

NEWARK RIVERFRONT

Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Concept Development Study

Broad Street & Park Place/Center Street in the NJPAC/Military Park Area

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Agenda

- → Project Location
- → Project Purpose
- **→** Goals and Objectives
- → Project Need
 - **→** Existing Conditions
- **→** Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- → Next Steps + Questions/Comments







Project Phasing

Concept Development

- Data Collection
- Purpose & Need
- Community engagement
- AlternativesDevelopment
- Prelim Preferred
 Alternative
 Recommendation (PPA)
- Concept Development Report

Preliminary Design Engineering

- Evaluate existing conditions
- Refine the preliminary design
- Community engagement

Final Design Engineering

- Complete design
- Prepare
 Contract
 Documents for
 construction
 authorization

Construction

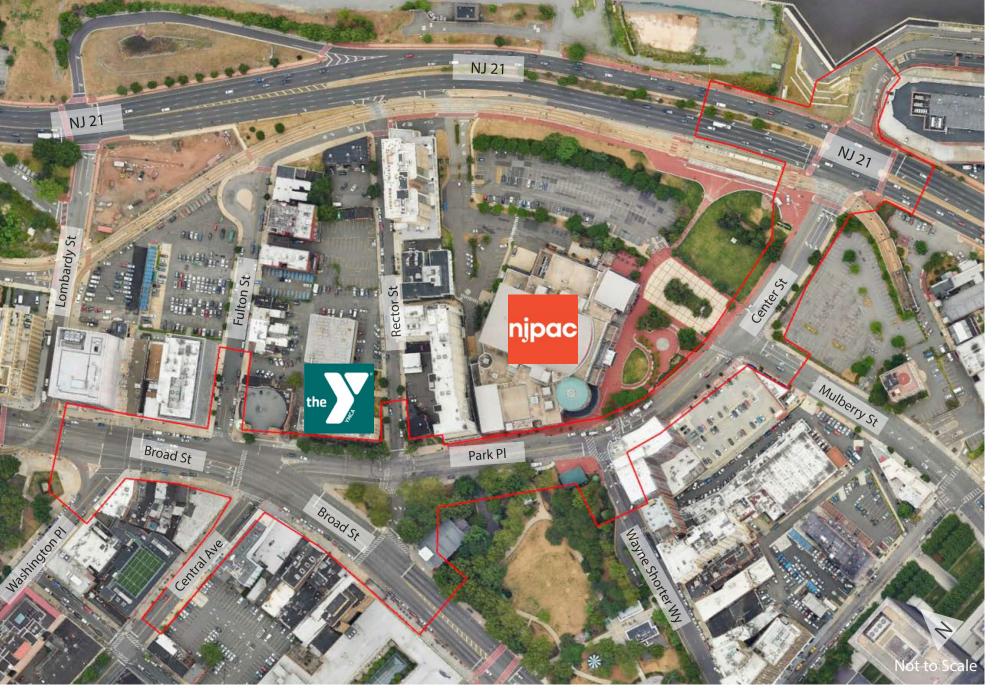
- Advertise for construction bids
- Award project
- Construct project







Project Location



Meeting Purpose

Review the developed alternatives and the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) for advancement to the next project phase,

and collect feedback from Stakeholders and the Public







Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to address safety deficiencies for all users and modes of transportation and establish better pedestrian and bicycle connections between Broad Street and the newly developed Passaic waterfront area, east of the NJ 21 McCarter Highway intersection with Center Street.

More broadly, the project will complete a piece of bicycle network and connect Newark's Broad Street Station to Penn Station and expand the active transportation network within the City.







Goals and Objectives

- Address roadway deficiencies
- Improve safety
- Improve mobility
- Pedestrian, bicyclist, transit user focus
 - Reduce ped exposure
 - Safe pedestrian crossing
 - FHWA Proven Safety
 Countermeasures and more









Goals and Objectives

Support City goals to create:

Multi-Modal Network

- Supporting:
 - Complete Streets Policy
 - Newark 360 Master Plan
 - BIKE Newark Bicycle Master Plan
 - Bicycle Connection Study (Station to Station)
 - Newark Downtown Circulation Improvement Study

