

SEPTA Forward:

SEPTA Bus Revolution

**Virtual Community
Conversation:**

North Philadelphia



Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Intro to SEPTA's Bus Revolution
- 3 Draft Bus Network
- 4 Polling and Q&A
- 5 Public Engagement
- 6 Next Steps



Your ride is about to get easier.

See how SEPTA's bus network is changing!



Welcome



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Ice Breaker time!

Share in the chat:

Your name and neighborhood

Registration Question:

What bus route(s) do you take most frequently?

- 57 – Whitman Plaza to Olney & Rising Sun or Fern Rock TC
- 48 – Front & Market to 27th & Allegheny

Route	Count
57	29
48	26
32	19
49	17
7	14
5	12
33	11
3	9
25	9

SEPTA bus routes cited most among registrants, as of 12/4/22

Purpose of our Conversation Today

We're here together to:

- Catch you up on the Bus Revolution
- Discuss how Draft Network would affect travel in North Philly
 - Presentation & Interactive Map
 - Polling questions
 - Q&A – Ask us about your route! (Chat box)

Ground rules:


- For ASL, on Zoom click “Interpretation” and “Watch: American Sign Language”
- Please remain muted to avoid accidental interruptions.
- Submit your questions and comments in the Chat box. When posting questions, try to keep them concise, so we can get to as many as possible.

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What is Bus Revolution

A stylized graphic of a bus network. It features several colored lines (purple, red, yellow, teal, grey) connecting various nodes (circles and stars) in a network-like structure. The nodes are scattered across the space, with some lines being straight and others slightly curved or angled.

**“Blank Slate”
redesign of
SEPTA’s fixed-
route bus
network**



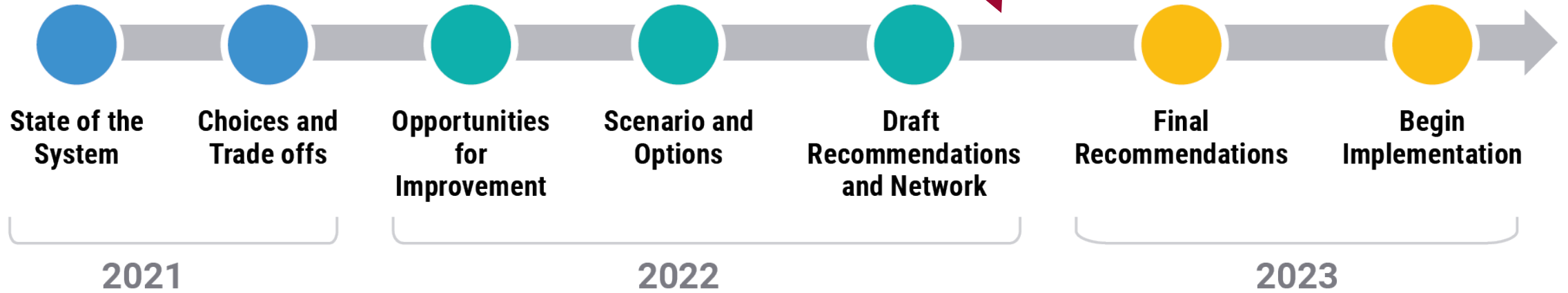
Why Now?

- SEPTA Forward emphasizes a more fully integrated network
- SEPTA has never looked at its network comprehensively before
- Transfer penalty eliminated in 2020
- Between 2013 & 2019 – ridership dropped 13% but operating costs went up 10% while service got slower and less reliable
- Post covid ridership is down 30-40%

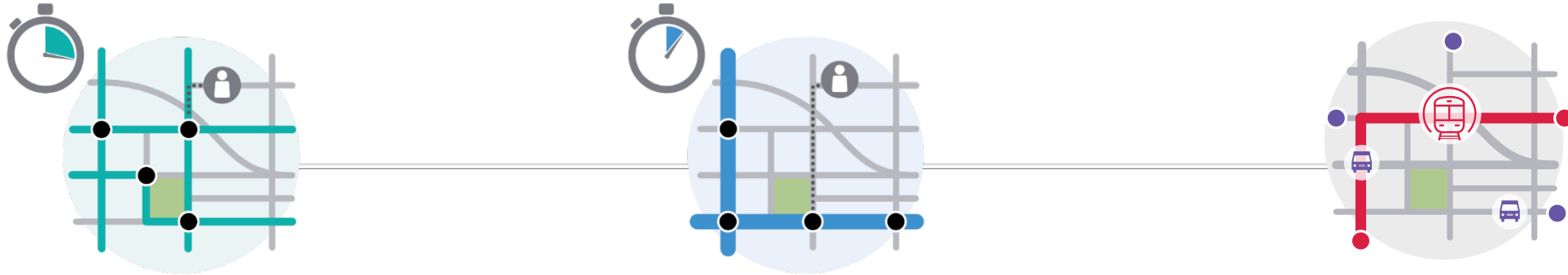


Project Approach

We are here:



