

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

It Only Took 20 Years: A Simple Primer on Creating the Philadelphia Region's First Trail Superhighway Interchange



First, Some Context...

**“Can’t Tell the Players
Without a Scorecard...”**



Get Your Scorecard

Two Trails

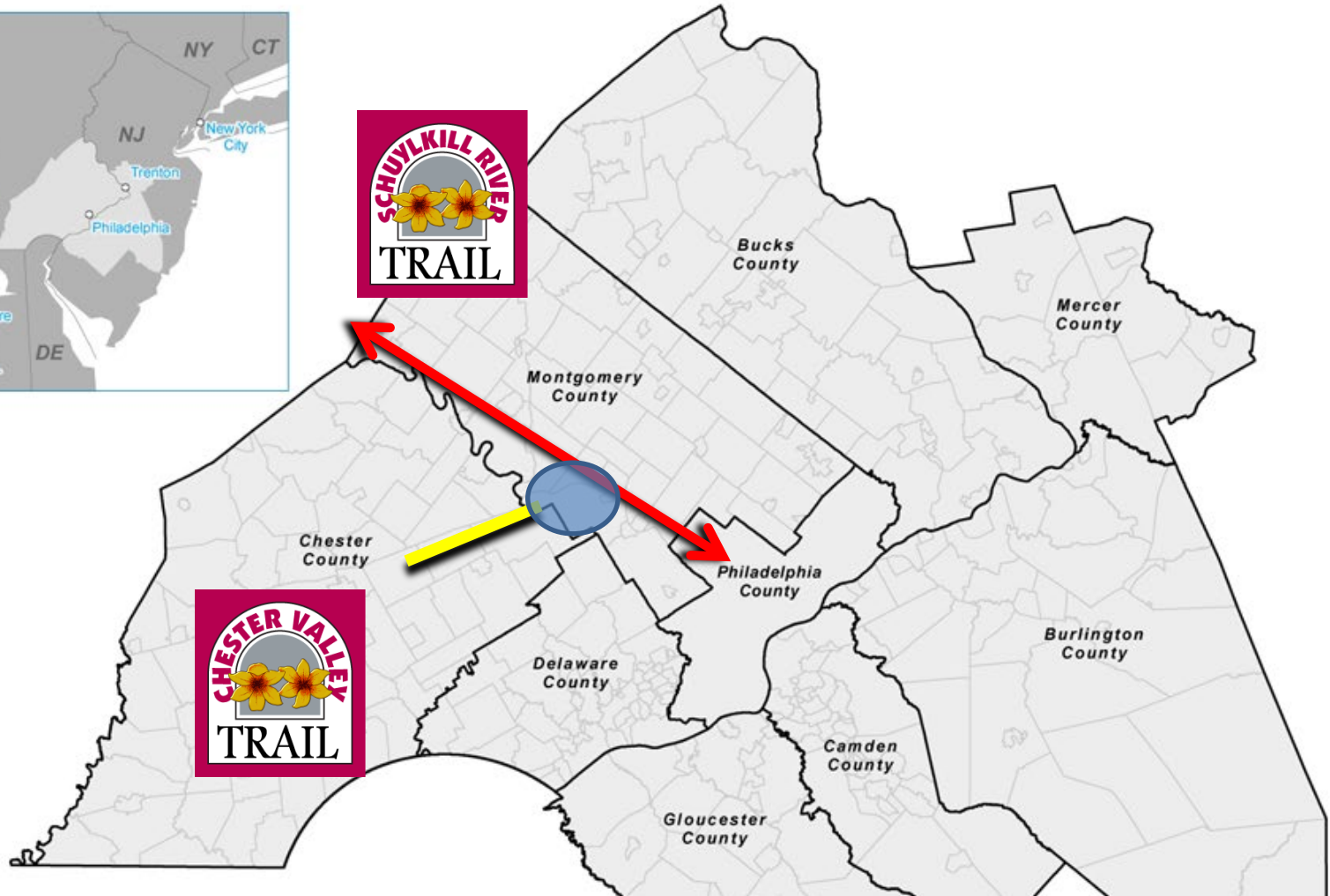


Two Projects



A Tail of Two Trails





The Schuylkill River Trail

#1 in the region

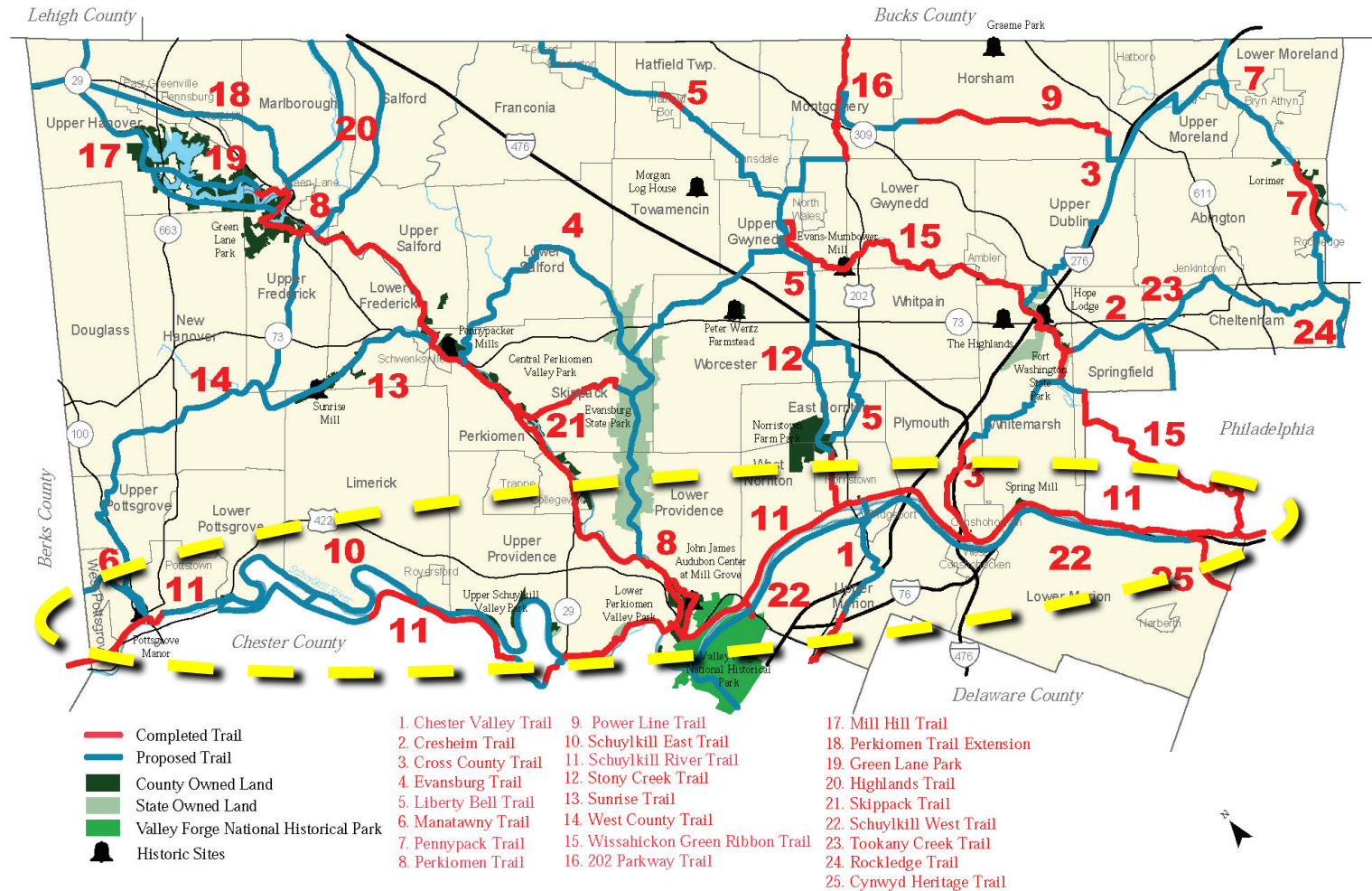


MONTCO 2040: A Shared Vision



Schuykill River Trail (SRT)

PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE TRAIL SYSTEM



Schuykill River Trail (SRT)



Philadelphia

Schuykill River Trail (SRT)



Norristown

Schuylkill River Trail (SRT)



Pottstown

Schuykill River Trail (SRT)



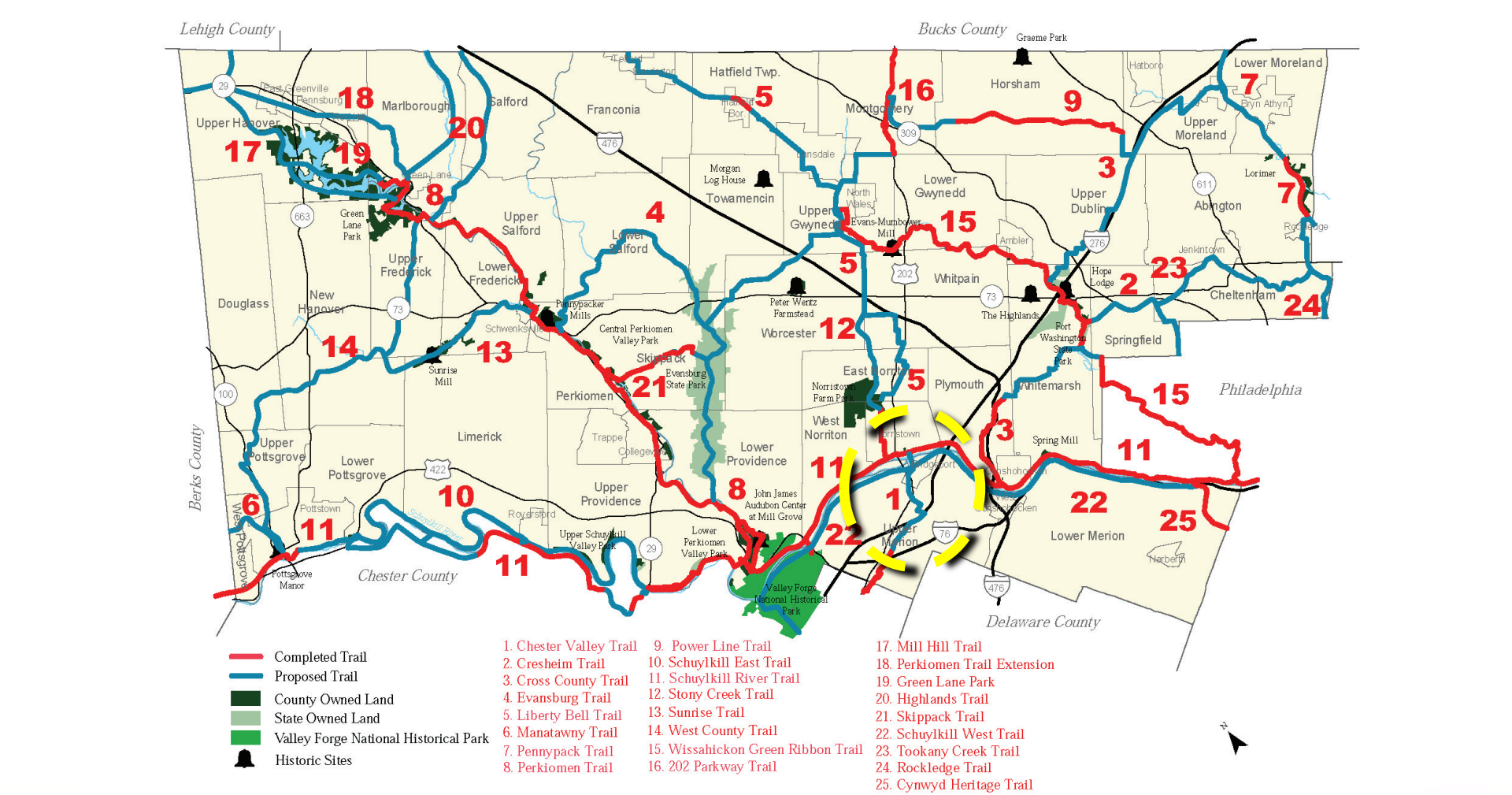
Lower Pottsgrove

The Chester Valley Trail

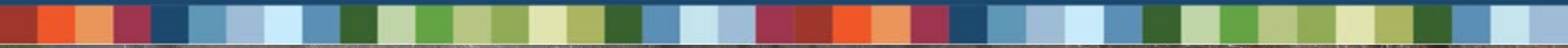
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PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE TRAIL SYSTEM



Chester Valley Trail (CVT)

