



**SEPTA Forward:** 

**SEPTA Bus Revolution** 

**Virtual Community Conversation:** 

**Center City** 

## Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Intro to SEPTA's Bus Revolution
- 3 Draft Bus Network
- 4 Q&A
- **5** Next Steps

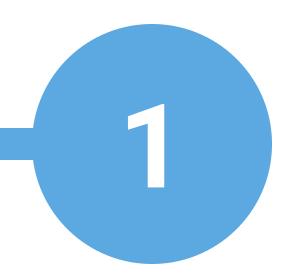


## Your ride is about to get easier.

See how SEPTA's bus network is changing!



## Welcome





#### Ice Breaker time!

#### **Share in the chat:**

Your name and neighborhood

#### **Registration Question:**

What bus route(s) do you take most frequently?

- 48 Front & Market to 27<sup>th</sup> & Allegheny
- 32 Broad & Carpenter to Ridge & Lyceum
- 49 33<sup>rd</sup> & Dauphin to 29<sup>th</sup> & Snyder
- 7 Pier 70 Blvd to 33<sup>rd</sup> & Dauphin
- 33 Penn's Landing to 23<sup>rd</sup> & Venango
- 17 Penn's Landing to 20<sup>th</sup> & Johnston and Broad & Pattison

Route	Count
48	62
32	62
49	48
7	42
33	33
17	31
42	31
21	30
57	29
9	25
12	23
40	20

SEPTA bus routes cited most among 242 registrants, as of 12/9/22

## Purpose of our Conversation Today

#### We're here together to:

- Catch you up on the Bus Revolution
- Discuss how Draft Network would affect travel in Center City
  - Presentation & Interactive Map
  - Polling questions
  - Q&A Ask us about your route! (Q&A box)

#### **Ground rules:**

- Please remain muted to avoid accidental interruptions.
- Comment any time in the Chat box.
- Post your questions in the Q&A box.
- When posting questions, try to keep them concise, so we can get to as many as possible.

