

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

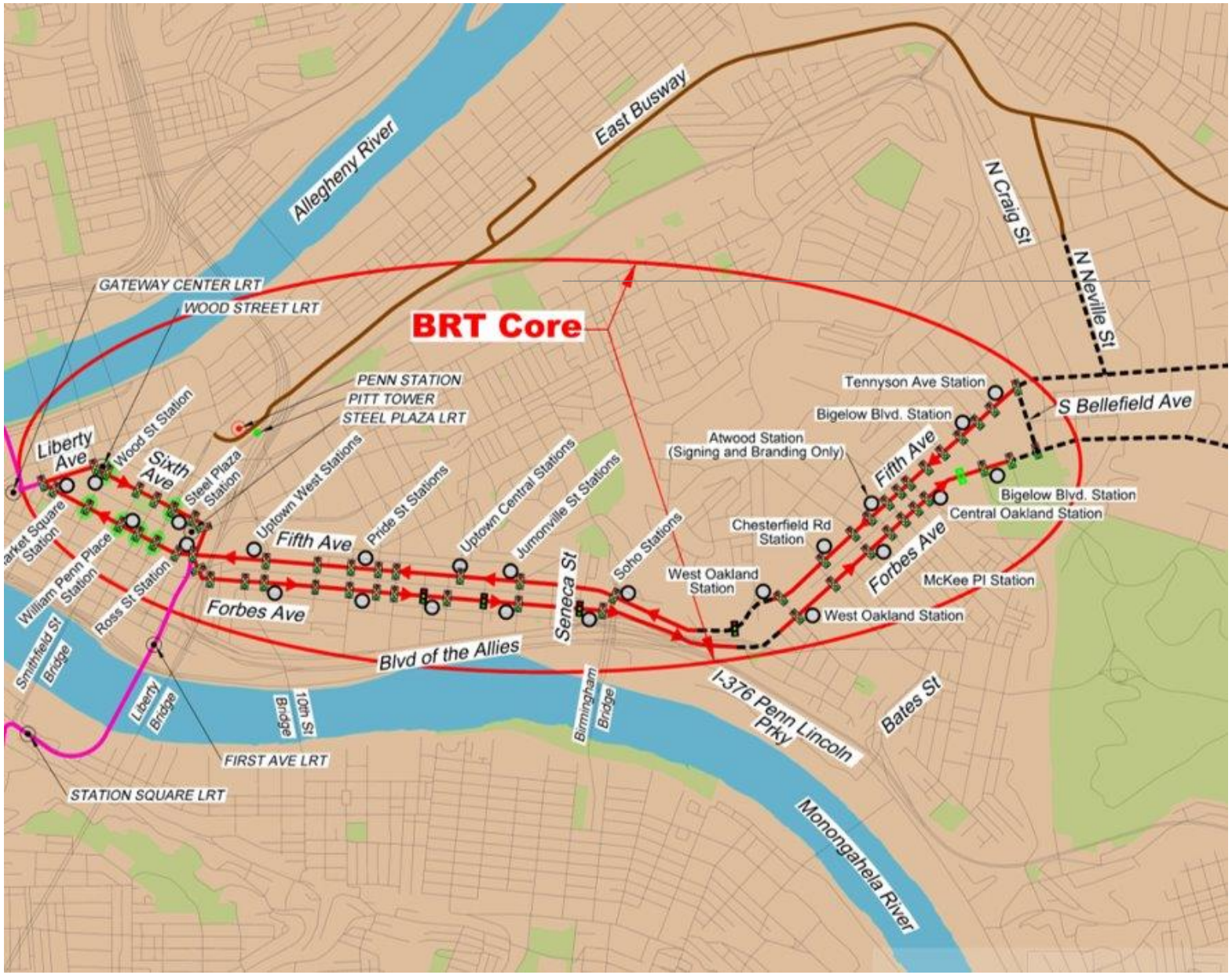
Project Goals

ACCESS	COMFORT AND EASE OF USE	EFFICIENCY	EQUITY	SAFETY	SUSTAINABILITY
Improve accessibility for persons of all ages and abilities	Improve access to shelter and amenities for waiting passengers	Improve transit reliability and speed	Ensure that communities of greatest need benefit from these investments via direct transit connections	Improve conditions for pedestrians and riders, and develop a safe bicycle network	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

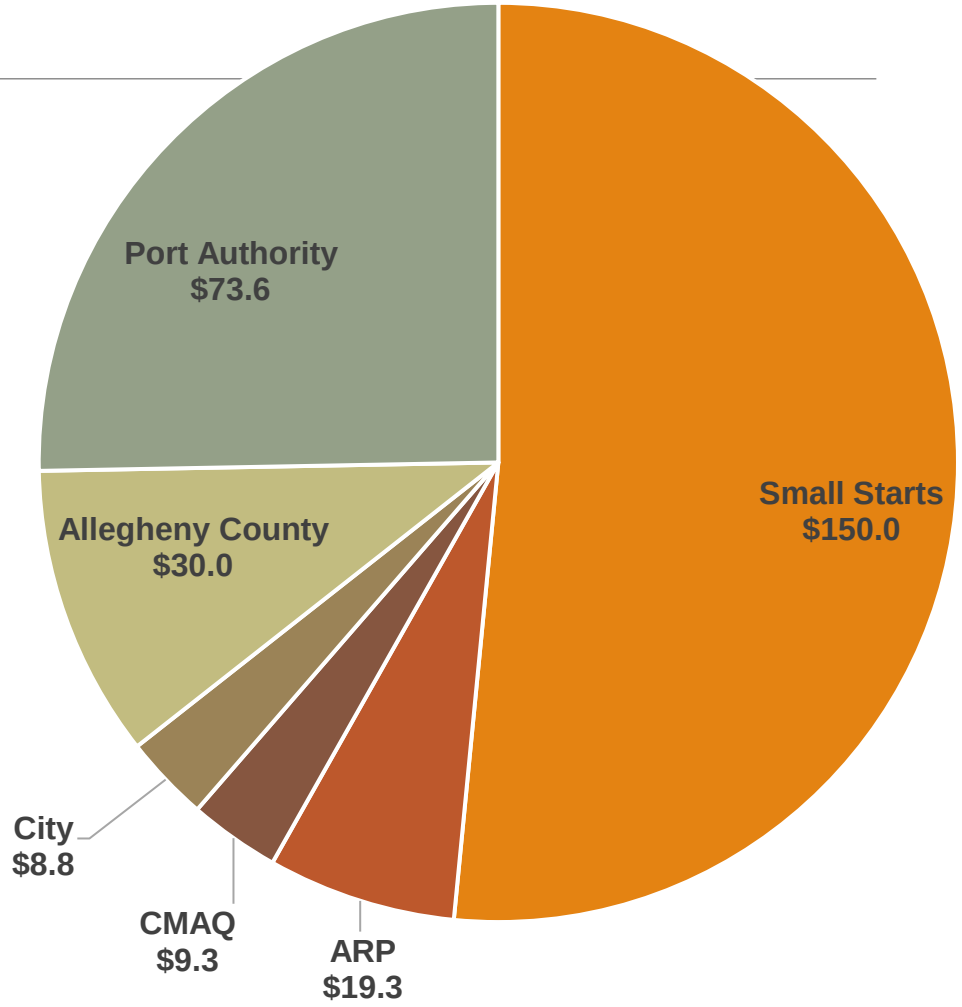
Funding

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 (Phase1)
  - Uptown-Oakland construction (Phase 2) contract out for bid
- **Fall 2023:** Award phase 2 construction contract
- **Spring 2024:** Begin construction in Uptown-Oakland