

PennDOT seeks public's help to improve Harrisburg Transportation Center

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (WHTM) – Brianna Crowley rolled her luggage through the Harrisburg Transportation Center to take a train to Philadelphia.

The Starbucks cup in her hand added an extra stop to her travel.

“I had to stop by Starbucks on my way here because this is not an easy place to grab a drink, and I’m

going to be on the train a couple hours,” she said.

Crowley’s plight is felt by many of the 1.6 million travelers who use the transportation center every year. PennDOT is hoping many of them have ideas for improvement.

Angela Watson, PennDOT’s project manager for Visioning Week, was at the state Capitol to promote the research it’s conducting this week. PennDOT is partnering with Harrisburg and the Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority to develop a revitalization plan for the four-block area surrounding the train station.

“We’re looking to help increase ridership in the area as well as helping the community with new developments surrounding the train station,” Watson said.

The 30th Street Station, the destination for many riders traveling from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, has many local and national vendors offering food, beverages, and shopping. Harrisburg is looking to offer something similar.

“A new restaurant or cafe at the station itself can be an amenity to help bring new life and activity to the station,” Watson said.

Crowley said that would be the biggest improvement. Not only does it shave time off stopping somewhere else, but she viewed the offerings as a showcase of what Harrisburg has to offer.

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"Zeroday [Brewery], Little Amps, and even some of the boutiques that have been opening up, "she said. "It's an opportunity for our local culture, our city to take some pride, but also be a hub that might actually raise visibility of the train station."

Visioning Week runs until Sept. 22.

[Here is a full schedule of events](#) and ways to [submit ideas](#).

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