



## Middletown updated on new train station and Emaus Street extension

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Middletown Borough Council heard an update on Tuesday night about the new Middletown Amtrak Station and the planned Emaus Street extension.

Engineers currently are finishing plans to submit to the state Department of Transportation for extending West Emaus Street that will provide a direct access from the borough's downtown to the train station, said planner Dan Anderton of Dewberry.

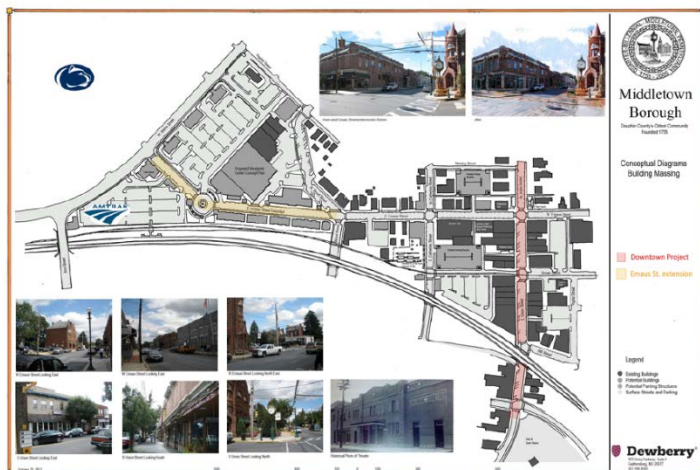
The extended street is proposed to intersect with Route 230 and end near Greenworks' off-campus housing for Penn State Harrisburg students. Also proposed is a pedestrian bridge over Route 230 to ensure safe crossings for the college students.

"I've heard people say that they've heard this all before about a getting new train station, but the [state] money is there for it this time," Mayor Robert Reid said.

State Department of Transportation officials said last month that they are getting the final pieces in place to begin the \$32 million project. PennDOT is financing the Emaus Street work as part of the train station project.

Work on the train station is slated to begin in the summer of 2015. Work on the Emaus Street project could begin before that, said borough spokesman Chris Courogen.

Developers also are considering building a museum and extending an existing park along the new street, Anderton said, as well as designing the train station with a 1910-era façade to match the borough's existing downtown.



Engineers' plans of the new Middletown train station and the Emaus Street extension. The street extension is highlighted in gold.

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