### Appendix D10

Steering Committee Notes and Slides



#### Steering Committee Meeting 1 (Virtual Meeting) January 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 11:30

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees** 

Josh Spano, SPC
Andy Waple, SPC
Domenic D'Andrea, SPC
Ryan Gordon, SPC
Evan Schoss, SPC
Benjamin Gilberti, HRG
Kristin Baum, SPC
Lillian Gabreski, SPC
Lew Villotti, BC CED
Joe West, Beaver County

Sam Gill, City of Aliquippa
Jamie Yurcina, Hopewell
Township
Frank Vescio, Center
Township
Ned Mitrovich, LSSE
Doug Seeley, PennDOT
Dean Schmitt, PennDOT
BC Maintenance District

**Todd Kravits, PennDOT** 

Scott Thompson-Graves, WRA Chad Reese, WRA Christopher Lucia, WRA Jenni Easton, Pashek+MTR John Buerkle, Pashek+MTR

#### 1. Project Background

Domenic D'Andrea welcomed and thanked the Steering Committee. Provided a history of the roadway as told by the Beaver County Times: Brodhead Road started as a path carved into the wilderness as a military supply route, connecting Fort Pitt to Fort McIntosh. Established by General McIntosh. Named for the second General to use it, General Brodhead. In 1900, it was one of the few established roads. By the 1950s, neighborhoods along the way were more densely populated, changing from rural to suburban character. Major developments: 1952 PIA, 1970 BVM, 1971 CCBC, 1992 Airport Expansion, today - Shell Plant, Airport Expansion, redevelopment of the region. Be mindful of the history while taking into consideration in planning for the future.

Josh Spano briefly reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the project.

- The project area includes 22 intersections, 9 signalized, 13 unsignalized, within three municipalities, BCTA provides transit along the corridor, primary residential and commercial development, parallel to 376, between PIA and Shell, 4 entrances/exits onto 376 within the corridor.
- Short, medium and long term investment plan. Specific study goals appear on the project website.

Project Website: https://www.spcregion.org/brodhead/

- Plan to guide public policy.

#### 2. Project Schedule

Scott Thompson-Graves reviewed the project schedule.

- February: First public meeting and stakeholder interviews, existing conditions
- March: Develop future conditions
- April: Steering committee will meet again to review future conditions
- May, Present recommendations to steering committee and public
- June, Draft plan review and presentation to Beaver County Commissioners

#### 3. Study Vision Statement

Josh reviewed and asked for thoughts, potential revisions, and asked for consensus on draft Vision Statement:

The study should make recommendations that will improve regional mobility and accessibility for all, enhance the quality of life and livability of the community, and advance economic and community development goals

Forward questions, thoughts and additions or subtractions to Josh.

#### 4. Stakeholder Outreach

Jenni Easton reviewed goals for stakeholder outreach, which include involving individuals with particular insight or perspective to supplement existing data collection, to identify existing conditions and future needs, and to efficiently and effectively involve identified stakeholder through interviews or group discussions.

The team will send out the draft list of potential stakeholders for review. Please respond with any suggestions, including for who to interview individually vs. in a group and whether there is anything specific we want to learn from anyone identified on the list.

- John Buerkle will meet with Joe West and Lew Villotti to review development and future land use along the corridor.
- Andy Waple suggested including BCTA and the Airport. Regional Transportation Plan has identified potential for new transit hubs. ACTA should also be included.
- Are there human services folks we should be talking to?
- Law Enforcement to evaluate non-reportable accident data. Josh Hopewell has provided data, and he has connected other PCs for info. Also reportable PennDOT Crash data base.
- Doug Seeley suggested reaching out to Moon Township Brodhead extends to University Boulevard.

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- Jamie Yurcina pointed out that 200 townhomes are being built on Hopewell/Moon border, residents will use Brodhead to 151 to access 376.
- Also add Monaca
- Josh will add Amy Silverman, Planning Director Port Authority Transit of Allegheny County.

#### 5. Public Meeting 1

Jenni laid out goals for the first public meeting, which include formally introducing the project, collecting input on issues and concerns and providing an opportunity for real-time interaction between the public and the project team. The public meeting will occur virtually in mid to late February. Jenni requested input on scheduling and promoting the meeting.

- Dom suggested an early evening meeting 6 pm start, end 7:30, not on a Friday. Josh concurred.
- Will avoid President's Day, will try to avoid municipal meetings as much as possible. Avoid BC and SPC Board Meeting dates.
- Recruit local municipal leaders to assist with getting the word out.
- Josh Facebook targeted ads. SPC Social media
- Joe County email lists.
- How to get the word out
  - Social Media
  - News releases
  - o Email blast
  - Signage/message boards
  - o Flyers/Handouts
  - o What else?

#### 6. Future Land Development

Christopher Lucia walked the group through using the project wikimap located at <a href="https://wikimapping.com/brodheadroad.html">https://wikimapping.com/brodheadroad.html</a>. The group discussed committed and planned developments, which Chris entered as points on the wikimap.

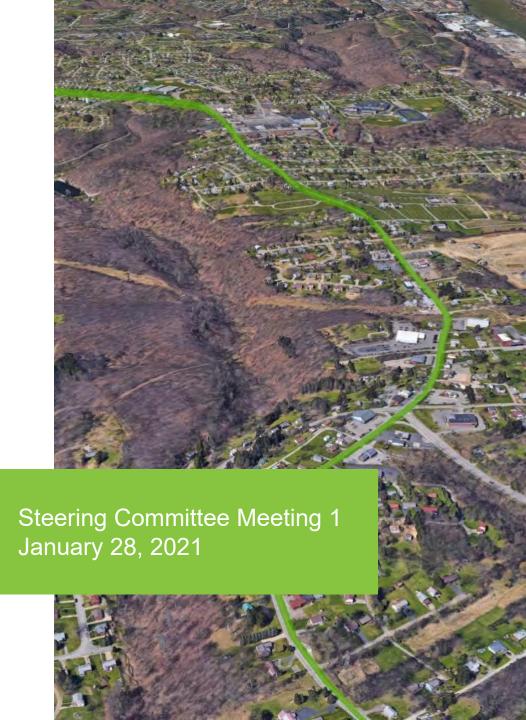
#### 7. Corridor Needs, Concerns, and Ideas

The group discussed location-specific issues as Chris entered them as points on the wikimap. Among others, these included Shell Satellite parking sites at the BVM and Old Charlie Browns off McCallister in Moon.









### Agenda

**Project Background** 

**Project Schedule** 

Stakeholder Outreach

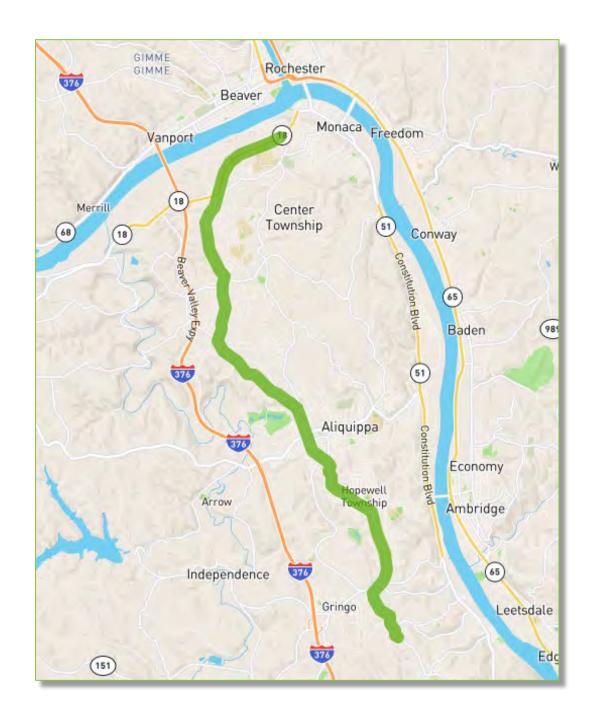
**Public Meeting 1** 

**Future Land Development** 

Corridor Needs, Concerns, and Ideas

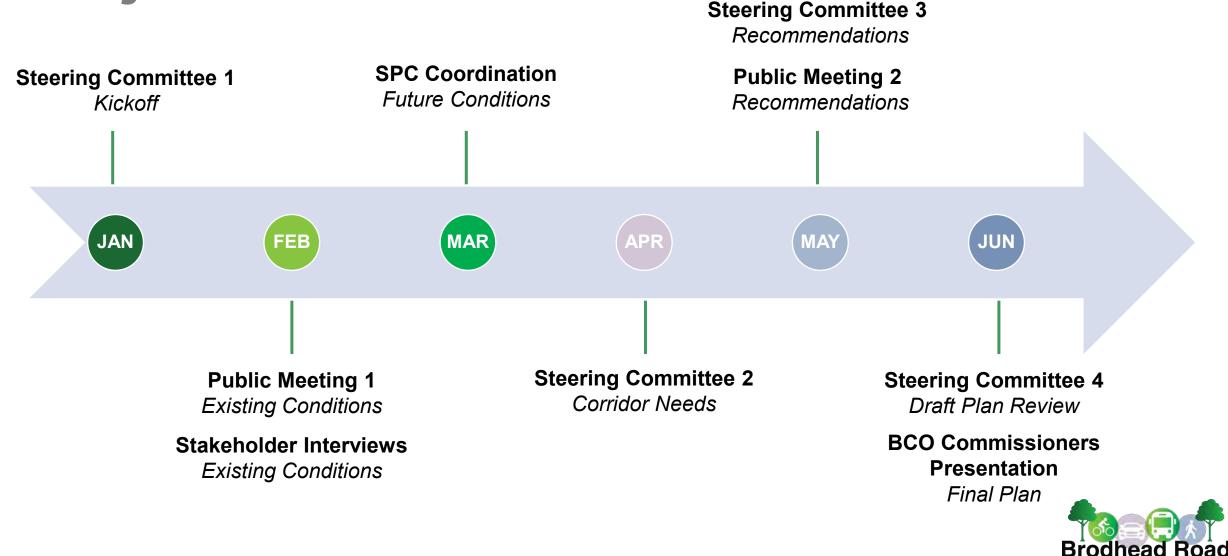


### Project background





### Project schedule



Corridor Planning Study

#### Study vision statement



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## Stakeholder outreach

#### Goals:

- Involve individuals with particular insight or perspective to supplement data collection, identify existing conditions and future needs
- Efficiently reach and effectively involve identified stakeholders through interviews or group discussions



Name	Organization	Category Transit	
Ms. Mary Jo Morandini	Beaver County Transit Authority		
David Smail	Hopewell School District Transportation		
Michelle Miller	Hopewell School District		
Delcine Pugh	Aliquippa School District	School districts	
Peter Carbone	Aliquippa School District	Ochool districts	
Dr. Nicholas Perry	Central Valley School District		
Eric Rosendale	Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit		
Dr. Roger Davis	Community College of Beaver County		
Jenifer Cushman	Penn State Beaver Campus		
Adam Rathbun	Penn State Beaver Campus	Colleges	
Renata Shaw	Penn State Beaver Campus		
David Wytiaz	Beaver County Career and Technology Center		
Cheryl Moon-Sirianni	PennDOT District 11 Executive		
Jeff Thompson	PennDOT D-11		
Kathryn Power	PennDOT District 11 TMC	PennDOT D-11	
Jason Zang	PennDOT District 11 ADE Construction		
Angelo Pampena	PennDOT District 11 ADE Maintenance		



Name	Organization	Category
Frank Vescio	Center Township Planning	
Bill DiCioccio, Jr.	Center Township Chairman	
Virginia Schafer	Center Township Secretary	
Jamie Yurcina	Hopewell Township Manager	
David Kriger	Hopewell Township Road Dept. Supervisor	
Nora Janicki	Hopewell Township Community Outreach	Monitoinal
Brian Uhrmacher	Hopewell Township Police Chief	Municipal Representation
Ned Mitrovich	Municipal Engineer for all three	
Samuel Gill	City of Aliquippa Administrator	
John Lane	City of Aliquippa Police Chief	
Mario Leone	Monaca Borough Manager	
James Iorio	Monaca Borough Road Foreman	
Simon Short	Monaca Borough Mayor	



Name Organization		Category	
Tony Amadio	Beaver County Commissioner		
Daniel Camp III	Beaver County Commissioner		
Jack Manning	Beaver County Commissioner		
Eric Brewer	Beaver County		
Rebecca Matsco	Beaver County		
Tony Guy	Beaver County		
Cindy Vannoy	Beaver County		
Anthony Rosatone	Beaver County		
Christopher Ruppen	Beaver County		
Michael Drywal	Beaver County		
Judith Charlton	Beaver County		
George Verlihay	Beaver County	Beaver County	
Nicole Long	Beaver County		
John Bragg	Beaver County		
Tony Caltury	Beaver County		
Dennis Roussseau	Beaver County		
James Mitch	Beaver County		
Cynthia Cook	Beaver County		
Samuel Orr III	Beaver County		
Nathan Kopsack	Beaver County		
Tim Wetzel	Beaver County		
Howard Stuber	Beaver County		
Marlene Landrum	Beaver County		



Name	Organization	Category	
Eric Brewer	Beaver County EMA		
Vicki Michaels	Independent Conservancy		
Jim Logan	Western Pennsylvania Wheelmen Bicycle Club		
Dr. Vincent Troia	Ohio River Trail Council	Beaver County	
Skip Homan	Beaver County Partnership for Com and Econ Growth		
Heather Harmon Kennedy	Beaver County Chamber of Commerce		
Helen Kissick	Beaver County Chamber of Commerce		
Tim Mascari	Beaver Valley Mall		
Chuck Betters	CJ Betters Real Estate/BET-TECH		
John Kochanowski	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers		
M. Digiovine	CJ Betters Real Estate/BET-TECH	Business	
Pat Nardelli	Castle Development	Representation	
David Laffey	Castle Development		
JJ Stafenick	Stefaniks Contracting		
Shannon Debes	Shell Cracker Plant		



Name	Organization	Category	
	Monaca #4 Fire Station		
	Center Twp Fire Department		
	Wireton Fire Department	First Responders	
Dave Foringer	Aliquippa City Fire Department		
	Hopewell VFD Station #1 and #2		



## Public Meeting 1

#### Goals:

- Formally introduce project
- Collect input on issues and concerns
- Provide accessible opportunity for real-time interaction between public and project team



## Public Meeting 1

#### **Format:**

- Virtual
- Brief presentation
- Interactive polling questions
- Both chat and audio-based discussion with project team
- Follow up links to project materials and ways to provide additional feedback



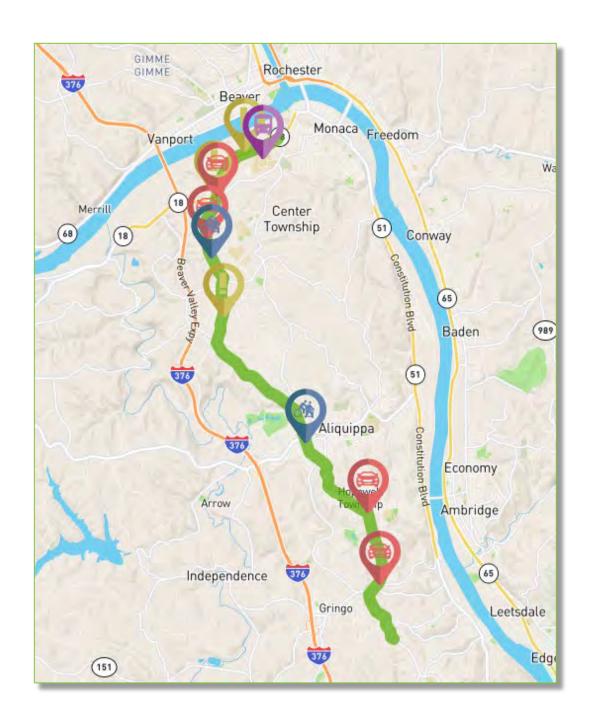
## Public Meeting 1

#### **Details:**

- Set February date
- Get the word out:
  - Social media
  - News releases
  - Email blast
  - Signage/message boards
  - > Flyers/handouts
  - > What else?

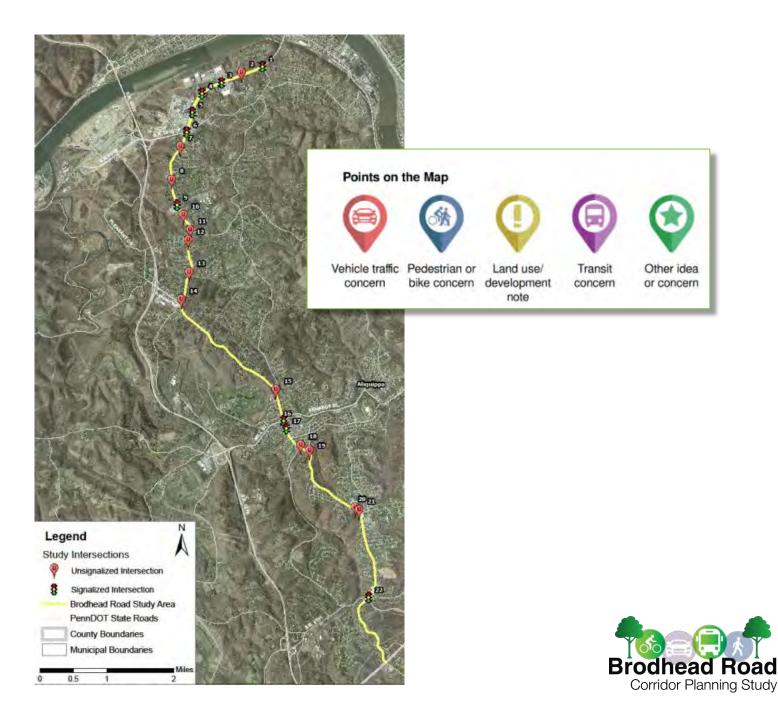


### Future Land Development





### Corridor Needs, Concerns, and Ideas



### Questions?

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#### MEMORANDUM of MEETING

Date: May 17, 2021

**Date of Meeting:** May 11, 2021 **Time of Meeting:** 1:30 PM

Meeting Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Description: Steering Committee Meeting #2

CC: Project File

Work Order Number: 035141.000

**Contract Number: 20-07** 

Project: SPC Brodhead Road Corridor Planning

Study

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This was the second Brodhead Road study meeting between the Steering Committee and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), PennDOT District 11-0 (PennDOT), Beaver County, Hopewell Township, and the consultant team consisting of Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP (WRA), and Pashek + MTR (PMTR). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the public outreach, existing conditions analyses, and future volume assumptions.

#### **Project Status**

Josh Spano (JS) kicked off the meeting, going over the agenda, then turned the project discussion over to Scott Thompson-Graves (STG). STG summarized the early steps that the project team has conducted since the first steering committee meeting, before turning it over to Jenni Easton (JE).

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(JE) discussed the results of the outreach, including the following:

- Wikimap
  - o 114 points with comments and 17 conversations
  - o 55% of comments related to "vehicle traffic concern"
  - Most comments: Five Points, Pleasant Drive
- Survey
  - o 77 responses
  - o 76% of responses are "near daily" drivers of Brodhead Rd
  - Most common concern was traffic entering and exiting Brodhead Rd
- Interviews
  - 80 invitations
  - Results supplemented technical data collection and added context
- Public Meeting #1
  - Virtual open house held March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o 61 attendees

(JS) mentioned that the project website also has commenting abilities if steering committee members would prefer. (STG) mentioned that the format of Public Meeting 1 and the Wikimapping were generally well-received based on feedback. Joe West (JW) agreed and mentioned that some stakeholders might have additional comments at the next public meeting.

Action Item: If the Steering Committee has any comments, additions, or feedback on the outreach, reach out to (JS).

#### **Existing Conditions and Issues**

(STG) reviewed the early results of the existing conditions analyses and the report itself.

(JE) walked through key findings for accessibility/walkability/transit and pedestrian/bicycle activity.

Chad Reese (CR) went over signal observations/improvement observations, sight distance/related safety or operational issues, nighttime retro-reflectivity, traffic volumes, travel speeds, intersection operations, freight, and safety.

(STG) then discussed that the existing issues were all consolidated into an Issues Summary showing all of the various issues on a location-by-location basis. Site-specific, group/section, and focal point needs were then discussed, with the plan to meet both existing and future needs.

(JW) asked about how well traffic signals would work at Center Grange Road. (CR) replied that there isn't a signal at that location today, so it wasn't included in the general field view of existing signal observations; however, next steps of the study will review traffic signal warrants at various locations as part of the potential improvement options.

**Action Item:** If the Steering Committee has any comments, additions, or feedback on the existing conditions, reach out to (JS). The draft is available for review at <a href="https://www.spcregion.org/brodhead">https://www.spcregion.org/brodhead</a>.