SEPTA's Draft Bus Network: Strategic Approach - City



- More frequent bus **service** and more consistent **schedules**

- Straighter, more **direct bus routes**

- **Better connections** so people can get further, faster

- **Fewer, better choices** to minimize duplication

- **Additional service** in areas where demand is highest

Draft Bus Network

Includes:

Overall fewer routes

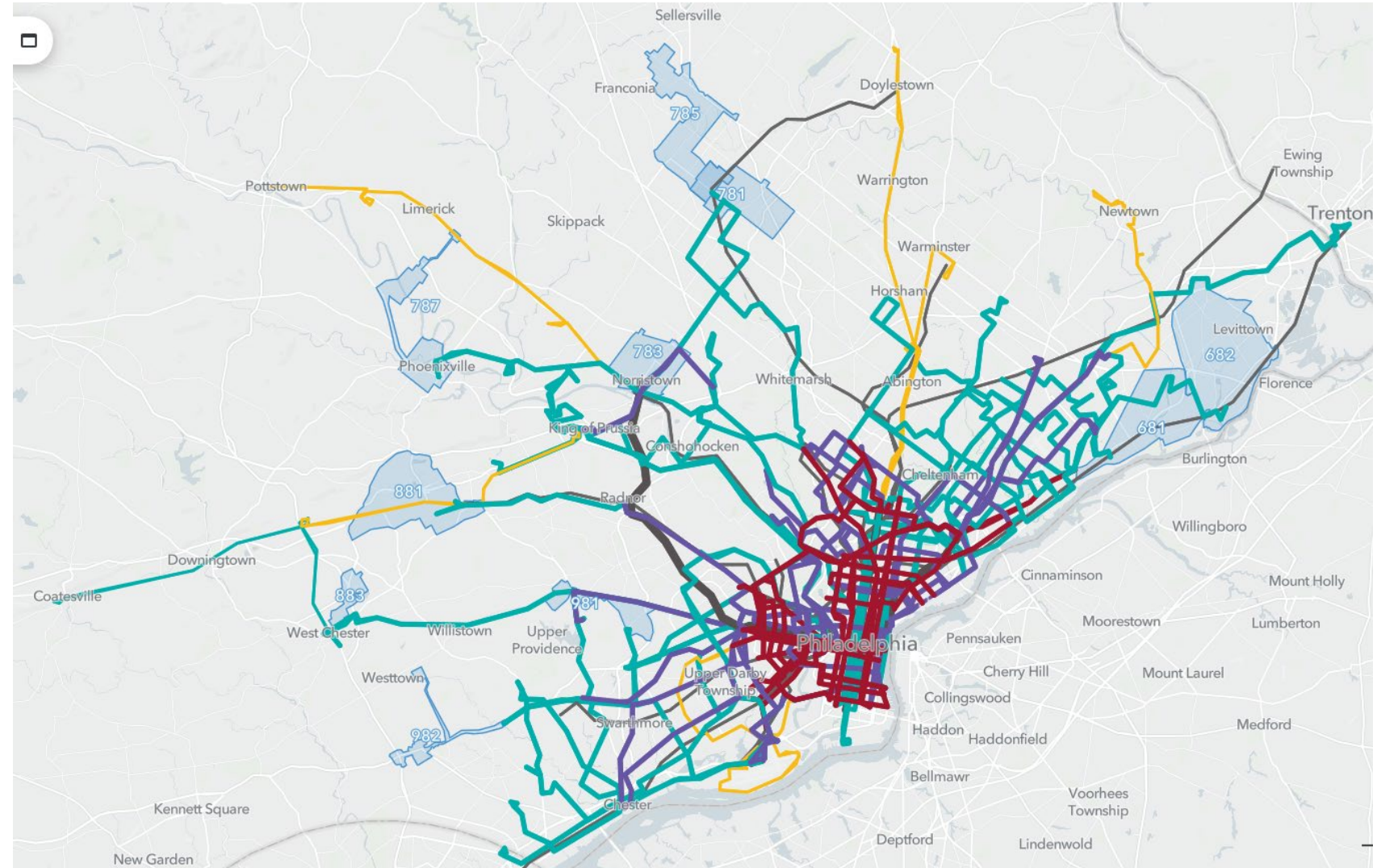
Straighter lines

More frequent routes

Fewer gold (60 MAX) routes

Looks more like a grid

On-demand transit zones



<https://nelsonnygaard.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/84577af5d58849b6b2c1aac00ac1dd37>

