



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

November 13, 2025

Committee Members

Stephanie Turman (Chair)
Tom Burgunder
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Other Board Members

Jennifer Liptak
Tia McClenney
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Emma Shoucair

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 16, 2025, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Presentation of the FY 2025 Annual Service Report (Emily Provonsha)

The report for fiscal year 2025 (which ran from July 2024 to June 2025) evaluates performance against Board-adopted service standards, using ridership, crowding, on-time performance and out-of-service information, as well as equity and Title VI analysis.

Noteworthy items from the presentation of the FY 2025 report included:

- Stable ridership levels with growth beginning to occur in the spring
- A decrease in crowded trips
- On-time performance is not yet meeting goals, but an improvement strategy is underway
- A significant reduction in the percentage of time a bus or train was out of service, with 99.7% of scheduled trips carried out.

A full copy of the FY 2025 report is available on PRT's website

Looking Ahead to FY 2026:

- PRT is targeting service improvements in areas where we've not yet met our service standards, most notably including on-time performance.

- PRT continues to advance other projects which directly support these service goals, including NEXTransit Downtown, the PRTX University Line Bus, and Bus Line Redesign Project.
- PRT will update its service standards next year to reflect updated trends, metrics, and goals.

3. University Line BRT Project Quarterly Update (Amy Silbermann)

Phase 1 of construction in Downtown is substantially complete, with final punch list items continuing.

Phase 2 of construction in Uptown and Oakland is about 20% complete with utility, drainage, and other subsurface work underway.

Additionally, the Fifth Avenue bus lane will close in early 2026 to begin construction on the new two-way bicycle lane that will ultimately take its place. Outbound buses, which are currently split between Fifth and Forbes Avenues, will begin to use Forbes Avenue at that time.

Finally, early data shows that buses are running 2 minutes faster (from 34 minutes down to 32) in Uptown and Downtown following completion of the Downtown construction work. This is an early data trend and PRT will continue to provide updates on reliability improvements seen by the project.

4. Staff Presented an Update on St. Anne and Bethel Village Station Area Plans (Ryann McMahon)

- To address PRT's long-range plan recommendations surrounding accessibility, PRT established the Light Rail Accessibility Program in 2024.
- The program will begin with Red Line light rail stations, for which PRT received two grants to assist in this goal from the All Stations Accessibility Program Grant of the FTA. The program was set up to help transit agencies address accessibility for stations built prior to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act or "ADA" in 1990.
- Staff have prepared station area plans for PRT's properties at both St. Anne and Bethel Village Light-rail stops, with a focus on making the stations ADA Accessible and updating rider amenities.
- Station area plans also identified opportunities to improve accessibility for adjacent areas that will require partnerships with other property owners and municipalities.
- Numerous engagement meetings took place, and an online presence was established to inform and engage stakeholders.
- These projects will be in development for several years and remain subject to funding and completion of all necessary design and construction steps.

With no further business, the Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.