Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

July 16, 2026

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1. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes of the June 18, 2026, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. **Staff first presented a proposed resolution seeking authorization to enter into a public comment period for the Bus Line Refresh final plan.**

   This resolution would allow PRT to begin soliciting public feedback, including holding public hearings regarding the proposed improvements and service changes related to Bus Line Refresh. The public comment period would begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, and conclude at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

   At least one public hearing will be held in person at PRT's offices, though staff indicated to the Committee during the presentation that the plan is to have multiple hearings. Comments will also be received and documented via phone, email, written correspondence, and the project website.

   Following the public comment period, staff will summarize and report to the Board the Title VI report. The Board will consider approval of any major changes following review of the comments and will have the opportunity to hear a resolution on final approval and implementation of the BLR final plan, which is currently anticipated to be presented in November 2026.

   BLR is intended to improve service quality and reliability, prioritize equitable investment, and expand connections. The plan was crafted and revised after four phases of

engagement that included about 20,000 public comments,16,800 completed surveys, 79,000 website visits, and 2,900 documented attendees at more than 190 engagement events.

This resolution was sent to the full board for consideration.

3. **Staff then presented the PRTX University Line Quarterly Update.**

- Staff noted that construction remains active with several work sites; however, work is not impeding traffic detours in Oakland during the Parkway East closure.
- Red bus lane installation should begin on Forbes and Fifth avenues in Oakland in August.
- Stations are being installed and a plan is in development to allow stations to be used while construction advances.

4. **Finally, staff presented the May ridership update.**

- Total ridership saw an 8.2 % weekday growth year over year.
- Bus weekday ridership jumped 9.2 % year over year, while weekend ridership improved by over 7 %.
- Rail ridership improved 1.1 % on weekdays and about 4 % on weekends.
- February through May of 2026 have produced our highest totals of those calendar months since 2020.

With no further business, the Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.

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