



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

March 16, 2023

Board Committee Members

John Tague, Jr., Chair – in person
Ann Ogoreuc – in person
Stephanie Turman – virtual

Other Board Members

Jennifer Liptak - virtual
Michele Zmijanac - virtual
Lori Mizgorski – virtual
Gerry Delon – virtual
Jeff Letwin - virtual

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2023, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Authorization to Approve Title VI Analysis and Implementation of Downtown-Oakland-Uptown Bus Rapid Transit Project Major Service Changes (Chief Development Officer David Huffaker)

This resolution would approve and adopt the BRT Title VI Analysis Report (Exhibit “A” to the resolution).

It would also authorize PRT staff to implement the BRT major service changes summarized in Exhibit “B” for the 61D, 71A, 71C, and 71D bus routes.

Pursuant to applicable FTA regulations, PRT is required to conduct an analysis prior to implementing any major service changes to determine whether any such major service changes would have a disparate impact on the PRT’s ridership based on race, color, or national origin, and if so, plans to mitigate such impact. PRT is also required to conduct an analysis prior to implementing any major service changes to determine whether any such major service changes would disproportionately burden low-income populations, and if so, plans to mitigate such impact.

PRT conducted the foregoing analyses, held public hearings and formulated a Title VI Report, the conclusions of which were presented to the Committee and detailed in Exhibit “B” to the resolution in your meeting packets. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the BRT Project major service changes and adopt the Title VI Report.

Following a public comment period held between December 2022 and February 2023, PRT staff is recommending the Board approve changes to the 61D, 71A, 71C and 71D Routes.

- The inbound 61D Route will serve the Fifth Avenue at Chesterfield Road bus stop, turn left on Craft Avenue, turn left again on Forbes Avenue, and then begin its outbound route at the Forbes Avenue at Craft Avenue far side bus stop.
- The inbound 71A, 71C, and 71D Routes will serve the Fifth Avenue at Chesterfield Road bus stop, turn left on Craft Avenue in Oakland, turn left again on Forbes Avenue, and then begin their outbound routing at the Forbes Avenue at Craft Avenue far side bus stop. They will serve Forbes Avenue bus stops in Oakland before turning left on Bellefield Avenue and then right onto Fifth Avenue to continue their normal outbound routes beginning at the Fifth Avenue at Bellefield Avenue intersection.

If approved by the Board, these changes would not occur until October 2023 at the earliest and would help facilitate the BRT construction and preview improvements of the project.

Construction is expected to begin in the Downtown portion of the project in spring of 2023. Construction of the Uptown-Oakland corridor is expected to begin in spring of 2024.

PRT staff is also recommending that the changes to the P3 Route be deferred until further analysis and outreach can be conducted.

The resolution was approved to be sent to the full board.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.