

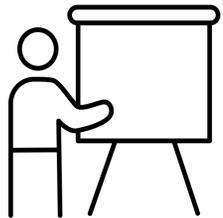
# 52nd Street Commercial Corridor Improvement Project

March 2026

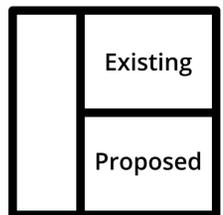
## MEETING FORMAT



Sign-In



View the Open House Boards and discuss with staff



Provide feedback on the Block-by-Block layout



Fill out the Exit Survey before leaving

## MEETING GOALS

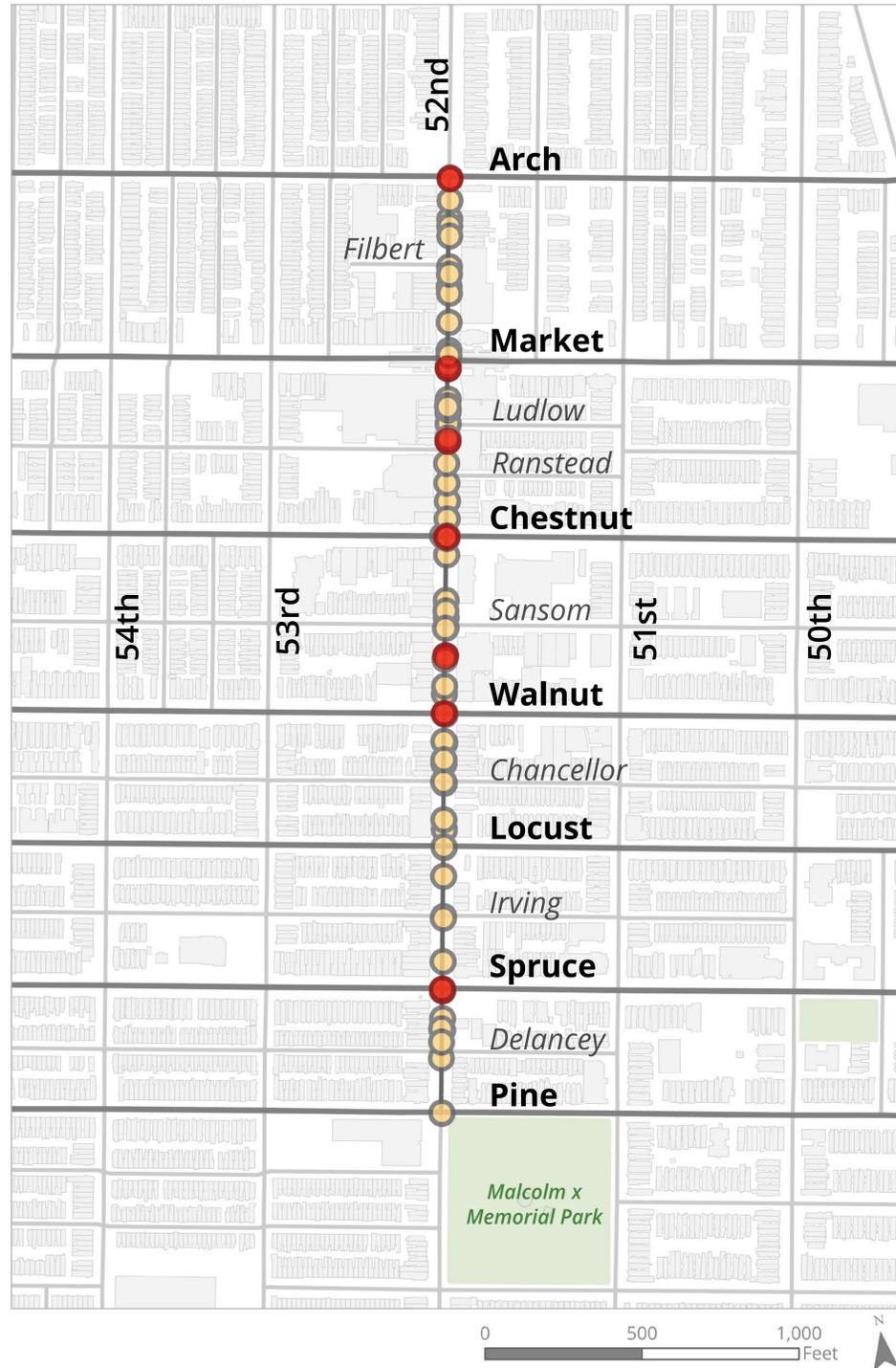
01 Share updates on the project

02 Share what we have heard so far from the community

03 Show the City's proposed changes for 52nd Street, from Arch Street to Pine Street

04 Get feedback on the proposed changes for each block along the street

## Crashes on 52nd Street



### Major Commercial Corridor

*Historic and cultural hub of West Philadelphia*

*Key business corridor for the City Commerce Department and The Enterprise Center*

### Key Transit Corridor

*8th busiest bus route in the city*

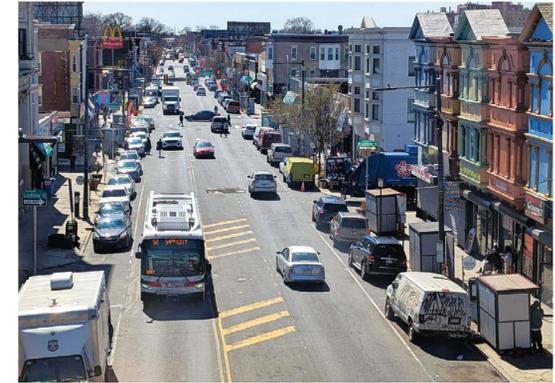
*Slower bus speeds in the commercial corridor*

### Traffic Safety Issues

*Corridor on High Injury Network*

*121 crashes (2020-24), involving 295 people*

*Most crashes involve speeding, aggressive driving, or red-light running*



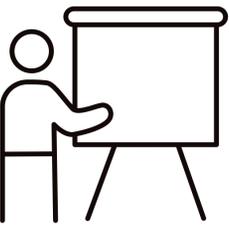
Commercial Corridor, looking south from Market Street Station



Bus Stop at 52nd and Locust



