City of Philadelphia Interconnected Signalized Corridors

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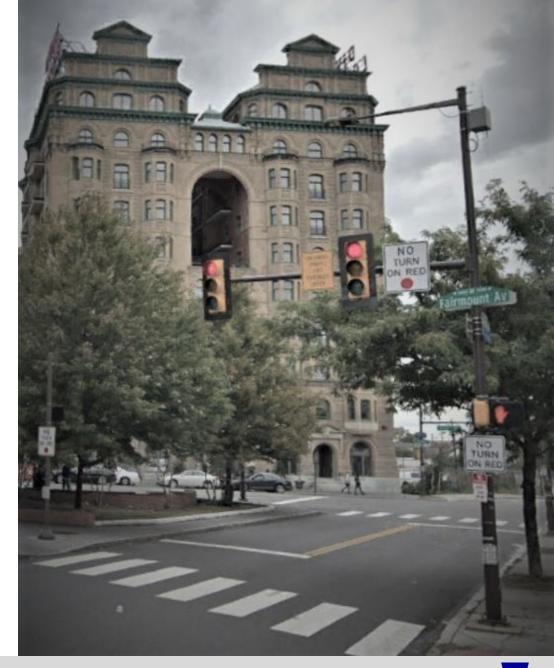
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AGENDA

- Project Description
- Typical Signal Upgrades
- Corridor Interconnectivity
- Traffic Operations Center
- Questions (End of Session)





Project Description

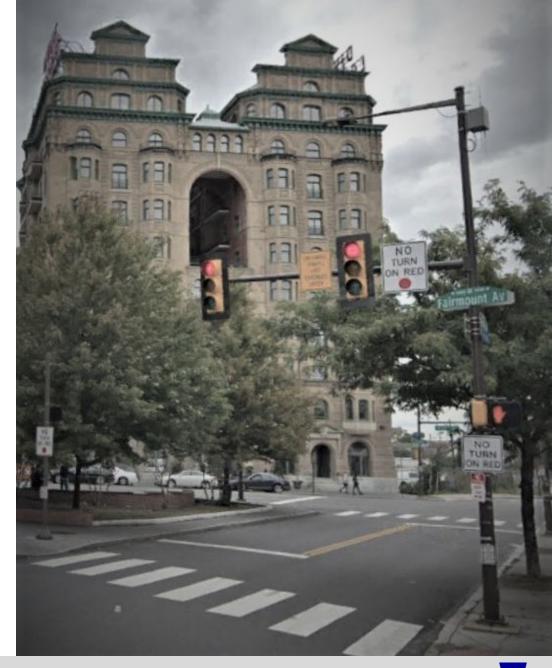






PROJECT NEEDS

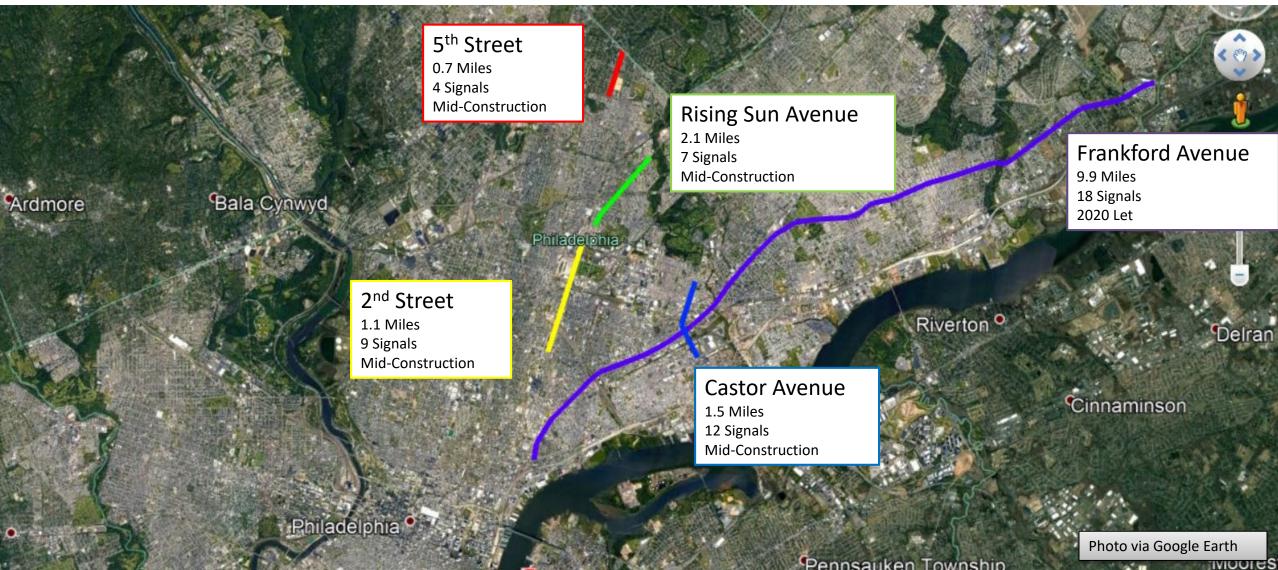
- Client: PennDOT, District 6-0
- Municipality: City of Philadelphia
- Project Objective: Safety Improvement
 - Identified as having higher than average crash rates.
 - Multiple crashes with injury.
 - Multiple crashes involving pedestrians.





