obligated to the project.