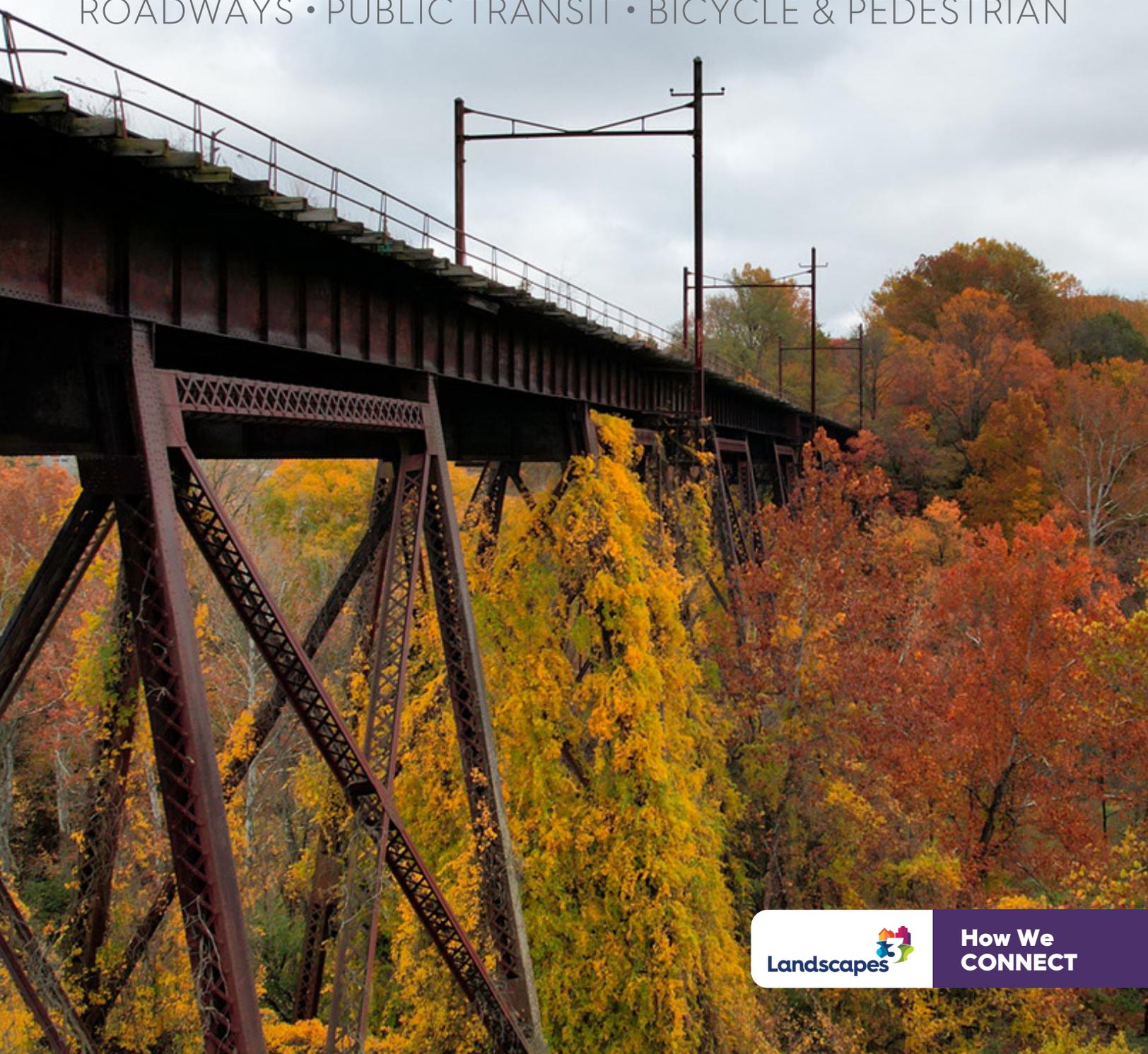


2023 • CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Transportation Priority Projects

