



**Northwest  
Philly**

**Bus Revolution Webinar**  
April 24, 2023



# Agenda

- 1 Introduction
- 2 What We Heard
- 3 Review Routes and Proposed Changes
- 4 Questions & Answers



# Who's In the Room?

- **Registration Question:**
- What bus route(s) do you take most frequently?
  - 9 and 27 most cited
  - See table (right)
- **We have some questions for you, too!**

Route	Count*
9	60
27	58
32	20
H	20
23	19
XH	18
65	17
L	12
18	11
22	8
53	7
61	7
26	6

\*Among 125 registrants, as of 4/24/2023



**First off,  
thank you!**

**Thank you for providing feedback**  
and letting us know what worked—  
and what didn't work—on the  
Fall 2022 Draft Network.



**We  
hear  
you!**



**Here's  
what we  
heard!**

# Feedback Themes

- Transfers and one-seat rides
- Routes being eliminated
- Personal safety and security
- Access to schools
- Frequency
- Weekend service
- Simplicity

Why are you going to make me transfer?



# Parts of the Draft Network to Keep



## Increased frequency of service

Riders like increased service levels on weekend days and evenings.



## Simpler network overall to enhance reliability

Riders and residents liked the simplicity of the updated network.



## Focus on connectivity

New connections so people can get further, faster.

We  
heard:

Why are you  
going to make  
me **transfer**?



## We've updated the draft network to:

- Reduce the number of trips that require a transfer
- Prioritize **one-seat rides** for short trips
- Prioritize trips with strong ridership

### *What's a one-seat ride?*

*A one-seat ride is when you can use one bus to get you to your final destination.*

We  
heard:

What's going on  
with **school  
service**? How is  
my child going to  
get to school?



## We've updated the draft network to:

- Met with school district to better understand their needs and concerns
- Show SEPTA bus routes that connect to schools
- Add bus service back at key times to make sure there won't be overcrowding when students are traveling

We  
heard:

I don't feel **safe**  
**waiting** for  
SEPTA. Please  
don't make me  
transfer.



## We've updated the draft network to:

- Reduce the number of trips that require a transfer, including to the MFL or BSL
- Start working with partners across the region to make bus stops and transfer location safer
- Continue to focus on safety and security so everyone feels comfortable using SEPTA

### *What is the SCOPE program?*

Scope is SEPTA's strategy to address safety, security and the challenges of the vulnerable population on our system.

We  
heard:

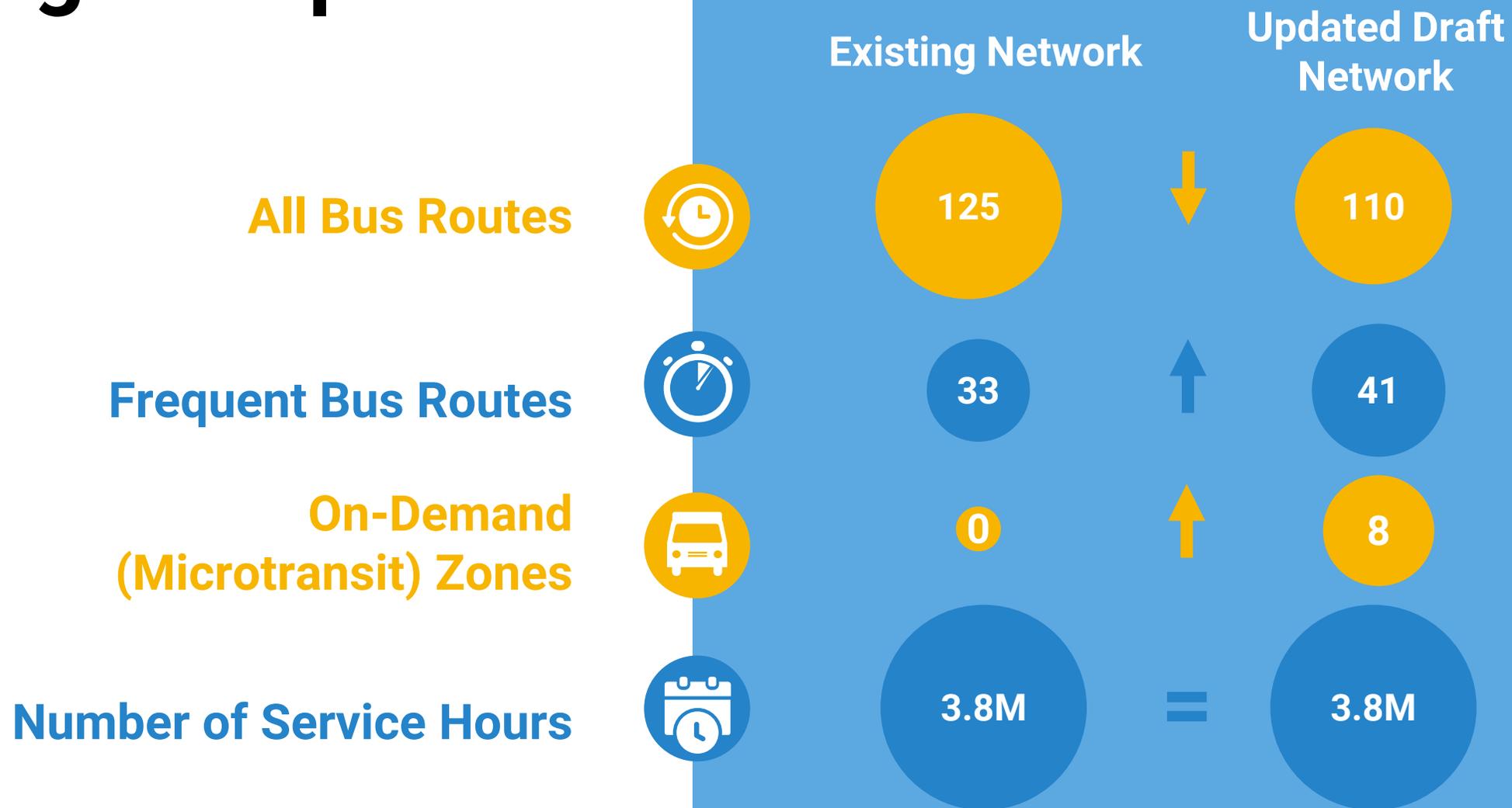
I don't  
understand these  
**route numbers.**  
What's going on?



