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## New train station in Ardmore appears to be on track

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LOWER MERION – Construction on a new train station in Ardmore is expected to begin later this year, according to SEPTA officials. But construction of the garage portion of the project remains years away.

Robert Lund, assistant general manager of engineering, maintenance and construction with SEPTA, outlined the transit authority's plans for the station at a recent Lower Merion Building and Planning Committee meeting.

The project will take place in two phases. The first phase will be for the station facilities and the second will be for a future garage. That second phase is not yet scheduled since there is still not enough funding for it.

In the first phase, SEPTA will put in high-level platforms, that will have full ADA compliance with elevators and ramps. There will also be new stairs and waiting facilities

It will be located on the existing SEPTA parking lot along with the neighboring township lot.

According to Lund, the real estate agreements are going before SEPTA's board this month as is the award for the construction contracts.

“So this is a reality, we are moving ahead with this,” Lund said about the station portion of the work.

The garage portion of the project will still take time, while funding is sought.

Once funding for the garage is found and it's built, Lund said it would have space for 500 cars and will be used by SEPTA, Amtrak and Lower Merion.

Under the schedule outlined by Lund for the first phase, the awarding of the contacts will go before the SEPTA board on June 26 with a notice to proceed in July or August.

The inbound parking lot will close in August. The work near the tracks will begin in the fall and will depend on Amtrak's availability for support work, Lund said.

Work on the station is expected to last about 30 months and it will remain open.



An artist's rendering of the new Ardmore Train Station. Submitted photo.

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