

Silver Line - Library Closed for Repairs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (November 13, 2024) - Pittsburgh Regional Transit has closed the Silver Line - Library for the rest of the week to conduct emergency repairs after an electrical cable failed early Wednesday.

Shuttle buses are currently operating from Library Station in South Park Township to Washington Junction in Bethel Park via State Route 88/Library Road, although crews will be focusing on reestablishing the Silver Line at Lytle Station in Bethel Park to Washington Junction so shuttle buses can operate from Library Station to Lytle, also via Route 88/Library Road as soon as possible.

The Library Line extends from the North Shore to South Park, however the affected area is located in the one of the oldest parts of the rail system where the overhead power lines, reconstructed in the 1980s for an older type of rail car, were retrofitted for the light-rail vehicles used today. The retrofit, which allowed electricity to travel over five miles through an aluminum feeder cable, had lasted nearly 40 years.

PRT crews will work over the next few days to employ a different system to carry the electricity needed to power the vehicles over a shorter distance, thereby increasing the electrical stability and reliability of the Silver Line overall.

PRT will provide additional updates as the situation changes.

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