

# Advisory Group Meeting

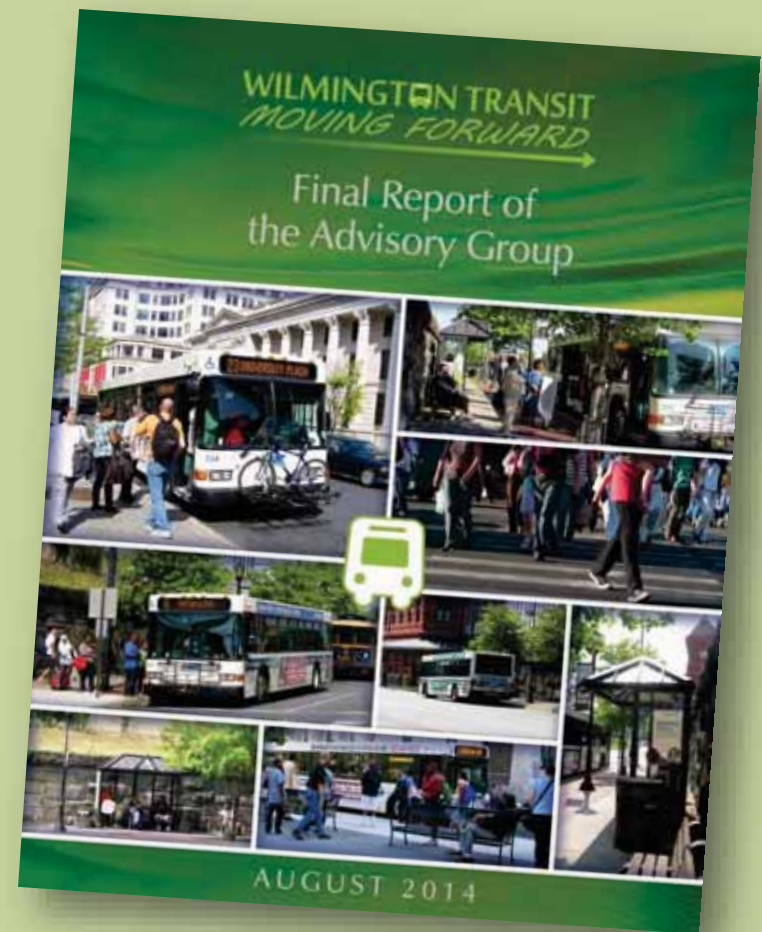
## November 18, 2015

***AG Meeting #1 – November 18, 2015***

1. Welcome
2. WTMF Phase II Transition/ Goals
3. WTMF Short Term Recommendations Update (2015-2016)
4. WTMF Phase II Transit Operational Analysis
5. WTMF Phase II Transit Infrastructure Improvements
6. WTMF Phase II Path Forward

## Transition

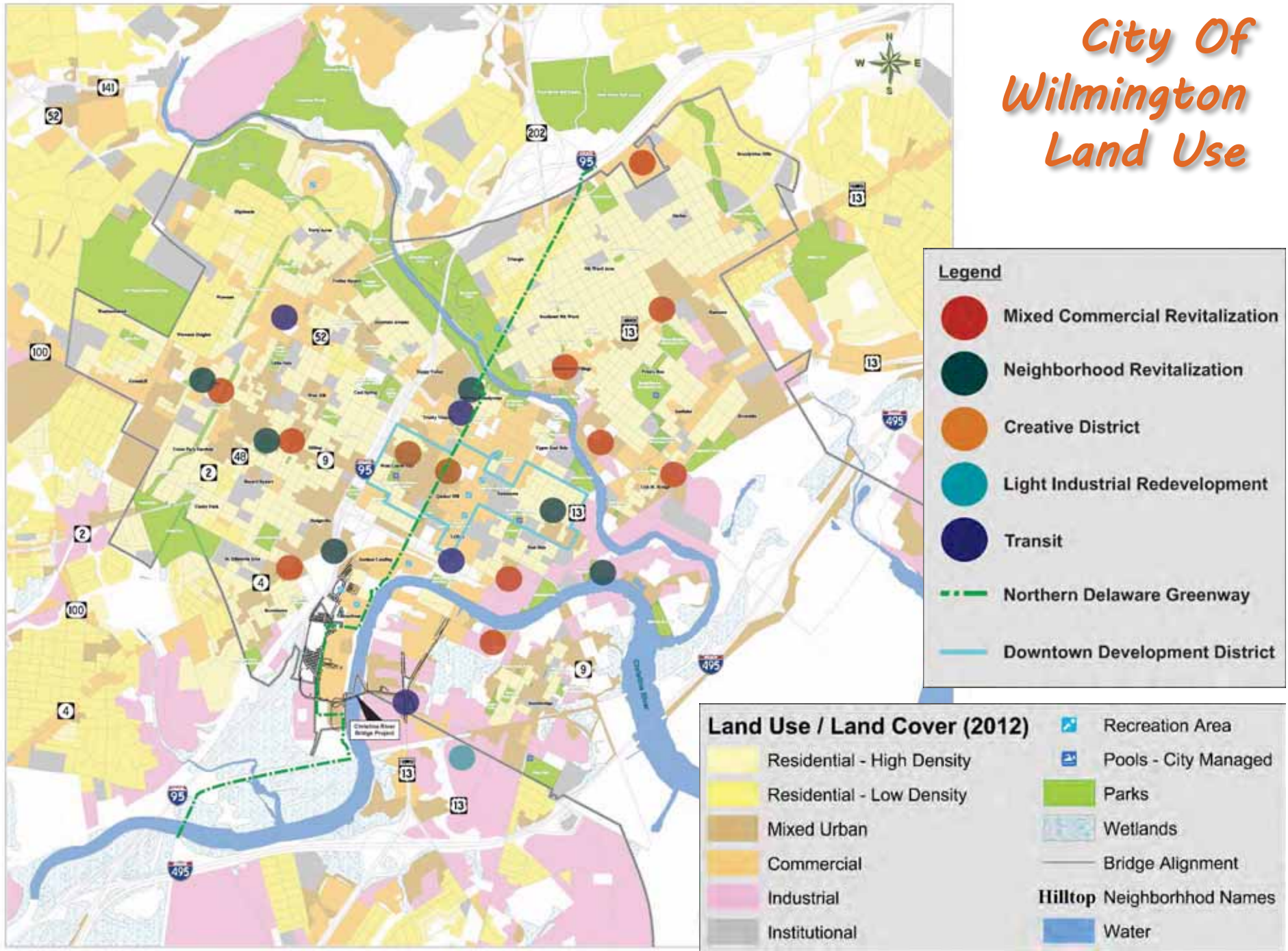
- New Project Team Members
- City of Wilmington Land Use
- Phase I to Phase II
  - Transit Operational Analysis
  - Transit Infrastructure Conceptual Design



*\*Consistent with City of Wilmington Growth and Revitalization Areas*



# City Of Wilmington Land Use



## ***January 2015 Service Change Highlights***

- Improved access to employment
- Additional services (Sunday, new markets)
- Increased frequencies
- Direct service connection for local communities
- Improved scheduling efficiencies
- Improved service reliability
- Improved mobility
- Enhanced schedule coordination



**LEGEND**

- EXISTING ROUTE
- RECOMMENDED ROUTE CHANGE
- ROUTE SEGMENT NO LONGER SERVED

**PRINCIPLE # 2**

**OPPORTUNITY # 2**

Route 5 Recommended Service Change:  
Short Turn via 9th Street to King Street

**DESCRIPTION**

- Would turn from Orange Street to 9th Street instead of going to Rodney Square.
- Outbound trips would begin on King Street at 9th Street.

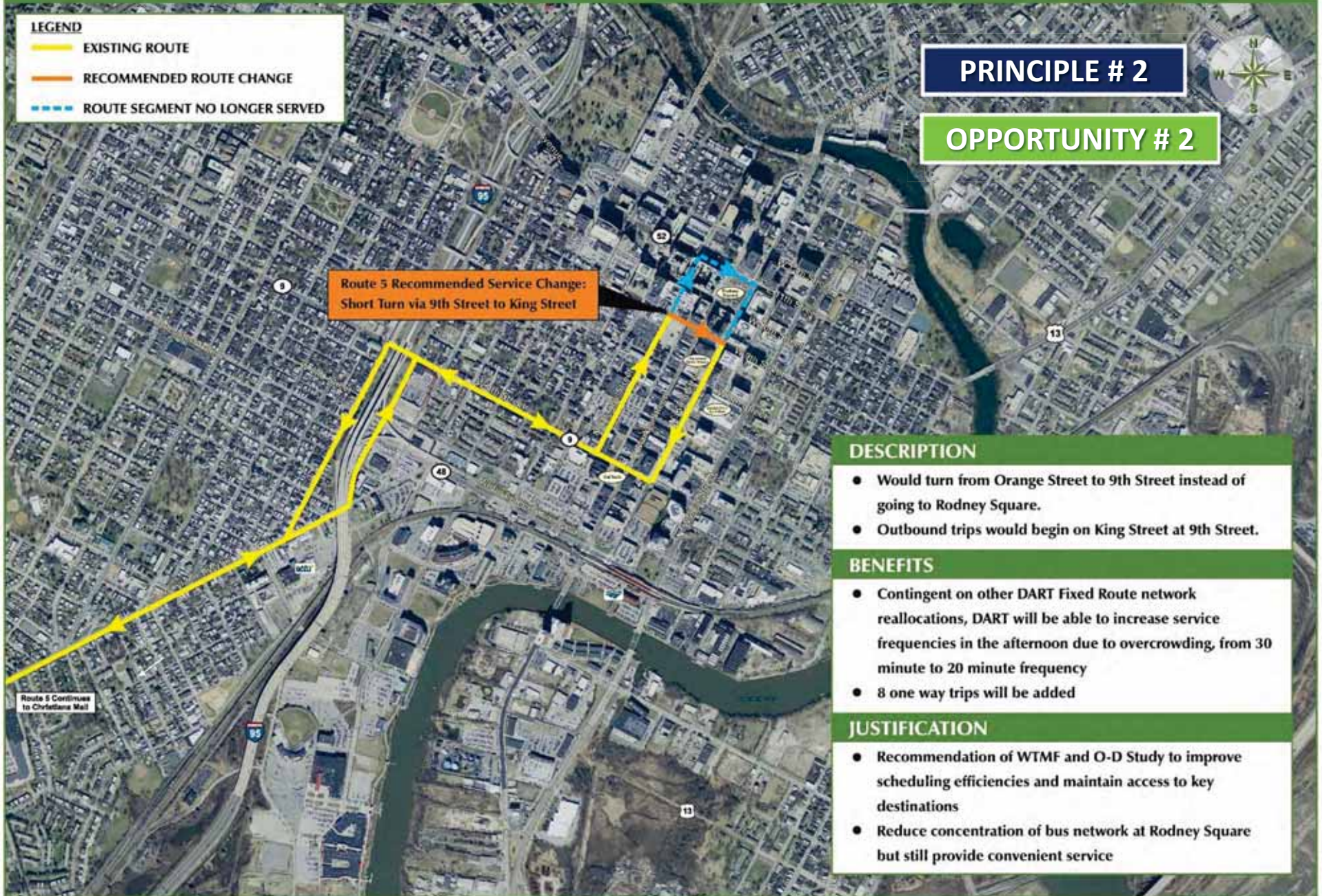
**BENEFITS**

- Contingent on other DART Fixed Route network reallocations, DART will be able to increase service frequencies in the afternoon due to overcrowding, from 30 minute to 20 minute frequency
- 8 one way trips will be added

**JUSTIFICATION**

- Recommendation of WTMF and O-D Study to improve scheduling efficiencies and maintain access to key destinations
- Reduce concentration of bus network at Rodney Square but still provide convenient service

Route 5 Continues to Christiana Mall





# Route 7 - Connecting Trolley Square and the Riverfront

### LEGEND

- EXISTING ROUTE
- RECOMMENDED ROUTE CHANGE
- - - ROUTE SEGMENT NO LONGER SERVED

### DESCRIPTION

- Providing new direct service to Trolley Square, ACME and Lincoln Towers.
- Would continue to serve Wilmington's Riverfront, Hedgeville area, St. Elizabeth's School & Parish, and St. Francis Hospital
- No longer serving Pennsylvania Avenue or Rodney Square.

