

**SEPTA Forward:**

# **SEPTA Bus Revolution**

**Virtual Community  
Conversation:**

# **River Wards/ Kensington**

# Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Intro to SEPTA's Bus Revolution
- 3 Draft Bus Network
- 4 Q&A
- 5 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?

- 5 – Front & Market to Frankford TC
- 25 – Columbus Commons to Frankford TC
- 15 – 63<sup>rd</sup> & Girard to Richmond & Westmoreland
- 57 – Whitman Plaza to Rising Sun & Olney or Fern Rock TC

Route	Count
5	73
25	57
15	25
57	20
43	19
89	9
3	9
39	8

*SEPTA bus routes cited most among 128 registrants, as of 12/13/22*

# 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 the River Wards/Kensington area
  - Presentation & Interactive Map
  - Polling questions
  - Q&A – Ask us about your route! (Chat box)

## Ground rules:


- Please remain muted to avoid accidental interruptions.
- Submit your questions using the Chat box. When posting questions, try to keep them concise, so we can get to as many as possible.

# SEPTA's Bus Revolution



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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 arranged in a way that suggests a complex, interconnected system.

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



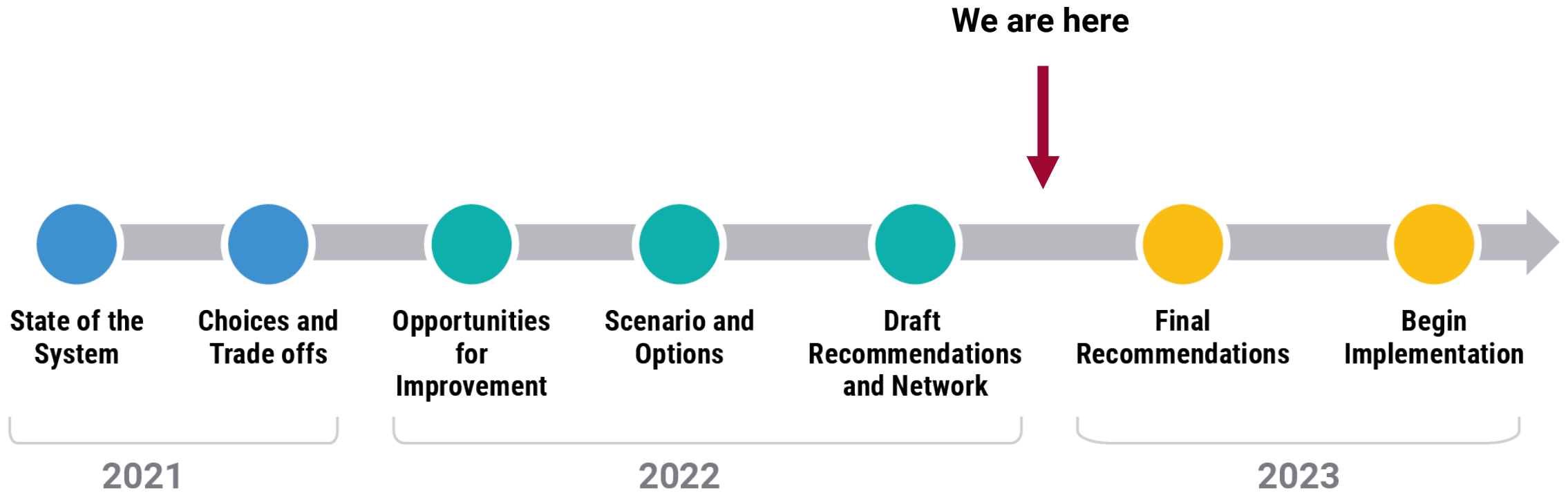
# Why Now?

- SEPTA Forward all working together towards a more fully integrated network serving a wide variety of trips
- SEPTA has never looked at its network comprehensively before
- Elimination of transfer penalty in 2020 offers opportunity to rethink how people can use the system
- Between 2013 & 2019 – ridership dropped 13% but operating costs went up 10%
- Bus ridership is 30-40% below pre-COVID levels





