



Philadelphia Schools

Bus Revolution Webinar
April 27, 2023



Agenda

- 1 Welcome/Introduction
- 2 SEPTA Forward: Bus Revolution
- 3 Spring 2023 Network
- 4 Questions & Answers





**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're
not finished
listening!

What is Bus Revolution

A stylized diagram of a bus network. It features several colored lines (purple, red, yellow, teal, grey) connecting various nodes (circles and stars) in a networked pattern. The nodes are distributed across the diagram, with some lines being horizontal and others diagonal.

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



Bus Revolution Project Goals



Put the Rider First

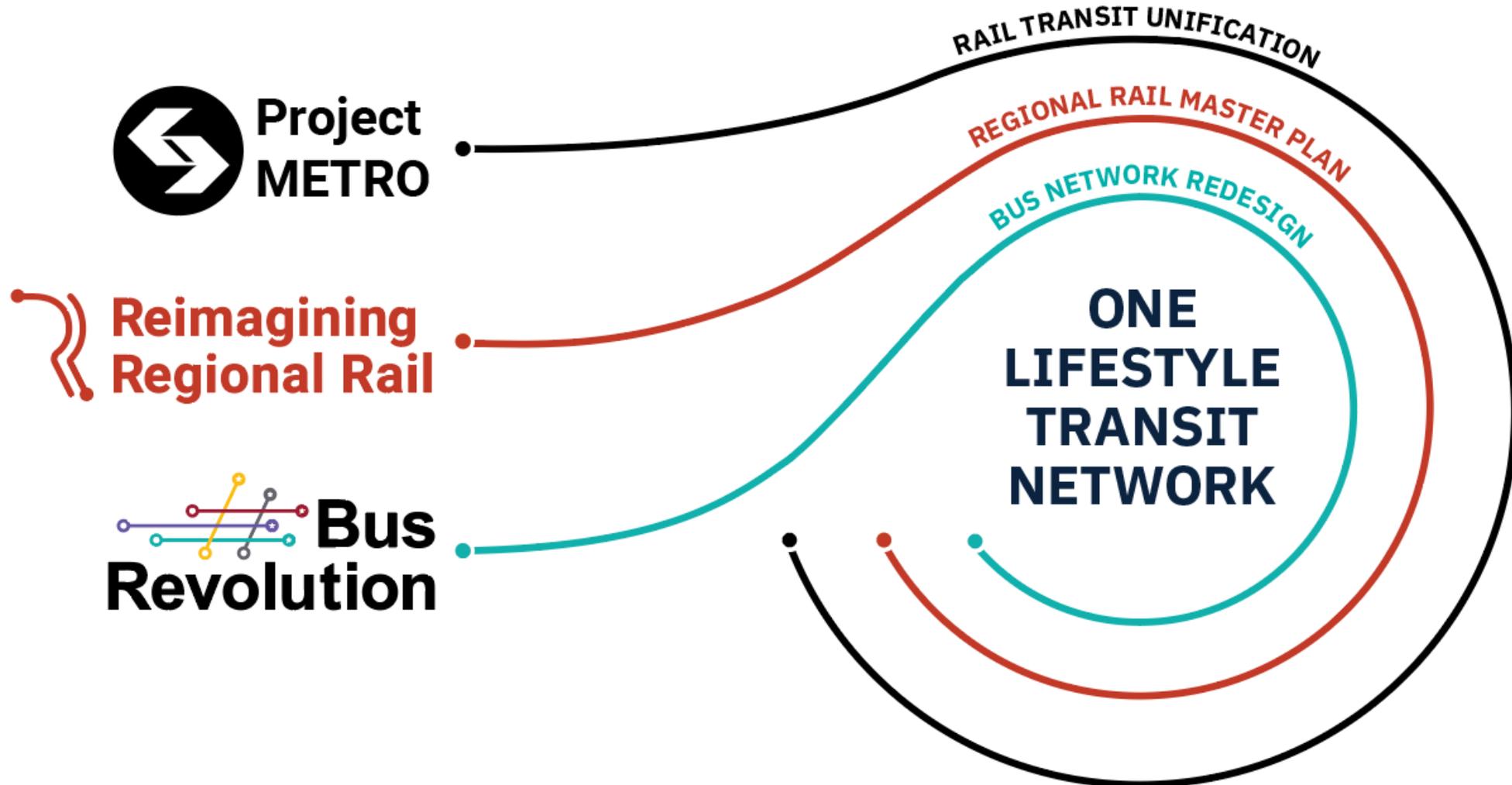


**Increase Access
to Opportunity**



**Build Trust with
Reliable Service**

SEPTA Forward – Key Projects



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
- Between 2013 & 2019 – ridership dropped 13% but operating costs went up 10%
- Elimination of transfer penalty in 2020 offers opportunity to rethink how people can use the system



Bus Revolution Year Ahead: 2023





**Here's
what we
heard!**

Feedback Themes

- Transfers and one-seat rides
- Routes being eliminated
- Personal safety and security
- Access to schools

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:

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:

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:

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:

