

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (January 19, 2023) – Riders using public transit this weekend should expect significant disruptions in downtown Pittsburgh, the North Shore, and parts of the South Hills while Pittsburgh Regional Transit and its contractors work on two separate projects.

Both projects will begin at 11 p.m. Friday and end at the start of service on Monday morning.

Concrete repair work inside the tunnel between First Avenue and Steel Plaza stations will cause inbound rail service to end at First Avenue Station. Riders continuing to Steel Plaza, Wood Street, Gateway, North Side or Allegheny stations should exit light-rail vehicles at First Avenue Station and board a shuttle bus at the corner of First Avenue and Try Street. The shuttle will drop riders off outside Steel Plaza Station. From there, a rail car will operate to Allegheny Station, serving each station along the way.

Outbound rail service from the North Shore toward downtown will end at Steel Plaza. Riders continuing toward the South Hills should exit the rail car at Steel Plaza and board a shuttle bus along Grant Street. The shuttle bus will drop riders off outside First Avenue Station, where riders can proceed up to the platform and board outbound rail cars.

The installation of fiber optic support structures, also starting Friday night, will cause outbound Red Line vehicles to detour over the Blue Line between South Hills Junction and Washington Junction. Inbound service will not be affected.

Riders located between Allegheny Station and South Hills Junction and traveling to stations on the Red Line between South Hills Junction and Overbrook Junction should board any outbound rail car, disembark at Willow, and take an inbound Red Line rail car from Overbrook Junction to their destination.

A special late night rail shuttle will operate each night on the inbound tracks between Washington Junction and South Hills Junction, serving every station in between. On Friday night, the shuttle will operate until about 2 a.m. On Saturday night, the shuttle will operate until about 1:40 a.m. And on Sunday night, the shuttle will operate until 11:40 p.m.

During the Red Line detour, no buses will be permitted inside the Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel and the South Busway will be closed from Whited to Station Square. All South Busway stops from Edgebrook to Station Square, including Pioneer and Dawn, will be out of service. Inbound buses will detour through Allentown. Outbound buses will use the Wabash Tunnel.

Riders should allow for at least 30 minutes of additional travel time.

Riders with questions are encouraged to contact Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000 on Twitter @PghTransitCare or via live chat at <a href="https://www.ridePRT.org">www.ridePRT.org</a>.

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