

WELCOME

September 22, 2022

Trails, Transit
and Tractor
Trailers



AGENDA



7:00 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brian Styche, Chester County Planning Commission
Opening Remarks by Chester County Commissioners

7:10 | Chester County Trails Master Plan

Steve Buck, Chester County Planning Commission

7:30 | Public Transportation Plan Update Phase 2 Preview

Alex Sankaran, Transportation Planner, Chester County Planning Commission

7:35 | Building Better Bus Stops

Natasha Manbeck, McMahon Associates

7:55 | Roadways: Transportation Improvement Inventory & Transportation Priority Projects

Patty Quinn, Chester County Planning Commission

8:00 | Chester County Freight Plan

Kristin Scudder, Freight Program Manager, DVRPC

8:20 | Q&A

8:30 | Adjourn

Upcoming Events



TUESDAY
**Oct
18th**

Fall Planners' Forum

Discuss Coatesville's new initiatives, affordable housing development, and ag economic planning.

Nth Solutions, Coatesville

Hybrid Event: 8:00–10:00 am [▶ more](#)

TUESDAY
**Oct
25th**

How We **PROSPER**

Urban Centers Forum – Density, Diversity, and Discussion

Hear from the county's urban centers on recent successes and challenges.

Chester County Public Safety Training Campus, South Coatesville

Hybrid Event: 5:00–7:00 pm [▶ more](#)

TUESDAY
**Nov
15th**

How We **LIVE**

A+ Homes – Decoding Housing Proformas

Explore the costs and challenges of building A+ homes in Chester County.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester

Hybrid Event: 4:00–5:30 pm [▶ more](#)

FALL 2022

COMMUNITY PLANNING MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM

OCTOBER 12, 19, & 26 • 6–9:30 PM • DINNER INCLUDED

West Chester University Graduate Center,
1160 McDermot Drive, West Chester PA 19382

A course for:

- planning commissioners
- local officials
- citizen planners

ZONING PROCEDURES LAND DEVELOPMENT
COMPREHENSIVE PLANS SUBDIVISIONS

An aerial photograph showing a city street scene with various buildings, including a prominent white building with a green tower, surrounded by trees and other structures.

Register Here



cc2020.org

Course Description

An overview of the many facets of community planning. Participants learn where planning fits in the framework of local government, how planning commissioners relate to the governing body, zoning hearing board, and zoning officer, and how to carry out responsibilities under the PA Municipalities Planning Code.

Chester County Trails Master Plan

September 22, 2022

Steve Buck, Trails Planner

Chester County Planning
Commission



Pop Quiz



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- Chester Valley Trail
- Struble Trail
- Schuylkill River Trail
- Chester County Trail