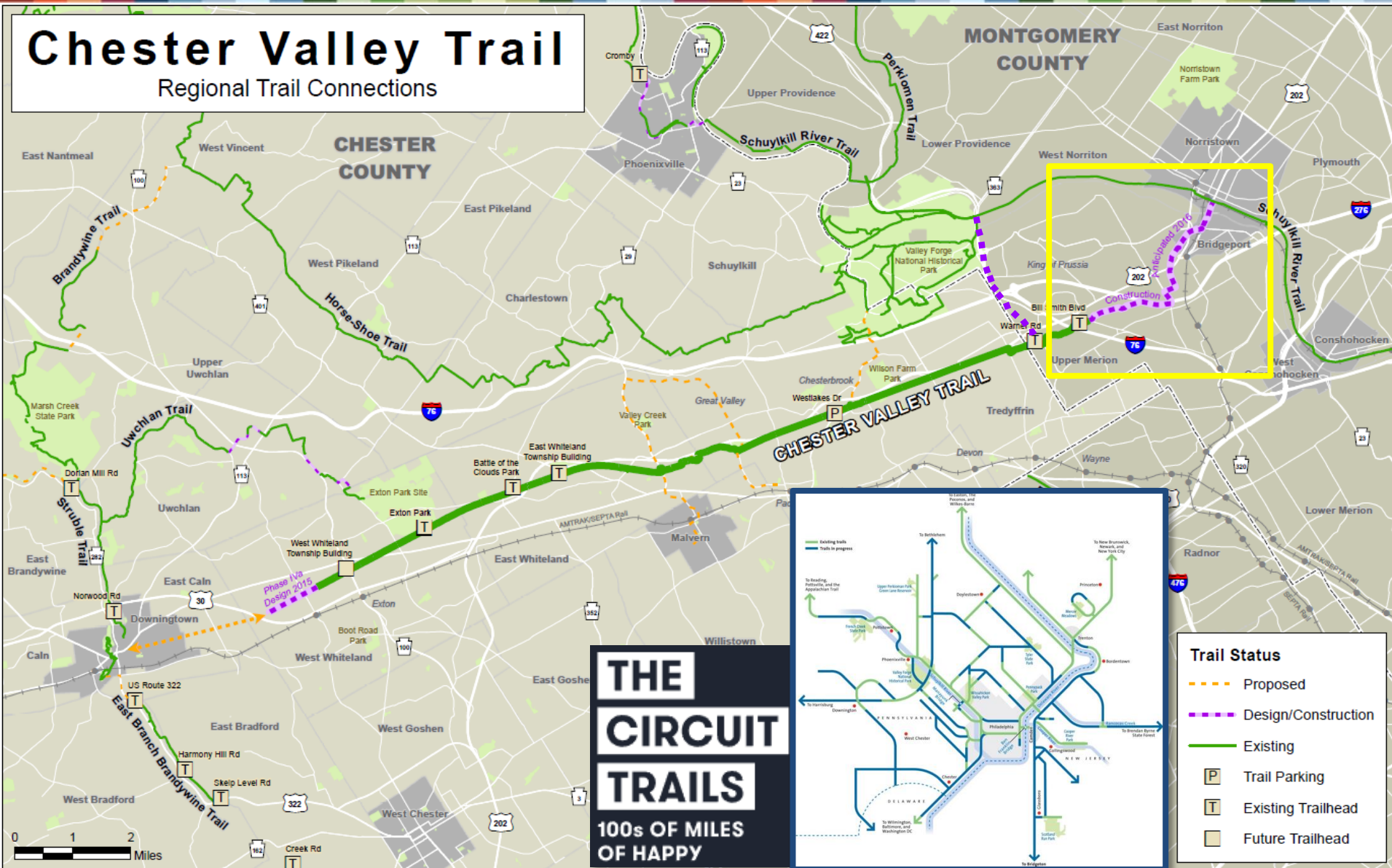


Central Chester County

Chester Valley Trail (CVT)

Chester Valley Trail

Regional Trail Connections



A Tail of Two Projects



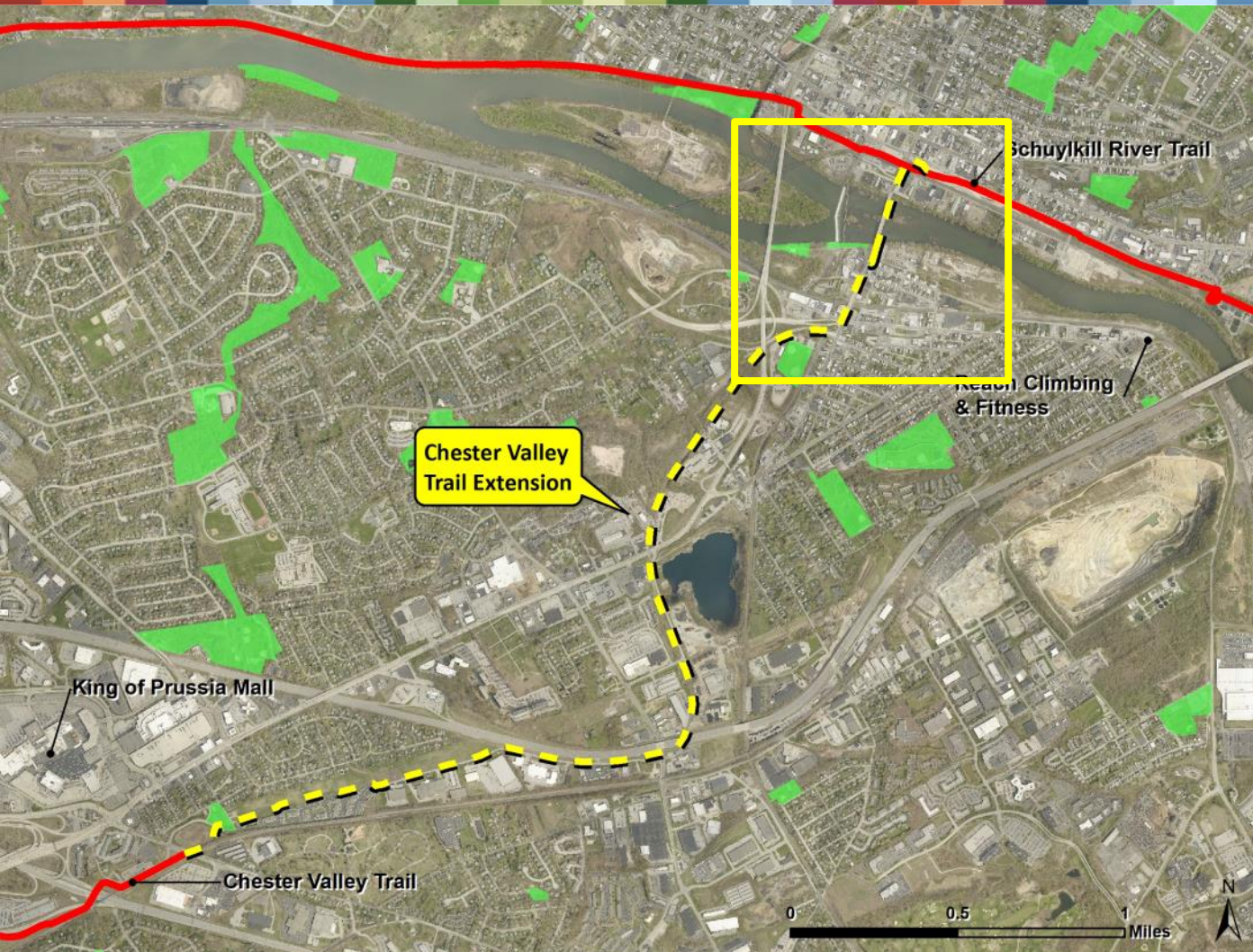
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Chester Valley Trail Extension Project



