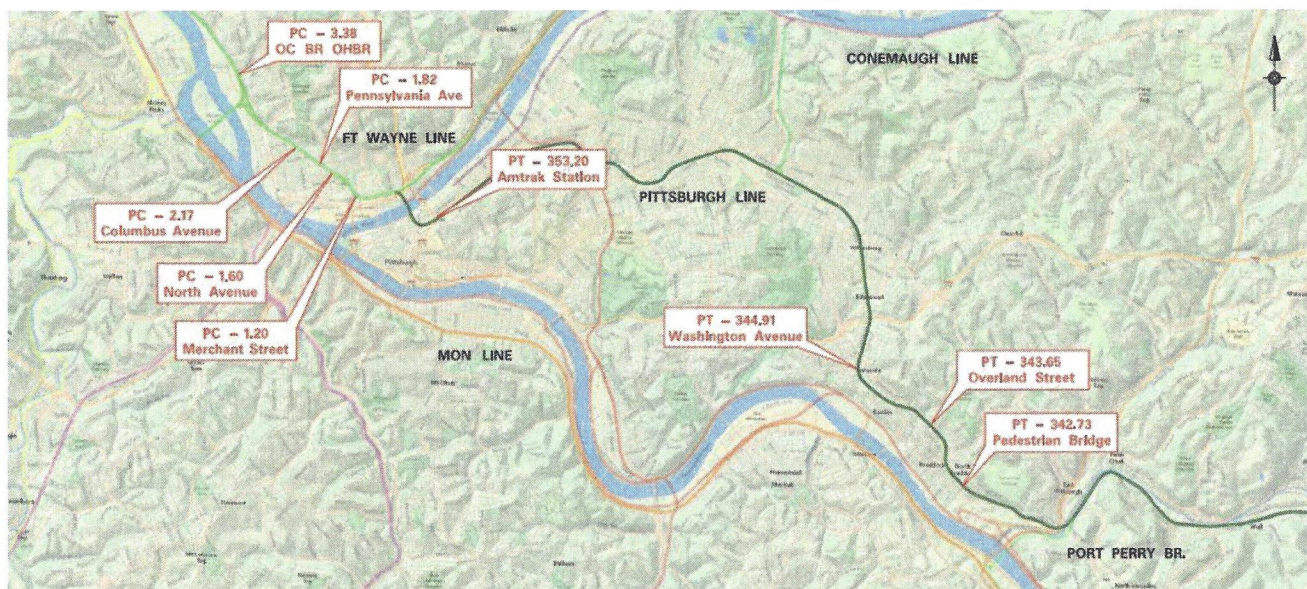




Pittsburgh Vertical Clearance Project Fact Sheet



Project Overview:

Norfolk Southern has proposed the Pittsburgh Vertical Clearance Project to raise the height of bridges from McKees Rocks to East Braddock to allow for double-stacked trains to be able to move through the city. The project will also relieve congestion from the existing Norfolk Southern Mon Line that circles around the outside of Pittsburgh along the Monongahela River. These improvements will prepare Pittsburgh for the projected needs of increased intermodal travel throughout the entire length of the Norfolk Southern Railroad through 2045.

Projected Improvements

- Increase of operational safety and reliability of trains moving through the city on a consistent basis, which will lower the amount of idling trains
- Addressing inadequate vertical clearance on the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne rail lines
- Addressing infrastructure deficiencies and reducing future maintenance costs
- Improving safety for the residents of neighborhoods surrounding the project area
- Improvements to the Norfolk Southern Pittsburgh line to relieve congestion from the MON line

Four Main Areas of Concern

- Noise
- Pollution
- Vibration
- Running double stacked trains next to crude oil trains

Bridges to be Raised:

- North Ave. Bridge, Pennsylvania Ave. Bridge, Columbus Ave. Bridge, Ohio Connecting Bridge Flyover, Washington Ave. Bridge, Amtrak Station

Affected Neighborhoods

- Marshall Shadeland, California Kirkbride, Manchester, Allegheny Central, Allegheny West, Allegheny Center, East Allegheny, North Shore, Downtown, Strip District, Polish Hill, Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, North Oakland, Shadyside, East Liberty, Larimer, Homewood West, Homewood South, Point Breeze North, Wilksburg, Edgewood, Swissvale, Braddock, East Pittsburgh