Pop Quiz

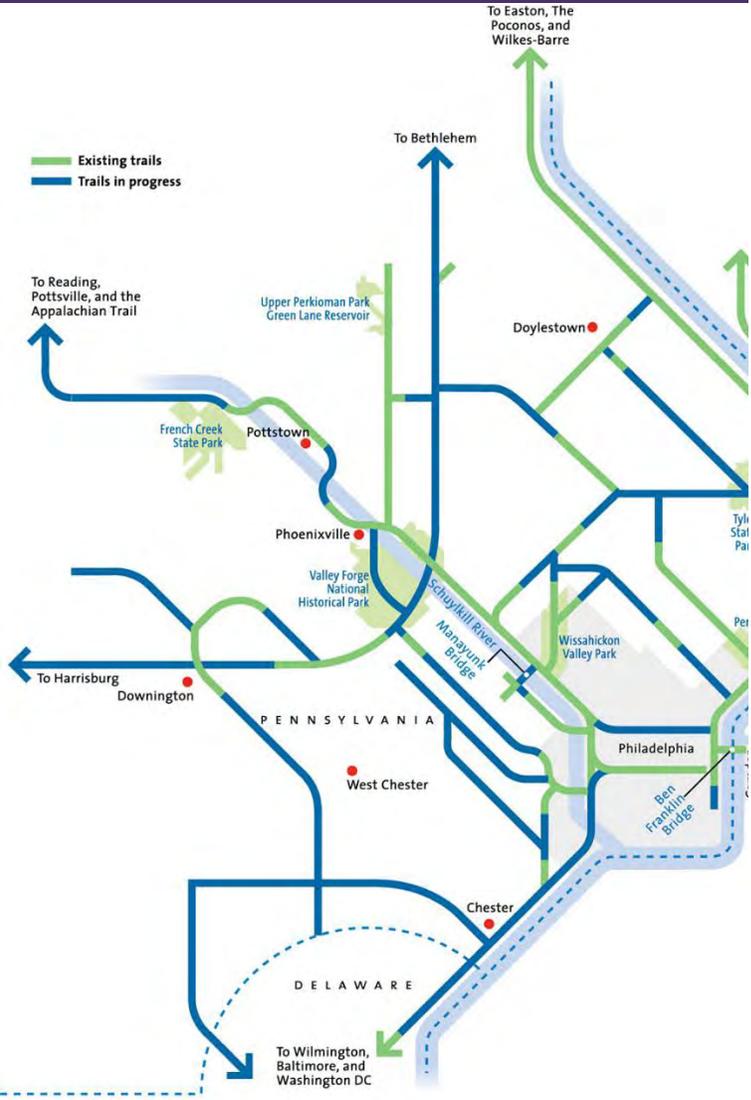


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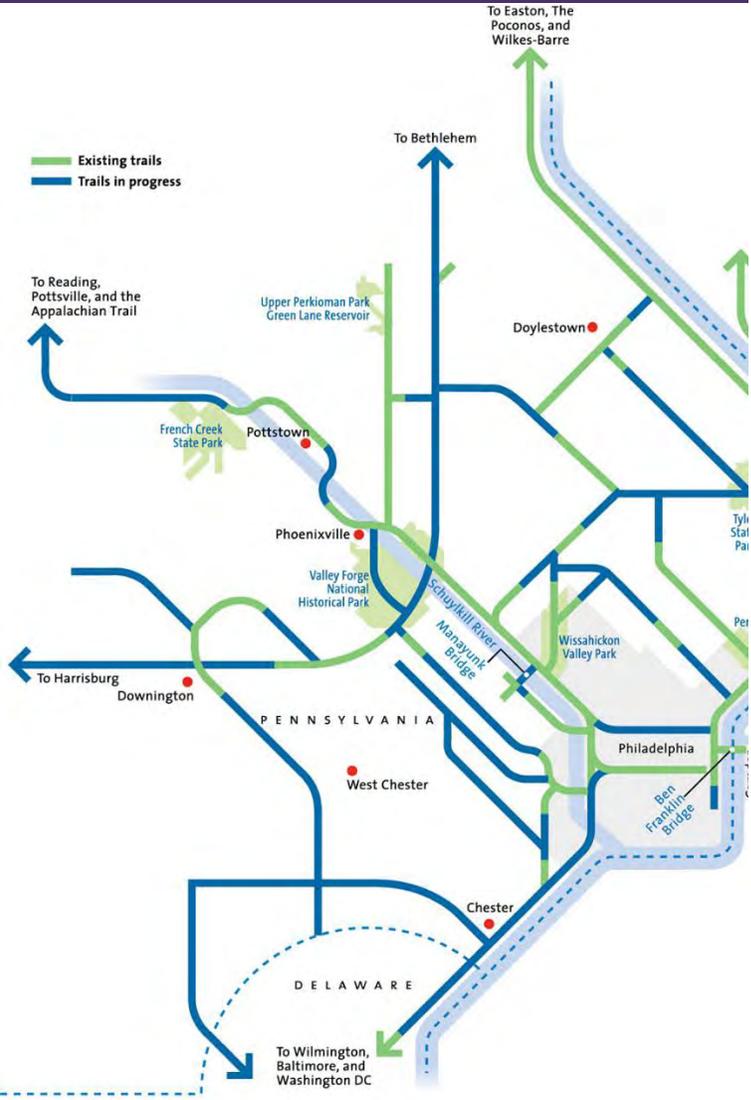


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- Delaware Valley Trail System
- The Circuit Trails
- The Trail Network of Greater Philadelphia

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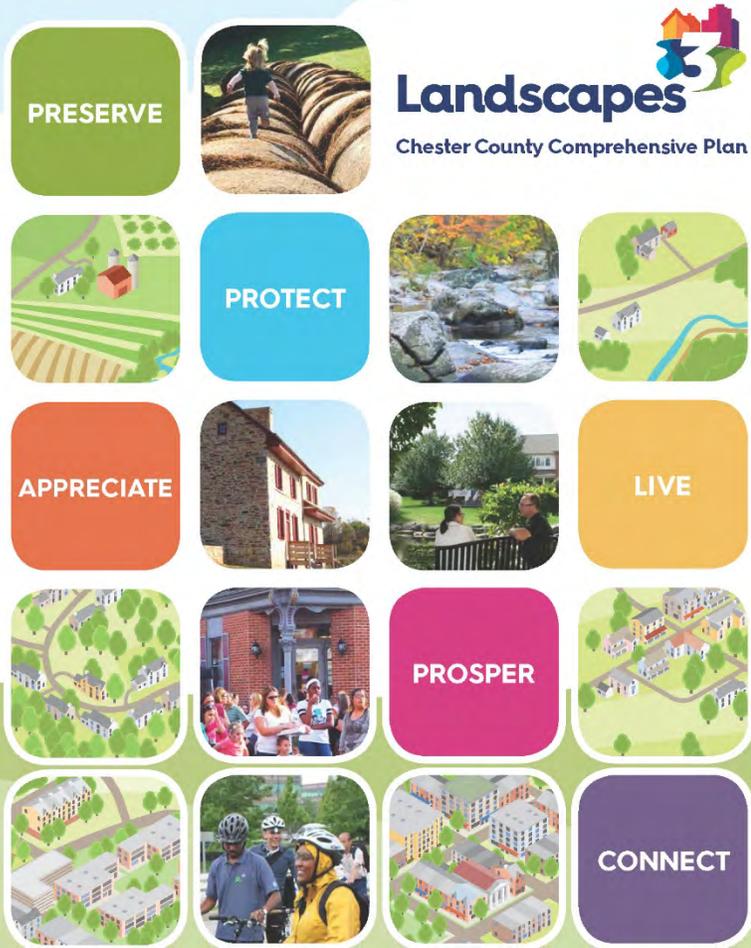


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Planning Context



Chester County Comprehensive Plan (2018)

Vision

“Chester County abounds with healthy natural areas, robust farms, cherished historic sites, diverse housing, thriving businesses, quality education, accessible transportation, and vibrant communities for all.”

Planning Context



Connect Objective C:

“Provide universally accessible sidewalks, trails, and public transit connections to create a continuous active transportation network within designated growth areas, and develop multi-use trails to interconnect all communities.”

