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Bethlehem City Council  
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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:

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