

Monongahela Incline to Reopen Monday

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 3, 2023) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit will reopen the Monongahela Incline on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Since PRT closed the incline for an \$8.2 million renovation project on August 1, contractors have modernized the mechanical controls and electrical system, upgraded the interiors of the upper and lower stations, installed exterior track lighting, and completed other updates to the historic funicular.

The incline passed inspections today. Operators will spend the weekend getting more familiar with the new control systems before the incline reopens at 5:30 a.m. on Monday.

"The Mon Incline has served generations of Pittsburghers for more than 150 years and holds a special place in the hearts of locals and visitors alike," said PRT CEO Katharine Kelleman. "These renovations will help preserve the incline's historic charm and ensure that it's able to safely and successfully operate for another 150 years."

A beloved Pittsburgh fixture since it was built in 1870, the Mon Incline provides quick and convenient access to Mt. Washington and serves as a destination for tens of thousands of tourists each year.

Supply chain and material delivery issues delayed its reopening since November.

"We are tremendously grateful to the residents and businesses of Mt. Washington for their patience during this work," Kelleman said. "We know how important the incline is to our hilltop neighbors."

The Monongahela Incline operates Monday through Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to midnight and on Sundays and holidays from 8:45 a.m. to midnight.

For more information, riders are encouraged to contact PRT Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000, on Twitter @pghtransitcare or via live chat at <u>www.rideprt.org</u>. PRT Customer Service is available weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.