

Escalator Project Transitions to Wood Street

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 6, 2023) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit began work this week to replace all four escalators at Wood Street Station.

Riders will start to see barricades placed inside the station as crews start to dismantle the existing escalators and prepare for the new escalators to arrive and be installed.

The escalators at Wood Street Station are expected to be installed by February 2024. They will be out of service while they're being replaced; the stairs and elevators will remain open.

Contractors will primarily be working weekdays from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some weekend and overnight work may be required.

PRT will close Wood Street Station entirely from October 9-20 and from November 6-17 while crews remove the existing escalators and install the new escalators. During the closures, riders who use Wood Street Station should instead use Steel Plaza or Gateway stations.

Replacing the escalators at Wood Street Station is part of a \$13.5 million project to replace nine escalators at three downtown light-rail stations.

PRT recently replaced three of the four escalators at Steel Plaza Station and is awaiting inspection the week of September 18. After Wood Street, crews will replace the escalator at First Avenue Station before replacing the final escalator at Steel Plaza next summer.

PRT will post signs and announce any changes to scheduled service via each station's audio system, online at <u>www.ridePRT.org</u> and on Twitter at @PghTransitAlert.

Riders with questions are encouraged to contact Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000, on Twitter @PghTransitCare, or via live chat at <u>www.ridePRT.org</u>.