



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (February 9, 2024) – The Monongahela Incline will reopen on Saturday morning following a successful state inspection, Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced today.

The work PRT and its contractors conducted over the last five weeks passed inspection by the state Department of Labor & Industry about 1 p.m. Friday. PRT will spend the next several hours before the incline opens at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday completing a few final tests and adjustments.

PRT closed the 154-year-old funicular on January 2 after a failure of the electrical and mechanical systems. That closure occurred 10 months after an \$8.2 million renovation project from August 2022 to March 2023.

The work conducted over the last five weeks has been under contract from the 2022/2023 rehabilitation project and will not cost PRT nor Allegheny County taxpayers any additional money.

The incline opened in 1870, just five years after the end of the Civil War and six years before Mark Twain published *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. It is the oldest continuously operating funicular in the country and just one of 11 remaining in the United States.

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