Draft Bus Network – North Philadelphia











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Understanding the MAX Series

- The Bus Revolution uses the “MAX series” to talk about bus routes.
- MAX means the maximum time between buses. For example, a 10 MAX route will arrive at least every 10 minutes.
- All bus routes are described as:
 - 10 MAX
 - 15 MAX
 - 30 MAX
 - 60 MAX

} **Frequent Bus Service**

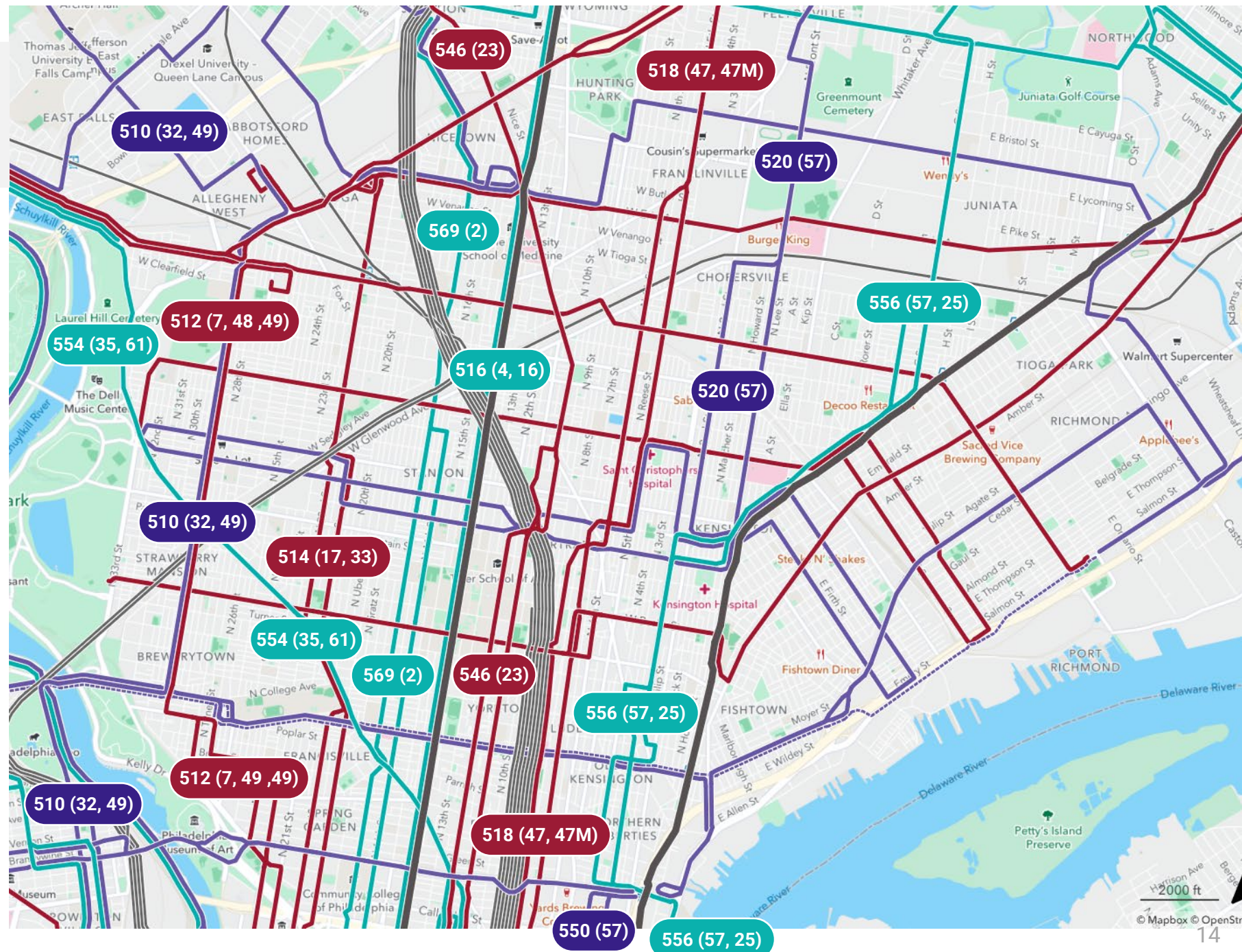
	10 MAX		Metro
	15 MAX		Trolley
	30 MAX		Regional Rail
	60 MAX		Microtransit Zone

