

Construction Projects to Impact Transit Service in Downtown Pittsburgh This Weekend

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (February 23, 2024) - Multiple construction projects will temporarily detour more than a dozen bus routes in downtown Pittsburgh this weekend, Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced today.

Bus routes 61A, 61B, 61C, and 71B will be detoured from 6 p.m. on Friday until 2 a.m. on Saturday while Sixth Avenue between Wood Street and Liberty Avenue are closed.

The 61A, 61B, 61C, and 71B will not serve the bus stop in front of Trinity Cathedral on Sixth Avenue at Smithfield Street, however riders will be able to board these routes on Smithfield Street at Sixth Avenue at the PRT super stop.

On Saturday, 17 bus PRT bus routes will be detoured from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. while the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority completes a water line rehabilitation.

During that time, Smithfield Street and the Smithfield Street bus lane will be closed from Strawberry Way to Oliver Avenue and Sixth Avenue will be closed between Liberty Avenue and William Penn Place.

The detours will impact the 39-Brookline, 40-Mount Washington, 41-Bower Hill, 43-Bailey, 44-Knoxville, 48-Arlington, 51-Carrick, 77-Penn Hills, P1-East Busway, 61A-North Braddock, 61B-Braddock-Swissvale, 61C-McKeesport-Homestead, 71B-Highland Park, P68-Braddock Hills Flyer, Y46-Elizabeth Flyer, Y47-Curry Flyer, and Y49-Prospect Flyer bus routes.

And as a reminder, PRT will continue working in the transit tunnels under downtown Pittsburgh this weekend. Riders should expect disruptions from the South Hills to downtown Pittsburgh and the North Shore and allow for at least 30 minutes of additional travel time.

Rail cars coming from the South Hills will serve First Avenue and Steel Plaza stations before continuing to Penn Station, the otherwise inactive rail station located across the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway from The Pennsylvanian.

Riders traveling to Gateway, North Side or Allegheny stations should exit 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.

From Allegheny Station, rail cars will serve North Side and Gateway stations. Riders continuing toward the South Hills should exit rail cars at Gateway, board a shuttle bus from the temporary stop outside the station, and travel to Penn Station, where they can board a rail car to the South Hills.

For a complete list of the detours and the stops that will be affected this weekend, please visit <u>www.rideprt.org</u> or call PRT Customer Service at 412-442-2000.