



Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee

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1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2024, Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee were approved.

2. Quarterly Update: Bus Line Redesign (Derek Dauphin)

Currently in Phase 3 of the project, with public engagement extended by 6 weeks to February 2025.

Following that, another proposal will be made, with engagement starting in the spring.

Project Goals Based on Public Input:

- Improve service quality and reliability - by streamlining route design to reflect customer and operator needs
- Prioritize equitable investment - by aligning service with land use and socio-economic changes
- Expand connections - by designing a network that supports higher frequency and is more accessible

Integrating Equity into Bus Line Redesign:

- Visited all equity communities.
- Ramping up engagement to equity communities, adding 6 weeks.
- Increased transit access for equity communities and reduced transfers.
- Included +20% proposal to go beyond current budget.

Demographic Indicators of Equity Communities - PRT's Equity Index of Mobility Need focuses on eight demographic factors (using ACS census data) that research has shown lead to a higher reliance on public transit.

The highest scoring 25% communities (~38 areas) were identified as Priority Equity Communities and prioritized during engagement and bus network development.

Equity Goals and Progress During Public Engagement:

- A. Create Accessible, Meaningful, and Equitable Outreach
 - 76 in-person events
 - Visiting all Priority Equity Communities
 - County-wide public meetings & activities
- B. Provide Diverse Ways to Engage
 - Interactive & Fully Accessible Website
 - In-person and Call Center Support
 - Partnerships with Orgs on Meetings, ASL & Spanish Interpreters
- C. Respond to Community Needs & Feedback
 - More than Doubled the Volume of Engagement
 - Extended Engagement by 6 Weeks
 - Information Added to Website Regularly

Equity Goals and Progress in Network Design

- A. More Direct Routes, Connect Key Destinations
 - 93% of Equity Routes Have Same or Fewer Transfers
 - All routes connect to or short walk to key destinations
- B. More Consistent Service – Days and Weekends
 - No Routes Run Less than Hourly
 - More Routes Every 30 Min Throughout Day
- C. Increase Access to Frequent Transit (30 Min or Better)
 - +32% Equity Area Residents (143,000 people)
 - +35,000 more job locations (340,000 locations)

Engagement Activities:

- In-person events in all Priority Equity Communities.
- 76 in-person events. Map shows their locations in relation to Equity Areas defined by demographics.
- 9,175 total comments from online tools, meetings/pop-ups, and Customer Service.
- 198,907 website views.

Process:

- Planning process is intentionally iterative:
 - Phase 1 **Learn** what we need to fix
 - Phase 2 **Confirm** what we heard
 - Phase 3 **Test** solutions with Draft Network 1.0
 - Phase 4 **Refine** the network based on public feedback
- Implementation: Conduct engagement route-by-route with affected communities to get it right and respond to changing conditions.
- Can't improve things without moving forward.

3. Presentation of February 2025 Service Changes (Phillip St. Pierre)

Routing Changes Due to the closure of the Mount Washington Transit Tunnel: 39, 40, 41, 44, 51L, Y1, Y45, Y46, Y47, Y49, Blue, Red, Silver, Subway Local

Rails

- Weekday
 - Red and Blue via Allentown
 - Silver Short between Library and Washington Junction
- Weekend
 - Red, Blue and Silver via Allentown
- Daily
 - Subway Local between Station Square and Allegheny Station
 - Added stop at Warrington Ave and Allen St.

Other Routing Changes: 74, 89, 93

Run Time Changes – 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19L, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28X, 29, 31, 36, 38, 43, 48, 51, 52L, 53L, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61A, 61B, 61C, 61D, 64, 67, 69, 71, 71A, 71B, 71C, 71D, 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 93, G2, G3, G31, O1, O12, O5, P1, P3, P7, P10, P12, P13, P16, P17, P69, P76, P78

Frequency Changes -

- 28X Weekday - From 30 to 40 minutes off peak; peak, midday and evening at 30 minutes.
- 39 Saturday - From 80 to 60 minutes for interline opportunity with Route 41.
- 41 Sunday - From 90 to 80 minutes for interline opportunity with Route 39.
- 89 Weekday - From 64 to every 68 minutes.
- P68 Weekday - From 30 minutes peak/60 minutes off peak to every 31 minutes peak and 62 minutes off-peak.
- Blue Weekday - From 15 minutes to 14 minutes for AM/PM peaks.
- Red Weekday - From 15 minutes to 14 minutes for AM/PM peaks.

Variant Changes

- 67 Weekday - Early AM trips will begin in Point Breeze
- 75 Saturday - Final outbound trip will terminate in Morningside instead of East Liberty Station
- P12 Weekday - IB and OB Penn Avenue variants eliminated and to be replaced with existing variants using South and Rebecca Avenues in Wilkinsburg.
- P78 Weekday - Trips that terminated at Harmar Park and Ride will now terminate at Alpha and Freepoint (McDonalds).

Span of Service Changes

- 39 Saturday - Increased from approximately 9am-7pm to 7am-11pm
- 39 Sunday - Increased from approximately 10am-7pm to 7am-11pm
- 69 Weekday - Final inbound trip to Downtown ends at 12am; final inbound short trip to Wilkinsburg Station ends at 1:11am

Trip Adjustments

- 40 Weekday - One outbound trip added and will depart Downtown at 5:30 AM.
- P78 Weekday - One outbound trip added and will depart Downtown at 6:43 AM.

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

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