

Project Description

Transit Center

The City of Johnstown was awarded a \$24.4 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in November 2021. The amount of \$3.6 million is allotted to the Downtown Transit Center Project. The Transit Center is addressed as 551 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901 in Cambria County. See attached for a Topographic Map and an Aerial Map.

The Transit Center is located, in part, under the City's Main Street East Parking Garage and is immediately adjacent to a privately-owned office complex, with all three facilities constructed in 1983. The Transit Center was renovated in the 1990s. The City owns the parking garage, while CamTran owns the throughway/drive through that the buses use to get in and out of the transit center, as well as the side of the Transit Center featuring a tile mural, bike rack, and numerous benches. Ownership of other areas of the facility including the waiting room, ticket office, and employee breakroom, is still being determined. The Transit Center includes eight stalls for buses, with some straight pull in and others at an angle. These present safety concerns when the buses back out. The stalls were sized in a past era when buses were longer (40 feet) than CamTran's modern fleet (29 feet and 35 feet). Also, CamTran is converting much of its fleet to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), and CNG buses are taller than diesel buses. Ventilation equipment over each bus bay is in place to prevent fume intrusion into the privately-owned office complex that is immediately adjacent to the Transit Center. Digital signage is in place by the ticket office.

This RAISE grant funding will be utilized to re-design the bus stalls, sidewalks, and bus circulation for improved safety within the Transit Center, as well as access and egress. In addition, the customer waiting area, employee breakroom, and the ticket office will need to be assessed for enhanced safety, and workflow purposes, including the possible redesign of the current space. CamTran will be issuing a bid package in spring 2023 for planning and design services, so the specific improvements are unknown at this time.

The property boundaries at the Downtown Transit Center and the integral City-owned Main Street East Parking Garage are unknown at this time. At this early stage in the redevelopment of the Transit Center, impacts to the City's garage are to be determined. Therefore, the garage is included in the Approximate Limit of Disturbance for the historic and environmental reviews.