### BENEFITS

- Direct connection to/from Trolley Square and the Wilmington Riverfront

### JUSTIFICATION

- Recommendation of WTMF and O-D Study to support areas emerging markets in the Riverfront area

Route 7: Service to Trolley Square from Pennsylvania Avenue

**PRINCIPLE # 1**

**OPPORTUNITY # 1**





**LEGEND**

- EXISTING ROUTE
- RECOMMENDED ROUTE CHANGE
- ROUTE SEGMENT NO LONGER SERVED

**PRINCIPLE # 1**

**OPPORTUNITY # 2**

Route 17, 22, 25: New Alignment via Walnut Street to Bus Zone on King at 11th Street (Old USPS)



**DESCRIPTION**

- Would now access downtown Wilmington via Walnut Street instead of Orange Street, turning on 12th Street back to King Street.

**BENEFITS**

- New service available for residents along Walnut Street and Wilmington's Upper Eastside

**JUSTIFICATION**

- Recommendation of WTMF and O-D Study to improve efficiencies and maintain access to key destinations
- Enhance Walnut Street as an identified transit corridor; O-D Study recommended realignment of routes to different patterns within downtown Wilmington streets

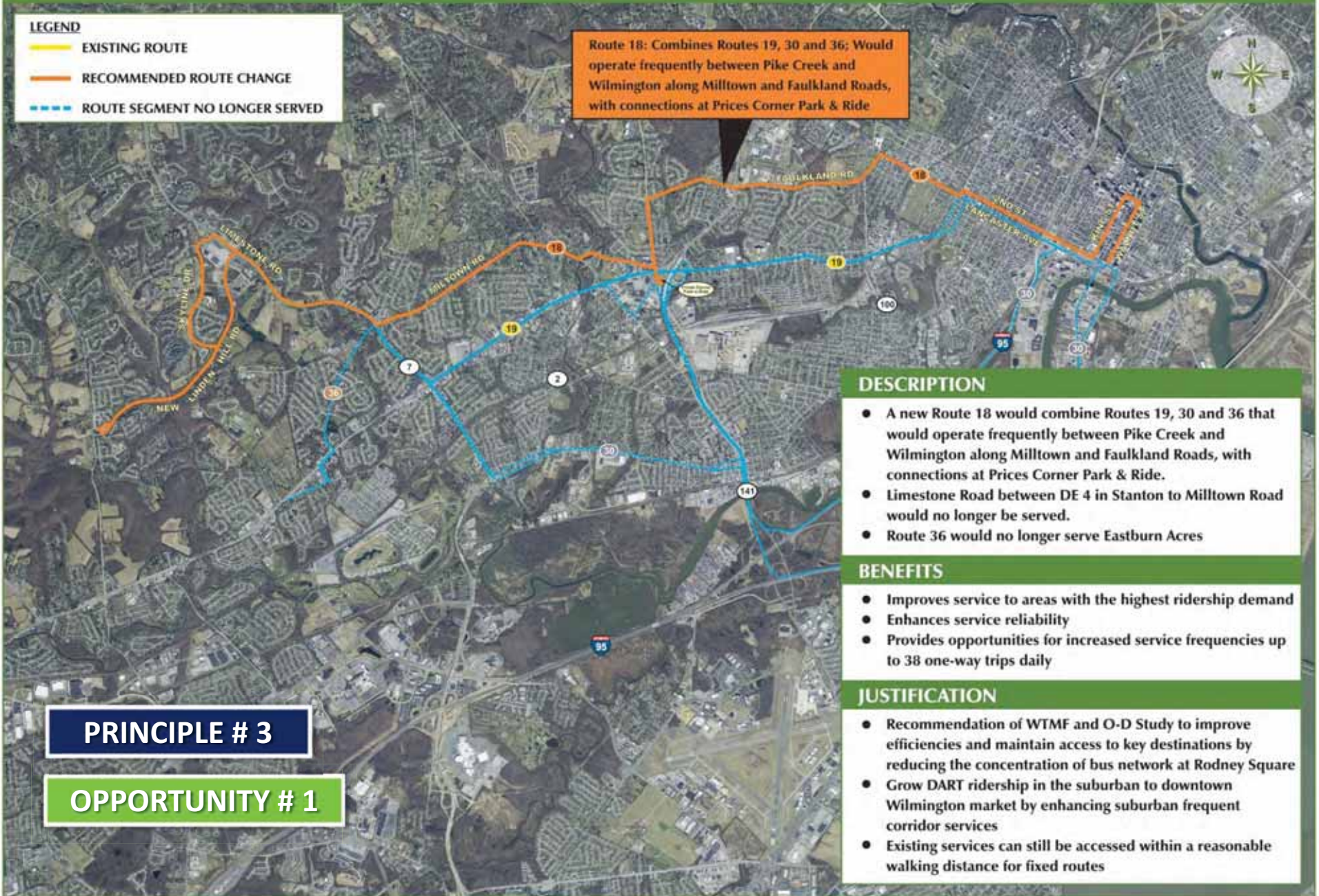


# New Route 18 - Increased Frequencies and Quicker Service to Wilmington

## LEGEND

- EXISTING ROUTE
- RECOMMENDED ROUTE CHANGE
- - - ROUTE SEGMENT NO LONGER SERVED

Route 18: Combines Routes 19, 30 and 36; Would operate frequently between Pike Creek and Wilmington along Milltown and Faulkland Roads, with connections at Prices Corner Park & Ride



## DESCRIPTION

- A new Route 18 would combine Routes 19, 30 and 36 that would operate frequently between Pike Creek and Wilmington along Milltown and Faulkland Roads, with connections at Prices Corner Park & Ride.
- Limestone Road between DE 4 in Stanton to Milltown Road would no longer be served.
- Route 36 would no longer serve Eastburn Acres

## BENEFITS

- Improves service to areas with the highest ridership demand
- Enhances service reliability
- Provides opportunities for increased service frequencies up to 38 one-way trips daily

## JUSTIFICATION

- Recommendation of WTMF and O-D Study to improve efficiencies and maintain access to key destinations by reducing the concentration of bus network at Rodney Square
- Grow DART ridership in the suburban to downtown Wilmington market by enhancing suburban frequent corridor services
- Existing services can still be accessed within a reasonable walking distance for fixed routes

**PRINCIPLE # 3**

**OPPORTUNITY # 1**



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**PRINCIPLE # 3**

**OPPORTUNITY # 1**

**DESCRIPTION**

- All trips would use Broom Street providing local service to A.I. DuPont Hospital and Nemours Clinic, discontinuing service along Augustine Cutoff.

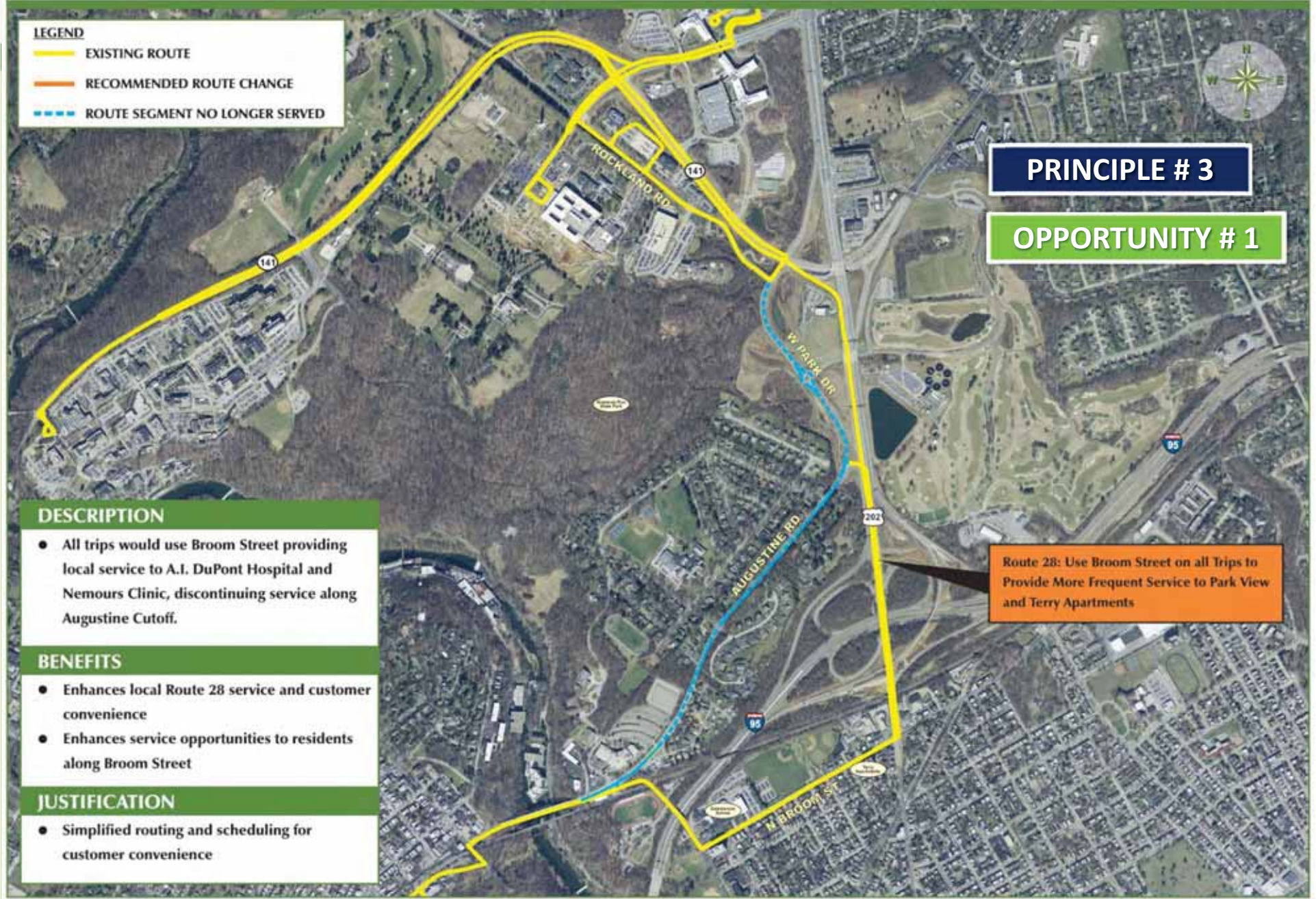
**BENEFITS**

- Enhances local Route 28 service and customer convenience
- Enhances service opportunities to residents along Broom Street

**JUSTIFICATION**

- Simplified routing and scheduling for customer convenience

Route 28: Use Broom Street on all Trips to Provide More Frequent Service to Park View and Terry Apartments