ROADWAYS • PUBLIC TRANSIT • BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN



**How We
CONNECT**

Letter from the **Chester County Board of Commissioners**



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August 1, 2023

The Honorable Michael Carroll, Chair
Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission
400 North Street, 8th Floor
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RE: 2023 Transportation Priority Projects

Dear Secretary Carroll:

We are pleased to present you with our 2023 Transportation Priority Projects. This multi-modal set of transportation improvement projects is essential towards achieving the land use and transportation vision of both Chester County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Chester County is experiencing significant residential and industrial development and is forecasted to lead the region with substantial population growth. Chester County has a significant backlog of transportation needs due to the county's geographic size, the crucial regional connections that our transportation infrastructure provides, and the age of many of our transportation facilities.

Recognizing that our transportation needs far exceed available funding resources, project prioritization is a necessity toward achieving our vision. Therefore, our Planning Commission inventoried the transportation improvement needs of our 73 municipalities before working with a committee of our transportation planning, legislative, and economic development partners to identify the critical priority transportation projects found within this brochure.

We are grateful for this opportunity to provide input towards the development of PennDOT's Twelve Year Program. We understand that the success of these critical investments will only be fully realized through coordinated, complementary land use planning. Together, we can continue to make Chester County, the Delaware Valley region, and the entire Commonwealth a great place to live, work, and connect.

Sincerely,

Marian D. Moskowitz
Chair

Josh Maxwell
Vice-Chair

Michelle Kichline
Commissioner

County Comprehensive Planning

The Transportation Priority Projects further advance the goals, objectives, and recommendations of *Landscapes3*, Chester County's Comprehensive Plan. Transportation facilities are addressed primarily within the 'How We CONNECT' chapter of *Landscapes3*. Included are three policy maps that illustrate opportunities to improve options for all travel modes—vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, public transit, and freight—and are essential to maintaining communities that support public health, provide accessible transportation options for all, and help to mitigate climate change.



CONNECT goal

Advance efficient, reliable, and innovative transportation, utility, and communications infrastructure systems that responsibly serve thriving and growing communities.

KEY issues



Remove Congestion Bottlenecks

Chester County major roadways would operate more efficiently and generate much less greenhouse gases by addressing the pinch points that cause congestion through application of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) technology, minor operational improvements, and limited added capacity.

Accommodate Future Growth

Chester County is forecasted for the most significant growth in the region which will require expanded public transit services, implementation of complete streets policies, and the creation of more multimodal transportation options.



Create Healthier Communities

Chester County aims to maintain its status as the Commonwealth's healthiest county by advancing the development of the Circuit multi-use trail network, and providing for more active transportation networks to include facilities such as sidewalks, walkways, bike lanes, and improved connections to public transit services.

Letter of support from the **Pennsylvania Senate**



Senate of Pennsylvania

July 24, 2023

The Honorable Michael Carroll, Chair
Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission
400 North Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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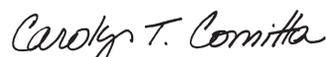
Chester County continues to experience significant population and employment growth and is forecast to be the fastest growing county in southeast Pennsylvania over the next thirty years. This sustained growth is dependent upon an aging transportation system that must adapt and grow in kind to enhance and maintain Chester County's high quality of place.

To address the challenges within our transportation system, Chester County has continued to work with its municipalities and transportation planning partners to identify and prioritize roadway, bicycle/pedestrian, and public transportation improvement projects. These multi-modal projects are fundamental to achieving the land use and transportation vision of both Chester County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We, the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania Senate, who represent Chester County, are writing to express our wholehearted support for the *2023 Chester County Transportation Priority Projects* as recommended by the Board of Chester County Commissioners. These improvements are essential towards continuing the growth and sustainability of our economy, our transportation system, and our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments and these priority projects.

Sincerely,


CAROLYN COMITTA
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July 28th, 2023

The Honorable Michael Carroll, Chair
Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission
400 North Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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We, the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania House, who represent Chester County, are writing to express our wholehearted support for the 2023 Chester County Transportation Priority Projects. These improvements are essential towards continuing the growth and sustainability of our economy, our transportation system, and our communities.