## We've updated the draft network to:

- Use as much of the existing route numbers as possible
- Keep a reference to the ones we used before, for people who want them.
- Keep talking to riders about how we number and name our bus routes

# Existing vs. Updated Draft





**Let's look  
at some  
bus routes**

# Route 9

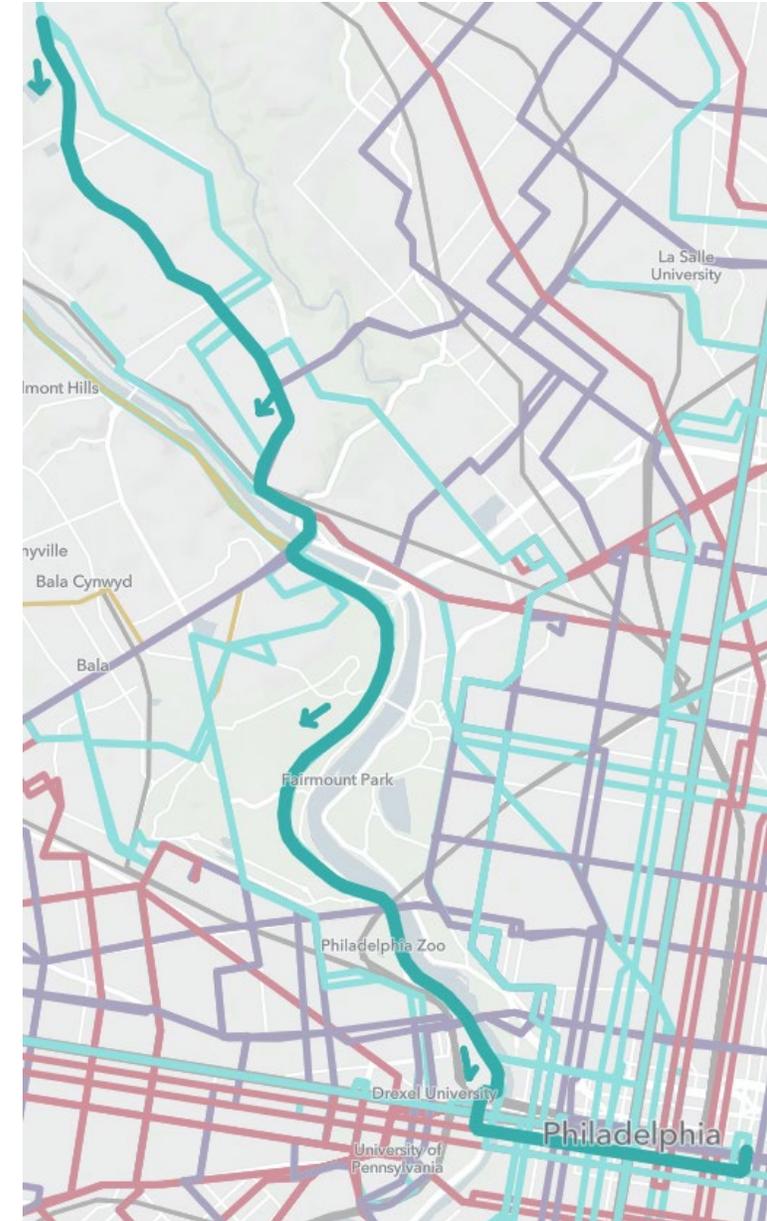
Ridge & Cathedral to 5<sup>th</sup> & Market



## Proposed Route 9

Ridge & Cathedral to 5<sup>th</sup> & Market

- Every 15 minutes during weekday peak periods; every 30 minutes or better at most other times including weekends
- More frequent Sunday service
- Uses existing routing with slight change to Center City location for beginning/end of route

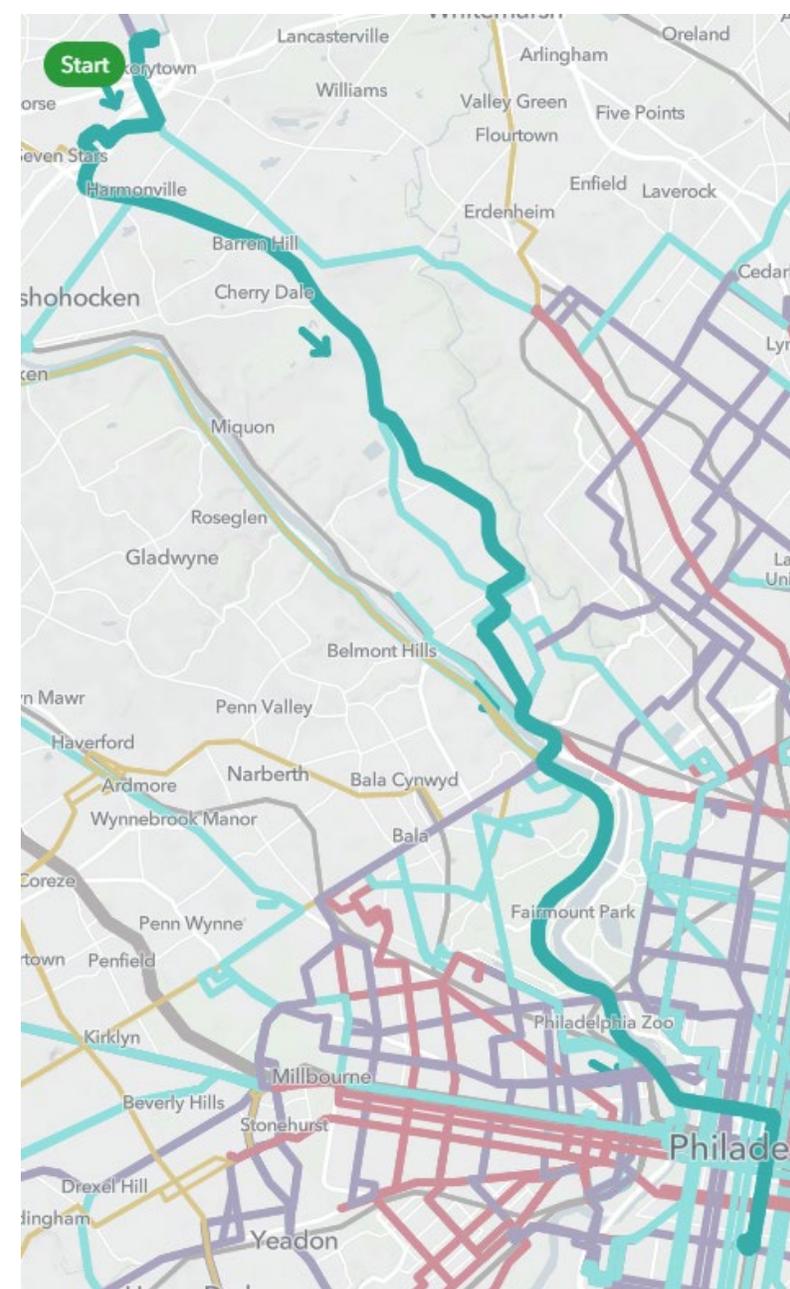


# Route 27

**Plymouth Meeting Mall to  
Broad & Carpenter**

## **Proposed Route 27** **Plymouth Meeting Mall to Broad & Carpenter**

- 15-minute service during weekday peak periods
  - 30-minute service at most other times including weekends
- More frequent Sunday service
- Simpler service with all trips to and from Plymouth Meeting
- Uses existing route path



