

Additional University Line Work Location Being Added Next Week

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (January 5, 2024) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit will add a second work location to the University Line bus rapid transit project on Sixth Avenue between Smithfield Street and William Penn Place beginning next week.

The work will involve exploratory excavation and relocation of water and drainage infrastructure.

Contractors are expected to establish the new work location on Monday, although the exact day will depend on the severity of this weekend's expected snowstorm.

Once construction gets underway, one traffic lane will be maintained in each direction on Sixth Avenue. No other streets will be impacted.

The work is expected to last at this location through mid-February.

Mellon Garage will remain accessible from all entrances and exits, and pedestrian access will be maintained on Sixth Avenue opposite the work zone.

PRT bus routes P1, P68, and P71 will detour one block to Fifth Avenue, however all stops will continue to be served.

Construction on Sixth Avenue near Grant Street Nears Completion

University Line construction at Sixth Avenue between Grant and Ross is expected to wrap up by the end of January.

Contractors are installing new water and drainage infrastructure there, too.

The first phase of construction on the University Line began September 13 and is expected to take about 18 months to complete. A construction contract for the second phase – Uptown through Oakland – will be put out to bid later this year.

For more information on the University Line, please visit www.rideprt.org/brt and to sign up for the University Line Newsletter, visit https://prt-brt-newshub.prezly.com/.