

Act now — even before now! — to support the pedestrian/bike bridge feasibility study

The Bethlehem Gadfly Pedestrian bridge November 17, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts on the pedestrian bridge 

City Council votes on providing funds for a feasibility study of a pedestrian/biking bridge tonight. Gadfly encourages you to back this study before Council votes by emailing Council members by noon today or when you can today (Clerks@bethlehem-pa.gov) and/or by calling in to the meeting during public comment (see instructions [here](#)).

Supporting the study:

ref: **Interviews with design firms yield new insights into the utility and value of a pedestrian/biking bridge across the Lehigh**

ref: **Add your name to the many organizations endorsing the pedestrian/biking bridge feasibility study**

ref: **A pedestrian/biking bridge: “The possible is a big deal”**

ref: **Gadfly “talks” bridges with Councilman Callahan**

Against public funding:

ref: **Let’s fund the study and the bridge privately**

Against the study:

ref: **[A better use for the pedestrian/bike bridge money?](#)**

Below is a sample endorsement from one of the many organizations (see list **[here](#)**) supporting the funding of a feasibility study of a pedestrian/bike bridge across the Lehigh River.



November 16, 2020

Bethlehem City Council
10 E. Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dear Honorable Members of Council,

In March of 2017 the Bethlehem EAC unanimously endorsed efforts to build a pedestrian/bike bridge across the Lehigh River and supported the City's efforts to secure funding for a feasibility study for the project. A pedestrian bridge furthers the City's goals stated in the 2009 Walkability Study, the 2016 Trails Study and Vision Zero.

Furthermore, a pedestrian bridge would support the goals of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), due to be released in a few months. With the development of a CAP, the City has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A bridge that will allow pedestrians and bicyclists dedicated safe passage between the north and south sides of Bethlehem would contribute to this goal.

Other positive impacts of the bridge include economic growth, unification of North and South Bethlehem, recreational opportunities, tourism, cultural connections, connections of natural trails and greenways and the safety of our citizens.

The EAC believes this bridge is important to the continued success and sustainability of our City.

Respectfully yours,

Lynn Rothman

Lynn Rothman, Chair

on behalf of the Bethlehem EAC:

Beth Behrend	Ben Guthrie
Elisabeth Cichonski	Brian Nicas
Ben Felzer	Mike Topping

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