We thank you for your time and consideration of these priorities.

Sincerely, **Chester County Delegation Members 2023-2024**

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Roadways

The projects listed below are intended to maximize the efficiency and safety of existing and planned roadway corridors and facilities.

Congestion Areas



A PA 113/US 30 Bypass to Peck Road
Preliminary engineering



B PA 23 Corridor/Phoenixville
• Reduce congestion
• Safety improvements



C PA 100/US 30 Bypass/Exton Station*
Reduce congestion



D US 202 Section 200
Operational improvements



E US 202 Section 100
• PA 926 at US 202*
• High Street interchange and Matlack Street intersection improvements*

Reconstruction



F US 30 Bypass Reconstruction & Widening*
Preliminary engineering and final design



G US 1 Bypass: Maryland Line to Schoolhouse Rd.*
Preliminary engineering and final design



H Darby Road Extension: North Valley Road Bridge*
Final design and construction

Corridor Improvements



I PA 10: Corridor Safety Improvements*
Shoulder Improvements



J PA 896: Corridor Safety Improvements*
• Lane/Shoulder Width
• Roundabout at 841*



K PA 41: Corridor Safety Improvements*
• Lane/Shoulder Width
• Roundabout at PA 926*



L 322 Corridor Improvements
• Turn Lanes at PA 82*
• Five Points Intersection
• Bondsville/Hopewell Intersection

The following are **examples** of critical intersections, bridges, and erosion/drainage issues across the county that need to be addressed:

Intersections

- M** PA 23 at Township Line
- N** Baltimore Pike at Newark Road*
- O** PA 41 at State Road*

Bridges

- P** Boot Road over AMTRAK*
- Q** PA 41 over White Clay Creek
- R** Seven Stars over French Creek