# Project Approach

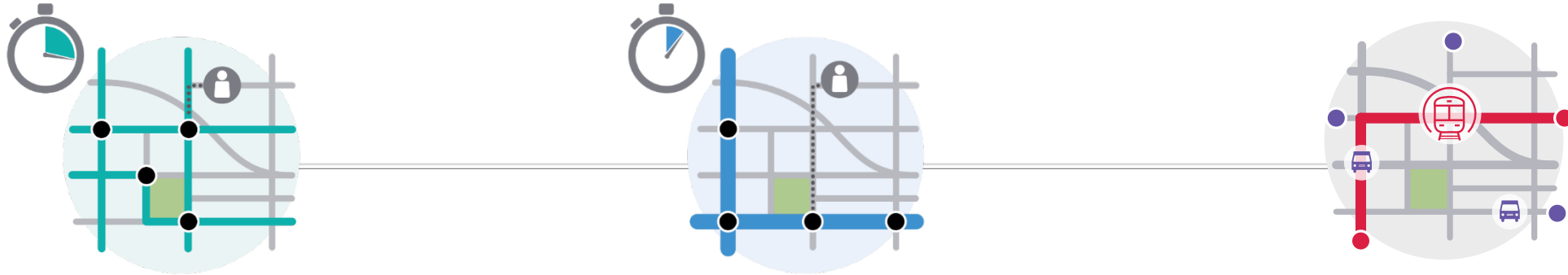


# Introducing the Draft Bus Network

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# SEPTA's Draft Bus Network: Strategic Approach



- **More frequent bus service**  
- all day, every day

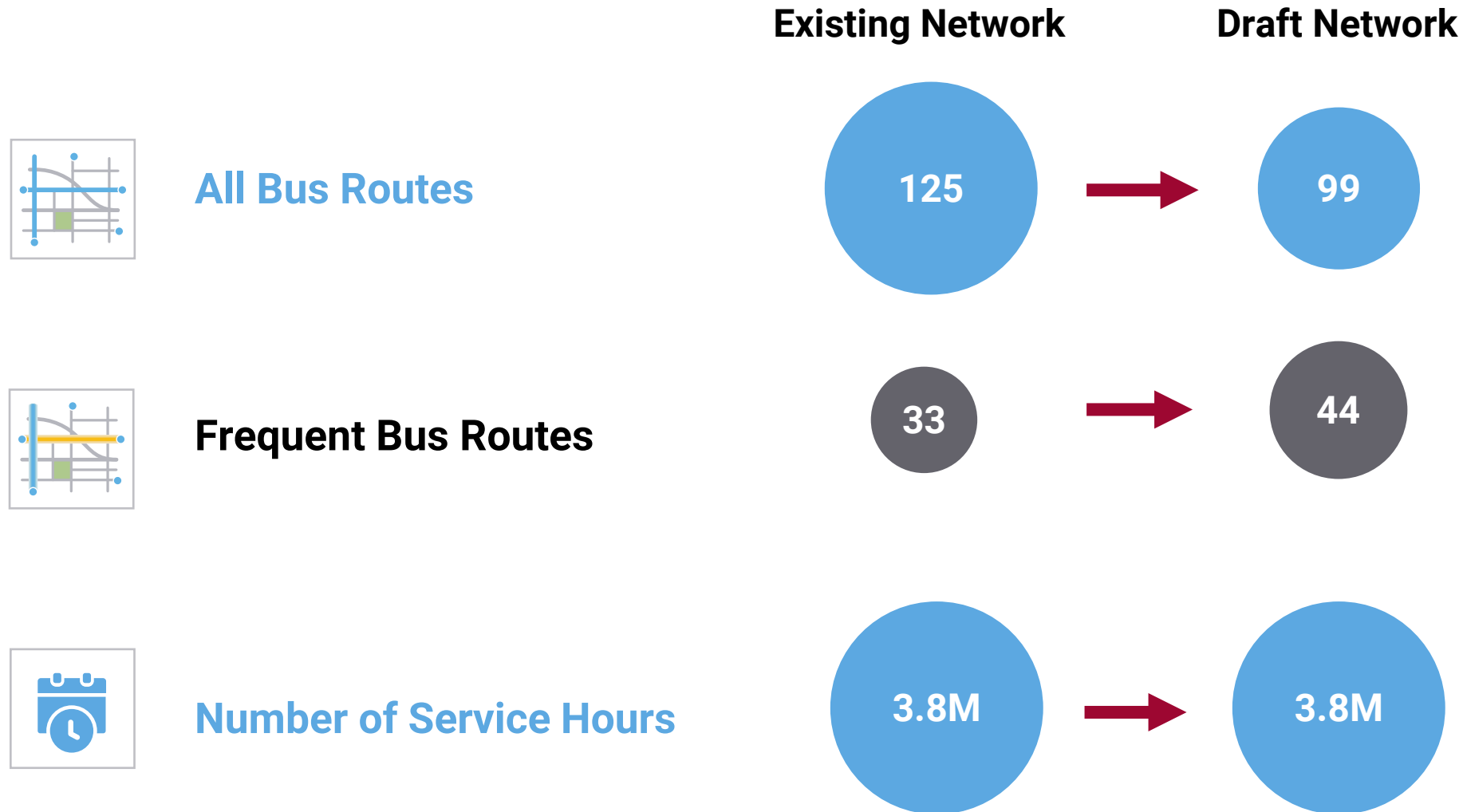
- **More consistent schedules**

- Straighter, more **direct bus routes**

- **Better connections** to other SEPTA services

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









# Bus Revolution Draft Network



# 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**

	<b>10 MAX</b>		<b>Metro</b>
	<b>15 MAX</b>		<b>Trolley</b>
	<b>30 MAX</b>		<b>Regional Rail</b>
	<b>60 MAX</b>		<b>Microtransit Zone</b>