## ***May 2015 Service Change Highlights***

- Route 8 – Extend route to Southbridge along Heald and A Streets
- Route 39 – More direct service between Wilmington and Newark.
  - No longer stops at Christiana Mall
- Continued service and schedule adjustments to support WTMF Short term recommendations



## What has Been Done

### \*New Service\* Route 47

- Improved access to employment
- Direct service connection for local communities



## ***January 2016 Service Proposal***

- Continue implementation of Short term improvements to:
  - Serve new markets
  - Direct service connection for local communities
  - Increase frequencies
  - Improved service reliability
  - Improved mobility





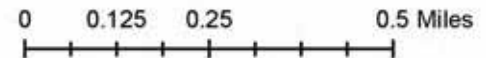
# Routes 1 and 6 Alignment Proposal: January 2016



- Route 1 to serve Amtrak Station
- Route 6 to serve Wilmington eastside, with no service to Amtrak on weekdays

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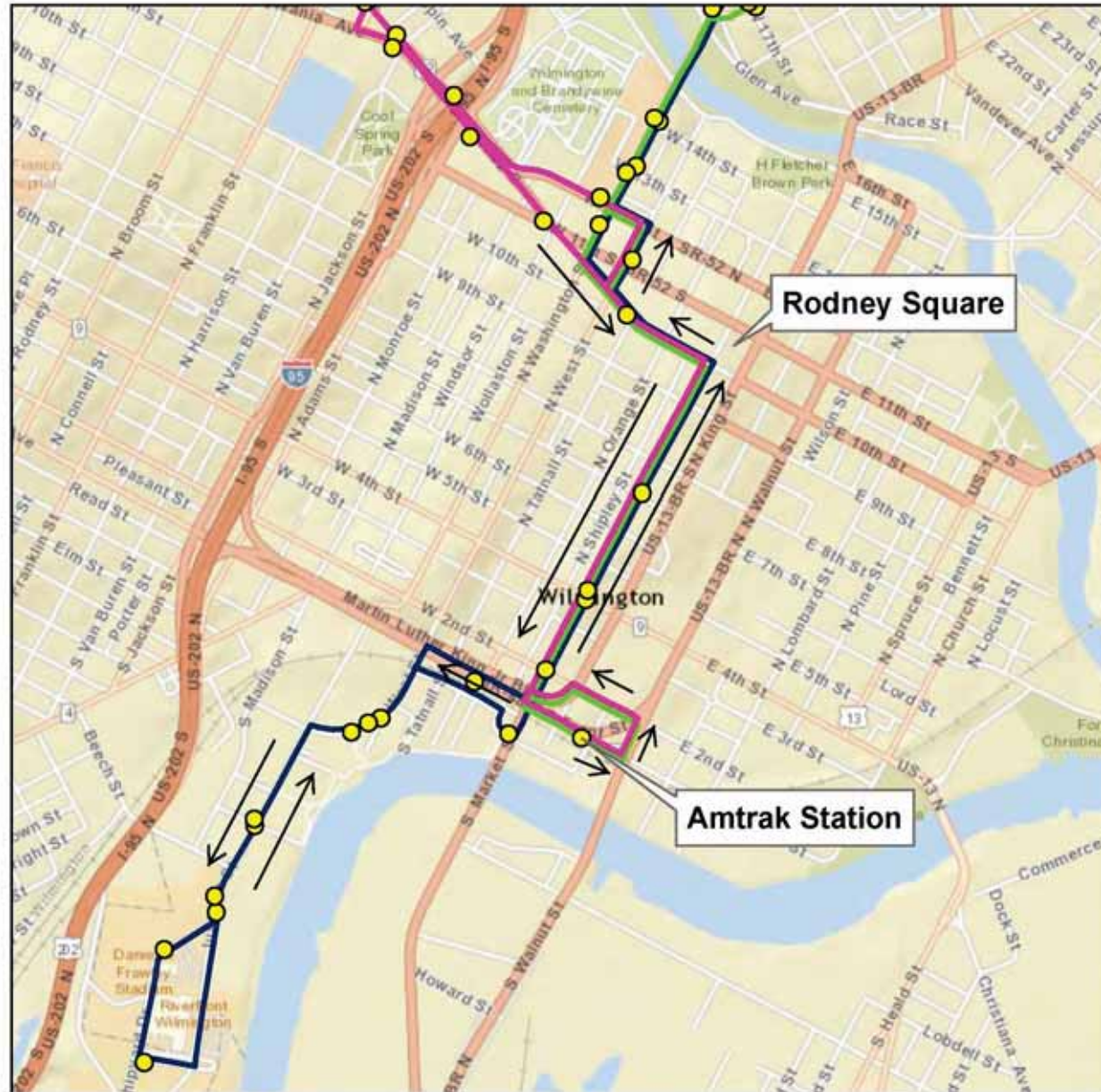
- Bus Stop
- Route 1
- Route 6







## Routes 10, 11, and 12 Market Street Proposal: January 2016



- Increased frequency on Market Street

### Legend

- Bus Stop
- Route 10
- Route 11
- Route 12

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles







## Routes 10 and 28 Saturday Proposal: January 2016

- Add 7 Saturday roundtrips to Route 28, replacing Route 10 Saturday service

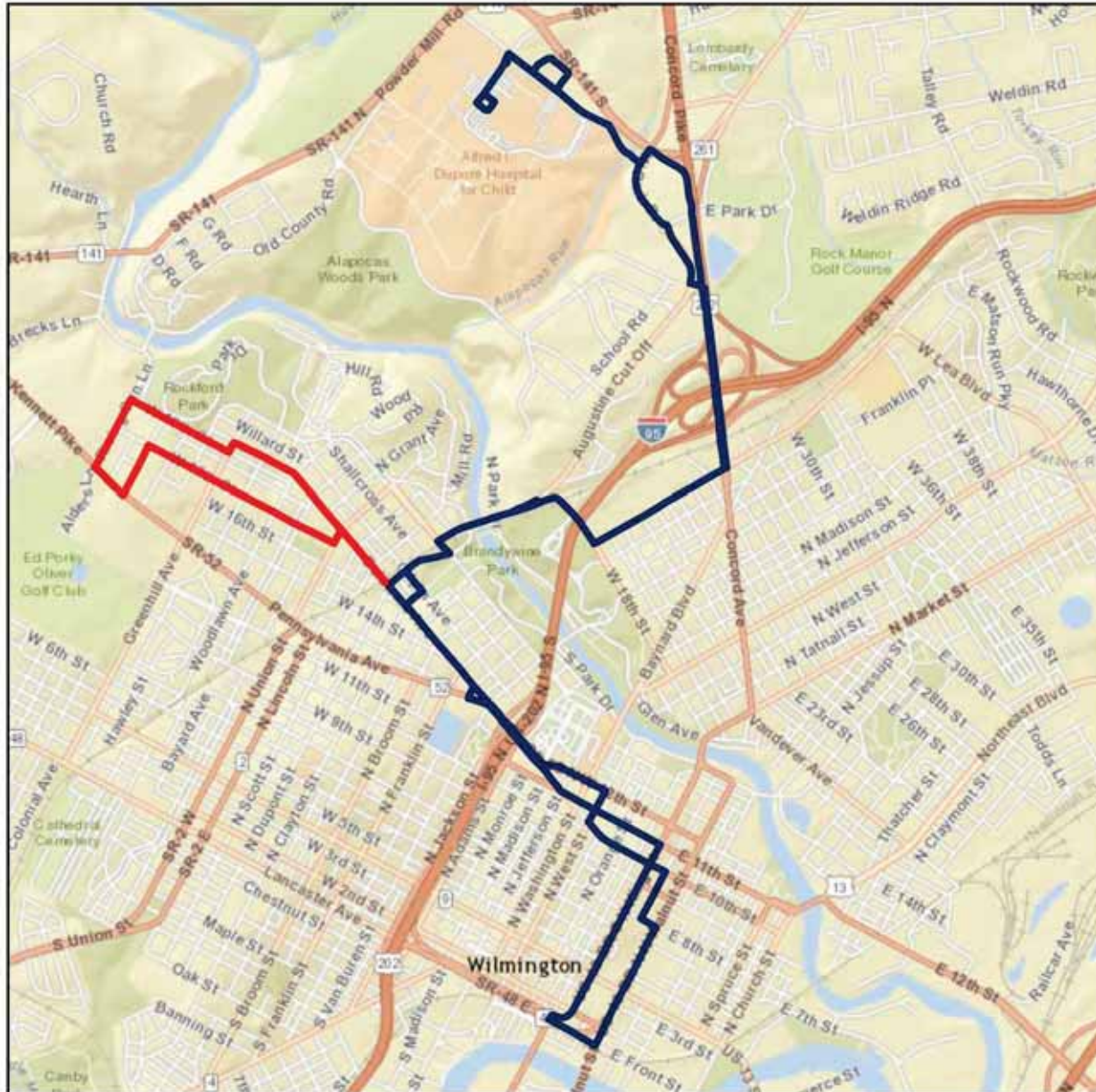
### Legend

-  Route 10
-  Route 28

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



Delaware Transit Corporation  
Source: Esri, FirstMap





Number of Buses Serving Rodney Square per Day

May 2014	1,325
January 2015	992
May 2015	992
January 2016	667

\*50% Reduction between May 2014 and January 2016 (Proposed)

MAY 2014

JANUARY 2015

MAY 2015

JANUARY 2016 PROPOSAL

RS Buses per Day

## TRANSIT OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS AND SUPPORT – WORK SCOPE

Transit Operational Analysis and Support task order is to assist in implementation of the short-term and mid-term opportunities identified in:

- Wilmington Transit Moving Forward – August 2014 (WTMF Phase I)
- Transit service recommendations identified in the New Castle County Transit Origin / Destination Study (O-D Study)

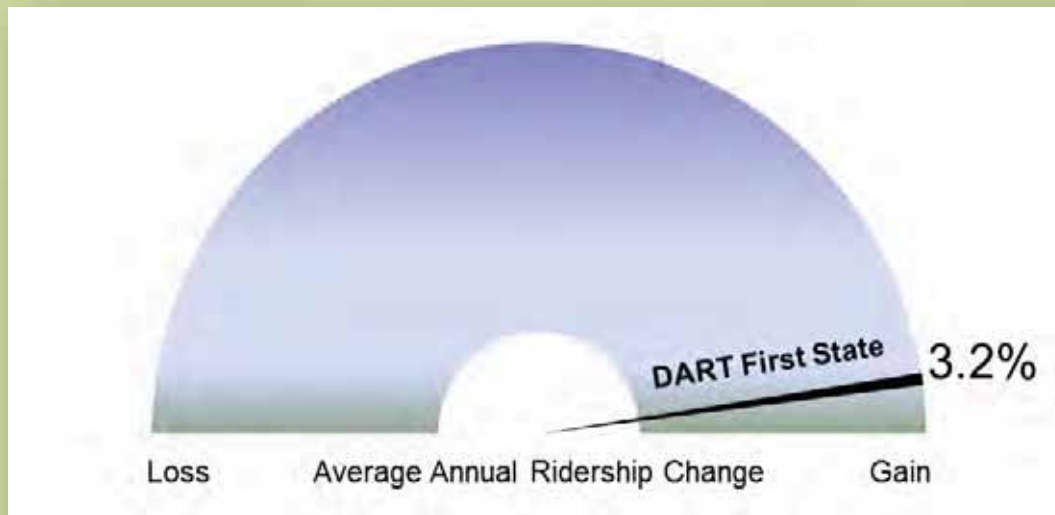


## WTMF – SELECT PRINCIPALS APPLICABLE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

1. An optimal transit network should be developed through service quality
2. Transferring between transit routes should be convenient
3. Emphasize transit service in selected corridors and provide supporting infrastructure
4. Identify a system of transit locations to meet customers needs
5. Consider circulator bus routes to enhance the transit network