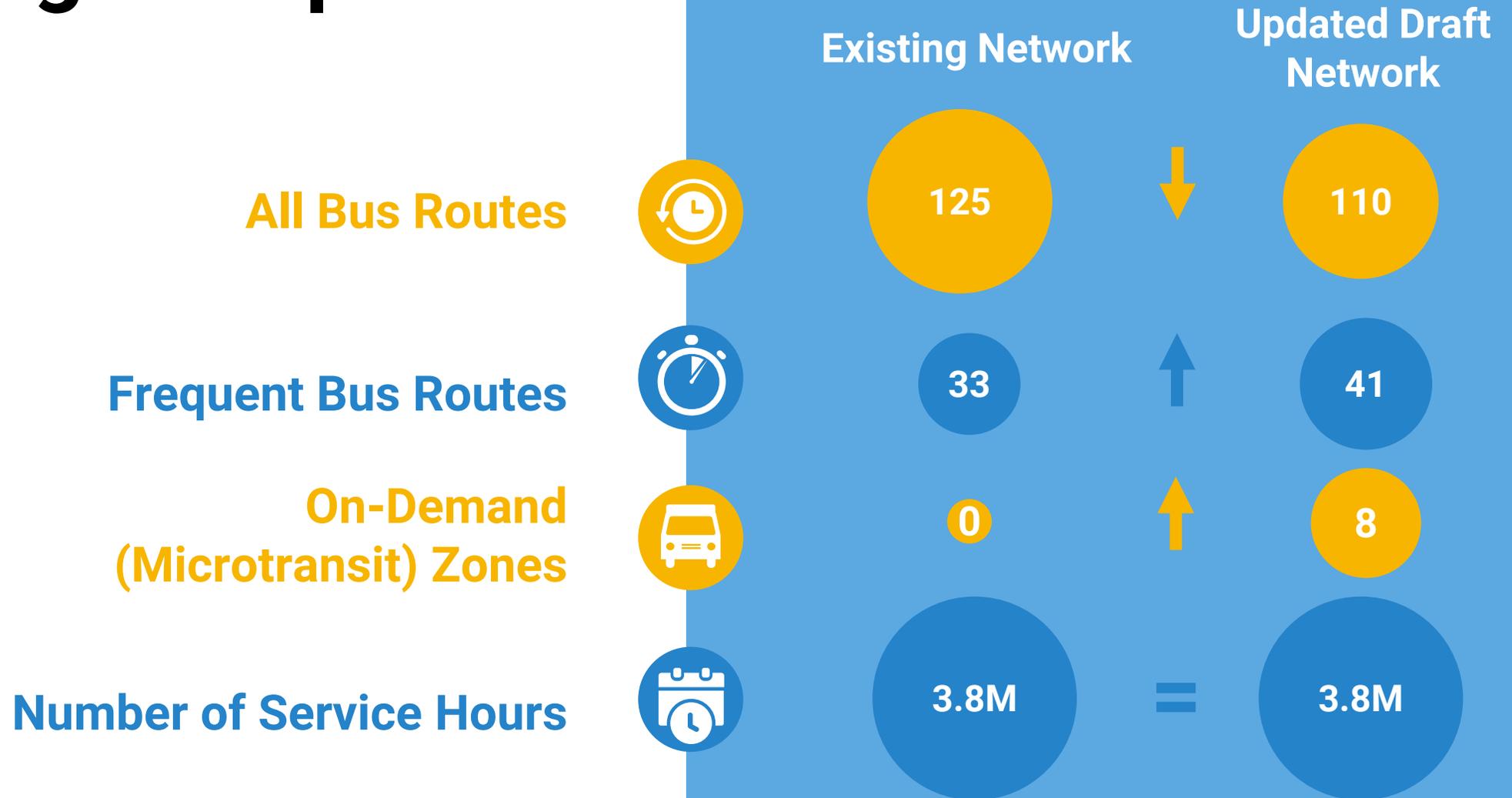
I don't
understand these
route numbers.
What's going on?