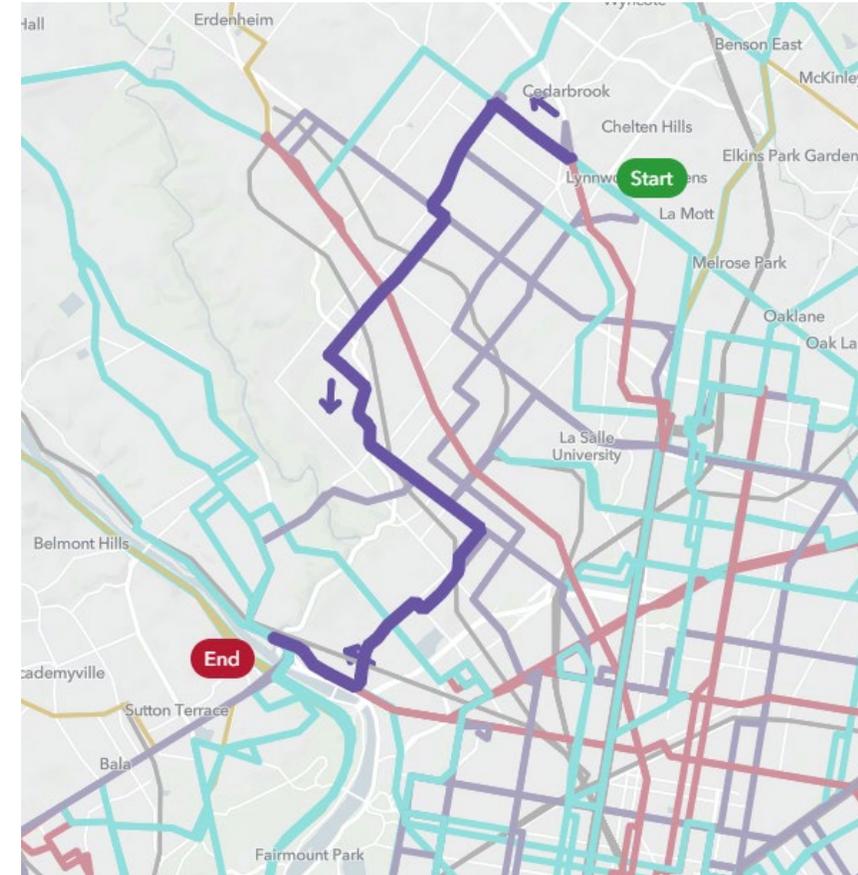
# Route H

Cheltenham & Ogontz to  
Wissahickon Trans. Center



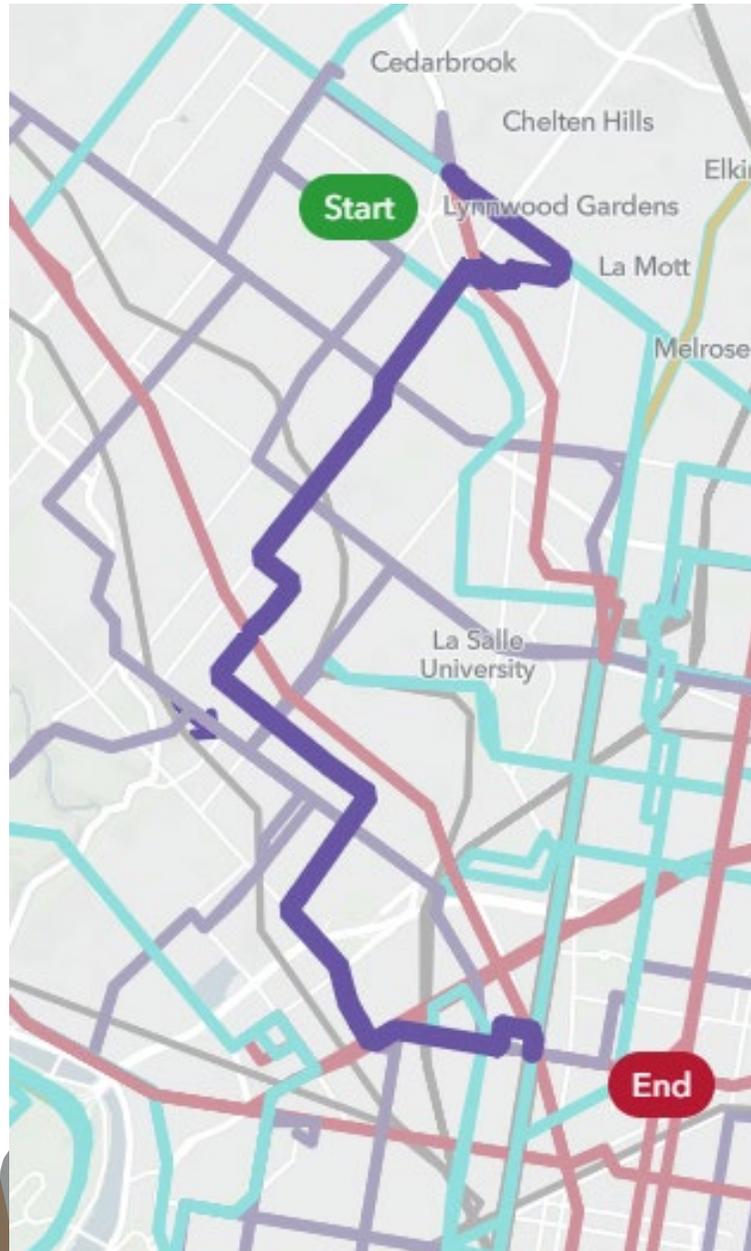
## Proposed Route H Cheltenham & Ogontz to Wissahickon Trans. Center

- **New frequent route:** 15-minute service at most times on all days
- Combined with part of Route K to connect with Wissahickon TC
- Moved from Greene to Wayne Ave.
- Route XH will continue to serve Broad-Erie and Greene St.



