



TWO BELLS

**The occasional newsletter of the
Operations Department of the
Pennsylvania Trolley Museum**

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What's that website?

<http://ptmops.org>

Operations Schedule
Museum Calendar
Operating Policies & Procedures
Operating Orders
Operations Department Forms

Updated every Sunday!

Road Closures Page 3

<http://www.pa-trolley.org>

This is the website for the museum. Bruce Wells has done a great job in bringing it up to date.

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How fast will that streetcar go?

Average includes the total time from point a to point b. How fast a car has to go to maintain an average is probably about twice the average. But that varies with load factors, stop dwell times, passenger turnover, terminal dwell times, etc. Many companies adjusted running times so that the schedule frequencies were comprehensible, i.e. every hour, every 30 minutes, every 12 minutes, every 5 minutes...something that repeats every hour. The running times required operators to run more rapidly or slowly depending on the padding built into the schedule for a particular route. Motormen also adjusted schedules to make their own day easier (never harder)...it was great if you could run fast so that you (and your conductor if there was one) had less to do because you were running on the heels of your leader. Needless to say, the companies frowned on this.

Approximate maximum speeds:

NOPSI 832 - 5326	20-25 MPH
4398	37 MPH
66	40 MPH
PCC	42 MPH
3756	50 MPH
14-78	55 MPH

Our running times are printed on the back of the timetable and we expect you to observe those speeds. They are also hung from the overhead. We also expect you to follow the times listed in the timetable during regular operating conditions.



You cannot get here from there.

Arden Bridge

The Arden Bridge will be undergoing replacement this summer, beginning in May and will last through the summer. Traffic is expected to be maintained. This bridge is located along North Main Street between Museum Road and the North Main/Oak Grove Road split.

I-79 Exit 41

Racetrack Road will be closed between Interstate 79 and Pike Street for replacement of the bridge that carries the road over Chartiers Creek. The closure will start March 9 and is expected to continue until July 1.

Those of you traveling south from Pittsburgh should get off at Exit 43, route 519. Turn left at the stop sign and follow 519 into Houston. Turn left on Pike Street and follow it past Chartiers Houston High School to where Pike Street intersects at Allison Hollow. The rest of the route is the same.

Those of you who travel down route 19 should follow the posted detour.

Those of you coming from the south should be affected.

You should follow the same route in reverse to go home.

Learn the detours to assist our guests.



