

# HOT METAL BRIDGE

## PEDESTRIAN PATH GRAND OPENING

**When:** 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 28th

**Where:** Hot Metal Bridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue side.

Guests are encouraged to participate in the ceremonial ribbon cutting by walking/biking across the bridge with Mayor Luke Ravenstahl. Directly after the walk, guests are invited to join the Mayor and stakeholders in a recognition ceremony, complete with hot chocolate, coffee and cookies in the lobby of REI.

### Background

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl cordially invites you to celebrate the official opening of the Hot Metal Pedestrian Bridge.

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh has been working on this project since 2003. The URA worked with key project advocates, including the Allegheny Trail Alliance, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and PENNDOT to develop the funding package and complete the design.

The completion of the Hot Metal Bridge is a critical connection in the Great Allegheny Passage, a 150 mile biking and hiking trail that will eventually connect Pittsburgh to Cumberland Maryland and Washington D.C. The bridge also provides a key pedestrian and cycling connection between the URA's two brownfield developments, South Side Works and the Pittsburgh Technology Center. The pedestrian bridge facilitates safe and sustainable routes to work, along with offering attractive site recreational amenities, critical to SSW tenants such as American Eagle Outfitters and REI.