



## February 2024 RAISE Update

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- City staff worked with the SCAPE design team to ensure the Central Park design is compatible with the transportation and installation of the Christmas tree that is the focal point of holiday decorations installed by Discover Downtown Johnstown Partnership during the holiday season.
- City staff followed up with the PennDot Executive Deputy Secretary to discuss the assignment of a PennDot consultant to assist the City with administrative of the RAISE project. PennDot informed the City that a contract is now finalized for administrative support and the consultant will be connecting with City and project partners in a few days.
- Two RAISE grant project components received categorically exempt status - the Urban Connectivity Project and Johnstown Inclined Plane.
- City staff continued work 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 submitted completed drafts of both plans to the Federal Transit Administration for review.
- City staff provided notice to proceed for work to begin by project consultant Transystems on work to identify voids and vaults underneath Main Street sidewalks. The work will be performed with ground penetrating radar in order to ensure that streetscape improvements are compatible with underlying ground conditions.
- City staff reviewed and evaluated options for parking payment kiosks along Main Street provided by the SCAPE design team.
- City staff participated in weekly project status meetings with the SCAPE design team. 75% completed construction documents are due March 15 for the Main Street/Central Park project components of the RAISE project.
- City staff coordinated with Federal Transit Administration to determine eligibility of Central Park components of the project for RAISE funding.
- 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.

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