Downtown – Uptown – Oakland
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project
Briefing with City Council, June 2022
Agenda

- Review Project Goals
- Scope revisions since last year
- Schedule and next steps
Project Goals

**ACCESS**
Improve accessibility for persons of all ages and abilities

**COMFORT AND EASE OF USE**
Improve access to shelter and amenities for waiting passengers

**EFFICIENCY**
Improve transit reliability and speed

**EQUITY**
Ensure that communities of greatest need benefit from these investments via direct transit connections

**SAFETY**
Improve conditions for pedestrians and riders, and develop a safe bicycle network

**SUSTAINABILITY**
Encourage mode shift out of cars

Improve air quality through electric technology
Core BRT
Downtown-Uptown-Oakland

- Core area generally includes:
  - Transit stations, with ticket vending, real time signage, shelters, benches, security cameras
  - Dedicated transit lanes
  - Bike lanes in Uptown and Oakland
  - Improved pedestrian access
  - Signal improvements
Scope Revisions

- Downtown loop to be accelerated in advance of Uptown and Oakland.
- Branches infrastructure moved to a future phase.
  - BRT service will continue through branches.
  - Highland Park layover to be implemented following PWSA Rising Main project.
- Electrification of bus fleet moved to a parallel project
- Smart Signals project will begin after BRT Construction Activities
Funding

Federal
- Funding allocation from the CIG ($150M)
- Additional American Rescue Plan funding in 2021 ($19.3M)
- CMAQ = $9.3M

Local
- Port Authority = $73.6M (incl. $16.8M FY23)
- City of Pittsburgh = $8.8M (+$4M in FY23)
- Allegheny County = $30M
Schedule and Next Steps

Early Summer 2022:
- Stakeholder briefings and community outreach
- Development activities and permitting review

Late Summer 2022:
- Bus procurement, including battery-electric buses
- Construction contract (Downtown Loop-Phase I) out for bid

Fall 2022:
- Award construction contract
- Hearing and discussion of potential service changes due to downtown construction

Spring 2023:
- Begin construction of Downtown Loop (Phase I)
- Uptown-Oakland construction (Phase 2) contract out for bid

Fall 2023:
- Award phase 2 construction contract

Spring 2024:
- Begin construction in Uptown-Oakland