#### **Future Land Use Scenarios**

(JE) went over the future assumptions for volume growth, including:

- Riverfront activity
- Covid-19 impacts (e-commerce)
- Beaver Valley Mall issues (mixed/non-traditional uses)
- · General housing development continuing
- Development pipeline only goes through 2030

The Baseline SPC Cycle 11 forecast through 2045 accounts for 600 jobs at the Shell plant, 900 jobs at the Monaca industrial site, 350 jobs at the Center Township mixed use site, plus 80 townhomes. It also accounts for job losses, but it may be underestimating local housing production.

(JW) noted that Brodhead Road is surrounded by several regional facilities that may use it as a connecting link (e.g. Midland to Airport; Cranberry to I-376/Airport). Therefore, future growth impacts may not be limited to localized corridor growth, but also broader regional growth. (STG) explained that our growth approach spans a much broader regional area including (1) growth levels from SPC's regional model, and (2) broader origin-destination patterns based on StreetLight data. As such, the regional growth and impacts on the corridor should be better accounted for by referencing those sources as part of our future traffic projections.

John Buerkle (JB) added that outreach has noted that a lot of the regional growth and connectivity is focusing more on routes that cross Brodhead Road to/from I-376, and less on direct travel along the Brodhead Road corridor itself.

Benjamin Gilberti (BG) said that Baseline seems reliable and based on best available data sources, but was curious what would have bigger impact on future volumes, residential vs industrial – (STG) said that industrial versus residential impacts may vary based on location, pending localized travel patterns.

(BG) asked whether the retirement cohort will affect future projections. (STG) asserted that this would be reflected in the demographic assumptions from SPC's regional model, so it should already be accounted for in the project-specific changes, including their potential impact on travel pattern changes.

In the event that the Baseline isn't sufficient for growth in the area, (JE) proposes a "Build-Out" exercise, which would consider a more aggressive housing forecast. What would aggressive (5%) vs conservative (2%) growth look like? A maximum Build-Out capacity could be estimated based on developable acreage in the study area.

(STG) asked if the Baseline is reliable for 2045 projections, or whether we should model a stress test for future scenarios based on a "Build-Out" or other option. No answers were received, (JS) said the steering committee has the option to review and get back to the project team

Action Item: If the Steering Committee has any comments, additions, or feedback on the forecast, reach out to (JS).

#### **Other Questions**

(JW) mentioned that debate has been raised at the County Planning Commission as to if and where sidewalks could or should be installed to make certain locations (Baker, Sheffield, Center Township school areas) more friendly to pedestrians. (STG) replied that typical section perspectives can be developed to review potential impacts and costs related to new sidewalk improvements or related pedestrian connections. These types of options can be developed and presented to the Steering Committee for review as part of future discussions.

Domenic D'Andrea (DD) posed the question of how the Airport Master Plan could affect future growth assumptions in the southern portion of our study area and suggested that the Airport be contacted to confirm insights relative to what



might be assumed in the SPC model. Kristin Baum (KB) replied that some of the airport area growth is definitely accounted for in the model. Input is typically provided by the county, but additional insights or newer data can be reviewed/compared if available. Recent plans for housing growth in Beaver County may not be completely captured in forecasts from approximately two years ago, as most of the input at that time noted industrial developments. (STG) added that the project team can share the latest housing assumptions with SPC to potentially review and update future model assumptions.

#### **Next Steps**

(STG) reviewed next steps, including draft improvement concepts, followed by steering committee meeting #3, taking that feedback to get to the public meeting #2 in late June. Final steering committee meeting and BCO commissioners presentation of the final plan in June/July.

(JS) reminded everyone that the project website is up, and that steering committee members can reach out via email, phone, etc. He also said that everyone should be on the lookout for steering committee meeting #3, as well as public meeting #2.

Action Item: If the Steering Committee has any comments, additions, or feedback on the next steps, reach out to (JS).



#### **Action Items**

Steering Committee to provide comments, additions, or feedback to (JS) on:

- Public outreach
- Existing conditions
- Forecast assumptions
- Project next steps











### Agenda

**Project Status** 

**Outreach Recap** 

**Existing Conditions and Issues** 

**Future Land Use Scenarios** 

**Next Steps** 



### Wikimap:

- Interactive point-specific comments by category
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Study Area/Limits





concern

Vehicle traffic Pedestrian or

Points on the Map



bike concern development



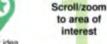


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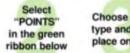


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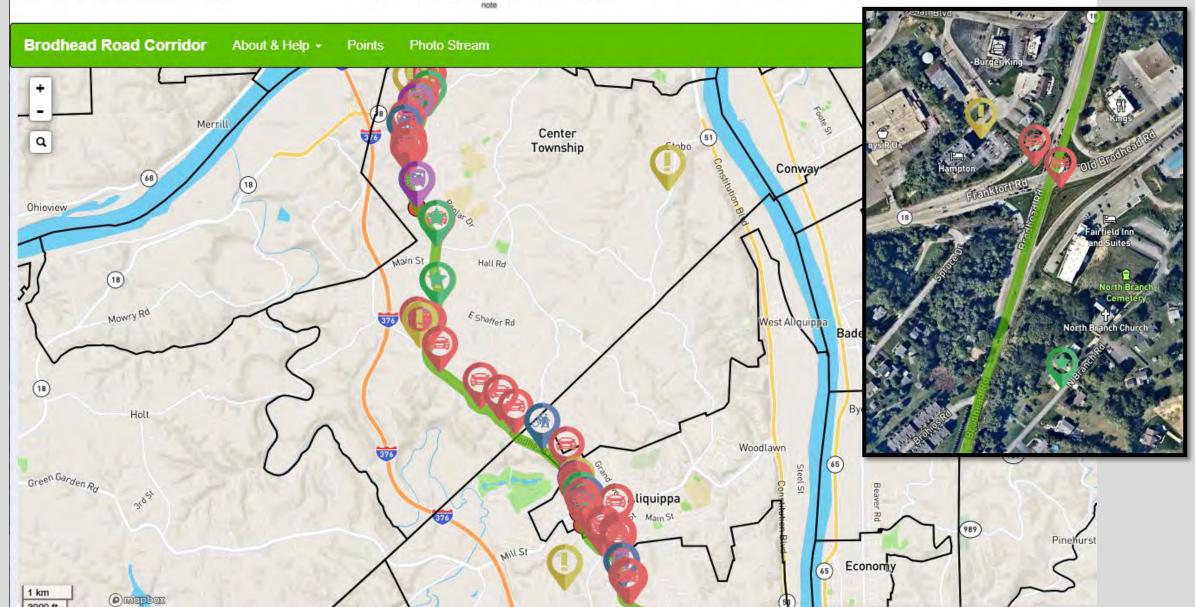


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Choose point type and then place on map

Complete and Add photos or submit description agree/disagree and any other with comments comments made



### Survey:

- Open in February and March
- 77 responses
- 76% drive on Brodhead "almost daily," only a few pedestrians and cyclists
- Most important general concerns:
  - Entering/exiting traffic 78%
  - Road maintenance 76%
  - Intersection safety 72%



#### Interviews:

- 80 invitations
- Series of topic focus groups, individual targeted interviews and follow-ups
- Results supplemented technical data collection, added context to identification of existing conditions and future needs



### **Public Meeting 1:**

- March 3 virtual open house with project overview followed by topic-specific breakouts
- 111 registrants, 61 attendees
- Promoted through flyers, email blasts, stakeholder network, social media posts, Beaver County Radio



# **Existing Conditions and Issues**

### Compilation of:

- Outreach and Engagement
- Document Reviews
- Aerial and Field Reviews
- Field Measurements and Studies
- Safety Assessments
- Ped / Bike / Transit / Freight Details
- Roadway / Traffic / Operations Details

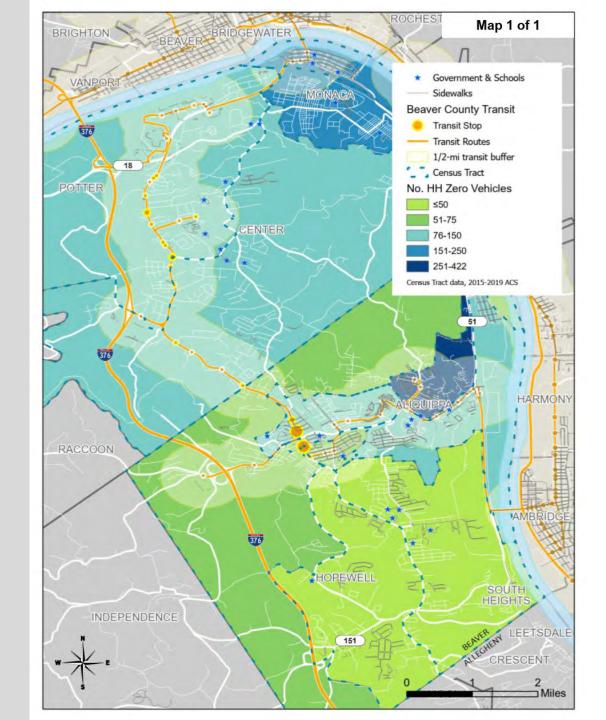


## **Existing Conditions**

Vehicle Access

Walkability

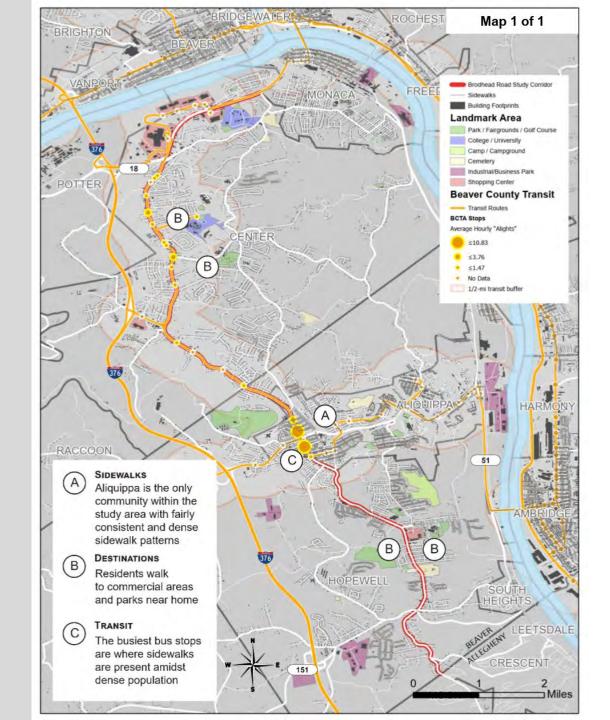
Transit Routes and Stops





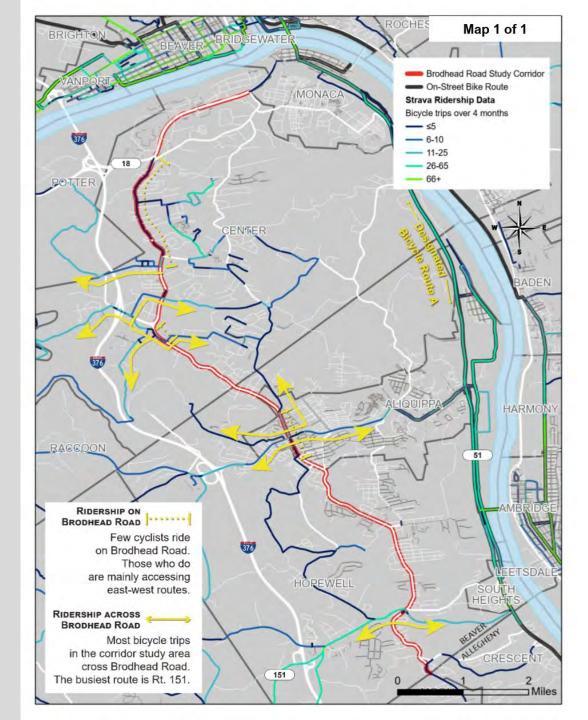
## **Existing Conditions**

Pedestrian Activity





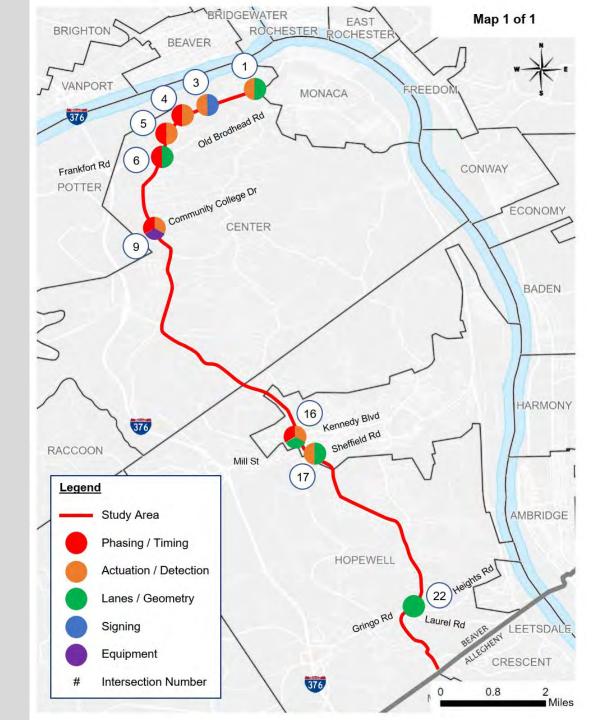
Bicycle Activity





Signal Observations

Potential Signal Improvement Opportunities





Sight Distance

Overlap w/ other Safety or Operational Issues





- 19 field-measured sight-distance locations
- 74% with some degree of constraints
- Several low-volume, minor streets (e.g. Cleveland Ave, Ohioview Ave)
- Key locations to overlap other issues (e.g. Shaffer Rd, 20th St, Laird Ave)



Nighttime Retro-reflectivity

#### Legend

Excellent

Good

\_\_\_ Fair

Poor



South of Pleasant Drive



South of 20th Street

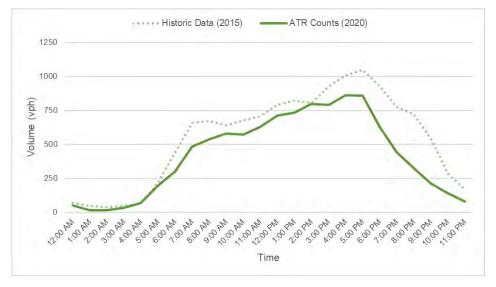


South of Five Points



Traffic Volumes

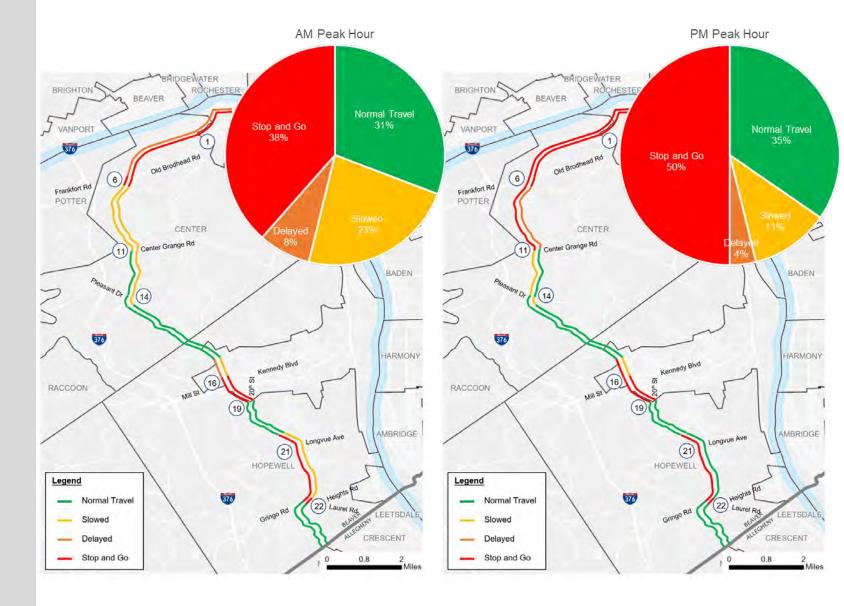
	Brodhead Road Daily Traffic Volumes (vehicles per day)					
Area	5,000-10,000	10,000-15,000	15,000-20,000	20,000-25,000		
Center Twp Commercial Area (INT 1-6: Old Brodhead to Frankfort / Old Brodhead)						
Center Twp Suburban Area (INT 6-14: Frankfort / Old Brodhead to Pleasant Dr)						
Center-Hopewell-Aliquippa Residential Area (INT 14-16: Pleasant Dr to Mill St / Kennedy Blvd)						
Aliquippa Commercial Area (INT 16-19: Mill St / Kennedy Blvd to 20 <sup>th</sup> St)						
Hopewell Twp School and Commercial Areas (INT 19-22: 20 <sup>th</sup> St to Five Points)						
Hopewell Twp Suburban Area (INT 22 / Five Points to Allegheny County Line)						





### Travel Speeds







Intersection Operations

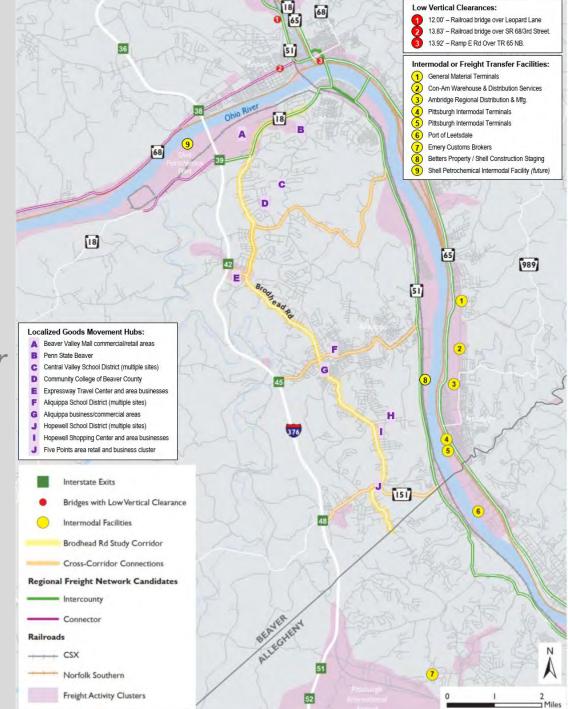
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2	Wagner Rd		C / <b>F</b>
3	Short St / Milne Dr		D/E
4	Center Commons Blvd		C/C
5	Beaver Valley Mall Dr / Golfview Dr		D/D
6	Frankfort Rd / Old Brodhead Rd		F/F
7	N Branch Rd		C/E
8	Baker Rd Ext		C/F
9	Community College Dr		D/D
10	Sherwood Dr		B/C
11	Center Grange Rd		C/F
12	Main St		B/D
13	Shaffer Rd		C/E
14	Pleasant Dr		C/F
15	Chapel Rd		B / <b>F</b>
16	Mill St / Kennedy Blvd		D/F
17	Sheffield Rd		D/F
18	Kane Rd		C/D
19	20 <sup>th</sup> St		C/D
20	Laird Ave		B/E
21	Longvue Ave		E / <b>F</b>
22	Five Points		F/F



Freight Network

Intermodal or Freight Transfer Facilities

Localized Goods Movement Hubs



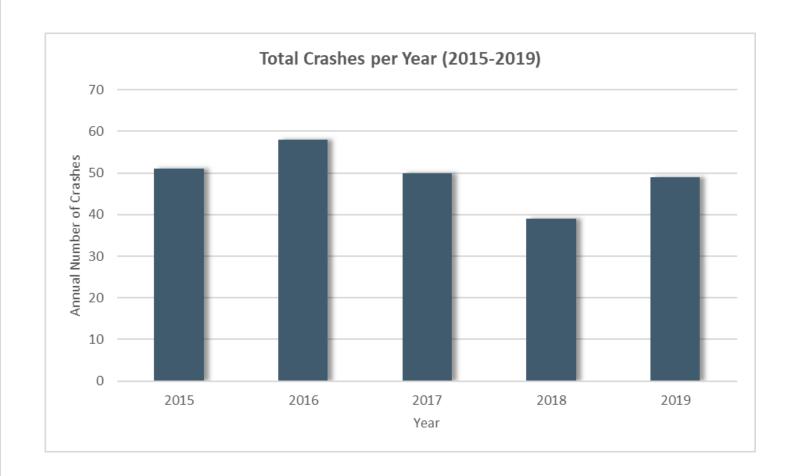


Safety

Crash History / Trends

Highway Safety Manual

*I-376 Emergency Detours* 





	Safety			Acces	sibility		Planning
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Crash Cluster	Sight Distance	Driving	Pedestrian	Bicycling	Transit	School	Growth
	Mobility			Opera	ntions		Other
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Congestion	Cut-Through Traffic	Freight	Traffic Signal Ops	Turn Lanes or Geometry	Signing and Markings	Driveways and Parking	Infrastructure