# Route XH

Cheltenham & Ogontz to Broad & Erie



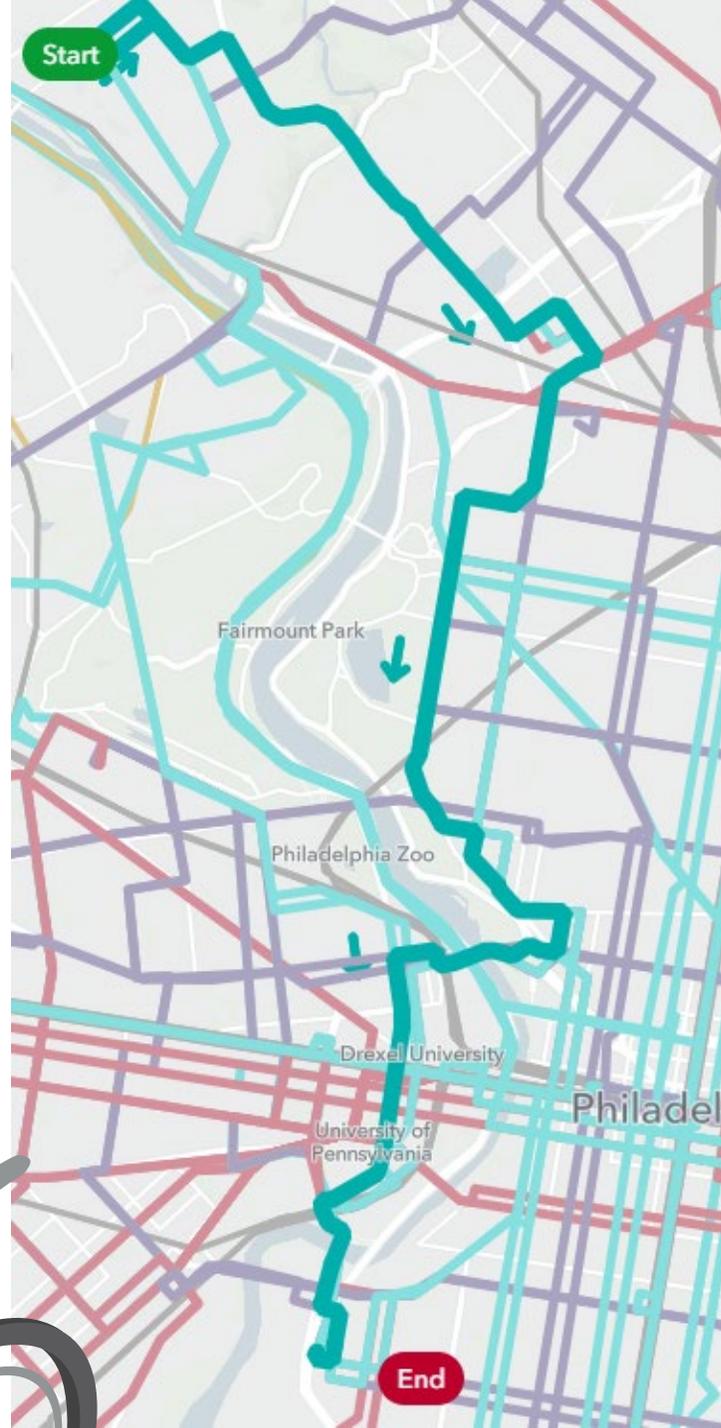
## Proposed Route XH

Cheltenham & Ogontz to Broad & Erie

- **New frequent route** - at least every 15 minutes every day, all day
- No change to the existing route path

# Route 32/49A

Lyceum & Ridge to 33rd &  
Dickinson Loop



## Proposed Route 32/49A

Lyceum & Ridge to 33rd &  
Dickinson Loop

- Every 30 minutes every day, all day
- Every other trip continues north to Lyceum and Ridge
- Restores critical connections to University City
- Routes 9 and 27 will serve Center City

# Route 26/65

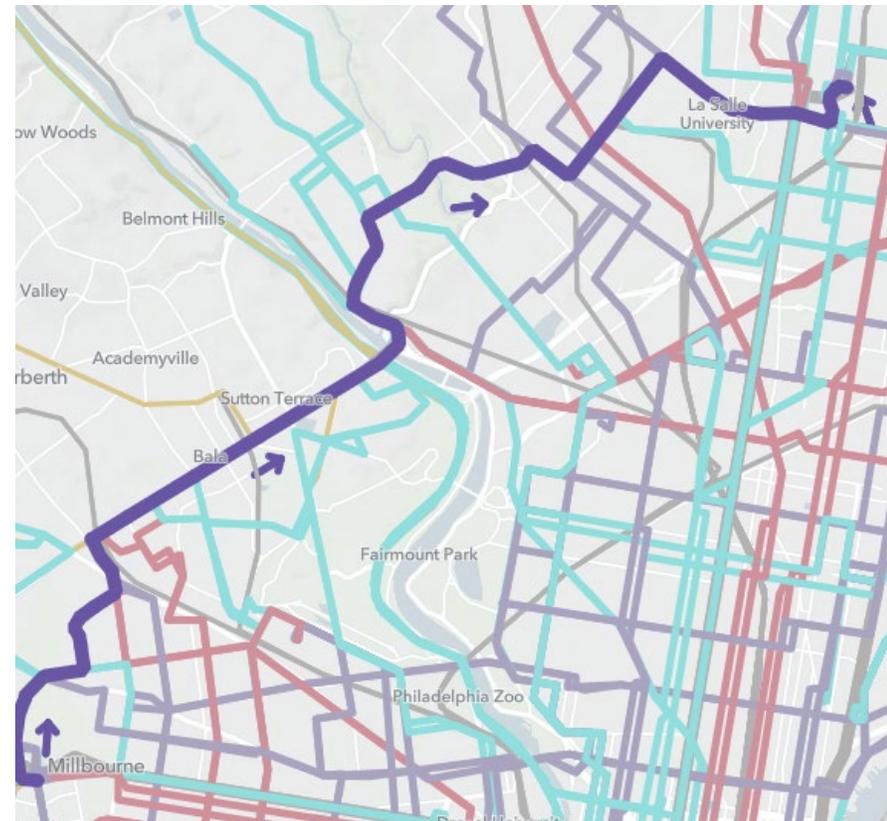
69<sup>th</sup> Street Trans. Center  
to Fern Rock Trans.  
Center



## Proposed Route 26/65

69<sup>th</sup> Street Trans. Center to Fern Rock Trans. Center

- **Frequent Route:** 15 minutes on weekdays and weekends
- Available 24 hours a day
- Extends Route 65 to Fern Rock
- Maintains connection at Wissahickon; adds connection at Olney



# Route 53

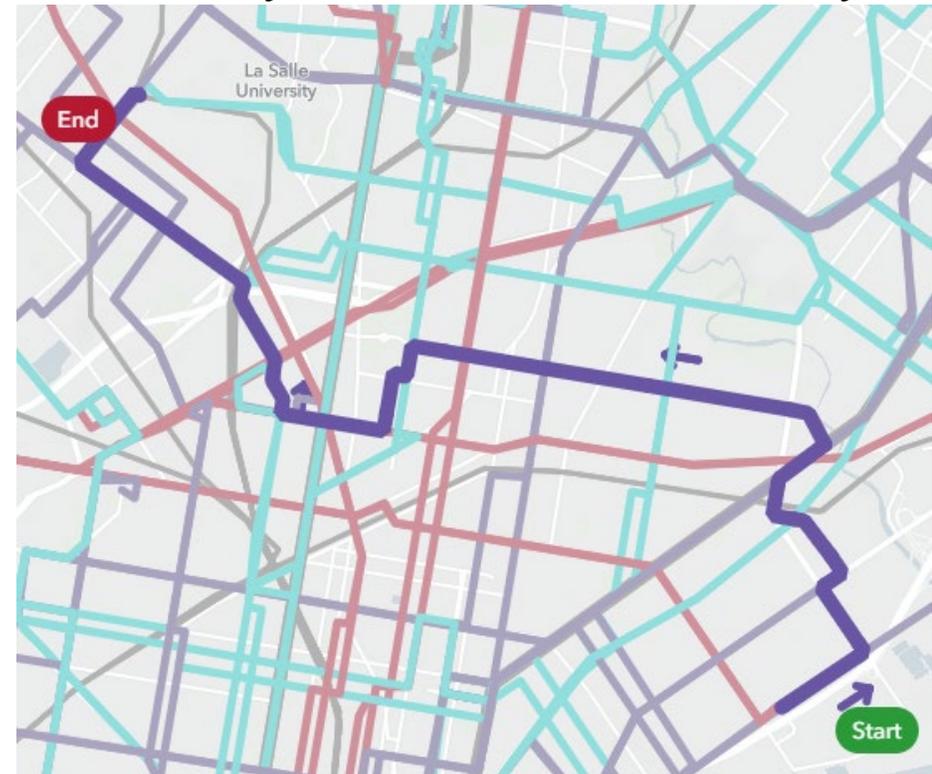
Germantown RR Station  
to Richmond &  
Westmoreland



