



*This image shows the PRTX station which will be constructed on Fifth Avenue between Market Street and Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh.*

### Parking Changes

Street parking will be changed throughout the corridor to allow for dedicated transit lanes.

**Downtown:** A handful of street parking spaces will be removed from Fifth Avenue, Liberty Avenue, Sixth Avenue, and Diamond Street. Several valet and loading zones will be modified.

**Uptown:** Street parking will be modified and reduced on Fifth and Forbes Avenues to allow for dedicated transit lanes on both of those streets.

**Oakland:** Street parking on Fifth Avenue will be removed in some areas and added in other areas for an overall neutral impact. Street parking will be removed from two areas on Forbes Avenue: between Craft Avenue and Halket Place (adjacent to SkyVue Apartments and the Residence Inn) and at Schenley Plaza.

### Construction Timeline

The first phase of construction started in downtown Pittsburgh in September 2023 and is expected to be completed by summer of 2025.

The second phase of construction includes Uptown and Oakland. Phase II construction is expected to begin in early 2025 and take 24 to 30 months to complete.

### Project Cost

The \$291 million project is being funded with federal, state, and local money. The largest funding source is a Federal Transit Administration Small Starts Grant from the Capital Investment Grant Program of \$150 million.

### Environmental Impact

In addition to the fundamental environmental benefits of public transit, bicycling, and walking that will be invested in through this project, PRT will also be receiving fifteen battery-electric buses that will serve one or more of the PRTX routes along this corridor.

These buses will be sixty-foot, articulated (bendy) buses with zero tailpipe emissions, benefiting our local air quality and contributing to a quieter urban environment.

### Next Steps

PRT is seeking additional funding to extend the University Line into Squirrel Hill and Highland Park.



*This image shows a new PRTX bus.*



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# The University Line Bus Rapid Transit Coming Soon

## PRTX the University Line

PRTX is Pittsburgh Regional Transit's bus rapid transit service. Communities with PRTX service can expect more reliable, on-time service thanks to dedicated travel lanes and intersection/signal improvements. The University Line is PRT's first corridor under the PRTX brand.

The project includes 24 new shelters with upgraded amenities like next bus arrival screens, fare vending machines, seating, trash receptacles, lighting, emergency phones, and security cameras.

## The University Line Corridor

The University Line will operate between Downtown, Uptown and Oakland with bus service from the corridor extending into the east end and beyond.

The University Line will use Fifth and Forbes Avenues in Uptown and Oakland and Fifth, Liberty, and Sixth Avenues in Downtown. Five bus routes will operate on this corridor once construction is complete - these routes are currently the 61A, 61B, 61C, 71B, and P3.

PRT hopes to continue working to build more corridors with robust infrastructure to support transit riders in the future.

## Safety and Accessibility

The entire community will benefit from infrastructure investments, resulting in improved safety and accessibility along the University Line corridor. Wider sidewalks will be installed in most of the Uptown neighborhood, improving accessibility for everyone.

Intersections throughout the corridor will be modernized to include ADA compliant curb ramps and crosswalks, new traffic signals and intersection lighting, accessible pedestrian signals with push button activators, and illuminated pedestrian countdown signals.

PRTX shelters will have ADA complaint loading zones and are designed without side panels to provide easier access to the shelter.

This image shows a pedestrian push button that communicates when to cross the street with an audible message. ▶



This map shows 24 PRTX stations along the University Line corridor.



## Bicycle Changes

Oakland: Bicyclists traveling through Oakland will have a new, protected, bi-directional lane that will be replacing the existing contraflow bus lane on Fifth Avenue.

When bicyclists travel between Uptown and Oakland, they will have a shared use path for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Uptown: Bicyclists traveling through Uptown will travel with traffic inbound on Fifth Avenue and with traffic outbound on Forbes Avenue. Most of the Uptown corridor will have protected bicycle lanes. When bicyclists travel between Uptown and Oakland, they will have a shared use path for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Downtown: The University Line project does not include any new bicycle lanes in Downtown.



This image shows the protected bicycle infrastructure on Penn Avenue in the Strip District, which is similar to the bicycle infrastructure that will be placed on Fifth Avenue in Oakland.