



Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

May 16, 2024

Committee Members

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

Other Board Members

Jeff Letwin – virtual
Jennifer Liptak – virtual
Michele Zmijanac – virtual
Lori Mizgorski – virtual
Joe Totten – in person
Nick Pisciotano – virtual

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 18, 2024, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Presentation of June 2024 Service Changes (Phillip St. Pierre)

Service Options During Red Line Closure

- Red Line - will operate over the eastern tracks and will be labeled as "Blue Line" trips
Red Line Short - will run back and forth between Overbrook Junction and Dormont Junction.
- 37 Castle Shannon - will operate between Castle Shannon Station (park and ride) and Station Square, serving areas of light rail stations between Castle Shannon and Potomac Stations every 30 minutes.
- 42 Potomac - will operate between Potomac Station and Station Square every 20 minutes rush hour and every 30 minutes other times of day.

Routing Changes – 2, 12, O5, 55, 59, P76, 71D, 86, 79, P17, P16

Running time adjustments – 1, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28X, 29, 36, 38, 41, 44, 48, 51, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61A, 61B, 61C, 61D, 69, 71A, 71B, 71C, 71D, 77, 82, G2, G3,)12,)5, P10, P16, P76, Blue, Red, Silver

Variant Changes – 69, Red

Span of Service Changes – 2, 12, 69

Trip Time Adjustments – 53L, 69

3. Climate Action Plan Presentation (Derek Dauiphin)

This plan follows decades of energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives.

- NEXTransit (2021) called for reducing agency's carbon footprint, eliminating fleet emissions by 2045.
- Strategic Plan (2022) called for Sustainability/Climate Action Plan, Zero Emission Fleet Plan, Sustainability Director, and agency-wide Sustainability Committee.
- In 2021-2022, federal government set emissions standards, published climate action plan guidelines, incorporated GHG emissions into grant programs, and launched transit sustainability challenge.
- PRT determined it was best to develop a CAP consistent with FTA guidelines, with additional sustainability and governance components.

Planning Process

- Began in early 2023.
- Studied best practices and targets from transit agency peers; state, and local governments.
- Collected data to understand sources of emissions (focused on Scopes 1 and 2).
- Two workshops with senior leadership.
- Three workshops with agency-wide Technical Advisory Group.
- Draft plan review with regional sustainability experts.

Priority Areas

- Grow ridership (Bus Line Redesign, PRTX University Line, NEXTransit corridor projects, transit-oriented development, fare programs.)
- Reduce diesel emissions (Zero emission vehicles, R99 renewable diesel, fuel cell pilot.)
- Switch to renewable electricity (Utility contracts or other opportunities, building solar projects.)
- Reduce building electricity use (Energy audits and targeted investments, Facilities Master Plan priority projects.)
- Reduce light rail electricity use (System energy audit and targeted investments, new railcars.)
- Reduce non-revenue fleet emissions (Switching to EVs, hybrids, and other technologies.)

Next Steps

- Made offer to candidate for new Director of Sustainability position.
- Convene agency-wide Sustainability Committee to lead implementation, reporting.
- Initial work plan development (lead, support).
- Develop internal and external campaigns.

4. Authorization to Adopt Amended Art Policy (Moira Egler)

Resolution: Authorization to Adopt Amended Art Policy

- March 26, 2021 - PRT's Board approved a resolution to adopt and implement an Art Policy to establish a transparent and uniform policy and procedures for artwork on PRT property. The resolution also authorized designated PRT staff to develop, issue and maintain guidelines for permanent and temporary artwork and for its removal or deaccessioning.
- May 2024 – management recommends that the Art Policy be amended to further clarify the make-up of the Art Committee and to seek further community input on proposed

initiatives and solicitations. A copy of the proposed Amended Art Policy is attached as "Exhibit A" to the resolution.

- This resolution would authorize PRT's adoption and implementation of the Amended Art Policy.

The resolution was approved by the committee and forwarded to the full board for consideration.

5. Disruption Management Update (Jim Ritchie)

The goal of the system is to get real time information to riders about service disruptions such as planned detours/events, unplanned events/emergencies, out of service issues and service restoration.

The technology is a component of the vehicle tracking system and will include personalized rider accounts via TrueTime, that riders can set individual route and delivery preferences.

PRT Progress

Today's experience for a PRT rider:

- Twitter/X feed remains most comprehensive source.
- TrueTime provides some features.
 - Out of service
 - Major disruptive event alerts

Coming next for PRT riders:

- Adding "feed" for unscheduled detours to system: June/July
- Promote rider accounts – sign up for personalized information! June-Dec
- Expand customer service hours for riders (early & late): phases, starting July 1
- PRT continues identifying a path to implement "planned detours" directly into the system.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.