



UPDATE ON THE JOHNSTOWN INCLINED PLANE REHABILITATION PROJECT

For Immediate Release:

Johnstown, PA - (June 16, 2026) The Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) is providing an update on the rehabilitation and testing of The Johnstown Inclined Plane Rehabilitation Project in June 2026.

JUNE 2026 – THE INCLINED PLANE REHABILITATION UPDATE:

The Inclined Plane successfully began its required 30-day operational test period on June 1, 2026. During the first week of testing, engineers and project staff identified the need to perform routine cable maintenance associated with the installation of the new haul cable. As a result, the test period was temporarily paused on June 5, 2026.

The maintenance involves removing excess cable length that developed as the new cable experienced initial stretching during operation. According to the project engineers, this type of stretching is normal for new cables and was anticipated as a possibility during the design and construction process. While CamTran purchased a pre-stretched cable to minimize the amount of initial stretch, the engineers advised that some additional stretching can still occur and is considered a normal part of commissioning a new cable system.

Historically, cable adjustments have been a routine maintenance activity throughout the operating life of the Inclined Plane. However, project staff did not anticipate that this adjustment would be required so early in the testing period.

The cable maintenance work is currently underway and is expected to be completed by Thursday, June 18, 2026. Once the work is finished and the system is inspected, CamTran anticipates resuming the 30-day operational test period on Friday, June 19, 2026.

In addition to the cable adjustment, CamTran continues to work closely with the project engineers and contractors to complete final inspections and address several minor punch-list items identified during the commissioning process. These items are typical for a project of this size and complexity and do not represent major concerns. Additional information regarding the punch-list work will be provided as it becomes available.

"Commissioning and testing are critical parts of any major infrastructure project," said Rose M. Lucey-Noll, Executive Director of CamTran. "While the need for a cable adjustment occurred earlier than anticipated, our engineers have confirmed that this is a normal occurrence with a new cable installation. We appreciate the community's patience as we complete these final steps and remain focused on ensuring that the Inclined Plane is safe, reliable, and ready to serve residents and visitors for many years to come."

CamTran remains optimistic that the remaining test period will proceed smoothly and is committed to keeping the public informed as the project advances toward completion and moves closer to reopening the Johnstown Inclined Plane for residents, visitors, and the public.

The Johnstown Inclined Plane is one of the region's most iconic landmarks and transportation assets. The rehabilitation project represents a significant investment in preserving this historic structure while ensuring its continued operation for future generations.



Asiago's Tuscan Italian restaurant, located in the Inclined Plane's Visitor's Center, remains open throughout the duration of the project.

The public can stay up to date by visiting the CamTran and The Johnstown Inclined Plane Facebook pages, as well as checking the official Johnstown Inclined Plane website for project updates at www.inclinedplane.org.

At CamTran, public safety is our top priority, and we remain fully committed to reopening the Inclined Plane.

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