



Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

September 19, 2024

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1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 20, 2024, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Authorization to Extend and Amend Agreement No R21-03 to provide General Planning Services (Derek Dauphin)

Uses first option year on contract. New end date would be October 31, 2025. Increases Not-To-Exceed value by \$1.63 million to fund option year work. Other contract terms remain the same. Resolution was approved to move to full board.

3. Bus Line Redesign 1.0 Proposal (Emily Provonsha)

The project would improve service quality and reliability, prioritize equitable investment, and expand connections.

The project has four phases:

- Phase 1 in the fall of 2023 included public engagement and analysis of our system to understand what the plan needs to accomplish.
- Phase 2 in the winter and spring of 2024 involved PRT analyzing what we learned and developing service ideas.
- Phase 3 started this summer with the development of the Draft Network 1.0 and engagement activities through the end of this year. This is the current phase.
- Phase 4 in the spring of 2025 will develop the Proposed Network 2.0 and include public engagement to finalize the plan.

Key Characteristics of Draft Network 1.0:

- New routes connecting communities without the need to transfer in Downtown Pittsburgh.
- New one-seat rides to top destinations like the airport and Oakland.
- Improved reliability by shortening route length and adjusting schedule times.
- Additional connectivity using transit hubs.
- Improved access to jobs, services, health facilities, and grocery stores.
- Increased transit service throughout the day and on weekends, favors more service to vulnerable and transit-dependent riders.
- Consistent trip frequencies that are easier for riders to know when their bus will arrive.
- Better use of busways as all bus routes using the busways will make all stops.

Key takeaways for Draft Network 1.0:

- Focused on equity neighborhoods within the PRT service area.
- Routes are more direct, efficient, and reliable in response to changing travel patterns.
- We've found ways to reduce the total number of routes while serving most of the same areas with more frequent service.
- New one-seat ride connections from equity communities to work, health, and shopping destinations. Many of the routing, frequency and service span improvements are intentional, and more residents in equity communities have access to 30-minute or better service.
- New crosstown routes allow regional mobility, such as new one-seat rides to Oakland and new one-seat rides connecting communities without first riding Downtown to transfer.

Key Metrics:

- Goal: Improve Service Quality and Reliability - Increase from 25 to 43 routes providing 30 minute or better service frequency. Over 400,000 residents have access to 30-minute or better service – a 27% improvement. Reduction of long routes, over 20 miles in length – by 50%.
- Goal: Prioritize Equitable Investment - 143,000 residents in equity communities have access to 30-minute or better service – a 32% improvement. Nearly 340,000 job locations have access to 30-minute or better service - an improvement of nearly 35,000 jobs.
- Goal: Expand Connections - Over 605,000 residents have access to transit – an improvement of over 35,000 people. Over 230,000 residents have a one-seat ride to Oakland - an improvement of nearly 21,000 people. 99.4% of current PRT riders continue to have access to fixed route service within ¼ mile from their home.

Draft Network Plus 20% Expansion

- Expansion of 20-Minute or Better Service. More routes operating at 20-minute or better frequencies.

- 30-40-60-Minute Service Improvements. More routes operating at improved service frequencies and operating with expanded service span.
- Airport Service Expansion. New service between the North Hills and South Hills to the airport.
- Microtransit Service Expansion. Five new microtransit zones to serve low-density areas.

Public Engagement Activities

- Draft Proposal 1.0 public release – 9/30/2024
- Super pop-up including other transit efforts – 10/16/2024
- Stakeholder-hosted meetings – September-December
- Virtual & in-person public meetings – 10/8/2024, mid-November
- Pop-up tabling (bus stops, events) – October-November
- Staff-administered on-bus surveys – October-December
- Online open house – September-December

Spring 2025

- Super pop-up that include BLR and other transit efforts
- Stakeholder-hosted meetings
- Virtual and in-person public meetings
- Pop-up tabling (bus stops, events)

Next Steps

- Proposed Network 2.0 release and engagement in spring 2025.
- Hearings and board action as early as summer 2025.
- Plan implementation with the first phase starting as early as 2026.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, in the fifth floor Board Room at Pittsburgh Regional Transit offices.