## Proposed Route 53

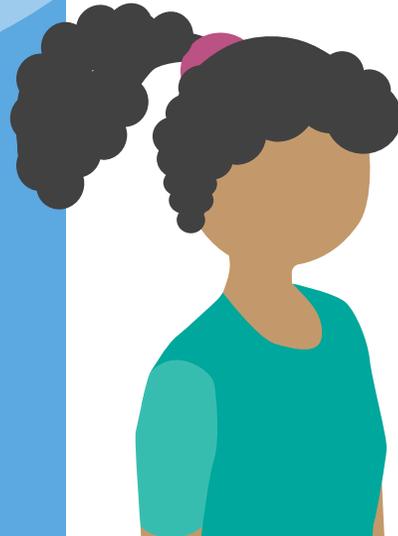
Germantown RR Station to Richmond & Westmoreland

- **New frequent route** - 15 minutes on weekdays and weekends
- Extended eastward to connect with MFL at Erie-Torresdale
- Western portion of Wayne Ave. will be served by Route H



# Route 8/18

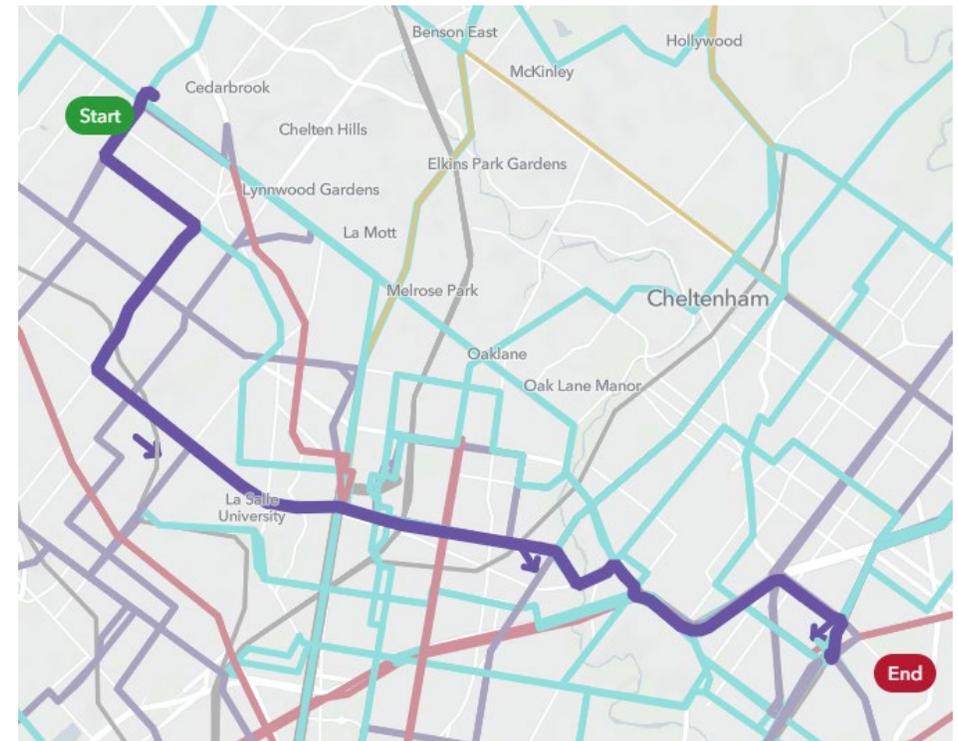
Cedarbrook Plaza to  
Frankford Trans. Center



## Proposed Route 8/18

Cedarbrook Plaza to Frankford Trans. Center

- **Frequent route** - 10 minutes during weekday peak periods and 15 minutes at most other times
- Combines western portion of Route 18 with Route 8 to connect with both Olney and Frankford Trans. Centers
- More direct alignment in NW Philly



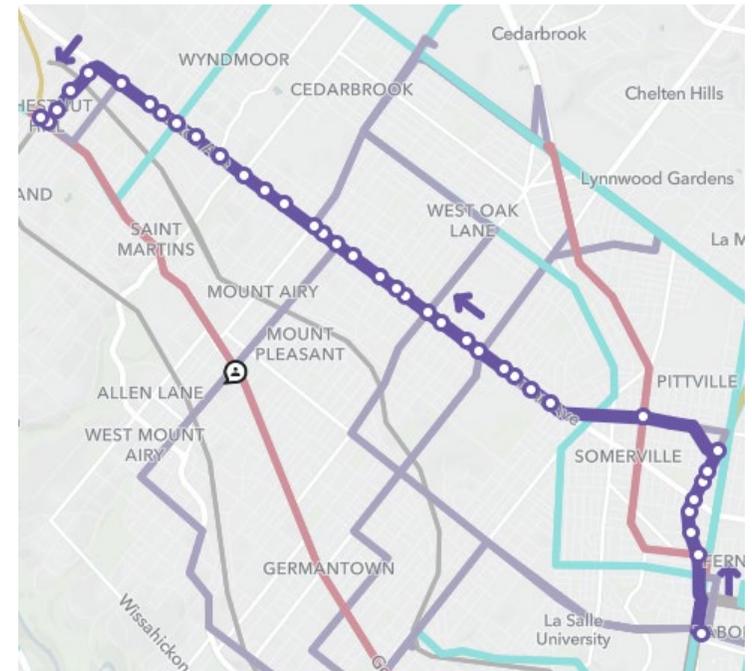
# Route L

Chestnut Hill Loop to Olney Trans. Center

## Proposed Route L

Chestnut Hill Loop to Olney Trans. Center

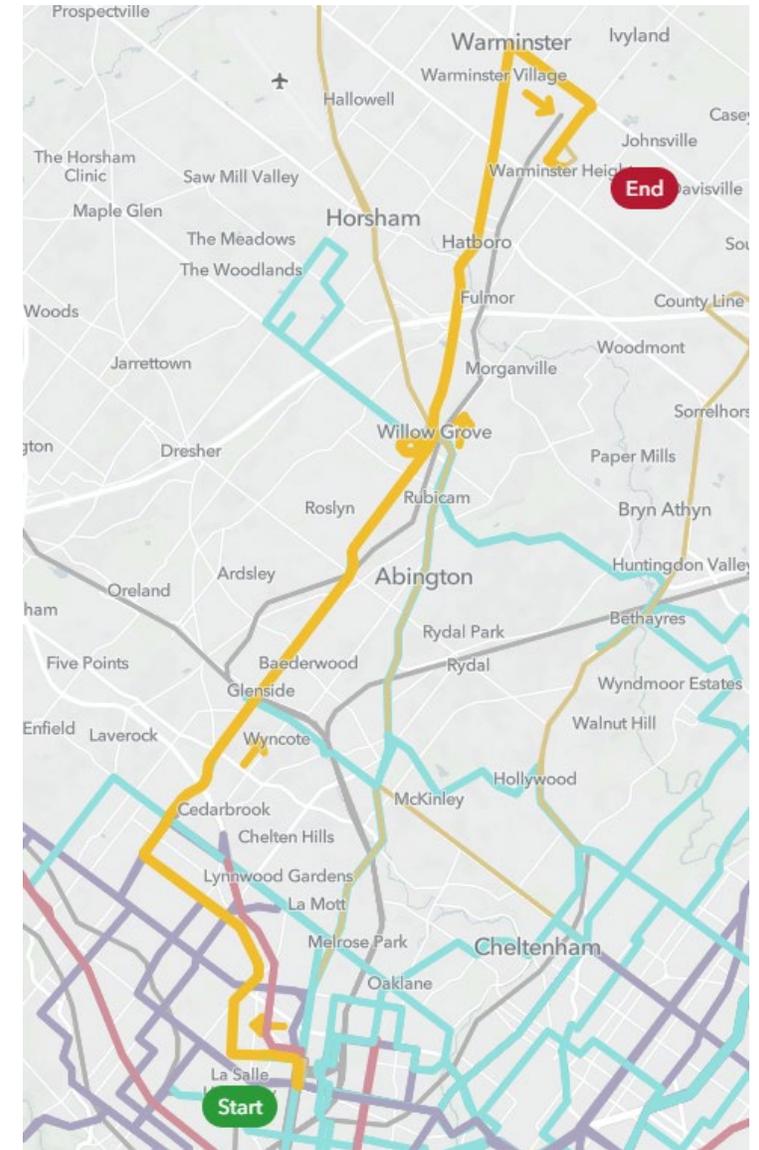
- Shortened and simplified to operate the same way on all trips using the current express routing of Route L
- Travels on Stenton Ave., 66<sup>th</sup> Ave., and Old York Road
- Route 97 will connect Chestnut Hill Loop with Plymouth Meeting Mall