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**

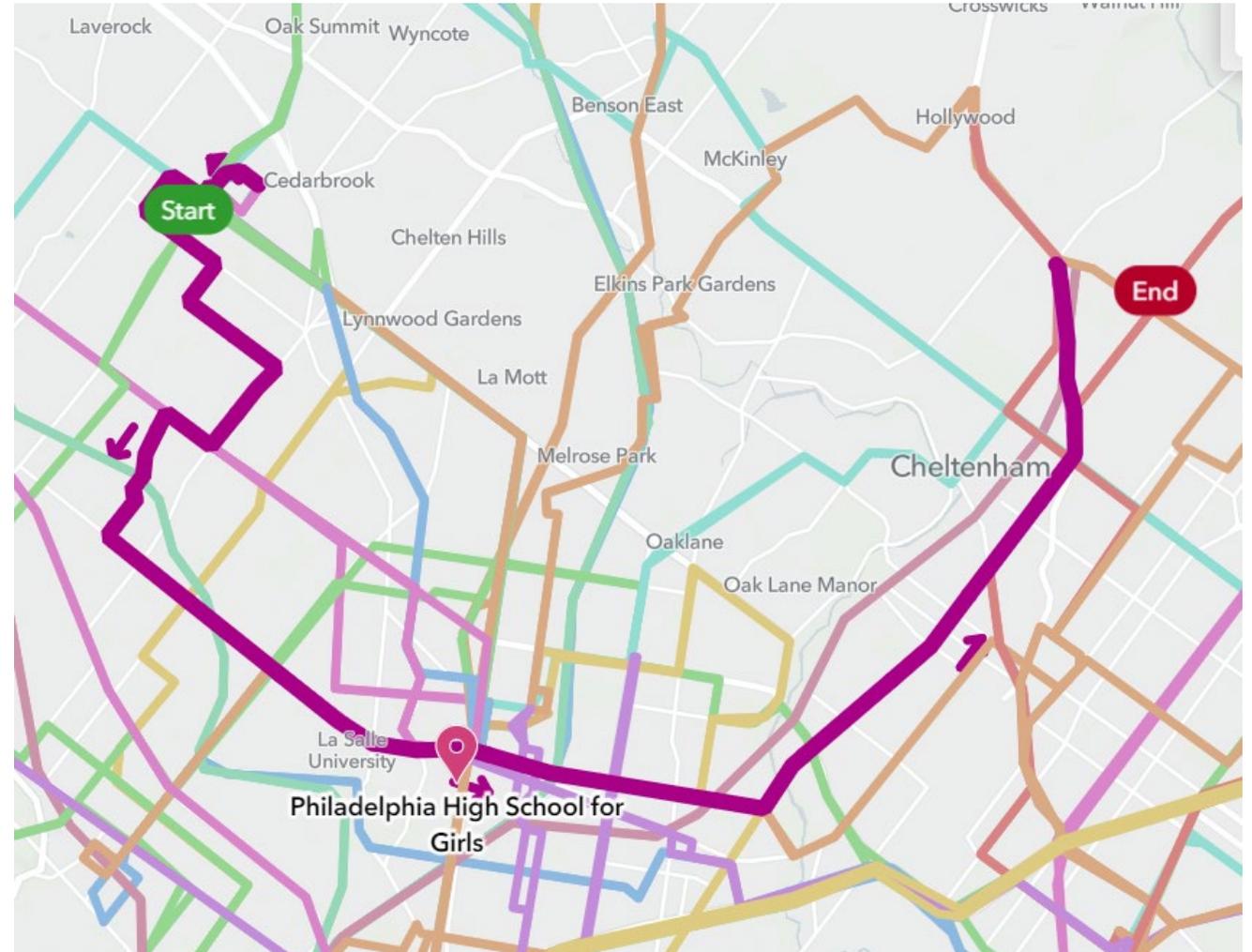
Existing Route 18

Fox Chase to Cedarbrook Plaza

Serves neighborhoods in NW and NE Philadelphia

Connects to Broad Street

Connects to lots of schools, including Girls High School and Central

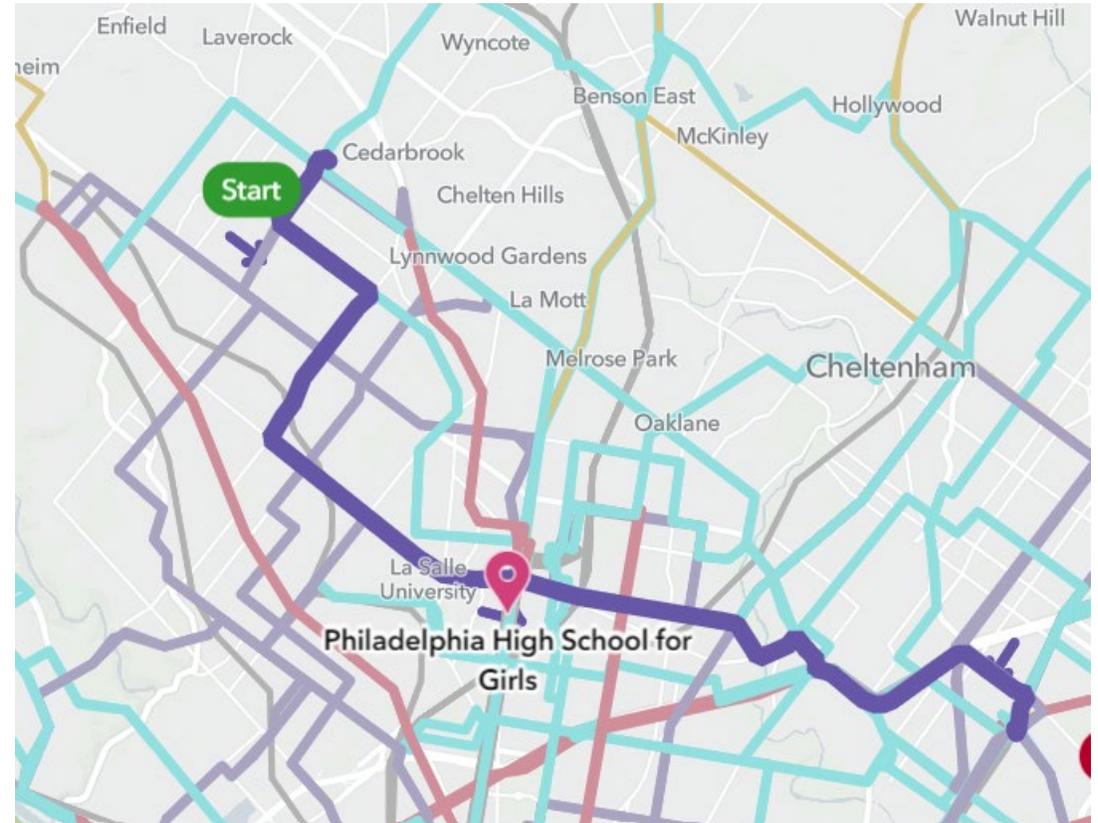


Proposed Bus Revolution Route 8/18

Cedarbrook Plaza to Frankford Transportation Center

Serves neighborhoods in NW and NE Philadelphia

Connects to Broad Street



Existing Route 67

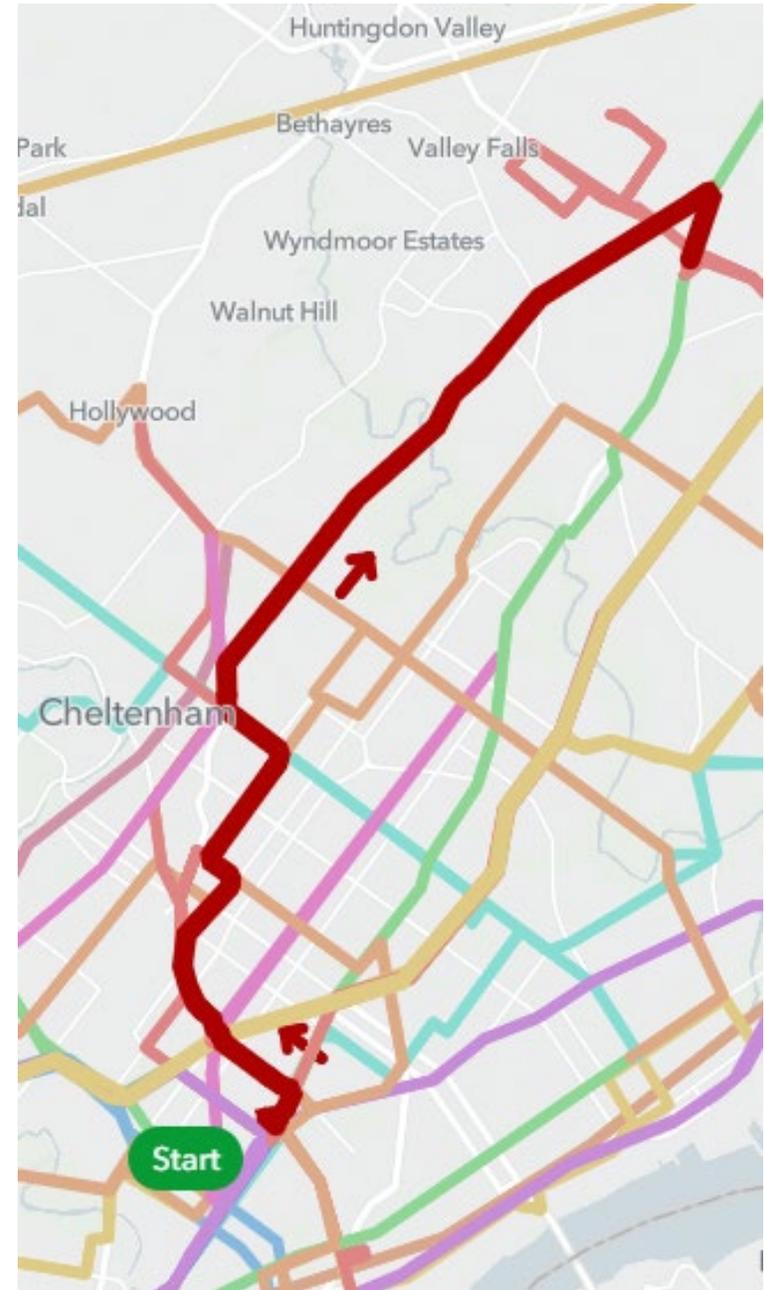
Philadelphia Mills & Bustleton to FTC

Serves neighborhoods in NE Philadelphia

Connects to Frankford Transportation Center

Travels on Veree, Cottmann, Whitaker and Oxford Avenue

Frequent service during peak times.
30-minute service at other times.



