

## Work begins on Exton train station

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WEST WHITELAND—Construction work began at the Exton Train station on Oct. 19 to add parking spaces and to make the station ADA compliant.

According to John Weller, West Whiteland Township director of planning and zoning, the new improvements will include an expanded parking lot, an enclosed building on the inbound, south side, a new shelter on the outbound north side, and accessibility improvements for those with disabilities.

When construction is finished, Weller said there will be approximately 35 additional parking spots.



A \$15.5 million improvement project is under way at the Exton station in West Whiteland. The project includes more parking, storm water management, a new station and high-level platforms. PETE BANNAN — DAILY LOCAL NEWS

According to documents provided by SEPTA, the \$15.5 million project is a partnership between SEPTA and Amtrak.

Construction work is in phase one currently. There are six phases total, and SEPTA officials estimate the final phase will be finished in the summer of 2018.

A fact sheet provided by SEPTA officials stated the Exton Station “will be fully upgraded and ADA compliant as well as an aesthetically pleasing addition to the community.”

The station will have high-level boarding platforms for both inbound and outbound trains.

The fact sheet also stated a waiting area and restroom will be constructed on the inbound platform.

“There is no doubt that the Exton Train Station is in need of more parking and that is one of the reasons why an expanded parking lot is the first job to get started,” said State Senator Andy Dinniman.

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“It is great to see work begin on this project, and I look forward to the completion of a station with an actual ticket office, an enclosed and heated building, and accessibility improvements for those with disabilities in addition to other upgrades.”

SEPTA officials said on an average weekday, 752 trips are made from the Exton train station.

“The Exton Train Station is one of the busiest on the Main Line and ridership is increasing at a rapid pace,” Dinniman said. “These vital upgrades will help ensure that it remains a strong public transportation artery for so many employees, commuters and businesses in our growing region.”

Dinniman said he is also working with West Whiteland Township officials to help improve regional bus service in the Exton area.

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