<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (February 2, 2022) - Construction is expected to begin the week of February 14 at Negley Station along the Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway in Pittsburgh's Shadyside neighborhood.

Improvements will include a new ramp and stairs from South Negley Avenue, new inbound and outbound platforms, a covered waiting area for pick-up and drop-off, LED lighting upgrades, and features that increase pedestrian safety. Final station plans also include new landscaping and design elements that encourage future transit-oriented development.

Plavchak Construction Company of Elizabeth, Pa. will work weekdays from about 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

During this first phase of construction, which will last for about three months, the South Negley Avenue entrance to Negley Station, which includes an accessible ramp and stairs leading to the station, will be closed for while a new ramp and stairs are constructed. The sidewalk directly in front of the station entrance on South Negley Avenue, and the intersection of Summerlea and Pierce Street, will also be closed.

The entrance to Negley Station will remain open at Summerlea Street.

Riders at Negley Station will board outbound buses at stop A. Inbound stops at the station will not be affected by construction during this phase. Riders may also board buses at nearby existing bus stops along Centre Avenue or Ellsworth Avenue.

Outside of the station, the bus stop located at Negley Avenue at East Busway Steps (stop #11088), located by the station entrance on South Negley Avenue, will be temporarily discontinued while access to the station is restricted. Riders of the inbound 64 Lawrenceville-Waterfront should instead use the bus stop located at Negley Avenue at Ellsworth Avenue (stop #8566).

Residents who live near the station will be informed in advance of any additional street closures and parking or lane restrictions.

The Negley Station project is part of the Authority's Station Improvement Program, which invests capital resources into existing fixed-guideway assets to encourage more transit ridership and investment. Negley Station is the first station in the program to undergo construction.

Riders or residents with questions or concerns during construction may contact Port Authority Customer Service at 412-442-2000. After business hours, please call 412-566-5544, leave a message, and a Port Authority representative will return your call as soon as possible.

As construction progresses, rider impacts will change. Updates will be posted on Twitter @PGHTransit, @PghTransitAlert and at www.PortAuthority.org/NegleyStation.