## BACKGROUND – DART FIRST STATE RIDERSHIP GROWTH

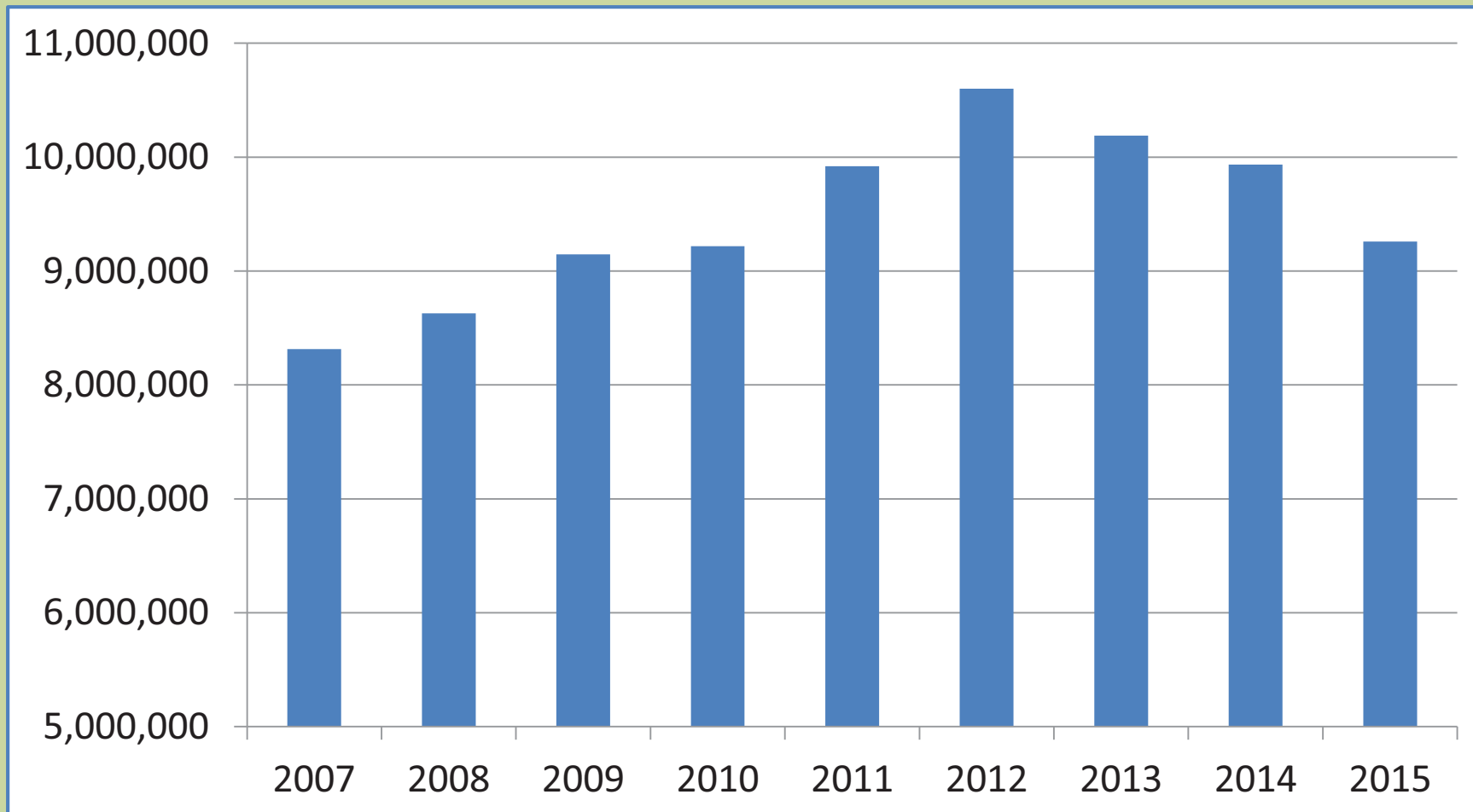
From 2006 to 2011, DART First State’s fixed route bus service annual ridership increased by an average of 3.2% percent per year.



System	Annual Change
Port Authority of Allegheny County	-2.0%
Richmond, VA	-1.9%
Maryland Transit Administration	-0.8%
New Jersey Transit	-0.8%
Rockville, MD	-0.4%
WMATA	-0.3%
SEPTA	0.7%
Allentown, PA	1.7%
DART First State	3.2%
Harrisburg, PA	3.3%

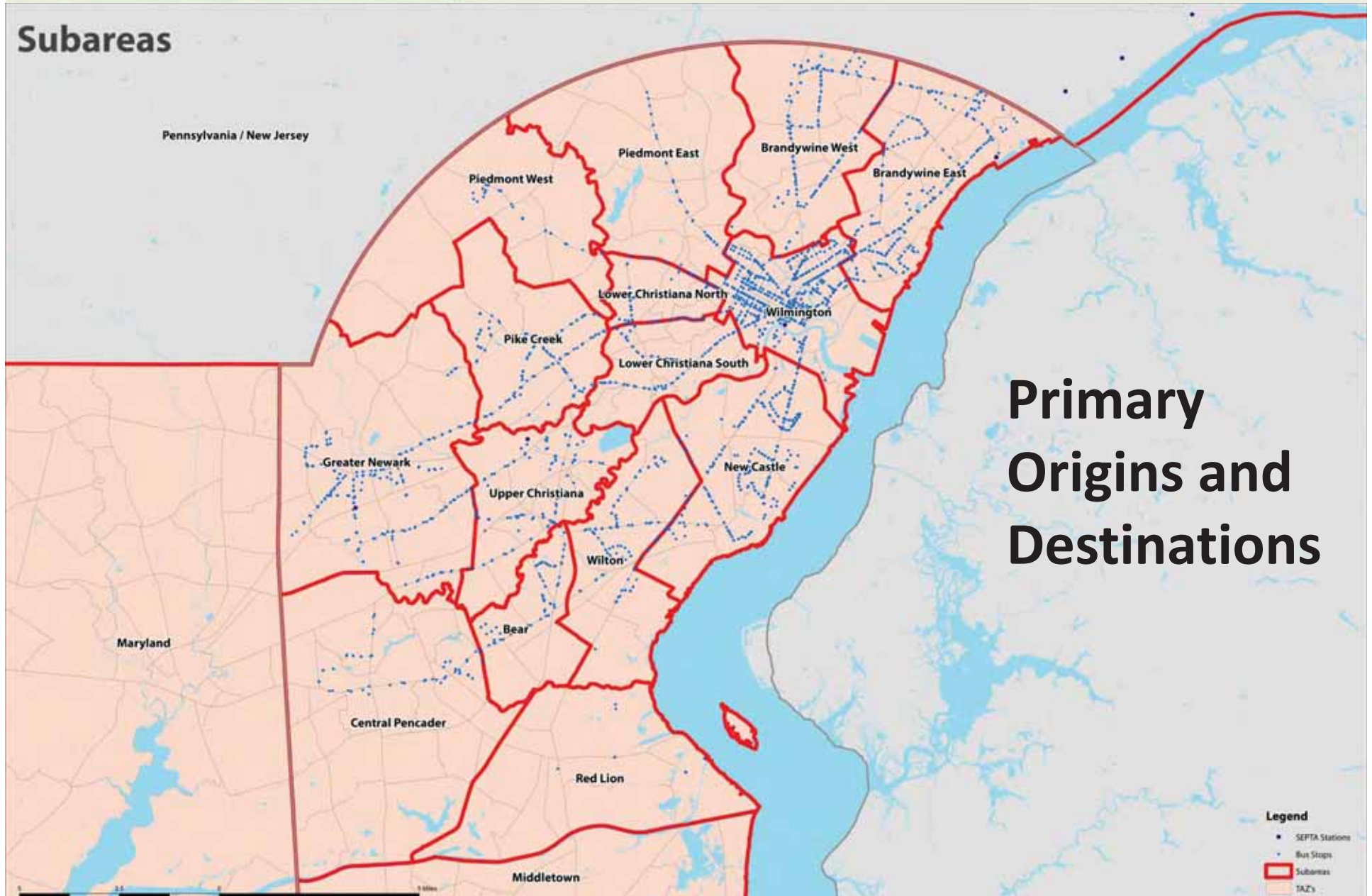


## DART FIRST STATE ANNUAL FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP





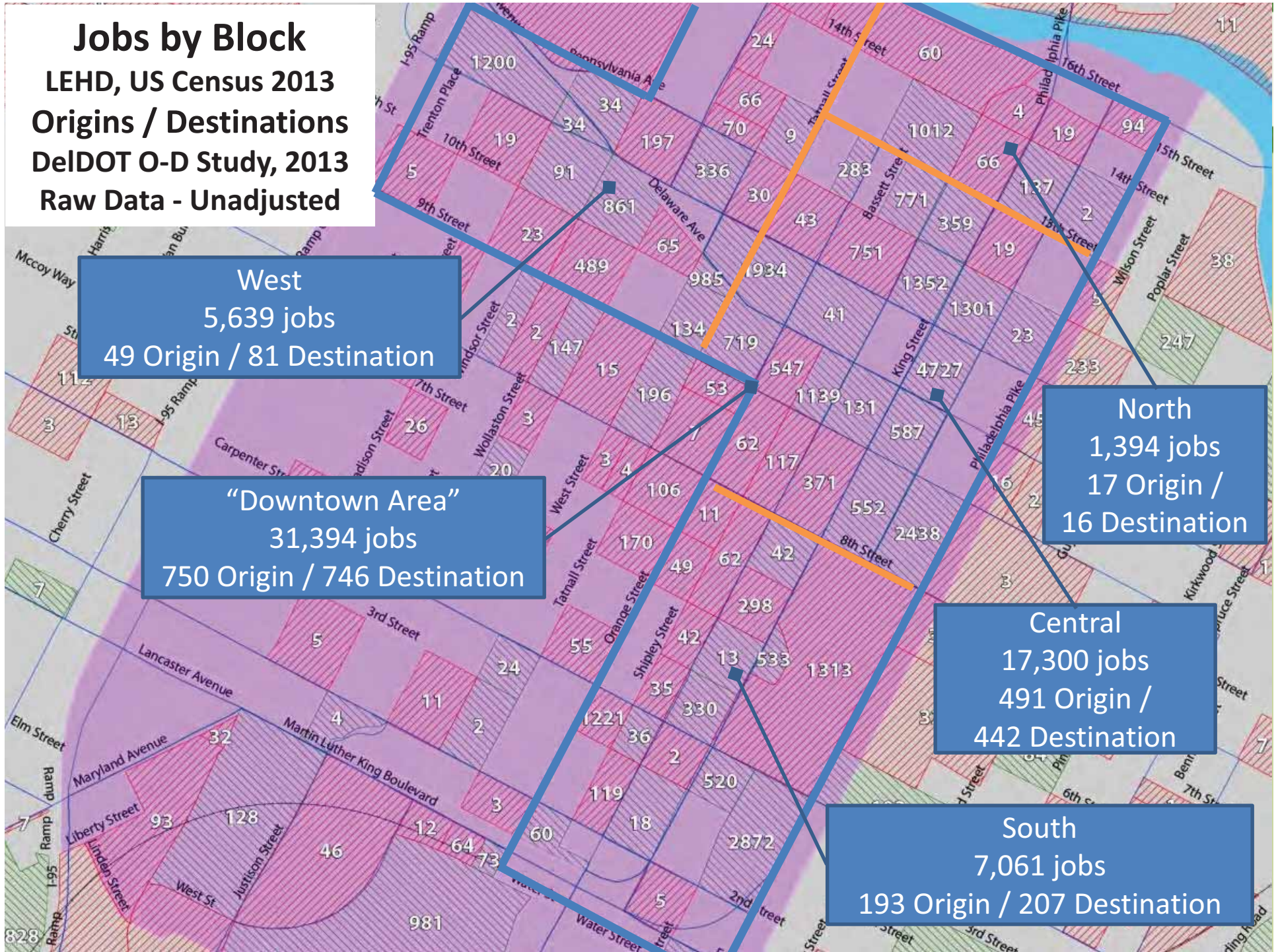
Subareas



Primary  
Origins and  
Destinations



**Jobs by Block**  
 LEHD, US Census 2013  
 Origins / Destinations  
 DeIDOT O-D Study, 2013  
 Raw Data - Unadjusted





O-D STUDY AVERAGE WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP ESTIMATES