Bus Revolution defines a “frequent” bus route as one that **operates every 15 minutes or better.**



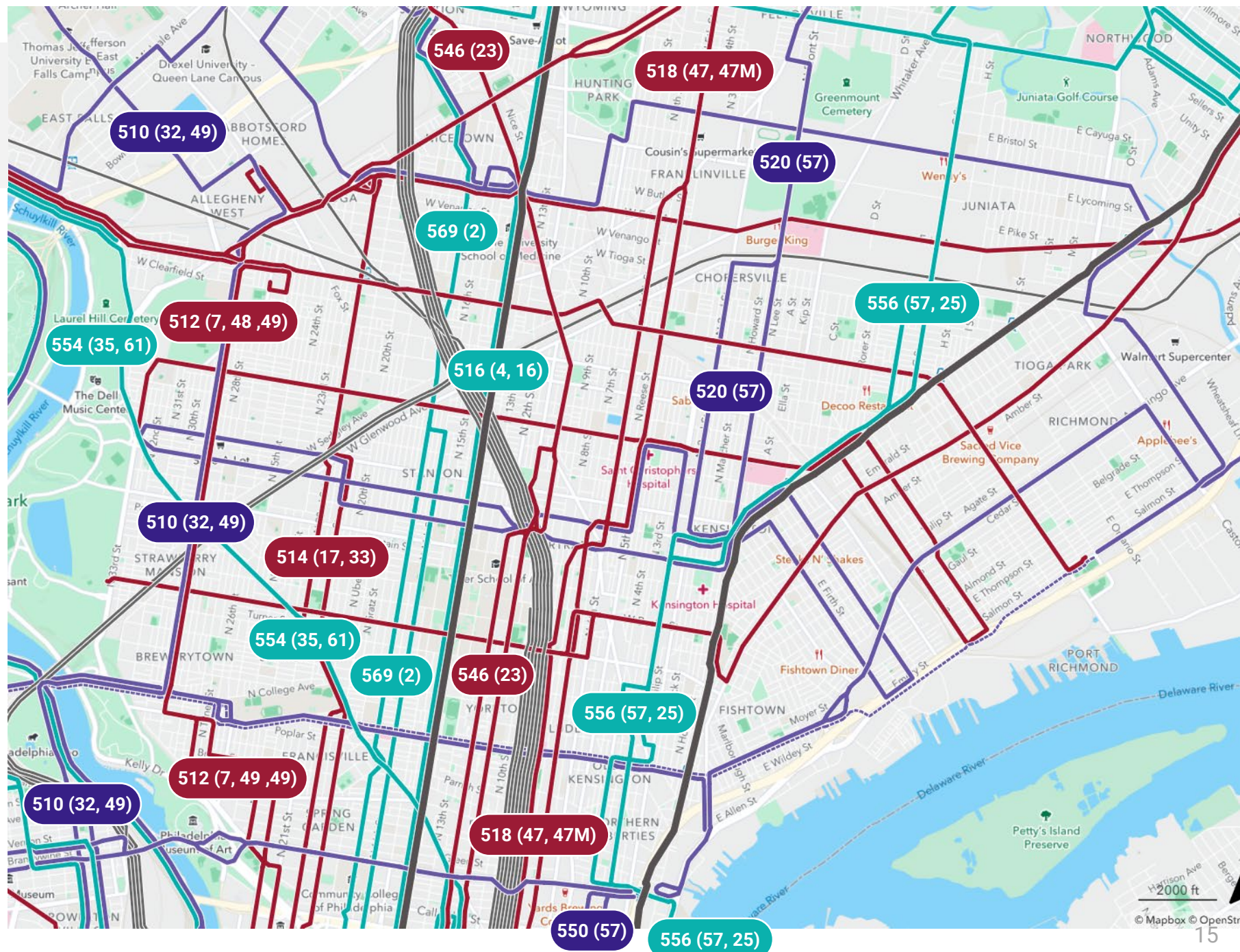
Changes in North Philly: 11 north-south routes

- 10 MAX** service on 4 north-south routes:
 - 512 (7, 48, 49): 27th/Allegheny – Penn's Landing via Market Street
 - 514 (17/33): 22nd/Venango - 19th/Moyamensing in S. Philly
 - 546 (23): Chestnut Hill – 11th/Market
 - 518 (47/47M): 5th/Godfrey – Oregon/3rd
- 15 MAX** service on 3 north-south routes:
 - 510 (32, 49): Ivy Ridge Station – 33rd/Tasker in Grays Ferry via U. City
 - 520 (57): Fern Rock TC – York Dauphin Station
 - 550 (57): Spring Garden Station – Oregon/3rd