PROJECT LOCATIONS









Typical Signal Upgrades







Before Signal Improvements







After Signal Improvements













ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION CONTROLLER (ATC) CABINET

- Performance Advantages
 - Capable of managing even the most complex intersections using the most recent logic and algorithms
 - 16 32 Output Channels
 - 24 48 Input Channels
 - Full Serial Communication: SIU's are faster and more capable than older BIU's.
- Maintenance Advantages
 - Modular, pluggable design for quick parts changeout
 - Interchangeable components for storage/supply
 - Workforce familiarity





Photo via Econolite/Safetran



ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION CONTROLLER (ATC) CABINET

- Connectivity Advantages
 - Present
 - Can communicate with other new Controllers (ATC or 170) via Fiber Optic connections.
 - Can communicate with Philadelphia Traffic Operations Center via Fiber Optic connections.
 - Future
 - Can be modified to incorporate future technology such as CAV communication appliances.



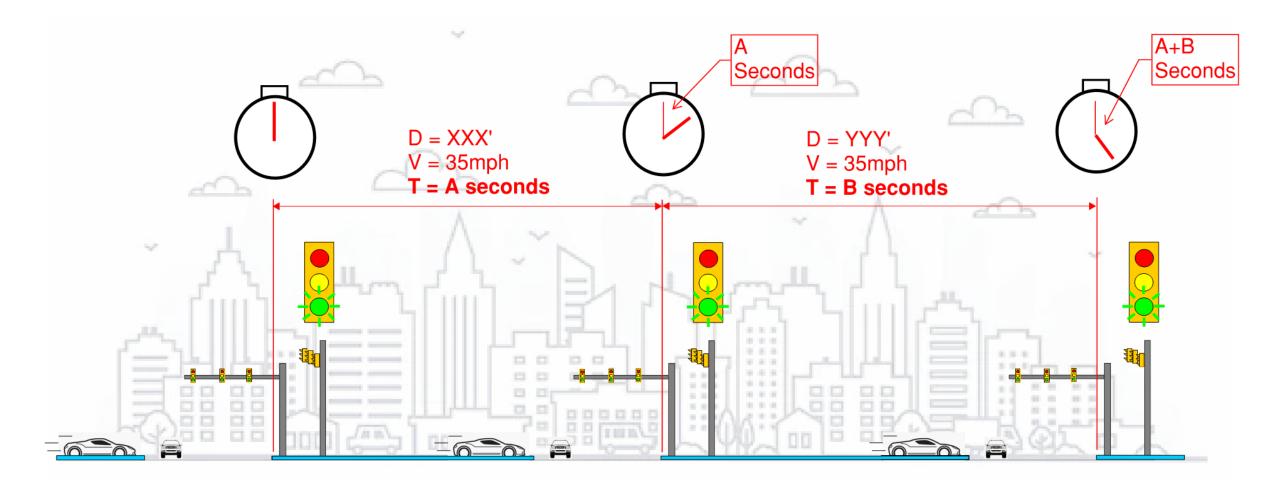
Corridor Interconnectivity







INTERCONNECTED SIGNALS – BASIC IDEA





INTERCONNECTED SIGNALS - METHODS

- <u>GPS Time Clock</u>
 - Pro Cheap; no need for physical/radio connection
 - Con Can float and become totally ineffective
- <u>Radio</u>
 - Pro Does not require fiber, poles, or conduit for connection along a corridor
 - Con Depending on distance between signals and obstructions, it can require signal boosters
- <u>Copper "Sync"</u>
 - Pro Simple, effective, works with mechanical controllers
 - Con Obsolete; limited in that no information is actually transmitted beyond an electrical pulse
- <u>Fiber Optic</u>
 - Pro Nearly instantaneous communication; can carry significantly more information (including video)
 - Con Installation can be costly/difficult when no utility poles are present for installation.



INTERCONNECTED SIGNALS – REQUIRED HARDWARE

- Fiber Optic Cable
 - Backbone Fiber
 - 48 Strands Daisy Chain Configuration
 - Ties in to controllers at beginning of corridor, end of corridor, and any other intersecting interconnected corridors.
 - Requires larger controller cabinet for larger patch panels.
 - Local Fiber
 - 24 Strands Daisy Chain Configuration
 - Ties in at all other "local" controllers.
 - Breaks off of backbone in aerial splice enclosure.
 - 12 fibers carry info to controller and 12 fibers carry info from the controller.





