

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 20, 2023) – Escalator rehabilitation work will resume at Steel Plaza Station beginning Monday, Oct. 23 with the removal and replacement of the final escalator at the station.

Contractors began work at Steel Plaza in April to replace three of the four escalators at the station. Those three are expected to reopen in early November. The fourth and final escalator will now be dismantled and replaced, with a projected reopening date in late March.

Riders will start to see barricades placed around that escalator, which will be out of service while it is being replaced. The stairs and elevators will remain open.

Following that, work will begin on the escalator at First Ave. Station on Oct. 30, and is projected to last until late April.

Contractors are also currently working at Wood Street Station to replace all four escalators within that station, which are expected to be installed by February 2024.

Wood Street Station will be closed from Nov. 6-17 and possibly Nov. 27-Dec. 1, while crews remove the existing escalators and install the new equipment. During the closures, riders who use Wood Street Station should instead use Steel Plaza or Gateway stations.

Work will primarily be conducted between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, although some weekend and overnight work may be required.

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

PRT will post signs and announce any changes to scheduled service or planned outages via each station's audio and visual equipment, online at <u>www.ridePRT.org</u> or on Twitter at @PghTransitAlert.

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.