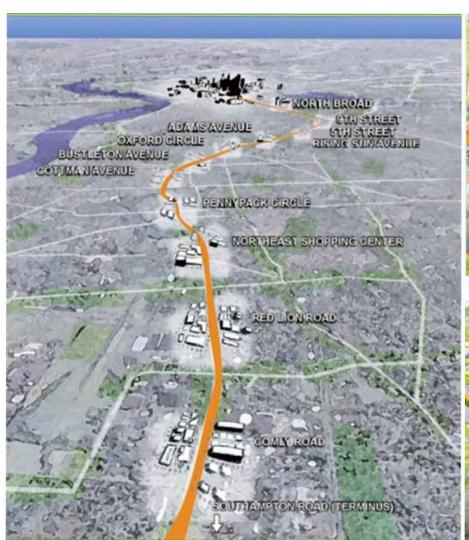
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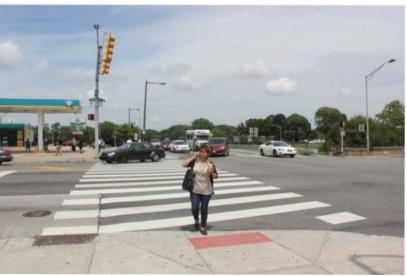


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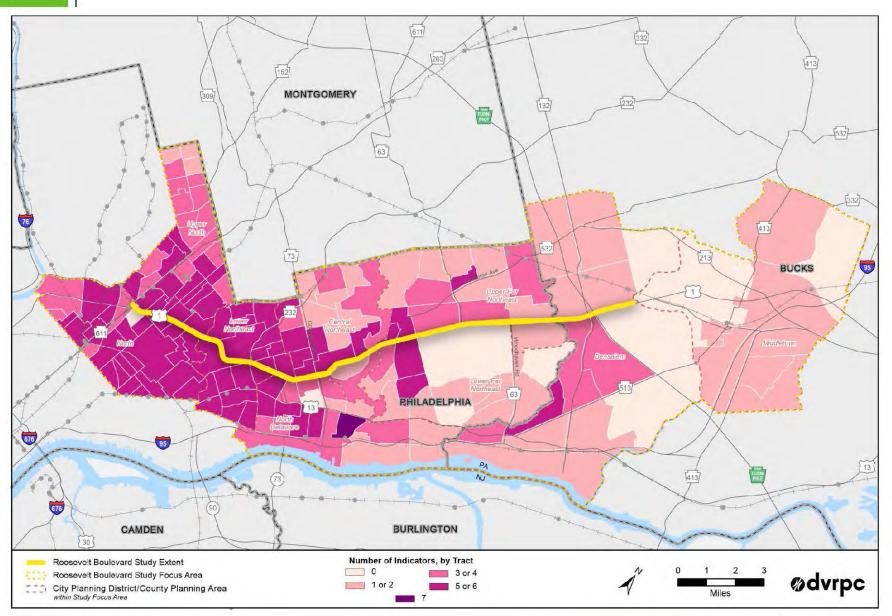




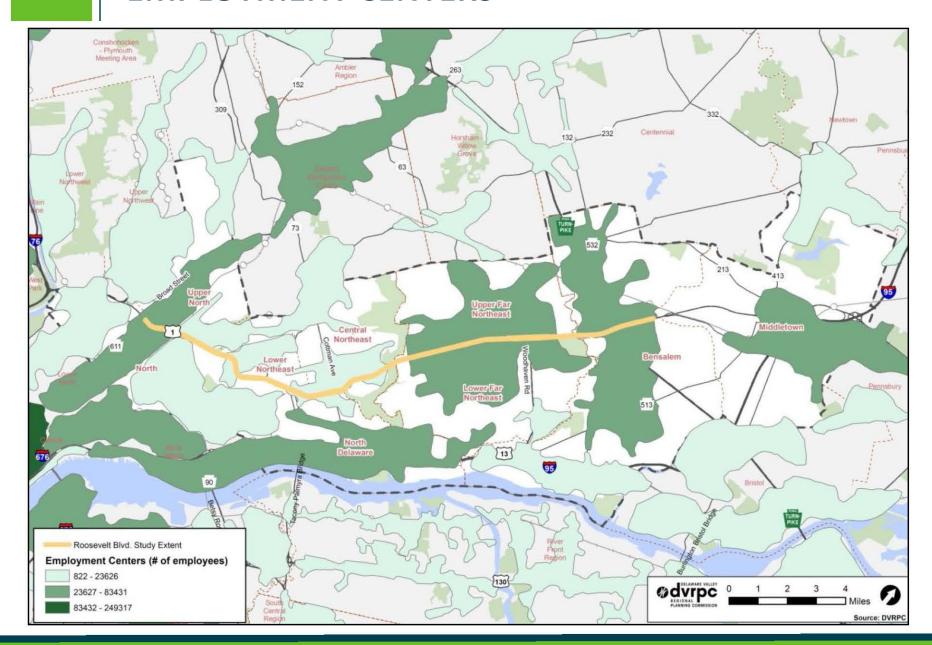




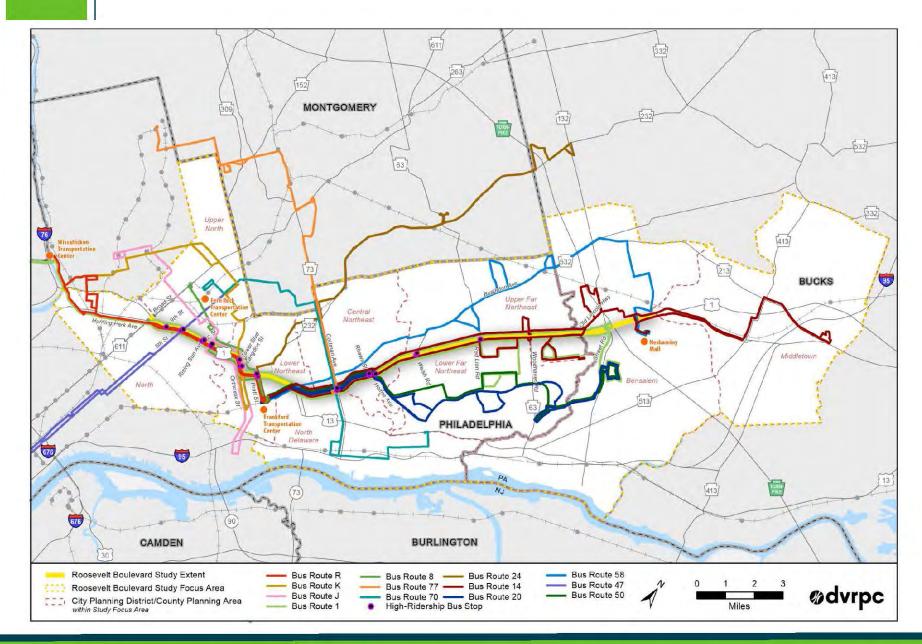
## **INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL DISADVANTAGE**



## **EMPLOYMENT CENTERS**



## **CURRENT TRANSIT CLIMATE**





## **CURRENT TRANSIT CLIMATE**



Upper Northwest

Upper North

Upper Far Northeast

Central Northeast

Lower Far Northeast

North

Lower Northeast

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Lower Northeast

North Delaware

APPROX 14,000 BOARDS/DAY

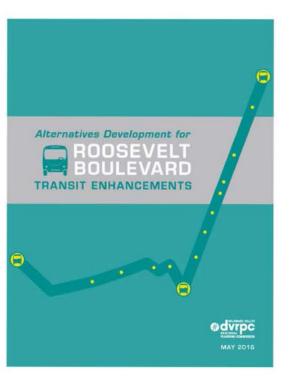
200 + STOPS

LOCAL & EXPRESS SERVICE

STRONG RIDERSHIP IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

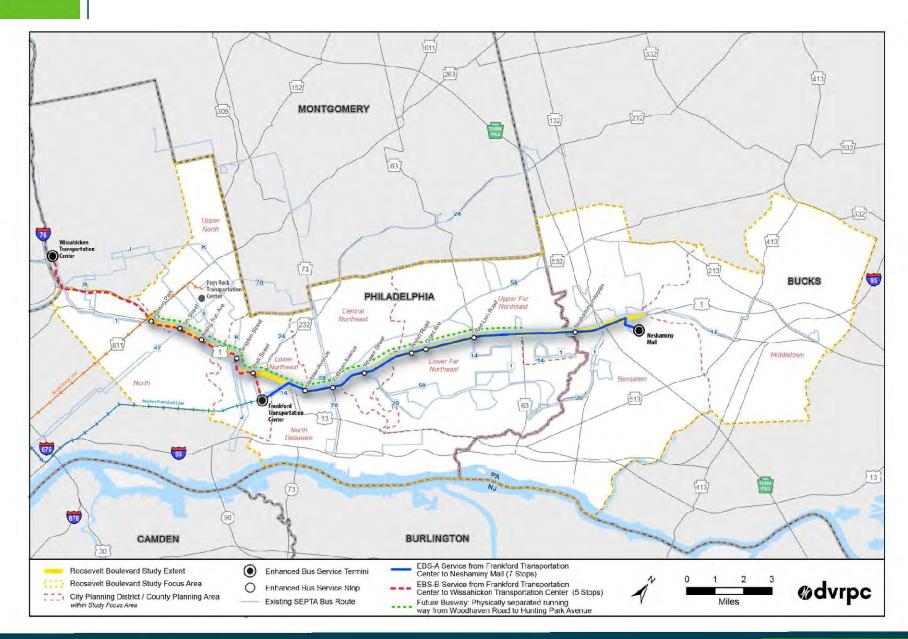


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## PHASED APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTATION





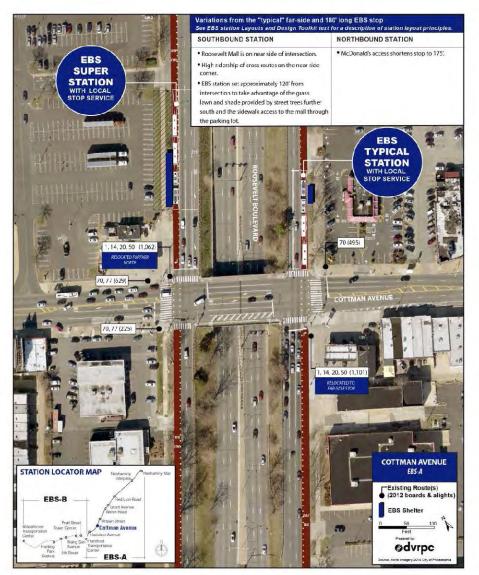
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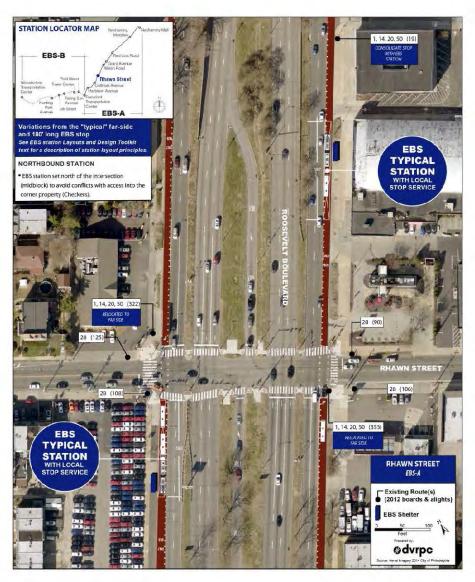
- BRANDING
- ONLY HIGH-RIDERSHIP STOPS
- "LOW-FRICTION" FARE PAYMENT
- TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY
- SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION
- DEDICATED VEHICLES

- BUSINESS ACCESS AND TURNING LANE
- STATION DESIGN
- FAR-SIDE STOPS WHERE POSSIBLE
- REAL-TIME PASSENGER
   INFORMATION
- DEDICATED BUSWAY

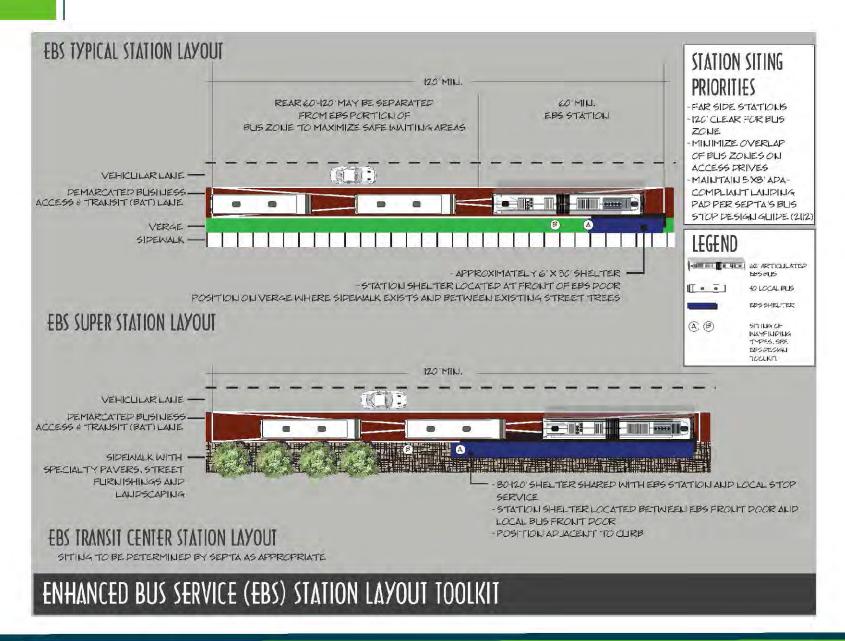


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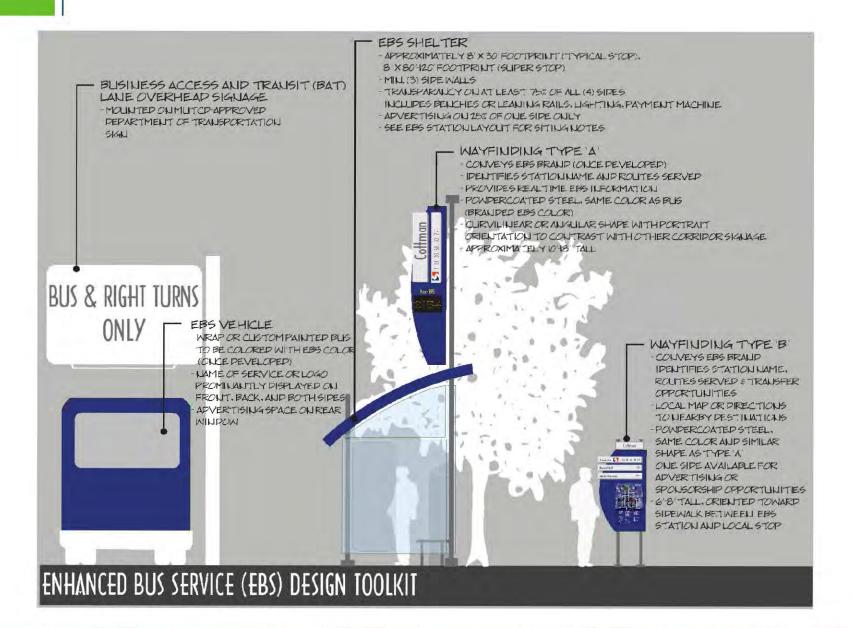




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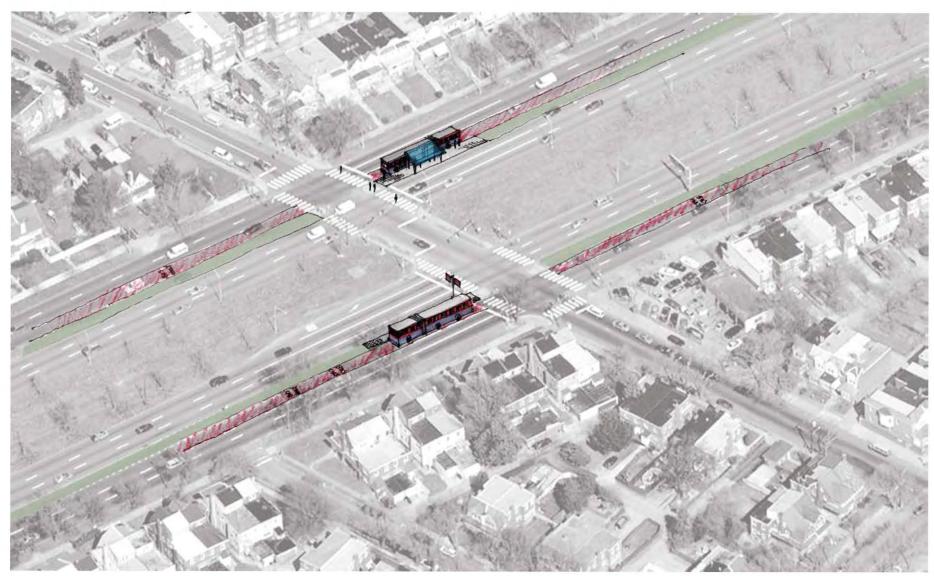