# Route 22

## Proposed Route 22 Olney Trans. Center to Willow Grove Mall (or Warminster)

- 30-minute service to Willow Grove with every other trip continuing to Warminster
- Route 22A for trips which continue from Willow Grove to Warminster

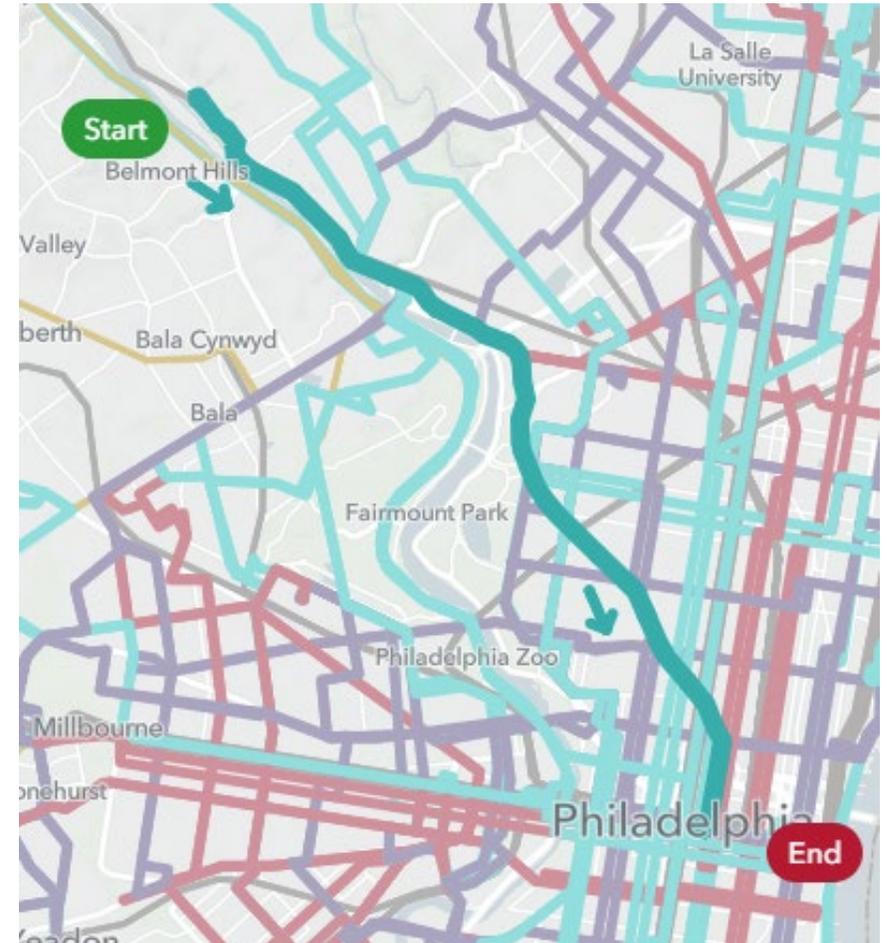


# Route 61



## Proposed Route 61 13<sup>th</sup> & Market to Ivy Ridge Station

- Similar to existing path - extended to Ivy Ridge Station and change to Center City beginning/end location



