



Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

November 14, 2024

Committee Members

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1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2024, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Updates on NEXTransit Downtown and P3-related Service Planning (Emily Provonsha)

The NEXTransit plan was completed in the summer of 2023 to update bus routings in Downtown Pittsburgh to complement the University Line Bus Rapid Transit project and improve efficiency and amenities for riders.

Project goals included:

- Changing the length and location of route loops through Downtown to reduce delays.
- Adding amenities such as bump outs, shelters, and seating to more bus stops.
- Improving on-street wayfinding signage to help new and infrequent riders navigate the system.

Route changes that could be completed without new infrastructure were completed through regular service changes:

- October 2023: 65-Squirrel Hill and 77-Penn Hills.
- February 2024: 2-Mount Royal, 6-Spring Hill, 12-McKnight, 15-Charles, 26-Chartiers, 27-Fairywood, 29-Robinson, 31-Bridgeville, 67-Monroeville, 69-Trafford, G3-Moon Flyer, and G31-Bridgeville Flyer.
- June 2024: O5-Thompson Run Flyer via 279.
- October 2024: 7-Spring Garden, 19L-Emsworth Limited, P12-Holiday Park Flyer, P16-Penn Hills Flyer, and P67-Monroeville Flyer.
- Additional proposals are being considered for June 2025.

Updated P3 East Busway Proposal:

- The original University Line Bus Rapid Transit project plan proposed to shorten the P3 to run between Downtown Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg Station where electric bus charging infrastructure is being installed.

Following several rider and other stakeholder requests to keep P3 trips running to Swissvale Station, the plan has been revised so that:

- At least every other P3 trip all day will run from Swissvale to Downtown.
- During busy AM and PM hours, there will be extra trips from Swissvale to Downtown.

3. Brief Update: 2024 Rail Work Recap and CY 2025 Planned Rail Work (Amy Silbermann)

Completed Rail Projects, 2024

- Plinth Replacement (Phase completed, one more closure with 2 phases in 2025), \$35M
- Red Line Project Bundling – Summer Red Line Closure (5 projects), \$20M
- 18 Rail Station Improvements, \$16M
- Mt. Lebanon Tunnel Fan Replacement, \$10M

Upcoming Rail Projects in 2025

- Plinth Replacement (two-month closure, January and February 2025)
- Mt. Washington Tunnel Rail Replacement (8-month closure, February 23, 2025 – October 2025), \$26 million

4. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Diverse Business Program Overview (Sue Broadus)

- Disadvantaged and diverse businesses include those owned by minorities, women, veterans, and socially or economically disadvantaged individuals.
- PRT does business with several firms, with all federally funded projects having a threshold of work that must be completed using these firms.
- The presentation provided to the Committee included an overview of PRT's federal DBE and state DB programs, including efforts to conduct outreach in relation to certifying qualifying firms as DBEs/DBs and connecting them to potential opportunities to serve as subcontractors on PRT capital projects and the provision of professional services.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.