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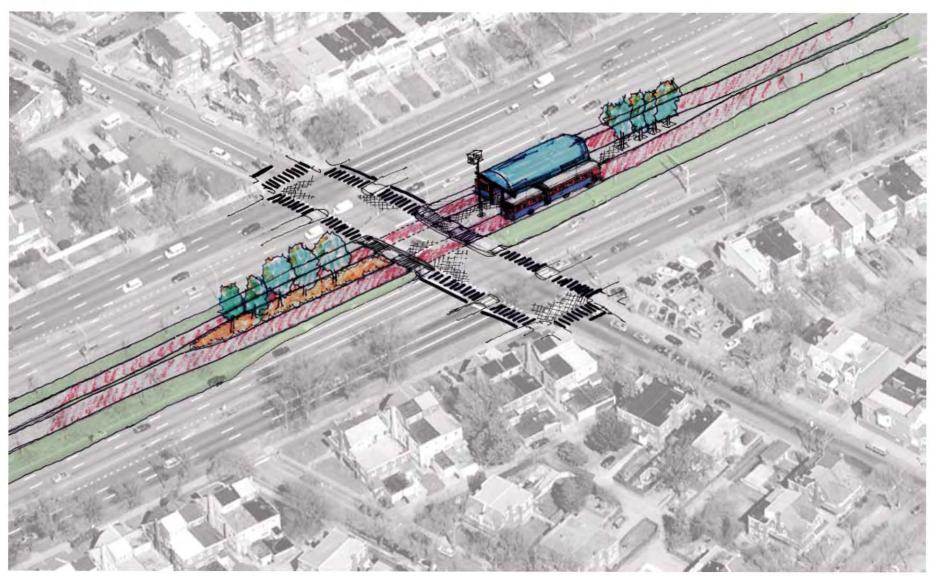
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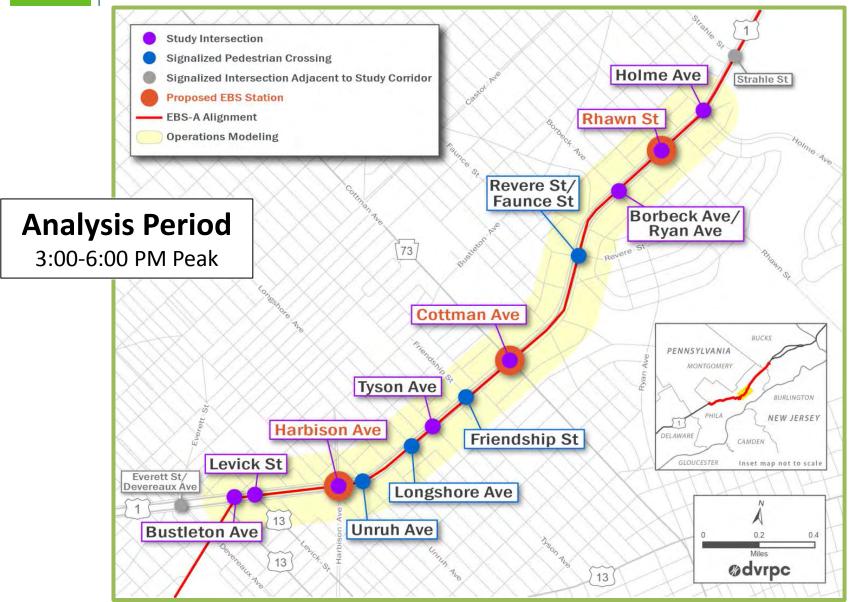
## **INITIAL ALTERNATIVES**



Center Median Busway Option



### TRAFFIC OPERATIONS STUDY AREA





## **MODELING SCENARIOS**

**Existing Conditions** 



TSP
(Transit Signal Priority)



**Express Service** 



BAT Lanes
(Business Access
& Transit)



**Optimized Signals** 





### **OPERATIONS STUDY FINDINGS SUMMARY**

## **Existing Conditions**

Typically performs at LOS C at the signalized intersections

## **Express Bus Service**

• Significant benefits for passengers

## **Optimization and TSP**

Limited applicability

### **BAT Lanes**

 Transit travel time benefits without major interference on general traffic flow



## **TRAFFIC MODELING OUTCOMES**



SB



9-10%



1-7%

10-16% ~2 Min





26-28%

~4 Min



8-14%



**17-20%** 



NB

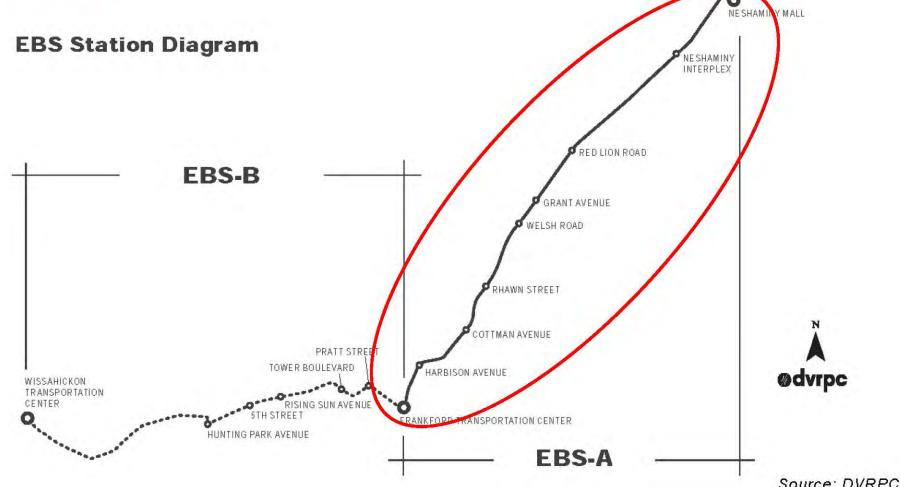


## **CURRENT BOULEVARD TRANSIT CONDITIONS**



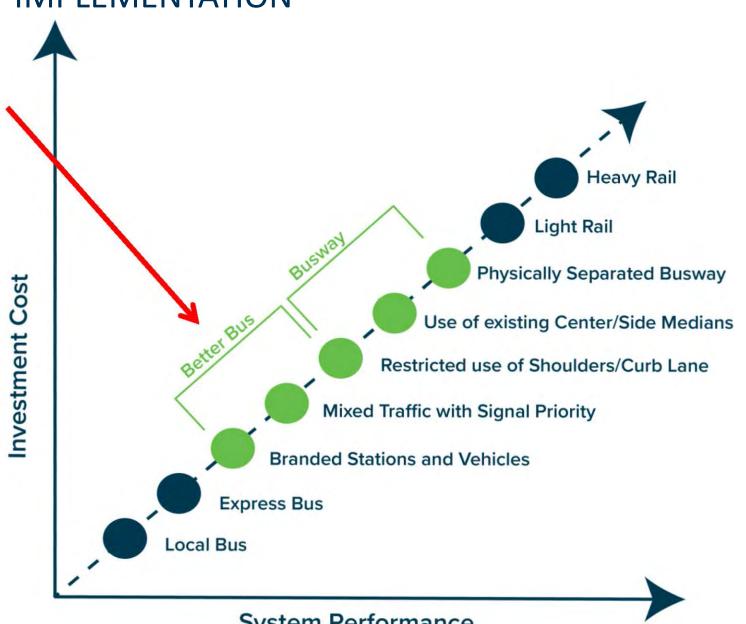


## **IMPLEMENTATION**



Source: DVRPC, 2015

### **IMPLEMENTATION**



**System Performance** 



## **IMPLEMENTATION**





## SERVICE SPAN // ANTICIPATED TIME SAVINGS

## Frequency: Weekday Service







Bus travel time reductions of 30%

# QUESTIONS

- How to make infrastructure changes to property SEPTA does not own?
- How to brand a new transit mode?
- How to coordinate with other stakeholders, property owners, and the general public?
- How to pay for the costs of design, construction, and operation?



## **ROUTE FOR CHANGE**







Effort to develop a series of improvements to create a more inviting corridor that is safe, accessible, and reliable for all users including residents, pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, motorists, and visitors.