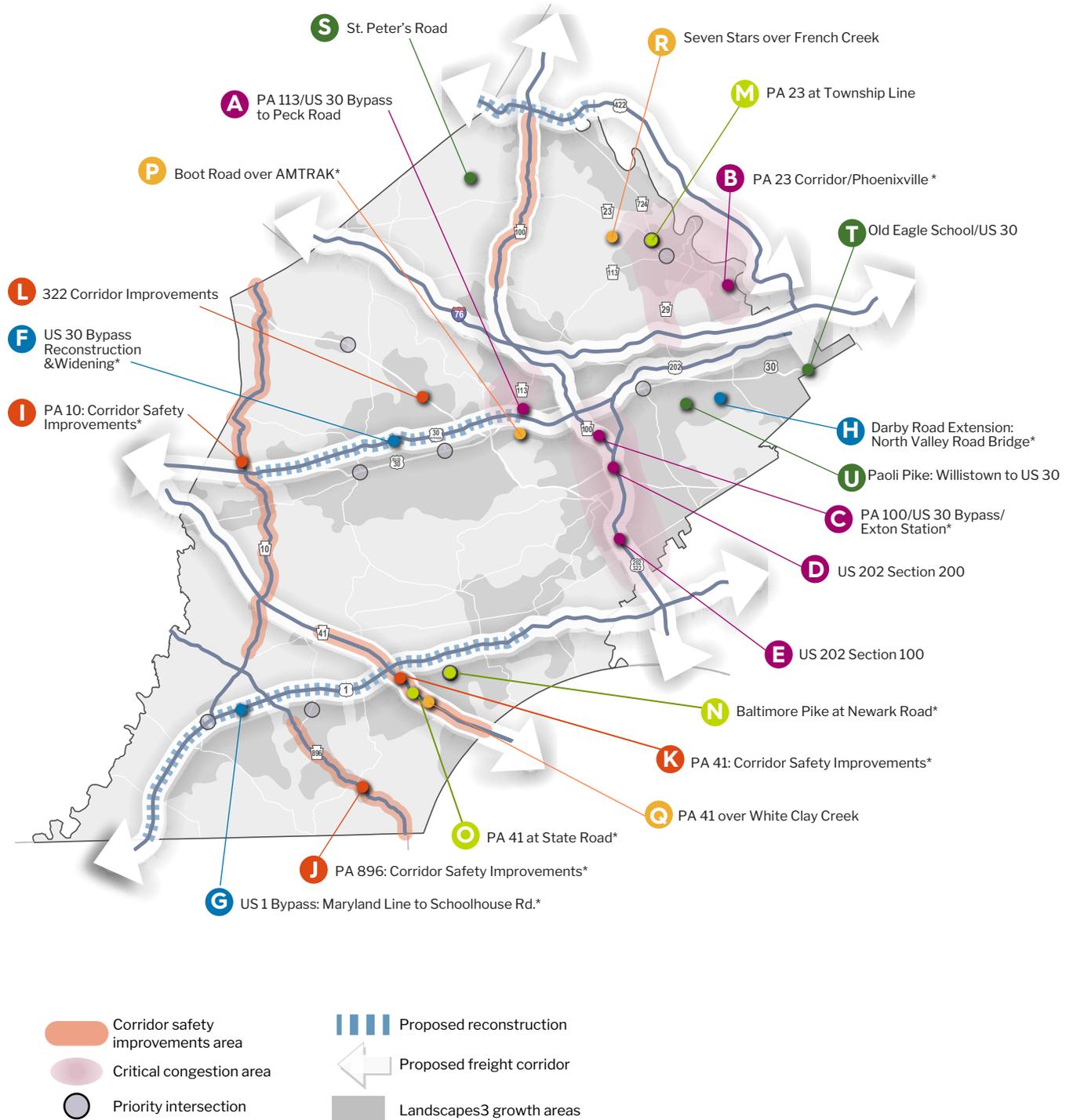
Erosion/Drainage

- S** St. Peter's Road
- T** Old Eagle School Road/US 30
- U** Paoli Pike: Willistown to US 30

* Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funded

Roadway Network Planning Map

This policy map identifies the location of major planning, design, or construction activities that are anticipated to improve safety and mobility. *Landscapes3* ▶





Public Transit

The projects listed below are intended to promote the use of public transit as a viable alternative to single-occupant travel.



Keystone Corridor/Paoli-Thorndale Rail Stations

Planned improvements at existing rail stations

- Parkesburg
- Coatesville
- Downingtown
- Exton
- Paoli Transportation Center
- Devon



SEPTA Paoli-Thorndale Extension

Extend existing SEPTA regional rail service to Coatesville and Parkesburg



West Chester Pike "Better Bus" Pilot

Implementation of direct bus principles to provide for fewer stops and faster more reliable service



