

## **Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee**

February 16, 2023

## **Board Committee Members**

John Tague, Jr., Chair – virtual Ann Ogoreuc – in person Stephanie Turman – virtual Allie Doyle - virtual Other Board Members Jeffrey Letwin - virtual

Michele Zmijanac - virtual Lori Mizgorski – virtual Gerry Delon – virtual Nicholas Pisciottano

## 1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2023, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

## 2. Summary of Public Comment Period for Proposed Downtown-Uptown-Oakland BRT Service Changes (Chief Development Officer David Huffaker)

The public comment period ran from Dec. 15, 2022, to Feb. 1, 2023, and received a total of 730 comments during that time period, representing a diverse range in race, income, and geography.

The vast majority, 95%, of the comments were delivered online, with about 3% delivered on voicemail, and 1% delivered both to customer service and through the public hearings which were held on Jan. 18. More than 3,500 comments have been received since the inception of the project in 2017.

About 1,800 of those comments are in favor of the changes, while about 1,600 comments are opposed, including the potential change to the P3, which was the largest number of opposition comments.

In March, the Board will receive the Title VI Report and recommendations for the service changes planned for 2023. Construction is expected to begin in the Downtown portion of the project in spring of 2023 and the earliest the changes could begin would be October. Construction of the Uptown-Oakland corridor is expected to begin in spring of 2024.

With no further business, the Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.