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<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (March 11, 2020) - Due to growing concerns over the COVID-19 virus, Port Authority of Allegheny County has canceled its four remaining community engagement meetings, including a meeting that had been scheduled to take place this evening in Oakdale.

Port Authority has held five meetings in its series entitled "Public Transit: A Community Discussion" in downtown Pittsburgh, East Liberty, Millvale, Monroeville and McKeesport to provide information and solicit feedback about upcoming transit projects throughout Allegheny County. The remaining meetings, which had been scheduled through late April, will be rescheduled.

In the meantime, residents can watch a recording of an earlier meeting, review the presentation, and submit feedback at <a href="https://www.PortAuthority.org/GetTogether">www.PortAuthority.org/GetTogether</a>.

"Although there have been no positive cases in Allegheny County at this time, we decided to cancel the remaining meetings to make sure we were not causing anyone to take unnecessary risks," said Port Authority CEO Katharine Kelleman. "I have full confidence that we will be able to reschedule these meetings and continue to engage with communities throughout our region."

As of this morning, there are 14 people infected with the COVID-19 virus in the state of Pennsylvania.

Port Authority will continue to take direction from federal, state and local health agencies. Port Authority has made no operational changes to service, but has updated its agency-wide Pandemic Plan to include COVID-19 protocols should it need to be activated.

For more information about what Port Authority is doing in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, customers are encouraged to visit www.PortAuthority.org/coronavirus. For more general information, visit www.alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus.

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