



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 18, 2022)** - Pittsburgh Regional Transit is seeking the public's input to help reimagine how buses traverse downtown Pittsburgh.

During the planning phase for this process, entitled NEXTransit Downtown, PRT will use the public's input to identify needs and opportunities for downtown residents, riders commuting into downtown, and those transferring downtown. The next phase will be to develop updated routing concepts before presenting a proposal to the public for final review. Implementation of the new plan would begin in phases in 2023.

Currently, about 90% of PRT's bus routes travel to downtown Pittsburgh. In addition to the turns that often slow buses down and reduce their on-time performance, the forthcoming BRT project — which is expected to begin construction next spring — will impact nearly half of these bus routes.

NEXTransit Downtown aims to improve safety, ease of movement, efficiency, and reliability of PRT buses while maintaining accessibility and upgrading rider amenities.

Visit [www.NEXTransit.network/downtown](http://www.NEXTransit.network/downtown) for more information and to sign up for the meetings, which will be held online on Tuesday, August 23rd at 5 p.m. and on Thursday, August 25th at noon.

Riders who are unable to attend either meeting are encouraged to provide input at the web address above or at one of several pop-up events being held downtown in late August and September.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Liberty Avenue at Wyndham Hotel	August 30	1 p.m.
Sixth Avenue at Smithfield Street (Trinity Cathedral)	August 30	3 p.m.
Stanwix at Fourth Avenue	September 1	8 a.m.
Farmers Market @ Market Square	September 1	10 a.m.
Liberty Avenue at 7 <sup>th</sup> Street (Wood Street Station)	September 7	11am-2pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Street at Penn Avenue (Agnes Katz Plaza)	September 7	2:30 p.m.
Smithfield Street at Fifth Avenue (Target)	September 13	11 a.m.
1 Smithfield Street (Allegheny County Human Services)	September 13	3 p.m.

NEXTransit Downtown will be a precursor to a system-wide bus network redesign, the planning for which is expected to start in summer 2023.

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