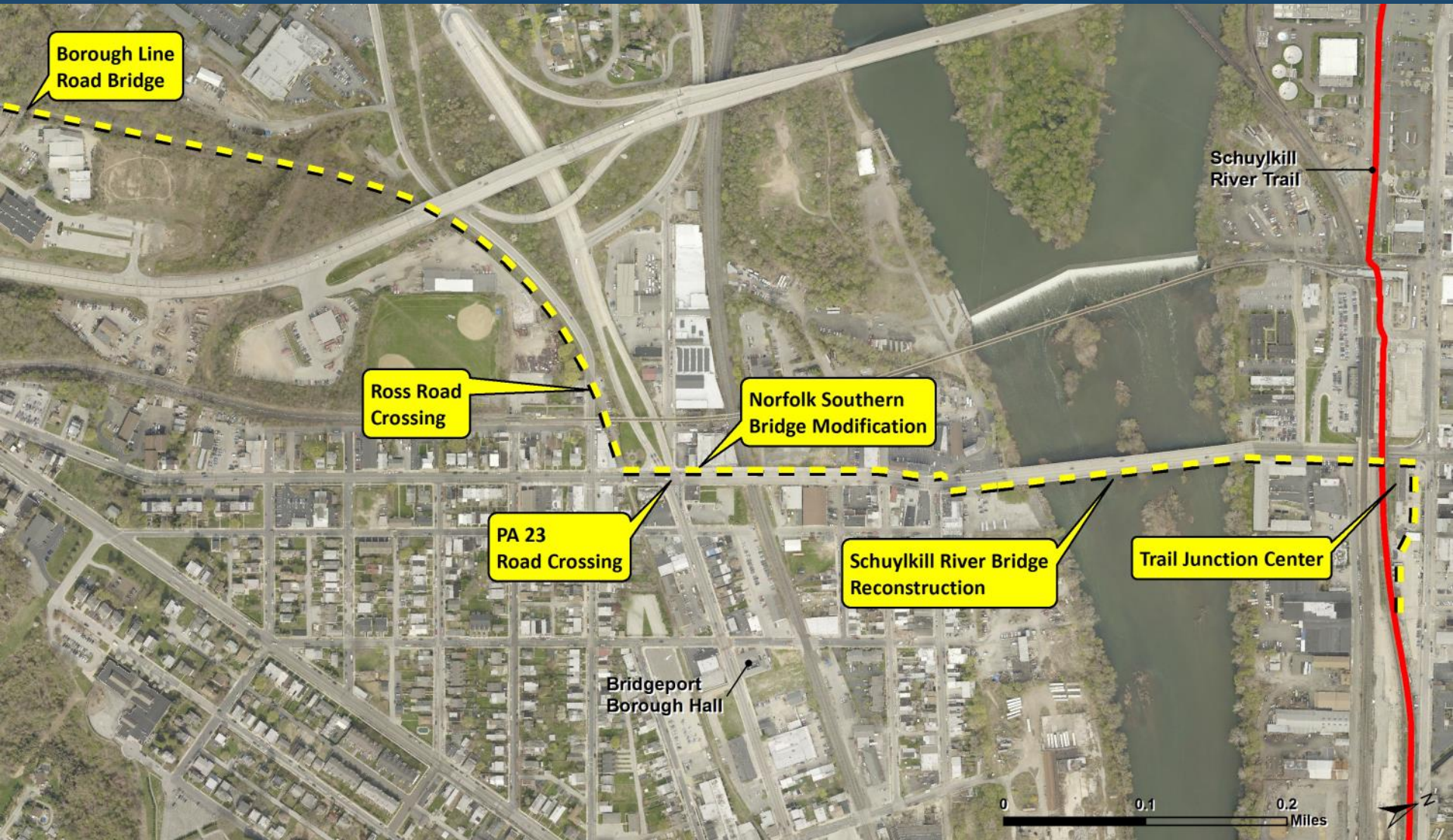
Extension

Chester Valley Trail Extension (CVT)



- **3.8 mile trail that will connect the Chester Valley Trail to the Schuylkill River Trail**
- **Upper Merion, Bridgeport, Norristown**
- **10-12 feet wide, paved surface**
- **ADA/AASHTO compliant**
- **Total est. cost = \$17.2m**

Getting Through Bridgeport



The Pinch Point: DeKalb Street



Why Not Do A Road Diet?

The Pinch Point: DeKalb Street



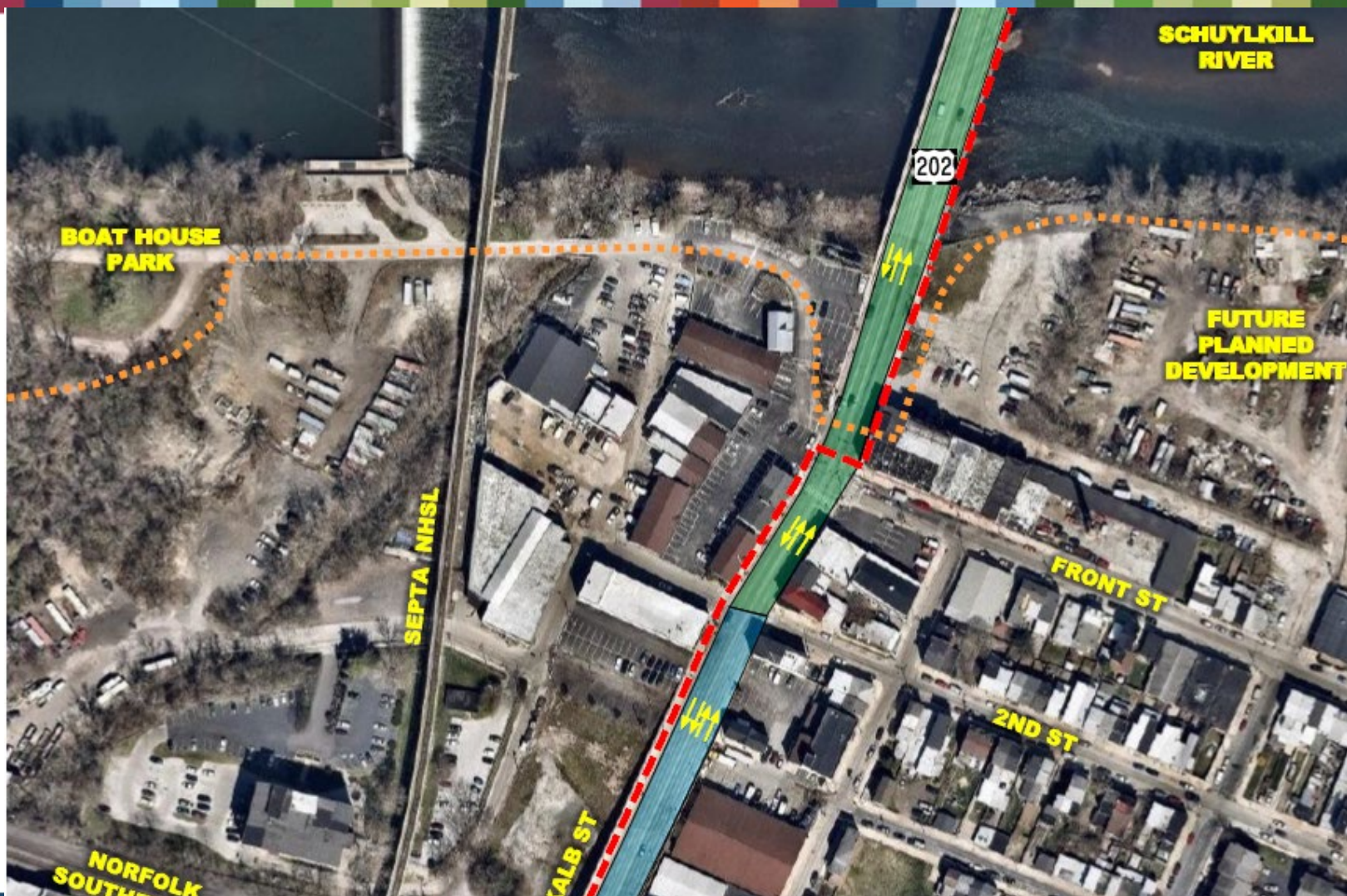
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Let's Do A Road Diet!

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Benefits

Slow down traffic!!!