#### **ICON COLOR LEGEND:**



= not applicable at location



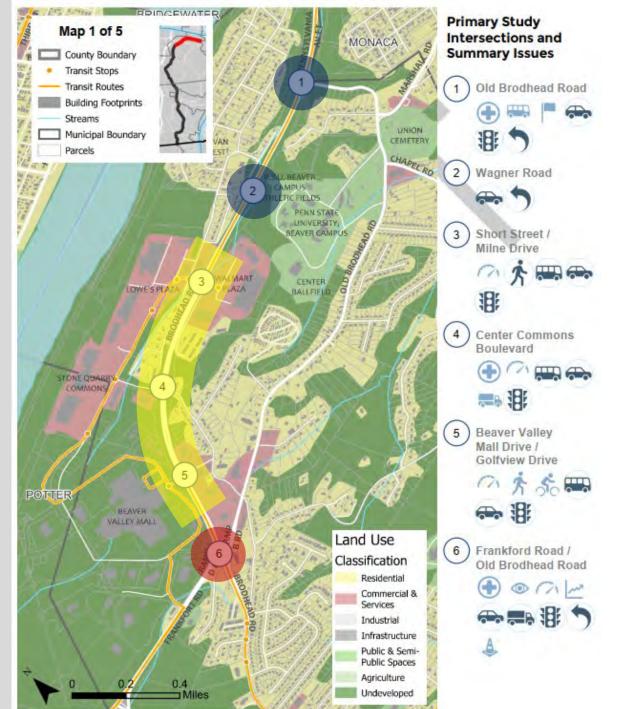
= anecdotal concern or general observation



= confirmed issue based on analysis and/or field-measurement



- Site-Specific Needs
- Group/Section Needs
- Focal Point Needs



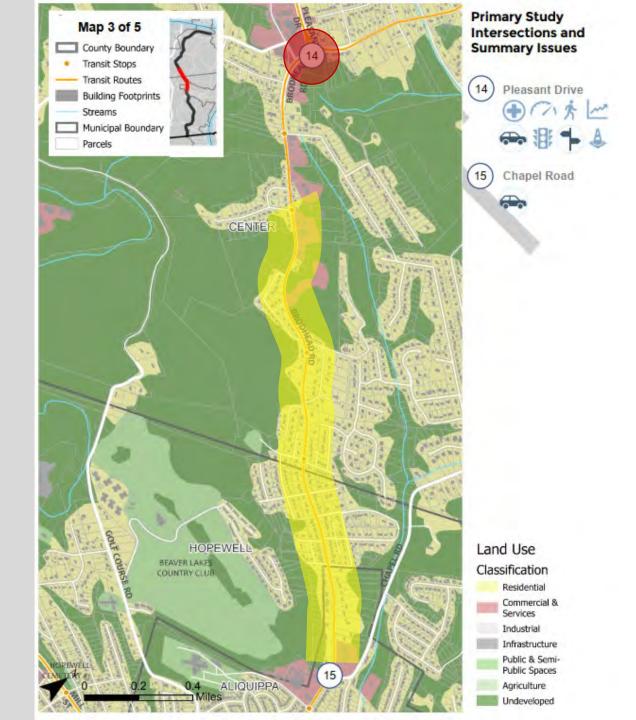


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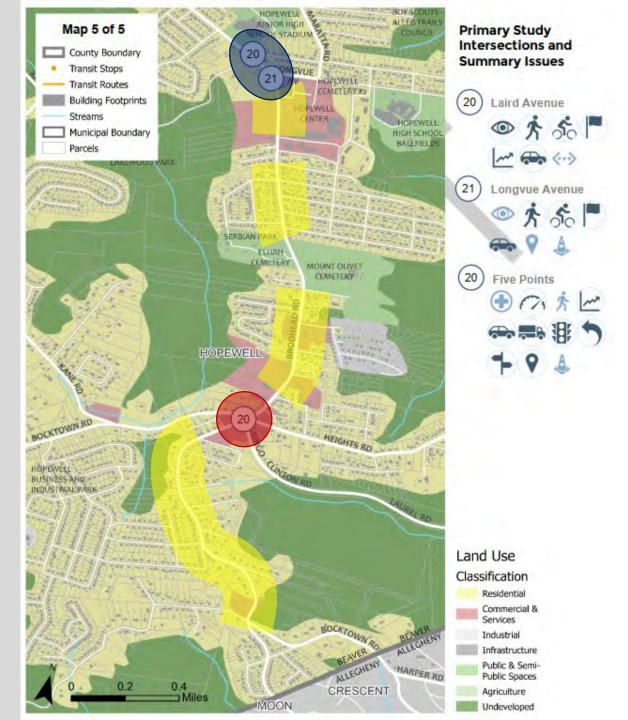


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## **Considerations:**

- Lots of activity in market for riverfront sites. Includes site with 200K sf warehouse and room for five more, 1,000-foot dock. Possible distribution center.
- Covid-19 impact on C/I
- Beaver Valley Mall will look different.
- Stakeholders expect continued growth in housing development.
- Known development pipeline takes us through only 2030.



## **Baseline:**

- SPC Cycle 11 forecast for 2045 distributed among internal traffic analysis zones
- Accounts for 600 jobs at Shell plant, 900 at Monaca industrial site, 350 at Center Township mixed use) + 80 townhomes
- Accounts for losses
- May be underestimating local housing production



We know of about 1,000 proposed housing units that could be online in Center, Hopewell and Aliquippa by 2025 or 2030, but the Cycle 11 forecast has a loss of 26 households by 2025 and only 283 additional units by 2030.



## **Alternative:**

- Use build-out analysis to estimate housing units and nonresidential square footage left to be built in the communities
- Apply an assumed growth rate for both with the known housing development pipeline in mind
- Distribute estimated growth among internal TAZ according to where we expect it will be located

## **Build-out:**

What would aggressive (5%) vs. conservative (2%) growth look like given the remaining developable land in Center, Hopewell and Aliquippa?



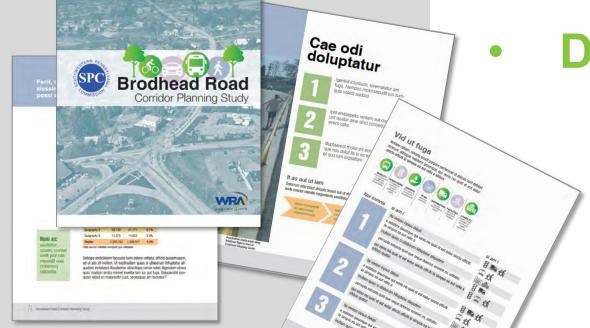
### **Build-out:**

- Identify undeveloped parcels of a minimum size in applicable zoning districts
- Clip out constraints (ex. 15%+ slope), parks, cemeteries, etc.
- Estimate total acreage/community to which we can apply assumptions
  - Subtract 15% of land for infrastructure
  - Units/acre or building envelope of current zoning district



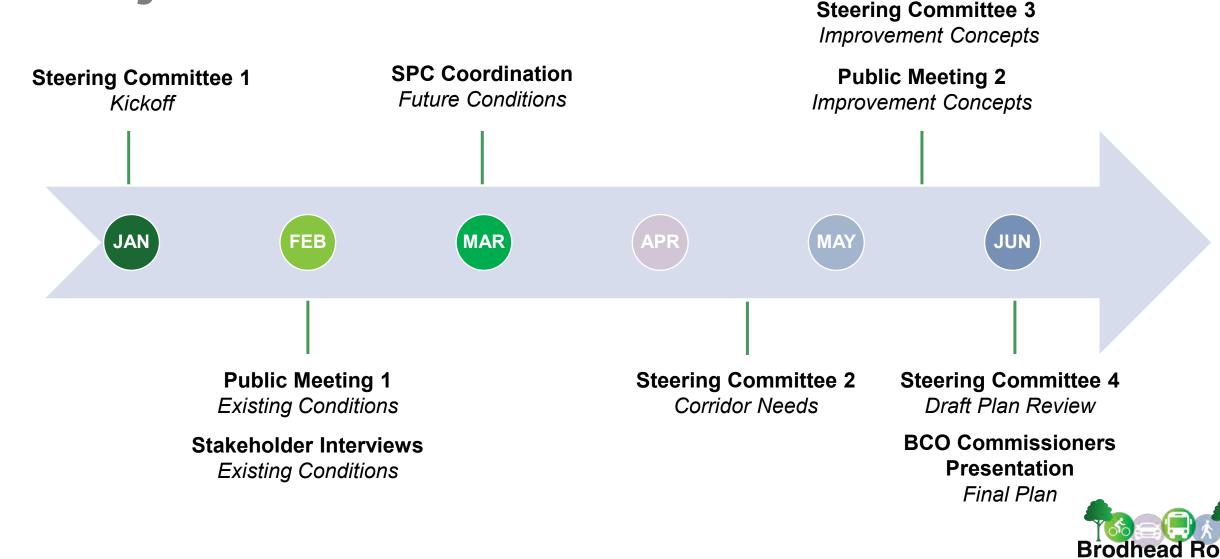
## **Next Steps**

- Draft improvement concepts
- SC meeting 3
- Public meeting 2
  - **Draft plan**





## Project schedule



Corridor Planning Study

## Questions?

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## Agenda

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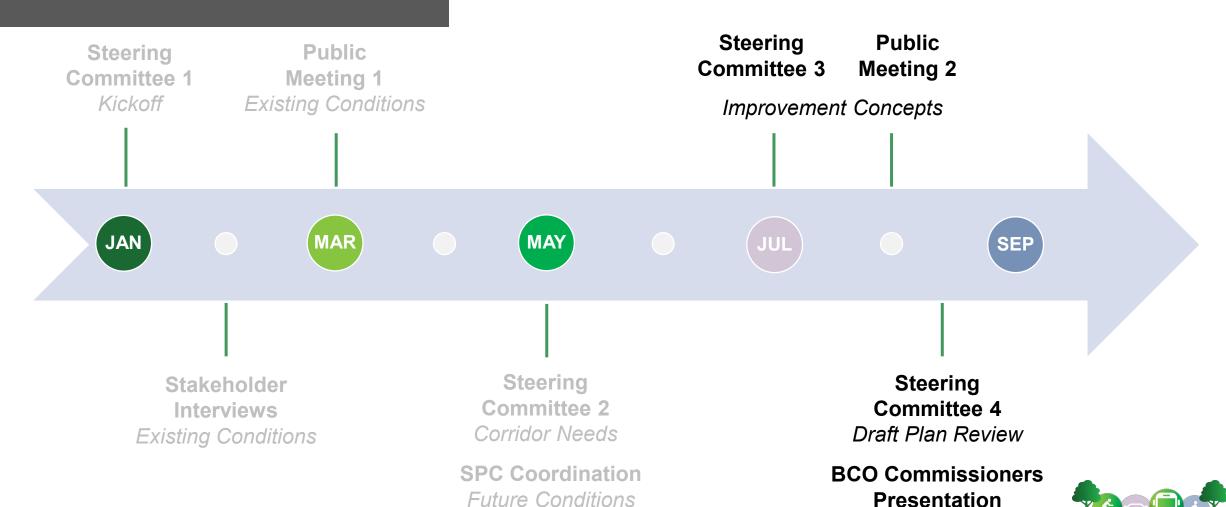
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**Future Improvement Concepts** 

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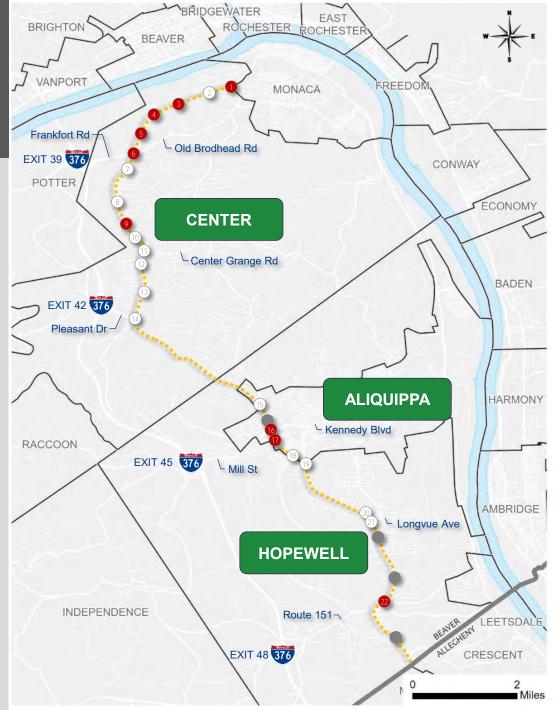


Final Plan

Brodhead Road Corridor Planning Study

## Project Status Study Area

- Portions of:
  - Center Township
  - City of Aliquippa
  - Hopewell Township
- 11-mi Brodhead Rd corridor
- 9 existing traffic signals
- 13 stop-controlled intersections
- Other locations of interest



#### **Location Index:**

- 1. Old Brodhead Rd
- 2. Wagner Rd
- 3. Short St / Milne Dr
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### **EXISTING / FUTURE CONDITIONS UPDATE**



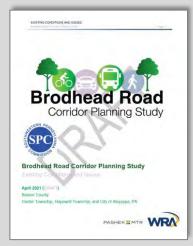






#### **Issues and Areas of Concern**

- Safety
- Mobility
- Accessibility
- Operations
- Growth and Infrastructure





Accessibility					Planning
R					
Pedestrian	Bicycling	Transit	School		Growth
Operations					Other
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## Future Growth

#### **Study Area Analysis Zones:**

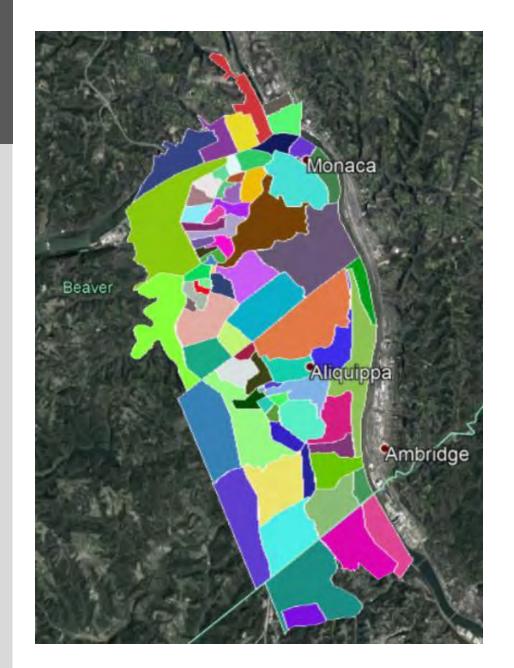
#### **SPC Forecasting Model**

Defines the initial study area zones

#### **Zone Refinement**

Subdivides areas based on road network, land use, and future development details

**Brodhead Rd Corridor-Specific Growth and Analysis Zones** 



#### 2020 Study Area:

• Area (sq. mi.): 52.3

Households: 23,029

• Population: 55,198

• Employment: 30,014

#### **2045 Background Growth:**

Per regional forecasts and municipal growth

#### **2045 Pipeline Growth:**

 Additional known and approved development

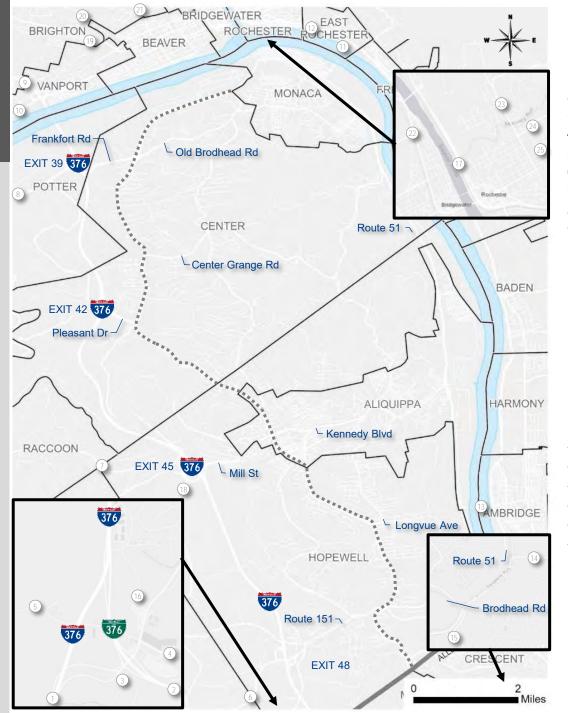


## Future Growth

#### **Internal (Municipal) Growth:**

•	Aliquippa City	0.50%
•	Rochester Borough	0.50%
•	Monaca Borough	0.50%
•	Center Township	0.50%
•	Potter Township	0.77%
•	Vanport Township	0.50%
•	Beaver Borough	0.50%
•	Bridgewater Borough	0.50%
•	Moon Township	0.72%
•	Crescent Township	0.89%
•	Hopewell Township	0.50%
•	South Heights Borough	0.50%
•	Findlay Township	1.10%

**Average Traffic Growth ~ 0.52%** 



#### **External Growth:**

1.	I-376	0.31%
2.	I-376B	0.47%
3.	Clinton Rd	1.10%
4.	Moon-Clinton Rd	1.10%
5.	Spring Grade Rd	1.10%
6.	SR 151	0.10%
7.	Green Garden Rd	0.50%
8.	SR 18	0.40%
9.	I-376	0.08%
10.	SR 68	0.29%
11.	SR 51	0.66%
12.	SR 51	0.02%
13.	Ambridge-Aliquippa Br	0.02%
14.	SR 51	0.20%
15.	Brodhead Rd	0.72%
16.	Spring Run Rd	1.10%
17.	SR 18	0.55%
18.	Independence Rd	0.50%
19.	Tuscarawas Rd	0.50%
20.	Gypsy Glen Rd	0.50%
21.	Dutch Ridge Rd	0.50%
22.	SR 51	0.26%
23.	SR 68	0.73%
24.	Deer Ln	0.50%
25.	Reno St	0.50%

Percent Growth Rate per Year



## Future Operations

- **2020 ADT** ~ 8,200 to 26,300
- **2045 ADT** ~ 11,300 to 32,000
- ~22 to 38% increase in traffic
- Traffic queuing and delays worsen at essentially all sites
- 12/22 intersections introduce new failures (LOS E/F)
- 19/22 intersections exhibit some degree of failure



#	Brodhead Rd at:	Signalized	Existing AM / PM	Future AM / PM	New Failure?
1	Old Brodhead Rd		C/C	C/C	
2	Wagner Rd		C/F	D/F	
3	Short St / Milne Dr		D/E	D/E	
4	Center Commons Blvd		C/C	C/D	
5	BV Mall Dr / Golfview Dr		D/D	D/E	Û
6	Frankfort Rd / Old Brodhead Rd		F/F	F/F	
7	N Branch Rd		C/E	C/F	<b>↓</b>
8	Baker Rd Ext		C/F	C/F	
9	Community College Dr		D/D	D/E	Ţ
10	Sherwood Dr		B/C	C/D	
11	Center Grange Rd		C/F	D/F	
12	Main St		B/D	C/E	Ţ
13	Shaffer Rd		C/E	C/F	<b>↓</b>
14	Pleasant Dr		C/F	F/F	<b>↓</b>
15	Chapel Rd		B / <b>F</b>	C/F	
16	Mill St / Kennedy Blvd		D/F	E/F	Ţ
17	Sheffield Rd		D/F	F/F	<b>↓</b>
18	Kane Rd		C/D	C/F	<b>↓</b>
19	20 <sup>th</sup> St		C/D	C/F	<b>↓</b>
20	Laird Ave		B/E	C/F	•
21	Longvue Ave		E/F	F/F	1
22	Five Points		F/F	F/F	



## FUTURE IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS (Focal Points)









### **Focal Points**

#### **Focal Points:**

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### **Network Options:**

- Multimodal Network
- Ordinances and Zoning

### **Spot Locations:**

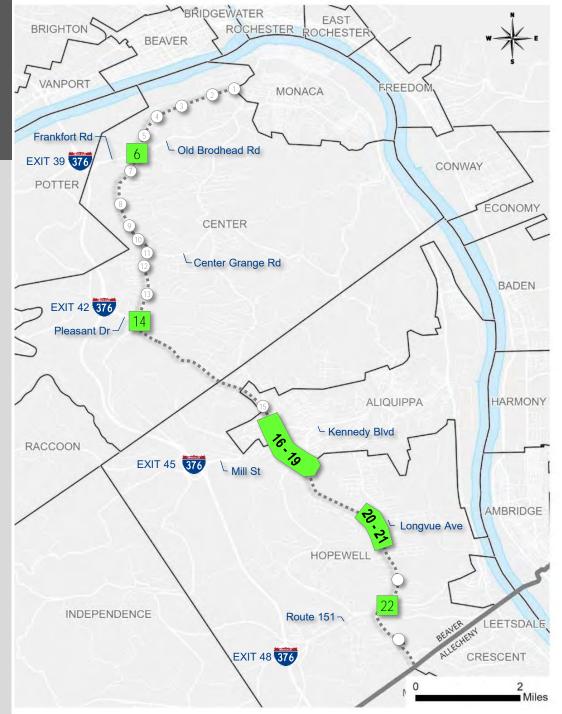
- Intersection Visibility Options
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### **Focal Points**

#### **Include major reconfiguration** options such as:

- Overall intersection modifications
- Widening and turn lanes
- Notable changes in traffic control (signals, roundabouts)
- Notable changes in access or access control