All major parties on the same page and at the table

Big picture and shorter-term actions

Interim Action – Establishing
Enhanced Bus Service on Roosevelt
Boulevard



Covers construction of 10 stations on Roosevelt Boulevard – city only

Station must allow for "enhanced" and local service

Station design is a cooperative effort between City/SEPTA

Station design must include considerations for transferring services

### **Design Team**

### **City of Philadelphia**

- Office of Transportation & Infrastructure Systems (OTIS)
- Streets Department

### **SEPTA**

### **Consultant Team**

- Urban Engineers, Inc.
- Rodriguez Consulting, LLC
- Ground Reconsidered



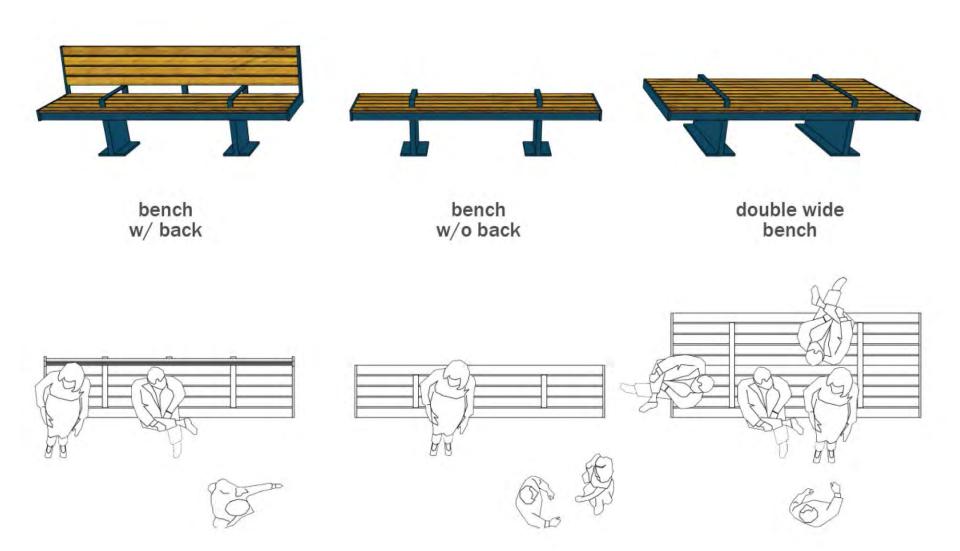
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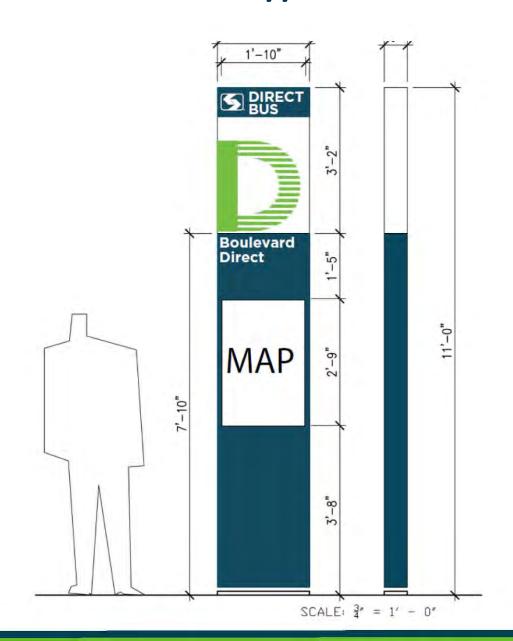




## **STATION COMPONENTS // SEATING**



## STATION COMPONENTS // WAYFINDING PYLON



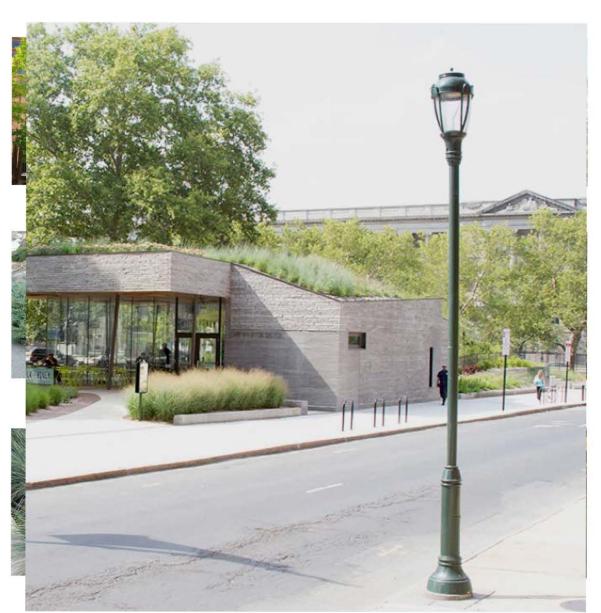


## STATION COMPONENTS // LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING









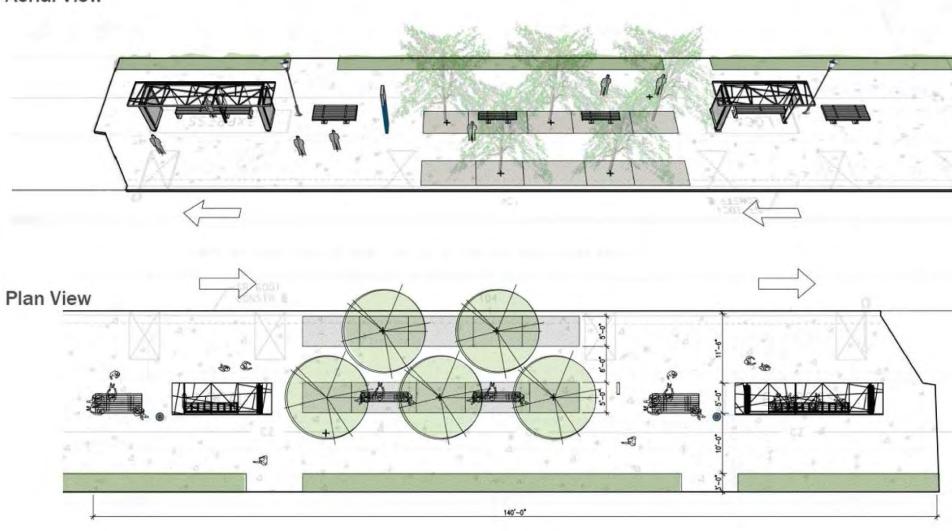






## **PLANS FOR COTTMAN AVENUE**

**Aerial View** 



## **BRANDED SERVICE COMPONENTS**



# POTENTIAL FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Real-Time information at stations

All-Door Boarding

Business-and-Transit/Bus-and-Turn (BAT) Lane

- Improved Transit Facility at Neshaminy Mall
- Improvements to Interplex stop in Bensalem Township, Bucks County

Scheduled for Fall 2017!



# DVRPC SELF CERTIFICATION

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION** 

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

**PROCESS** 

DVRPC Board Meeting

John Ward

Deputy Executive
Director

June 22, 2017



# DVRPC SELF CERTIFICATION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

## **Action Proposed**

That the Board adopt Resolution No. B-FY17-006 certifying that the DVRPC Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Process is in conformance with federal regulations implementing the FAST Act, MAP-21, the Clean Air Act Amendments, and other federal legislation.



#### Brief History of Nonprofit Idea Conversation

- Considered internally in early 2000s to pursue additional watershed-wide environmental planning
- Funding support from William Penn Foundation tabled the idea at that time
- Discussed in winter of 2016 with overview of other MPOs' nonprofit subsidiaries
- Revisited at February 2017 Board Policy
   Committee and subsequent follow up discussions

#### Why Consider a Nonprofit Arm of DVRPC?

- Federal and State funding for planning initiatives may not continue at the same level as in the past
- DVRPC has expertise in planning that serves the region well, new approaches may be needed to continue to serve that role
- As an MPO, DVRPC is not eligible for funding from many foundations and some government agencies, whereas nonprofits are eligible
- Other MPOs successfully utilize their nonprofit status to provide services to their region
- A nonprofit can support certain initiatives and priorities outside the existing MPO structure

#### What Can't We Do Now?

- DVRPC is not eligible to apply to many foundations, including Ford, Claneil, and Surdna, which only grant to nonprofits
  - Many foundations focus on healthy communities and sustainability, DVRPC strengths
- Certain state agencies, such as PA DCNR, do not consider DVRPC an eligible applicant, which must be nonprofit or local government
- Anticipate possible future government funding limitations for equity through access, climate change adaptation, smart growth, healthy community, etc.

#### MPO Examples with Nonprofit Arms

- Kansas City/MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) established Community Service Corp in 2004
- Hartford/CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Governments) established CRCOG Foundation in 2005
- San Diego/SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) established SourcePoint in 1982
- Also: Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Boston, Austin and Chicago (under development)

#### **Proposed Structure**

- Separate 501c3 for PA and NJ counties
- Board members for each = DVRPC Board reps for each county
- Meet after DVRPC Board Executive Committee on schedule TBD, not less than annually
- Actions approved by unanimous vote
- Staffed by existing DVRPC planning and admin staff

#### Set Up and Ongoing Costs of Nonprofits

- One-time set up fees of \$5,000 \$10,000 for 501c3 applications to IRS plus attorney fees
- Minimal yearly audit fee and administrative costs, folded into existing administrative functions
- No additional staff or overhead costs
- All fees to come from General Fund no additional costs to member governments

#### Project Ideas for New 501c3s

- Pass through funding to counties for projects via new grants
- Trail Sponsor for completing gaps in the Circuit, where local sponsor is unavailable
- Healthy Community Planning in more areas
- Facilitate more shared services agreements, like Regional Streetlight Procurement Program
- New opportunities yet to be identified

#### Action Requested

 Recommend that the Board authorize DVRPC staff to develop the draft mission statement, By-Laws, and proposed Articles of Incorporation for two nonprofit organizations, to serve the 5 PA counties and the 4 NJ counties in partnership with DVRPC. Final approval to create the organizations will be subject to subsequent Board action.