Proposed Bus Revolution Route 18/67

Olney Transportation Center to Bustleton and Tomlinson

Serves neighborhoods in NE Philadelphia

Travels on Veree, Rising Sun and Olney

Connects to Olney Transportation Center



Existing Route 57

Whitman Plaza to Rising Sun-Olney and Fern Rock Transportation Center

Connects north and south Philadelphia on east side.

Connects to Broad Street

Frequent service on weekdays.



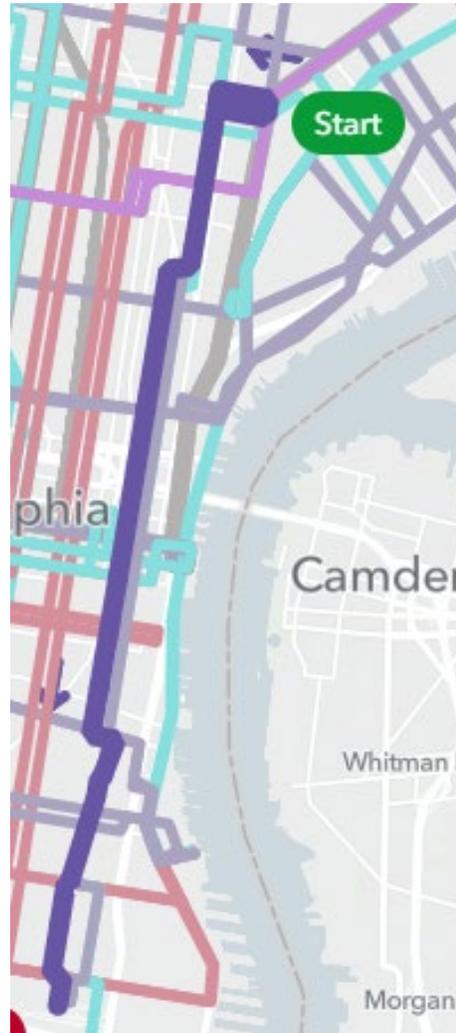
Bus Revolution Routes 57/57A

Proposed Route 57 Dauphin and Front to 4th and Oregon

Connects north and south Philadelphia neighborhoods on east side

Connects to Broad Street and MFL

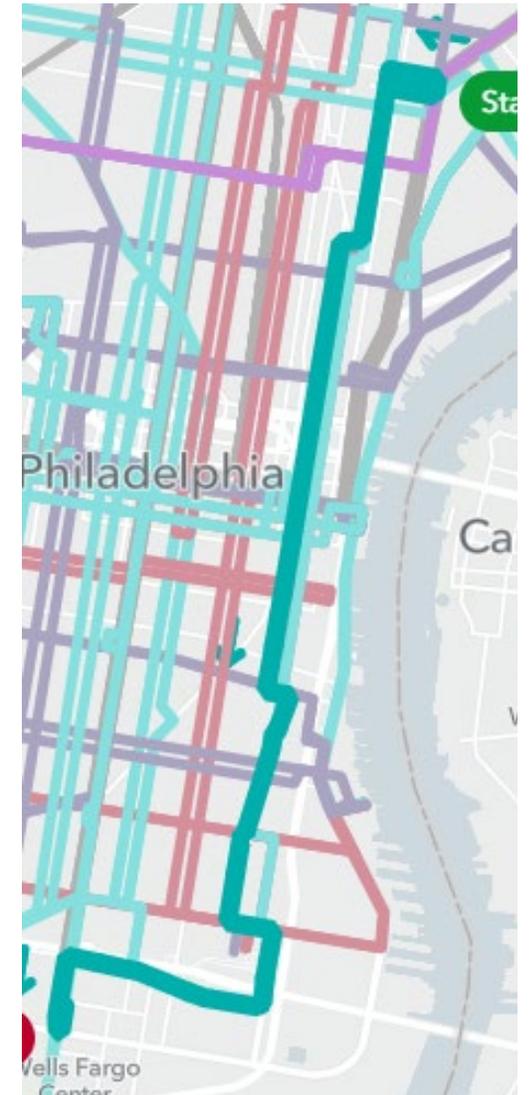
Frequent bus route – 15 minutes on weekdays and weekend days



Proposed Route 57A Dauphin and Front to Navy Yard

Dauphin and Front to Navy Yard

Every other trip travels to Navy Yard



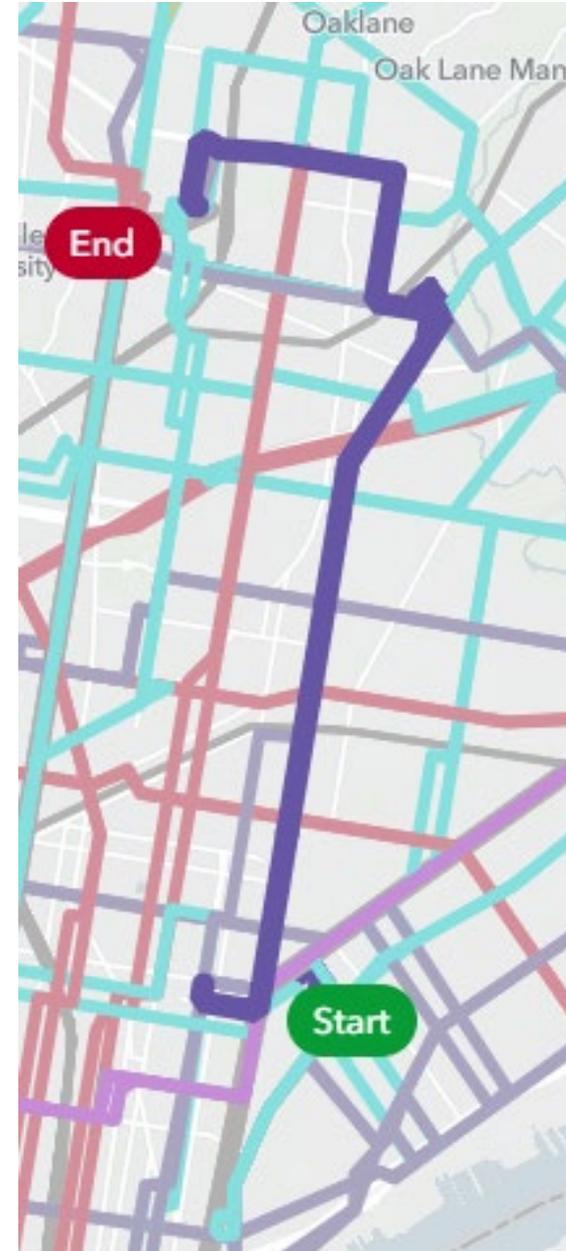
Proposed Bus Revolution Route 520

Fern Rock Transportation Center to
Dauphin & Front

Slightly streamlined alignment at
northern end (more direct)

