



Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

February 19, 2026

Committee Members

Stephanie Turman (Chair)
Tom Burgunder
Bobbie Fan
Dr. Chris Brussalis

Other Board Members

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Tia McClenney
Joe Totten
Emma Shoucair
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Laura Sohinki

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 22, 2026, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Staff presented an update on Phase 2 of the University Line.

Several updates were provided to the committee, including:

- Work has continued throughout the winter at a slower pace due to weather.
- The contraflow bus lane in Oakland is now under construction.
- A project roll-out timeline is anticipated to be announced this summer before completion of the project in 2027.
- After an internal review of multiple options, staff announced the plan for riders to pay fares through any bus door as they board on bus routes serving the completed University Line. PRT will continue monitoring the all-door boarding program after launch and may adjust boarding procedures for the University Line further if needed.

3. Staff presented an overview of active and upcoming construction projects.

Several updates were provided to the committee, including:

- The State of Good Repair backlog is about \$2 billion, with \$1.8 billion unfunded.
- While PRT invests an average of \$100 million per year on infrastructure, repair needs increase at a rate of approximately \$80 million per year, which slows progress on reducing the backlog.
- There are several construction projects in 2026 and 2027, but rider impacts from these projects will be less significant than those from 2024 and 2025. This includes

the commencement of the Panhandle Bridge renovation in 2027.

4. Staff presented an overview of fixed route ridership.

Several updates were provided to the committee, including:

- Information regarding how we calculate and audit ridership using sensors that count passengers as they board and exit.
- A summary of how ridership declined during and immediately after the pandemic.
- A summary of 2025 ridership trends and fiscal year 2026 and 2027 goals, which are anticipated to include some level of growth.
- As a measure of transparency, ridership data is available on our website.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2026, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.