



PRT Committee Recommends Bus Rapid Transit Phase One Construction Contract, Service Changes

Contract to be Considered at March 24 Board meeting

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 16, 2023) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit’s Board will consider awarding a \$28 million construction contract for the first phase of its Downtown-Uptown-Oakland Bus Rapid Transit project at its regularly scheduled meeting next week, moving the long-awaited project closer to completion.

PRT’s Board will consider the contract with Independence Excavating, Inc. at its meeting on Friday, March 24. Phase One of the BRT project is the downtown area along Fifth, Liberty, and Sixth avenues known as the Downtown Loop.

The Board on Friday will also consider the Title VI analysis and major service changes to bus routes 61D, 71A, 71C, and 71D, to be implemented this fall.

Proposed changes to the P3 bus route will be deferred while staff continue to review alternatives before changes go into effect in 2025.

“The Downtown-Uptown-Oakland Bus Rapid Transit project will be transformative to our city and our region by improving transit access and amenities throughout a vital corridor,” said PRT CEO Katharine Kelleman.

The \$291 million Downtown-Uptown-Oakland BRT project will provide more reliable, convenient, and faster service with improved amenities and transit connections. Phase One includes the installation of five new bus stations in downtown Pittsburgh, transit-exclusive traffic lanes, intersection improvements, new accessible ramps, among other improvements.

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