

PROJECT: 12-63-011 Atglen Train Station Feasibility Study

Responsible Agency: Chester County Planning Commission

Project Manager: Sarah Oaks

Goals:

The study will identify a preferred station concept, multi-modal connections, and implementation plan for a new train station within the Borough of Atglen as part of the planned extension of SEPTA's Paoli-Thorndale line to serve Coatesville, Parkesburg, and Atglen.

Description:

The Borough of Atglen is identified as the last station for the extension of SEPTA service on the Paoli-Thorndale rail line. The Train Station Feasibility Study is one of the recommended next steps in the Needs and Opportunities Study for the R5 (Paoli-Thorndale) Extension (DVRPC, 2007). The Borough of Atglen has identified an ideal site for the new station. Additionally, the Borough has already highlighted a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) overlay district within the Borough's Comprehensive Plan, which includes mixed-use development on the north and south sides of the rail line.

The Train Station Feasibility Study will analyze the identified station location, necessary station facilities, and relationship to planned Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The study will include a concept station site plan, multi-modal accessibility plan, and implementation and action plan. The study will incorporate the preferred rail operations for SEPTA, Amtrak, and Norfolk Southern. The Feasibility Study will provide the foundation for the design of a new SEPTA rail station in the Borough of Atglen.

The SEPTA Paoli-Thorndale Extension is identified as a Major Regional Transit Project in Connections, DVRPC's Long Range Plan. Moreover, the US 30/Keystone Corridor is identified as an emerging congested corridor in the regional Congestion Management Plan (CMP). Advancing the design of the train station is consistent with these regional plans.

Tasks:

1. Coordinate with key stakeholders, including Borough of Atglen, SEPTA, Amtrak, and residents
2. Develop an Atglen Station Feasibility Study with the following elements:
 - a. Station Site Concept Plan that will include a layout and concept design for the station building, platforms, parking, and drop-off/pick-up area

b. Station Accessibility Plan that will include identification of multi-modal connections to the station, particularly to provide access between the station and nearby residential areas, businesses, off-site parking lots, and major roadways. It will include identification of necessary infrastructure improvements to enhance access to the future station.

c. Implementation and Action Plan that will include identified capital improvements and respective cost estimates, priority, lead agencies responsible for implementation, and anticipated schedule for design and construction activities.

d. Design Scoping Documents that will include key parameters for design and engineering services in the next phase.

Products:

- 1. Atglen Station Feasibility Study
- 2. Quarterly progress reports & invoices

Beneficiaries:

SEPTA, Amtrak, PennDOT, Chester County, Borough of Atglen

Project Cost and Funding:

FY	Total	Highway Program	Transit Program	Comprehensive Planning	Other *
2011	\$0				
2012	\$60,000		\$60,000		
2013	\$0				
2014	\$0				