Subarea	# Origin	Trips Within Subarea		Trips to Wilmington (excluding Wilmington)		Trips to other Subarea (except Wilmington)	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
Wilmington	15,522	7,140	46.00%			8,382	54.00%
All others	16,482	1,813	11.00%	8,274	50.20%	6,395	38.80%
Total	32,004						

O-D STUDY – ESTIMATED WEEKDAY TRANSFERS BY LOCATION

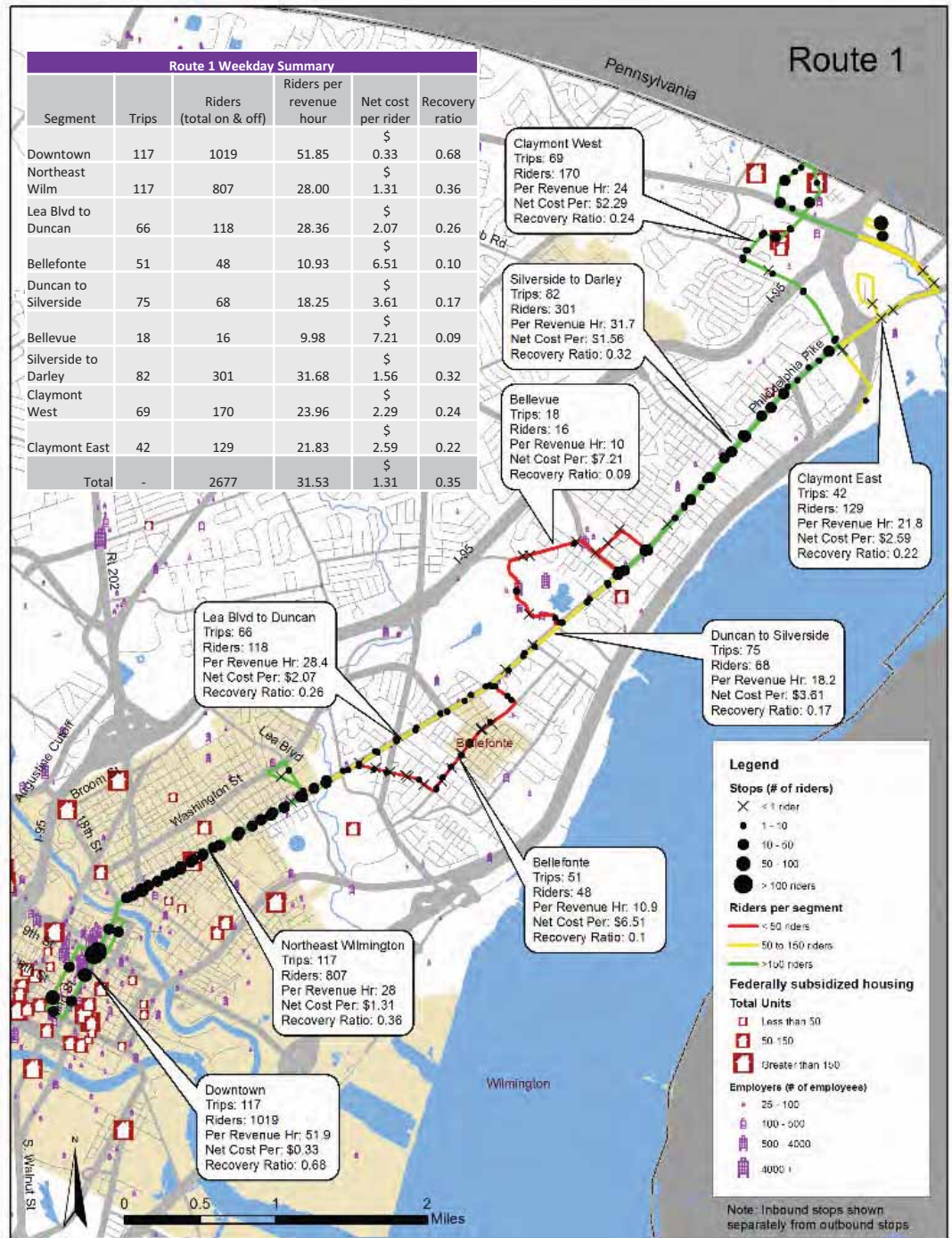
Location	Percentage	Estimated Weekday Transfers
Rodney Square	60%	5,648
Other Downtown	9%	842
Christiana Mall	10%	924
Other Suburban	21%	1,931
Estimated Total Weekday Transfers		9,345



## ROUTE AND SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

# Route 1 Philadelphia Pike

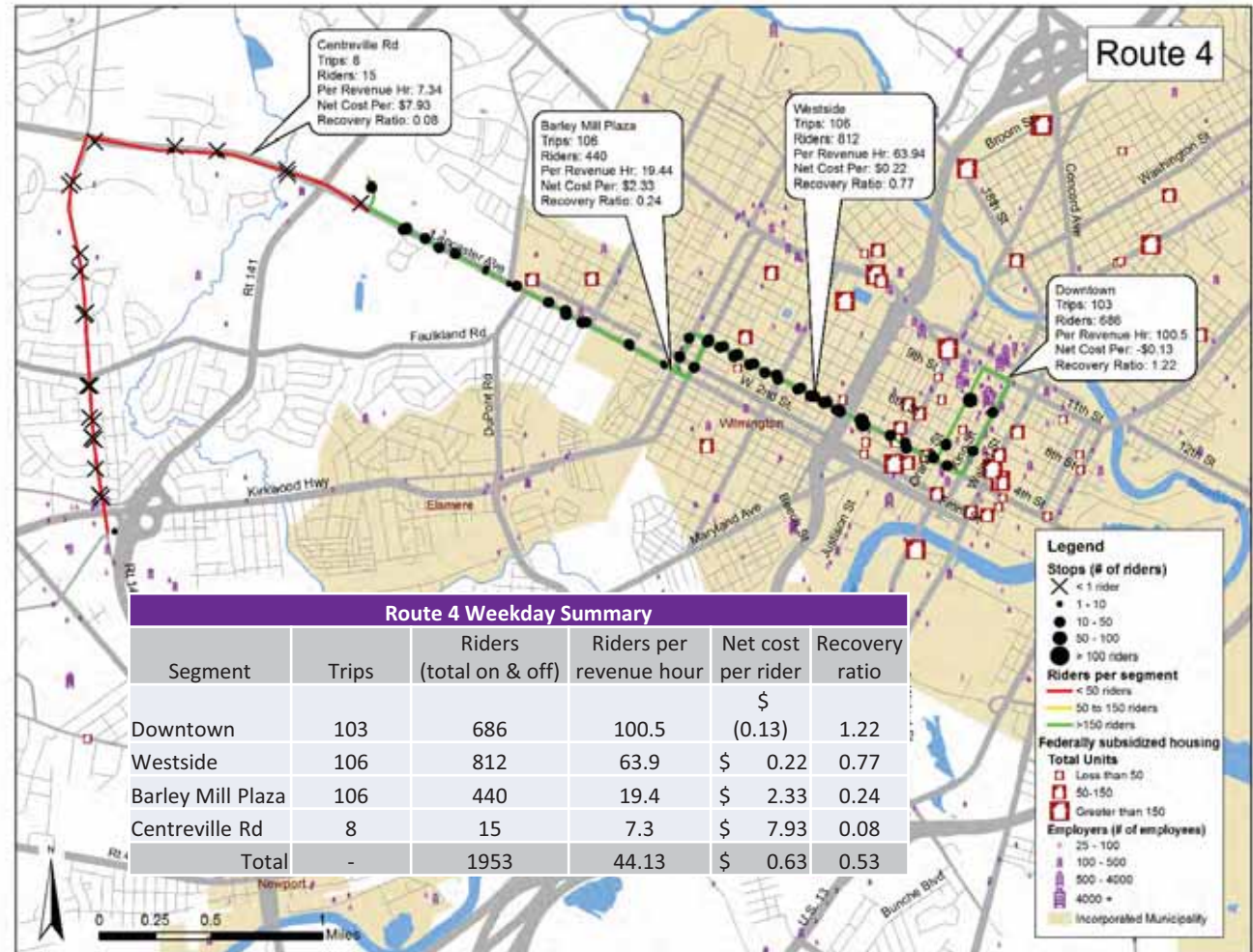
- Peak Headway – 15 minutes
- 2,677 - Weekday Boardings
- 29.05 - Boardings per Rev Hr.
- High Ridership Segments
  - Downtown – 1019 riders
  - N. Market Street – 807 riders



## ROUTE AND SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

### Route 4 4<sup>th</sup> Street

- Peak Headway – 20 minutes
- 1,953 - Weekday Riders
- 36.04 - Riders per Rev Hr.
- High Ridership Segments
  - Downtown – 688 riders
  - Westside - 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 811 riders
  - Barley Mill / Lancaster – 440 riders

