



Bus Line Redesign Project Announced

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 19, 2023) – Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) is seeking public input to help rethink and redesign where bus routes should go in a post-pandemic world, as part of the NEXTransit Bus Line Redesign Project.

The 21-month-long project analyzing the entire bus system to comprehensively redesign the network was launched publicly at the Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting on Thursday.

Many transit agencies undergo redesigns at regular intervals, and this plan takes advantage of opportune timing to adjust the system for post-pandemic travel patterns to promote ridership, equity and inclusivity, provide better access to frequent transit, and create a simpler bus network. Bus Line Redesign aims to improve ease of movement, efficiency, and reliability of PRT buses to encourage future rider growth and prioritize current riders' needs.

It is expected that many routes could be changed following the project, which will incorporate extensive data analysis, as well as several rounds of community engagement over the next 21 months.

During the first community engagement phase for this project, PRT will ask for public input to understand where, when, and how people want to travel in and around the region and to confirm priorities for what the bus network should accomplish once the project is complete.

PRT will host pop-up in-person public meetings throughout Allegheny County starting October 23, 2023, and these will run through the month of November. Two online public meetings will be held on November 14 and 16. For a complete list of dates, times and locations visit engage.rideprt.org/buslineredesign.

An online survey is also available at engage.rideprt.org/buslineredesign.

This project is expected to wrap in up spring of 2025 with a proposed new bus network design, and implementation plans to follow.

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