Crash at 52nd & Walnut (August 1, 2025)



**11**  
Events



**10**  
Community Meetings



**594**  
people provided feedback

*all feedback as of 02/12/2026*

**How would you describe traffic safety on 52nd?**



**68%** of respondents feel somewhat or extremely unsafe traveling on 52nd Street

**How do you travel on 52nd Street?**



Travel on 52nd Street is multimodal, with walking and driving as the most common modes, alongside bus, subway, and biking

**What improvements would you like to see on 52nd?**



Percentage shows respondents who gave the design toolkit 4 or 5 stars and want these improvements on 52nd Street



Healthy Holiday Fest at YMCA



Business Association Meeting at Urban Art gallery



Corridor Walk with Core Stakeholders



Trunk or Treat Event at YMCA



Core Stakeholder Meeting at First Corinthian Baptist Church

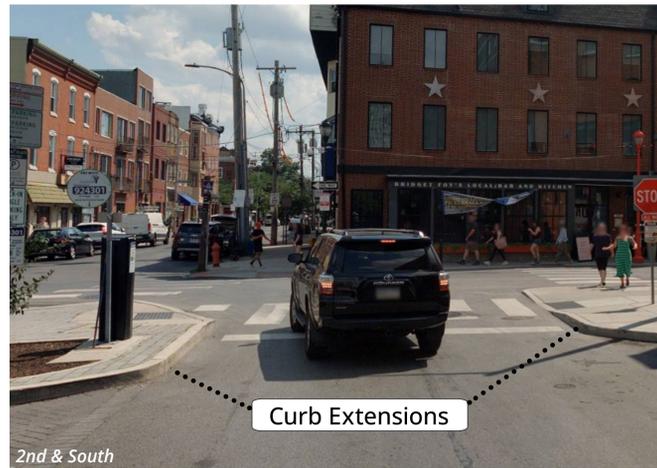


Core Stakeholder Meeting at First Corinthian Baptist Church

*"Too much double parking, blocked corner clearances"*



**Potential Design Solution:  
Curb Extensions**



**74%** of respondents support curb extensions to slow traffic and improve visibility

*"Too much space for people to whip around traffic going the speed limit, particularly at traffic lights where there should be medians"*



**Potential Design Solution:  
Medians**



**70%** of respondents support medians that slow traffic, separate lanes, and shorten pedestrian crossings

*"Like the idea of raised crossings, especially at transit stops and major intersections. These crossings not only provide natural traffic calming, but also make it easier and faster for people using walkers, wheelchairs, strollers, shopping carts, and more"*

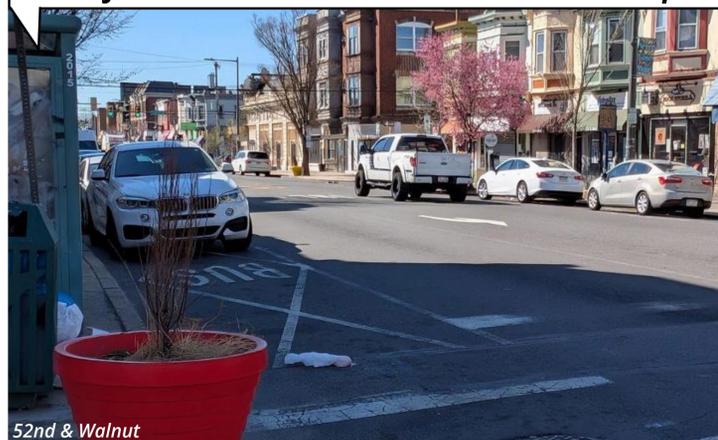


**Potential Design Solution:  
Raised Crosswalk**

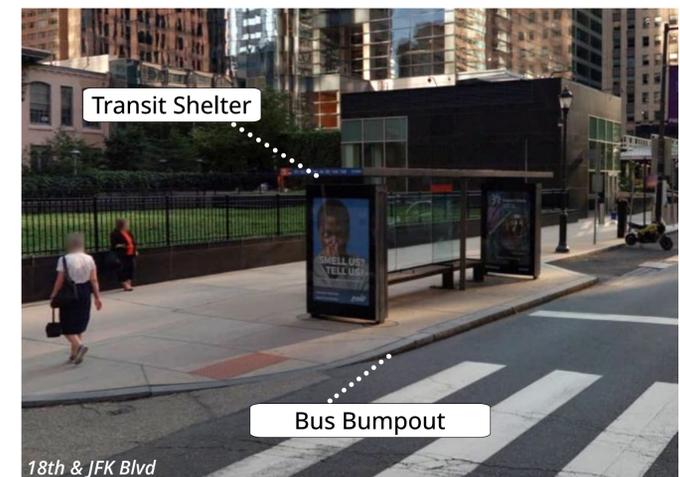


**78%** of respondents support raised crosswalks on 52nd Street to improve pedestrian visibility and slow vehicle speeds

*"Drivers frequently speed and park in spots along 52nd Street that block sightlines, making turns onto 52nd unsafe. Cars also block SEPTA bus stops"*



**Potential Design Solution:  
Upgraded Transit Stops**



**91%** of respondents support comfortable, convenient, and accessible transit stops with benches, shelters, and better streetscapes

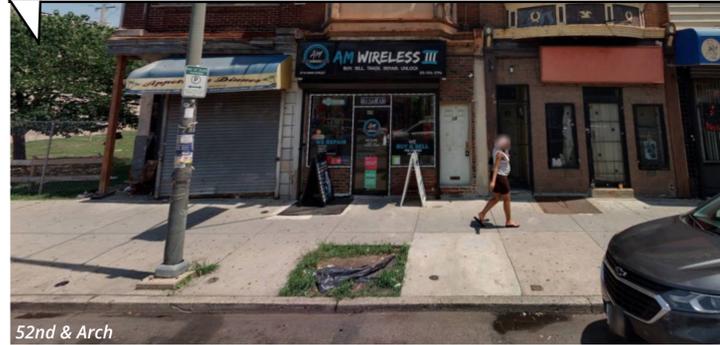
*"As a pedestrian I generally do not feel super safe crossing the street and sometimes even just on the sidewalk"*



**Potential Design Solution:  
Spot Sidewalk Improvement**



*"52nd Street could also benefit from more street trees. They not only add natural beauty and help reduce road noise, but also provide much-needed shade to keep people cool while walking or waiting for transit"*



**Potential Design Solution:  
Street Trees**



**92%** of respondents support improving sidewalks to make them safer, more accessible, and well-maintained, while encouraging walking and creating lively streets that support social and economic activity.

**87%** of respondents support adding street trees to beautify the corridor, provide shade, and reduce heat exposure.

*"There aren't enough loading zones, so delivery drivers have to double park. This makes it harder for people to navigate around the vans and blocks pedestrians' view of oncoming traffic, creating a safety risk for both drivers and pedestrians"*



**Potential Design Solution:  
Loading Zones**



**66%** of respondents support curbside loading zones to prevent illegal and double parking.

**VISION  
ZERØ**  
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

ZERO TRAFFIC DEATHS BY 2030

# 52nd Street Commercial Corridor Improvement Project

March 2026

**EXISTING**



**PROPOSED**



Have a question?  
[otis@phila.gov](mailto:otis@phila.gov)

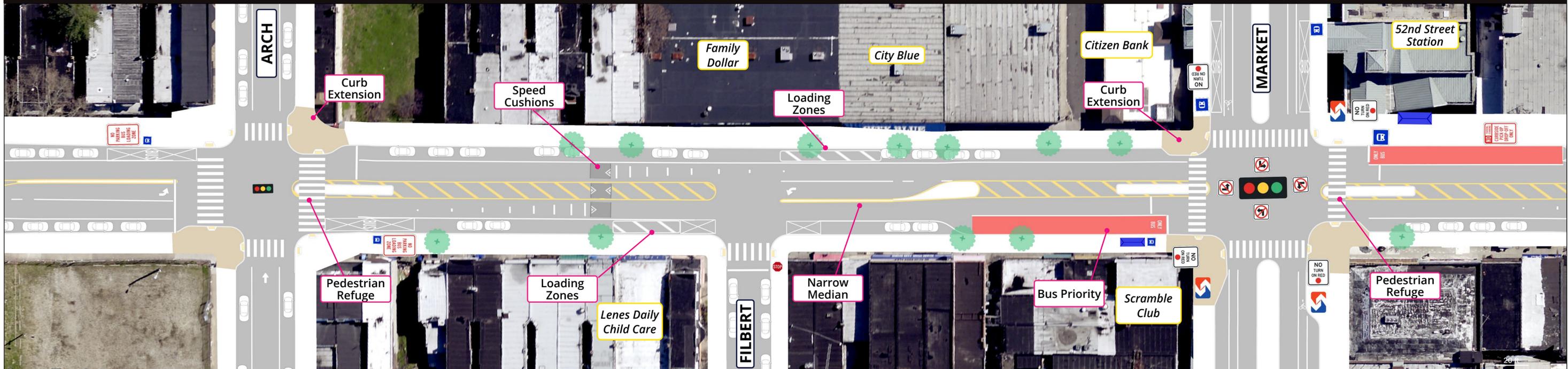


Vision Zero PHL Information:  
[www.visionzerophl.com](http://www.visionzerophl.com)

## EXISTING CONDITIONS



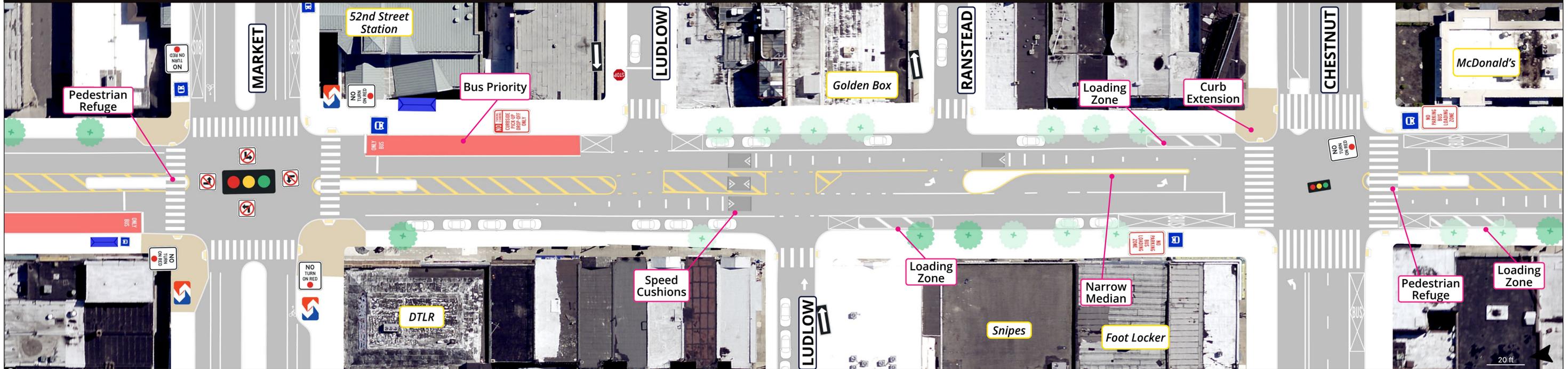
## PROPOSED



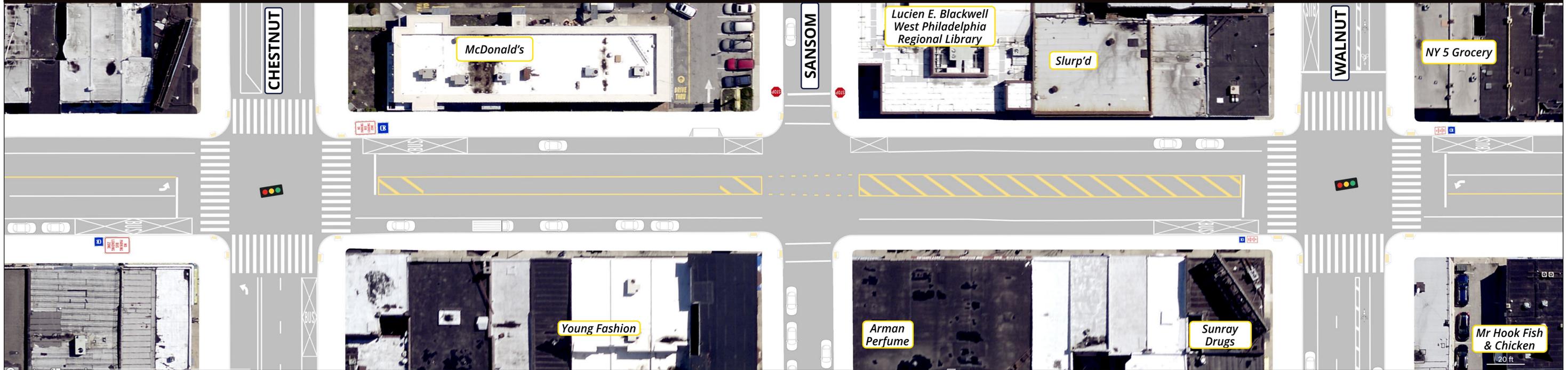
## EXISTING CONDITIONS



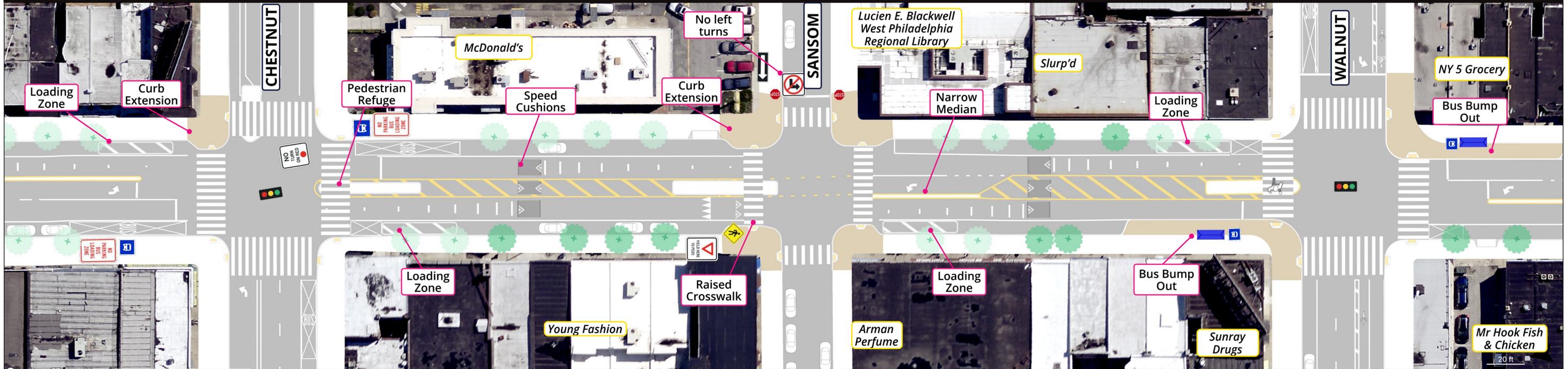
## PROPOSED



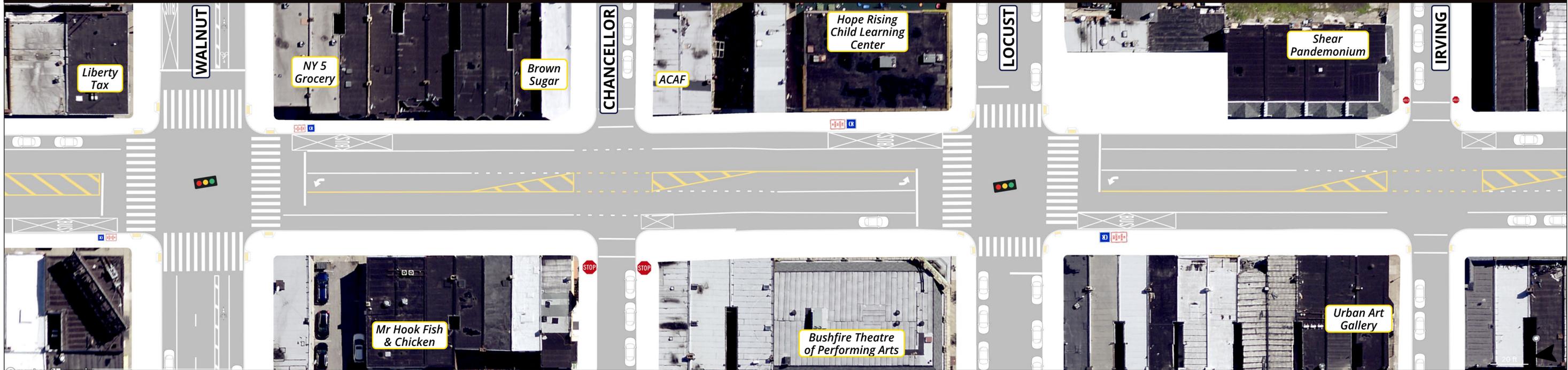
## EXISTING CONDITIONS



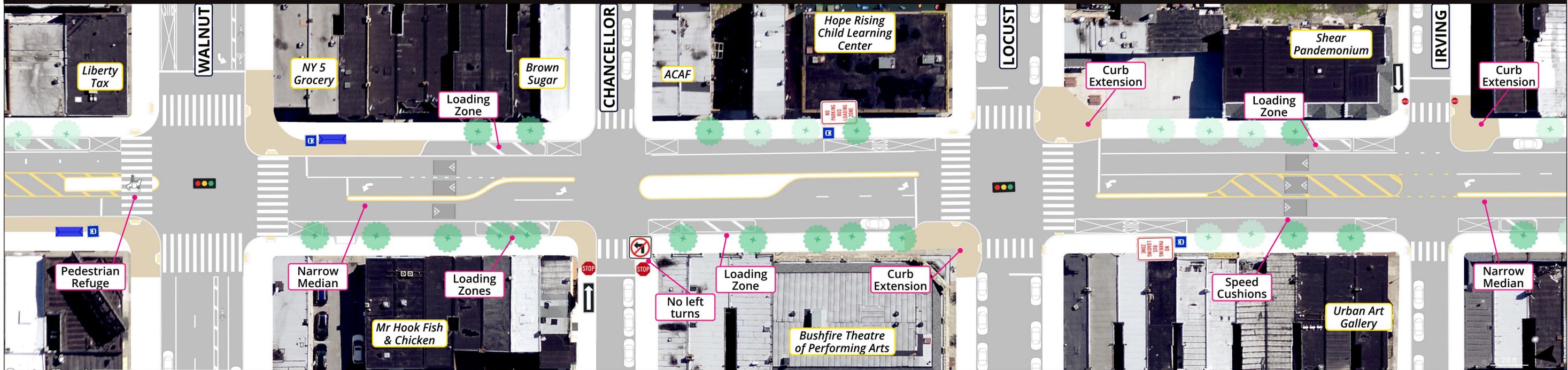
## PROPOSED



## EXISTING CONDITIONS



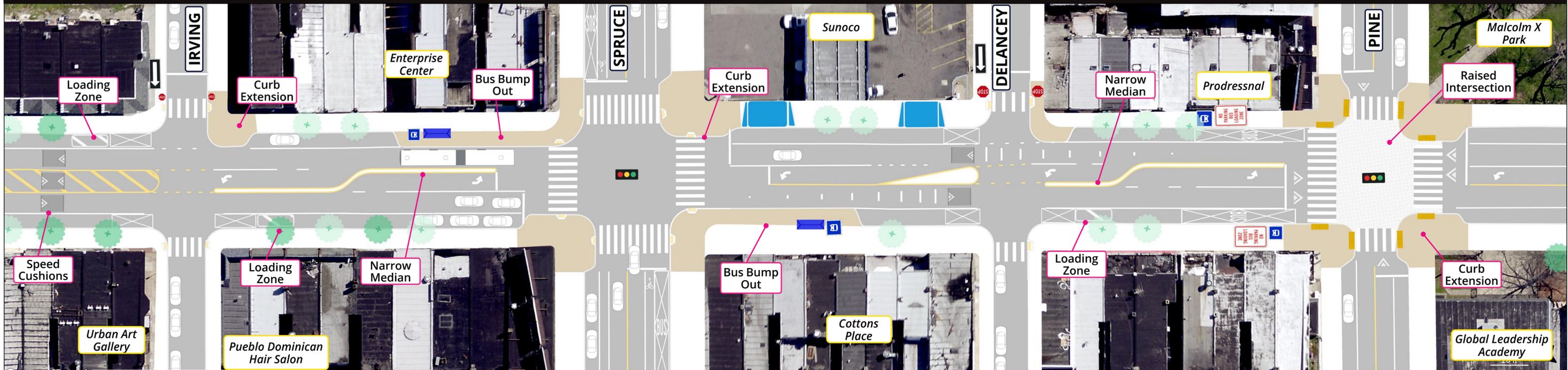
## PROPOSED



## EXISTING CONDITIONS



## PROPOSED



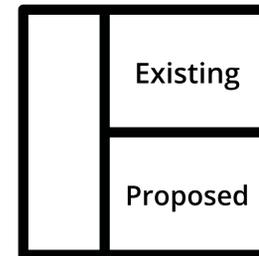
# 52nd Street Commercial Corridor Improvement Project

March 2026

## Project Timeline

- Early 2025** ● **Transit Study completed**  
*Understand why and where Route 52 buses are slow, and identify improvements*
- Summer/Fall 2025** ● **Phase 1 Engagement**  
*Gather input and ideas from businesses and residents*
- Early 2026** ● **Concept Design**  
*Community provides feedback on design concept*  
***We are here***
- Spring/Summer 2026** ● **Final Concept**  
*Present updated design to community*
- 2027+** ● **Final Design & Construction**

## Before you leave



**Engage in Table Exercise**



**Fill out the exit survey**



Project Website: [bit.ly/52nd-st-cs](https://bit.ly/52nd-st-cs)

If you have any question regarding the project, email: [otis@phila.gov](mailto:otis@phila.gov)

**THANK YOU!**