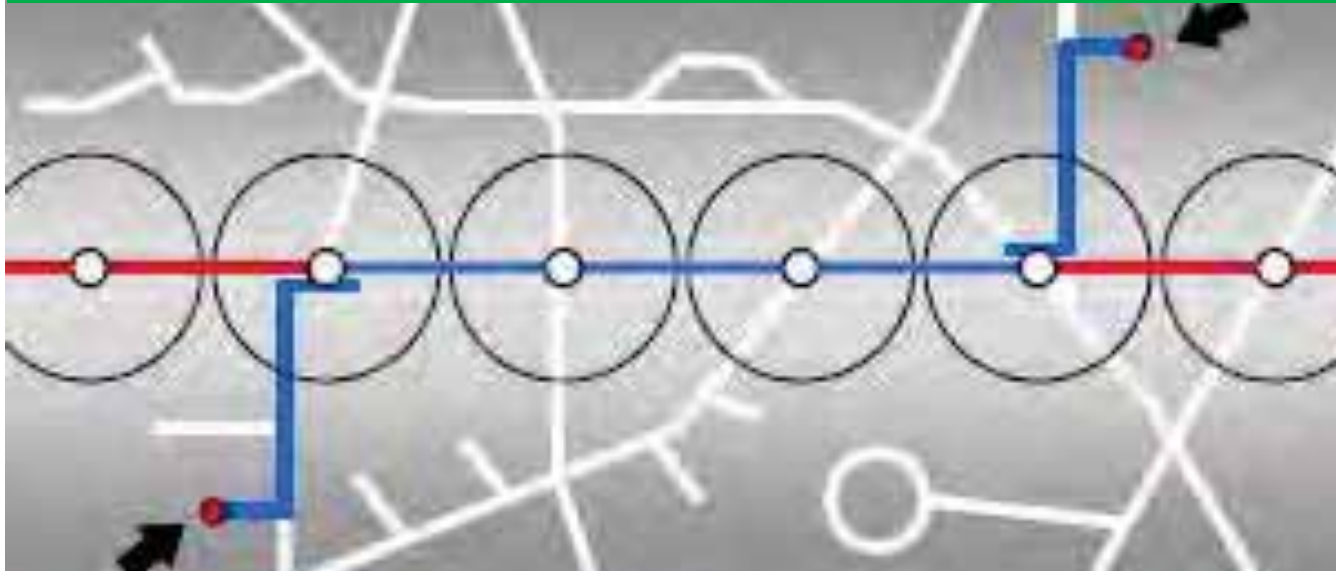




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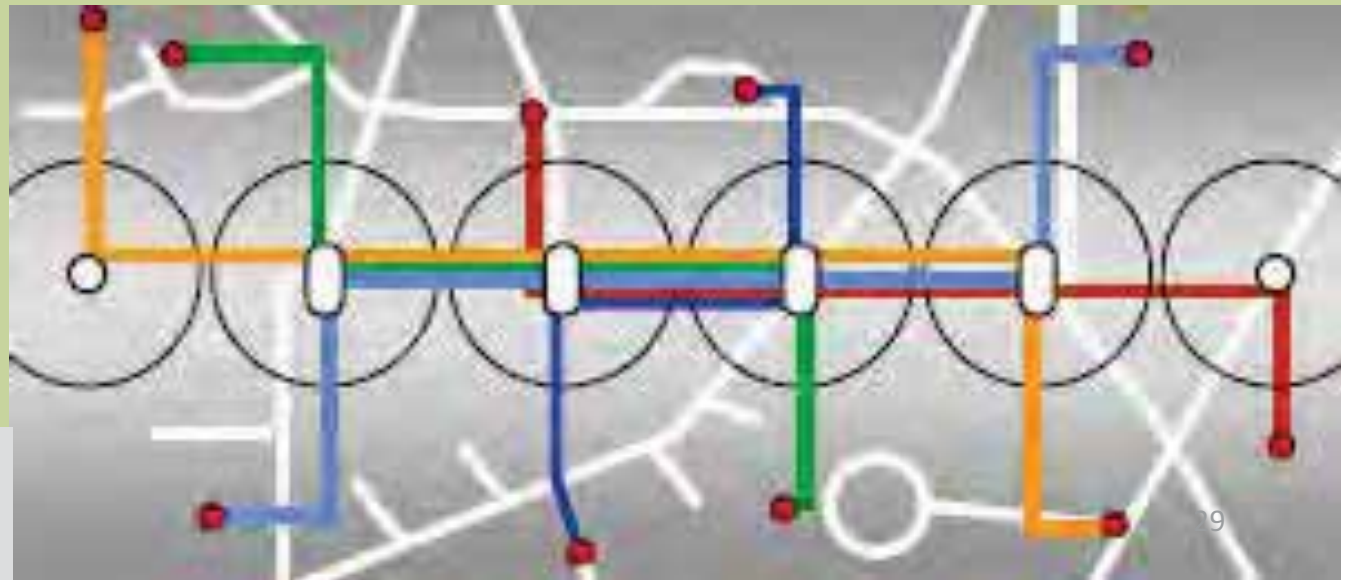


## FIXED GUIDEWAY TRANSIT SERVICE CONCEPTS



For trips outside the immediate stop areas, fixed guideway services including LRT and most BRT require multiple transfers to complete the trip.

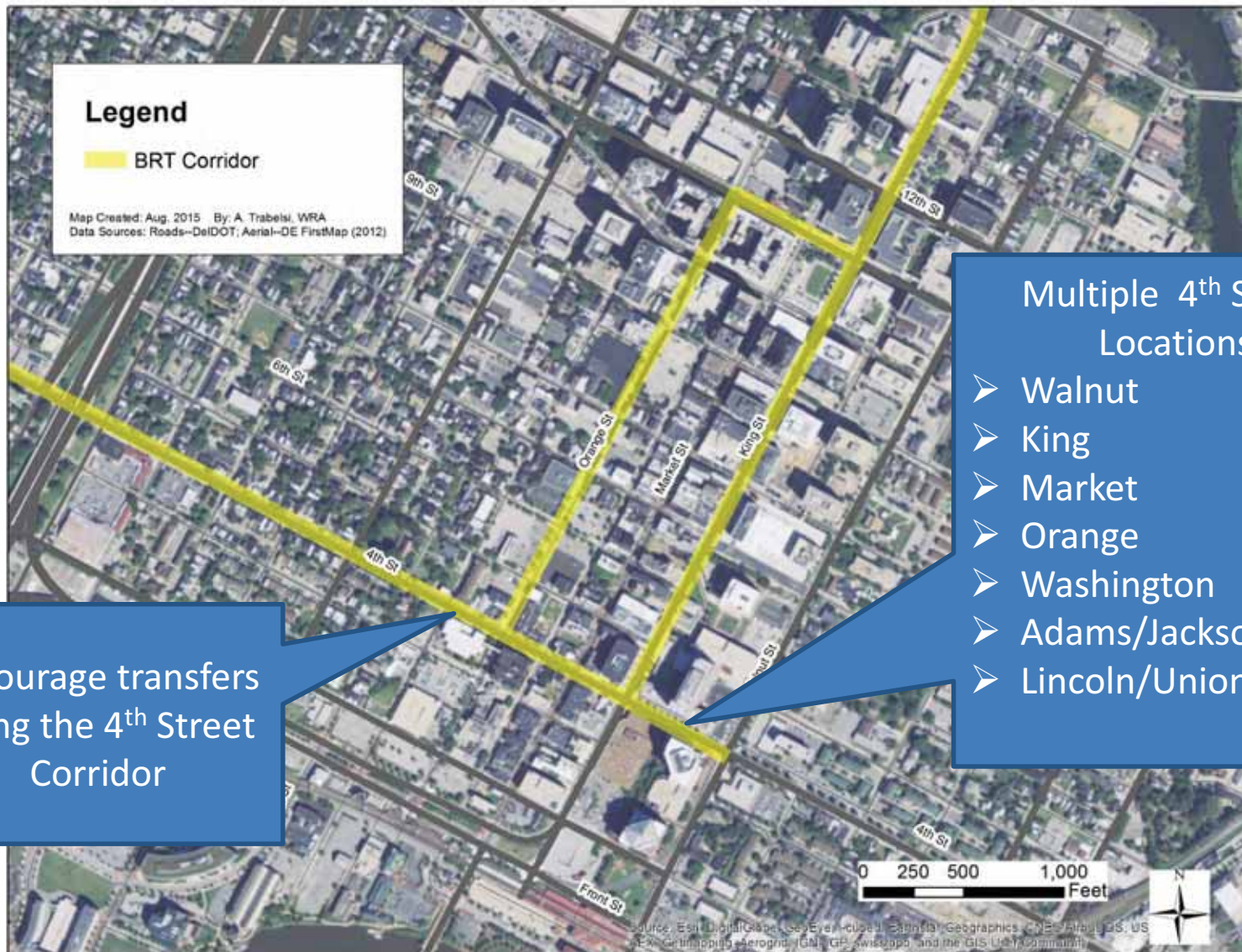
By allowing local route buses to share the BRT corridor, more trips can be accomplished without a transfer and most trips only require one transfer.



Source:  
Alan Hoffman  
The Mission Group



## TRANSIT CORRIDOR—4<sup>TH</sup> / ORANGE / KING STREETS



Encourage transfers along the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor

- Multiple 4<sup>th</sup> Street Locations
- Walnut
  - King
  - Market
  - Orange
  - Washington
  - Adams/Jackson
  - Lincoln/Union

## COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS ANALYSIS NEXT STEPS

1. Opportunity for transfers
  - Move routes to 4<sup>th</sup> Street – both east and west
2. Environment for transfers
  - Frequent services
  - Enhanced passenger amenities
3. Developing corridor plans for:
  - N. Market / Philadelphia Pike
  - Concord Ave / Concord Pike
  - Pennsylvania Ave / Kennett Pike
  - Union / Lincoln / Kirkwood
  - Maryland Avenue
  - S. Market / Dupont / New Castle Avenue
  - Christiana Mall / Newark
  - Mid County



## TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- Existing one-way street pattern funnels bus routes to Rodney Square
- Traffic model evaluation is underway to determine impacts resulting from conversion of one-way streets to two-way operations including:
  1. Walnut Street – 12<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>
  2. King Street - Brandywine Creek to 4<sup>th</sup>
  3. Orange Street – 12<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>
  4. 12<sup>th</sup> Street – Delaware Avenue to Walnut Street

## Principle #15:

Identify streets in Wilmington where transit service and amenities could be emphasized. These could be streets that already include a significant amount of bus service or additional bus service could be added.

## Opportunities:

1. 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street
2. Orange Street
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Street
4. Walnut Street
5. King Street
6. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/Front Street
7. French St







**Principle #16:**

Identify multiple transit locations within the City of Wilmington that build upon the existing O/D data.

**Opportunities:**

1. A hierarchy of transit locations:
  - Hierarchy 1 – Location where numerous bus routes cross and continue in service, and some routes may also terminate and need to layover.
  - Hierarchy 2 – Location where numerous bus routes cross and continue in service.
  - Hierarchy 3 – Location where a few bus routes cross and continue in service.

**Examples – Hierarchy 1:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets, 8<sup>th</sup> and Orange Streets, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Front Streets/Front and Walnut Streets/Modified Amtrak Station

**Examples – Hierarchy 2:**

- Rodney Square, 9<sup>th</sup> and French Streets, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street

**Examples – Hierarchy 3:**

- Union Street/Lincoln Street/Pennsylvania Avenue, Union Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Lancaster Avenue/Jackson Street





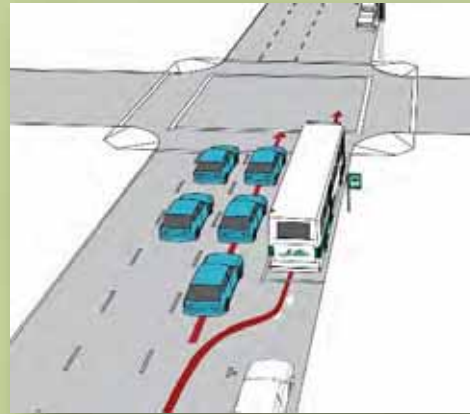
### *Transit Corridor Infrastructure Features*

- Roadway
  - Corridor to support ped/bike/auto and bus
  - Bus Only Lane(s)
  - Shared Bus/Bike Lane(s)
  - Exclusive Transit Corridor
  - Queue Jumps/Signals
- Enhanced Passenger Amenities
  - Shelters
  - Signage
  - Corridor Branding
  - Passenger Information/Technology
- Implementable Improvements

