



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

### ***East Busway Reopening Efforts Underway***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 17, 2024)** - More than 100 tons of concrete barriers will be brought to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway on Friday as part of efforts to reopen a section of the roadway that was closed due to a recent landslide.

The 34 barriers and 21 concrete blocks, each weighing about two tons, will be installed along a 272-foot stretch at the base of the hillside where the landslide occurred last Friday, forcing the partial closure of the bus-only route from the Strip District to Oakland.

The barriers will serve as a protective barricade, preventing further debris from sliding down and disrupting operations.

On Thursday, PRT's geotechnical engineering consultant approved the reopening of the busway, contingent on a few mitigation measures. Pending an on-time delivery and swift installation of the barriers, the busway could reopen by Friday evening.

Once reopened, a mobile traffic signal will regulate the safe passage of buses, allowing them to travel one at a time through the affected area. Buses will use the lane farthest from the hillside, and all vehicles will be restricted to a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit in this section.

Built in the 1980s, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway is one of PRT's most heavily traveled corridors, serving approximately 12,000 riders every weekday.

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