

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (February 2, 2021) – Port Authority of Allegheny County will permanently close Pennant Station on the Red Line in Pittsburgh’s Beechview neighborhood effective Monday, February 15.

During a routine inspection of the 33-year-old station this fall, Port Authority engineers found that the steps leading to the station from Platt Avenue were in poor condition, but usable. A more recent inspection found further deterioration, and engineers recommended the station be closed immediately.

Port Authority’s engineering department estimates that repairs to the steps, which would require a new ramp and station upgrades to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, would cost \$4 million to \$6 million and about two years to complete.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, fewer than 10 passengers used the station each day.

The next-closest Red Line stations are Dawn and Westfield, both of which are a 15-minute walk from Pennant Station.

Additionally, the 41-Bower Hill serves inbound and outbound bus stops on nearby West Liberty Avenue. Both stops are about a 12-minute walk from Pennant Station.

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