Connects to MFL at York Dauphin Station

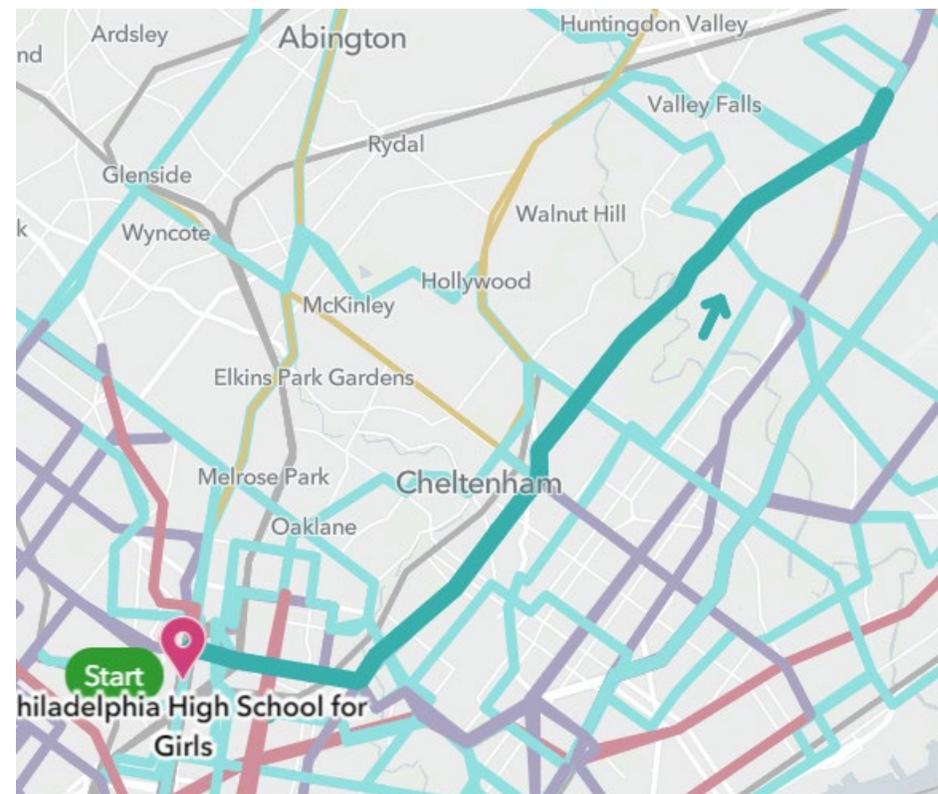
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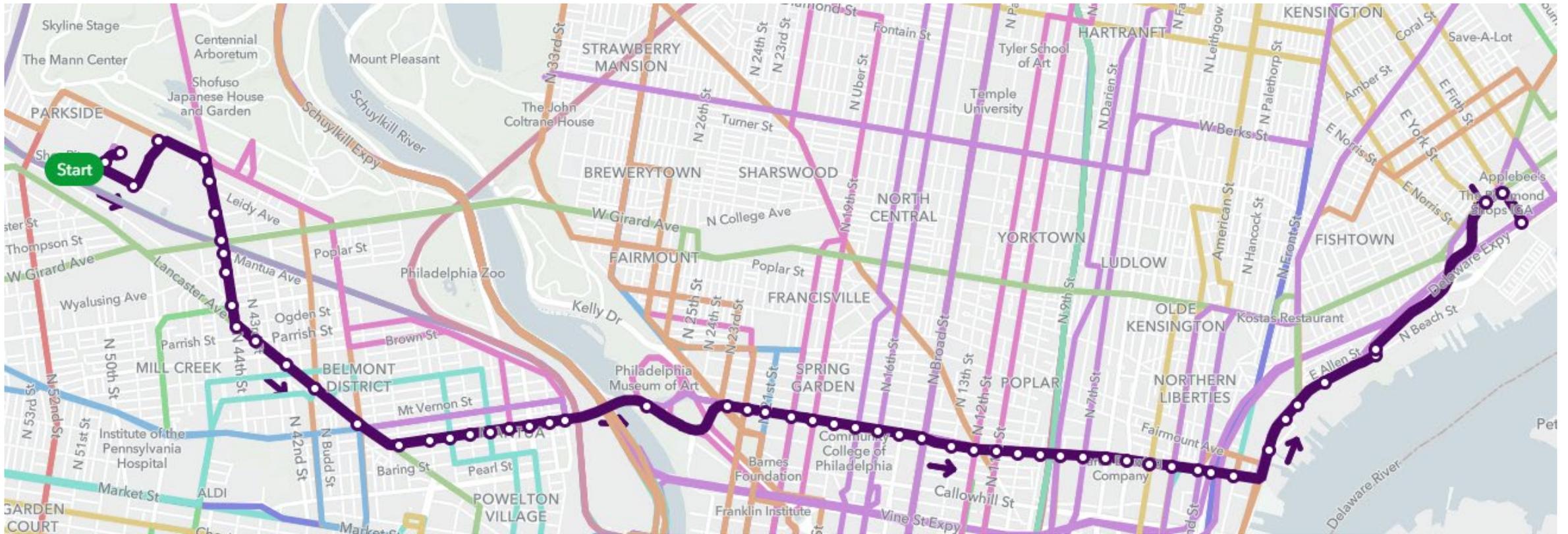
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Olney Transportation Center to Bustleton and Tomlinson

