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OpenStreetsPGH Is Back with a Few Twists and Turns

New “Tunnel to Town” Route for May 2017

PITTSBURGH, May 1, 2017 – Grab your walking shoes and come play on car-free streets Sunday, May 28 on a brand new route from Market Square to the South Side and Uptown! OpenStreetsPGH is back again in 2017 with three free events on the last Sunday’s of May, June, and July. OpenStreetsPGH invites the community to get outside and be active, providing an opportunity to reimagine our streets as places for people, not just cars.

Join us this summer at our three events for yoga, dance and fitness workshops; community arts; and special promotions presented by over 100 local businesses and organizations.

Schedule:

- **Dates:** Sundays, May 28, June 25, July 30
- **Times:** 9 AM – 1PM
- **May 28th Tunnel to Town Route:** 4 miles from Market Square to Uptown through the Armstrong Tunnel to East Carson Street in the South Side (Downtown, Uptown, Southside)
- **June 25th City of Bridges Route:** 3 miles from Market Square to Main Street in the West End (Downtown, Northside, West End)
- **July 31st Doughboy to Downtown Route:** 3.5 miles from Market Square to Allegheny Cemetery along Penn Avenue and Butler Street (Downtown, Strip District and Lawrenceville)

The Peoples Fitness Hub at Market Square and Highmark Community Fitness Hubs in Uptown and South Side will feature programming favorites like Zumba and Bootcamp presented by the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh. In addition, shorter format fitness stations in every neighborhood will be led by instructors from some of the Pittsburgh’s best fitness studios. Three event hub stages will feature a dozen free 45 minute fitness classes open to anyone who would like to join in and lots of other free activities on the route.

“It’s not a race — there’s no start or finish line — you can enter the route anywhere along it to experience the free and fun activities,” said Scott Bricker, executive director of Bike Pittsburgh. “This is the first season where each route is different, getting more people from new neighborhoods to experience the magic of OpenStreetsPGH.”

Over the past two years, an estimated 100,000 people participated in six OpenStreetsPGH events. The event is organized by the bike and pedestrian advocacy organization, Bike Pittsburgh, and is made possible through major support from the Colcom Foundation. Additional support this year is provided by

Highmark, Peoples, Heinz Endowments, Buhl Foundation, the Benter Foundation, AARP, Uber, Red House Communications, the Port Authority of Allegheny County, and McAuley Ministries.

“OpenStreetsPGH is a great opportunity for everyone to get outdoors, get moving and come together as a community,” said Neil Parham, director of community affairs, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

“Highmark’s support of this fun, family-friendly event is a reflection of our longstanding commitment to build healthier, stronger communities.”

OpenStreetsPGH is inspired by the open streets movement – a global phenomenon promoting healthy outdoor activity and community engagement using city streets. Pittsburgh is one of hundreds of cities worldwide (over 100 in North America alone) that hold open streets events.

Unlike other events, OpenStreetsPGH does not necessitate a completely continuous street closure. At each event, car drivers will be able to cross the route at a dozen porous intersections along each route. More information can be found at www.OpenStreetsPGH.org/route.

Media and the public are encouraged to visit <http://openstreetspgh.org/media/>, or follow OpenStreetsPGH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), for updates and details on event happenings. For more information on how to get to OpenStreetsPGH visit <http://openstreetspgh.org/getting-there/>.