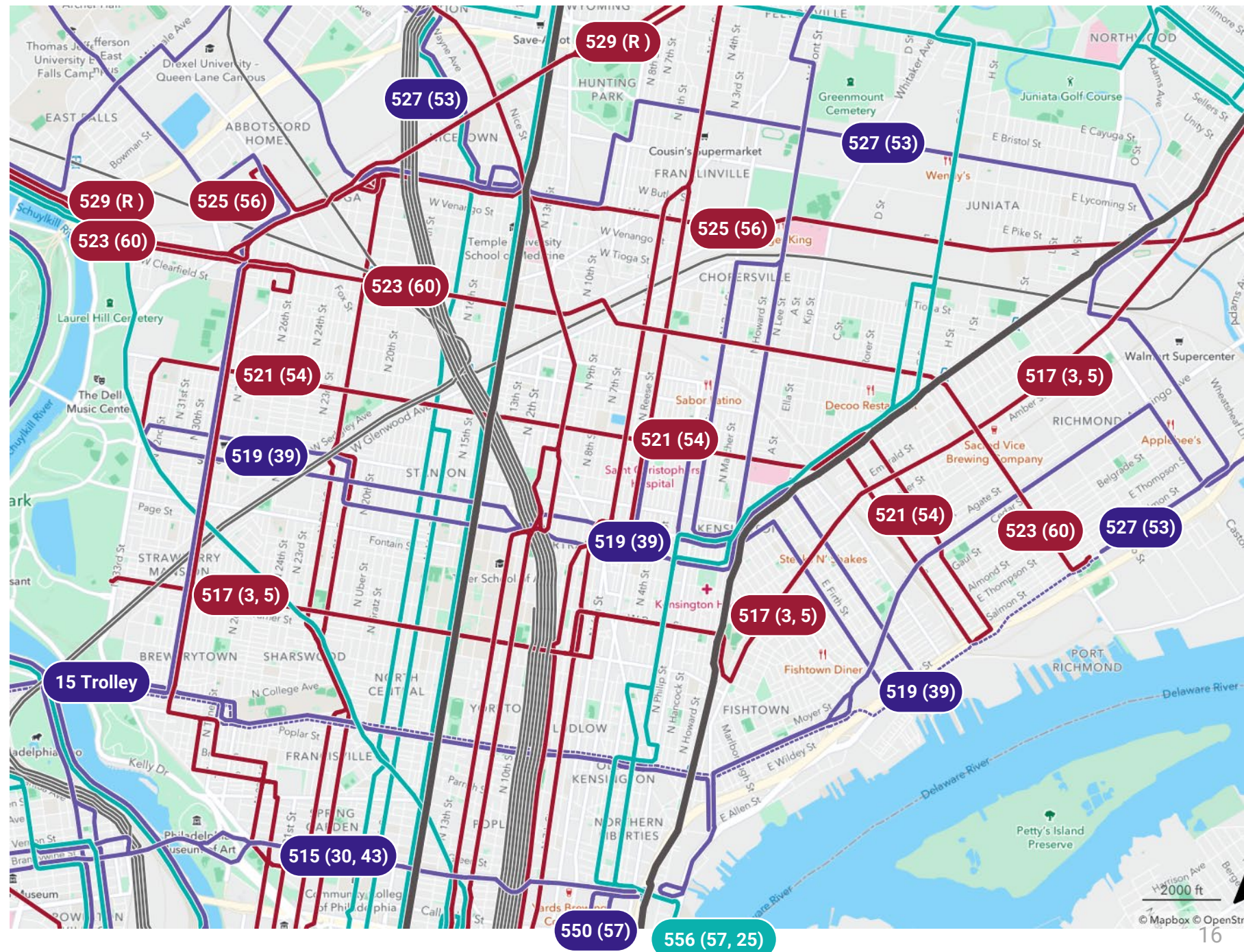
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- 30 MAX** service on 4 north-south routes:
 - 554 (35, 61): Ivy Ridge Station – 11th/Market
 - 569 (2): Wayne Junction Station – 19th/Moyamensing
 - 516 (4, 16): Fern Rock TC – Navy Yard via Broad Street
 - 556 (57, 25): Rising Sun/Olney Ave – Pier 70/Walmart via American Street and Columbus Blvd



