

Stage II LRT Priority Reconstruction Program
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Description

The Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAAC) is upgrading 25 miles of the Pittsburgh light rail system to modern light rail standards. The Stage I Light Rail Transit (LRT) project resulted in the reconstruction of a 13-mile segment to light rail standards during the 1980s. The Stage II LRT project includes reconstruction and double tracking of the remaining 12 miles of the system consisting of the Overbrook, Library, and Drake trolley lines construction of approximately 2,200 park and ride spaces, and purchase of 28 new light rail vehicles.

The modified New Starts project, the Stage II LRT Priority Program, includes reconstruction of the Overbrook Line and a portion of the Library Line and the addition of 2,200 park-and-ride spaces and 28 light rail vehicles. The remainder of the Stage II LRT program will be built as funds become available.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the Stage II LRT Priority Program is \$386.46 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share is \$100.20 million.

Status

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for the project in February 1996 and approved the project entry into Preliminary Engineering. FTA approved the project entry into Final Design in February of 1996. A Letter of No Prejudice was approved in January 2000. FTA and PAAC entered into an FFGA in January 2001, with a revenue operations date scheduled for June 2, 2004. Construction started in 2001, and the project is currently 55 percent complete.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(98) authorizes the "Pittsburgh – Stage II Light Rail" for Final Design and construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$41.53 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds to the project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars		
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
Federal:		
Section 5309 New Starts FFGA Commitment	\$100.20	\$41.53 million appropriated through FY 2002
Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$129.89	
Flexible Funds	\$ 3.88	STP
State:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – State Bonds	\$ 48.74	
Local:		
PAAC – Act 26 Bonds	\$ 93.99	
Allegheny County – Capital Improvement Bonds	\$ 9.75	
TOTAL	\$386.46	

NOTE: Total may not add due to rounding.

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