

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (May 12, 2023) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit will close a portion of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. East Busway for the next two weekends beginning tomorrow, Saturday, May 13.

The busway will be open Monday through Friday.

This weekend's closure will allow crews to perform maintenance of a sign on the Assembly Building on Centre Avenue. Next weekend's closure (Saturday May 20 and Sunday, May 21) will allow crews to mill and repave the busway's road surface.

During both weekend closures, buses will be unable to serve Negley Station from the start of service on Saturday through Sunday evening.

Buses traveling inbound toward downtown Pittsburgh will continue to serve East Liberty Station, but will exit the busway at Ellsworth Avenue, turn right onto Amberson Avenue, left onto Bayard Street, and return to the busway at Neville Street. Inbound buses will serve the bus stop on Ellsworth at Negley (Stop #8246).

Buses traveling outbound toward Swissvale will exit the busway at Neville Street, turn left onto Ellsworth Avenue and return to the busway. Outbound buses will serve the bus stop at Ellsworth at Negley (Stop #8265).

Riders traveling on the busway or through area should plan for an additional 10 to 15 minutes of travel time.

Milling and paving the busway is one of the final steps of the \$2.5 million renovation of Negley Station, which is anticipated to be fully complete by the end of June. The station has remained open throughout construction.

The new Negley Station will feature improved station accessibility, bicycle parking, passenger pickup and drop-off locations, lighting and safety upgrades, a public gathering plaza, and wider sidewalks.

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