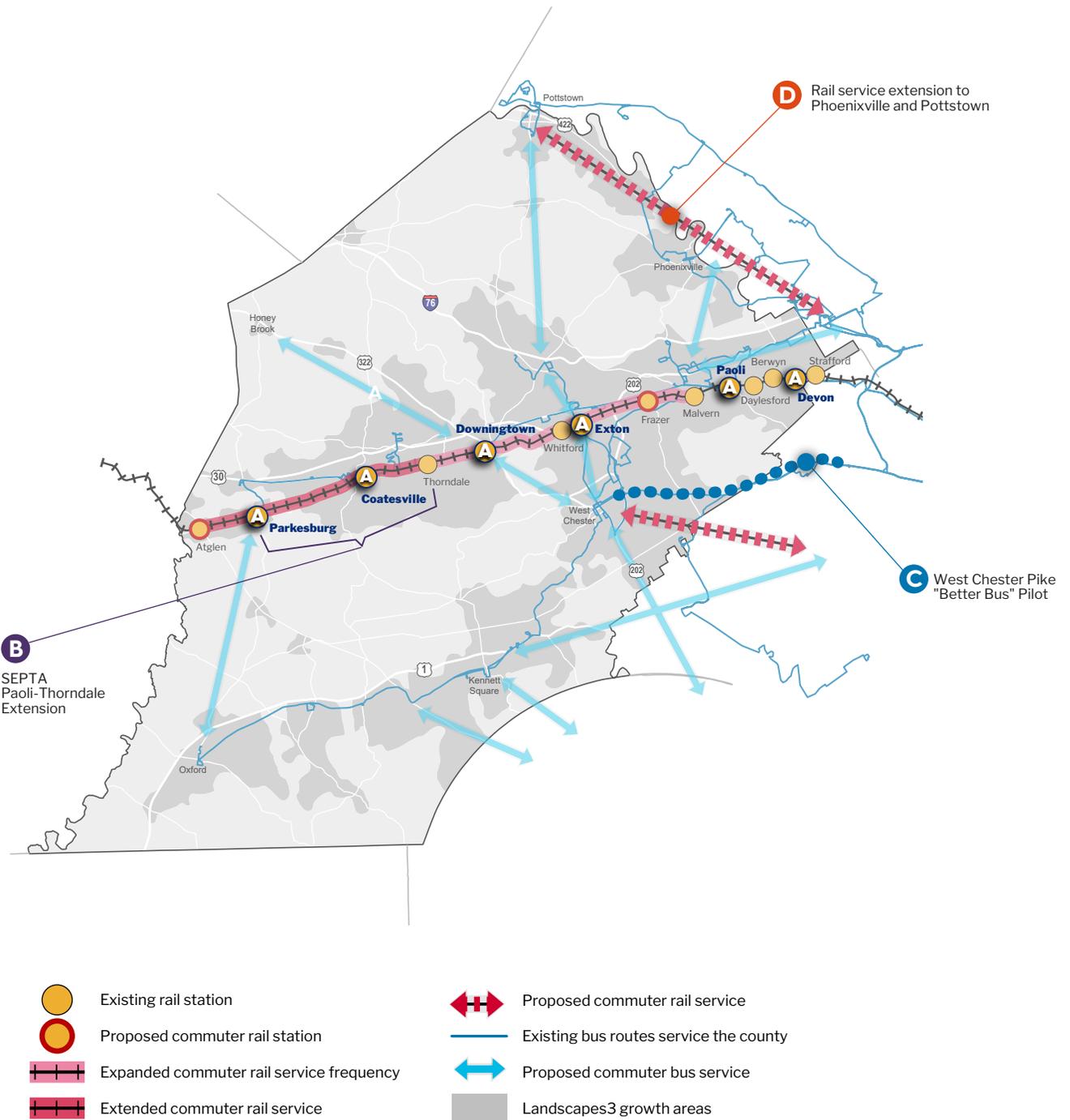
Rail service extension to Phoenixville and Pottstown

Reestablishment of passenger rail service.

Public Transit Planning Map

This policy map identifies the location of existing and proposed public transit facilities and services.

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Bicycle & Pedestrian

The projects listed below are intended to expand pedestrian facilities and further develop a connected system of bicycle facilities as an important means of transportation and recreational travel.



