



### **Executive Director's Report – October 2023**

**Flagger Certification Training** - The QVCOG will again be partnering with Mr. Tyler Lukart of Optimus Risk Services to provide flagger certification training for QVCOG member communities and their public works departments. Last year (May 2022) The QVCOG put on a similar event which was well attended and received. This year's event will take place on December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the Aleppo Township Public Works Garage (100 North Drive Sewickley, PA 15143). Attendees will receive a 3-year flagger certification upon completion of the course. This is a great opportunity for new(er) Public Works employees or those who could not make last year's offering. Interested participants may receive a registration form by contacting Executive Director Connors via email ([pconnors@qvcog.org](mailto:pconnors@qvcog.org)).

**Recent Grant Submissions** - In preparation for the next cycle for both Year 50 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and 2024 Gaming Economic Development & Tourism Fund (GEDTF) funding, the QVCOG has submitted 26 applications on behalf of 11 member communities and 3 affiliated authorities for consideration. When combining the 26 grant requests the QVCOG sought \$4,676,179.00 in funding for the region (CDBG \$757,229.00 & GEDTF \$3,918,950.00). Award announcements for GEDTF projects are expected by January 2024 while CDBG project awards are anticipated by May 2024.

**Mobile Fingerprint Scanner Delivered** – In September the Edgeworth Borough Police Department (host department) took delivery of a shared mobile fingerprint scanner which was awarded to the QVCOG via the PA Chiefs of Police Association. All QVCOG member communities and their affiliated police departments are encouraged to utilize the device when needed. Please note, the mobile fingerprint scanner requires a cellular connection and software maintenance package totaling \$1,025 annually. The QVCOG has budgeted accordingly and has/will pay for the required services in 2024.

**Route 65 Flyer** – At its September 20th regular meeting the Board of Delegates received a presentation from Mr. Peter Quintanilla of Michael Baker International which included a completed two-page illustrative and informative “flyer” outlining the QVCOG’s regional impact and involvement in studying Route 65. The finished product is available for interested parties at [QVCOG.org](http://QVCOG.org). This flyer is anticipated to be an essential tool in bringing awareness to past initiatives and building a consensus for future work regarding the regional corridor.

**Keystone Communities Grant Contract Finalized** - The QVCOG is in receipt of a Keystone Communities project contract in the amount of \$100,000.00 through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the procurement of Automated License Plate Reader (ARLP) cameras and affiliated software. Over the coming weeks and months, the QVCOG Police Chiefs Group will discuss the final locations of the cameras prior to the project being put out to bid. The expectation is for 3-4 regional intersections to be equipped with ARLP cameras. Please note, the host municipality will be responsible for any legacy costs associated with the equipment (i.e. internet connectivity, software licensing, etc.).