Changes in North Philly: 7 east-west routes

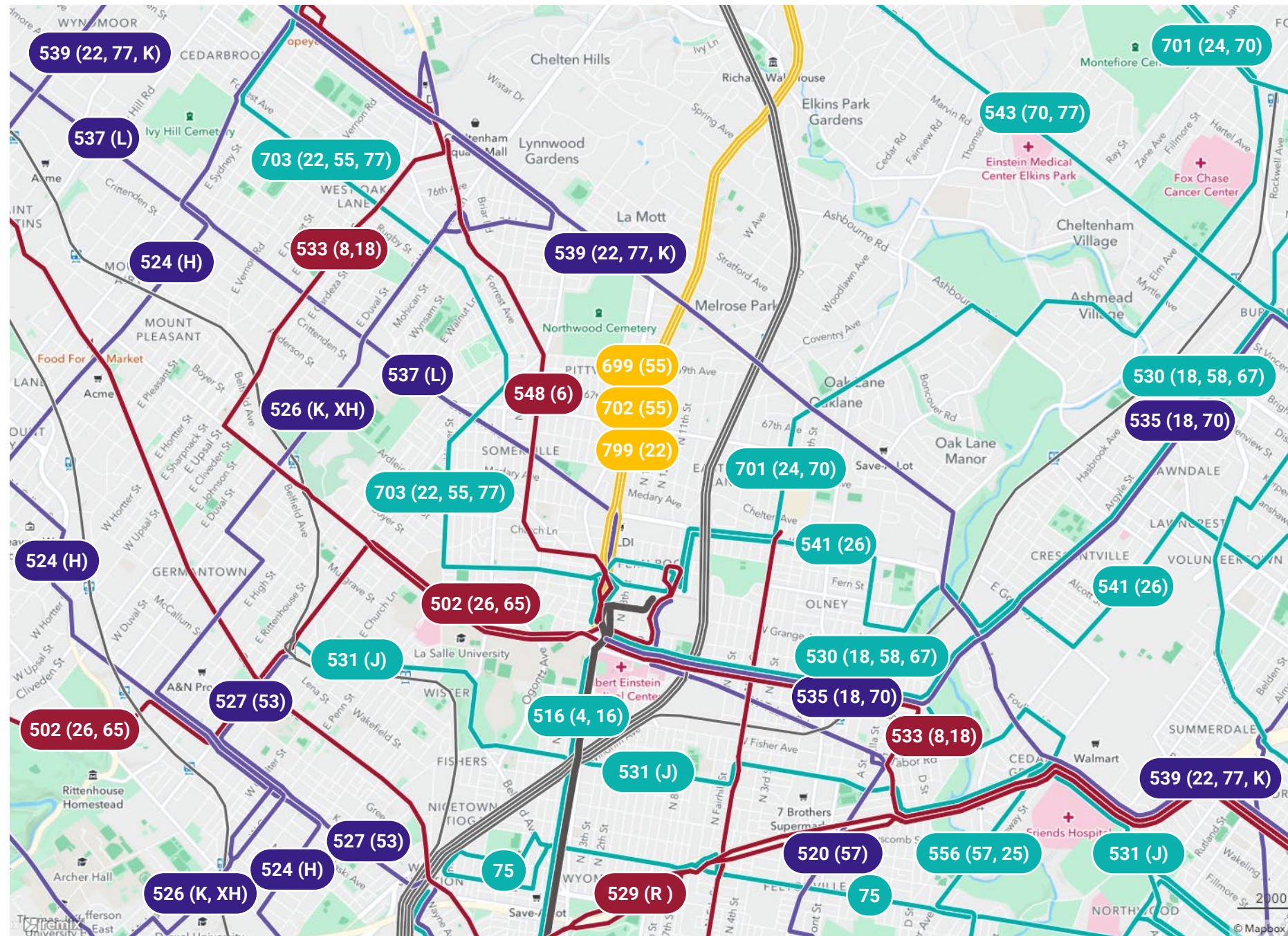
- **10 MAX** service on 4 east-west routes:
 - 517 (3, 5): 33rd/Cecil B Moore - Frankford TC
 - 521 (54): 33rd/Dauphin - Cambria/Richmond
 - 523 (60): Wissahickon TC - Westmoreland Loop
 - 525 (56): Bakers Centre - Cottman Ave
 - 529 (R): Wissahickon TC - Frankford TC
- **15 MAX** service on 3 east-west routes:
 - 515 (30, 43): Spring Garden - 69th Street TC
 - 519 (39): 33rd/Dauphin - Cumberland/Richmond
 - 527 (53): Germantown Station - Westmoreland Loop



Changes in North Philly (north)