**Phase II Roadway Concepts**

- Roadway concept(s) to consider

1. Queue Jumps
2. Bus Only Lane(s)
3. Shared Bus/Bike Lane(s)
4. Separated Bus/Bike Lane(s)



*Queue Jumps Example*



*Bus Only Lane Example*



*Shared Bus/Bike Lane Example*



*Separated Bus/Bike Lane Example*



## Phase II Roadway Concepts

- Roadway concept(s) to consider

1. Median Only Bus Lane(s)
2. Contra-Flow Bus Lane(s)
3. Exclusive Bus Lane(s)
4. Exclusive Transit Corridor

*Median Only Bus Lane Example*



*Contra-Flow Bus Lane Example*



*Exclusive Bus Lane Example*



*Exclusive Transit Corridor Example*



# WILMINGTON TRANSIT MOVING FORWARD

## Transit Location Examples





## Prototype Bus Stop Components

- Shelter coverage on 3 sides with advertising ability on the back and downstream sides – Various Sized Shelters
- Accessible
- Strong Durability and Low Maintenance
- Shaded Roof - Translucent
- Benches with Center Rail
- Real Time LED Display
- Linear Panel of Bus Stop ID and Routes
- Separate Kiosk for Local Info
- LED Lighting
- Bike Rack
- Trash Cans
- Consider Security Features
- Shelter Pad Enhancements



**Bus Stop Prototype Example**

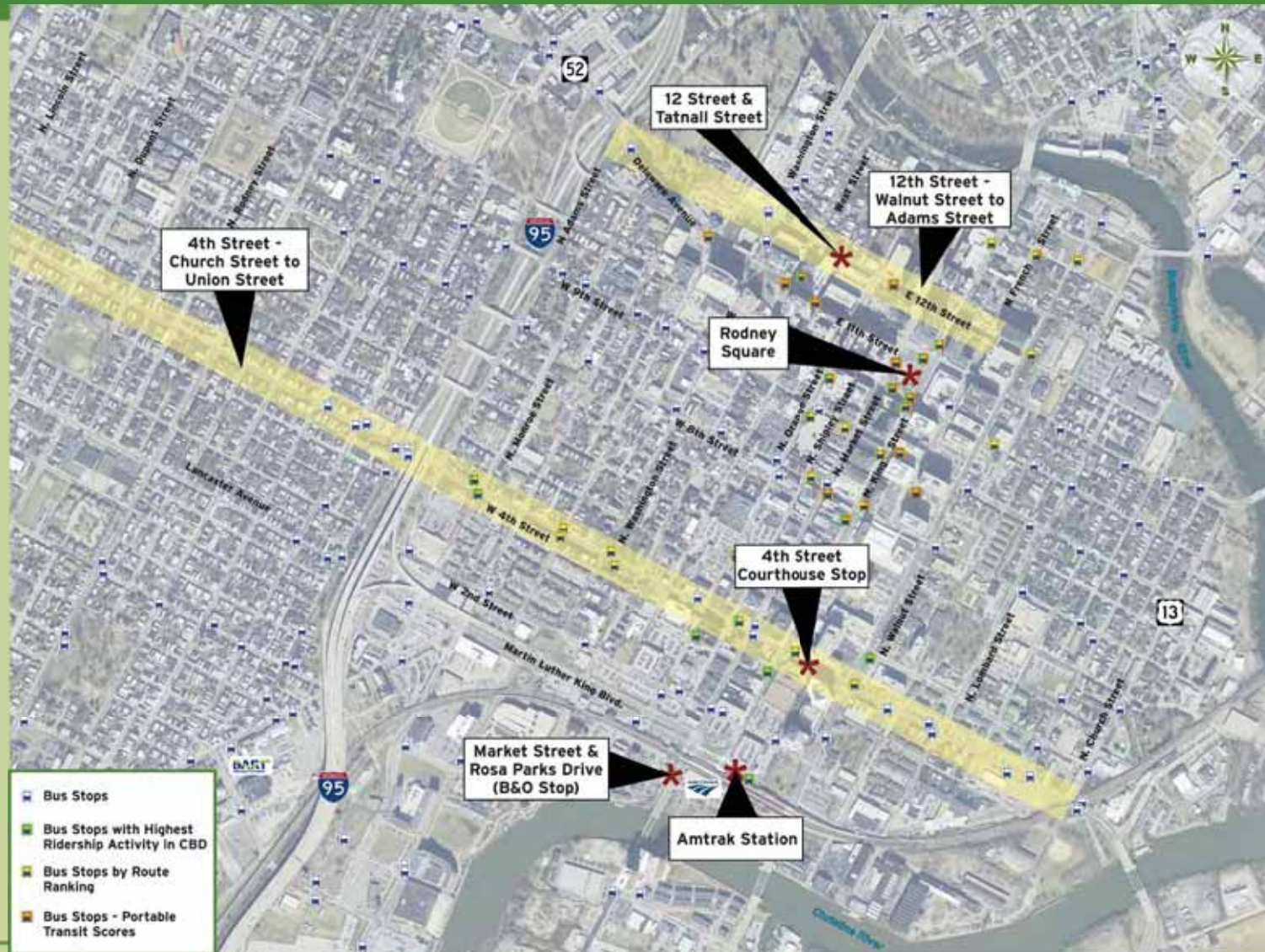
## Transit Infrastructure Features

- Implementable Improvements
  - Short Term
  - Mid Term
  - Long Term
  - Cost
  - Stakeholder Support
- Identify Priority Corridors and Locations





# Priority Transit Corridors/Locations





Location - Market Street &  
Rosa Parks Drive (B&O Stop)





### **Questions**

- Should stop be split or moved to far side?
- Would a far side stop accommodate an improved shelter/stop within the 8-9 ft. sidewalk area?

### **Considerations**

- 30 buses per peak hour use current stop – most continue south on Market – could be accommodated either near or far side
- Far side stop possible but tight - need 48 inches for pedestrian access and 5'x8' pad for wheelchair access
- Split would work since not a major transfer point
- Not enough space for bus pull off near or far side so buses will have to pass – more or less complicated with two stops?

### **Recommendation(s)**

- Retain one bus stop location, but relocate
- Relocate bus stop to allow for enhanced passenger amenities
- Transit Routing Recommendations would reduce high volume of buses

WILMINGTON TRANSIT  
*MOVING FORWARD* →

*Location - Market Street &  
Rosa Parks Drive (B&O Stop)*





# WILMINGTON TRANSIT MOVING FORWARD

## Location - 4th Street Courthouse Stop



### **Questions**

- Can a mid-block stop be added on the north side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street across from the existing stop on the south side (“4<sup>th</sup> and French”)
- If so, would the existing stops be eliminated?

### **Considerations**

- Block currently has three bus stops
  - King and Walnut on north side (serves westbound Route 15)
  - Mid block on south side (serves eastbound Route 3 and 15)
- New stop would only serve westbound Route 15 – 2 buses per hour
- Would probably need to keep existing stops
  - King and 4<sup>th</sup> serves Courthouse entrance (500 N. King) and transfers
  - Walnut and 4<sup>th</sup> next closest stop is Lombard
- Could add mid-block and still keep existing stops but tight (block is about 575 ft.)

### **Recommendation(s)**

- Retain existing bus stop locations and enhance passenger amenities
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor recommendations would support increase usage of bus stops