## SEPTA's Bus Revolution



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# What is Bus Revolution

"Blank Slate" redesign of SEPTA's fixedroute bus network

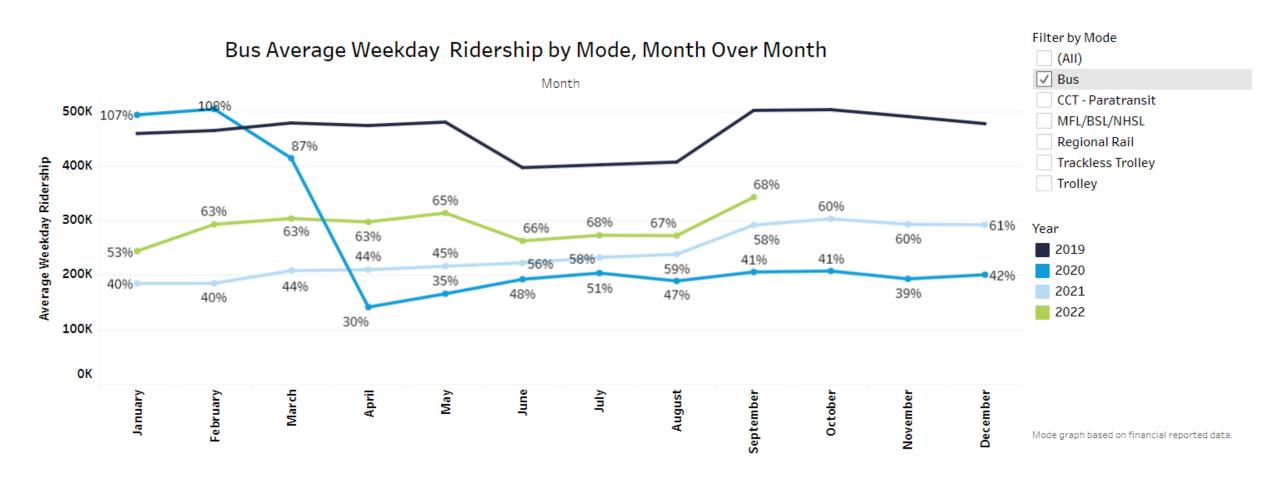


## Why Now?

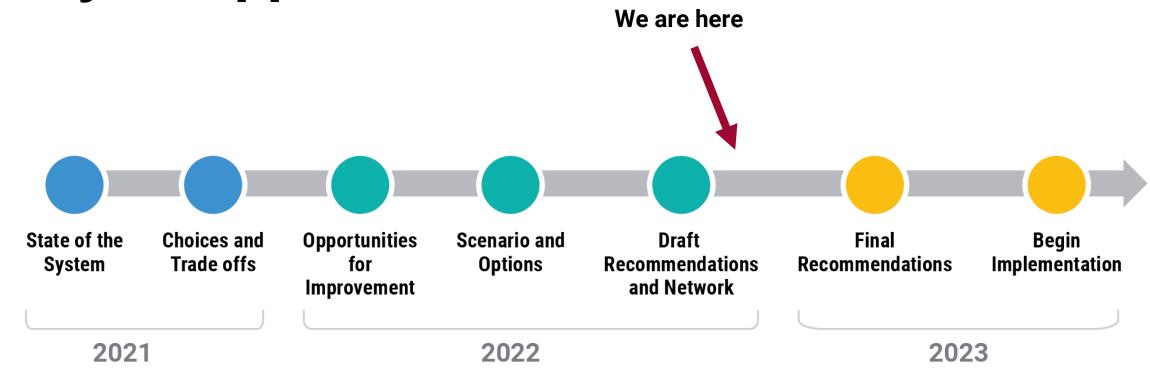
- SEPTA Forward emphasizes a more fully integrated network
- SEPTA has never looked at its network comprehensively before
- Elimination of transfer penalty in 2020 offers opportunity to rethink how people can use the system and how SEPTA can allocate resources
- Between 2013 & 2019 ridership dropped 13% but operating costs went up 10% while service got slower and less reliable



## **Bus Ridership During Covid**

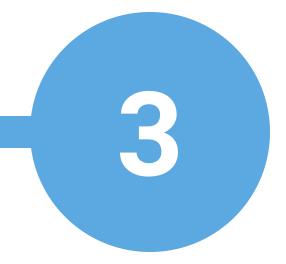


## **Project Approach**





## Introducing the Draft Bus Network



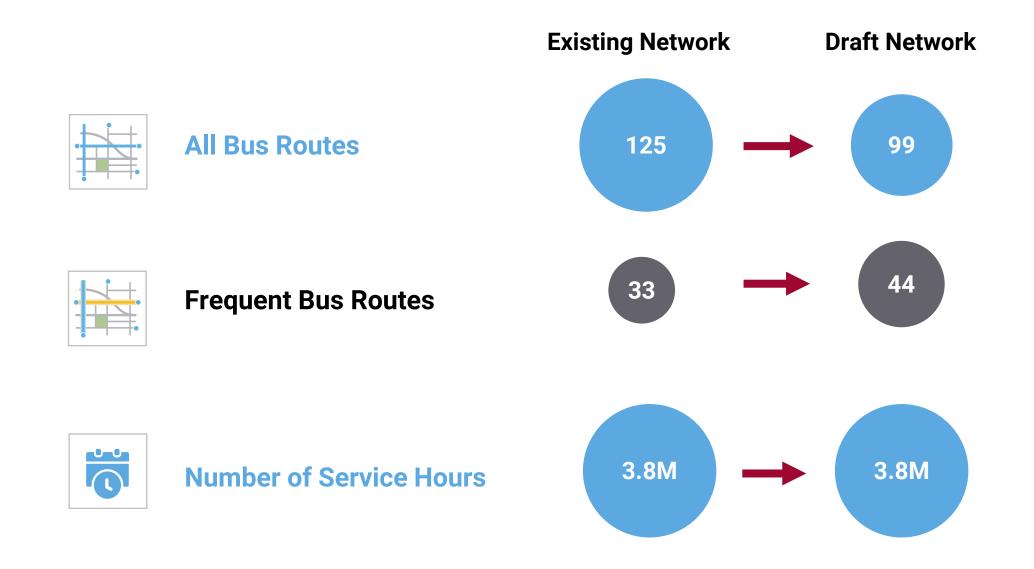
### SEPTA's Draft Bus Network: Strategic Approach



