



**FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE MAY 24, 2023-CAMTRAN UPDATE JOHNSTOWN INCLINED PLANE RE-OPENING DATE MOVED TO 2024.**

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**Johnstown Inclined Plane Rehabilitation Community Update: May 24, 2023**

The following update is on the progress of the Inclined Plane Rehabilitation Project. Rose M. Lucey-Noll, Executive Director, CamTran stated that “Safety is a primary concern. The diligence of CamTran and its consultants ensured that all testing protocols were satisfied through various checks at each stage of construction due to diligence from CamTran throughout the process.” The following explains through a question-and-answer format why the Inclined Plane re-opening date has been moved to 2024.

**Re-opening Incline delayed- Why?**

The completion of the Inclined Plane Rehabilitation project has been delayed due to delays in the delivery of the Sheave Wheels.

**What are sheave wheels?**

The north and south cars use haul cables. The safety cable runs between the two cars and operates at the same time as the haul cables. The sheave wheels act as a guideway groove for the cables to travel in/move. The cables wrap around the sheave wheels and unwind and wind up as the Incline cars go up and down the hillside.

**How many Sheave wheels are we waiting for?**

Six have been completed and installed. Two safety sheave wheels have not been delivered.

**When will the last two sheave wheels be delivered?**

Over the past several months, the delivery date has continued to change on a bi-weekly basis. **As of 5/23/23, the estimated delivery date is mid-June of 2023. This is two weeks later than the report on 5/9/23.**

**What steps must be taken before the Inclined Plane can re-open to the public?**

Once the remaining two safety sheave wheels are installed, the remaining work can move forward.

**The following sequence must occur before the Inclined Plane can re-open for public use.**

1. **Commissioning** – Contractors test all components to ensure proper function. **[45-60 days-without any issues]**
2. **CamTran/SSO Safety Certification** – The Incline is classified as rail; therefore, it must follow the rules and regulations of the PA Rail Transit Safety Oversight Program (RTSRP). A comprehensive review of safety standard compliance. **[2-3 weeks-without any issues].**

3. **Labor and Industry Inspection** – Conducts a full inspection of the system to verify it is working safely and within the parameters of established standards for vehiculars. [**7 days-without any issues**]
  
4. **Incline Operator Training** – Personnel are trained and tested to pass the test(s) for specific personnel directly involved with the operation of the Incline (2) months [Note: Operators require 65-80 hours training per person.]

**When will Incline Re-open in 2023-unlikely due to the sheave wheel delays?**

If the two remaining sheave wheels are delivered in mid-June (as of 5/23/23 contractor report,) and based on the above steps and that every step goes 100% right, it puts the potential re-opening to the end of November. However, our regular operational schedule closes the Incline in December until Springtime. As a result, with this most recent up to date information **CamTran will not reopen the Inclined Plane until Spring of 2024.**

**The Good News:** We will have a rehabilitated Inclined Plane. The delays in the completion and installation of the Sheave Wheels were beyond CamTran’s control. It is very disappointing for CamTran, and we know the community at large, but now we look forward to re-opening in **2024.**

**PROJECTS ALREADY COMPLETED:**

Incline cars undercarriage suspension/car junction boxes fixed.

- ✓ 720 Rail track ties replaced.
- ✓ Replaced lighting along entire tracks.
- ✓ Upper Incline Station painted/Roof replaced, gutters /downspouts replaced.
- ✓ Lower Incline station painted exterior and interior.
- ✓ Installed auxiliary Motor.
- ✓ Installation of back-up generator transformer for auxiliary motor
- ✓ Added ventilation shutters to electrical room.
- ✓ Electrical wiring replaced in motor room.
- ✓ Hillside stabilization and waterflow diverted away from track piers.
- ✓ Station Platform overhead doors replaced.

**PROJECTS COMPLETED BEYOND ORIGINAL SCOPE OF WORK:**

- ✓ Replaced the majority of the wood siding at the upper station.
- ✓ Cleaned and painted the cars.  
Replaced all the interior and exterior lighting on both cars.
- ✓ Replaced the shocks on both cars.
- ✓ Incline cars block flooring repaired.
- ✓ Rebuilt the Incline manager’s office wall.
- ✓ Replaced the boarding area lighting at both the upper and lower stations,
- ✓ Removed the patio under the observation deck and rock landscaped the entire area.
- ✓ Rebuilt the ice cream shop wall.
- ✓ Rebuilt the four-triangle track supports in the safety room.
- ✓ Filled in the pit in the safety room to prevent further erosion of the north wall.
- ✓ Replaced lighting above the lower station IP sign.