



Schedule Adjustments for Nearly 20 Bus Routes Will Go Into Effect Sunday, June 16, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (July 19, 2019) - Port Authority of Allegheny County will be embarking on a major light rail track and concrete pavement replacement project in and around the Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel that will significantly impact bus and light rail service for one month beginning on July 26, 2019.

Approximately 480 feet of light rail track and concrete will be replaced between South Hills Junction and the Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel. The work will be completed by Michael Facchiano Contracting and will be performed 24 hours a day over two phases. Phase 1 will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 26 and end on Sunday, August 11. Phase 2 will begin on Monday, August 12 and end on Thursday, August 22.

The construction will impact approximately 10,000 weekday and 5,000 weekend light rail riders and 5,000 weekday and 2,000 weekend bus riders.

Significant delays are expected throughout the light rail system and on the effected bus routes. Customers should pay close attention to the changes and plan for increased travel time depending on time of travel, direction and day.

To avoid confusion, the detours outlined below will be in effect for the duration of the project barring any unforeseen circumstances. The Wabash Tunnel will remain inbound only for the duration of the project.

Port Authority has established a dedicated Customer Service Construction Information Line that can be reached at 412-566-5544. This line will be staffed by a Customer Service representative weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

For help with trip planning or general questions, customers are encouraged to call Customer Service directly at 412-442-2000.

LIGHT RAIL SERVICE

INBOUND

All inbound rail service will operate via the tracks that run through the city's Allentown neighborhood.

Inbound rail cars will be unable to serve Station Square.

Inbound passengers heading to Station Square from the South should continue toward downtown on an inbound rail car, disembark at First Avenue and take an outbound rail car to Station Square.

Inbound passengers at Station Square will board a rail shuttle on the inbound platform during Phase 1 and on the outbound platform during Phase 2.

OUTBOUND

Outbound rail cars will use the Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel from the start of service until 11 p.m.

After 11 p.m., outbound rail cars will use the tracks that run through the city's Allentown neighborhood and will be unable to serve Station Square. During this time, a rail shuttle will operate between Station Square and First Avenue Station.

Customers heading outbound from Station Square after 11 p.m. should take the rail shuttle inbound toward downtown (boarding at Station Square on the inbound platform during Phase 1 and on the outbound platform during Phase 2) to First Avenue Station and then board any outbound rail car.

BUS SERVICE

Buses that regularly use the South Busway (Routes 39, 40, 41, 44, Y1, Y45, Y46, Y47 and Y49) will not use the Mt. Washington Transit Tunnel.

INBOUND

The last inbound stop before buses are detoured will be South Busway at Palm Garden.

Inbound buses will be unable to serve the following stops: South Busway at South Hills Junction; Station Square Station at South Busway Slip Ramp; East Carson at Smithfield. Additionally, Route 44 will be unable to serve the stop at South Busway at Haberman Ramp Step (at South Hills Junction).

Port Authority will establish a stop at Wabash Tunnel Ramp at the Monongahela Incline (West Carson Street).

OUTBOUND

The last outbound stop before vehicles are detoured will be E. Carson Street at Station Square Station.

Outbound buses will be unable to serve the South Busway at South Hills Junction stop.

Port Authority will establish a stop at Warrington opposite Boggston (at the top of sidewalk that comes up from South Hills Junction).

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