#### **Location Index:**

- Short St / Milne Dr
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#### Frankfort / Old Brodhead

- N Branch Rd

- Main St

#### Pleasant Dr

- Mill St / Kennedy Blvd
- Sheffield Rd
- Kane Rd
- 20th St
- **Laird Ave**
- **Longvue Ave**
- **Hopewell Shopping Ctr**

#### **Five Points**





Frankfort / Old Brodhead

### **Split Phase Removal**

- Fits within ROW
- Avoids false capacity on SB Brodhead
- Improves pedestrian phasing

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	С
2045 PM	F	С





Frankfort / Old Brodhead

### **Two Lane Roundabout**

- Fits within ROW
- Improves all movements
- Removes signal for peds
- May facilitate access controls at other locations

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	А
2045 PM	F	С







Pleasant Dr

### Lane Reconfiguration w/ Signal

- Fits within ROW
- Increases delay on Brodhead
   Rd, but operates better overall
- Peds receive a signal to cross

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	А
2045 PM	F	С





Pleasant Dr

### Roundabout w/ Bypass Lanes

- Fits within ROW
- Increases delay on Brodhead Rd, but operates better overall
- No change from current ped accommodations

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	А
2045 PM	F	В





Pleasant Dr

### **Continuous Green-T (CGT)**

- Often referred to as "Florida T"
- Fits within existing ROW
- Maintains free-flow NB travel
- No change from current ped accommodations

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	В
2045 PM	F	С







Aliquippa Commercial District

### **Site-Specific Enhancements**

- Admiral Street
- Mill St / Kennedy Blvd
- Sheffield Rd
- Kane Rd
- 20<sup>th</sup> St



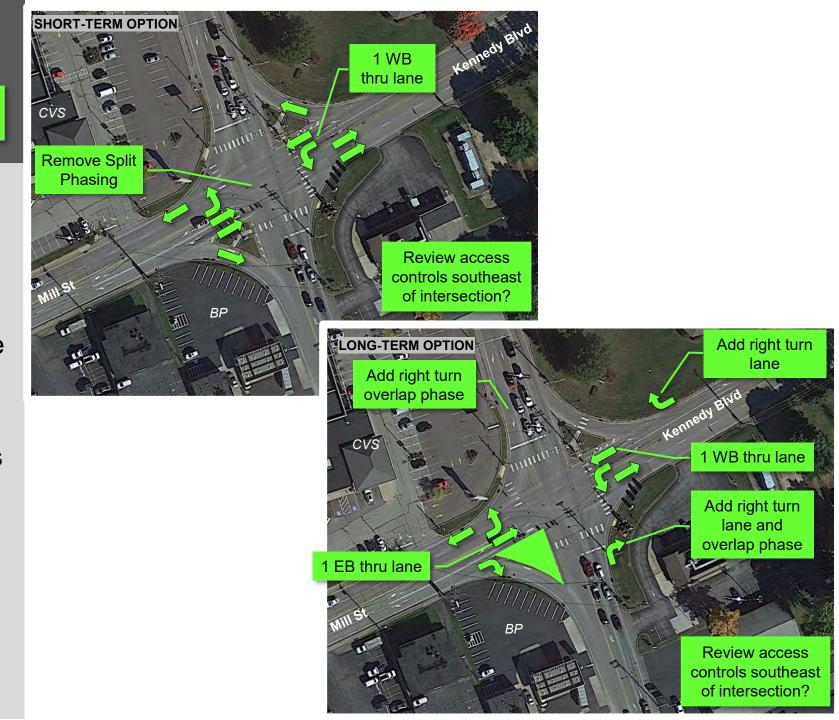


Aliquippa Commercial District

### Mill St / Kennedy Blvd Options

- Short-term WB through-lane reduction
- Long-term EB/WB through-lane reduction
- Both remove split phasing and improve intersection operations
- Both require further exploration to tie the lane reduction w/ the existing four-lane section





Aliquippa Commercial District

### **Potential Typical Sections**

~28-32' existing

~32' if consistent shoulders

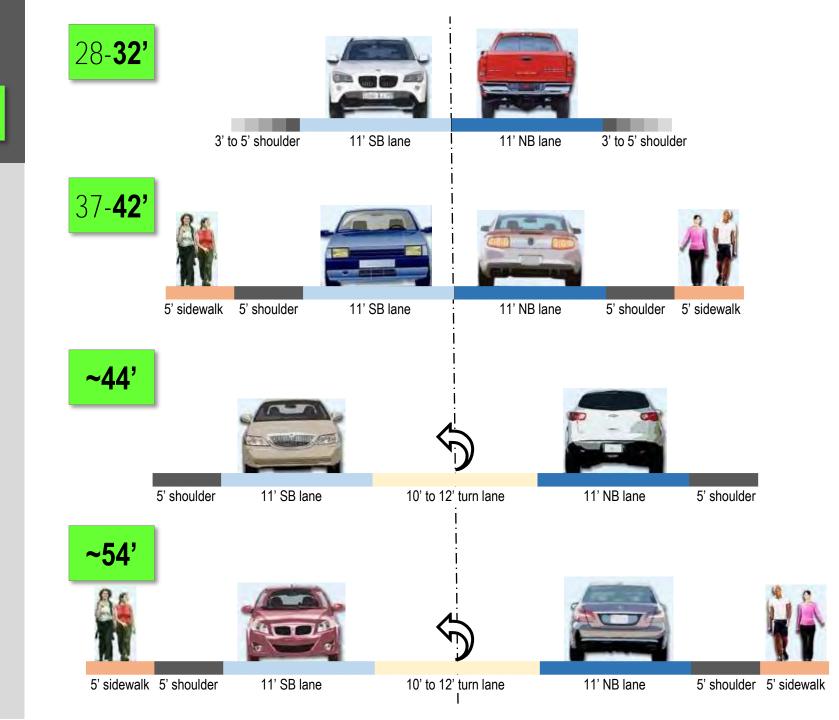
~37' if shoulders + 1 sidewalk

~42' if shoulders + 2 sidewalks

~44' if shoulders + 12' turn lane

~54' if shoulders, sidewalk, turn lane





Aliquippa Commercial District

### **Estimated Impact Envelopes**

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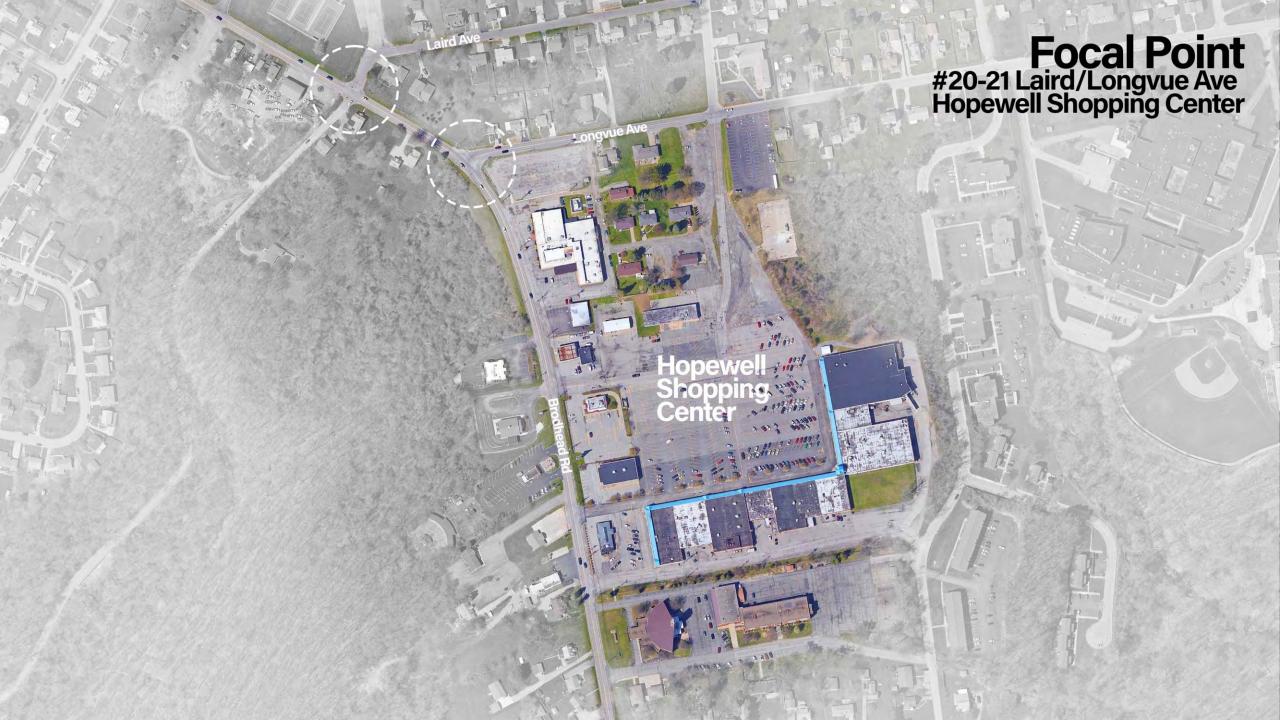
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Laird / Longvue / Hopewell Shopping Ctr

### **Site-Specific Enhancements**

- Laird Ave
- Longvue Ave
- Hopewell Shopping Center
- Access Control
- Multimodal Linkages
- Typical Section Upgrades





Laird / Longvue / Hopewell Shopping Ctr

### **Longvue Ave Options**

- Turn Lanes w/ Traffic Signal
- Roundabout

Widen for separate EB left/right-turn lanes

Widen for NB right-turn lane

Widen for SB left-turn lane

Explore signal warrants?







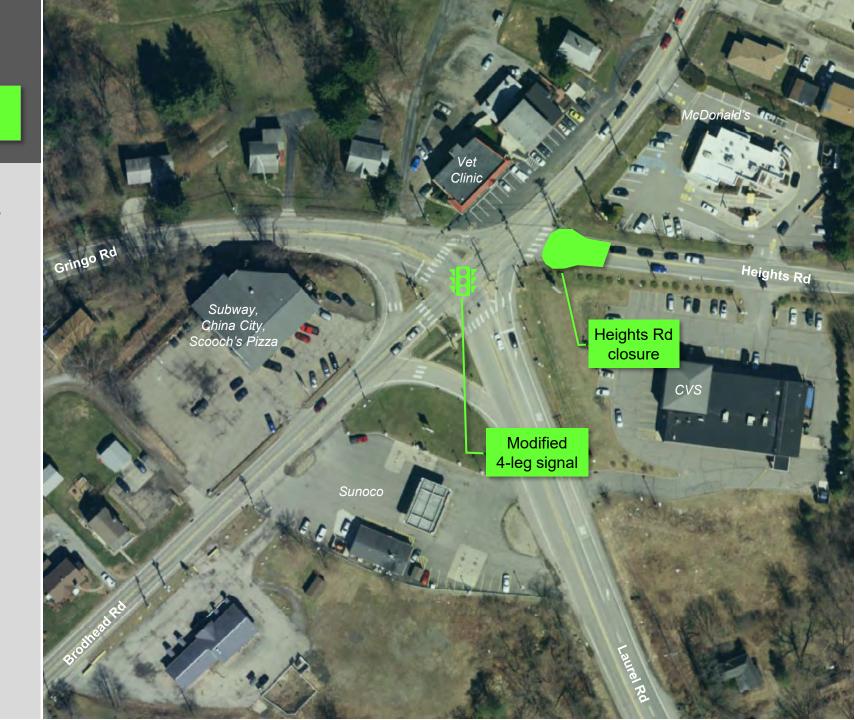
Five Points

# **Signal Optimization w/ Heights Rd Closure**

- Fits within ROW
- Minor movements still fail
- Improves ped phasing

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2045 PM	F	D





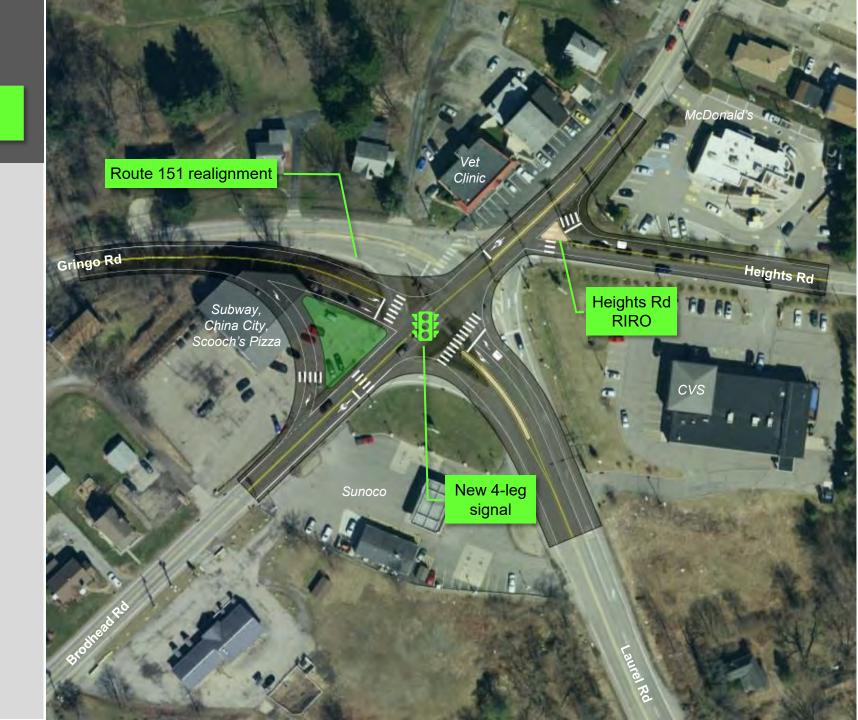
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# Route 151 Realignment w/ Signal Reconfiguration

- Requires ROW
- Removes skew
- Improves EB truck operations
- Improves ped phasing

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	D
2045 PM	F	D





Five Points

# Roundabout w/ Bypass Lanes and Heights Rd Separation

- Requires ROW
- Improves all movements
- Removes ped signals

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	А
2045 PM	F	В







# FUTURE IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS (Network Options)









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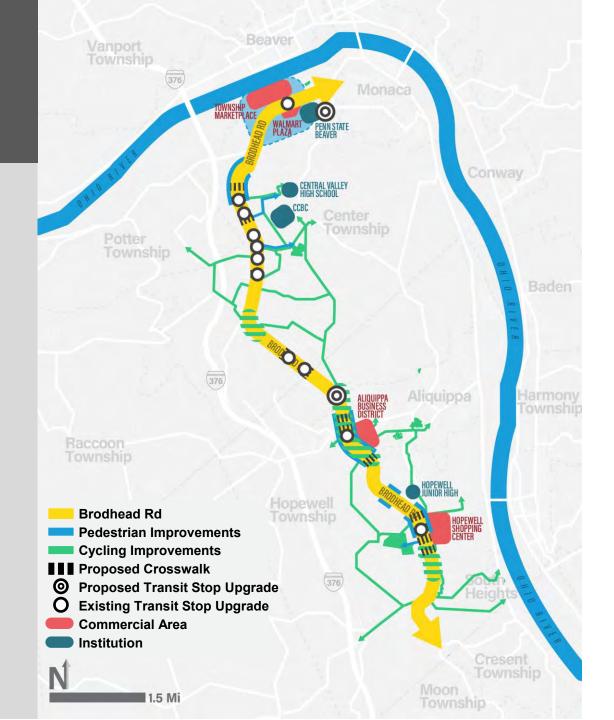
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# **Network Options**

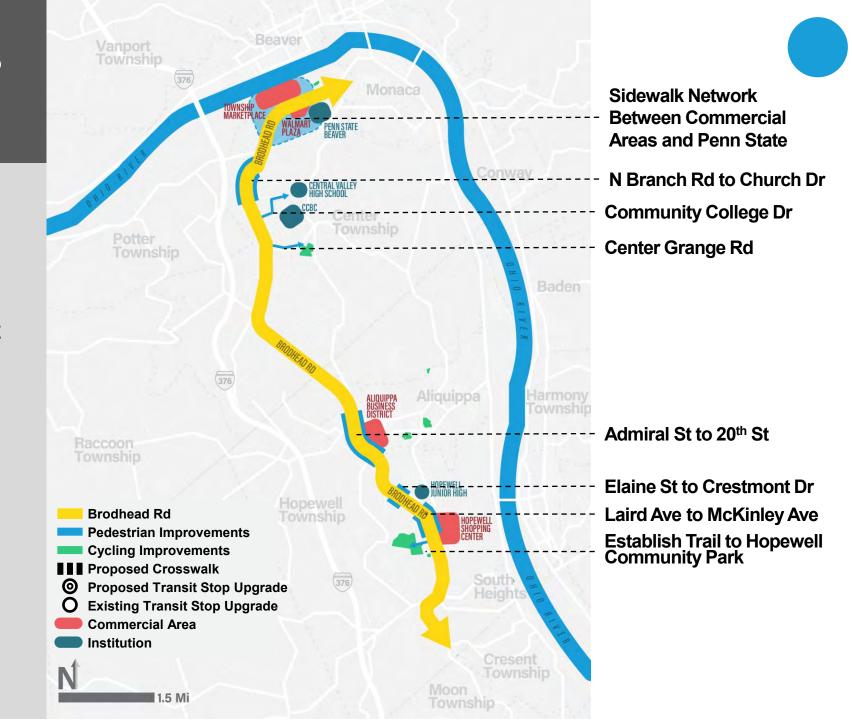
- Pedestrian Network
- **III** Crosswalks
- Cycling Network
- Transit Upgrades





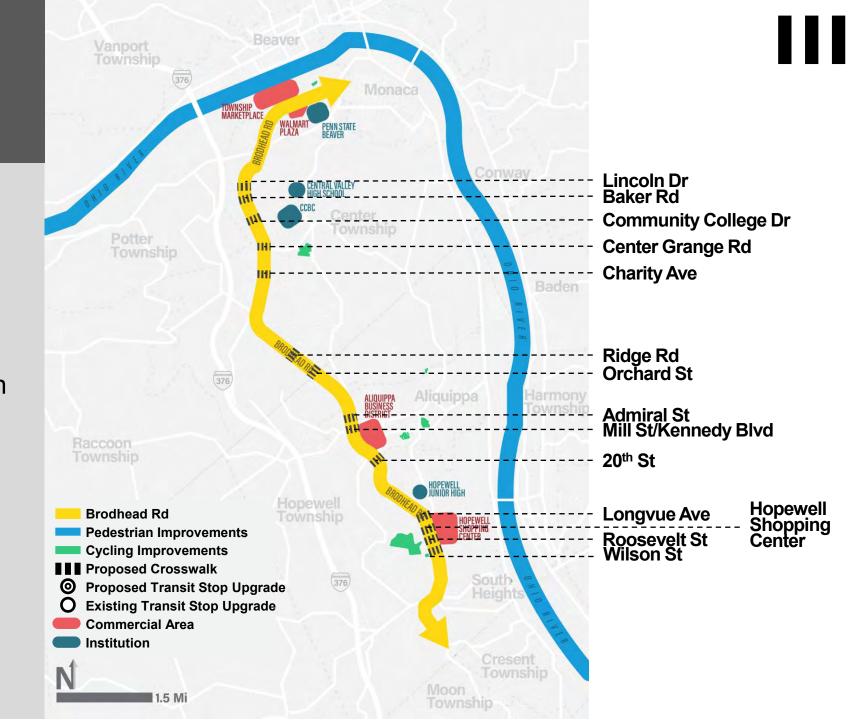
# **Network Options Pedestrian Network**

- Complete sidewalk network at Walmart Plaza and Township Marketplace
  - Connect sidewalks to transit stops
  - Create pedestrian-friendly environment through commercial parking lots
- Enhance pedestrian access to nearby institutions, parks and commercial districts.
- Off-Brodhead connections (ex. Laird and Maratta)
- Priority sidewalk segments along Brodhead



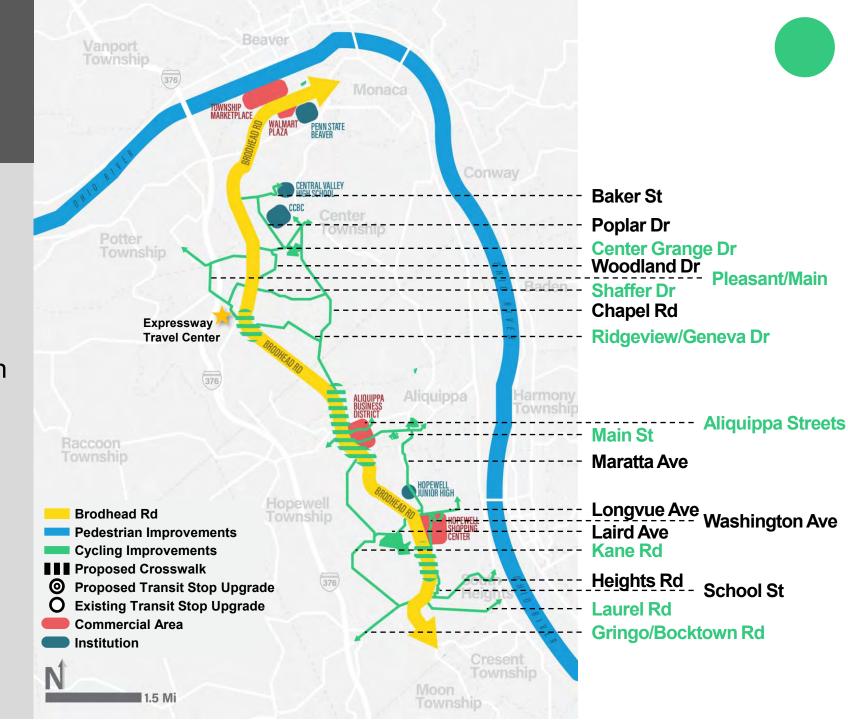
# Network Options Crosswalks

- High-visibility crosswalks in transit stop locations, commercial areas
- Signage and signalization can help improve pedestrian crossings
- Crosswalks in commercial areas should connect into sidewalk network



