



December 2023 RAISE Update

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- The project team submitted Section 106 consultation documents to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office for the Johnstown Inclined Plane Project.
- The project team also submitted Section 106 consultation documents to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office for the Urban Connectivity Project.
- The City Manager and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff held a meeting to discuss staff transition at the City as a result of the Community and Economic Development Director taking a new position effective December 2023. The City Manager and FTA discussed completion of the FTA new recipient process and Civil Rights requirements with regard to the City's Title VI Program and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.
- City staff worked on the development of the City's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plans to comply with federal Title VI Program requirements.
- City staff worked with SCAPE consultants to discuss methods for the identification of locations along the Main Street corridor that have vaults underneath the sidewalk. SCAPE and City public works staff will be coordinating with a subcontractor that has ground penetrating radar to identify locations where voids are located.
- City staff worked with Rockland Consulting to provide assistance with the Federal Transit Administration's new recipient process, including the establishment of a TRAMS account for the City to administer the project.
- City and CamTran staff finalized the project scope for the Johnstown Transit Center Project component of the RAISE grant, for the purpose of submitting it to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation office for Section 106 review.
- The City Manager met with SCAPE subconsultant Thad Pawlowski to discuss the public participation process and schedule for 2024.
- City staff met with new Johnstown Area Heritage Association (JAHA) board president Dan Solomon to provide a status update on the RAISE projects.
- City staff met with Amtrak on a coordination call to discuss the US Army Corps Section 408 application process, and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements at the train station.
- City staff updated the RAISE project website to include project updates. City staff also reviewed SCAPE and Michael Baker invoices and processed those for payment.
- City staff scheduled a meeting with PennDot Multimodal office staff to discuss PennDot administrative support for the RAISE project.

For questions, please contact City of Johnstown City Manager Ethan Imhoff at (814) 539-2504.