

Reminder: Final Public Hearing on PRT Service Cuts and Fare Increases Scheduled for Thursday, June 12

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (June 11, 2025) — Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) is reminding members of the media and the public that the final public hearing on proposed service reductions and fare increases will take place Wednesday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Room 302-304.

This hearing is part of a broad public engagement process to gather feedback on PRT's proposed changes, which are being considered in response to a significant budget shortfall expected in the coming fiscal year.

To date, more than 4,000 people have submitted comments via public meetings, email, mail, and the agency's website. More than 80 people are already signed up to speak at the June 12 hearing, which will be the final opportunity for riders, stakeholders, and community advocates to share their input directly with PRT leadership before the public comment period closes.

Anyone who wants to provide testimony can pre-register by <u>signing up for an available time</u> <u>slot</u>. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Hearing Details:

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Room 302-304

Address: 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Media are encouraged to attend. PRT CEO Katharine Kelleman and other senior leadership will be available for interviews throughout the day.

PRT will continue to accept input online, at the Downtown Service Center, and via U.S. Mail until the public comment period closes on June 18. More information on submitting feedback can be found here.

PRT is facing a projected budget deficit of more than \$100 million beginning July 1, and without additional state funding will be forced to cut service by 35% and raise fares by 9%. For more information on the proposed changes and to submit a comment online, visit www.ridePRT.org/funding-crisis.

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