

New Amtrak station will be completed by July 2021, consulting engineers say in new documents

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Amtrak crews work on building track panels Wednesday in preparation for the track shift in the spring. STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Construction of the long-planned new Amtrak train station along West Main Street is to be completed by July 21, 2021, according to information put out Jan. 15 by consulting engineers working on the project.

A group of contractors that may bid on the train station construction project were invited to a pre-bid conference that was held by Gannett Fleming, consulting engineers for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The conference started in council chambers in the Middletown Municipal Building, where the room was filled with about 40 to 50 people, Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter told the Press & Journal.

The group then reassembled at the train station location between Westporte Centre shopping center and the Ann Street bridge, to inspect the property.

As the group of contractors began their meeting at the site, closer to the Ann Street bridge side workers for Amtrak were building track panels in preparation for the track-moving work Amtrak will be doing in the spring.

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The train station project was put out for bids Dec. 19. Bids from contractors are to be opened on Jan. 30, according to the information put out at the pre-bid conference.

Construction contract bids are to be awarded by PennDOT in March, PennDOT told the Press & Journal earlier this month.

Another pre-construction meeting is to be held during the week of March 9, with the anticipated notice-to-proceed date for contractors set for March 16, according to information put out at the pre-bid conference.

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