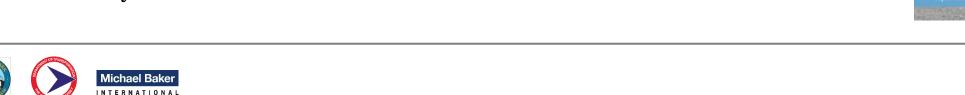
Newark Downtown Circulation Improvement Study

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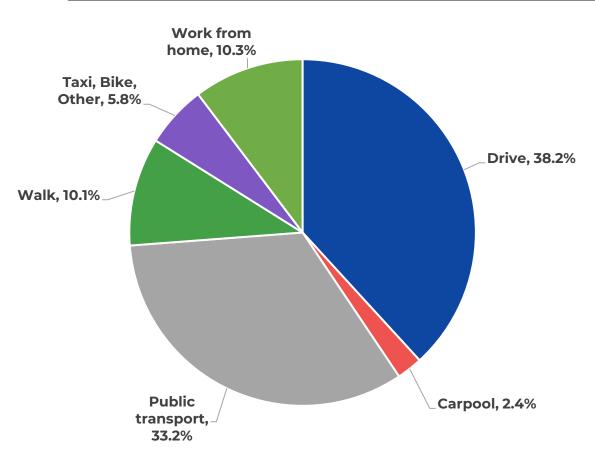
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Existing Conditions: Commuting Patterns*





Nearly 1,900 of 5,500 surveyed (34.5%) do not own a car

*Census blocks adjacent to study area Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2022)

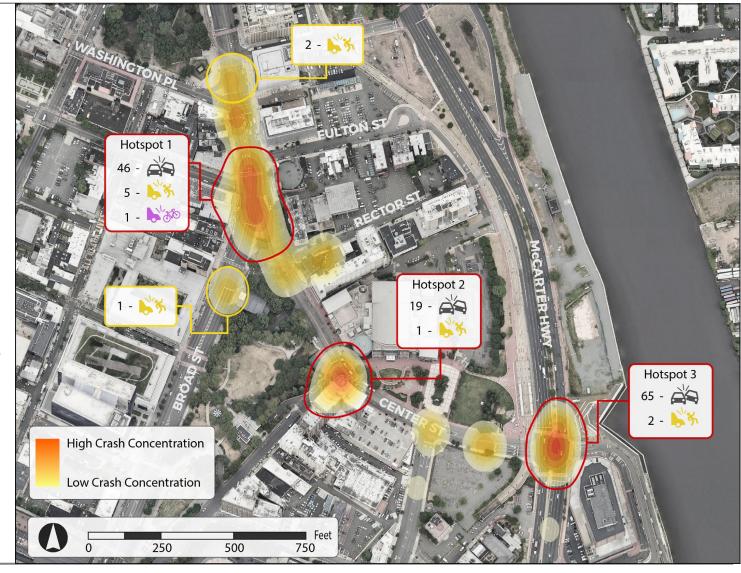






Existing Conditions: Crash Data (2017-2019)

Crash Summary		
Injury Crashes	60	
Fatalities	Ο	
Pedestrian Crashes	11	
Cyclist Crashes	1	
Total Crashes	200	



Source: NJDOT Safety Voyager







Project Need (Existing Deficiencies)

- Vulnerable Road Users (Peds, Bike, Transit Users)
 - Long ped crossing distances
 - 8-lane cross section of Broad Street
 - Missing and incomplete crosswalks
 - Faded striping and markings
 - Long distance between crossings (no mid-block)
- Vehicles:
 - Speeding
 - Complex / long turns
 - Significant peak-hour traffic congestion
 - Long traffic signal cycles

