SEPTA Metro Wayfinding Program

Market-Frankford Line, Broad Street Line, and Trolleys

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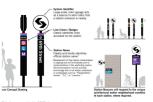




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SEPTA's Metro rebranding was the result of a targeted community engagement process that could provide lessons for other city agencies.



This diagram provided by SEPTA illustrates how station signage would look as part of the agency's Metro rebranding of its rail transit network. Courtesy of SEPTA

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SEPTA partnered with the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Safe Mobility to study how people navigate our transit network with eye tracking glasses. The study was conducted at the most confusing transit stations with a diverse range of participants.

This technology allowed us to collect data from actual travel experiences by shadowing real users.







Planning & Research Process **Key Findings**

NOMENCLATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Wordiness / reliance on full English sentences
- Use of "technical" terminology
- Inconsistent use of station names, line names, etc.

DESIGN OBSERVATIONS

- Inconsistency in design, signage placement, etc.
- Poor information hierarchy (all information given at once)
- Lack of information / signage
- Outdated information / brand presence



Planning & Research Process **Recommendations**

PRIORITIES FROM OUTREACH

Based on analysis of all outreach and guiding principles as framework, priorities were established in order to summarize findings and provide a basis for decision making moving forward:

Develop a system that can be understood by new and longstanding riders alike.

Design for Accessibility and Universality:

- Disabled Community
- Limited English Proficiency
- Immigrants & Refugees
- Students / International Students
- Tourists / Business Travelers

Build off what works (retain what is culturally important) but *not at the expense of ease of use and comprehension.*

Allow for growth and flexibility over time.

Use terminology and language that speaks to riders, not SEPTA staff.

RECOMMENDATION

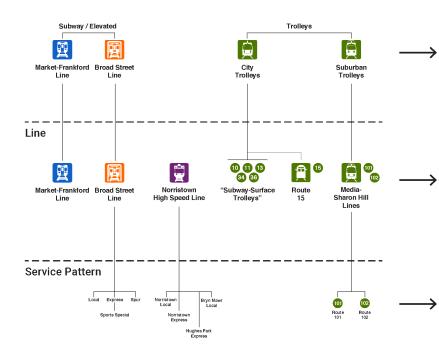
Develop a transit vocabulary for SEPTA.

Existing Network Structure

Provider



System



Future Network Structure

Provider



System









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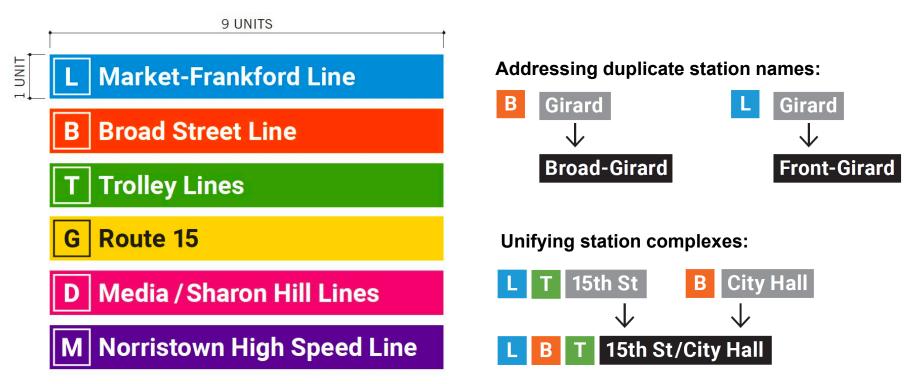


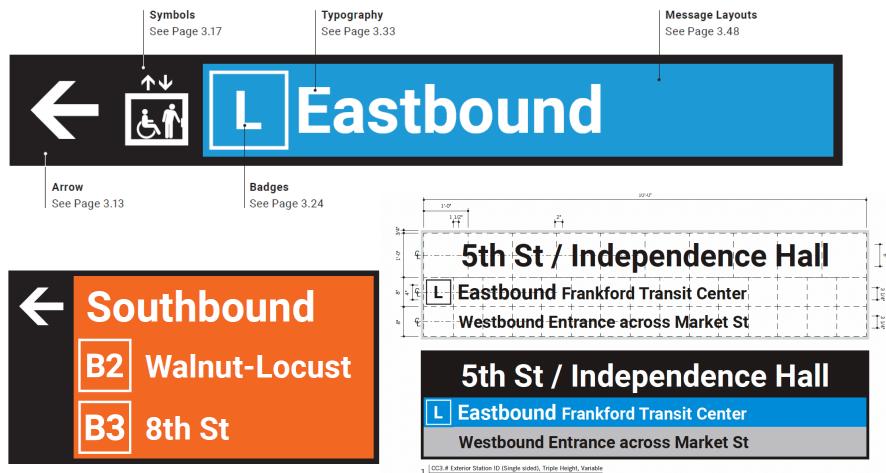




Nomenclature

Using colors, shapes, letters, numbers, and terminology consistently to make our vast network easy to use regardless of language, ability, or level of familiarity.





1" = 1' 0"

Station Identification

Clear and Consistent Across Network



(1) Service Line Entrance ID

CC1.#-WN ST-000



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(3) Service Lines Entrance ID

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Station Identification

Pedestrian and Vehicular Scale Pylons

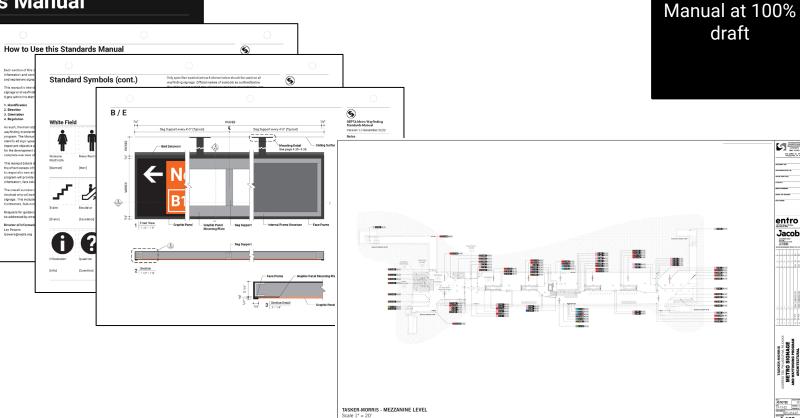


Maps & Information Centers

Clear and Consistent Information in Predictable Locations







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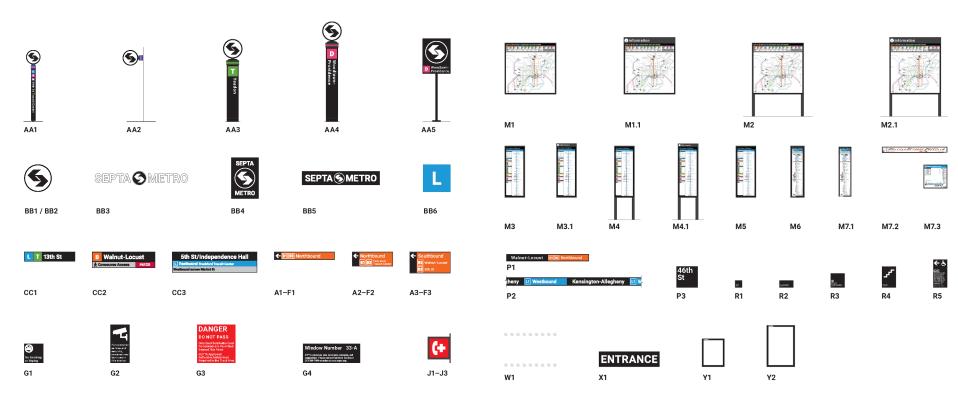
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SEPTA Metro Wayfinding Standards Manual

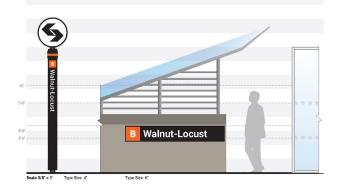
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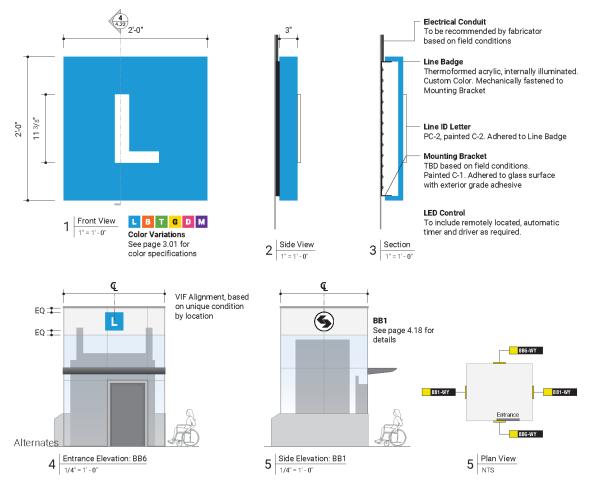
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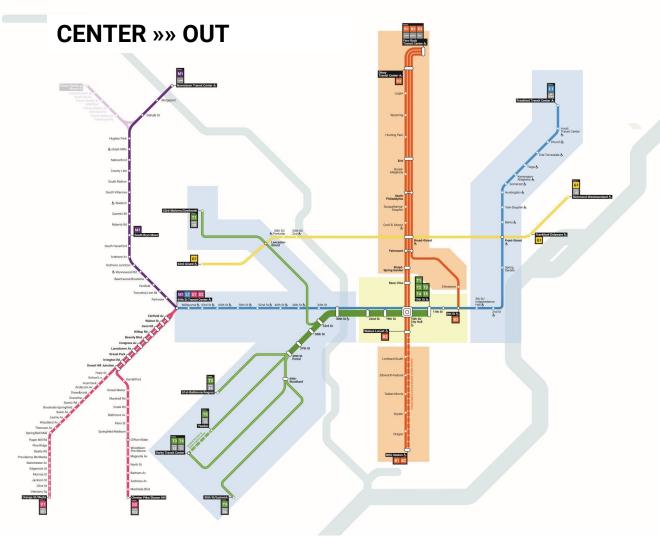


Programming:

Standard applications and specifications







Phase 1 Implementation Plan

Phase 1, Package 1: Center City City Hall/15th, Race-Vine to Walnut-Locust, 8th to 22nd, with Concourse supplementary signage.

Phase 1, Package 2: 'B' Line Completed end to end,

coordinated with ADA Projects

Phase 1, Package 3: L + T Lines

Completed in sequence, coordinated with ADA Projects including transit center supplementary signage.



CURRENT





FUTURE





	2023			2024			
1.1: Center City	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Design							
Construction							
1.2: B Line							
Design							
Construction							
1.3: T/L Lines							
Design							
Construction							

Coordinated Efforts:

- SEPTA.org redesign
- New SEPTA app
- New vehicle specifications
 and design
- Modern trolley station design standards development
- Announcements
- Detour communications
- Data feeds updates
 (GTFS)
- Multilingual
 communications manual
- And more to come



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