

Coatesville train station proposal includes career and learning center

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COATESVILLE—The Coatesville Redevelopment Authority released a new rendering of the Coatesville train station last week, which includes space for the proposed career and learning center.

Last year, state Sen. Andy Dinniman, D-19th of West Whiteland, announced that plans to include a Career Training and Education Center in the Coatesville train station project were in the works. He said communication with representatives of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, PennDOT, revealed their commitment to see the project move forward.

The new train station renderings - posted on the city's website - include a street scape drawing of the proposed train station waiting area and the potential home of the training center.

An interior layout is also a part of the new renderings. It shows a two-floor design with space for meeting rooms, public transit space, office space, a waiting area and bathrooms.

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The training center and waiting area is planned to be built in two-phases between North Third and Fourth avenues.

During a conversation on the Redevelopment Authority's, or RDA's, failed attempt to bring on a developer for "the flats" - 28 acres of undeveloped land located Route 30, west of Route 82 near the Brandywine Creek in Coatesville - Dinniman said the training center project will be funded using a combination of state and federal grants. The first floor waiting area for train passengers will be funded by PennDOT, he said.

Before the final plans for the training center are complete and approved, Dinniman said it's important for the community to share the vision of the training center. He said another community-style discussion will be held for stakeholders and community members to share input on the training center's design.

A similar forum was set last year to allow the community to share ideas and concerns about the future development along Fleetwood Street in the city.

The overall idea of the training and education center is to "contribute to economic revitalization of the city" by creating jobs for Coatesville residents "without hurting the tax base of a city that is already having difficulty budget wise," Dinniman said.

A 420-car parking garage is also planned for construction closer to North Third Avenue.

PennDOT dedicated \$20 million toward the overall development of the train station in Coatesville, acting as a part of the revitalization of the Keystone Corridor. The station in Coatesville was named on a list of sites PennDOT was interested in seeing constructed as a train station linking Harrisburg to Philadelphia.

It's unclear when construction for the train station will begin.

Coatesville RDA's chairman Joseph DiSciullo did not respond to a call for comment Monday.

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