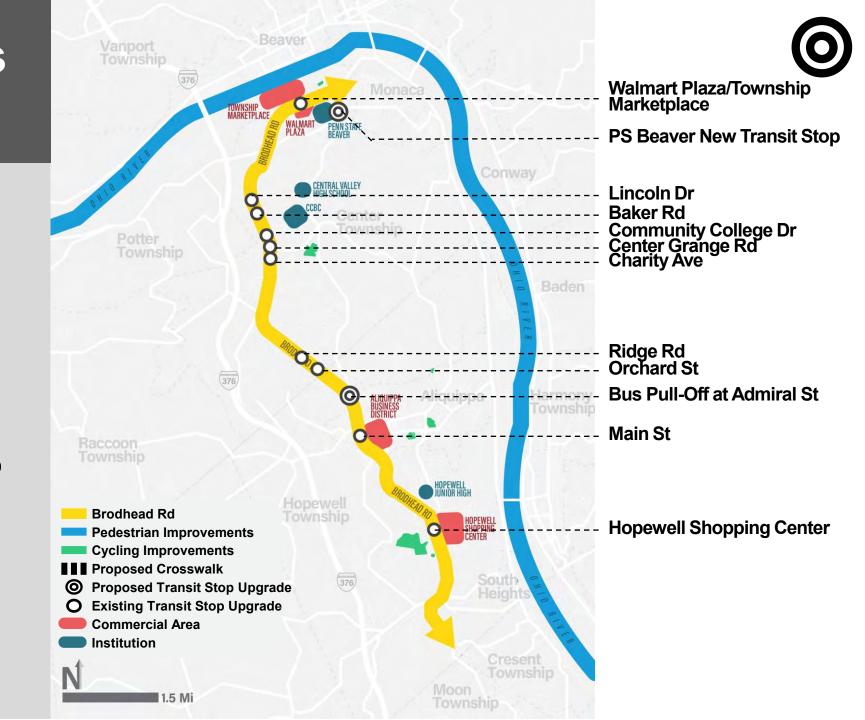
# Network Options Cycling Network

- Improve cycling network along cross streets, lower volume/speed roads
- Shared lane markings/signs on cross streets
- Account for riders passing through Five Points along Laurel/Route 151 between Bike Route A (Route 51) and Route 30



# **Network Options Transit Upgrades**

- Standing pads
- Transit shelters
- Bus pull-offs, signal prioritization
- Bike racks, lighting, places to sit/lean, trash receptacles, schedule information



# Sample Pedestrian/Bike Improvements



### **Shared-Lane Markings, Signs**

Cross streets
Brodhead-adjacent routes
ex. Laird and Maratta

### **High-Visibility Crosswalks**

Transit stop intersections
Commercial areas
Higher-density neighborhoods

### **Enhanced BCTA stop facilities**

Highest-ridership areas: Commercial area near mall Aliquippa (Admiral)







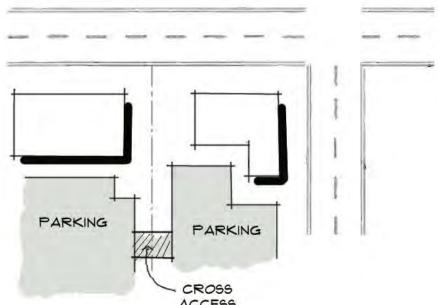
# **Network Options**

Ordinances and Zoning

### **Local recommendations**

- Sidewalk requirements
- Recalibrate parking minimums
- Enable/promote shared parking
- Limit driveways
- Connect adjacent properties (access driveways, stub-outs, cross-access easements)
- Corner clearance
- Adopt Complete Streets policies





# Brodhead at McLean (Aliquippa)





# FUTURE IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS (Spot Locations)









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Intersection Visibility Options



Retro-reflectivity upgrades



Clear sight triangles



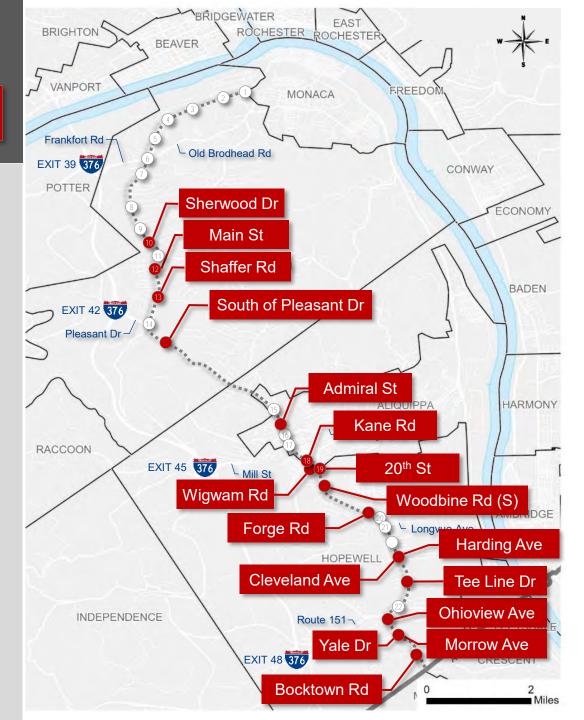
Larger or duplicate signs
Reflective panels on sign posts
Wider longitudinal markings
Pavement word markings
LED sign perimeter lighting



Warning beacons

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Turn restrictions
One-way pairings









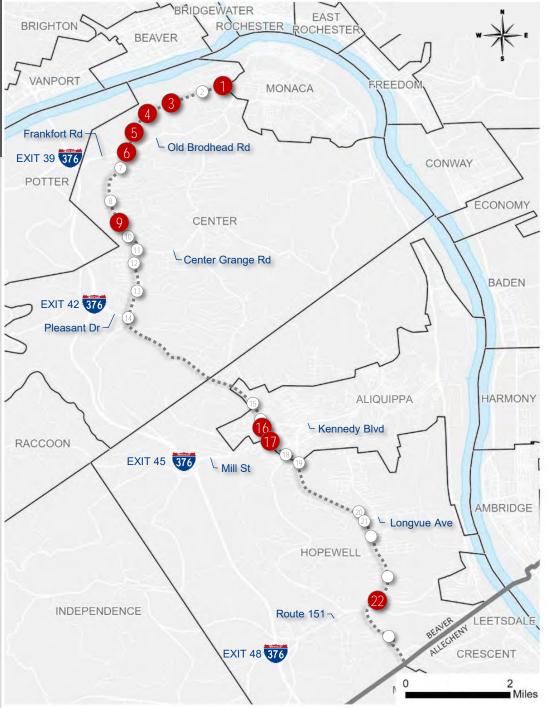






Existing Signal Upgrades

- Existing Signal
- Timing/Phasing Optimization
- Holiday Timing Plans
- Pedestrian Signal Upgrades
- Advance Signing Upgrades
- Yellow/Red Clearance Review
- Detection Review



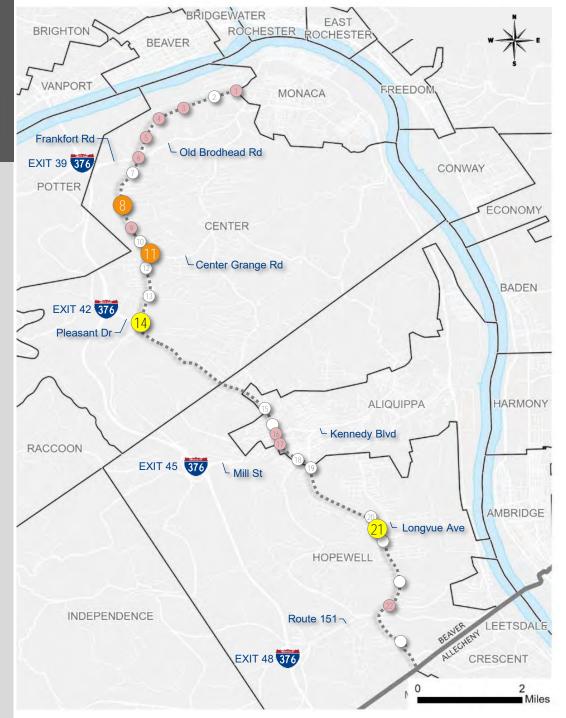
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New Signal Warrant Studies

- Existing Signal
- Warrant Study Candidate
- Linked w/ Other Alternatives
- Consider influence of other potential alternatives
- Consider neighborhood connectivity



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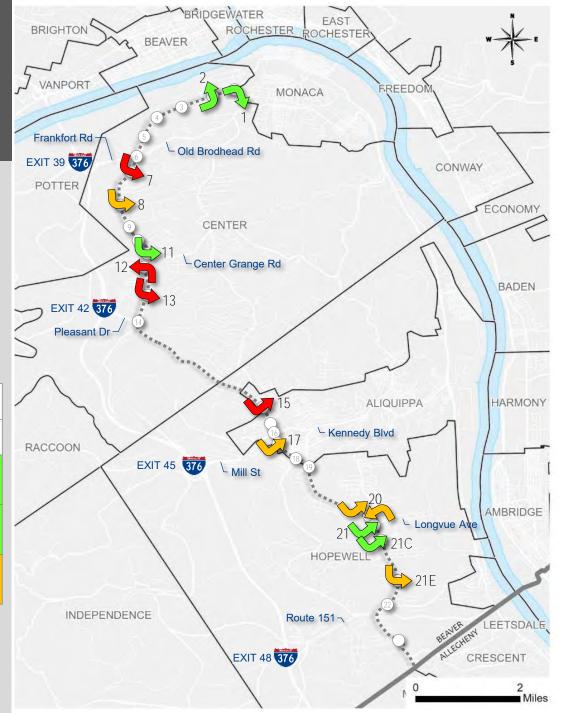


#### Turn Lane Candidates

- Consider anecdotal needs
- Consider turn lane warrants
- Consider benefits vs. impacts

Potential	Potential Operations/Safety Benefit		
Impacts	Less Benefit	$\Rightarrow$	Most Benefit
Less Severe	21E	1, 21C	2, 11*
Û	7	20	21*
Most Severe	12, 13, 15		<i>8</i> *, 17

<sup>\*</sup> Bold / Italics = turn lane(s) required if signalized



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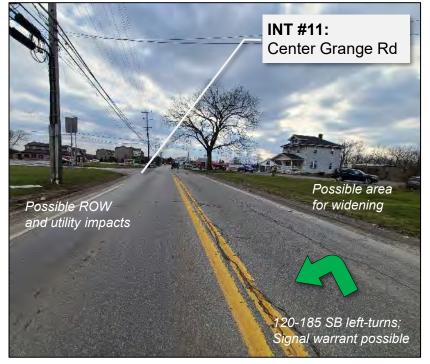


Turn Lane Candidates



### **Sample Implementation Issues**

# \*\*MOSt" benefit w/ "least" impact



# \*most" benefit w/ "most" impact

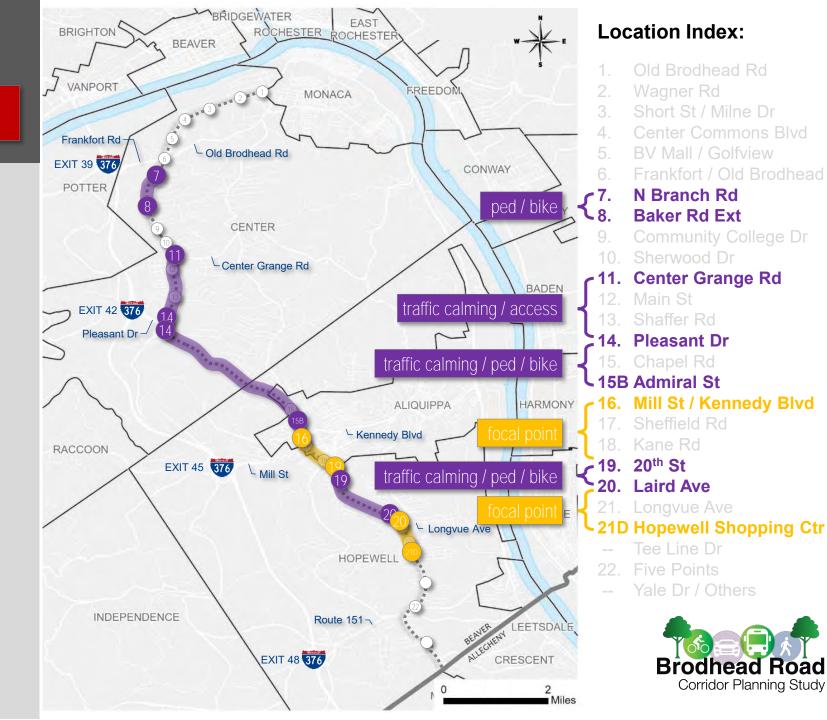


# SAMPLE "least" benefit w/ "most" impact



Typical Section Upgrades

- Upgrade shoulders?
- Add sidewalk?
- Multimodal connectivity?
- Add turn lane?
- Traffic calming?

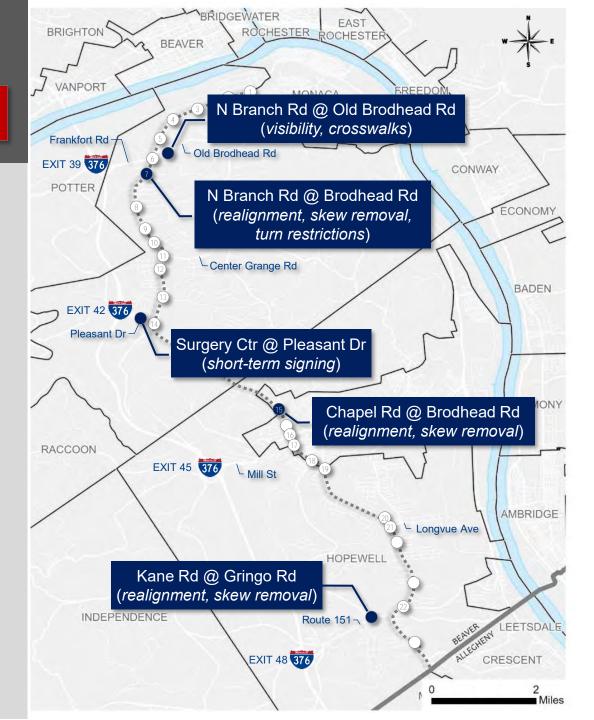


### **Spot Locations**

Miscellaneous Needs

### **Site-Specific Enhancements**

- Signing, marking, delineation
- Geometric modifications
- Off-corridor modifications







### **SUMMARY**





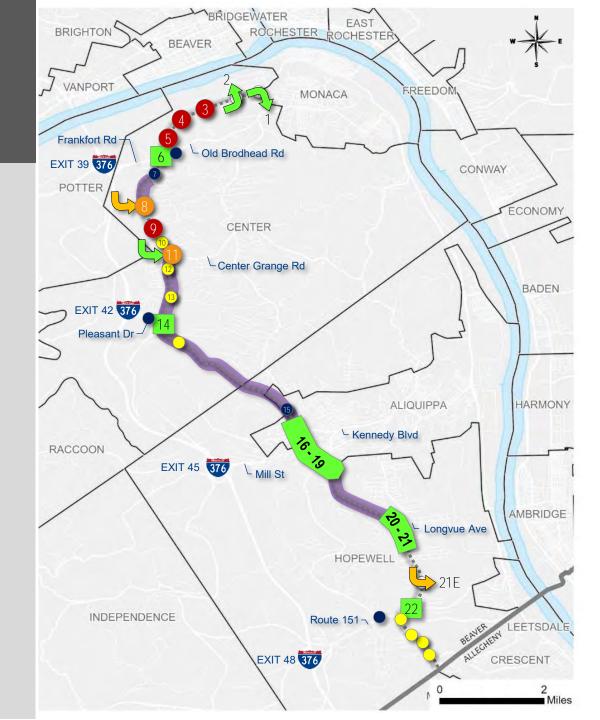




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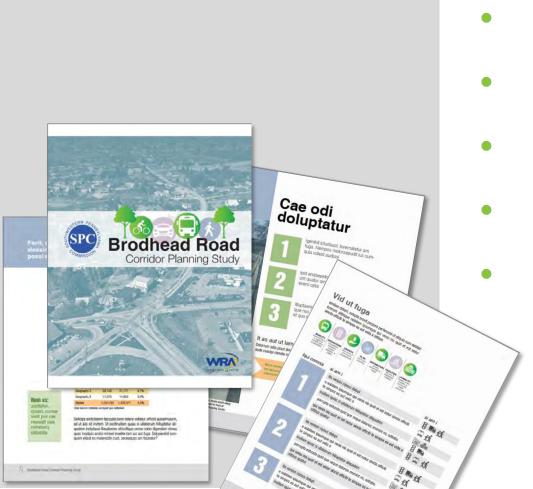
#### **Corridor Compilation**

- Focal pointsMultimodal network options (not shown)
- Intersection visibility options
- Signal upgrades
- Signal warrant studies
- Typical sections
- Miscellaneous needs





### **Next Steps**



- Refine improvement concepts
- Compile overall corridor plan
- Public Meeting 2
- Draft Plan
- SC Meeting 4
- Final Plan
  - **BCO Commissioner's Meeting**



### **Questions?**

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#### MEMORANDUM of MEETING

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Time of Meeting: 1:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Description: Steering Committee Meeting #4

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This was the fourth Brodhead Road study meeting between the Steering Committee and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), PennDOT District 11-0 (PennDOT), Beaver County, Hopewell Township, and the consultant team consisting of Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP (WRA), and Pashek + MTR (PMTR). The purpose of the meeting was to select preferred alternatives for inclusion in the draft Corridor Planning Study report based on insights from the public meeting on potential benefits and impacts.

Josh Spano (JS) kicked off the meeting, reviewed the agenda, then turned the project discussion over to Scott Thompson-Graves (STG), who led the group through review and decision-making on alternatives for locations along five segments of the corridor.

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#### **Decision Points**

The group's conclusions relative to each location, following discussion, were as follows.

Alternative	Decision	Notes
Center Township Commercial Area		
Multimodal improvements	Carry forward improvements	Add details on tie-ins to regional connections.
Frankfort Road	Carry forward options 2 and 3 (split phase removal and two-lane roundabout)	Both should be carried forward for further assessment as an intersection upgrade project. Subsequent programming will require follow-up studies and detailed benefit-cost ratio perspectives to help with final selection. Signal option may avoid complexities and ped concerns with multi-lane hybrid roundabout. County Planning anticipates additional development nearby.
Center Township Residential and Sch	nool Area	
Multimodal improvements	Carry forward improvements	General agreement that bike/ped improvements are consistent with interests that the public and schools expressed. Site-specific context, as opposed to area-wide treatments, aligns with public interest and will be more cost-effective.
North Branch RIRO	Carry forward	Will require additional outreach, detail study and coordination with study of N. Branch and Old Brodhead.
Baker Road signal and turn lane	Carry forward	Center Grange improvements
Center Grange Road signal and turn lane	Carry forward	included in the betterment project – incorporate any additional relevant information.Both locations could be reframed in a more general context as an intersection improvement with turns, and follow-up study for traffic control improvements as applicable.
Pleasant Drive	Carry forward options 2 and 3 (lane reconfiguration with signal and roundabout with bypass lanes)	Both the signal and roundabout options should be retained for subsequent detailed study and benefit-cost perspectives to avoiding dismissing an alternative too early. Left-turn barrier restrictions along Pleasant could be considered to prohibit cross-highway movements. Continuing to carry the roundabout



Aliquippa Commercial Area Chapel Road relocation	Carry forward	forward could accommodate this type of recirculation, which may be especially important if additional development traffic grows along Pleasant.  Sidewalk improvements on at least one side of the road up to Chapel would be very beneficial. Sight distance improvements with the
		realignment would be helpful if costeffective.
Admiral Street transit stop and pedestrian improvement	Carry forward	Bus stop is well-used and improvements would be beneficial for safety. BCTA review may be needed.
Mill Street / Kennedy Boulevard	Carry forward options 3 and 4 (road diet and lane widening)	Public input indicates preference for sidewalk in lieu of bike lane. Road diet should be part of a broader improvement to encompass upstream/downstream section of Mill Street and Kennedy Boulevard. For example, where are the logical termini for a potential road diet which, if identified, could make it easier to potentially implement a potential road diet if there is a future project that comes along. Restriping option and concurrent left-turns may be similar to a previous condition that was replaced due to congestion concerns.
Sheffield Road turn lane and signal retiming	Carry forward pedestrian improvements, not the turn lane	Sheffield turn lane could be beneficial, but if issues pertain more to delay than safety, then preference would be for limiting anything that causes impacts to business in Aliquippa. Sidewalks will help to serve the Aliquippa businesses, whereas the congestion at Sheffield is inconvenient, but not "unsafe."
Typical section upgrades (add sidewalk on at least one side, two where possible)	Carry forward	
20 <sup>th</sup> Street	Carry forward	General agreement to retain improvements, maybe with additional signing/marking upgrades continuing north along 20 <sup>th</sup> Street.



