



## Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

October 17, 2024

### Committee Members

Bobbie Fan (acting chair)  
Stephanie Turman  
Tom Burgunder

### Other Board Members

Jennifer Liptak  
Joe Totten  
Emma Shoucair  
Lori Mizgorski  
Nick Pisciotano  
Tia McClenney

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 19, 2024, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

#### 2. Agency Strategic Plan – Annual Report Overview (Darrell Payne)

The Strategic Plan Annual Report shows progress toward improving service quality in high equity areas identified in the Equity Index, expanding ridership by attracting new riders to mobility-oriented options, and establishing fare structures that support greater regional access to transit ridership for all income levels while minimizing negative revenue impacts.

Three Goal Categories:

- A. Customer Experience - Center the customer and community by providing safe, equitable and reliable service.
  - Strategies: 12
  - Making Progress: 3
  - On Target: 7
  - Target Achieved: 2
- B. Resiliency - Adapt and respond to new and changing conditions through proactive policies, processes, and initiatives.
  - Strategies: 9
  - On Target: 4
  - Target Achieved: 5
- C. Accountability - Institute key operational processes that produce exceptional service to customers in a transparent, equitable manner that aligns with Pittsburgh Regional Transit's mission and goals.
  - Strategies: 14

- Making Progress: 2
- On Target: 9
- Target Achieved: 3

### 3. Quarterly update: University Line BRT Project (Amy Silbermann)

The University Line BRT project is continuing with Phase 1 work in Downtown Pittsburgh currently under construction and expected to be completed by Spring 2025, with the installation of the five transit stations.

Phase 2 work in the Uptown and Oakland neighborhoods are advancing toward contractor selection, with construction into 2027.

Updates:

#### A. Traffic Signals

- On October 7, PRT's contractor began activating new traffic signals.
- The contractor will move through the downtown loop, one intersection at a time, activating the new signals. Each is expected to take one or two days.
- The University Line project includes 35 new traffic signals in downtown Pittsburgh.

#### B. Changes in Traffic Flow

- At the end of October, PRT's contractor will begin installing the updated roadway paint lines for the ultimate configuration of travel lanes on Fifth and Sixth Avenues in downtown Pittsburgh.
- This will NOT include the red "Bus Only" lane markings – these will not be installed until spring 2025.
- Fifth Avenue between Sixth Ave and Wood St will be two lanes eastbound and one (eventually bus) lane westbound
- Fifth Ave between Market St and Liberty Ave will be one lane in each direction

#### C. Safety and Accessibility Improvements

- 16 intersections will be modernized to include:
  - ADA compliant curb ramps and crosswalks
  - Accessible pedestrian signals/push button activators
  - Illuminated pedestrian countdown signals
  - New traffic signals and intersection lighting
  - expanded sidewalks and shorter crosswalks in some locations
- PRTX stations will have an ADA compliant loading zone.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.