Trails



Trail: A linear, off-road facility with a permanent alignment that is open to the general public and is designed, constructed, and maintained for use of a variety of non-motorized forms of travel

Use Restricted



Multi-Use



Trails as Transportation Alternative



The Circuit Trails



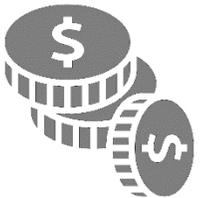
Benefits of Trails



Transportation



Health + Wellness



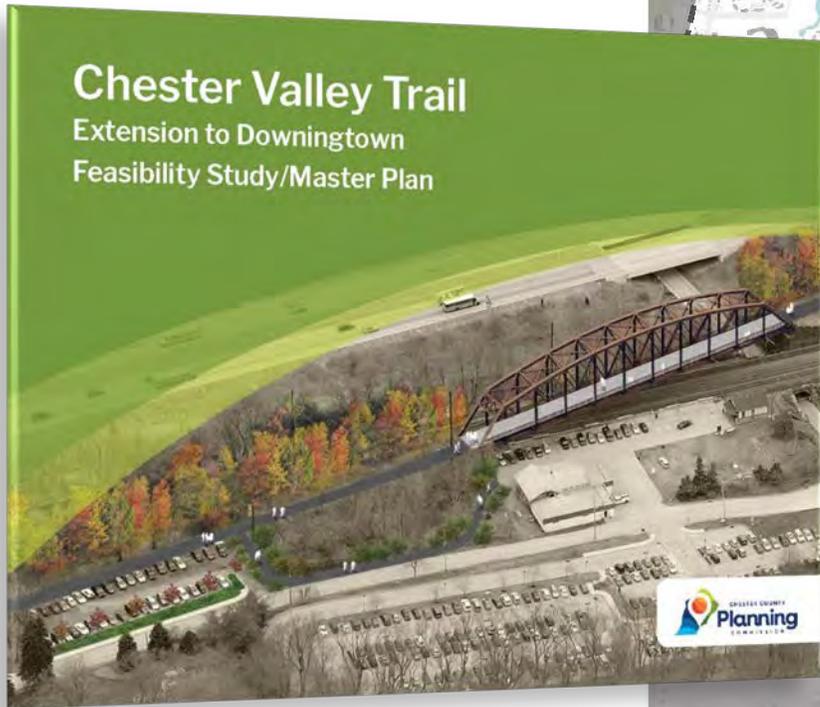
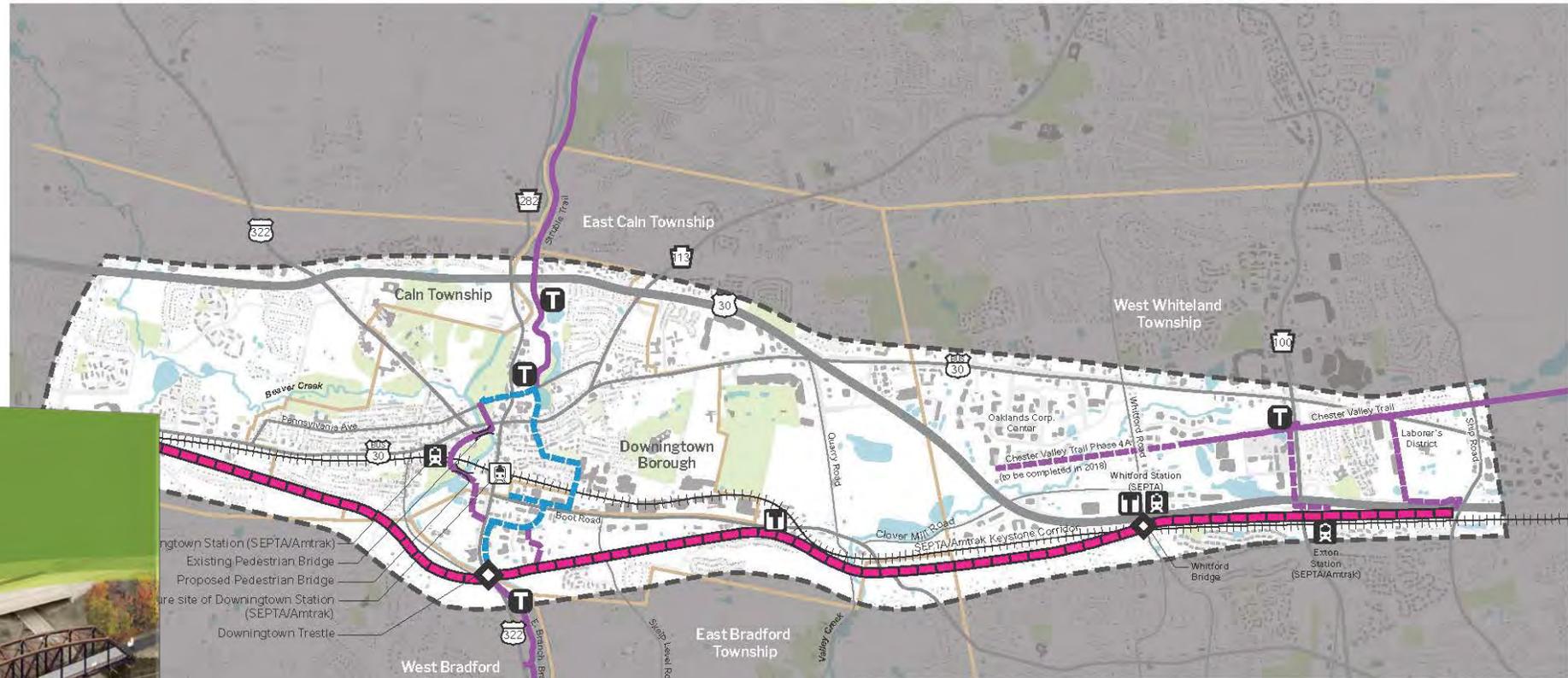
Economic



Recreation



What is a Trails Master Plan...