Hopewell Township School and Shop	oping Area	
Laird Avenue left turn	Do not retain	Concerns regarding significant
acceleration		school traffic rerouting.
Longvue Avenue signal	Carry forward signal at Cherry Way	Need to work with developer for
Cherry Way Signal	only	internal improvements and
Shopping Center signal	1	streetscape. Close or RI/RO
		Longvue and shopping center
		entrance. Define access points or
		create barrier along Brodhead.
		Consider rear access.
Five Points Area		
Tee Line Drive turn lane	Carry forward	Not a high priority
Advance warning improvements	Carry forward	Low-hanging fruit
Yale Drive, Ohioview Avenue,		
Morrow Avenue		
Bocktown Road sight distance	Carry forward	
Five Points	Carry forward Options 3 and 4	Quad Road is probably \$10-15M
	(Route 151 realignment with signal	more than the realignment option,
	reconfiguration and Quadrant	but order-of-magnitude costs have
	Roadway with Brodhead Road	not been refined. Consider
	overpass and Heights Road	modifying Quad Road to relocate
	separation)	the overpass to the proposed signal
		location. Strategically, it may be
		important to retain multiple options
		so that public/stakeholders can see
		relative impacts. Consensus is that
		the group generally favors the Rt.
		151 realignment as the best
		opportunity (for substantially less
		cost than the Quad Road), but
		carrying forth both options into a
		more detailed benefit-cost
		perspective would be reasonable.

**Action Item:** If the Steering Committee has any comments on these conclusions that should be reflected in the draft report, reach out to (JS).

#### **Next Steps**

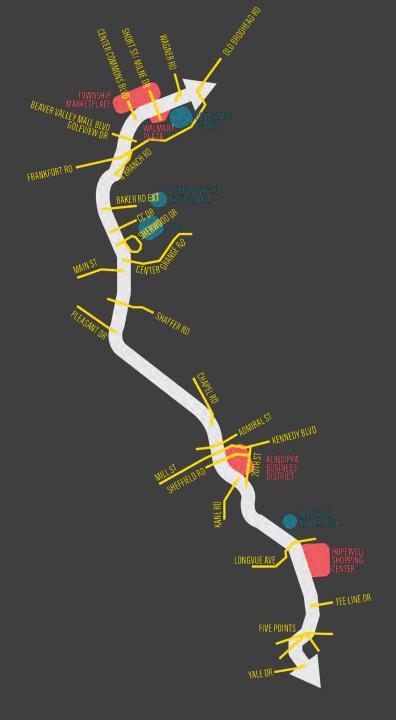
(STG) reviewed next steps, including compilation of the draft report reflecting committee feedback, review and revision and presentation.







STEERING COMMITTEE MTG 4 SEPTEMBER 23, 2021



### Agenda

- 1 Select Alternatives
- 2 Next Steps



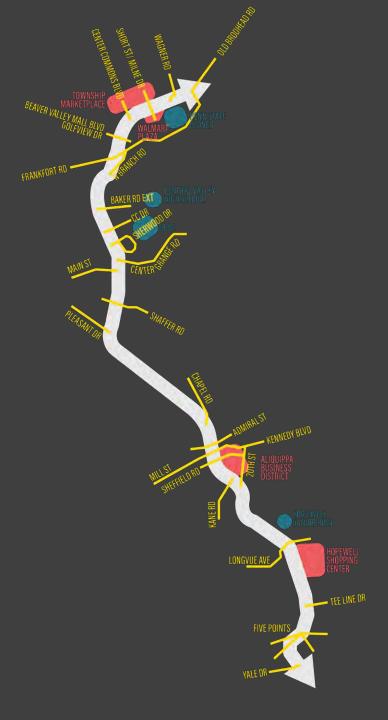
### Goal for Today's Meeting

Select the preferred alternatives for inclusion in the draft plan based on insights on the potential benefits, impacts, and insights from the public meeting.



## Select Alternatives



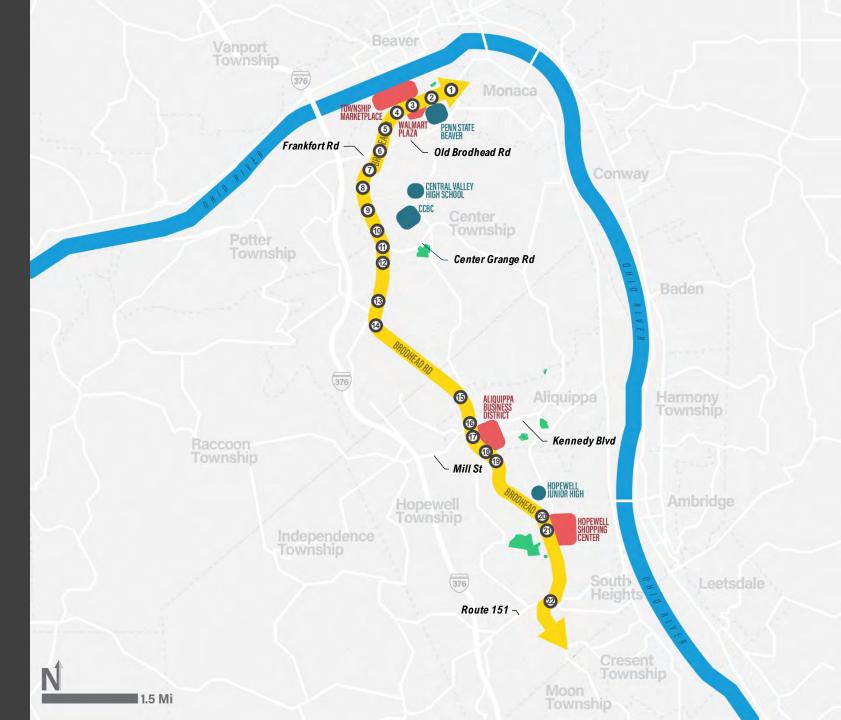


### Project Overview Location Index

- 1. Old Brodhead Rd
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- 8. Baker Rd
- 9. Community College Dr
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- 11. Center Grange Rd
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  - Yale Dr / Others





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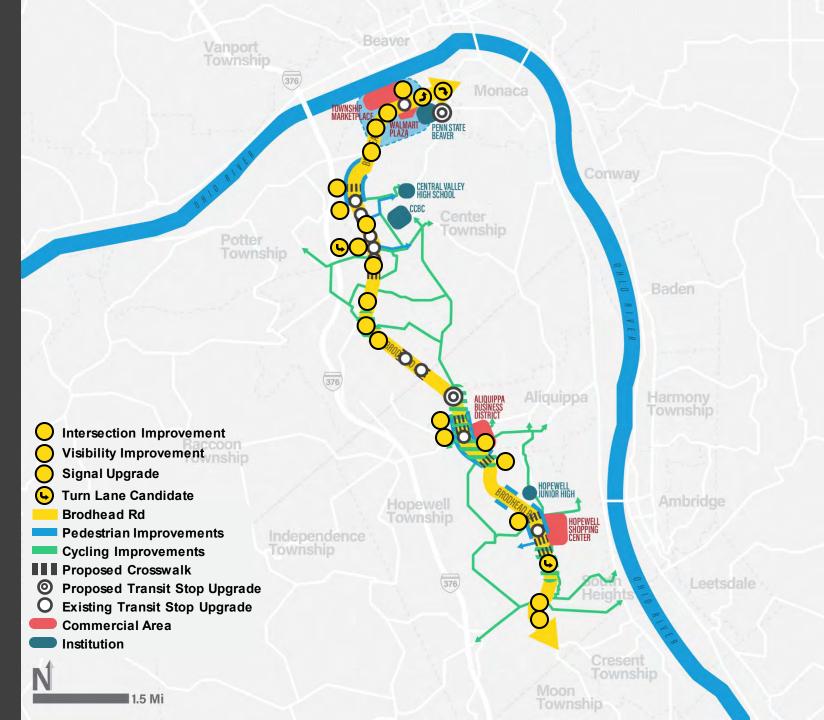
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**Outreach** 

**Analysis** 

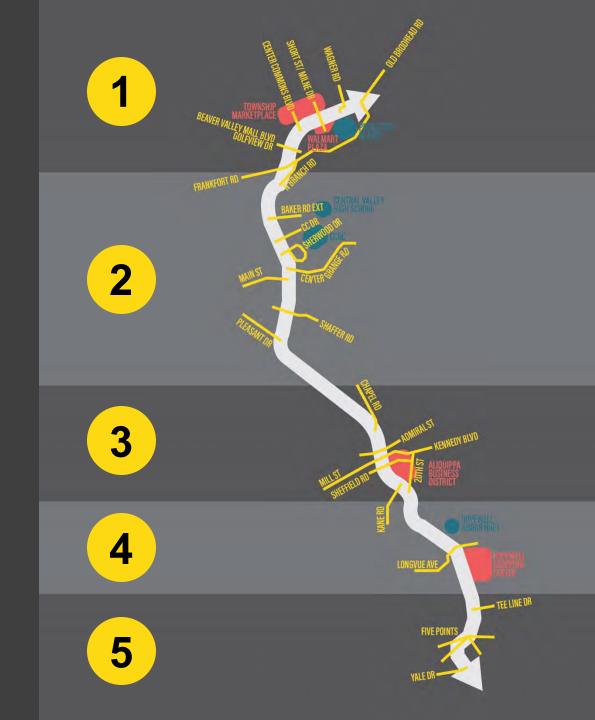
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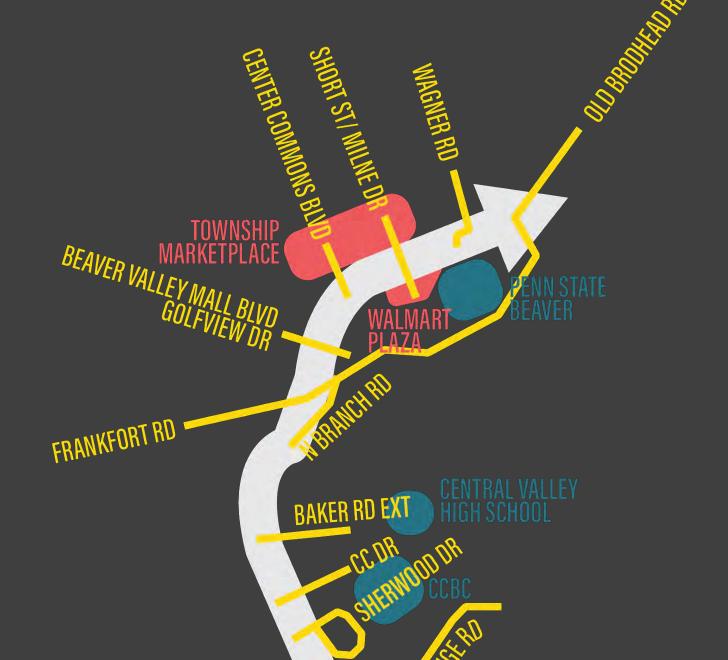




### **Corridor Areas**

- 1. Center Twp Commercial Area
  - Old Brodhead Rd to Frankfort Rd
- 2. Center Twp Residential & School Area
  - N Branch Rd to Pleasant Dr
- 3. Aliquippa Commercial Area
  - Chapel Rd to 20th St
- 4. Hopewell Twp Schools & Shopping Center
  - Laird Ave to Hopewell Shopping Ctr
- 5. Five Points
  - Tee Line Dr to Allegheny County Line

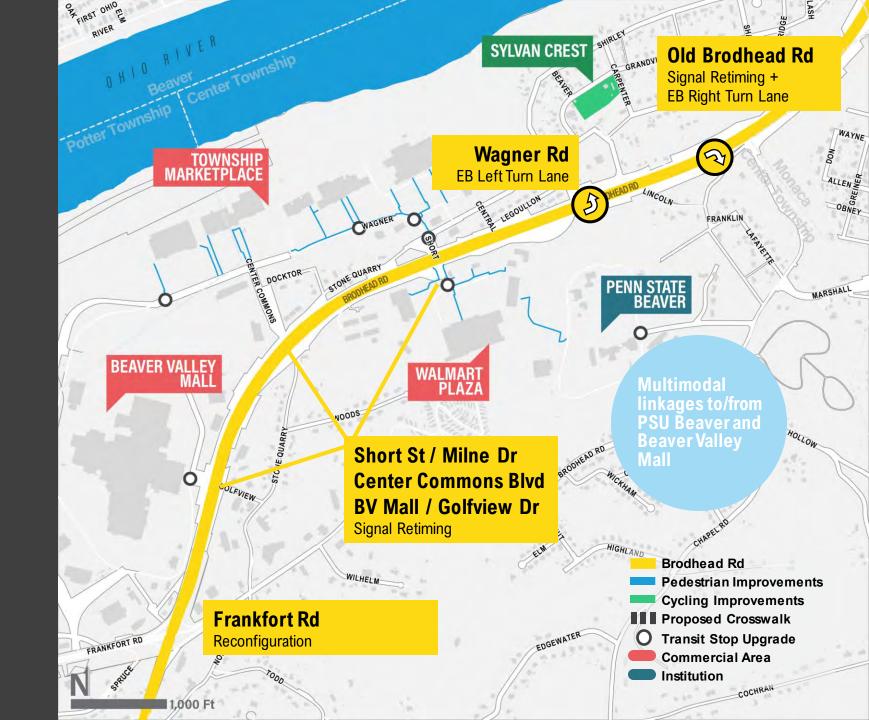




### Site-Specific Enhancements

- Old Brodhead Rd
- Wagner Rd
- Short St / Milne Dr
- Center Commons Blvd
- BV Mall / Golfview Dr
- Frankfort Rd





## 1 Public Feedback CENTER TWP

COMMERICIAL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Multimodal Improvements	Moderate	Nominal	Nominal	None	Nominal

#### • SURVEY:

Bike/ped connections important, especially for peds between hotels and restaurants.

### Frankfort Rd-Option 1 No-Build

- False capacity on SB Brodhead
- Split phasing on all four approaches
- Poor pedestrian phasing
- High-speed slip-ramps

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### Frankfort Rd-Option 2 Split Phase Removal

- Fits within ROW
- Avoids false capacity on SB Brodhead
- Improves pedestrian phasing

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### Frankfort Rd—Option 3 Two Lane Roundabout

- Fits within ROW
- Improves all movements
- Removes signal for peds
- May facilitate access controls at other locations

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### 1 Public Feedback

### CENTER TWP COMMERICIAL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Split Phase Removal	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal	None	Nominal
Roundabout	Significant	Significant	Moderate	None	Nominal

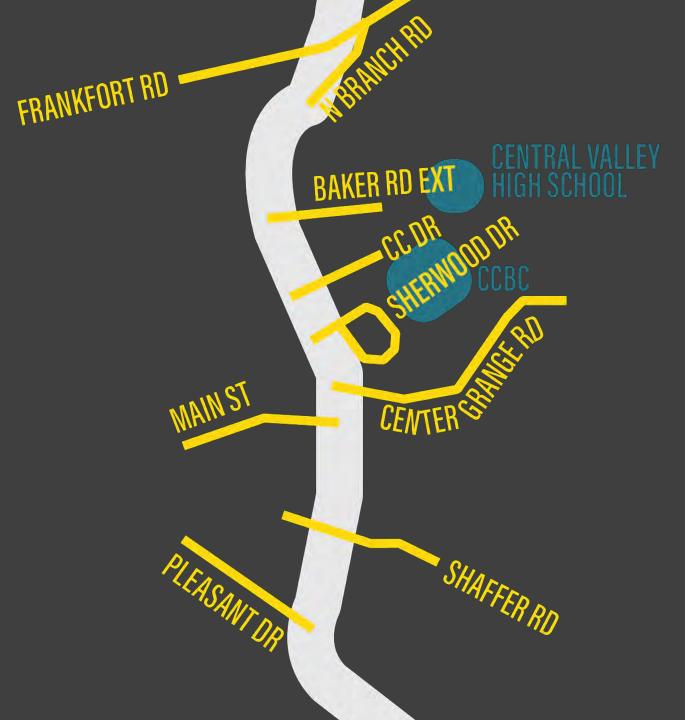
#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

Roundabout alternative popular.

Need to ensure that two-lane portion accommodates tractor-trailer movements. What about a NB bypass lane to Old Brodhead?

#### SURVEY:

Roundabout was most preferred option. Concerns about education/proper use.



#### Site-Specific Enhancements

- N Branch Rd
- Baker Rd
- Community College Dr
- Sherwood Dr





### 2 Public Feedback

CENTER TWP
RESIDENTIAL AND SCHOOL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impac t
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Multimodal Improvements	Moderate	Nominal	Nominal	None	Nominal

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

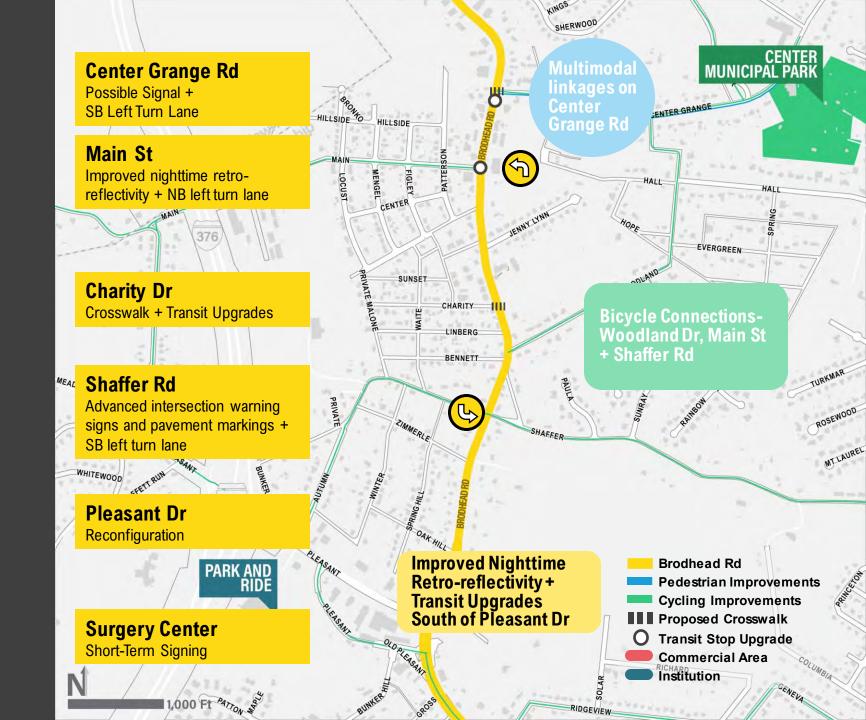
 Pedestrian safety concerns at N Branch and Old Brodhead

#### SURVEY:

• Bike connections generally needed, as long as they are not ON Brodhead. Ped/bike connection already at CCBC/Center Valley could be upgraded.

