

## Red Line to Close through August

<u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</u> (June 12, 2024) —Pittsburgh Regional Transit's Red Line service will be temporarily closed from June 16 until the end of August while crews complete several safety-critical construction projects.

The projects, which were initially planned to be completed separately, will now be completed simultaneously to streamline operations, maximize efficiency, and minimize disruptions while enhancing the overall reliability and safety of this critical transit corridor. The projects include replacing more than 10,000 feet of light-rail track and reconstructing four grade crossings in Castle Shannon, Mt. Lebanon, Dormont, and the Beechview neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

During the closure, all Red Line trips will be detoured via the Blue Line and will be renamed "Blue Line" to avoid confusion.

To supplement access to and from Beechview, Dormont, Mt. Lebanon, Castle Shannon, and other South Hills communities, PRT will operate a free rail shuttle and two free temporary bus routes:

- The 37-Castle Shannon will operate every 30 minutes from the Castle Shannon Park and Ride and travel to Station Square via Castle Shannon Boulevard and West Liberty Avenue. Bus stops will be added at intersections closest to the light rail stations. Riders can transfer at Station Square to bus or light rail to downtown Pittsburgh and the North Shore.
- The 42-Potomac will operate every 30 minutes (every 20 minutes from 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.) from Potomac Station to Station Square via Broadway Avenue and West Liberty Avenue. Bus stops will be added at or near light rail stations. Riders can transfer at Station Square to bus or light-rail to downtown and the North Shore.
- A Red Line-Short Rail Shuttle will also operate between Dormont Junction and Overbrook Junction to allow riders to travel south to Overbrook Junction and transfer to the Blue Line at Willow to board any inbound light rail car to downtown Pittsburgh or outbound rail car to South Hills Village. Riders can also park at the Castle Shannon Park and Ride and walk to Willow Station for light rail service to downtown Pittsburgh.

These temporary shuttles will be included in PRT's regular schedules and viewable in PRT's and third-party real-time applications.

PRT was unable to match every shuttle trip with an operator, so some trips will be filled with overtime work while others may not be filled at all. PRT will attempt to communicate any unfilled trips as early as possible.

For more information about the construction work, visit: <a href="www.rideprt.org/redlineconstruction">www.rideprt.org/redlineconstruction</a>.

Riders are encouraged to contact Customer Service with any questions at <u>412-442-2000</u>, on Twitter @PghTransitCare or on live chat at <u>www.ridePRT.org</u>.