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### **THE JOHNSTOWN INCLINED PLANE RETURNING TO SERVICE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

*Historic landmark passes final inspection and will welcome passengers back with 30 days of free rides following extensive safety-focused rehabilitation*

**JOHNSTOWN, PA (September 3, 2026)** — The Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) is pleased to announce that the Johnstown Inclined Plane will officially reopen to the public on Friday, September 4, 2026, following an extensive rehabilitation project designed to preserve one of Pennsylvania's most iconic landmarks while ensuring it meets today's rigorous engineering and safety standards.

The return to service marks the culmination of years of planning, engineering, construction, testing, state regulatory review, and securing the necessary funding at the federal, state, and local levels, specifically:

- Federal - Federal Transit Administration (FTA); The National Park Service's Save America's Treasures Program.
- State - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT); Bureau of Public Transportation.
- Local - Community Foundation for the Alleghenies; 1889 Foundation.

The reopening comes during CamTran's 50th anniversary year, adding to a milestone year for the Authority.

"This is an exciting day for our community," said Rose M. Lucey-Noll, Executive Director of CamTran. "We know how much the Inclined Plane means to Johnstown, to the region, and to the thousands of people who have been eagerly awaiting its return. We appreciate the patience shown throughout this project and are proud to once again welcome residents and visitors aboard."

Originally opened in 1891 following the Johnstown Flood of 1889, the Inclined Plane has served as both a transportation asset and one of the region's most recognizable landmarks for more than 130 years. Today, it continues to stand as the world's steepest vehicular inclined plane and remains a symbol of Johnstown's resilience, innovation, and rich history.



The rehabilitation required significantly more time than originally anticipated due to the historic nature of the facility, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain challenges, foundry closures, and additional engineering needs identified as work progressed. These challenges required further evaluation, design revisions, component fabrication, testing, and regulatory review. Throughout the process, CamTran worked closely with project partners and state oversight agencies while remaining committed to one priority: reopening only when every component met the rigorous standards for safety and reliability.

"Throughout this project, CamTran and its Board made a commitment to do things the right way," said Joe Slifko, CamTran Board Chairman. "Every additional review, inspection, and adjustment was made with one goal in mind: providing a safe, reliable experience for every resident and guest who rides the Inclined Plane."

As part of the reopening, CamTran will provide 30 days of free rides beginning on the first day of public operation, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the newly rehabilitated Inclined Plane at no cost. Riders 65 and older can always ride free with proof of age.

During the initial reopening period while CamTran continues training additional operators, the Inclined Plane will be open the following days and hours:

- Thursday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Saturday from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Sunday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

The Inclined Plane will also be open on certain holidays, including this Labor Day, Monday, September 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CamTran Board members, staff, and invited Cambria County Commissioners will gather at the Johnstown Inclined Plane at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 4, as the Inclined Plane officially returns to passenger service. Members of the media are invited to attend the reopening, capture the first rides, and speak with CamTran representatives about the rehabilitation project and the Inclined Plane's return.

Following the return to service, CamTran also plans to host a Grand Reopening Community Celebration. Additional details regarding the event will be announced at a later date.

Visitors are encouraged to check current operating hours and visitor information by visiting [www.inclinedplane.org](http://www.inclinedplane.org) before planning their trip.

### **About CamTran**

The Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) is the public transit provider serving Cambria County, Pennsylvania, providing safe, reliable, and affordable transportation services to



residents throughout the region. With a network of services, including Urban and Rural Fixed Route; ADA Paratransit; Shared Ride/Reserve-A-Ride; and Medical Assistance Transportation (MATP) trips, CamTran plays a vital role in keeping the county moving. CamTran also operates the Johnstown Inclined Plane, the steepest vehicular incline in the world.

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