



## PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT FOR BUS STOP CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (December 4, 2019) - As part of its ongoing effort to improve on-time performance and service reliability, Port Authority's Service Development team is seeking public input on a proposal to eliminate 48 bus stops and establish two new bus stops along routes that operate primarily through the City of Pittsburgh's eastern and southern neighborhoods.

All of the stops are located along the 48-Arlington, which serves Downtown, South Side, Arlington, Mt. Oliver, Knoxville, and Beltzhoover, and the 88-Penn, which serves Downtown, the Strip District, Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Friendship, Garfield, East Liberty and Point Breeze. Many of the stops are served by at least one other bus route.

Notices will be placed on the stops that have been proposed for elimination early next week. Comments on the proposal will be accepted through February 7, 2020, with stop eliminations expected to occur on March 15, 2020.

Proposed eliminations are based generally on proximity to other stops, usage and customer safety, although each stop has its own unique characteristics and is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Port Authority's goal is to reduce the number of bus stops while maintaining access to schools, places of worship, senior centers, healthcare facilities, community centers, libraries, other important buildings and key connection points. Port Authority buses serve more than 7,000 stops throughout Allegheny and neighboring counties.

Public input on these proposals is an essential part of the process. In October, Port Authority initially proposed eliminating 72 bus stops along routes 16-Brighton and 51-Carrick. Following reevaluations triggered by community, customer and operator feedback, the Service Development team determined that six of those 72 stops would remain. The other stops were eliminated on November 24.

In addition to soliciting rider feedback, Port Authority employees will be riding on buses to make sure customers are aware of the proposed changes. They will also be visiting garage facilities to talk with employees.

Riders can visit [PortAuthority.org/BusStop](http://PortAuthority.org/BusStop) to view the list of stops proposed for elimination. The public can provide input by calling Port Authority Customer Service at 412-442-2000 or using the online form.

Riders with mobility issues may wish to explore Port Authority's ACCESS program by calling 412-526-5353 or visiting [www.myaccessride.com](http://www.myaccessride.com).

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