Re-invigorate downtown street

No need to demolish buildings



Why A Road Diet Didn't Work

The Roadblocks

Citizen sentimentality & history

Property owner opposition

Local politics

VOICE NEWS HEALTH CULTURE EVENTS SPORTS

OCTOBER 24, 2018

Citing 'undue stress' and health concerns, Bridgeport's council president resigns

It's the latest twist in an ongoing saga involving death threats, racist comments and the direction of the police department

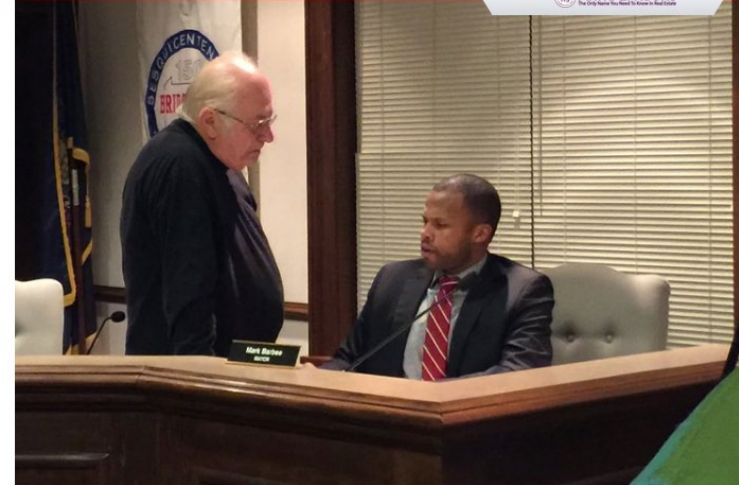


BY BRIAN HICKEY
PhillyVoice Staff



CONTROVERSIES Politics

from Anne E. Koons
The City Needs You. Meet the Mayor's New Council



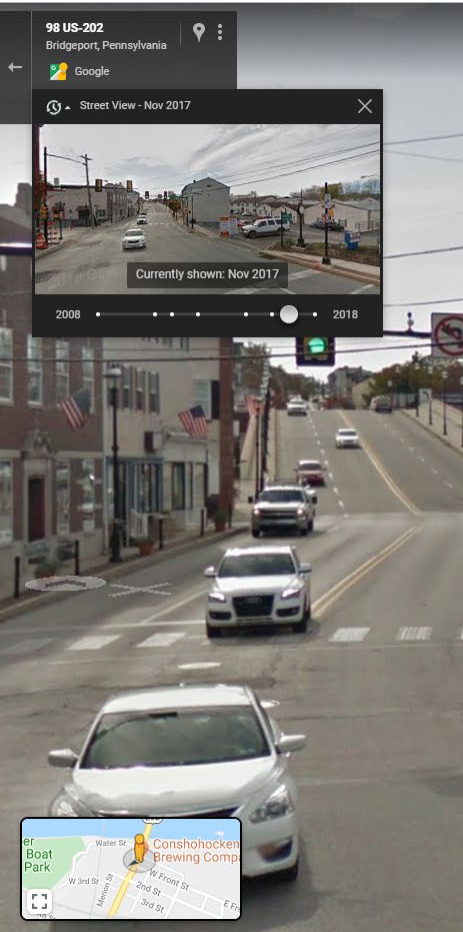
BRIAN HICKEY/PHILLYVOICE

Bridgeport Borough Council President John Pizza, standing, and Mayor Mark Barbee share a few words after yet another heated meeting in September 2018.

