



# Washington Avenue Year 1 Project Evaluation Fact Sheet

Above: Washington Avenue & 11th Street Intersection (Dec 2023)

March 2024

**Washington Avenue is safer, greener, and more efficient after significant changes were made East of Broad Street**

## Project Implementation (2022)

Washington Avenue was repaved from Grays Ferry Avenue to 4th Street, with significant traffic calming measures east of Broad Street (between 11th and 4th Street), including updated parking and loading regulations, while no significant changes were made west of Broad Street.

## Project Evaluation (2023)

The City of Philadelphia committed to evaluating the repaving and traffic safety after one year. The study results look at whether the project's safety and operational goals have been met.

The Year 1 study, available via the QR code below, examines traffic, transit, parking, and loading on Washington Avenue. Additional analysis focusing specifically on safety impacts is planned.

## Year 1 Study Results Highlights

Impacts on Washington Avenue are mostly positive.

- **Safer:** Less speeding on blocks with speed slots.
- **More Efficient:** More daytime parking and loading spaces, and incidences of illegal parking decreased significantly.
- **Greener:** Significantly more people riding bikes on Washington Avenue, especially where there are new parking-separated bike lanes. Bus speeds and reliability have remained consistent.

**Note:** Additional post-installation crash analysis will be conducted once sufficient PennDOT-provided crash data is available to do so.



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Washington Avenue & 6th Street, 2023

## Study Recommendations

The result of the Year 1 Evaluation indicates that most of the project's operational and safety goals have had positive or mixed/positive outcomes. Where project outcomes are mixed, the report includes recommendations to address identified issues.

These recommendations involve changing signal timing to help reduce high off-peak speeds at specific locations, targeted enforcement to reduce persistent sidewalk parking, and additional speed cushions.

## Coming Soon to Washington Avenue

The plan is to upgrade the temporary bus boarding islands between 11th and 4th Street, to improve safety for transit riders, cyclists, and users of ADA-compliant infrastructure.

## Next Steps

### Within the next 30 days:

- Continue implementing recommendations to achieve project goals.

### Within 6 months:

- Present the results of the study to community stakeholders to discuss next steps and solicit additional specific project feedback.
- Begin engineering and design for the Washington Avenue Bus Island project.

### Within 1 year:

- Collect additional data for Year 2 Evaluation report.
- Continue implementing recommendations to achieve project goals.
- Complete engineering and design for the Washington Avenue Bus island project.

### 1 year +

- Publish Year 2 Evaluation report and accompanying documents.
- Continue implementing recommendations to achieve project goals.
- Complete construction of the Washington Avenue Bus island project.



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