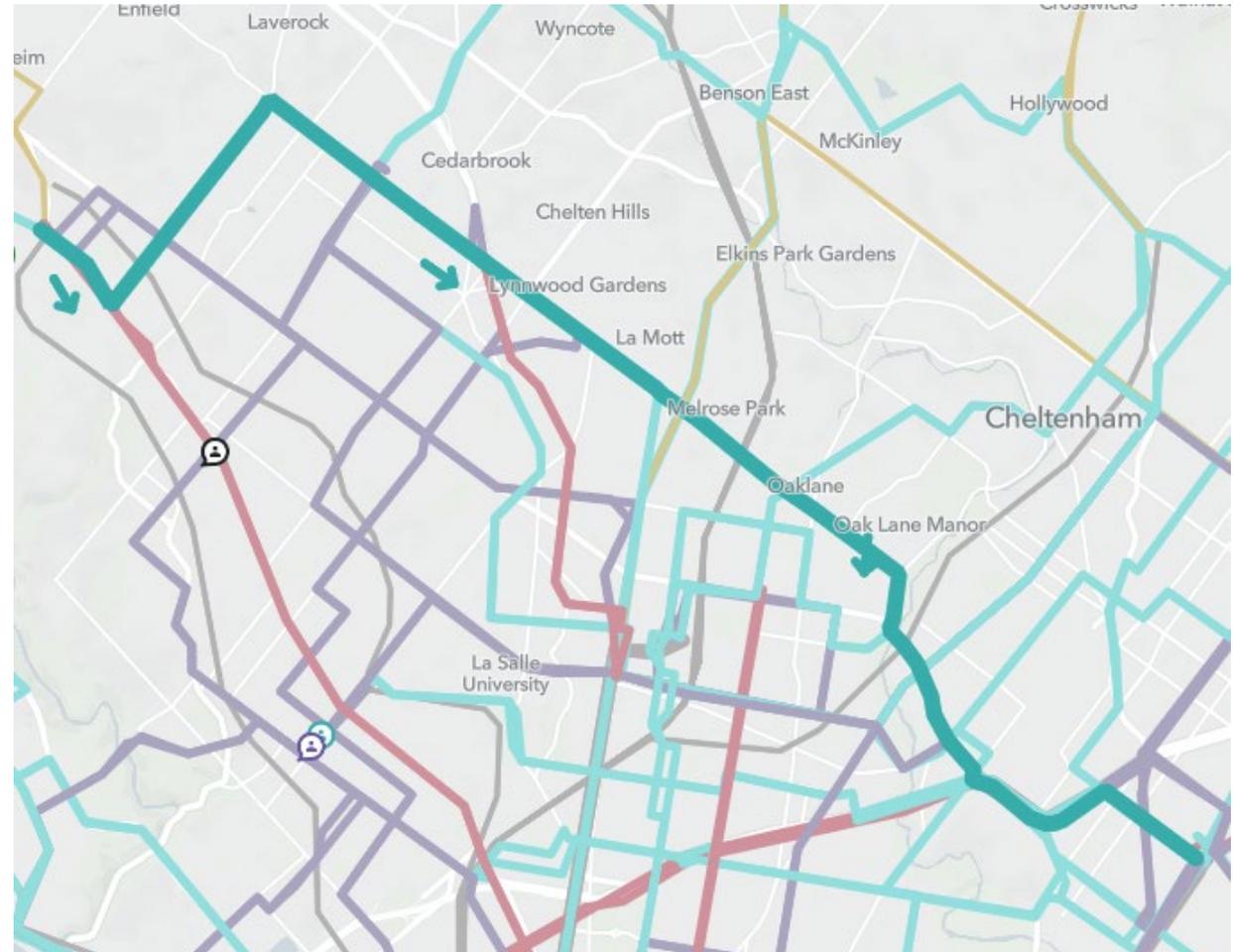
# New Route 539

Chestnut Hill Loop to  
Frankford TC



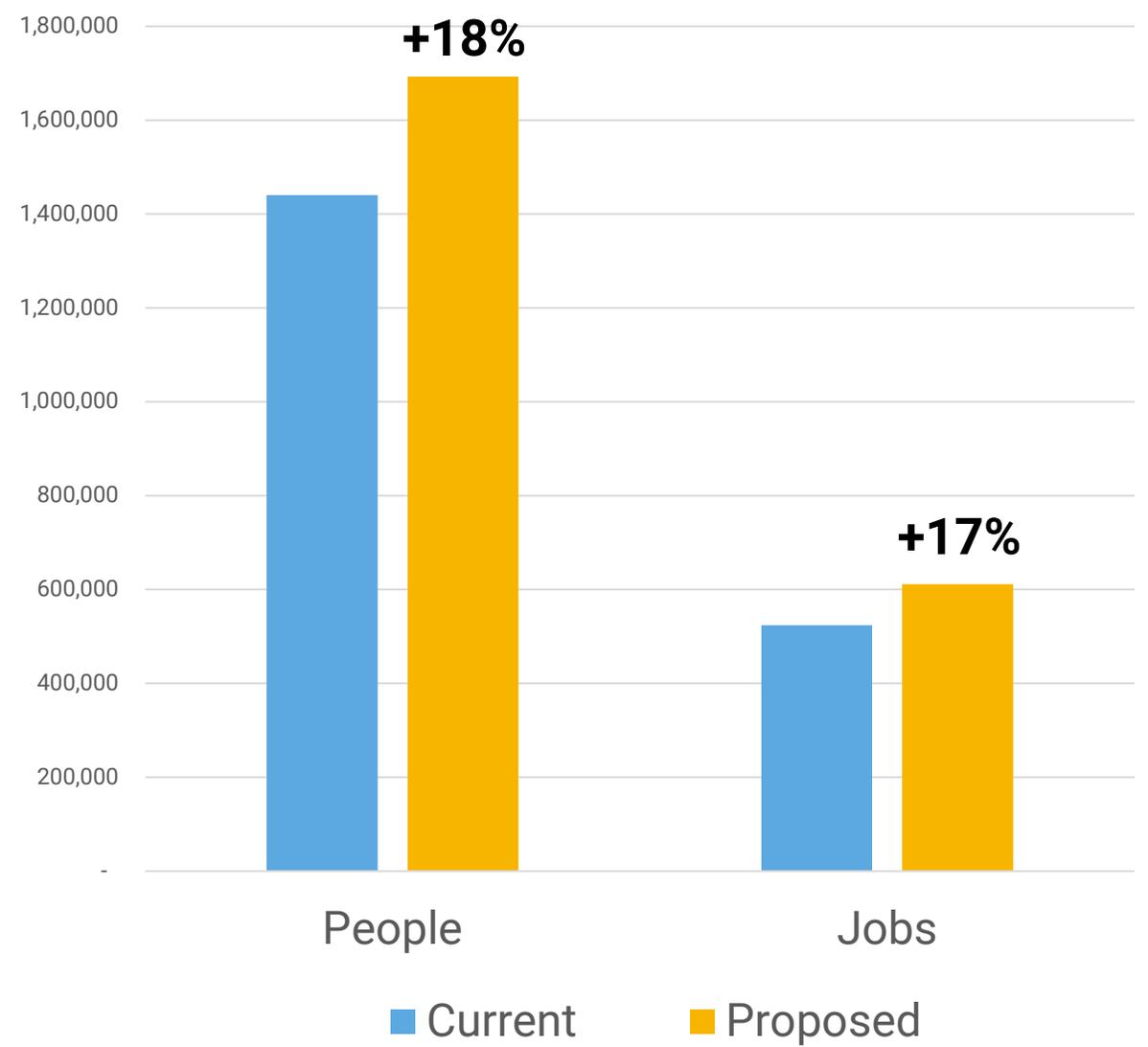
## Proposed New Route 539 Chestnut Hill Loop to Frankford Trans. Center

- Via Cheltenham Ave. and Adams Ave.
- New connections between NE Philly, Montco, NW Philly