# New Jersey Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Katrina Lawrence Office of Project Implementation

#### What is TAP

- TAP program was established by Congress in 2012 under MAP-21 and was replaced with a set-aside of funds under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) by the FAST Act in 2015
- TAP provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

## Eligible TAP Activities

- ➤ Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities
- Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trails
- ➤ Construction of Scenic Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas
- ➤ Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities

# Eligible TAP Activities (con't)

- ➤ Community improvement activities, specifically: streetscaping and corridor landscaping
- > Environmental mitigation to address stormwater
- ➤ Wildlife mortality mitigation

#### **Selection Process**

- > DVRPC Review Committee
  - Four New Jersey Counties and NJDOT

- ➤ Selection Criteria
  - Developed by the 3 New Jersey MPOs and NJDOT
- ➤ Application Period (August 5, 2016 November 10, 2016)

# Selected Projects

Project Title	Sponsor	Award Amount
North Camden Waterfront Park Development Project	Camden City	\$825,000
Mount Holly Streetscape Project - High Street Phase II	Mount Holly Township	\$483,000
Merchantville Pedestrian Street	Merchantville Borough	\$861,000
Proposed Mt. Rose Segment of Lawrence Hopewell Trail	Hopewell Township	\$1,000,000
Lenola Town Center Improvements Plan	Moorestown Township	\$971,000
Camden County Grove Street Trail Connector	Camden County	\$255,000
Downtown Streetscape Improvements Phase II	Pennington Borough	\$580,000
	Total	\$4,975,000

#### **Action**

That the RTC recommends that the Board approve the list of New Jersey TAP projects identified for our allocation of funds. Further that these projects be amended into the FY 2016 S/TIP for NJ (TIP Action NJ16-137) in the amount of \$4,975,000 for TAP and be drawn from the Statewide line item (DB# X107 for TAP) at the appropriate time for obligation.

## REQUESTED ACTION

Staff requests the RTC to recommend authorization to **open** a minimum 30-day public comment period for the purpose of gathering public and agency comments for:

- Draft Connections 2045 Long-Range Plan,
- Draft FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey, and
- Draft Conformity Finding of the Connections 2045
   Long-Range Plan, FY 2017 TIP for Pennsylvania, and FY 2018 TIP for New Jersey;

to issue proper public notifications; to publish the draft documents of the respective Draft Plan, Draft TIP, and Draft Conformity Findings on the internet; to make copies available at certain public libraries; and to hold public meetings.









# Regional Trails Program: Phase V PA Grant Awards

Regional Technical Committee, June 13, 2017



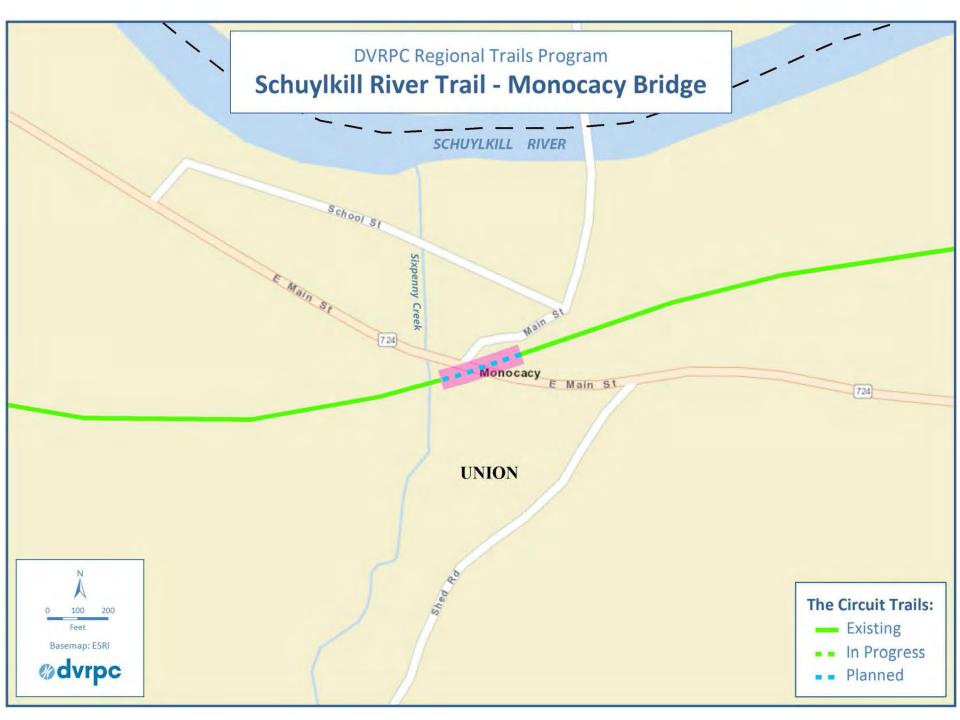


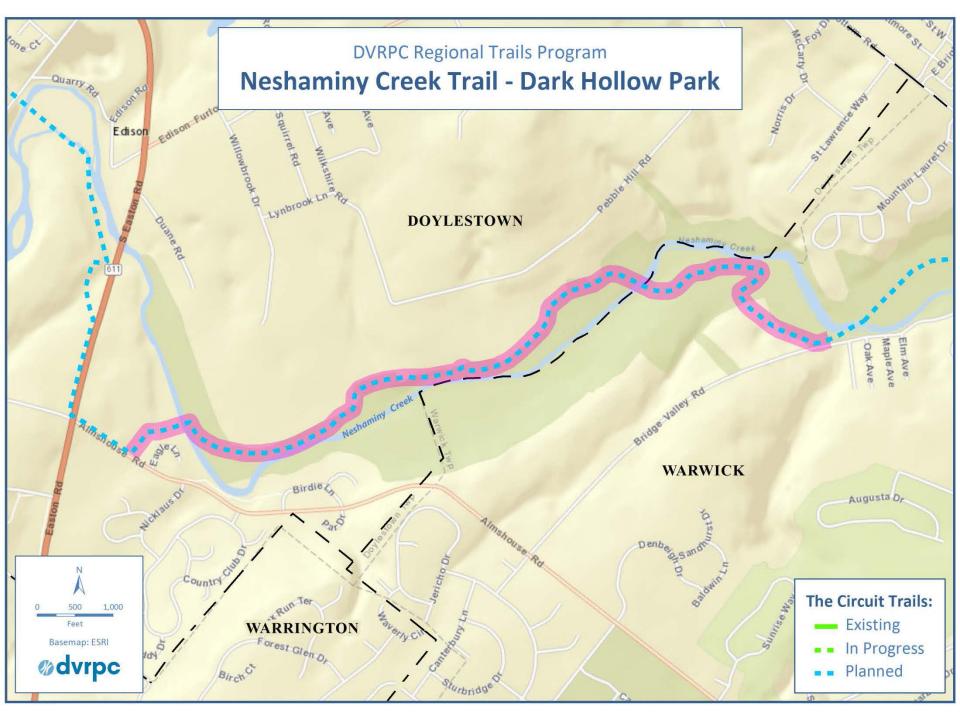
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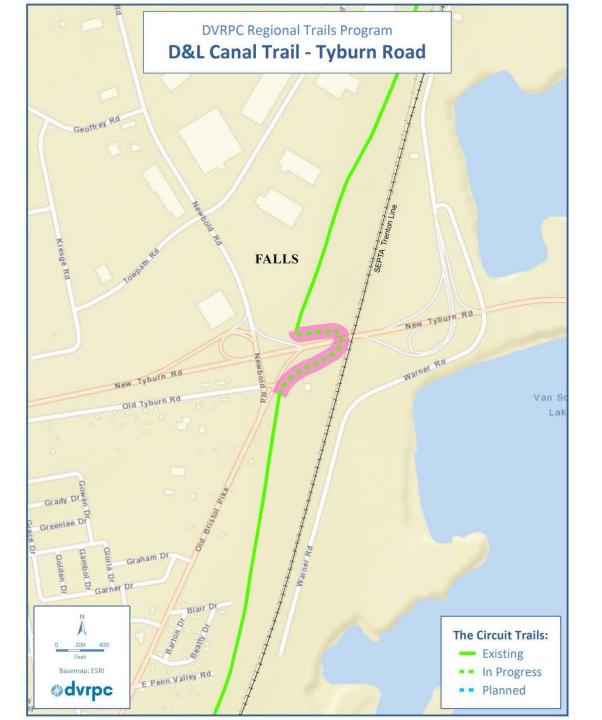
- 1. Schuylkill River Trail Monocacy Bridge (design and construction), Schuylkill River Heritage Area \$325,636
- 2. Neshaminy Creek Trail Dark Hollow Park (design), Bucks County \$298,836
- 3. D&L Canal Trail Tyburn Road (construction), The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor \$75,000
- 4. Warner Spur (study), Chester County \$80,000
- 5. Darby Creek Trail Swedish Cabin to Kent Park (construction), Delaware County \$115,848
- 6. Darby Creek Trail Kent Park to Gateway Trail (design), Delaware County \$80,000

