



March 2023 RAISE Update

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- City/CamTran/JAHA team and Michael Baker (MB is the project consultant for historic preservation and environmental review services) developed a list of stakeholders to interview for the Section 106 (historic) and NEPA (environmental) clearance work. Project partners provided input and feedback to Michael Baker on the framework and list of questions for stakeholder interviews.
- Held weekly status calls with Michael Baker team to compile project descriptions (each project partner developed their own description), aerial maps, and media coverage compilations for Section 106 and NEPA review process. Coordinated this work with CamTran and JAHA.
- City Manager conducted an interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette regarding revitalization in Johnstown which included discussion about the RAISE project and photographs of the project sites. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette published the article in its business section on March 19, 2023.
- Michael Baker worked with City, CamTran and JAHA to develop scope of work descriptions and documents to be included with Section 106 and NEPA materials.
- City staff continued work with Federal Transit Administration Region III staff to have the City approved as a new federal grant recipient. City staff submitted Financial Plan to FTA staff for review. Timeline for the review and approval from FTA is anticipated to be several months.
- Michael Baker team conducted stakeholder interviews for Section 106 and NEPA work with a dozen local, regional, and federal stakeholders.
- City Council approved SCAPE as the design/engineering firm on the Main Street Project. CJL Engineering and Thaddeus Pawlowski are included as subcontractors with the SCAPE team.
- City staff worked with SCAPE to formalize the design engineering contract. Staff worked with SCAPE and the City solicitor to revise several contract components. Contract with SCAPE will be finalized and signed in early April 2023.
- City staff worked with CamTran and adjacent property owner to begin property survey work at the CamTran Transit Center.
- City staff presented information about the Main Street project during a public meeting held by the Johnstown Convention and Visitors Bureau on March 29, 2023. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the CVB's branding initiative, much of which focuses on downtown and Main Street.
- City worked with its web hosting service to design and host a page specifically dedicated to providing updates on the Main Street and RAISE project.
- MB Team updated project partners on final aerial maps and project descriptions on all projects.
- City coordinated with Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to have RAISE projects placed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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