# People and Jobs within ¼ mile of Frequent Transit (Weekdays at Noon)

Access to  
Frequent  
Transit

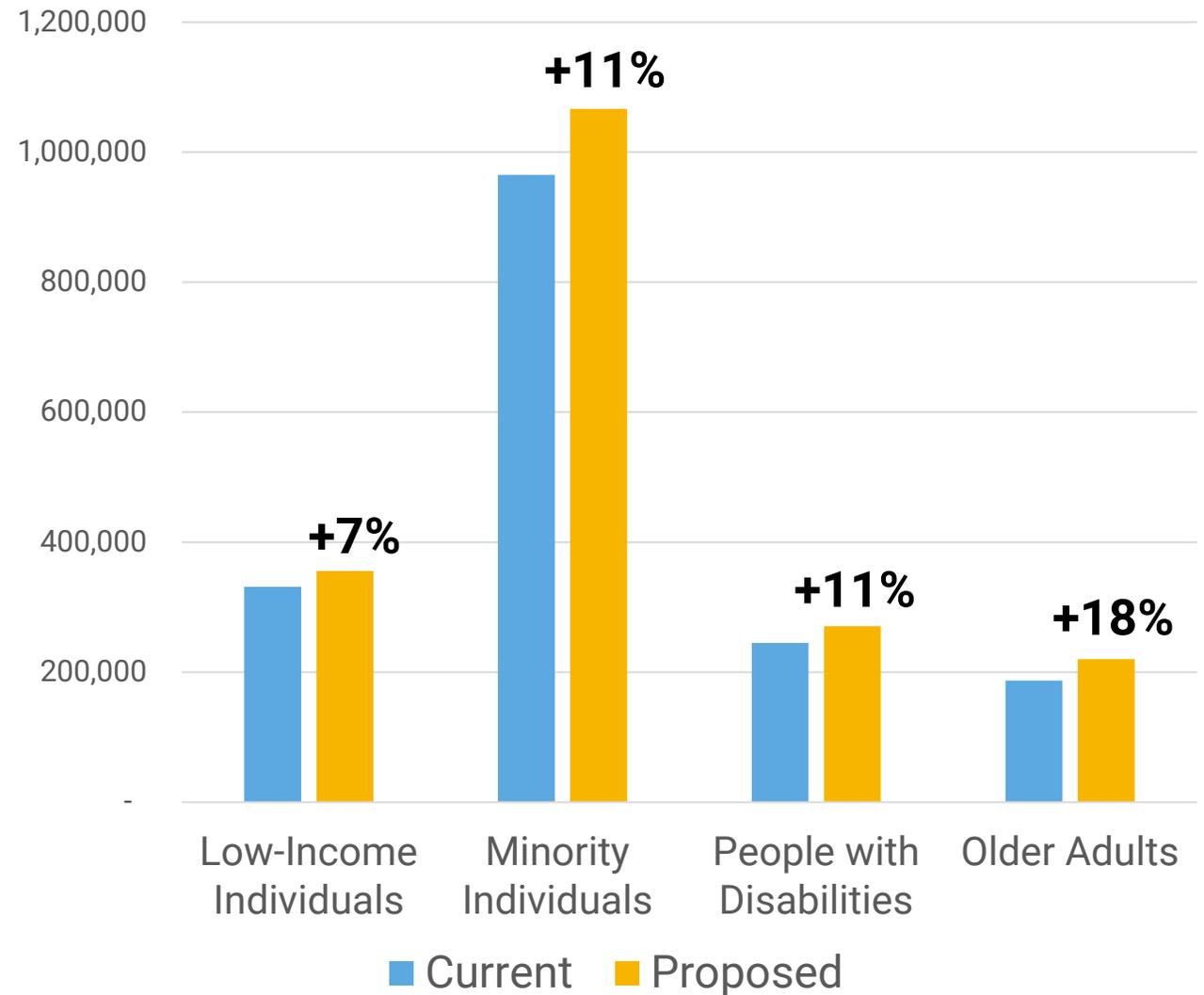


## Access to Frequent Transit:

- Low-Income
- Racial Minorities
- Older Adults
- People with Disabilities



## People within ¼ mile of Frequent Transit (Weekdays at Noon)





We're  
**not finished**  
listening!

# What's Next

- Meeting people where they are – at bus stops, and at transportation centers
- Updated materials that are **easier to understand**
- Make it easy to see **what has and hasn't changed**
- Provide simpler information on **individual routes**



# Project Website

**SEPTAbusrevolution.com**

- Weekly updates and responses to comments

## Explore the Updated Draft Network

From more frequent routes, to straighter commutes: Find out how your route works in the new draft network!

SYSTEM MAPS

SLIDER MAP

REMIX MAP

## Route By Route Information

PICK A LINE

LIST OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO INDIVIDUAL ROUTES

## Route Information By Sub Area

PICK SUB AREA



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- Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM
- Register online or look for email alert

Monday	Areas
<del>April 3</del>	<del>South and North Philadelphia</del>
<del>April 10</del>	<del>No Meeting</del>
<del>April 17</del>	<del>West Philadelphia and Center City</del>
April 24	Northwest Philadelphia
May 1	Northeast Philadelphia
May 8	Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties

# Project Bus Tour

- We'll be at Transportation Centers and bus stops around the region.



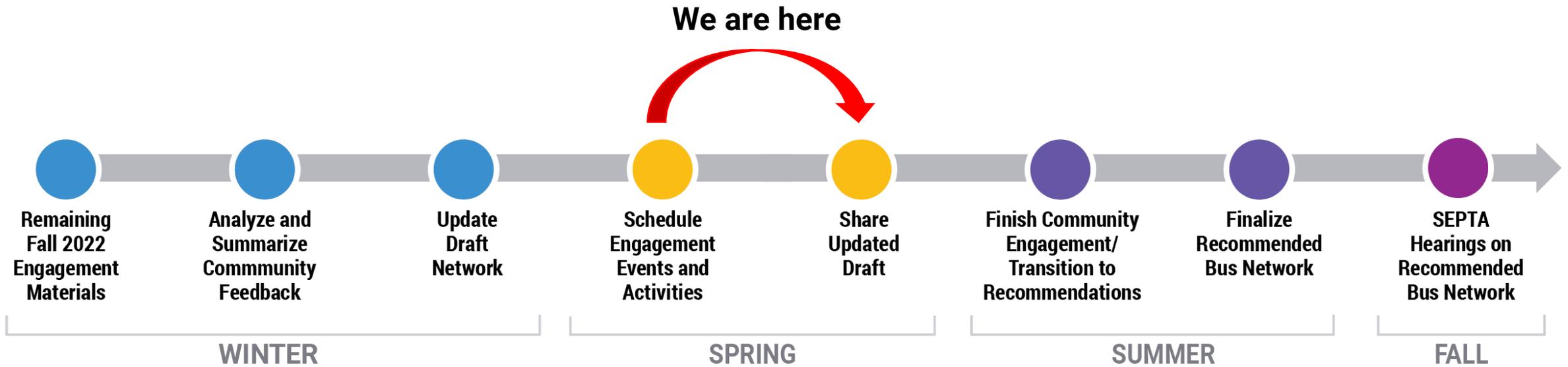
Date	Location and Time
Monday April 3	69 <sup>th</sup> Street Terminal 3 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday April 4	Norristown Transportation Center 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM  Plymouth Meeting Mall 10 AM to 1 PM
Tuesday April 11	Olney Transportation Center 3 PM to 6 PM
Wednesday April 12	15 <sup>th</sup> and JFK 3 PM to 6 PM
Thursday April 13	Frankford Transportation Center 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 18	Chester Transportation Center 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM  Darby Transportation Center 10:30 AM – 1 PM
Wednesday, April 19	23 <sup>rd</sup> & Venango Loop 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM  Wissahickon Transportation Center 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday, April 26	Willow Grove Mall 3 PM to 6 PM
Thursday, April 27	Broad & Oregon 3 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday May 2	Frankford Transportation Center 3 PM to 6 PM
Wednesday May 3	69 <sup>th</sup> Street Terminal 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Thursday May 4	Olney Transportation Center 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

# Community Meetings



Date	Location
Wednesday, April 5th	East Passyunk Rec (1025 Mifflin Street)
Wednesday, April 12th	Kingsessing Rec Center (4901 Kingsessing Avenue)
Thursday, April 13th	Mayfair Community Center (2990 St Vincent Street)
Wednesday, April 19th	Bustleton Memorial American Legion Post 810 (9151 Old Newtown Road)
Thursday, April 20th	Simons Recreation Center (7200 Woolston Avenue)
Tuesday, April 25th	Northwest Regional Library (68 W. Cheltenham Avenue)
Wednesday, April 26th	Dropsie College (2331 N. Broad Street)
Thursday, April 27th	SEPTA Headquarters (1234 Market Street) – focus on school service
Monday, May 1st	St. Joseph's University
Wednesday, May 3rd	Guerin Recreation Center (2201 S. 16th Street)
Thursday May 4th	Community Center at Visitation (2646 Kensington Avenue)
Tuesday May 9th	Holy Name of Jesus Parish (701 Gaul Street)
Wednesday, May 10th	Lucien Blackwell Community Center (761 N. 47th Street)
Thursday May 11th	First African Baptist Church of Darby Township (901 Clifton Avenue, Sharon Hill)

# Bus Revolution Year Ahead: 2023





**Q&A  
Discussion**

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