



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (November 3, 2025) - Repairs to the Monongahela Incline are complete and testing is underway, however, the incline is expected to remain closed at least through the end of the week. Pittsburgh Regional Transit announced today.

PRT determined that one of the motor controllers failed on Saturday afternoon, causing the incline cars to unexpectedly stop about 40 feet after leaving their stations, trapping 27 people on board.

The motor controllers - or drives - regulate the speed, stopping, and starting of the incline's motors. The motors then rotate the pulleys that move the incline cables, which move the cars 635-feet up and down Mt. Washington.

Crews replaced the drive today and will be actively running test trips throughout the week. While the public may see the incline cars moving up and down, the incline will be closed until further notice. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety will inspect the incline before it reopens.

PRT is operating incline shuttle vans between Station Square and the upper incline station every 15-20 minutes. Additionally, the 40-Mt. Washington runs every 40 minutes between downtown Pittsburgh and Mt. Washington. Riders with questions about the shuttle service are encouraged to contact PRT Customer Service by calling 412-442-2000 on Twitter @pghtransitcare or via live chat at www.rideprt.org.

The Monongahela Incline was built in 1870 and is the longest continuously operating funicular in the country.

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