



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 18, 2023) – The Monongahela Incline will reopen on Monday morning, Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced today.

Closed since last Friday, PRT determined that an air conditioning unit inside an electronics cabinet created excessive condensation, which caused the emergency brake to engage and the cars to stop unexpectedly.

Over the last week, PRT’s engineering team and consultants developed a remedy to reduce the amount of condensation the air conditioning unit created while still ensuring the circuitry inside the communications cabinet does not overheat. PRT will continue to conduct tests over the weekend.

Port Authority police, along with firefighters and paramedics from the Pittsburgh Bureau of Public Safety, were called to the scene about 5 p.m. Friday when 12 people were stranded about 50 feet from the stations. Although emergency responders were preparing to rescue the passengers, crews were able to get the cars moving about 6 p.m. and no rescue was required.

The 153-year-old incline, the oldest continuously operating funicular in the country, sees about 1,000 riders every weekday and 4,500 riders on weekends. The incline was last inspected in March following an \$8.2 million rehabilitation project.

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