



Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

March 14, 2024

Committee Members

John Tague – virtual
Ann Ogoreuc – in person
Stephanie Turman – virtual

Other Board Members

Jennifer Liptak - virtual
Michele Zmijanac - virtual
Lori Mizgorski – virtual
Joe Totten – virtual
Jeff Letwin – virtual

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 15, 2024, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Presentation of Final Herron Station Area Plan (Moira Egler)

Herron Station is isolated and underutilized. The Herron Station area has become attractive for new development, creating new ridership potential. PRT and community partners want to make transit a safe, comfortable, and easy choice for new residents, employees, and visitors.

Several steering committee meetings, community meetings and pop-up events, and online public meetings were held to gather input from the community.

The new station will include better lighting for increased safety, seating, a ticket vending machine, and ADA accessible ramps.

The final plan will be published in March, with funding and design following.

3. CY 2024 Operator Hiring and Training Plan (Jason Macumber)

Goals:

- Hire 300 Operators in 2024 to bring Operator levels current with manpower needs, attrition, and supplement future Operator retirements.
- Collaborate with HR to increase class size incrementally once A-class graduates (3/28/24). B-class =50, C through E –class = 60 each.
- Continue support for Maintenance Training, Operator System Pick Training/qualifications, and other associated training.

Approach:

- Fill/qualify 3 open Instructor positions by B-Class (4/1/24).

- Additionally, increase Instruction Department by 8 Instructors. Hired and qualified by C class (5/20/24).
- Split class size across shifts: 42 – 48 students' daylight, up to 24 per class on additional afternoon shift.
- Add afternoon shift at all divisions – provides additional coverage for Instructor vacations.
- Incorporate weekend coverage.
- Increase number of CDL Examiners to perform more CDL test per class.
- Utilize Harmar Training Facility for efficient CDL testing.

4. Monongahela Incline Update (Amy Silbermann)

The Mon Incline Phase II Rehabilitation Project (Phase I was in 2015) began in January 2022.

The scope includes:

- Updating control systems, as well as electrical, HVAC, and architectural upgrades to both stations.
- Since the initial reopening following the Phase II work, there have been several short-term and moderate-term closures, mostly related to electrical and software components.
- The contractors have yet to complete the full scope of work, and therefore the contractor remains responsible for ongoing issues.

Several recent closures were caused by mechanical system failures. Due to these closures, PRT will be bringing in a separate third party to assess the current construction contract, the work that has been performed as part of that contract, the incline's operation, and its ongoing maintenance procedures.

PRT is also working to update and improve the deployment and operation of shuttle buses for planned and unplanned incline downtime.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.