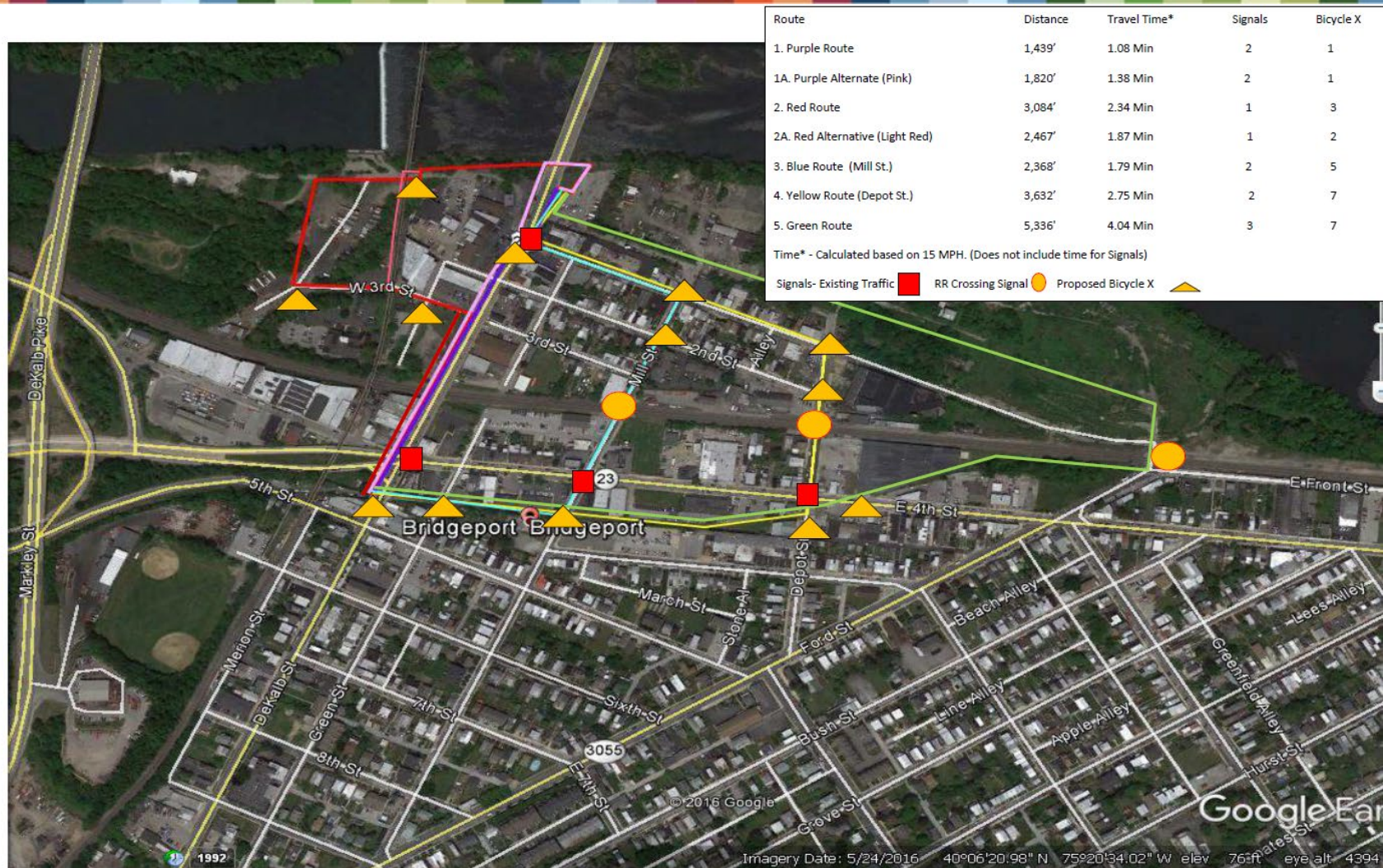


rior to Tuesday night's Bridgeport Borough Council meeting, the president of

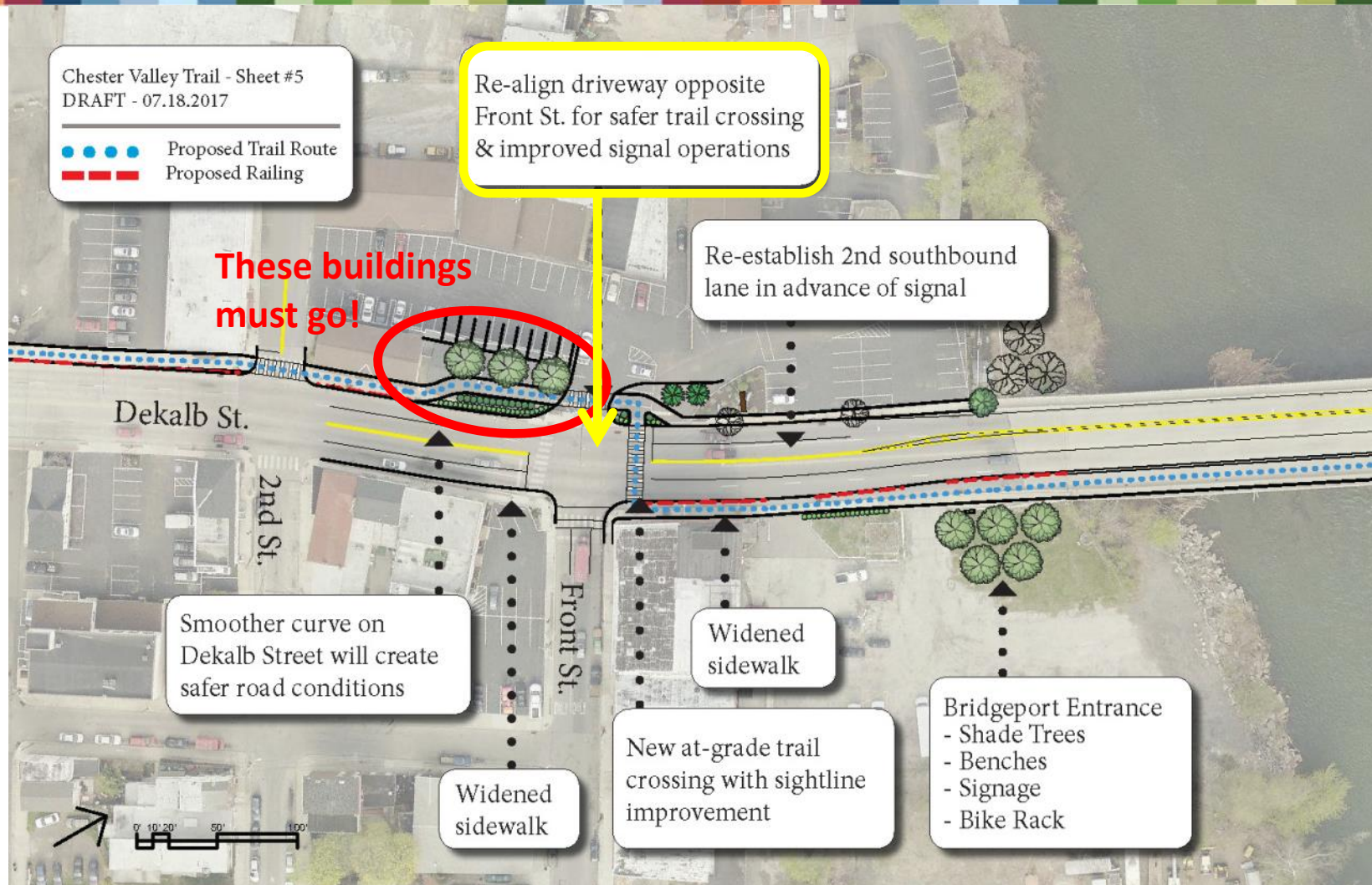
Why A Road Diet Didn't Work



Council Asked...Do Anything to Avoid the Obvious



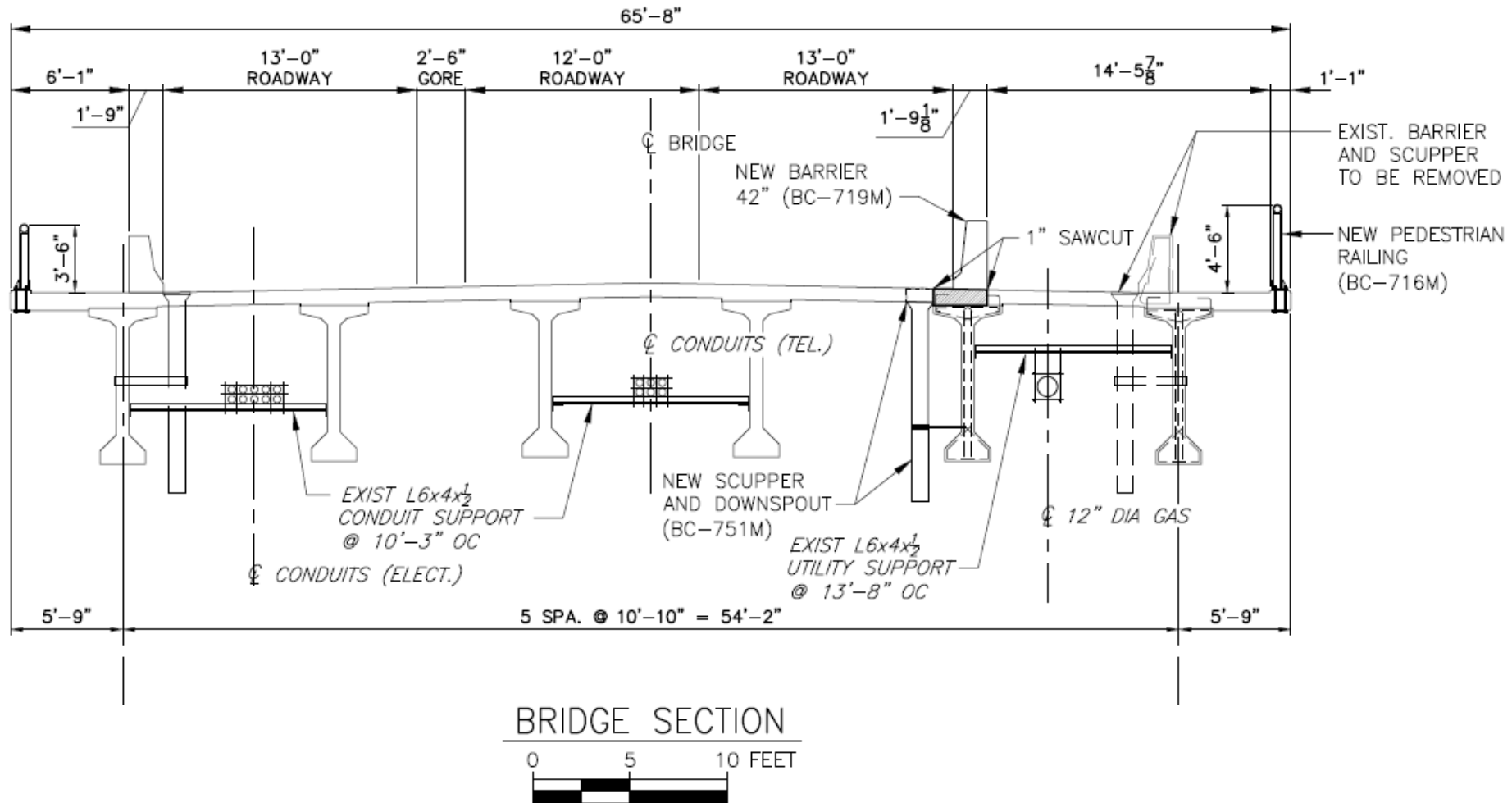
The Solution – Demo & Realignment & Partial Diet



The Solution – Road Diet on the DeKalb Street Bridge



Road Diet on the DeKalb Street Bridge



Lafayette Street Extension Project



The Lafayette St. Extension Project

- Economic revitalization through transportation
- \$90 million
- 80% FHWA | 20% **County**
- 3 phases + Turnpike interchange
 - Extend the road to I-276
 - Improve surrounding roads
 - Rebuild existing Lafayette St.
 - **Includes SRT/CVT connections!**