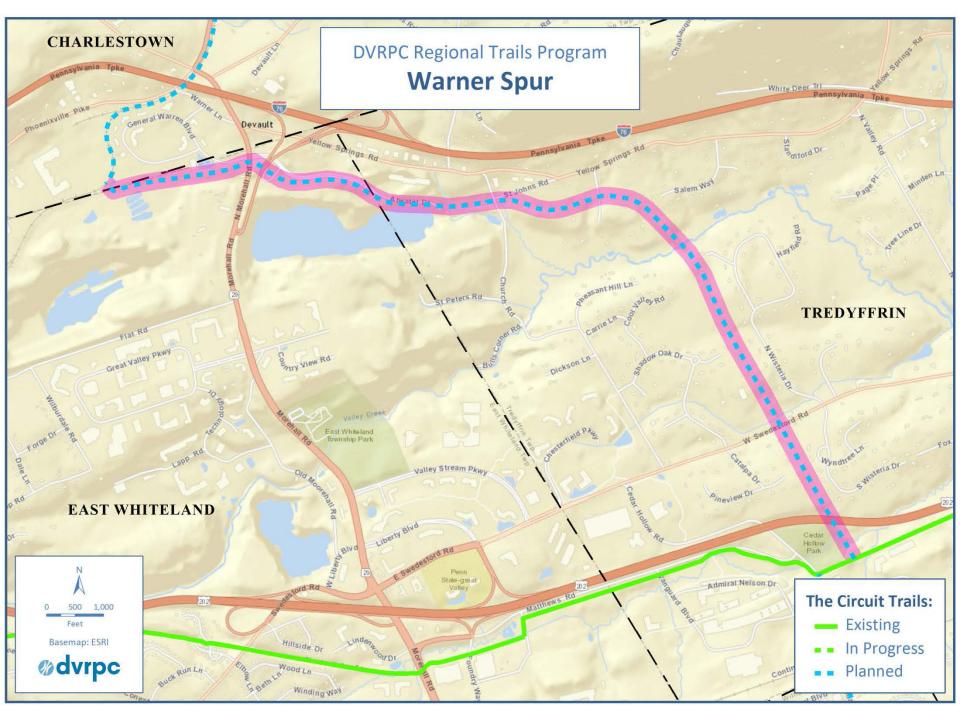
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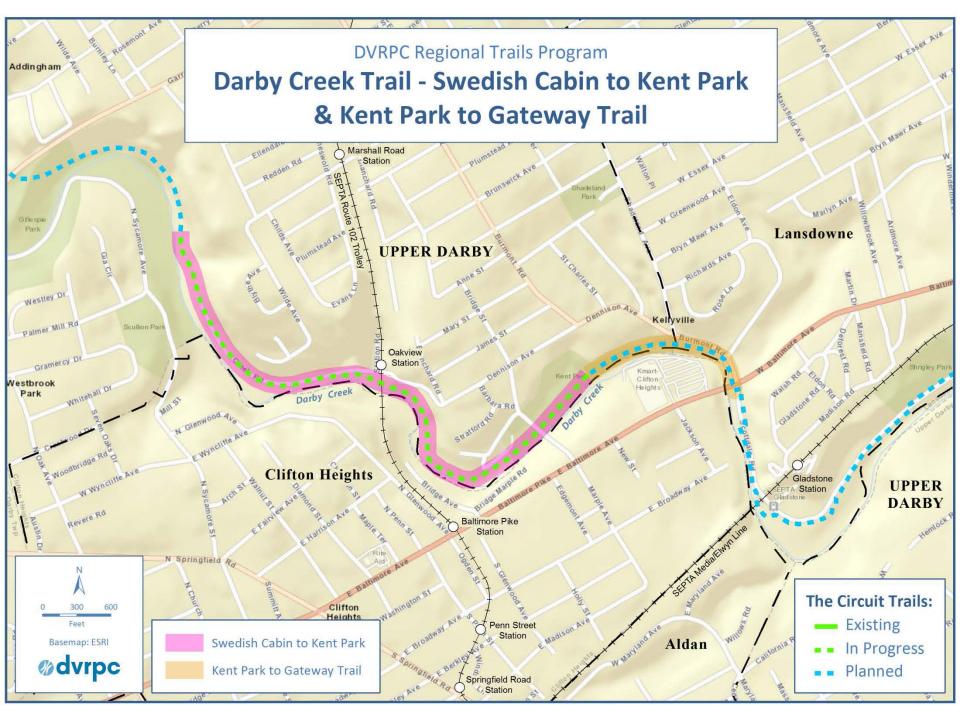
- 7. Octorara Trail Phase I (design), Concord Township \$250,000
- 8. Schuylkill River Trail and Chester Valley Trail Extension Norristown Trail Junction Center (design), Montgomery County \$100,000
- 9. Wissahickon Trail Northwestern Avenue (study), Montgomery County \$25,000
- 10. North Gulph Road Connector (study), Valley Forge Park Alliance \$60,000
- 11. Cobbs Creek Trail Segment B (design and construction), Philadelphia \$350,000
- 12. Parkside Cynwyd Trail (design), Philadelphia \$50,000