Serves neighborhoods in NE Philadelphia

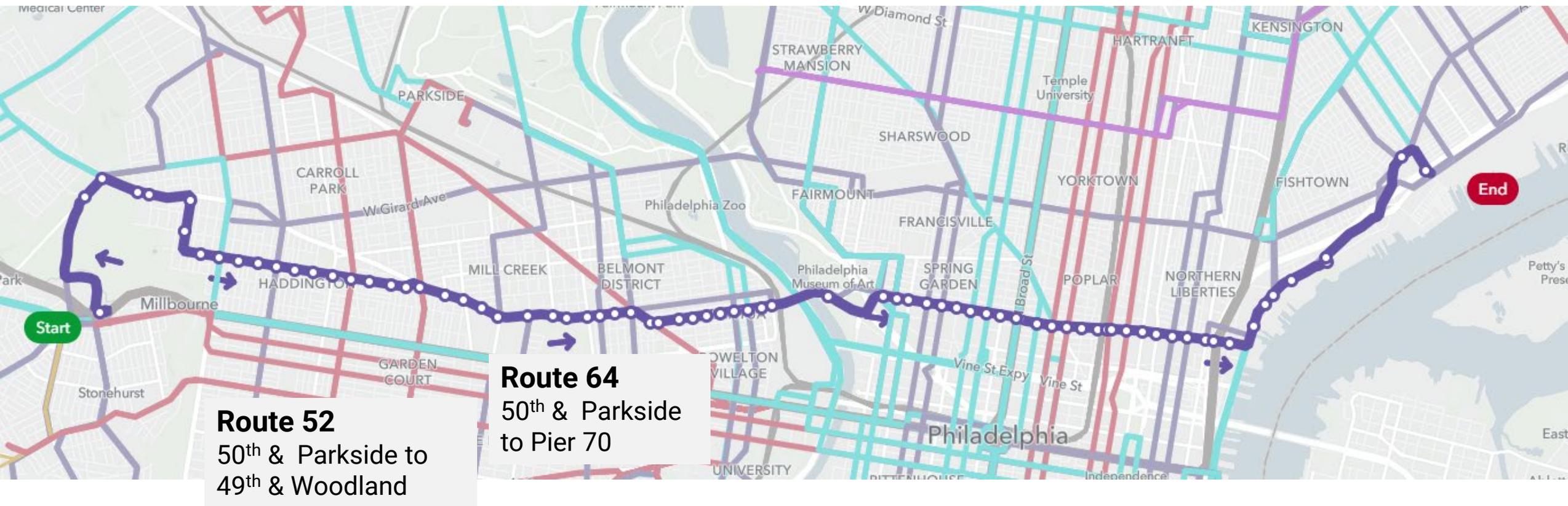


Existing Bus Route 43



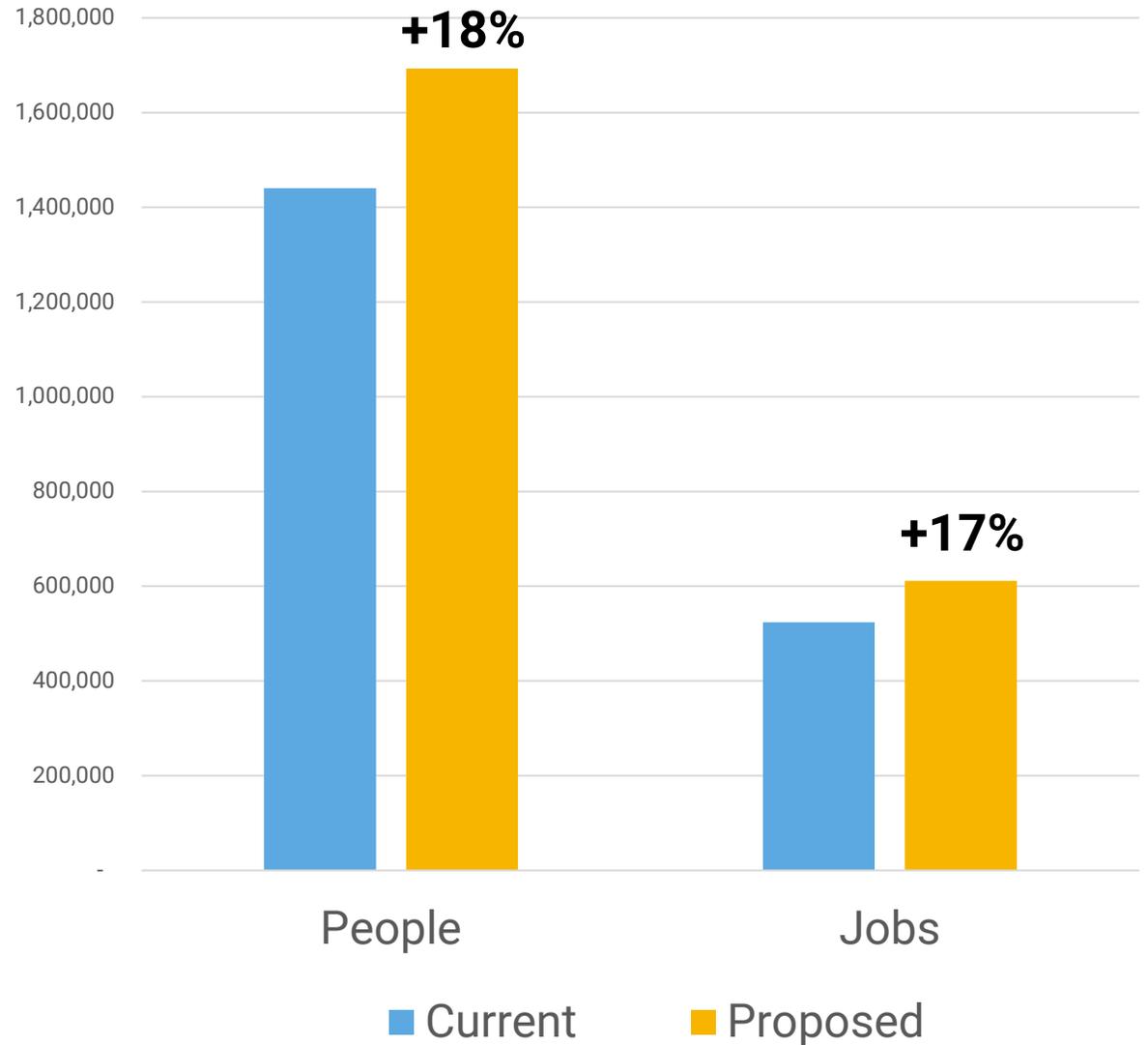
Proposed Route 30/43

- Unchanged eastern end
- Instead of traveling to Parkside Loop, stays on Spring Garden to Haverford to Vine to 69th Street