#### Site-Specific Enhancements

- Center Grange Rd
- Main St
- Shaffer Rd
- Pleasant Dr





#### North Branch Rd

- Convert to NB Right In/Right Out
- Turning traffic rerouted to Old Brodhead Rd
- Close SB N Branch Rd skew

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### Baker Rd



- Install traffic signal
- Add SBL and WBR turn Lanes

### **Center Grange Rd**



- Install traffic signal
- Add SBL, NBR, and WBR turn lanes



### 2 Public Feedback

### CENTER TWP RESIDENTIAL AND SCHOOL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
North Branch RIRO	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
Baker Rd Signal + Turn Lane	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal	Moderate	Nominal
Center Grange Rd Signal + Turn Lane	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

- Property owners concerned to ROW impacts at Baker and Brodhead
- Emergency Services attendee noted that Pleasant Dr and Frankfort Rd have the highest level of emergency calls and should be prioritized

#### SURVEY:

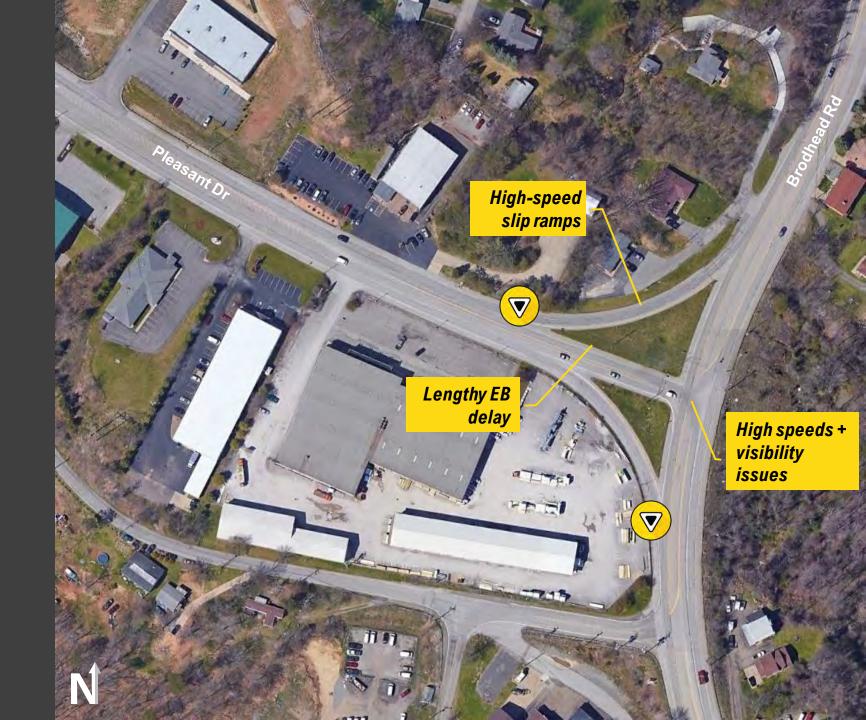
- Making North Branch RIRO generally favored.
- Adding signal at Baker and Center Grange almost universally favored. Turn lanes overall popular.

### Pleasant Drive – Option 1 No-Build

- High speeds
- Visibility issues
- Lengthy delay on EB approach
- No pedestrian accommodations
- High-speed slip-ramps

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### Pleasant Drive—Option 2 Lane Reconfiguration w/ Signal

- Fits within ROW
- Increases delay on Brodhead Rd but operates better overall
- Peds receive a signal to cross

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### Pleasant Drive—Option 3 Roundabout w/ Bypass Lanes

- Fits within ROW
- Increases delay on Brodhead Rd but operates better overall
- No change from current ped accommodations

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### 2 Public Feedback

CENTER TWP RESIDENTIAL AND SCHOOL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Traffic Signal	Moderate	Significant	Moderate	None	Nominal
Roundabou t	Moderate	Significant	Significant	None	Nominal

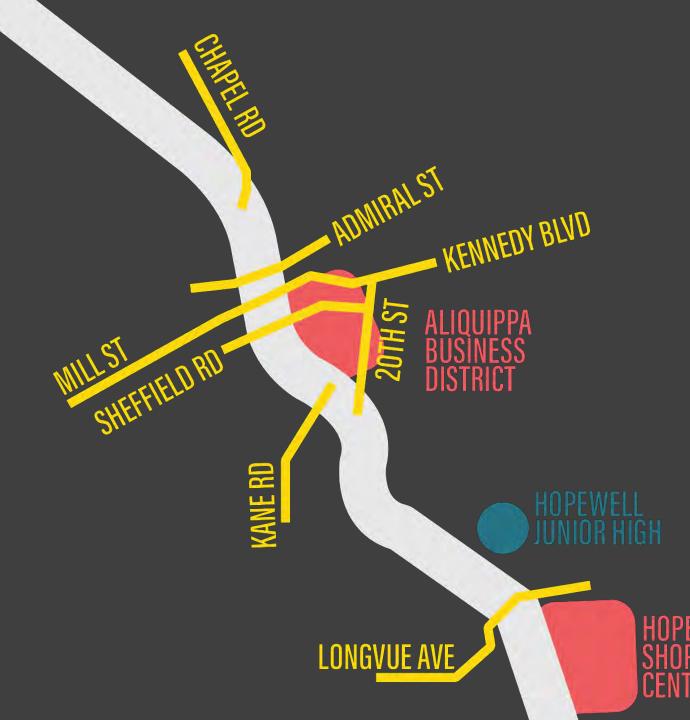
#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

- Emergency Services attendee noted that Pleasant Dr and Frankfort Rd have the highest level of emergency calls and should be prioritized
- Questions as about potential barrier/median along Pleasant Drive to prevent left-turns from businesses on the south side of Pleasant Drive across two lanes of traffic.

#### SURVEY:

 Roundabout was most favored option at Pleasant Drive, almost two-thirds "strongly like."

# Aliquippa Commercial Area

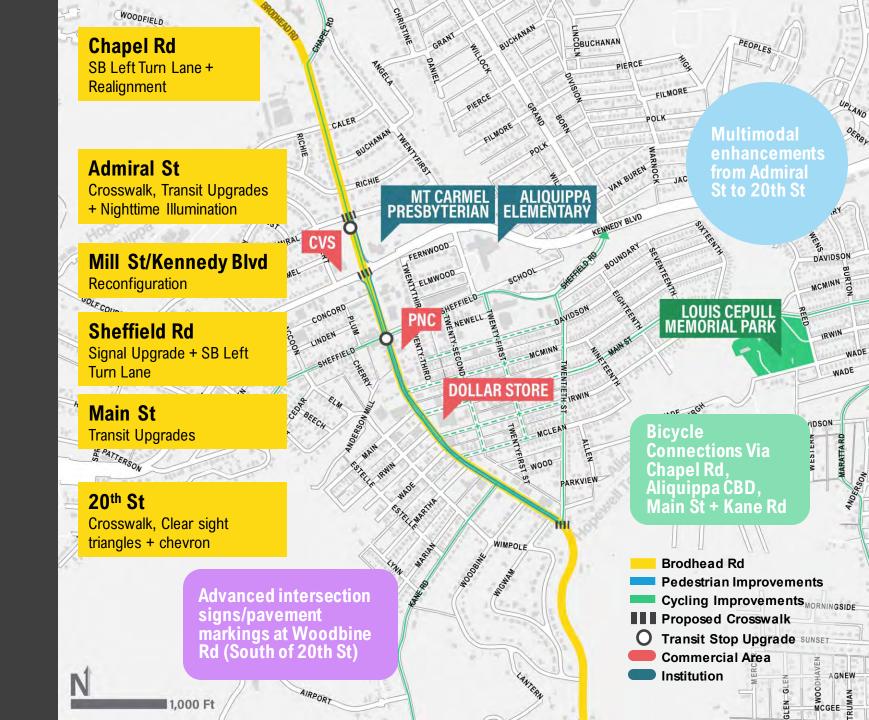


### Aliquippa Commercial Area

#### Site-Specific Enhancements

- Chapel Rd
- Admiral St
- Mill St / Kennedy Blvd
- Sheffield Rd
- Main St
- Kane Rd
- 20th St



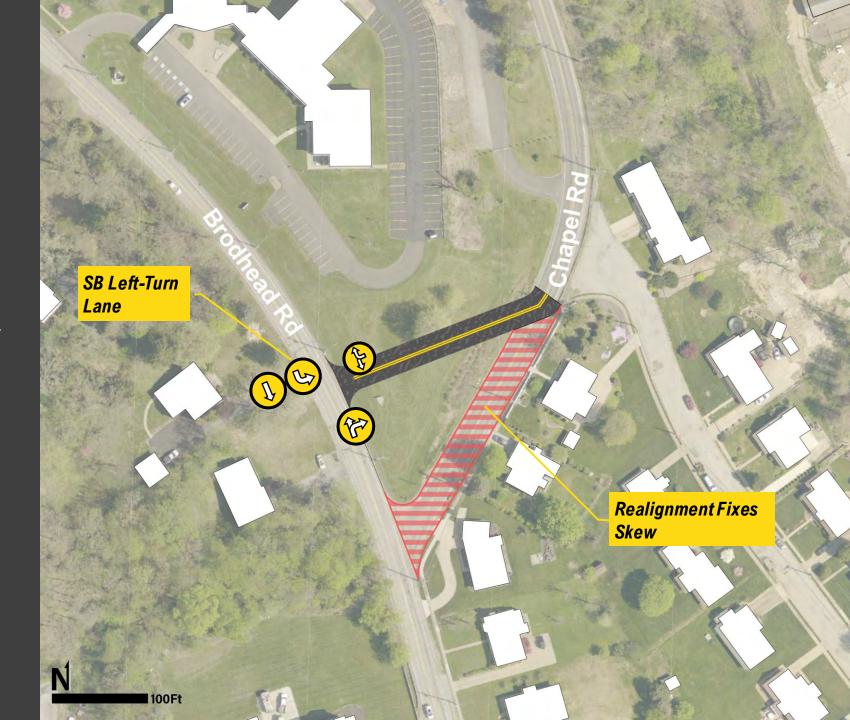


#### Chapel Rd SB Left Turn Lane + Realignment

- SB left turn lane added
- Realign Chapel Rd to remove skew
- Could improve sight distance and safety

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2045 PM	F	F





## 3 Public Feedback ALIQUIPPA COMMERCIAL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Chapel Rd Relocation	Nominal	Nominal	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

 Sidewalk needed on at least one side of the road up to Chapel

#### Admiral St Multimodal Improvements

- Crosswalk
- Transit upgrades
- Nighttime illumination
- Requires ROW from Wendy's Driveway





## 3 Public Feedback ALIQUIPPA COMMERCIAL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operation s Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Admiral St Transit Stop and Pedestrian Improvement	Moderate	Nominal	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

• Sidewalk needed on at least one side of the road up to Chapel

#### SURVEY:

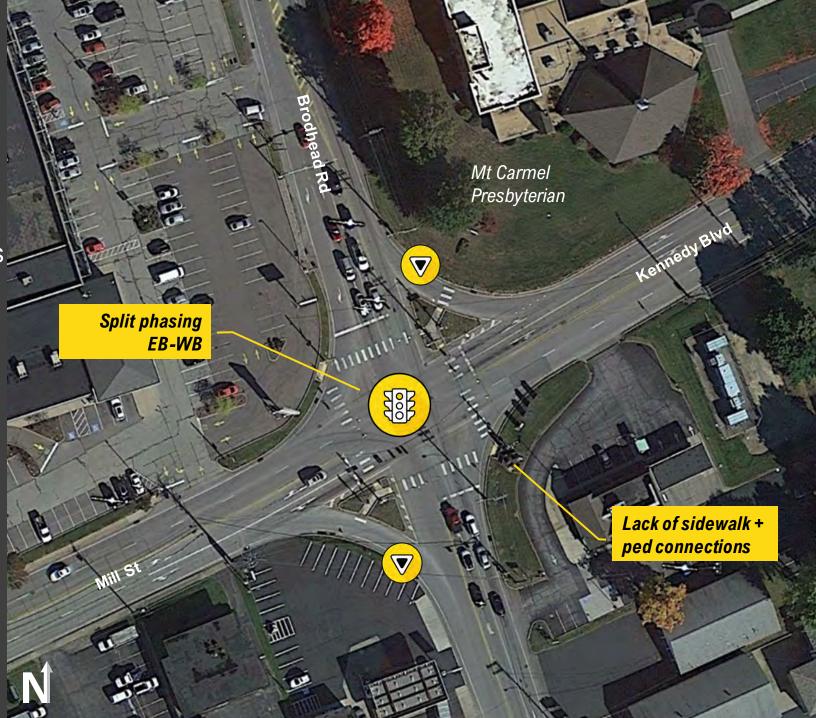
• Admiral Road pedestrian improvements (sidewalk, bus pullout and shelter) scored high.

### Mill St / Kennedy Blvd—Option 1 No Build

- Split phasing on EB + WB approaches
- Lack of pedestrian accommodations

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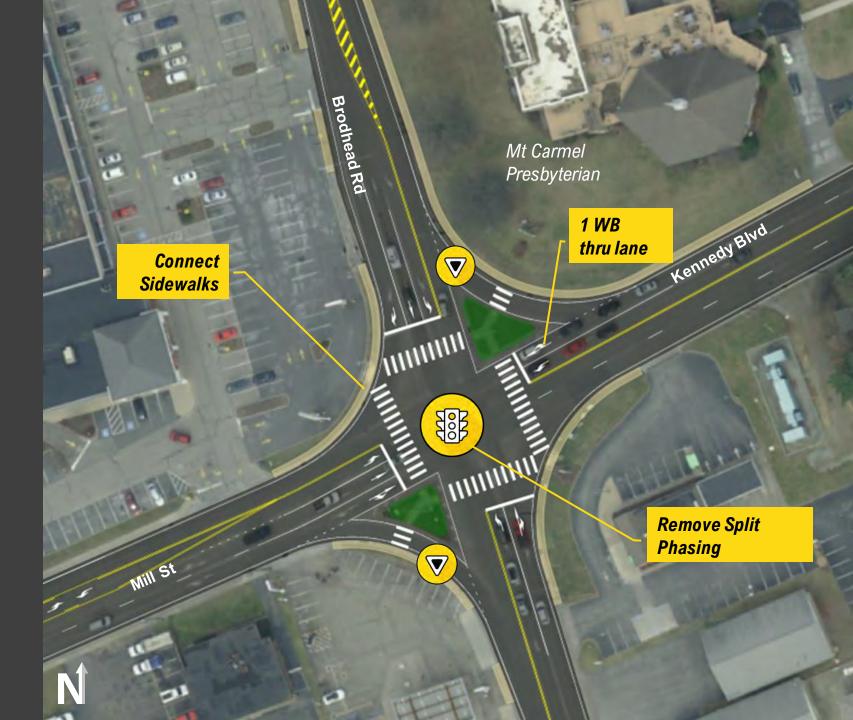


### Mill St / Kennedy Blvd—Option 2 Lane Restriping

- WB through-lane reduction
- Fits within existing ROW
- Removes split phasing
- Connect sidewalks

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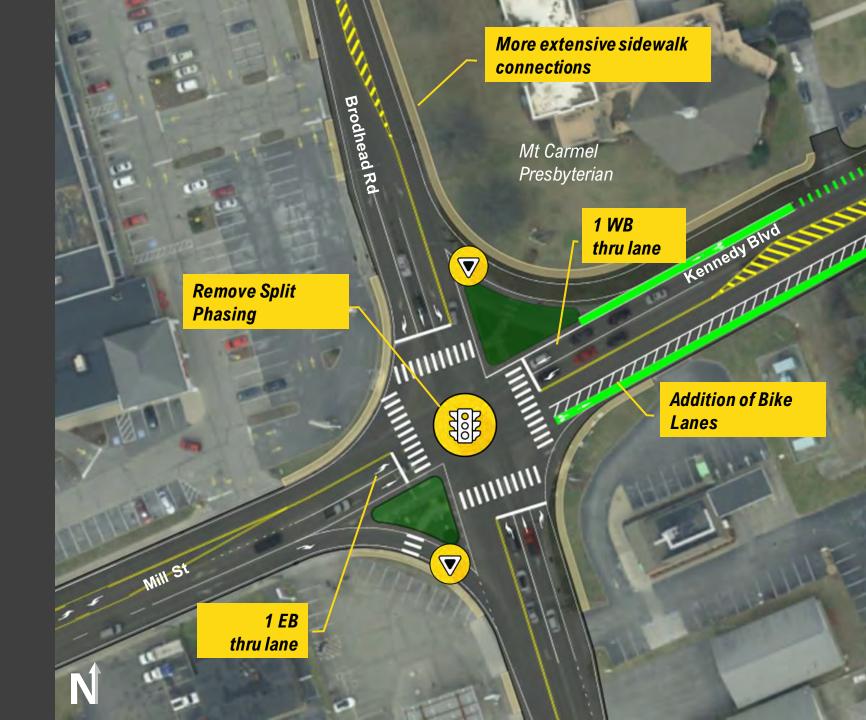


### Mill St / Kennedy Blvd—Option 3 Road Diet

- EB + WB through-lane reduction
- May require minimal ROW
- Removes split phasing
- Adds bike lanes

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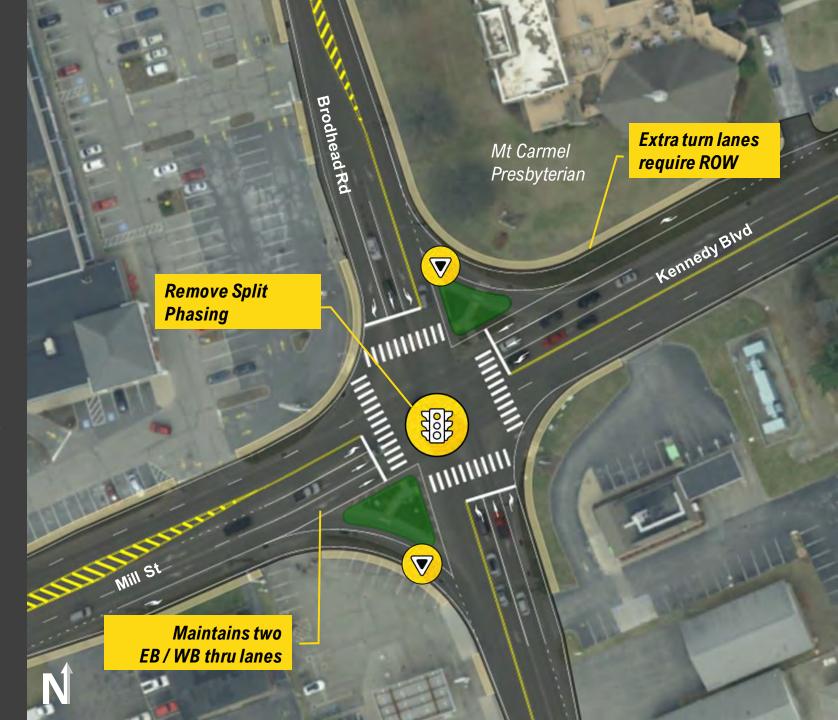


#### Mill St / Kennedy Blvd-Option 4 Additional Turn Lanes

- No through-lane reduction
- Requires additional ROW
- Removes split phasing
- Maintains two EB/WB through lanes

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## 3 Public Feedback ALIQUIPPA COMMERCIAL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Lane Restriping	Moderate *	Nominal	Moderate	None	Nominal
Road Diet	Moderate *	Moderate	Significant	Nominal	Nominal
Additional Turn Lanes	Moderate	Significant	Significant	Moderate	Nominal

<sup>\*</sup> Better for peds/bikes

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

- Prohibiting left turns from businesses on Kennedy/Mill (Median or mountable curb)
- Sidewalk needed on at least one side of the road up to Chapel
- Prohibit left turns onto Mill Street from the bowling alley
- Desire for clearer pedestrian signage

#### SURVEY:

• For Mill/Kennedy, sidewalks preferred over bike lanes in road diet Option 3. Option 4 (keep through-lanes, add turn lanes) also generally well received.

#### Sheffield Rd Install Turn Lane + Retime Signal

- SB left turn lane added
- Provides storage for SB left queues

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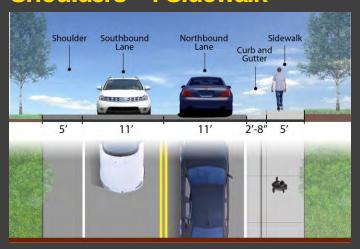
#### **Potential Typical Sections**

- ~28-32' existing
- ~32' if consistent shoulders
- ~37' if shoulders + 1 sidewalk
- ~42' if shoulders + 2 sidewalks
- ~44' if shoulders + 12' turn lane
- ~54' if shoulders, sidewalk, turn lane

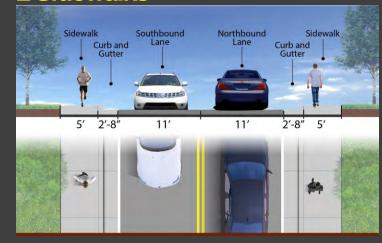
#### **Consistent Shoulders**



#### Shoulders + 1 Sidewalk



#### 2 Sidewalks



#### Turn Lane + 1 Sidewalk





### **Estimated Impact Envelopes** *Existing ROW ~28'-32'*

#### **Consistent Shoulders**



#### Shoulders + 1 Sidewalk



#### Shoulders + 12' Turn Lane



### Shoulders, Sidewalk, & Turn Lane





## 3 Public Feedback ALIQUIPPA COMMERCIAL AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Turn Lane and Signal Upgrades at Sheffield Rd	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	None	Nominal
Typical Section Upgrades (add sidewalk on at least 1 side, 2 where possible)	Significant	Nominal	Significant	Moderate	Nominal

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

- Bus pull-off at Sheffield
- Turn lane into Main
- Sidewalk needed on at least one side of the road up to Chapel
- Desire for clearer pedestrian signage
- Need for clearer prohibition of left turns onto Sheffield, many people violate this restriction

#### SURVEY:

- Sheffield signal retiming "strongly liked" by two-thirds.
- Mixed reviews on the typical sections: Debate on balancing impact to businesses

#### 20<sup>th</sup> St Slope Improvements, Clear vegetation and install chevron signs

- increase sight distances



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Villa Di Pizza

Sequential lighted

chevrons

## 3 Public Feedback ALIQUIPPA COMMERCIAL AREA

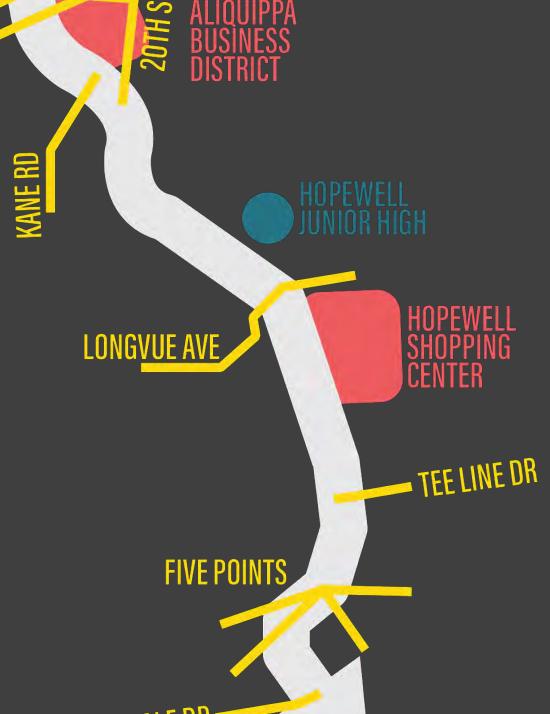
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No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
20th St Improvements	Moderate	Nominal	Moderate	Nominal	Nominal

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

- Traffic calming/gateway treatment, particularly coming from the south
- SURVEY:
  - Visibility/marking improvements at 20<sup>th</sup> popular.