Lafayette St. Extension, 2019



**Downtown
Norristown**

SRT

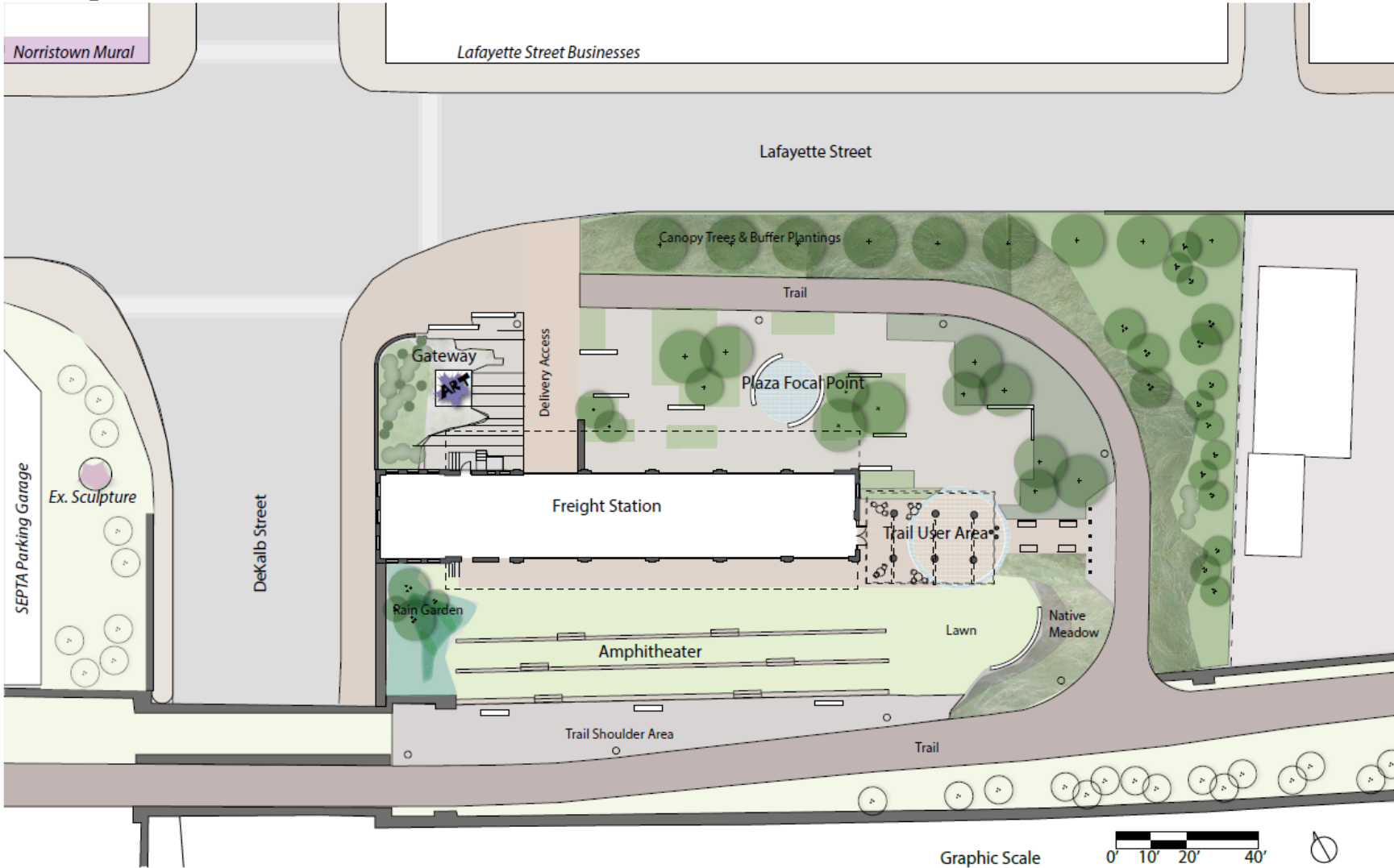
**Lafayette St
Project**

**CVT
(Extension)**

**Downtown
Bridgeport**

Norristown Freight Station/Trail Junction
Concept Plan

Draft - January 2016





Connecting the Trails

**“The Trail Superhighway
Interchange”**

Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



Fall 2017

Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



May 2018

Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



June 2018

Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



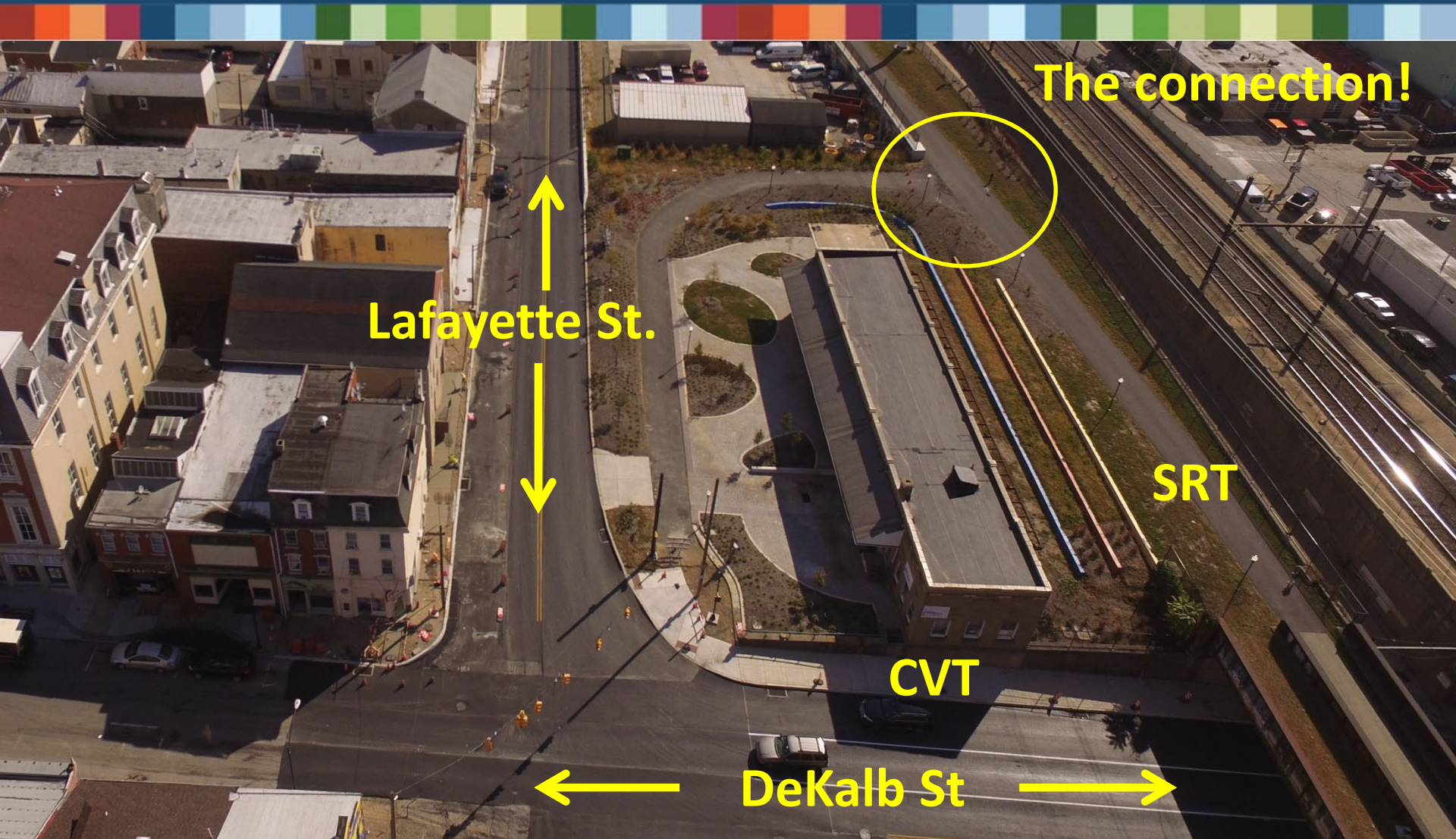
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Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