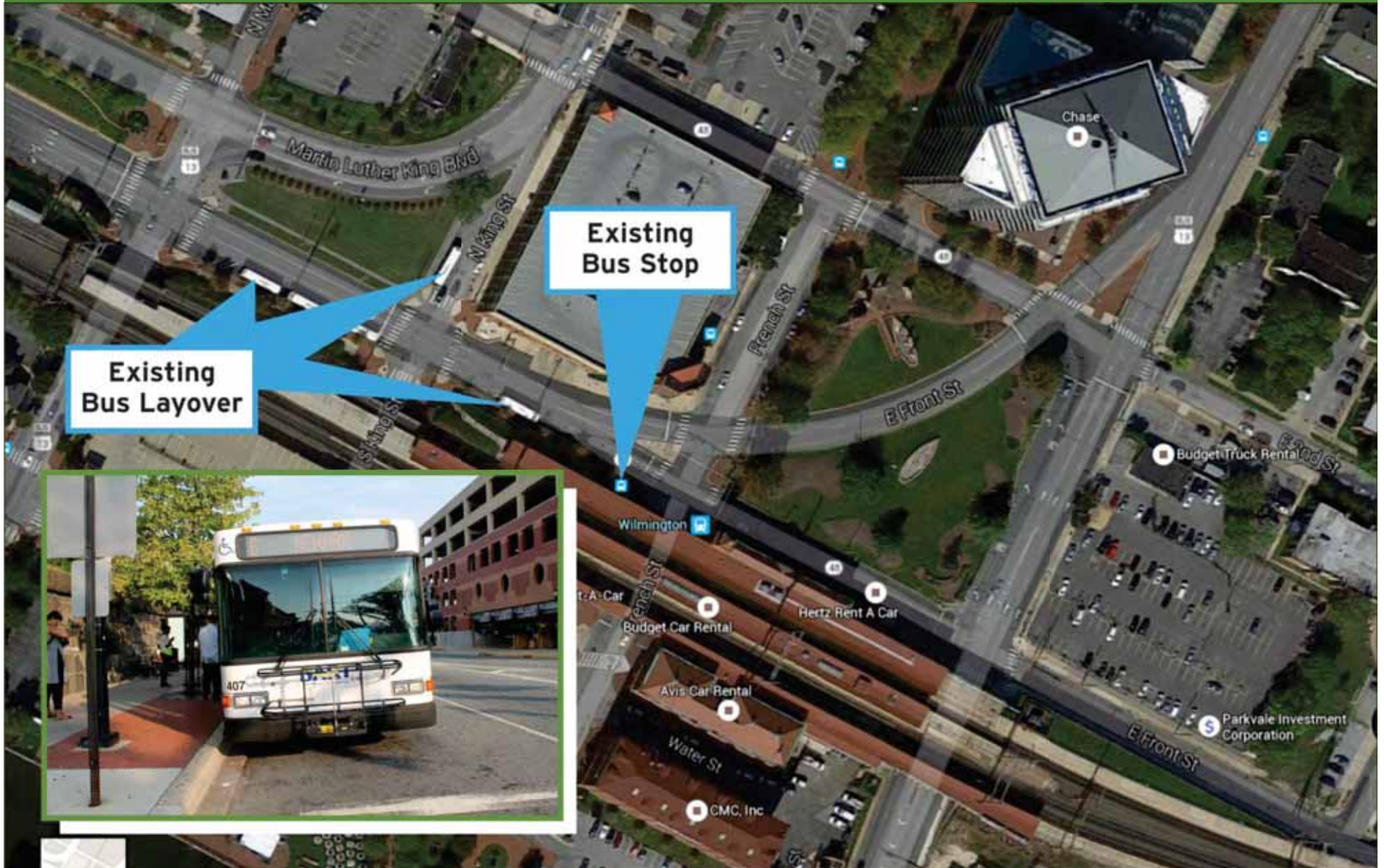


WILMINGTON TRANSIT  
MOVING FORWARD

Location - 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Courthouse Stop









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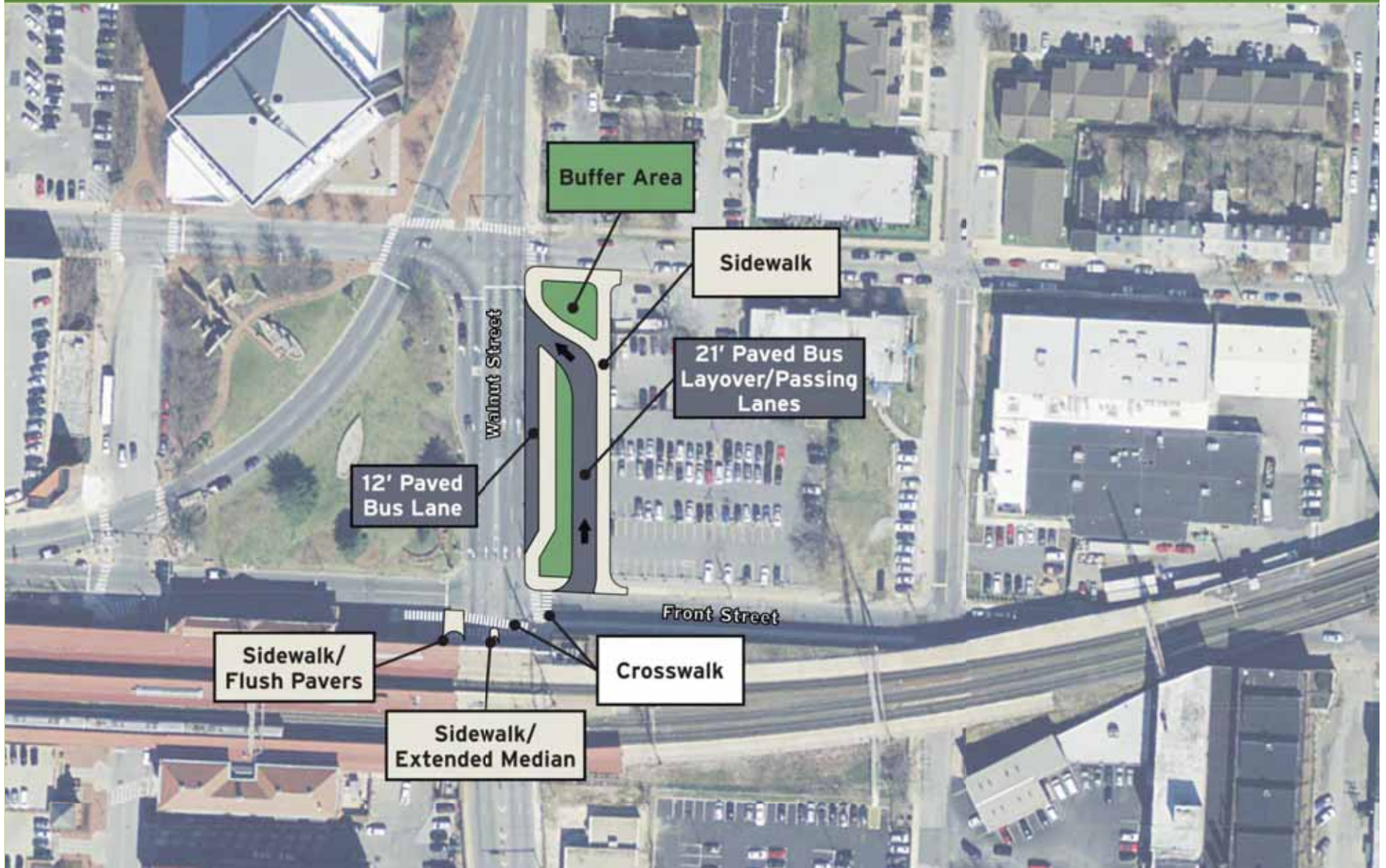
- Can the Amtrak stop be moved around the corner to the Porter site?
- Could the Porter site include both bus stop(s) and layover?

### Considerations

- Northbound buses from the south
  - 5-6 buses per hour (4 routes)
  - Stay on Walnut
  - Enough space for two bus pull-off
- Buses turning left onto Walnut
  - 30 buses in peak hour (10 routes)
  - If no layover, 2-3 linear interior bus stops
  - If 7-8 routes layover, may need two interior lanes or sawtooth design
- Would need careful consideration of pedestrian flow and access

### Recommendation(s)

- Enhance passenger amenities at Amtrak Station are difficult due to constraints
- Consider relocating Relocate Amtrak bus stop and layover activities to Porter Site
- Investigate feasibility of Rosa Parks Drive for staging buses.
- Ensure safe and accessible pedestrian access



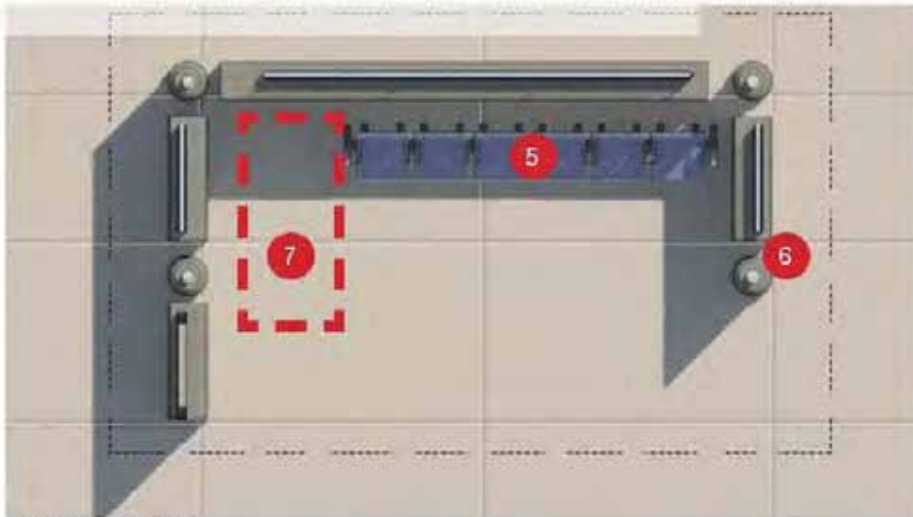


SITE PLAN  
B & O TRAIN STATION SHELTER



## FLOOR PLAN

### B & Q TRAIN STATION SHELTER



## PERSPECTIVE

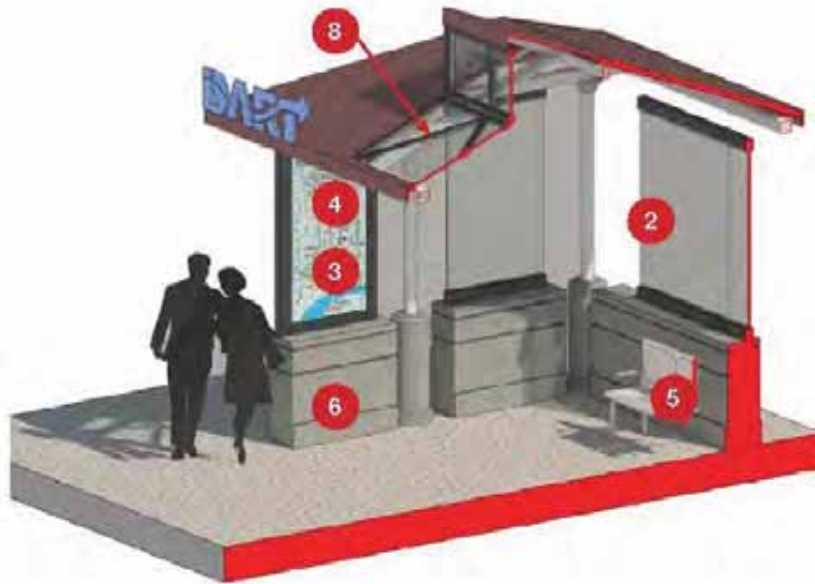
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- 1 ROOF STRUCTURE**  
The roof system will be a trussed system with standing seam metal roof. Painted exposed steel roof with T & G Wood Decking.
- 2 GLASS PANELS/ FRAMING**  
1/2" Laminated Tempered Glass -Stainless Steel Metal Framing
- 3 INFORMATION KIOSK BOARD**  
Below each monitor will be an information board for Dart on schedules and Routes.
- 4 VIDEO MONITOR SCREEN**  
Monitor screen showing arrival time of each buss.
- 5 SEATING**  
Each bus shelter will include individual bench style seating. The bench is vandal-resistant and designed to prevent reclining.
- 6 GRANITE BASES**  
Granite 24" above grade will be installed similar to surrounding Train Station and preventative measure for snow and ice removal agents to eating away of ground contact metal.
- 7 Wheelchair Waiting Area**  
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- 8 Sky Light**  
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TENTH STREET

MARKET STREET

ELEVENTH STREET

KING STREET



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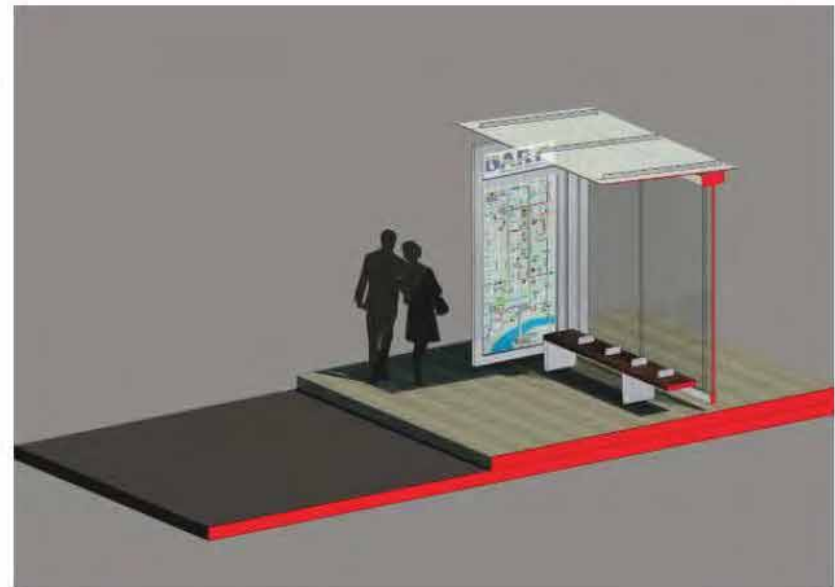
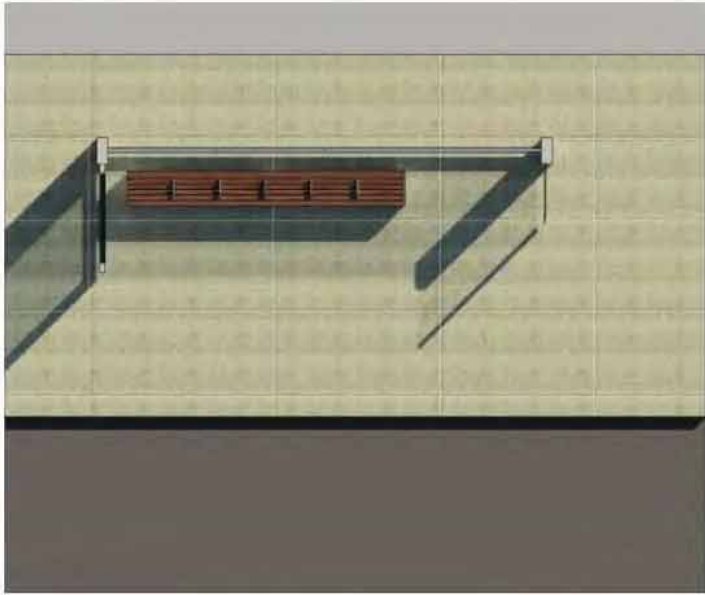
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Broadway and Broome St.











- Anticipated 9-10 Month Schedule
- Milestone
  - Spring 2016 TIGER Grant Consideration
- 2 Advisory Group Meetings
- Public Workshop Spring 2016