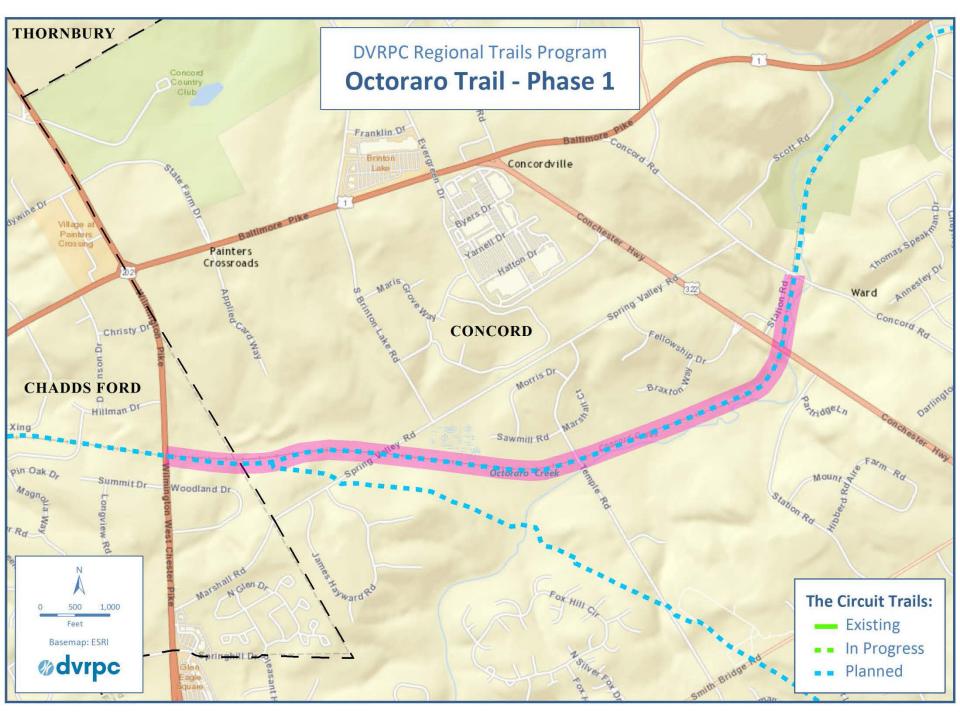


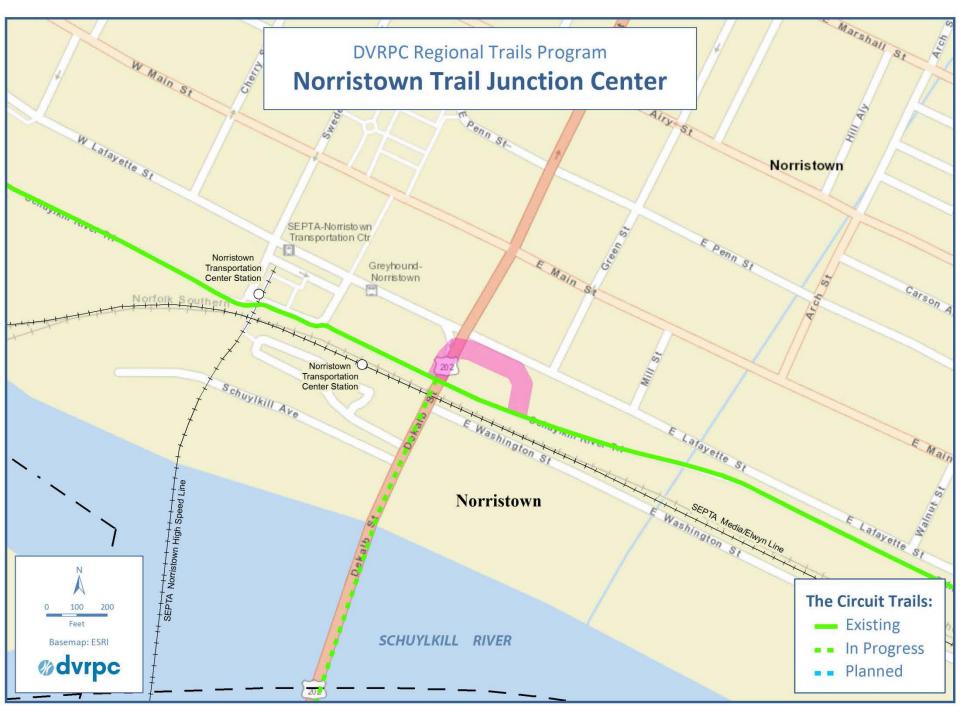




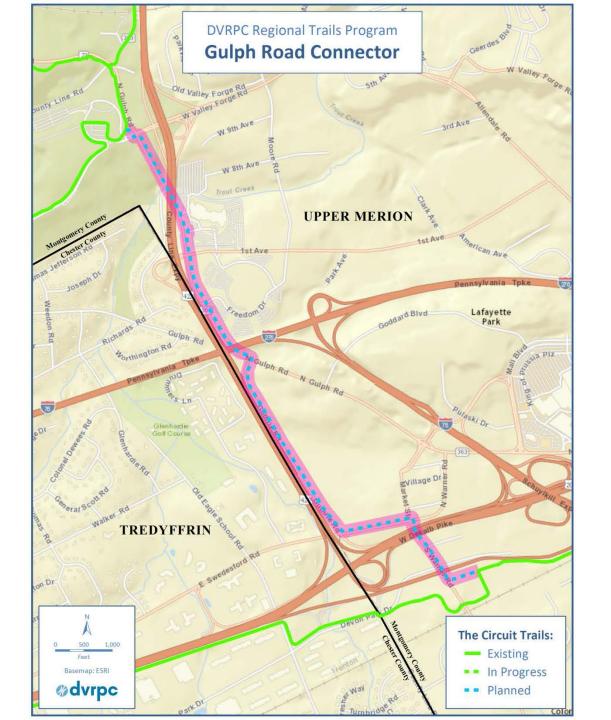












# **Action Proposed**

 That the RTC recommend Board approval of these ten Phase V Pennsylvania Regional Trails Program grant awards.

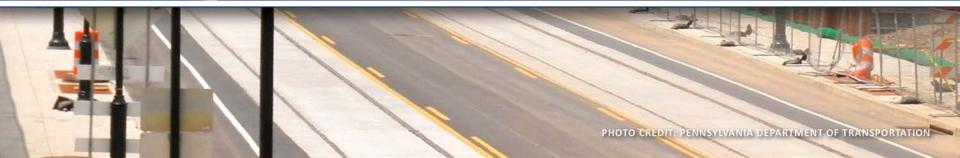




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# **TIP Actions**

**Transportation Improvement Program**New Jersey TIP (FY2016-2019)
Pennsylvania TIP (FY2017-2020)

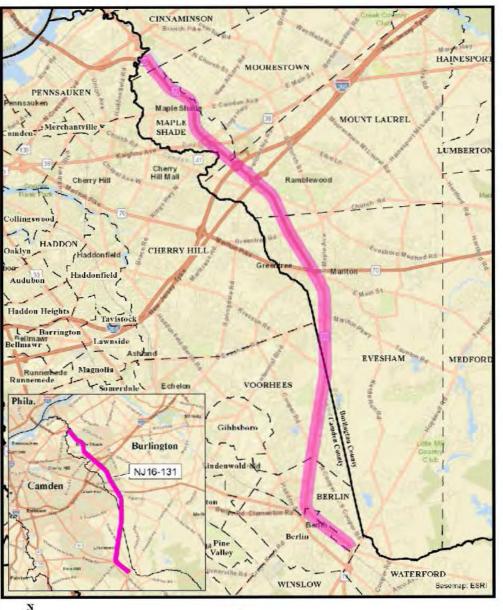


# Rt. 73, CR 534 (Jackson Rd) to Fork Landing Burlington & Camden Counties | Add New Project to the TIP

- Action Type: TIP Amendment.
- Action: Add a new \$18,000,000 CMAQ funded project to the TIP for FY17 CON.
- Reason:
  - Upgrade existing Controlled Traffic Signal System to Adaptive Traffic Signal System
  - Replace Trunk fiber backbone
  - Install fiber hub, replacing Fiber Cross cabinet at Rt. 73/Rt. 70



NJ16-131: Route 73, CR 534 (Jackson Road) to Fork Landing Road









#### TIP Action | Proposed – NJ Amend the NJ TIP for the Following Project:

a. Rt. 73, CR 534 (Jackson Rd) to Fork Landing, Burlington & Camden Counties

RTC Recommends that the Board approve TIP Action NJ16-131 to amend the TIP by adding new \$18,000,000 CMAQ funded project to the TIP for FY17 CON.



#### Bridge Preventive Maintenance Statewide | Scope Increase

- Action Type: TIP Amendment.
- ► Action: Increase EC phase by \$71,000,000 (\$59,000,000/\$12,000,000 STP) from \$62,000,000 (\$22,000,000 NHPP/\$15,000,000 STP/\$25,000,000 State) to \$133,000,000 (\$81,000,000 NHPP/\$27,000,000 STP/\$25,000,000 State) in FY17.
- Reason:
  - Maintenance Bridge Painting Contracts (2016-4, 2016-5)
  - Drawbridge Preventive Maintenance Contract 2017-2
  - Preserve and prolong useful life of bridges



#### Bridge Preventive Maintenance Statewide | Scope Increase

- ▶ Maintenance Bridge Paining Contract 2016-4
  - \$6,000,000
  - Paint 6 structures on I-195 in Mercer, Ocean, and Monmouth Counties
- Maintenance Bridge Paining Contract 2016-5
  - **\$6,000,000**
  - Paint 7 structures on I-295 in Burlington and Camden Counties
- Drawbridge Preventive Maintenance Contract 2017-2
  - **\$8,000,000**
  - Structural and electrical maintenance on 9 structures
    - Rt. 30, US40/322, NJ-47, NJ-71, and US 130
    - Gloucester, Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth, and Salem Counties



### TIP Action | Proposed – NJ Amend the NJ TIP for the Following Project:

#### b. Bridge Preventive Maintenance, Statewide

RTC Recommends that the Board approve TIP Action NJ16-132 to amend the TIP by adding new \$18,000,000 CMAQ funded project to the TIP for FY17 CON.



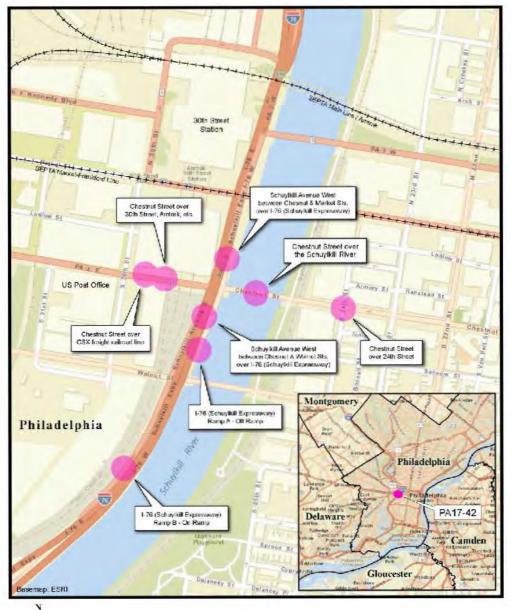
### Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street City of Philadelphia | Low Bid CON Cost Increase

- ► Action Type: TIP Amendment
- Action: Increase CON cost by an \$6,242,000 from \$107,705,000 to \$113,947,000, accordingly:
- FY19 \$3,121,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185)
- FY20 \$3,121,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185)

Reasons: Low bid cost increase due to removal of portion of existing bridge, temporary shielding, flowable backfill dismantling and resetting stone, mobilization,

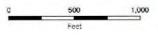
jacking bridge superstructure, maintenance and protection of traffic, and concrete bridge deck repair.

PA17-42: Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street









# TIP Action | Proposed – PA Amend the PA TIP for the Following Project:

c. Chestnut Street Bridges, Ramps, (8) at 30th Street, City of Philadelphia

RTC Recommends that the Board approve TIP Action PA17-42 to amend the TIP by increasing CON cost by \$6,242,000 accordingly:

- FY19 \$3,121,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185)
- FY20 \$3,121,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185)



### Bridge Groups M & N Various Counties | Add New Projects to TIP

- ► Action Type: TIP Amendment
- Action: Add Bridge Group M for \$5,400,000 and Bridge Group N for \$7,300,000:

Reasons: Five bridges in Bucks and Chester counties (Bridge Group M) are SD and will be replaced. Seven bridges in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties (Bridge Group N) are SD and will be replaced, one bridge in Bucks County is not SD and will be rehabilitated.

