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City company ending twice-daily bus service to Harrisburg

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A Pittsburgh company will end its twice-daily bus service to Harrisburg next week, citing low ridership and difficulties making connections to Amtrak in the state capital.

The Steel City Flyer will make its last run Thursday, said Henry Posner III, chairman of the Green Tree-based Railroad Development Corp. that operated the service.

Too many workers chose to take the per-mile compensation for driving to Harrisburg rather than save their companies money with a cheaper bus ticket, he said.

In addition, the service never got permission to use a terminal in Harrisburg with direct transfers to Amtrak service, Posner said.

"When we first started, U.S. Air(ways) had just announced they were discontinuing service (to Harrisburg) and gas was \$4 a gallon," said manager George DeBolt.

Seven drivers and administrators will lose their jobs when the service stops. The leased buses will be returned, and RDC will focus on its investments in European high-speed rail projects, Posner said.

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