



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

## ***University Line Bus Rapid Transit Work Continues***

*Additional Work Location to be Added in Downtown Pittsburgh*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (January 16, 2024)** – A third work location will be added in downtown Pittsburgh next week to The University Line bus rapid transit project, Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced today.

The work zone will be established on January 22 on Sixth Avenue between Wood Street and Liberty Avenue, adjacent to Wood Street Station.

Both lanes of traffic on Sixth Avenue heading from Wood Street toward Liberty Avenue will be closed. The single lane of traffic on Sixth Avenue heading from Liberty Avenue toward Wood Street will remain open.

Contractors will be conducting exploratory excavation and relocating of water and drainage infrastructure. The work is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete.

### **Electrical work will also begin on January 22**

Also starting on January 22, PRT's electrical subcontractor will begin to install connections for future traffic signals and poles.

There are 35 work locations in downtown Pittsburgh that will be scheduled over the next four months. The length of time crews spend at each work location will vary, but most sites will take three to five days each. The work will be performed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays.

In January, the work will occur at the following locations:

- Liberty Avenue at Seventh Street, adjacent to the 7-Eleven
- Liberty Avenue at Seventh Street, across from the 7-Eleven
- Liberty Avenue in front of Wood Street Station
- Sixth Avenue at Grant Street, adjacent to Mellon Green

### **Work Underway on Sixth Avenue at Smithfield Street**

Construction activities began on January 11 on Sixth Avenue between Smithfield Street and William Penn Place, where crews are conducting exploratory excavation and relocating water and drainage infrastructure.

This work is expected to continue through mid-February.

Mellon Garage will continue to remain accessible from all entrances and exits, and pedestrian access will be maintained on Sixth Avenue opposite the work zone.

PRT bus routes P1, P68, and P71 are detouring one block to Fifth Avenue. All stops are being served.

### ***Construction on Sixth Avenue near Grant Street Nears Completion***

Construction on Sixth Avenue between Grant and Ross streets is expected to wrap up by the end of the month.

The first phase of construction on the University Line began September 13 and is expected to take about 18 months to complete. A construction contract for the second phase – Uptown through Oakland – will be put out to bid later this year.

For more information on the University Line, please visit [www.rideprt.org/brt](http://www.rideprt.org/brt) and to sign up for the University Line Newsletter, visit <https://prt-brt-newshub.prezly.com/>.

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