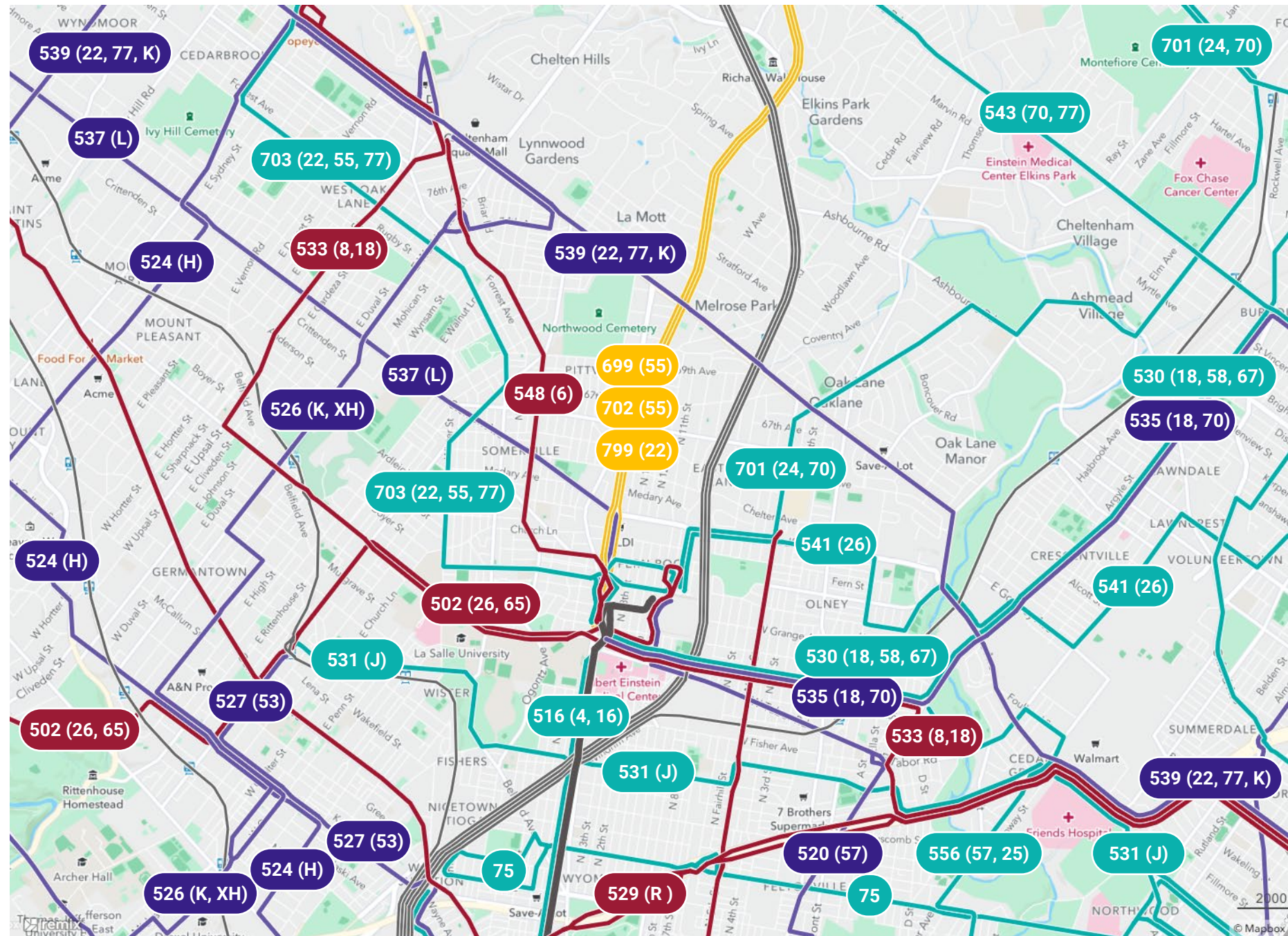
- **10 MAX** service on 4 routes:
 - 502 (26, 65): 69th Street TC – Fern Rock TC via Wissahickon TC and Cheltenham Ave
 - 533 (8, 18): Cedarbrook Plaza – Frankford TC via Olney TC
 - 548 (6): Cheltenham/Ogontz – Olney TC
 - 529 (R): Wissahickon TC – Frankford TC

- **15 MAX** service on 7 routes:
 - 524 (H): Cedarbrook Plaza – Broad/Erie
 - 526 (K, XH): Wissahickon TC – Cedarbrook Plaza
 - 527 (53): Germantown Station – Westmoreland Loop
 - 537 (L): Chestnut Hill Station – Olney TC
 - 539 (22, 77, K): Chestnut Hill Station – Frankford TC via Cheltenham Ave
 - 535 (18, 70): Olney TC – Cottman Ave Loop
 - 520 (57): Fern Rock TC – York/Dauphin Station



Changes in North Philly (north)