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

Access to
Frequent
Transit

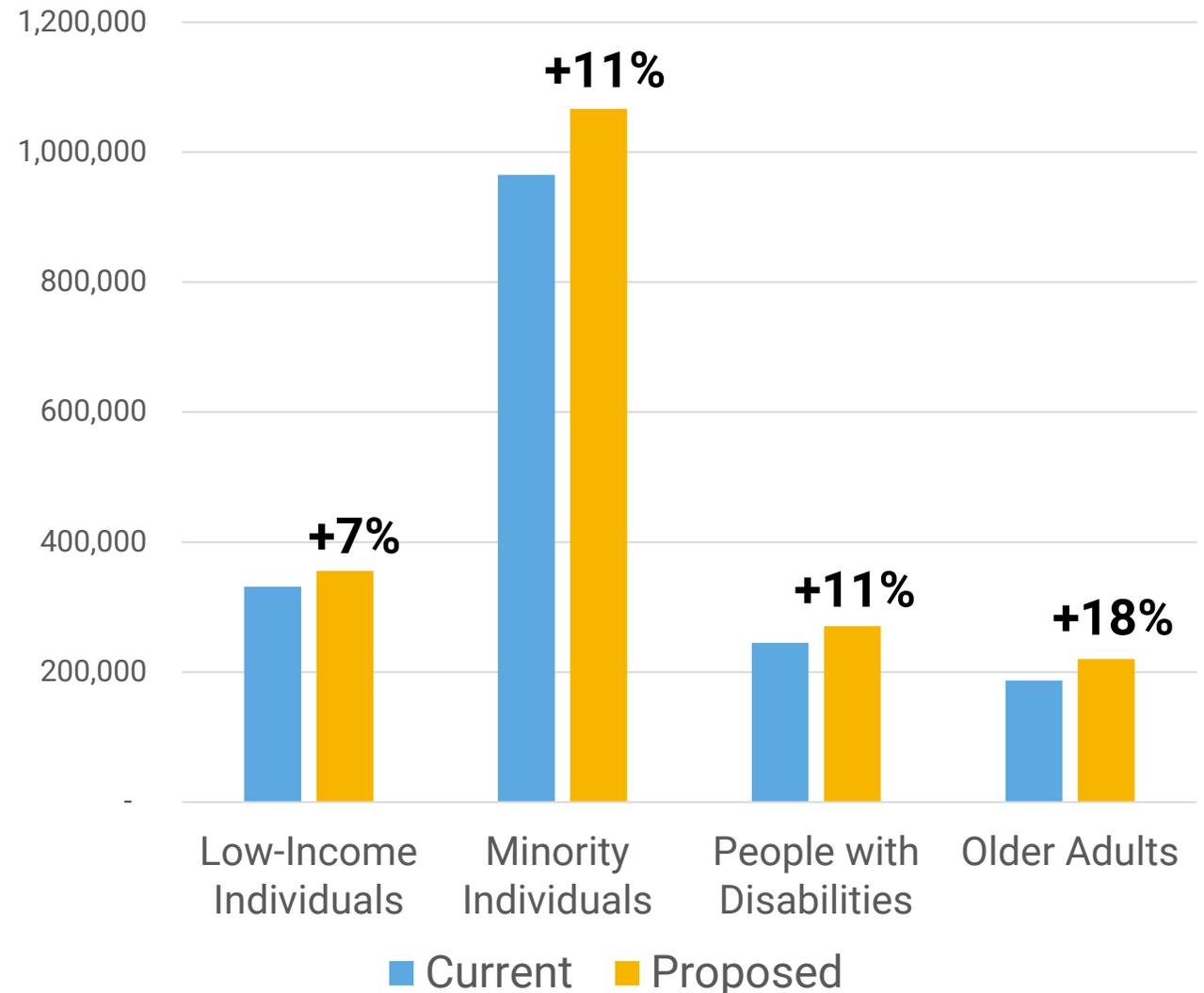


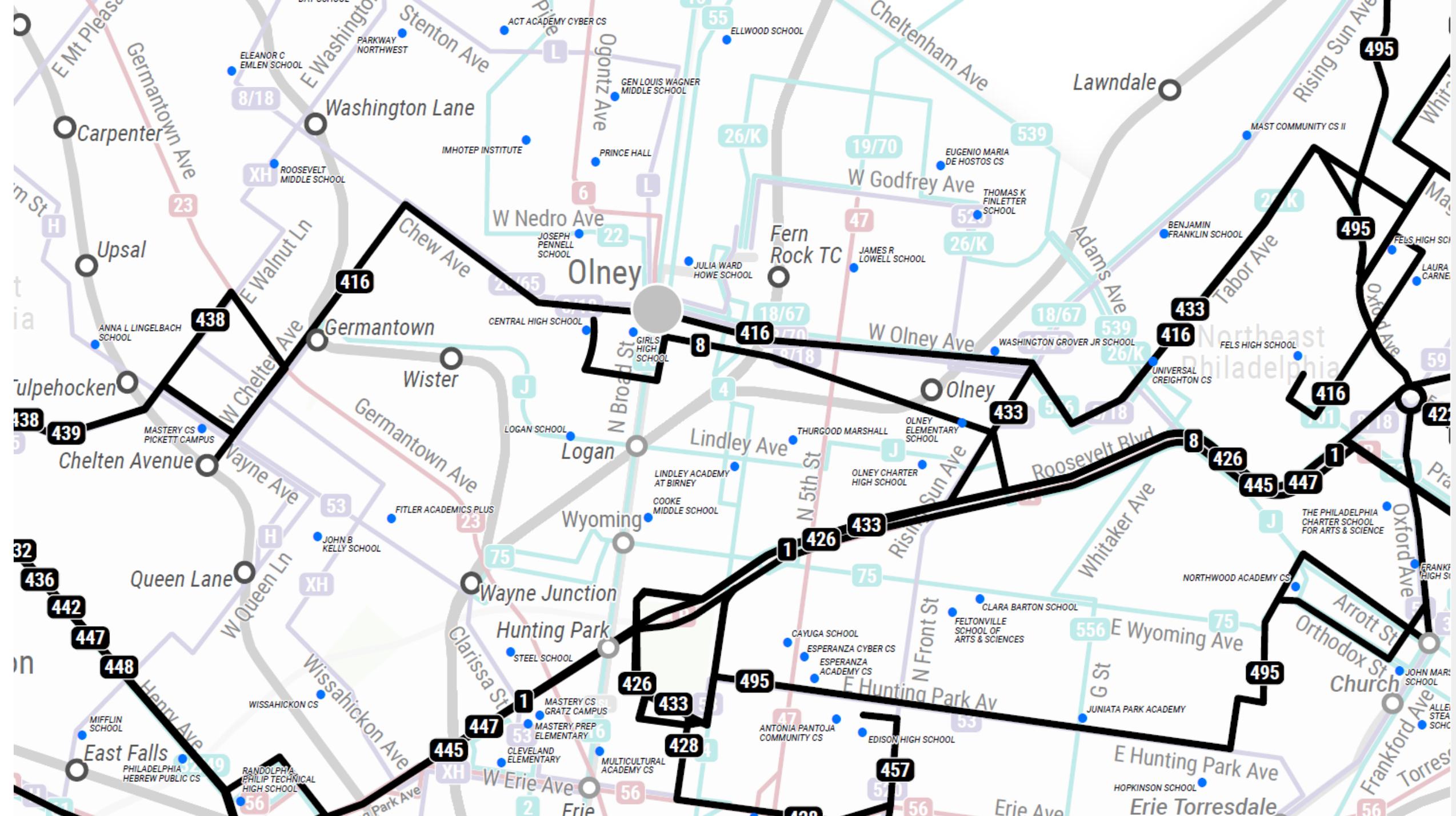
Access to Frequent Transit:

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



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







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Project Website


[Updated Draft Network](#)
[About the Bus Revolution](#)
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SEPTAbusrevolution.com

- Still being updated
- Information will be added over the next two weeks
- Weekly updates and responses to comments

Updated Draft Network - Spring 2023

Thank you to all the riders who provided feedback and comments on SEPTA's draft bus network. We made many changes based on this feedback. Please take a look at the draft network to see the changes and our ideas for your route and community. The updated draft network will be available for comment through the middle of May 2023.

