



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (July 20, 2023) – Significant disruptions to Pittsburgh Regional Transit bus and light-rail vehicles are expected in downtown Pittsburgh this weekend with multiple ongoing construction projects and Picklesburgh-related street closures.

Riders traveling to and from downtown Pittsburgh should allow an additional 30 to 45 minutes of travel time.

From 8 p.m. Friday through the start of service on Monday, crews will resume making repairs to the rail system's concrete support structure. This work, which began in October 2022, had been temporarily suspended so it would not interfere with other events. The work is being performed on weekends through next year.

During this work, inbound rail service will run from the South Hills to Penn Station (the bus and rail station along the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway).

Riders using Steel Plaza should be aware that the escalators are being replaced and are therefore not available for use; the stairs and elevators remain open.

Riders continuing to Gateway, North Side or Allegheny stations should exit light-rail vehicles at Penn Station and board a free shuttle bus to Gateway Station. From Gateway, a rail car will operate to North Side and Allegheny stations.

Outbound rail service from the North Shore toward downtown will end at Gateway Station. Riders continuing toward the South Hills should exit the rail car and board a shuttle bus from the temporary stop outside the station. The shuttle bus will drop riders off at Penn Station, where they can board rail cars heading to the South Hills.

Additionally, Wood Street Station will be closed from 8 p.m. until Monday morning. And the bus stop located on Liberty Avenue outside Wood Street Station has been moved a short distance away to Liberty Avenue past Strawberry Way to accommodate the station's cleaning, a project that began earlier this week. Shuttle buses will serve the temporary stop past Strawberry Way.

Riders taking light rail to Picklesburgh from the South Hills are encouraged to exit at First Avenue Station to avoid the above-mentioned rail detour. From the North Side, riders should exit at Gateway Station. Several bus routes will also be detoured. Bus riders are encouraged to check PRT's website for complete detour information: www.rideprt.org/Detours/.

Riders with questions are encouraged to contact Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000 on Twitter @PghTransitCare or via live chat at www.ridePRT.org.

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