- **30 MAX** service on 8 routes:
 - 75 trackless trolley: Wayne Junction Station – Arrott TC
 - 516 (4, 16): Fern Rock TC – Navy Yard via Broad Street
 - 531 (J): Germantown Station – Arrott TC
 - 703 (22, 55, 77): Horsham – Olney TC via Willow Grove Mall and Easton Road
 - 701 (24, 70): Fern Rock TC – Southampton via Fox Chase and Bethayres
 - 541 (26): Fern Rock TC – Frankford TC via Godfrey Ave and Magee Ave
 - 530 (18, 58, 67): Olney TC – Philmont Station via Rising Sun Ave/Verree Ave
 - 556 (57, 25): Rising Sun Ave/Olney Ave – Pier 70/Walmart via American Street and Columbus Blvd
- **60 MAX** service on 3 routes all serving Old York Road:
 - 699 (55) to Doylestown, 702 (55) to Warminster, 799 (22) to Willow Grove



Polling and Q&A



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Public Engagement



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How to Learn More

1. Talk to us at an open house
2. Participate in a virtual meeting
3. Visit the website – www.SEPTAbusrevolution.com



Tell us what you think.



**See What Other Updates
We're Proposing**



**Attend a Community
Open House**



**Join an Upcoming
Online Meeting**

Talk to Us at an Open House

Date	Location
10/18 Tue	Montgomery-Norristown Public Library
10/19 Wed	Phoenixville Rec Center
10/20 Thu	American Legion #366 (Fox Chase)
10/25 Tue	Vogt Recreation Center
10/26 Wed	Cliveden Carriage House
10/28 Fri	Finnegan Rec Center
11/3 Thu	Peak Center - North Penn Commons
11/3 Thu	Chester City Hall
11/5 Sat	East Passyunk Community Center
11/9 Wed	Lucien Blackwell Community Center

Date	Location
11/10 Thu	Bucks County Community College (Bristol)
11/10 Thu	Kingsessing Rec Center
11/12 Sat	Upper Darby Free Library Municipal Branch
11/15 Tue	Lower Merion Administration Building
11/16 Wed	Indian Valley Public Library
11/16 Wed	The Liacouras Center, Temple University
11/30 Wed	Esperanza Arts Center
12/1 Thu	Greater Olney Library
12/5 Mon	West Chester Borough Hall
12/6 Tue	Roxborough Memorial Hospital
12/8 Thu	SEPTA, 1234 Market St.

Check for updates at septabusrevolution.com

Participate in a Virtual Community Conversation

Date and Time	Time	Focus Area
Monday, October 17	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Chester & Delaware Counties
Monday, October 24	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Northeast Philadelphia
Monday, November 7	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Northwest Philadelphia
Monday, November 14	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	South Philadelphia
Monday, November 21	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Bucks & Montgomery Counties
Monday, November 28	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	West Philadelphia
Monday, December 5	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	North Philadelphia
Monday, December 12	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Center City

Register at septabusrevolution.com

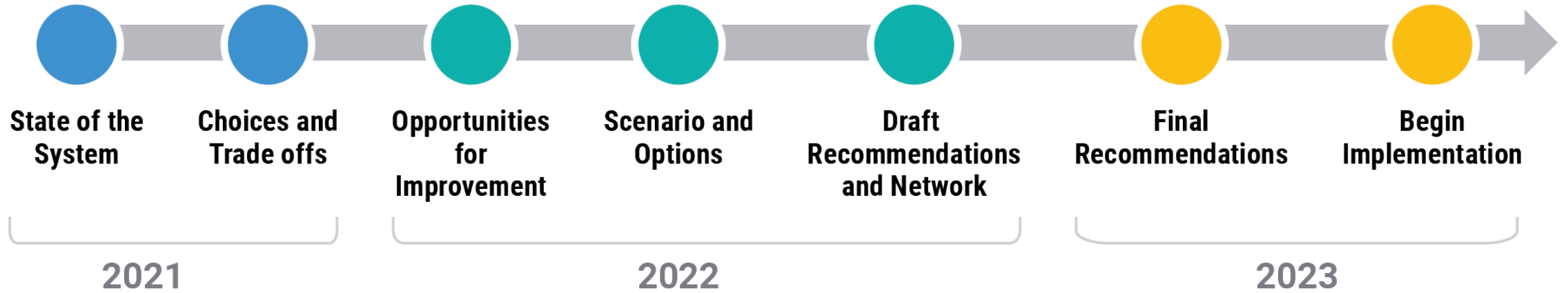
Next Steps



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Project Approach

We are getting to here:





As we finalize the new network, we will be providing more information



Join the Revolution!
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