LEGEND

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Study Area Boundary | Existing Trailhead | Municipal Boundary |
| Existing Multi-Use Trail | Proposed Trailhead | Municipal Park / Recreation Area |
| Proposed Multi-Use Trail | Existing Rail Station | Buildings and Parking Lots |
| Proposed P&T Corridor Multi-Use Trail | Proposed Rail Station | Water Bodies |
| Proposed Shared Roadway | Proposed Structure Renovation | |

Scale (Miles)
0 1/8 1/4 1/2

Process



+

Municipalities
Friends Groups
Advocacy Organizations
Planning Agencies
Transportation Agencies
Funding Agencies
Trail Users
Trail Implementors
General Public

Process

18 Months

8 Steering Committee Meetings

3 Public Meetings

Public Survey

Interviews

| Task | 2022 | | | | | 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|---------|
| | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| TASK 1: INTRODUCTION /PROJECT PURPOSE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Develop Steering Committee List | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Send Invitations to Steering Committee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Internal scoping meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purpose/Vision/Goals | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASK 2: PHYSICAL INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Develop County-wide Base Map | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Data Collection/Research | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Existing Conditions Mapping | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trail Counts & Intercept Surveys | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Develop Public Survey and Website | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Network Mapping | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proposed Trail Mapping | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASK 3: NETWORK ANALYSIS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Develop Trail "Value" Methodology | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Identify Potential Trail Corridors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Analyze survey results and public feedback | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal Feasibility Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASK 4: RECOMMENDATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trail Prioritization / Mapping | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Determine probable/recommended facility types for each segment of recommended alignment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Design Standards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trail Marketing Strategy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASK 5: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trail Implementation Plan for each Priority Trail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County-wide Policy Recommendations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASK 6: FINAL PRODUCTS/REPORT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draft report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Graphics production- maps/photosims | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input text/images into report layout | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Comment Period | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final Report Edits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Submit Final Report to DCNR/Commissioners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Engagement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steering Committee Meetings | | SC1 | | SC 2 | | SC 3 | | SC 4 | | SC 5 | | SC 6 | | SC 7 | | SC 8 | |
| Public Meetings | | PM 1 | | | | | | | PM 2 | | | | | | PM 3 | | |
| Public Survey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interviews/focus groups | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commissioners' presentation / resolution | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2024 >> |



Goals & Objectives

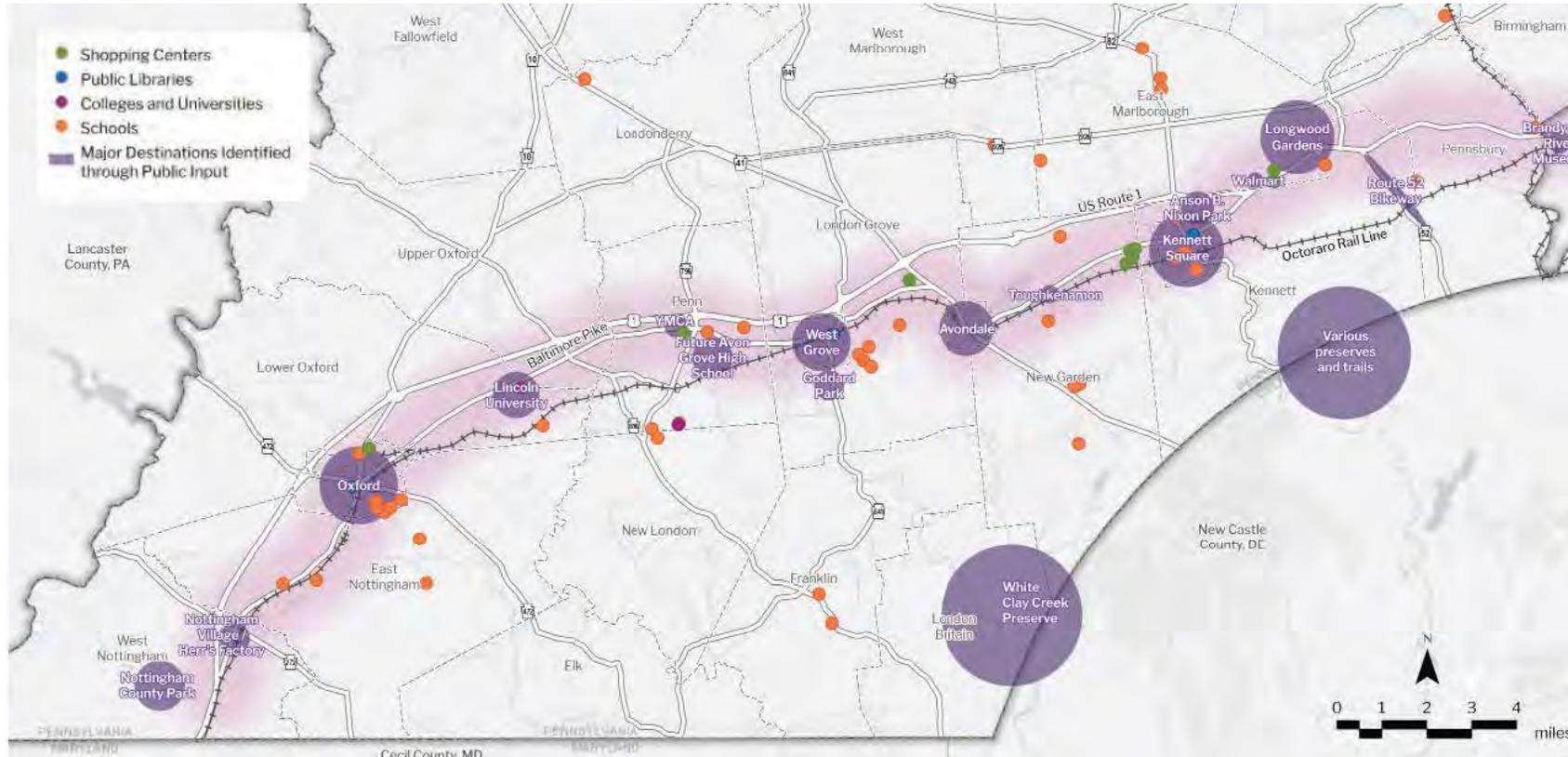
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Network Analysis