### Bridge Groups M & N Various Counties | Add New Projects to TIP

#### Bridge Group M:

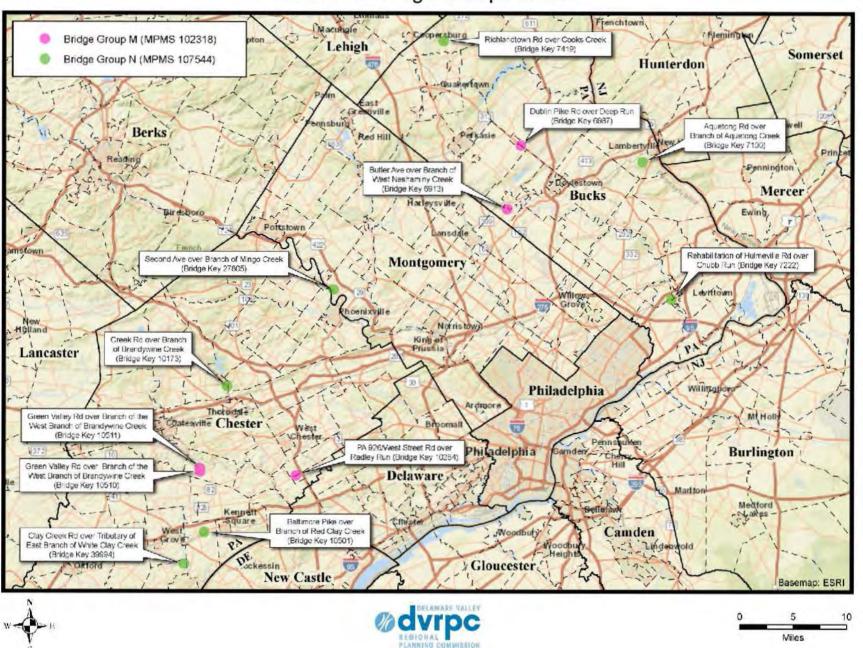
- Bucks County:
  - Dublin Pike Road over Deep Run (Bridge Key 6987) in Hilltown Township; and
  - Butler Avenue over Branch of West Neshaminy Creek (Bridge Key 6913) in New Britain Township.
- Chester County:
  - PA 926/West Street Road over Radley Run (Bridge Key 10284) in Thornbury Township;
  - Green Valley Road over Branch of West Branch of Brandywine Creek (Bridge Key 10511) in Newlin Township; and
  - Green Valley Road over Branch of West Branch of Brandywine Creek (Bridge Key 10510) in Newlin Township.

### Bridge Groups M & N Various Counties | Add New Projects to TIP

#### Bridge Group N:

- Bucks County:
  - Aquetong Road over Branch of Aquetong Creek (Bridge Key 7100) in Solebury Township;
  - Rehabilitation of Hulmeville Road over Chubb Run (Bridge Key 7222) in Middletown Township; and
  - Richlandtown Road over Cooks Creek (Bridge Key 7419) in Springfield Township.
- Chester County:
  - Clay Creek Road over Tributary of East Branch of White Clay Creek (Bridge Key 39994) in Franklin Township;
  - Creek Road over Branch of Brandywine Creek (Bridge Key 10173) in East Brandywine Township; and
  - Baltimore Pike over Branch of Red Clay Creek (Bridge Key 10501) in New Garden Township.
- Montgomery County:
  - Second Avenue over Branch of Mingo Creek (Bridge Key 27805) in Upper Providence Township.

#### PA17-43: Bridge Groups M & N



# TIP Action | Proposed – PA Amend the PA TIP for the Following Project:

#### d. Bridge Groups M & N, various Counties

RTC Recommends that the Board approve TIP Action PA17-43 to amend the TIP by adding Bridge Group M for \$5,400,000 and Bridge Group N for \$7,300,000, and program accordingly:

Bridge Group M

# UTL for \$100,000 (\$80,000 STU/\$20,000 State 185) in FY17; ROW for \$100,000 in FY18 (\$40,000 STU/\$10,000 State 185) and FY19 (\$40,000 STU/\$10,000 State 185); and CON for \$5,200,000 in FY19 (\$2,000,000 State 185), FY20 (\$1,000,000 State 185), and FY21 (\$2,200,000 State 185). FY20 - \$3,121,000 (\$2,497,000 NHPP/\$624,000 State 185)

#### Bridge Group N

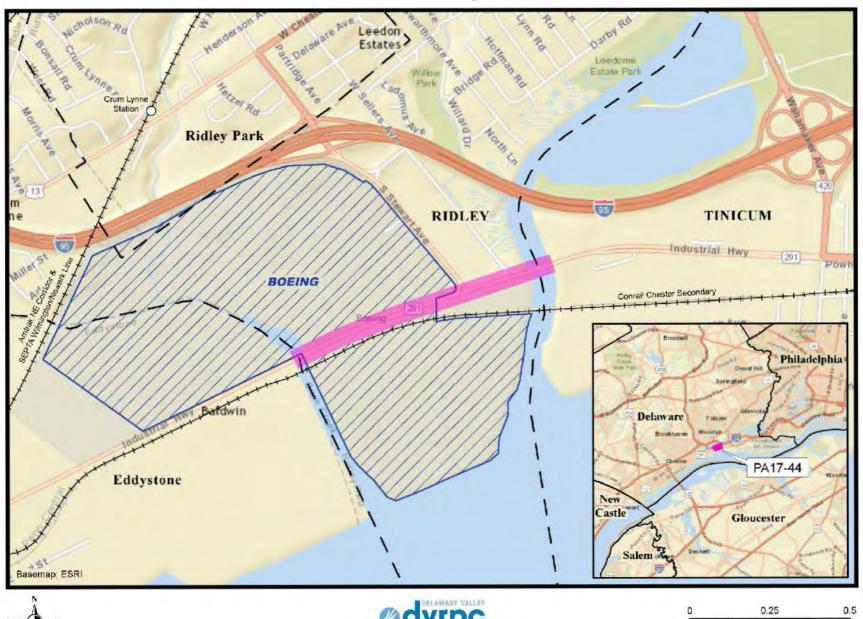
UTL for \$100,000 (\$100,000 State 185) in FY19; ROW for \$200,000 in FY20 (\$200,000 State 185); and CON for \$7,000,000 in FY19 (\$1,000,000 State 185), FY20 (\$1,000,000 State 185), FY21 (\$1,000,000 State 185), FY22 (\$1,000,000 State 185), and FY23 (\$3,000,000 State 185).

### PA 291 Drainage Improvement Delaware County | Add New Project to TIP

- ► Action Type: TIP Amendment
- Action: Add a new \$1,215,000 project and program accordingly:
- FY17 \$75,000 State 581 for PE
- FY18 \$15,000 State 581 for FD
- FY19 \$50,000 State 581 for UTL; \$75,000 State 581 for ROW
- FY21 \$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit for CON

Reasons: Flooding is major issue at location. Road closures have adverse impacts on local business and creates access issues to Chester City.

PA17-44: PA 291 Drainage Improvement









# TIP Action | Proposed – PA Amend the PA TIP for the Following Project:

#### e. PA 291 Drainage Improvement, Delaware County

RTC Recommends that the Board approve TIP Action PA17-44 to amend the TIP by adding a new \$1,215,000 project and program accordingly:

- FY17 \$75,000 State 581 for PE
- FY18 \$15,000 State 581 for FD
- FY19 \$50,000 State 581 for UTL; \$75,000 State 581 for ROW
- FY21 \$1,000,000 STU/Toll Credit for CON

### Railroad Crossing (RRX) LED Light Installation Various Counties | Add New Projects to TIP

- ► Action Type: TIP Amendment
- Action: Add a new \$247,000 RRX funded project and program accordingly:
- FY17 \$247,000 RRX for CON
- Reasons: Install LED warning lights at 10 crossing locations
- Additional Funds to the region



## Railroad Crossing (RRX) LED Light Installation Various Counties | Add New Projects to TIP

#### Delaware County:

- Oak Lane, SR 2015
- Ashland Ave., Eddystone
- South Ave., SR 201
- Amosland Ave., SR 2021
- Swarthmore Ave. ,SR 2025
- Fairview Rd., SR 2035
- Meetinghouse Rd., SR 3012
- Naamans Creek Rd., SR 491

#### Philadelphia:

- Weccacoe Ave.
- Snyder Ave., SR 2002



### TIP Action | Proposed - PA

#### Amend the PA TIP for the Following Project:

### f. Railroad Crossing (RRX) LED Light Installation, Various Counties

RTC Recommends that the Board approve TIP Action PA17-45 to Amend the TIP by adding a new \$247,000 project and program CON in FY17 in the amount of \$247,000 RRX for the following locations:

#### Delaware County:

- Oak Lane, SR 2015
- Ashland Ave., Eddystone
- South Ave., SR 201
- Amosland Ave., SR 2021
- Swarthmore Ave. ,SR 2025
- Fairview Rd., SR 2035
- Meetinghouse Rd., SR 3012
- Naamans Creek Rd., SR 491

#### Philadelphia:

- Weccacoe Ave.
- Snyder Ave., SR 2002





