

New Work Sites Added to University Line Construction in Uptown

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (September 18, 2025) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit will begin the next phase of construction on the University Line bus rapid transit project with work expanding along Fifth and Forbes avenues in Uptown the week of September 22.

On Monday, September 22, crews will begin work on Forbes Avenue between Jumonville and Brady streets.

The following day, Tuesday September 23, construction will also begin on Fifth Avenue between Pride and Jumonville streets. These areas will ultimately include four new PRTX stations.

Crews will be on site from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through the end of December 2025.

Pedestrian and Vehicular Access

Contractors will maintain two travel lanes during evening rush hours (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

Street parking will remain available on the north side of Forbes Avenue (opposite the work zone) between Jumonville Street and Brady Street, except during evening rush hours.

Parking will be suspended on both sides of Fifth Avenue between Pride and Brady streets. Side streets and intersections will remain open.

Pedestrian access will be maintained, with temporary crosswalks and ADA-accessible ramps.

Bus Service Adjustments

On Forbes Avenues, bus routes 61A, 61B, and 61C will not serve stops at:

- Forbes at Jumonville
- Forbes at Seneca
- Forbes at Moultrie

Temporary stops will be located at:

- Jumonville at Watson
- Fifth Avenue bus lane at Seneca
- Fifth Avenue bus lane at Moultrie

On Fifth Avenue, bus routes 61A, 61B, 61C, and 71B will continue to serve existing bus stops.

While contractors will make every effort to maintain the existing stops, there may be occasions when stops are not accessible due to construction activities.

What's Being Built

This phase of construction includes:

- Excavation and utility relocation (water and sewer)
- Installation of new and wider sidewalks, curbs, and ADA-accessible ramps to improve safety and accessibility
- Underground conduit for station power, traffic signals, and pedestrian safety systems

In future phases, PRT will install:

- New PRTX stations with upgraded passenger amenities
- Transit-only lanes
- Roadway resurfacing, landscaping, and green infrastructure

New PRTX stations in Uptown

Outbound on Forbes Avenue:

- SoHo Station (Birmingham Bridge)
- Jumonville Station (at Jumonville Street)
- Uptown Central (at Miltenberger Street)

Inbound on Fifth Avenue:

- Uptown Central (at Miltenberger Street)
- Jumonville Station (at Jumonville Street)
- SoHo Station (at Kirkpatrick Street)

When complete, the University Line will feature 24 modern stations with seating, lighting, real-time arrival screens, fare vending machines, security cameras, and emergency phones. The service will operate in dedicated bus lanes inbound on Fifth Avenue and outbound on Sixth and Forbes avenues.

About the University Line:

Construction on the University Line began in Downtown Pittsburgh in September 2023. Once complete in 2027, the \$291 million BRT line will provide reliable transit service with upgraded amenities between Downtown and Oakland – the second- and third-largest economic centers in Pennsylvania.

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