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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 24, 2021) – Port Authority of Allegheny County’s Board on Friday adopted the agency’s first 25-year long-range transportation plan, NEXTransit, which will help inform, guide, and prioritize the agency’s operational and capital projects, policies, and programs through 2045.

Launched in June 2020, the goal of NEXTransit has been to build upon and improve the Authority’s current transportation network to attract more riders, enhance mobility, and support community development and redevelopment while promoting regional equity, sustainability, and accessibility.

The 78-page document is the culmination of more than 40 public meetings and 20,000 touchpoints over the last 15 months. The final report can be found [here](#).

Port Authority and its consultants engaged the public to identify the barriers to public transit in southwestern Pennsylvania and then identify creative and effective solutions.

The plan recommends 18 new projects that total \$3.7 billion and will eventually require more than \$100 million a year in new operating costs. The projects range from a new bus depot to busway and light rail extensions.

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