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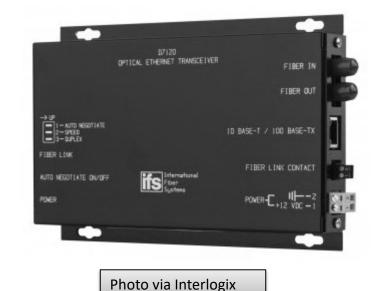
- Fiber Optic Cable Installation
 - Aerial Installation Preferred
 - Hung from utility poles or Septa poles.
 - Runs from utility pole, to mast arm or D-pole, to drum junction box, to controller cabinet.
 - Underground Installation Alternative
 - Run in designated City-owned interconnect conduit or in available utility duct bank.
 - Must be run in flexible fabric inner-duct.
 - Requires extensive conduit proving and potentially repair if it is being installed in existing conduit.
 - Requires manhole modification.
 - Vulnerable to fires/conduit damage





INTERCONNECTED SIGNALS – REQUIRED HARDWARE

- Fiber Optic Switches
 - Layer 2 Fiber Switch
 - Allows controller to send and receive info along fiber optic cable.
 - One installed per upgraded or new controller.
 - Layer 3 Fiber Switch
 - Allows the corridor to send and receive information from the City of Philadelphia Traffic Management Center.
 - One was installed per upgraded corridor to create a "Hub" for connecting to the TOC.





Traffic Operations Center







TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CENTER

- Reduces the need for corridor-wide Synchro Modeling & requisite counts
- Allows for temporary timing modification for unforeseen events
- Proactive as well as reactive signal health monitoring
- Allows for informed product performance monitoring
- Data Analysis

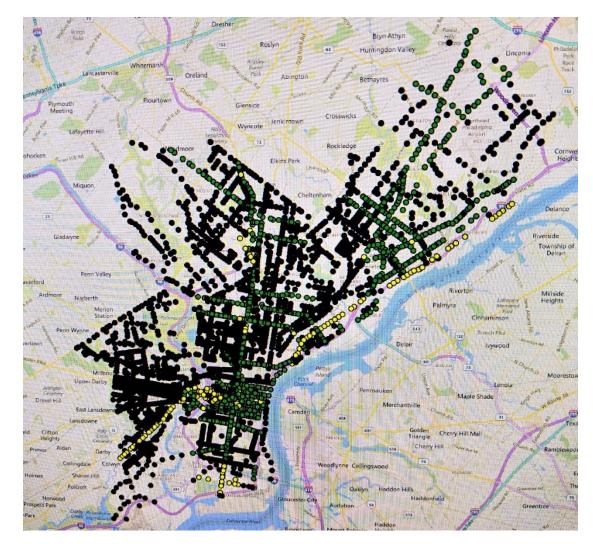




TRAFFIC OPERATION CENTER – REAL TIME ADJUSTMENTS AND MONITORING

The most accurate modeling tool: **REAL** LIFE

- Synchro Modeling and required traffic counts are no longer required in all instances
 - Major phasing/lane configuration changes are an exception
- Begin with existing timing in new controllers
- Update to meet minimum timing requirements
- Optimize in real time





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TRAFFIC OPERATION CENTER – REAL TIME ADJUSTMENTS AND MONITORING

Monitor the performance in real time

- CCTV Camera Feed
- Field Observation
 - AM Peak
 - PM Peak
 - Off Peak
- Trial and Error
 - Changes can be undone with the click of a mouse.
- Temporary Adjustments for special needs
 - Ex: Accident on I-76 is flushing traffic onto surface streets



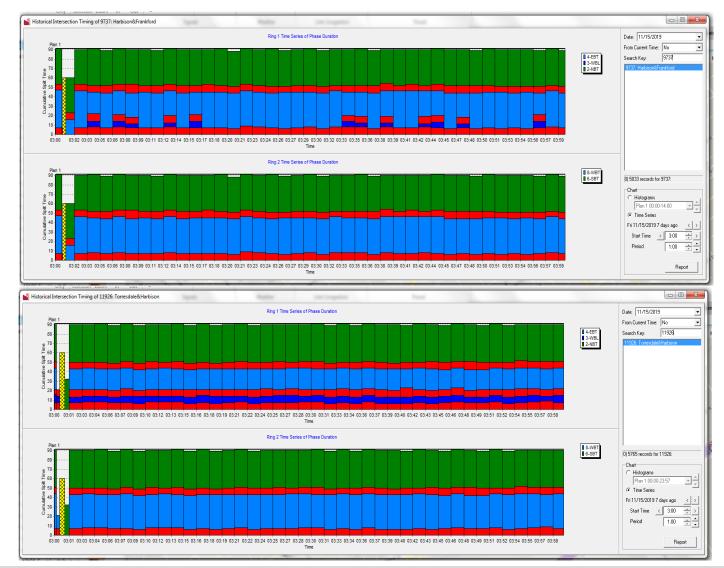






TRAFFIC OPERATION CENTER – SIGNAL HEALTH MONITORING

- Signals in flash
- Detection failure
- Pre-emption calls
- Phase Skips/Errors
 - Specific down to the exact cycle the error occurred.
- ITS Product Performance
 - What products work well
 - What products are frequently failing





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