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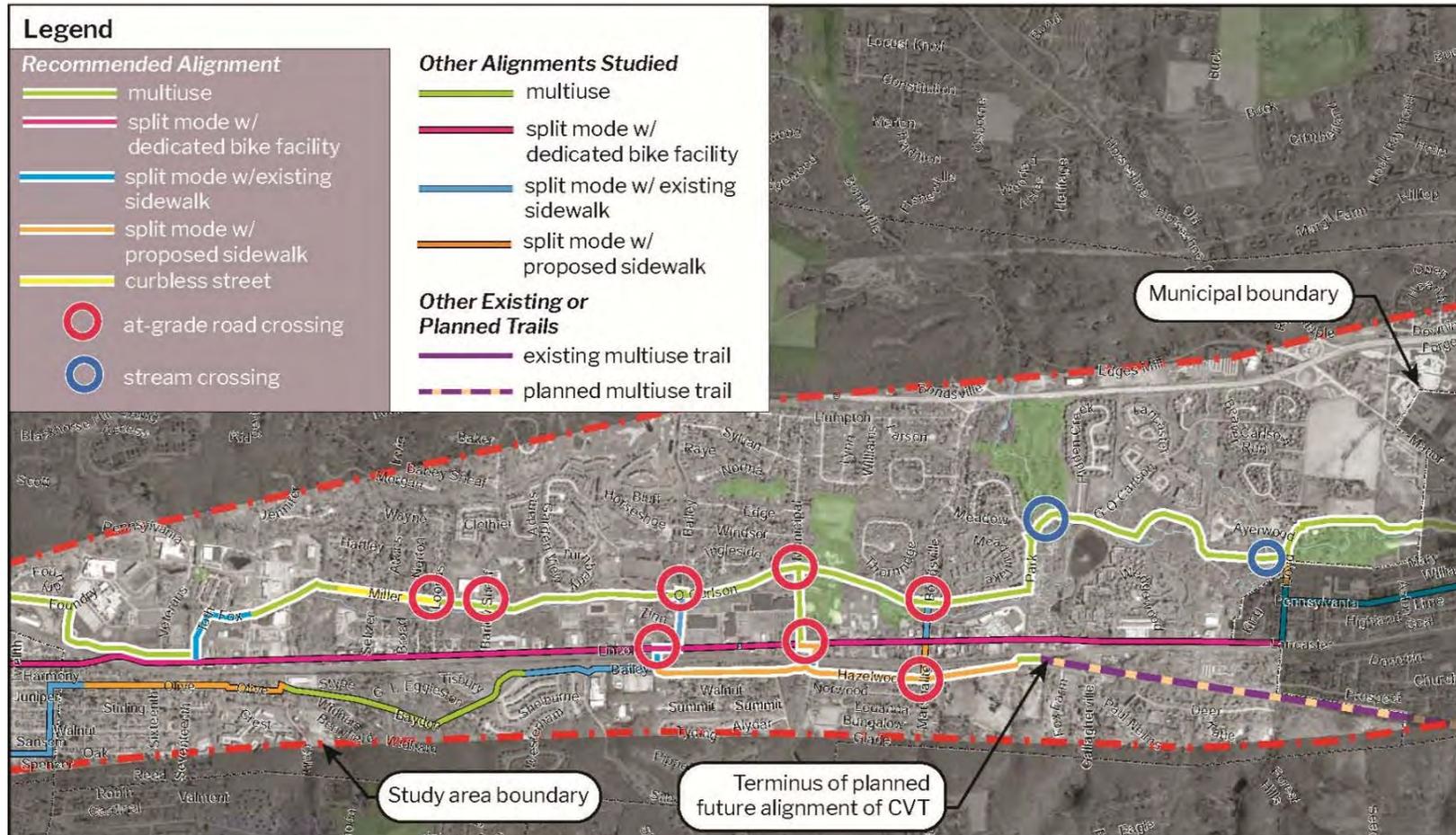
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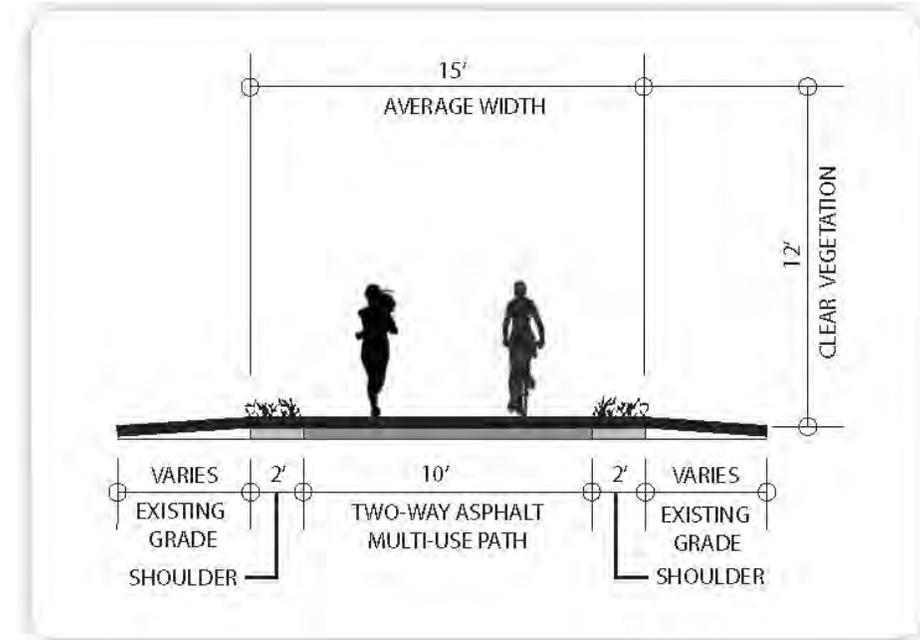
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Implementation
Plan