MILL ST SHEFFIELD RD

Hopewell
Twp School
& Shopping
Center Area



#### Site-Specific Enhancements

- Laird Ave
- Longvue Ave
- Hopewell Shopping Center



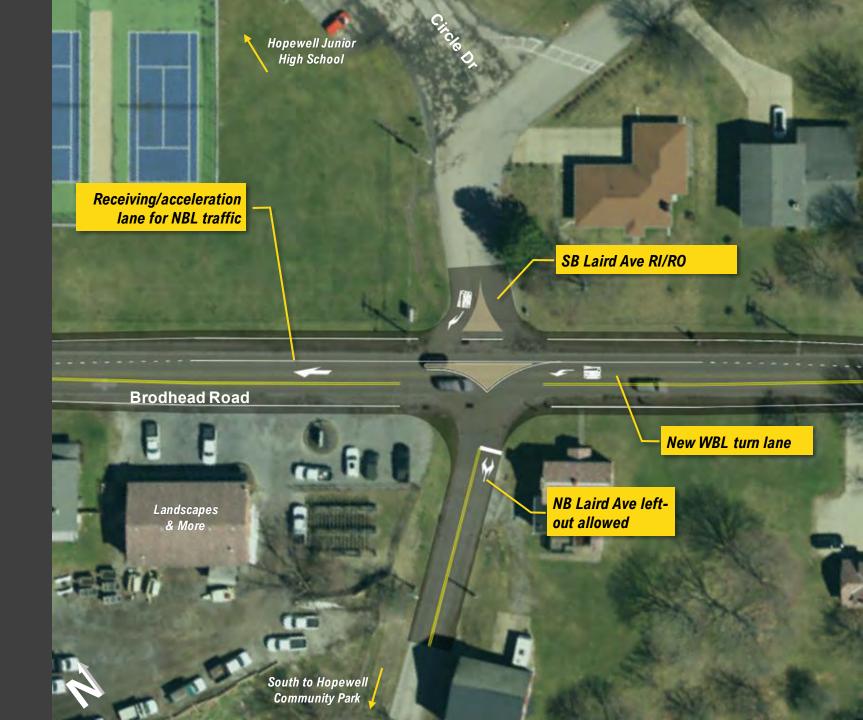


#### Laird Ave – Option 1 - Left Turn Acceleration Install an LTA

- NB Laird Ave left turns allowed
- SB Laird Ave RI/RO
- No Laird Ave thru movements

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#### Laird Ave — Option 2 - Left Turn Acceleration Install an LTA

• Missing movements rerouted to Longvue Ave

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## 4

### Public Feedback

### HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AND SHOPPING AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Laird Ave LTA	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal	None	None

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

Proposed reconfiguration at Laird made difficult by school buses leaving junior high.

#### SURVEY:

 Need to consult Laird/Longvue neighborhood specifically

### Longvue Ave Signal – Option 1 Install a traffic signal

- Decreases lengthy WB delay
- Calms traffic speeds
- Aids visibility issues

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# Breakout Room Hopewell Twp School & Shopping Center Area

### Cherry Way Signal—Option 2 Install a traffic signal

- Shifts WB left traffic to Cherry Way
- Washington St + Cherry Way become public ROW
- Circuitous path from Longvue Ave



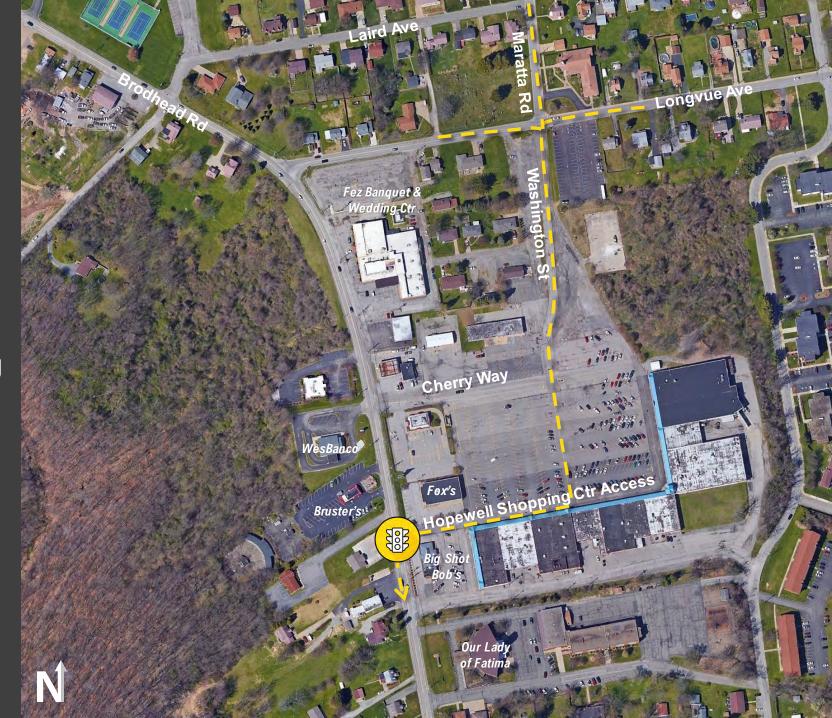


# Breakout Room Hopewell Twp School & Shopping Center Area

Hopewell Shopping Ctr Signal – Option 3

Install a traffic signal

- Shifts WB left traffic to Hopewell Shopping Center
- Washington St + Hopewell Shopping Center Access become public ROW
- Very circuitous path from Longvue Ave





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### Public Feedback

### HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AND SHOPPING AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Longvue Ave Signal	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Nominal	None
Cherry Way Signal	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	None
Shopping Ctr Signal	Moderate *	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	None

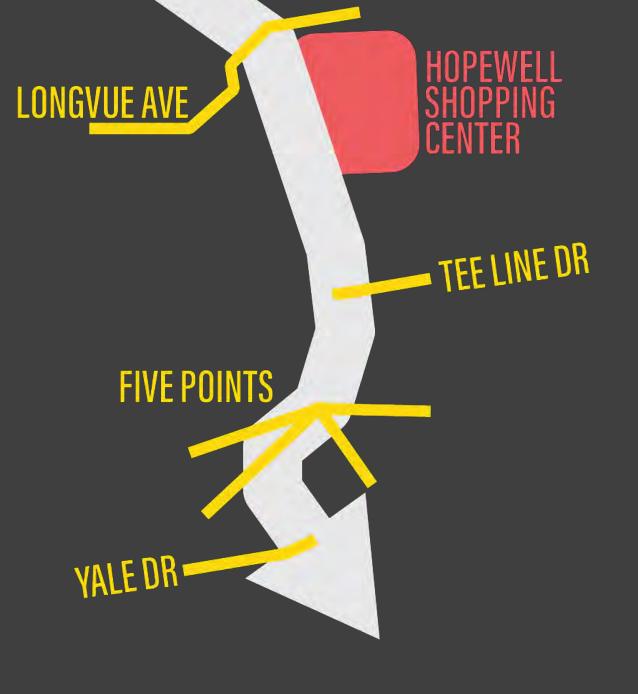
<sup>\*</sup> Reroutes traffic to the storefronts of the plaza

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

 Most supportive of adding a signal at either Cherry or a location south of Cherry between Fox's and old Blockbuster video.

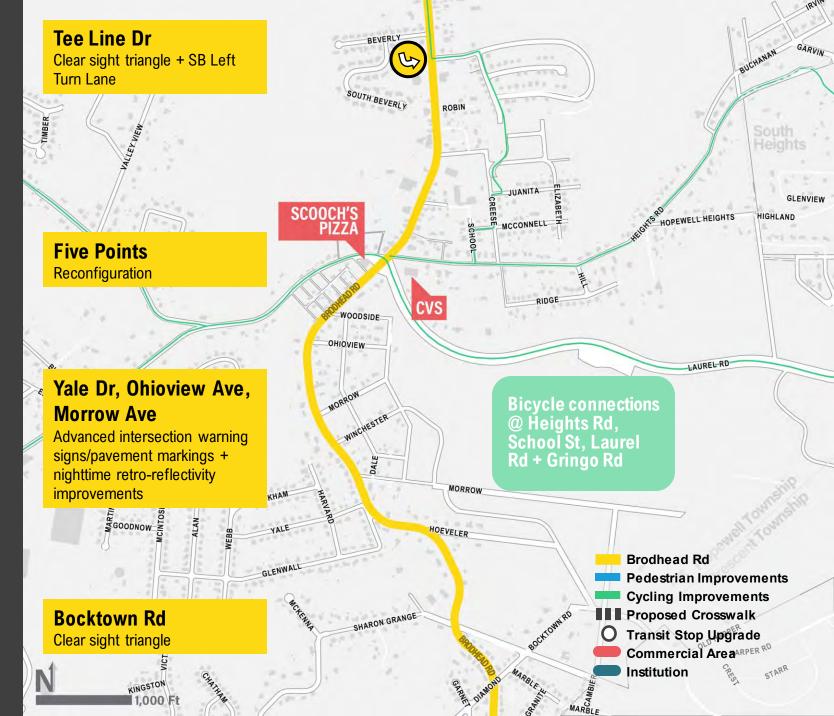
#### • SURVEY:

- Mixed reviews on where to put signal near shopping center. Longvue slightly favored.
- Bike connections important, sidewalks desired.
- Need to consult Laird/Longvue neighborhood specifically



#### Site-Specific Enhancements

- Tee Line Dr
- Five Points
- Yale Dr/ Ohioview Ave / Morrow Ave
- Bocktown Rd





## 5 Public Feedback FIVE POINTS AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Tee Line Dr Turn Lane	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
Yale Dr, Ohioview Ave & Morrow Ave Advance Warning Improvements	Moderate	Nominal	Nominal	None	None
Bocktown Rd Sight Distance	Moderate	Nominal	Nominal	None	Nominal

#### SURVEY:

 Lukewarm response to SB left turn lane at Tee Line Dr and to bike connections in this area

#### Five Points—Option 1 No-Build

- Three split phases
- Lengthy delays on all approaches
- Skew on EB Gringo Rd
- Truck movements impacted

Peak	No-Build
2045 AM	F
2045 PM	F



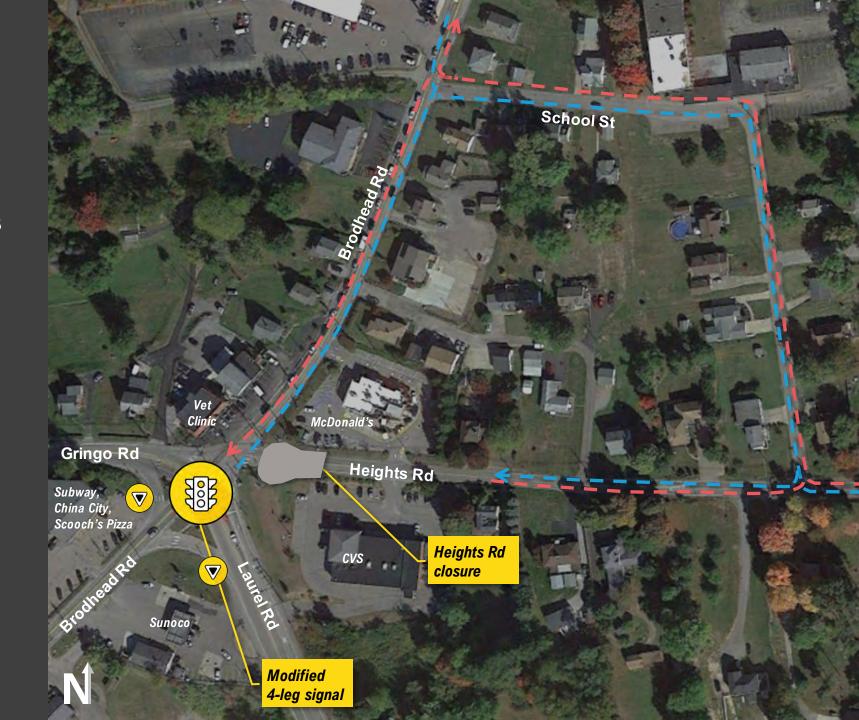


## Five Points—Option 2 Signal Optimization w/Heights Rd Closure

- Fits within ROW
- Improves ped phasing
- Failing LOS

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	E
2045 PM	F	E



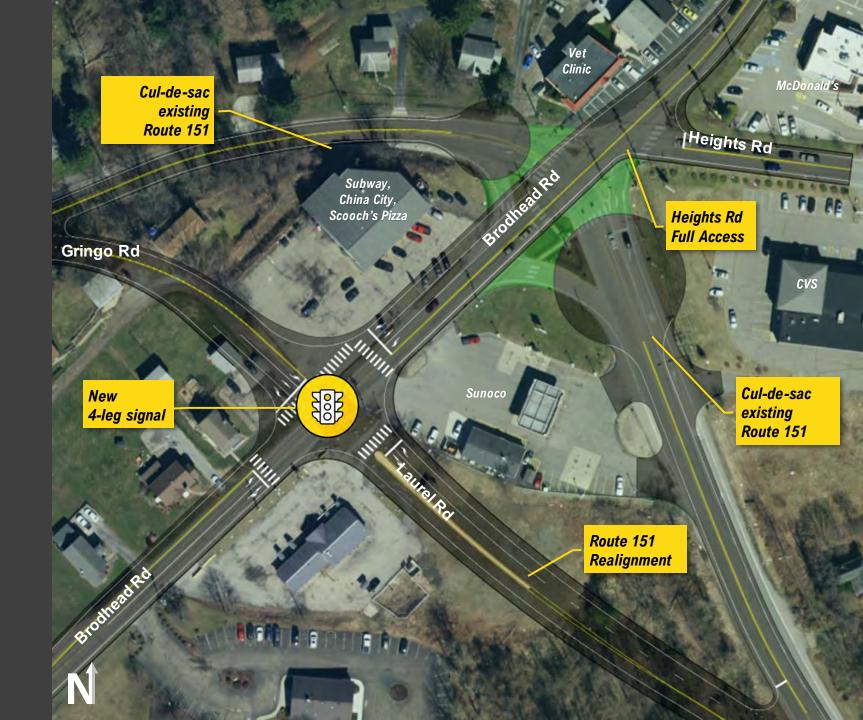


## Five Points—Option 3 Route 151 Realignment w/ Signal Reconfiguration

- Requires ROW
- Reduces skew
- Improves EB truck operations
- Improves ped phasing

Peak	No-Build	Alt
2045 AM	F	В
2045 PM	F	C



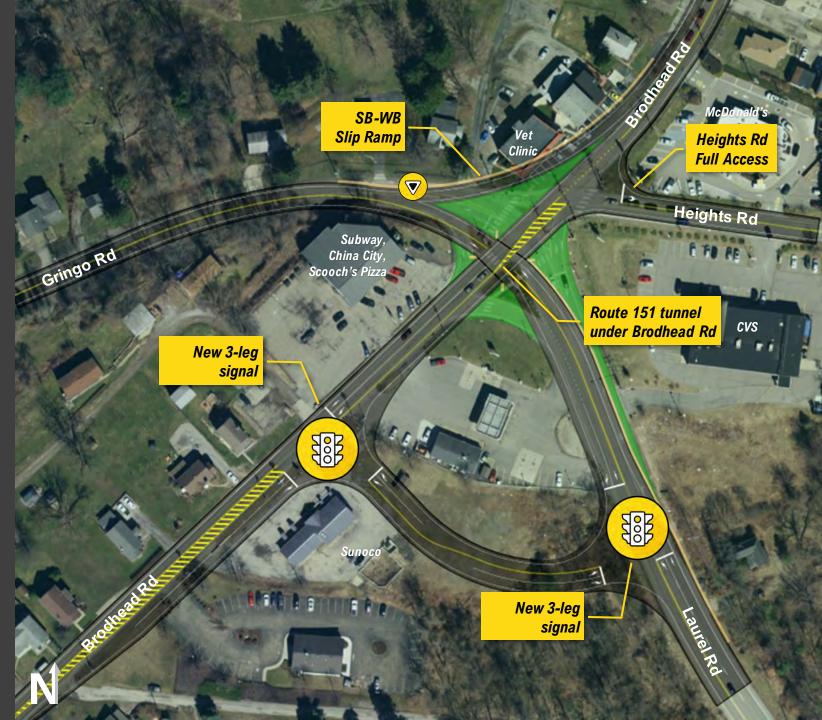


# Five Points—Option 4 Quadrant Roadway w/ Brodhead Rd Overpass and Heights Rd Separation

- Requires ROW + Route 151 tunnel
- Two new 3-leg signals
- Improves all movements

Peak	No-Build	Alt		
		Brodhead	SR 151	
2045 AM	F	С	В	
2045 PM	F	С	В	





## Public Feedback FIVE POINTS AREA

Alternative	Safety Benefits	Operations Benefits	ROM Cost	ROW Impact	Env. Impact
No-Build	Degrades	Degrades	None	None	None
Heights Rd Closure	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
Rt 151 Realignment	Moderate	Moderate	Significant	Significant	Moderate
Quadrant Roadway	Significant	Significant	Significant	Significant	Moderate

#### BREAKOUT COMMENTS:

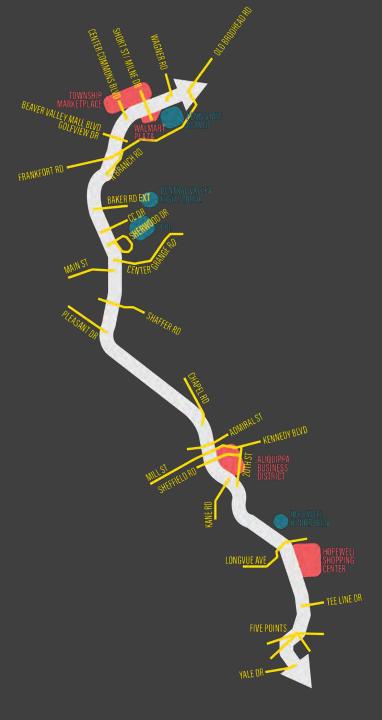
- Traffic could cut through commercial lots if Heights is closed
- Consider rerouting Heights and connecting it to Laurel elsewhere

#### SURVEY:

- No-build option for Five Points is a nonstarter: "Improvements are definitely needed."
- Rt 151 Realignment for Five Points scores highest, followed by Quadrant Roadway. "This is a BRILLIANT conceptual!"
- Concern for impact to businesses

# Next Steps/ Summary

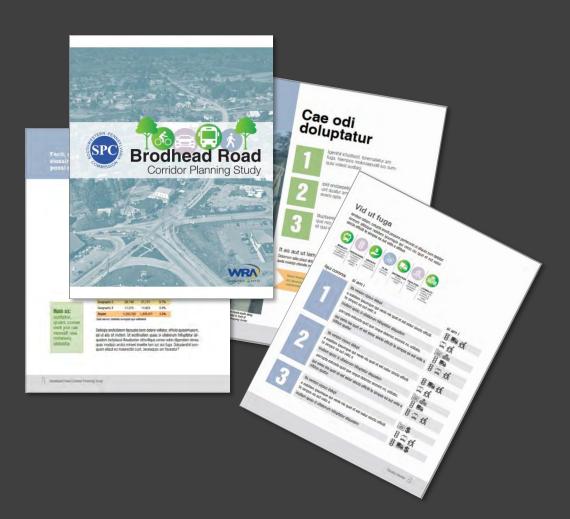




# Next Steps

Produce draft report reflecting committee feedback, review and revise, present







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