

# Spring start eyed for long-planned transportation hub

Lackawanna Ave. center's design is 60% complete.

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The transportation hub planned for downtown Scranton is making solid progress after years of delays and false starts.

The County of Lackawanna Transit System has received the go-ahead from the Federal Transit Administration to open negotiations for the acquisition of two properties needed as part of the \$12.6 million intermodal

transit center project, COLTS Executive Director Robert Fiume said.

In addition, the project design by Sowinski Sullivan Architects, Sparta, N.J., is 60 percent complete.

"Should things stay on track — and I don't even know if I want to say this — but if they stay on track, it looks like we can break ground in April or May," Mr. Fiume said.

His hesitation is understandable, given the project's history.

The intermodal center has

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This architect rendering shows the view of the intermodal transit center, as seen from the southeast, proposed for the 100 block of Lackawanna Avenue in Scranton.

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