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



# River Wards and Kensington



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# Key Proposed Changes

- New routes: **10 MAX 517**
  - Frankford to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (combines parts of Route 3 and 5)
  - Connects across Cecil B Moore
- New route: **15 MAX 522**
  - Connects Frankford to Spring Garden via Aramingo and Girard (combines parts of Routes 30 and 43)
- New route: **30 MAX 556**
  - Connects Rising Sun/Olney to shopping on Pier 70 (combines parts of 57 and 25)



# Learn More



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# How to Learn More

1. Visit the website
2. Leave a comment
3. Look out for us in 2023



**Tell us what you think.**



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



**Attend a Community  
Open House**



**Join an Upcoming  
Online Meeting**

# Visit our website



## SYSTEM MAP

The SEPTA system map shows all routes color coded by frequency. View the map online or pick up a printed version.



## INDIVIDUAL ROUTES

Look up your bus route to see if it's changed. These information sheets show any proposed changes to each specific route, frequency, or schedule.




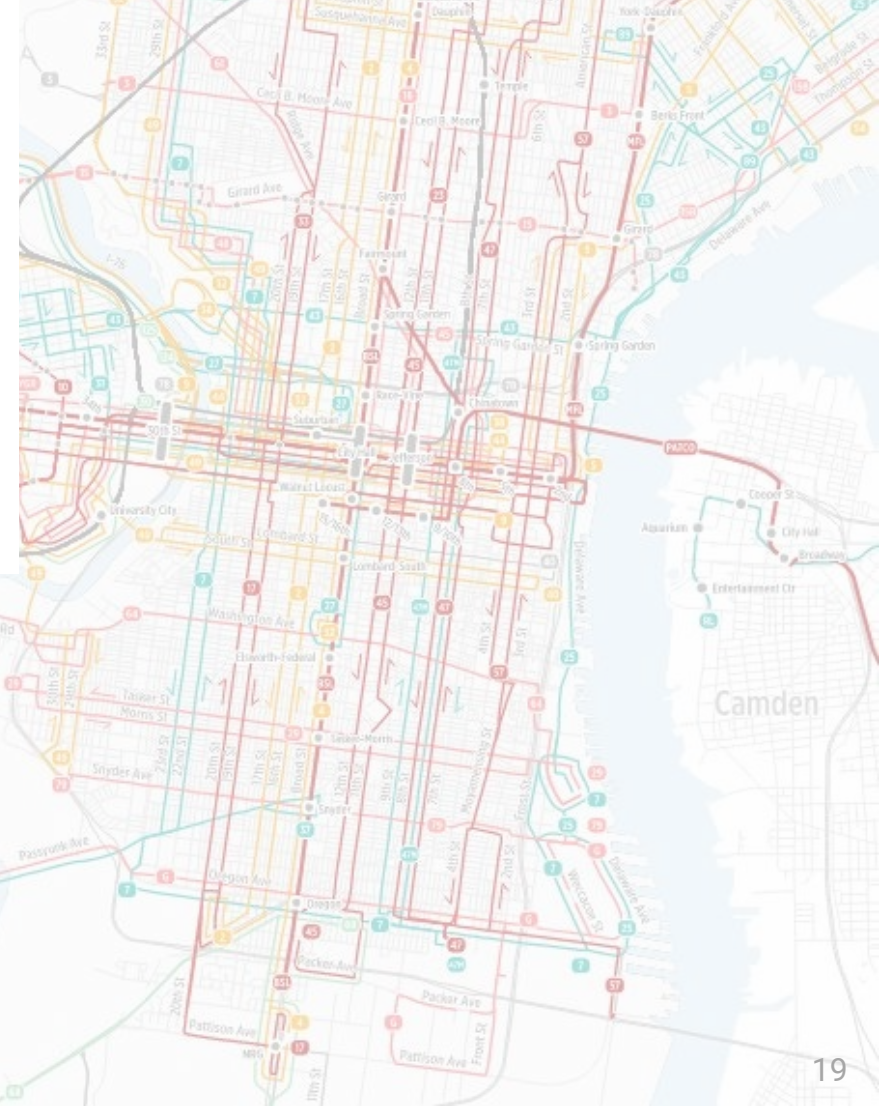
## TRANSIT

Compare your current trip with the proposed network in the Transit App.



## WEBSITE

Visit **our website** for all this information and more! You'll find more information about the proposed changes and how to give feedback.



**Bus Revolution**

Your ride is  
about to get  
**more reliable.**



Find out what we're proposing.