- More frequent bus service all day, every day
- More consistent schedules

- Straighter, more direct bus routes
- Better connections to other SEPTA services
- Retain some
  coverage
  service where
  demand
  dictates

#### **Bus Revolution Draft Network**



#### **Draft Bus Network**

#### **Includes:**

Overall fewer routes

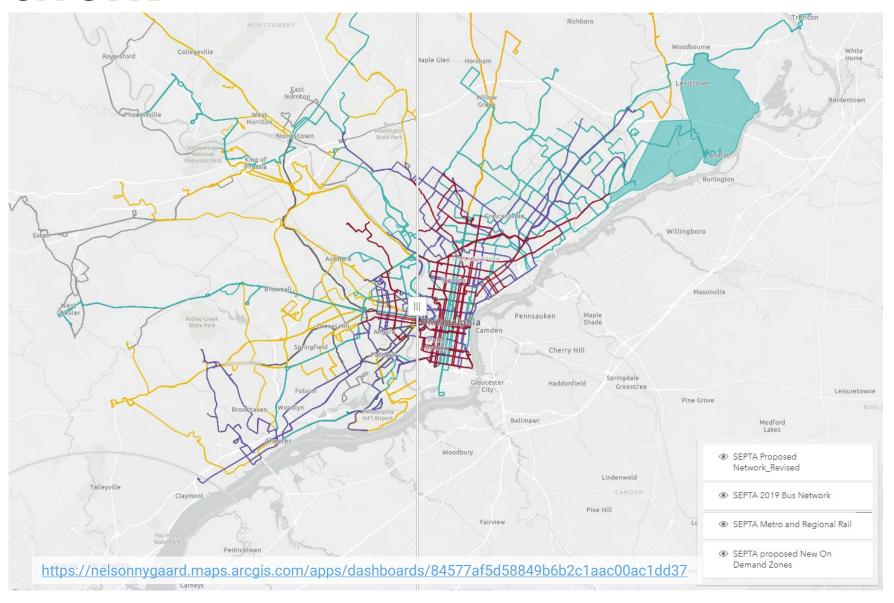
Straighter lines

More red & green routes

Fewer gold routes

Looks more like a grid

On-demand transit zones



### **Understanding the MAX Series**

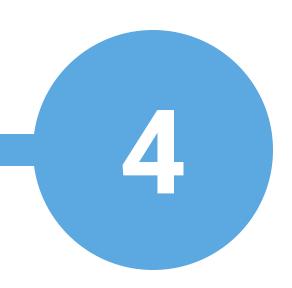
- The Bus Revolution uses the "MAX series" to talk about bus routes.
- MAX means the <u>maximum</u> time between buses. For example, a 10 MAX route will arrive at least every 10 minutes.
- All bus routes are described as:
  - 10 MAX15 MAXFrequent Bus Service
  - 30 MAX
  - 60 MAX



Bus Revolution defines a "frequent" bus route as one that operates every 15 minutes or better.



