



**Wood Street Station to be Closed December 8-22
Light-rail service in the CBD to be disrupted December 8-11 and 15-18**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (December 1, 2023) – Wood Street Station will be closed for two weeks beginning December 8, to facilitate the replacement of all four escalators at the station and to accommodate an ongoing light-rail construction project, Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced today.

The closure will begin at the start of service on December 8, fully closing the station to all passengers and pedestrians, with a reopening date expected by 4 p.m. December 22.

Patrons who would normally use Wood Street Station should instead use Steel Plaza or Gateway stations.

During regular weekday service, rail cars will continue to serve all other stations in the Central Business District and no delays are expected.

However, weekend service will be disrupted downtown while crews continue repair work in the tunnels under the Central Business District.

Between 8 p.m. Friday, December 8 and the start of service Monday, December 11; and again between Friday, December 15 and Monday, December 18 - inbound rail service will terminate at Penn Station (the bus and rail station along the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. East Busway).

Riders traveling to Gateway, North Side, or Allegheny stations should exit light-rail vehicles at Penn Station and board a free shuttle bus to Gateway Station. From Gateway, a rail car will operate to North Side and Allegheny stations.

Meanwhile during this time, outbound rail service from the North Shore toward downtown will terminate at Gateway Station. Riders continuing toward the South Hills should exit the rail car and board a shuttle bus from the temporary stop outside the station. The shuttle bus will drop riders off at Penn Station to board rail cars heading to the South Hills.

Riders should allow for 30-45 minutes of additional travel time.

The bus stop located on Liberty Avenue outside Wood Street Station has been moved to Liberty Avenue past Strawberry Way. Shuttle buses will serve that temporary stop.

The goal of the \$13.5 million project is to replace nine escalators at three downtown light-rail stations and to improve performance, safety, and reliability.

The escalators at Wood Street Station are expected to be fully installed by March 2024 and will remain out of service while they're being replaced.

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

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