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**WORK TO CLOSE A PORTION OF STANWIX STREET AND
TRAFFIC LANES ON FORT DUQUESNE BOULEVARD**

Pittsburgh, PA – A portion of Stanwix Street, between Fort Duquesne Boulevard and Penn Avenue, will close on Monday, July 2, 2007, for a five-month period to accommodate construction activities associated with the North Shore Connector.

This portion of Stanwix Street will be closed to all through traffic starting at 6 a.m. July 2 for the construction of the tunnel boring machine receiving pit. Work also includes utility relocations and jet grouting activities to strengthen the soil in preparation for excavation.

Northbound and southbound traffic will be detoured to Fort Duquesne Boulevard, Commonwealth Place or Liberty Avenue. The sidewalks along Stanwix Street will remain open to pedestrians; a pedestrian walkway will be available to permit safe crossing of Stanwix Street within the construction zone.

Stores, office buildings and restaurants will remain open for business during construction and deliveries of goods and services to these establishments will not be impeded. The Stanwix Street Parking Garage will remain open and patrons will be able to enter and exit using Stanwix Street. In mid-December 2007, the street will be bridged with metal plates, allowing traffic to return and construction crews to continue working below the street.

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During this 150-day closure, the intersection of Stanwix Street and Penn Avenue will close for 30 days. Although the beginning date has not yet been determined, Port Authority will notify the public in advance of the closure.

Also beginning July 2, two eastbound lanes of Fort Duquesne Boulevard will close for six weeks between Stanwix and Sixth streets for utility work and the removal of bridge piers. This work along Fort Duquesne Boulevard will continue over a four-month period, necessitating both eastbound and westbound lane closures for various time periods.

Twenty-three Port Authority bus routes that use Stanwix Street and Fort Duquesne Boulevard will be detoured as a result of this work: 13C Perry Highway Express, 13F West View Express, 13J Franklin Park Express, 13K Cranberry Express, 13X Ross Express, 18B Avalon-Shadeland Express, 18C Bellevue-Union Avenue Express, 21A Coraopolis, 21B Kenmawr, 21C West Park, 21D Kennedy, 21F Presston-Kenmawr, 26A Ingram-Sheraden, 26B Fairywood , 26D Chartiers City, 36A Mt. Lebanon-Banksville, 36C Green Tree, 36D Westwood, 37A Mt. Lebanon-McFarland, 38C Green Tree Express, B Bellevue Flyer, CO Coraopolis Flyer and OV Ohio Valley Flyer.

Also, bus service will be temporarily discontinued to three stops in the area. Rider alerts will be posted, advising customers to use alternative stops to catch their buses. Customers should expect delays due to these detours and those wishing additional information should contact Port Authority Customer Service at (412) 442-2000 or the TTY number, (412) 231-7007, for the speech and hearing impaired.

For more information about the North Shore Connector, logon to Port Authority's Web site, www.portauthority.org, or call the construction hotline at 412-566-5222.

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