A person is riding a bicycle on a paved path that curves through a park. The path is bordered by grass and tall, dry grasses. In the background, there are trees with some autumn-colored foliage and a body of water under a cloudy sky.

Thank you!

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Public Transportation Plan Update, Phase II Preview

September 22, 2022

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2014 Plan



Chester County Public Transportation Plan



An element to Landscapes2—Chester County Comprehensive Policy Plan

Chester County Public Transportation Plan

- Created in 2014
- Element of *Landscapes 2*
- Needs an update to meet *Landscapes 3*

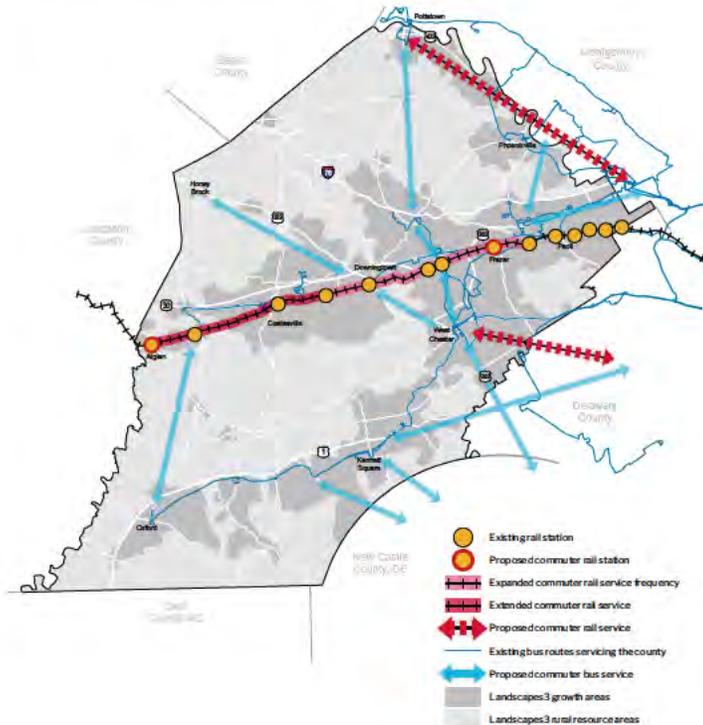
Landscapes3: Connect

Chapter 9
How We CONNECT

Public Transit Enhancements

This map illustrates recommended expanded public transit services in addition to existing facilities and services. The extension of new rail service past Thorndale to Coatesville and to a new Atglen regional rail station is envisioned. A new regional rail station is also being considered between the Exton and Malvern rail stations.

New commuter bus services are envisioned along the Route 100 corridor between Pottstown and Eagle/Exton, and along the US 1 corridor into Delaware County. Also envisioned is the return of commuter rail service to the Schuylkill River Valley communities and the Borough of West Chester.



Landscapes

Chester County Comprehensive Plan (2018)

- 5 Promote bus service within growth areas**
Promote universally accessible bus service to employment centers and growth areas.
- 6 Expand regional rail service**
Support the expansion of local regional rail service to our urban and suburban centers and adequate parking at all regional rail stations.

SEPTA

Bus Revolution

- Existing fixed-route service
- Microtransit zones



Reimagining Regional Rail

- Enhance Paoli/Thorndale Line service
- Service restoration to Coatesville/Parkesburg



Phase Two



Project Details

- Currently assembling steering committee
- 18-month timeline
- Continue to follow the System, Environment, and Experience framework
- New updates to address service gaps and underserved communities

