



December 10, 2021

Pittsburghers for Public Transit  
Laura Chu Wiens, Executive Director  
5119 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15224

Dear Ms. Wiens:

I'm writing to you regarding your organization's policy platform presented to the incoming Gainey Administration, titled: *Pittsburgh 100 Days Transit Platform: Affording All Residents the Freedom to Move*. Pittsburghers for Public Transit (PPT) is a leader in regional public transit advocacy and the fight for safe, dependable, and accessible public transportation. After having reviewed your recommendations for the incoming administration, we are pleased to offer our support.

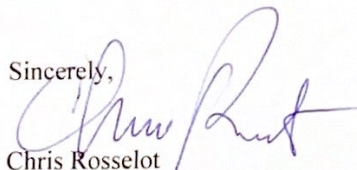
As you know from past partnerships with our organization, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG) utilizes engagement, advocacy, and policy formulation focused on equitable access to land, capital, and mobility to improve the health and wealth of residents. PCRG regularly holds roundtable conferences with key transportation stakeholders like PPT and the Southwestern Planning Commission (SPC), as well as government entities such as the Port Authority of Allegheny County. PCRG is a longtime advocate of increasing affordable housing and high-density plans within walking distance of public transit hubs. Previously, we have aided our member communities on initiatives like Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) and Transportation Revitalization Investment Districts (TRID).

PCRG strongly supports PPT's policy platform, particularly as it relates to incorporating city legislation and zoning policies promoting transit and the development of affordable housing. PCRG agrees with PPT that the incoming administration should create a high-level staff position, or cabinet level position, responsible for coordinating transit needs. This individual would act as a liaison with other city departments and agencies like the Department of Mobility (DOMI), Department of City Planning (DCP), Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), as well as be the point of contact for transit project coordination with the Port Authority of Allegheny County and SPC. Moreover, a fully funded DOMI and DCP Planning division is a critical element in carrying out these goals.

PCRG will continue to advocate at the federal level for transportation and infrastructure funding, such as the funding made possible through the recent passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure package, which includes an unprecedented public transit investment. PCRG looks forward to taking part in conversations with PPT and the Port Authority of Allegheny County on how best to utilize these funds to lift our communities.

Please include this letter of support in PPT's submittal to the Office of Mayor-elect Gainey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me by phone at 412-391-6732 or by email at [crosselot@pcrg.org](mailto:crosselot@pcrg.org).

Sincerely,

  
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Director of Policy

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