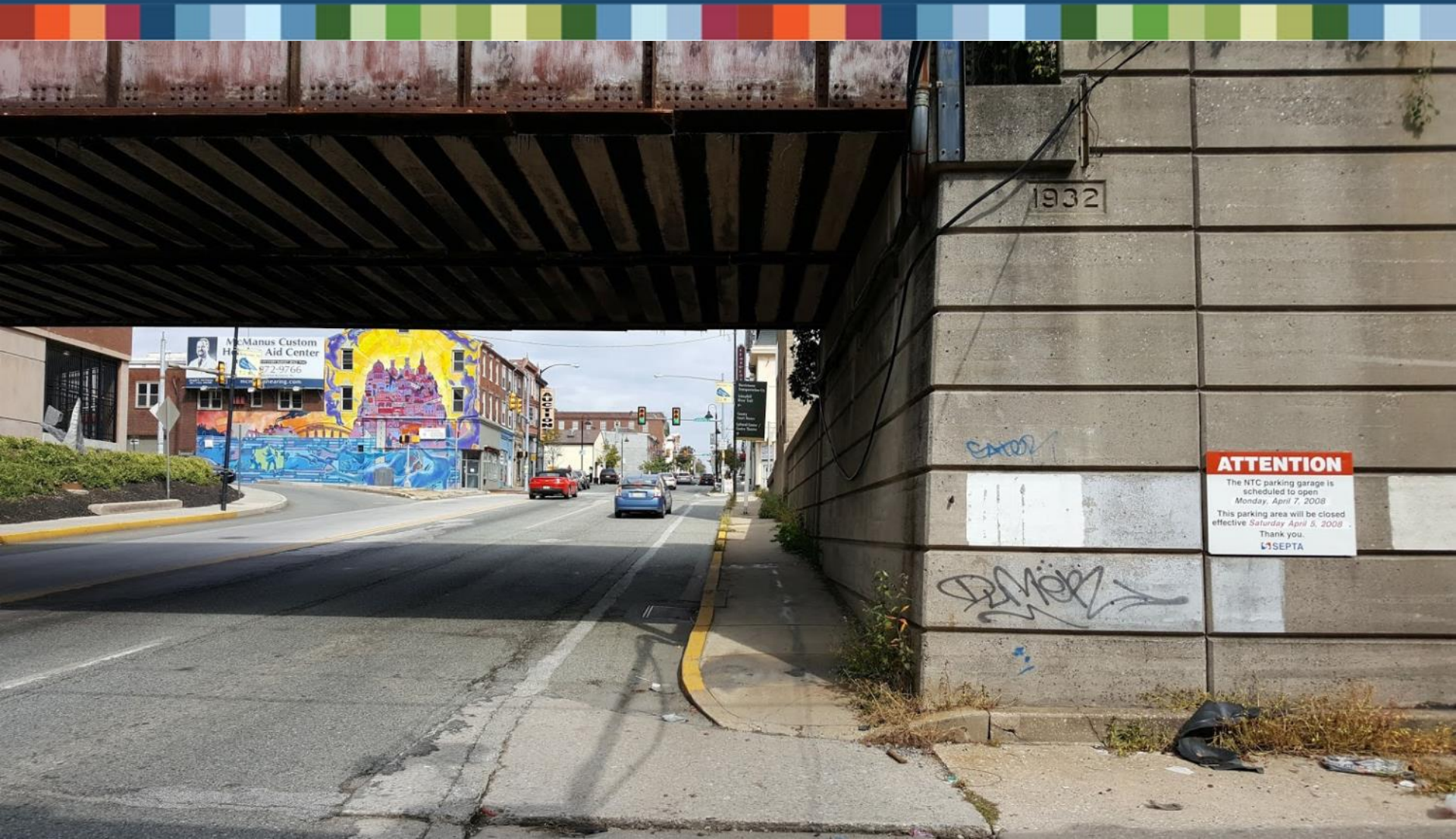
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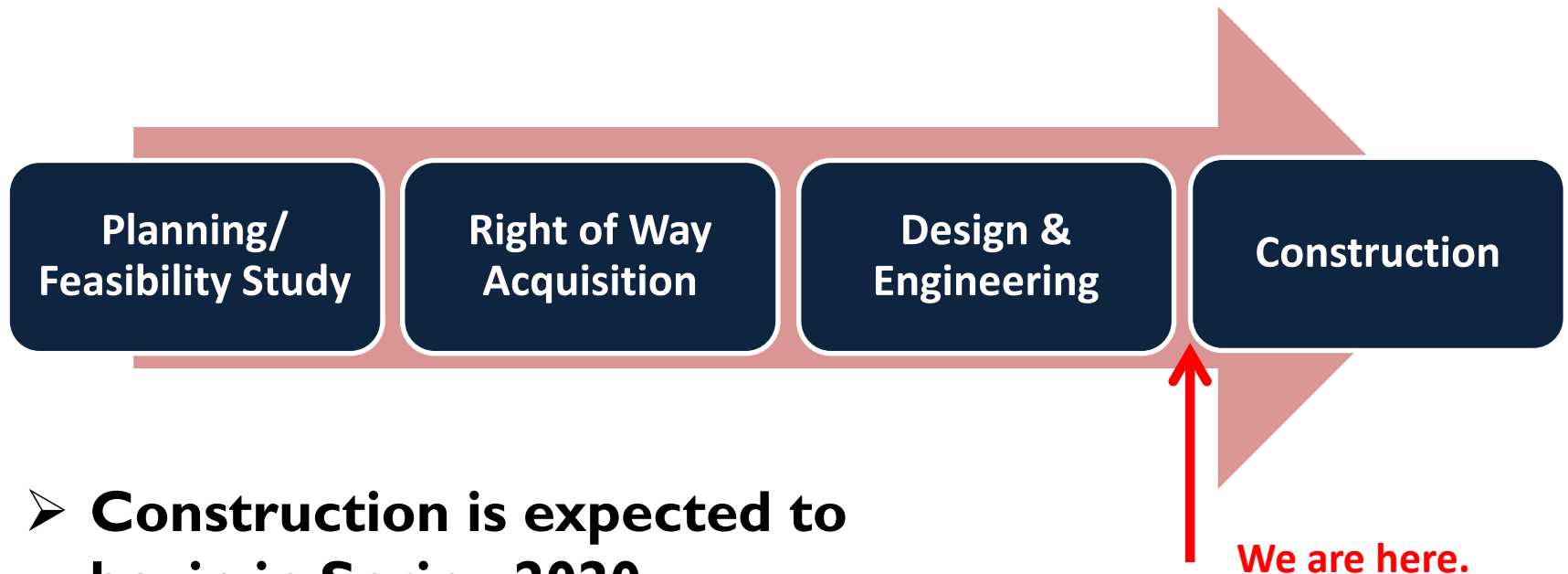


October 2019

Trail Junction Center / Freight Station



Project Status



- **Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2020**
- **18-24 month construction timeframe**



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