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

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Join us for a Bus Revolution webinar

- Mondays (starting on April 3), 6:30-7:30 PM
- *No meeting April 10th*
- Register online or look for email alert

Monday	Areas
April 3	South and North Philadelphia
April 10	No Meeting
April 17	West Philadelphia and Center City
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 th 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 th 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 rd & 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 – 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 th Street Terminal 7 AM to 9:30 AM
Thursday May 4	Olney Transportation Center 7:30 AM – 9:30 PM

Community Meetings

Monday May 1 (5:30 – 7:30 PM)

St. Joseph's University

Wednesday May 3 (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

Guerin Rec Center

Thursday May 4 (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

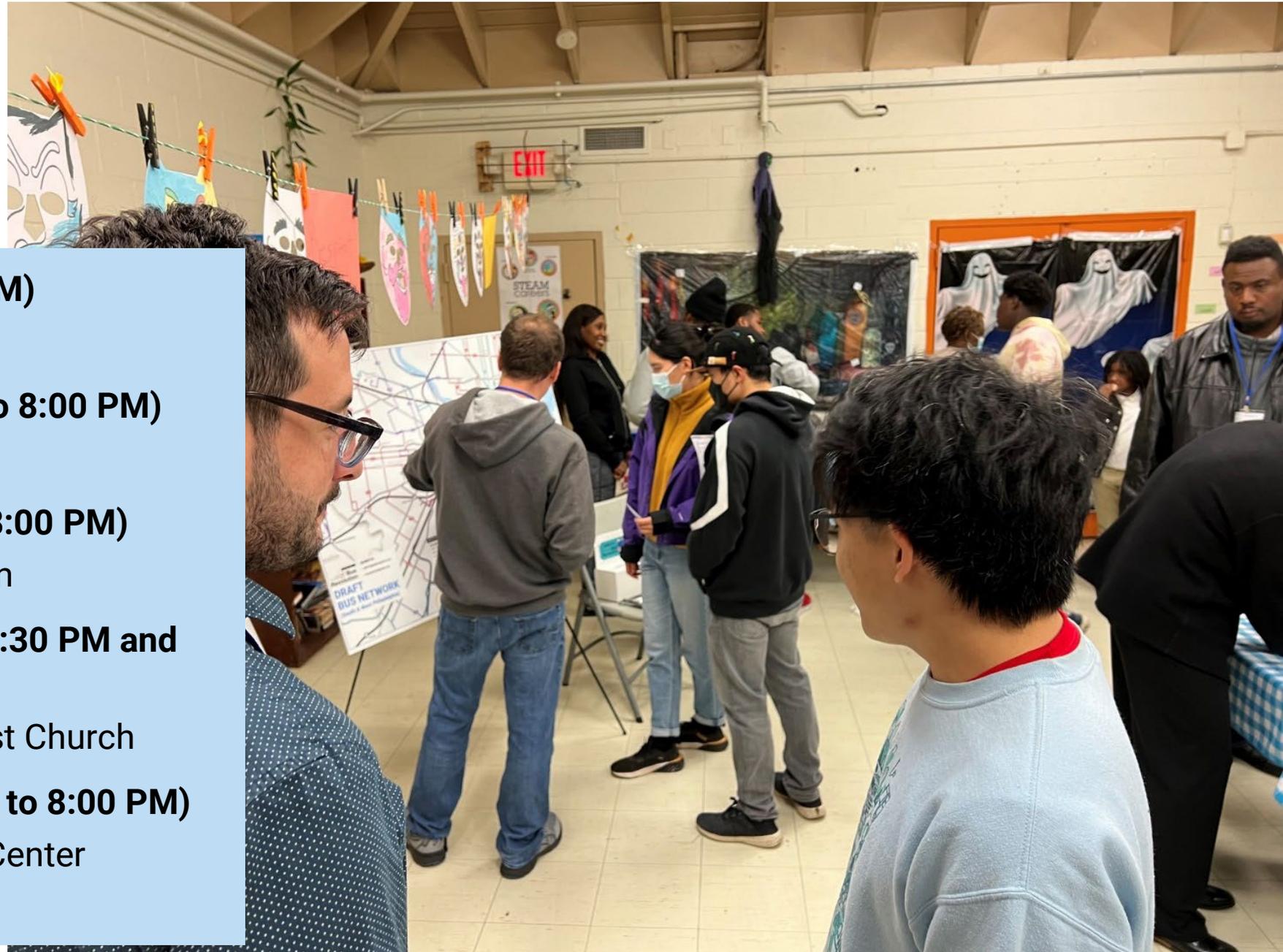
Community Center at Visitation

**Tuesday, May 9 (4:00 PM to 5:30 PM and
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)**

Ridge Avenue United Methodist Church

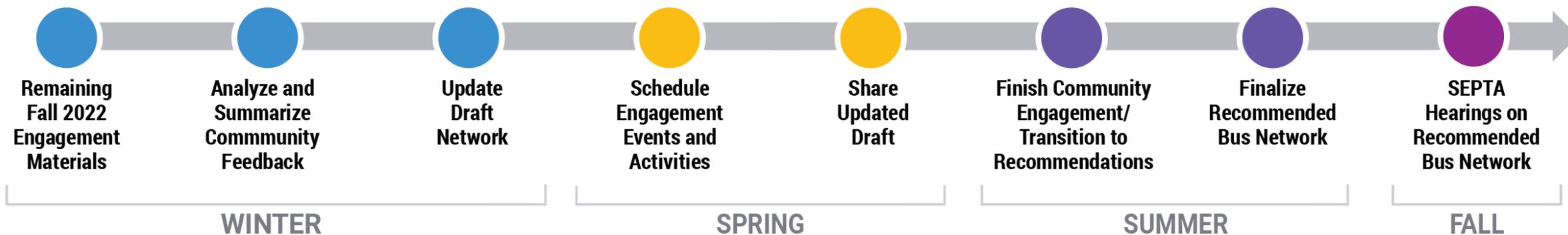
Wednesday, May 10 (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

Lucien Blackwell Community Center



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We are here





**Q&A
Discussion**

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