Chestnut Street Transportation Project

34th to 45th Streets, West Philadelphia

Open House

The City is hosting an open house to discuss a proposed transportation project on Chestnut Street, between 34th and 45th Streets in West Philadelphia.

The project will address safety issues by:

- Adding a parking protected bicycle lane to the north side of the street with flexible delineator posts
- Shortening the pedestrian crossing distance with painted pedestrian islands
- Calming vehicle speeds by reducing the number of through traffic lanes
- Adding left turn lanes at appropriate locations

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Come anytime between 6:30 - 8PM

The Enterprise Center 4548 Market Street Philadelphia, PA







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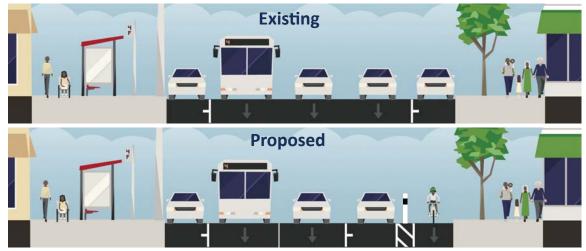


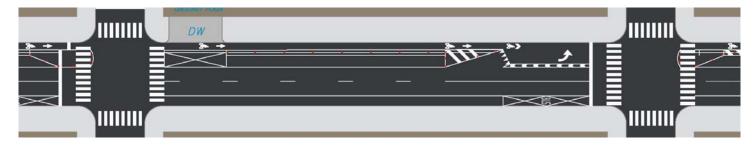
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Project Background

- Chestnut Street crash rates are **3 times the City average**.
- From 2009-2013, 75% of the crashes on all of Chestnut occured between 34th-45th Streets
- From 2012-2015, there were 88 crashes, involving 228 persons
- 34% of those involved were pedestrians and bicyclists (PennDOT, 2017)
- Speed limit is 25mph; cars average 32mph, max speeds are more than 47mph (UCD, 2017)
- Chestnut Street serves more than 600 pedestrians/hour. (UCD, 2016)
- More than 9% of University City residents commute to work by bicycle, above the City average of 2.3% (UCD, 2014)
- Chestnut Street west of 34th was identified as a priority proposed bicycle connection in West Philadelphia in the 2012 Philadelphia Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan

Conceptual Plan



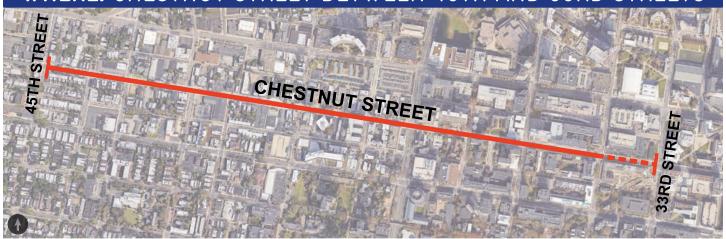


Benefits & Impacts

- Shorten pedestrian crossing distance to 27', 15' shorter than currently
- Reduce vehicle speeding, calm traffic
- Create a safe and comfortable bicycle lane that will reduce biking on the sidewalk
- Reduce crashes and potential conflicts between people walking, biking, driving, and riding transit
- Minimal parking impacts at corners to provide improved pedestrian crossings and sight lines
- A 2015 study of Chestnut Street by the Streets Department determined that the improvements will not adversely impact motor vehicle traffic

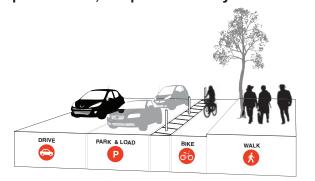
COMING SOON: CHESTNUT STREET TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

WHERE: CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN 45TH AND 33RD STREETS



WHAT

An updated parking configuration, pedestrian improvements, & a protected bicycle lane:



WHY

75% of all crashes along Chestnut Street happen between 45th & 34th. To improve safety, the City will:

- Shorten the crossing distance for people walking
- Slow vehicle speeds
- Add left turn lanes
- Add a parking protected bicycle lane

WHEN

Implementation will begin in August. Work will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete.

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