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## **Polling Questions**

Log in to www.menti.com

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https://www.menti.com/al211184gf2c



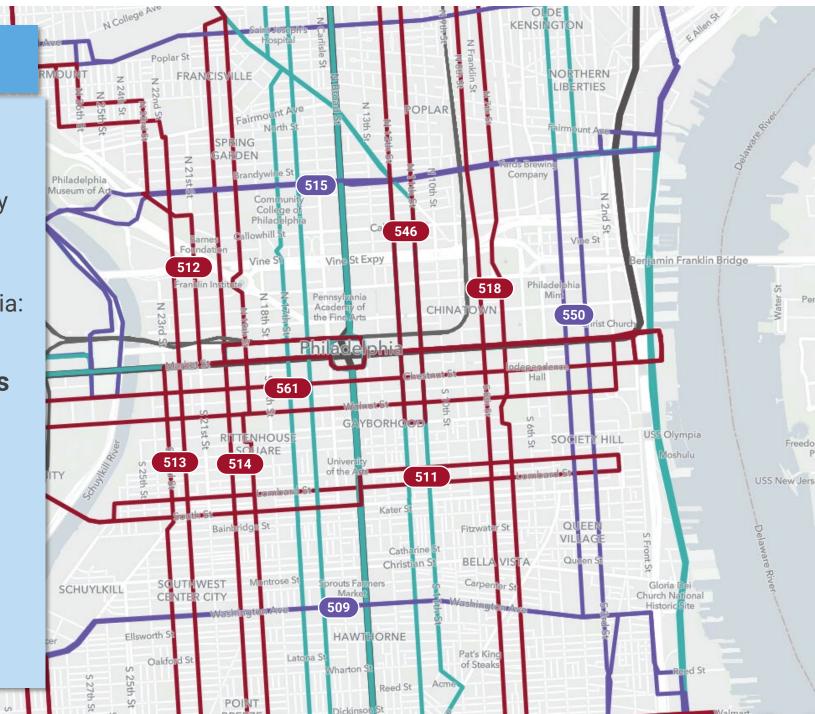
#### **Center City**

#### **Highlights**

- Frequent bus network, operating daily
- Consistent schedules throughout the day
- Simplified and straighter alignments
- New connections to West Philadelphia,
  University City and Northeast Philadelphia:

#### **Center City 10 and 15 MAX Bus Routes**

- 10 MAX 511
- 10 MAX 512 and 513
- 10 MAX 514
- 10 MAX 515
- 10 MAX 518
- 10 MAX 561
- 15 MAX 509
- 15 MAX 515



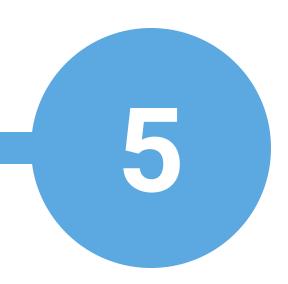


## **Proposed Changes**

- New routes: 10 MAX 512 and 513
  - Connects North and South Philadelphia to Penn's Landing
  - Combines parts of Routes 7, 48 and 49
- New route: 10 MAX 514
  - North-south alignment from Erie Avenue to Packer Park
  - Combines parts of Routes 17 and 33 (19<sup>th</sup> Street southbound and 20<sup>th</sup> Street northbound)
- New route: 10 MAX 561
  - East-west route from Penn's Landing to 69<sup>th</sup> Street TC via Chestnut and Walnut
  - Combines parts of Routes 21/42
- New route: 10 MAX 511
  - East-west route from 2<sup>nd</sup> to Marshall Street (Route 40/42)
  - Travels full length of Lombard headed west and uses Pine and South headed east



## Learn More



#### **How to Learn More**

- 1. Visit the website
- 2. Leave a comment
- 3. Look out for us in 2023



#### Tell us what you think.







#### Visit our website





#### SYSTEM MAP

The SEPTA system map shows all routes color coded by frequency. View the map online or pick up a printed version.



#### **INDIVIDUAL ROUTES**

Look up your bus route to see if it's changed. These information sheets show any proposed changes to each specific route, frequency, or schedule.



Compare your current trip with the proposed network in the Transit App.



#### WEBSITE

Visit our website for all this information and more! You'll find more information about the proposed changes and how to give feedback.





## Your ride is about to get more reliable.



#### Find out what we're proposing.