Chester Valley Trail West
Enola Low Grade extension into Atglen Borough



Chester Valley Trail
P&T Corridor extension into Downingtown



Paoli Pike Trail
Construction



Baltimore Pike Bikeway
Feasibility Study & Master Plan

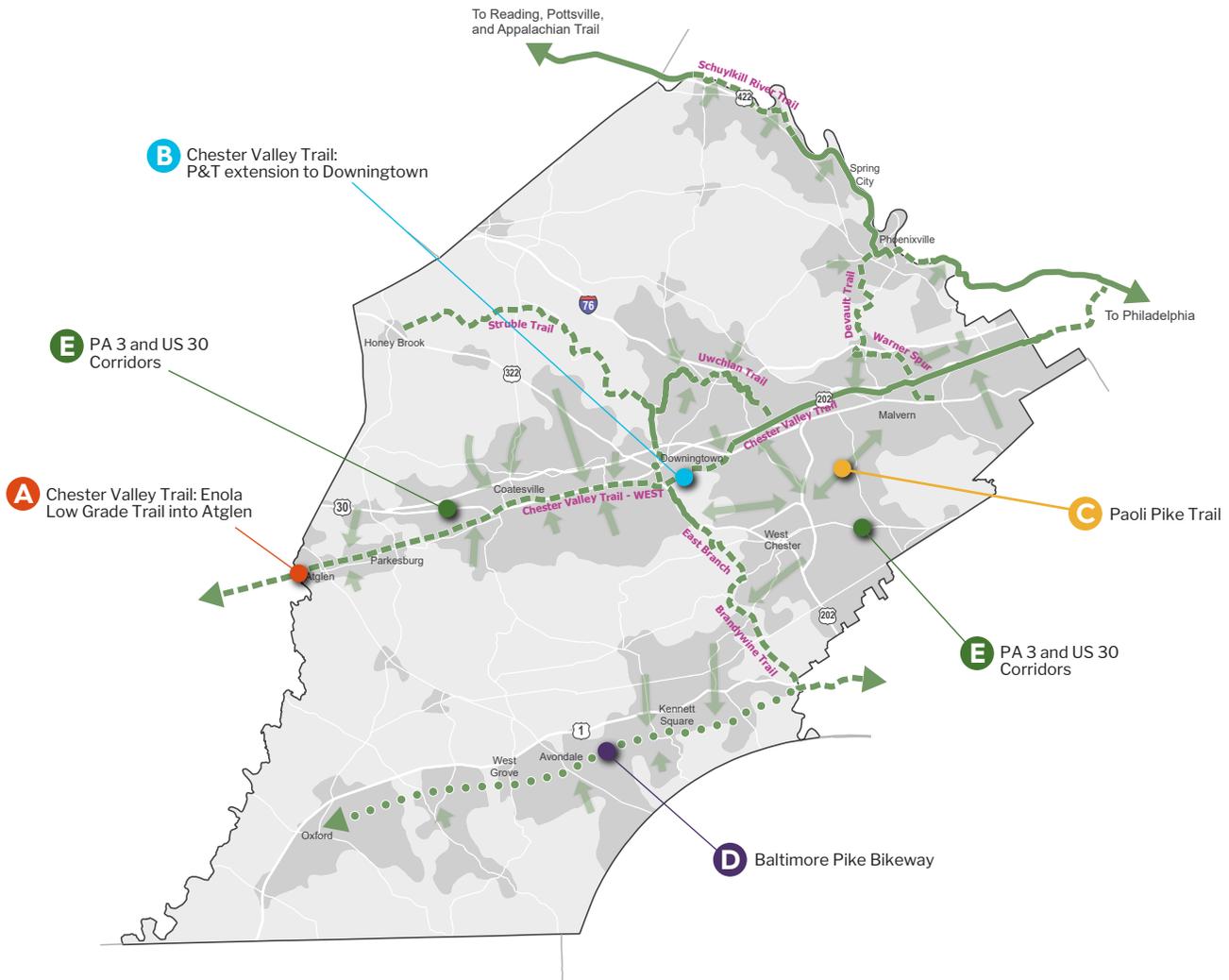


Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
PA 3 and US 30 Corridors

Circuit Trails Planning Map

This policy map identifies the location of existing and proposed multi-use trails that tie into Greater Philadelphia's trail network known as the Circuit.

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- Existing
Trails currently open for use.
- Proposed
Actively under study, or design, or in the acquisition or funding stage.
- Potential addition
Potential opportunity for multi-use trail network expansion; additional planning recommended.

- Generalized trail connections
Potential opportunity for a local trail connection to the regional network; additional planning recommended.
- Landscapes3 growth areas

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The transportation priorities for Chester County were developed in conjunction with:

Chester County Board of Commissioners

Chester County's Pennsylvania Senate Delegation

Chester County's Pennsylvania House of Representatives Delegation

Chester County Planning Commission

Chester County Facilities Department

Chester County Economic Development Council

Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau

Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

PennDOT District 6-0

Transportation Management Association of Chester County

Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce