

# Fox Chase-Burholme Active Transportation Plan

Steering Committee #2

02/25/2025



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## Agenda

Introductions (5 min)

Project Updates (5 min)

What we have heard (5 min)

Existing Conditions (10 Min)

Map Activity (35 min)

Next Step (10 min)



# Who Are We?

## Office of Multimodal Planning

A Division of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (OTIS)

## Mission Statement

Whether by bus, by bike, on foot, or by car, the Office of Multimodal Planning is leading innovation and engagement to ensure Philadelphians of all ages and abilities can travel safely.



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## Why are we here?

We have State funding to develop a plan to improve walking and biking in the neighborhoods of Fox Chase and Burholme.

# High-Level Project Goals



Increase opportunities for outdoor physical activities



Make road connection stronger so people can safely walk, bike, or take transit to different destinations



# Meeting Goal Today

Identify active transportation improvements to be included in the plan

A blue-tinted photograph of a train station platform. A train is visible on the left side of the frame. Several people are walking on the platform. A woman in a dark coat and black pants is walking towards the right. A man in a light-colored jacket and grey pants is standing on the platform. The platform has a brick wall on the right side. The text "Project Updates" is overlaid in white on the bottom left of the image.

# Project Updates

# What we have done so far

Oct 2025

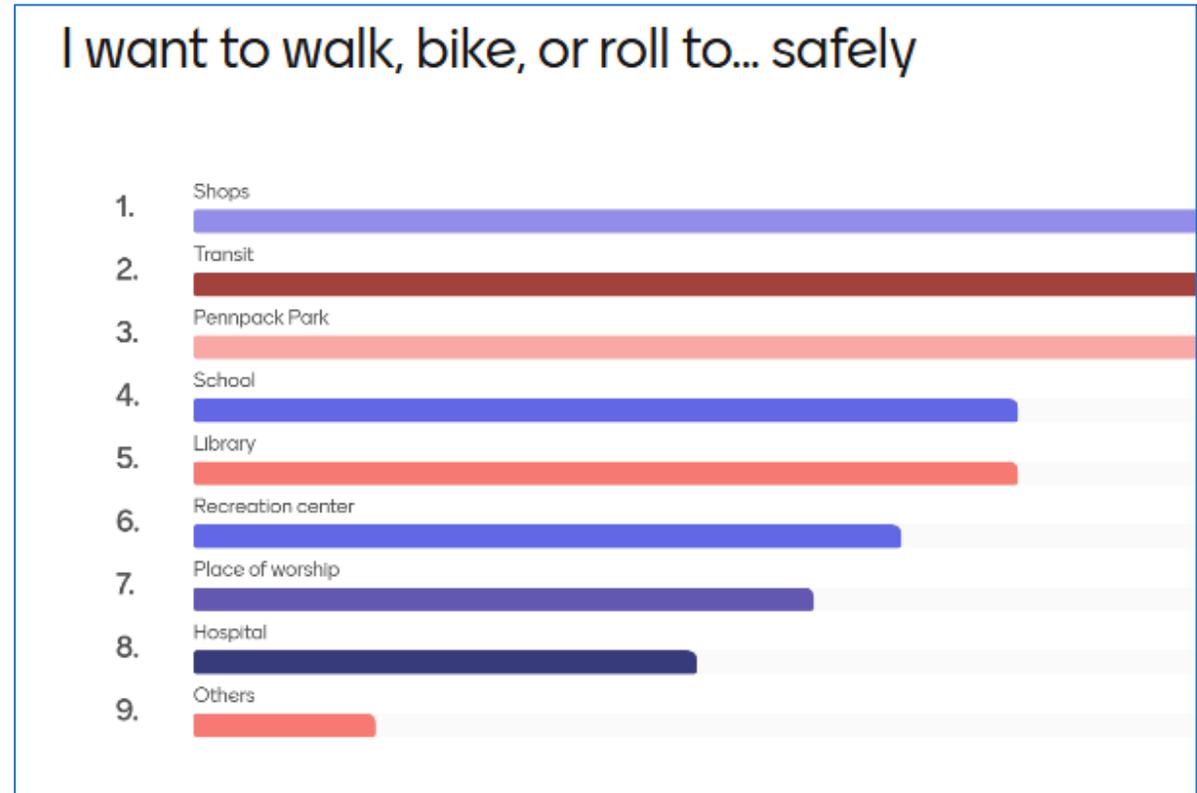
- Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting

Nov 2025

- Field visit
- Existing Conditions Analysis

# What we have heard

- Fox Chase and Burholme are **convenient** neighborhoods with many community resources and amenities. They also have great **trails**, but current traffic conditions make it **unsafe** to reach them.
- Popular destinations include the Fox Chase Farm, Pennypack Park, and shops and restaurants surround Fox Chase Regional Rail Station
- Shops, transit, and Pennypack Park are the top three places people would like to access safely by walking, biking, or rolling.



# What we have heard

- **Oxford Avenue** (Verree – Hartel): No sidewalks
- **Oxford Avenue** has no safe crossing between shops and Fox Chase station
- **Rhawn, Oxford, and Pine** intersection is dangerous
- **Rockwell Avenue** – No safe crossing to Fox Chase Rec Center
- **Central Avenue** – No safe crossing to Ryerss Museum and Library
- **Rhawn St** – Disorganized parking during school drop-off and pick-up hours





# Existing Conditions

# Sidewalks

**Oxford Avenue**, as identified, has a long sidewalk gap

**Verree Road** (Susquehanna – Bloomfield) just repaved, is missing sidewalk

Parts of **Pine Road** are also missing sidewalks





*Pine Road Pedestrian Crossing*

# Example Ped Improvements

Sidewalks

Curb Extensions

Speed Cushions

Flashing Beacons

Crosswalk

# Bike Routes

Mostly conventional bike lanes (bike lanes divided by painted white lines)

A bike lane gap between Rockwell and Oxford



# Example Bike Improvements

## Separated Bike Lanes



## Shared-Use Path



# Crash Trends

Crash hotspots:

- Oxford, Rhawn, Pine
- Rhawn and Verree
- Along Cottman Ave
- **10/14 victims** who were killed or seriously injured were walking or biking at the time





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# Map Activity

## Exercise - STEP 1 of 4

Using a **BLUE** marker, **circle** meeting points/entrance points.

**Place a circle sticker** on community landmarks and destinations you would take visitors to see.

## Exercise - STEP 2 of 4

Using the **RED** marker, **draw points** (for intersections) or **zig-zag lines** to identify barriers for walking or biking to landmarks and destinations



## Exercise - STEP 3 of 4

Using the **YELLOW** highlighter, highlight routes that ***work well today*** and you would feel safe taking visitors along.

## Exercise- STEP 4 of 4

Using the **BLACK** marker, draw one route you would like to see improved for walking today. Using **GREEN** marker for another route you would like to see improved for biking today.

A blue-tinted photograph of a park path. In the foreground, two people are walking away from the camera on a paved path. In the middle ground, another person is walking towards the camera, and a dog is visible to the left. The background is filled with dense trees and foliage. The text "Share Results" is overlaid in the bottom left corner.

**Share Results**



# Next Steps

# Next Steps

Summarize the results and share with the Steering Committee

Coordinate a public open house in May-June

## Your contribution

Help us to review the materials

Help us to promote the event



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**Thank you. Questions?**