Building Better Bus Stops

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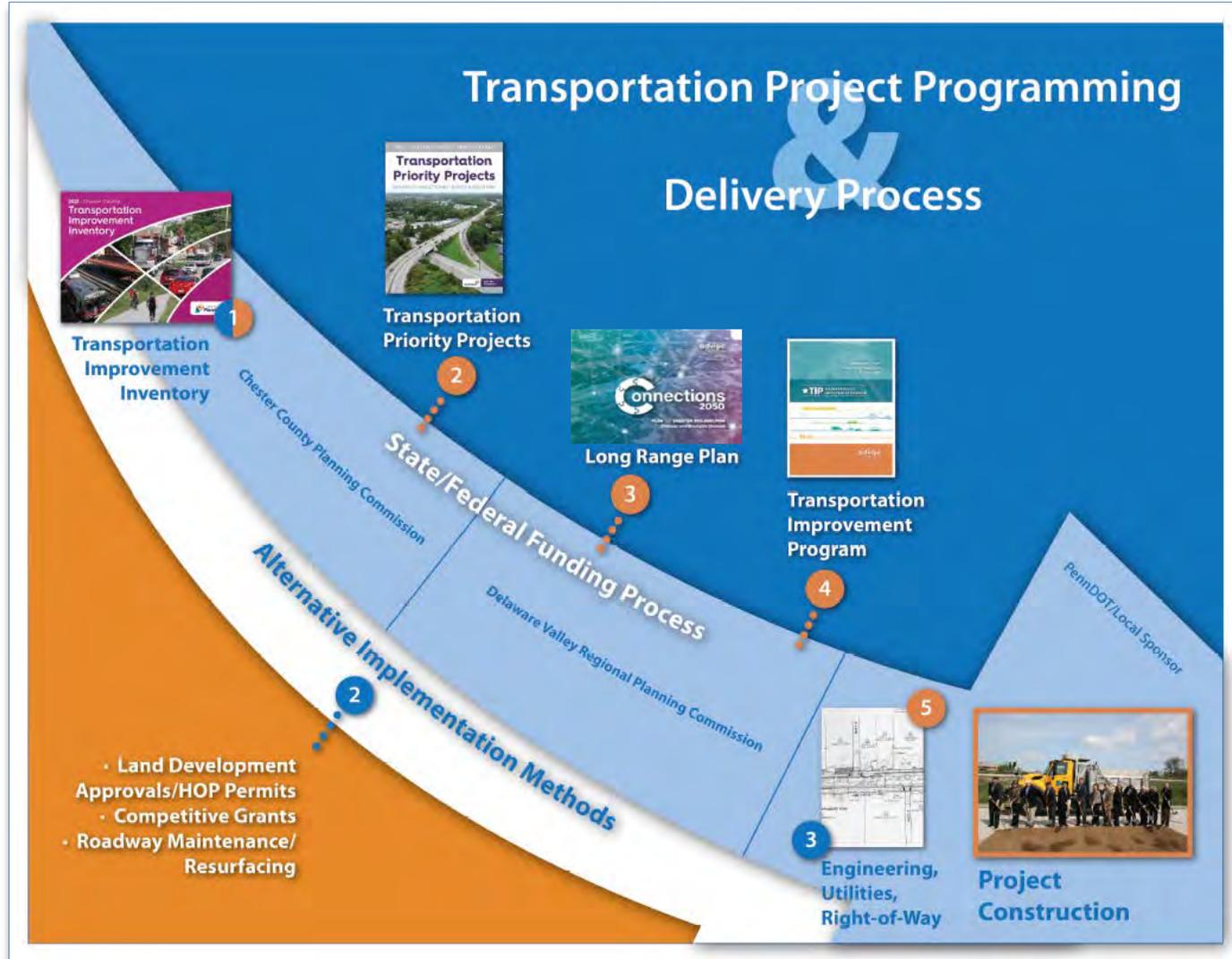
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Transportation Project Programming



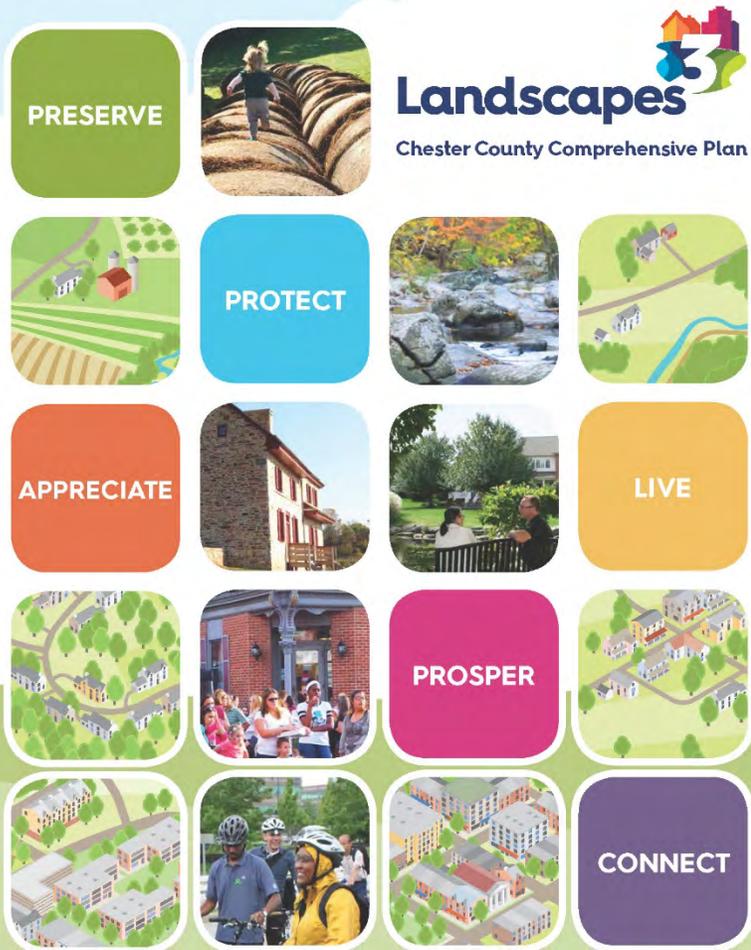
Transportation Improvement Inventory

2021 | Chester County

Transportation Improvement Inventory



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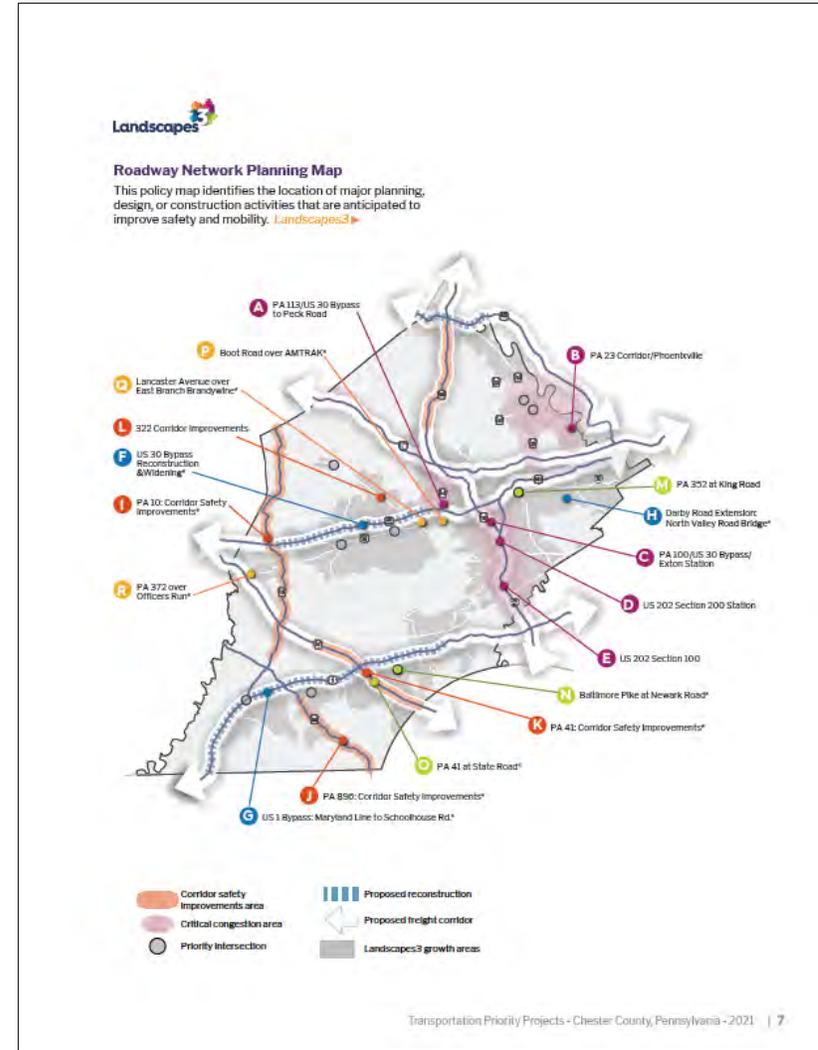
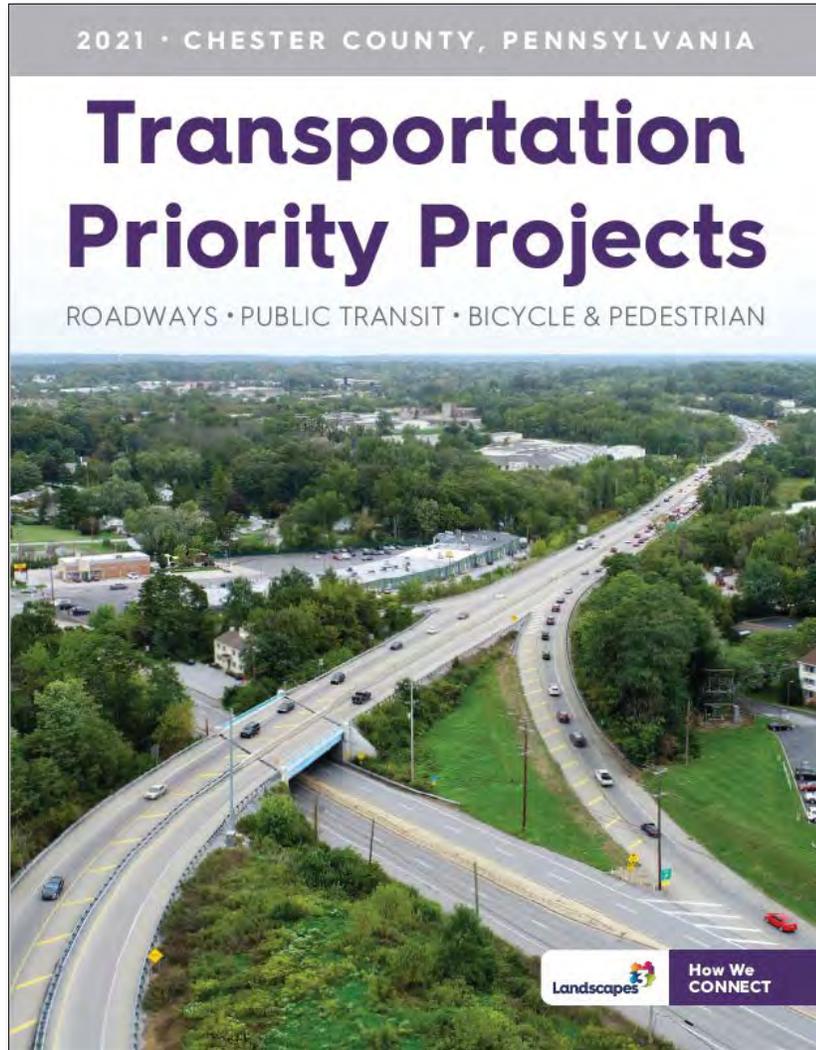


CONNECT Recommendation 1:

Advance implementation of transportation improvements

Advance the funding and implementation of transportation improvements with a prioritized inventory of projects and coordinated advocacy.

Transportation Priority Projects



Chester County Freight Plan

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**Delaware Valley Regional
Planning Commission**

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