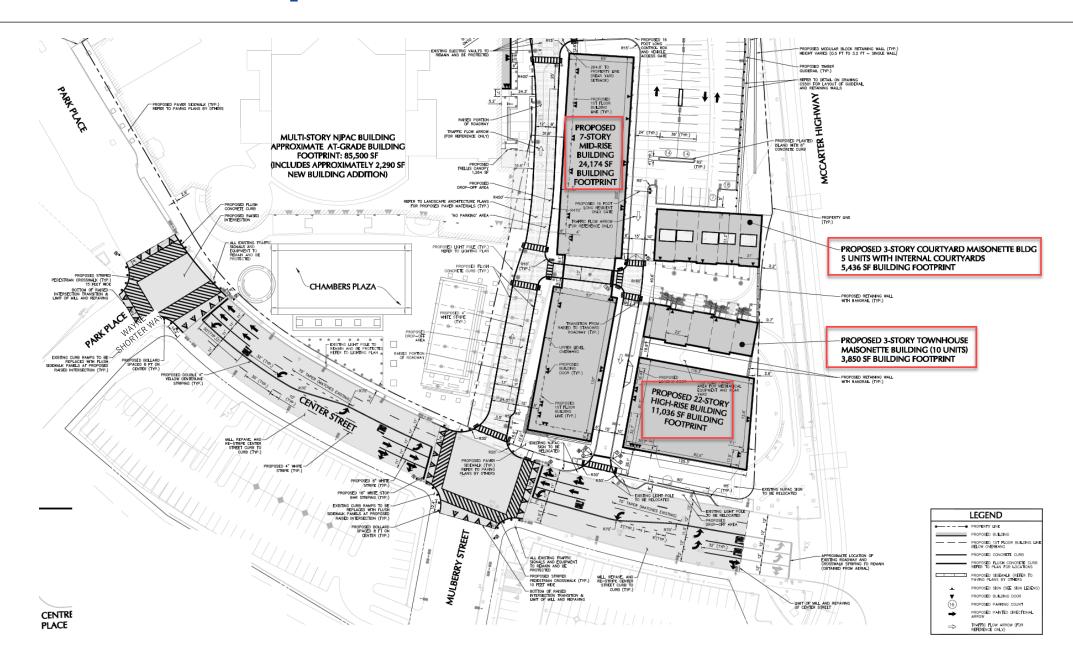


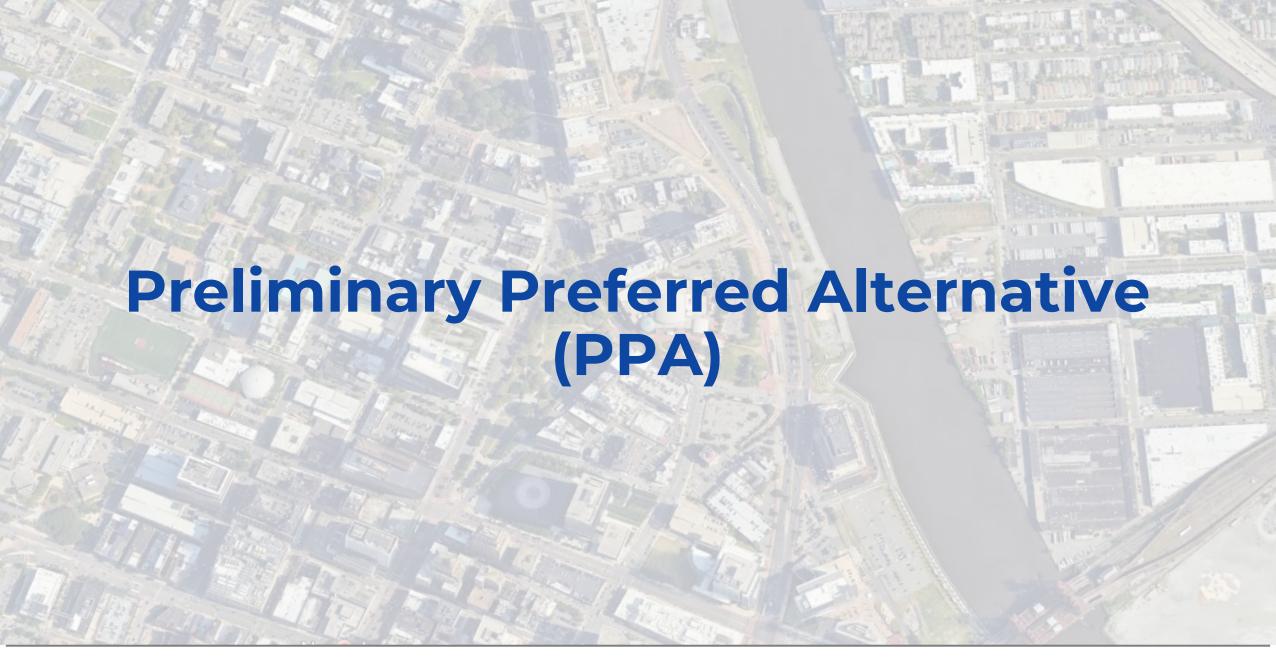






Area Developments - NJPAC Site











Mobility and Safety Improvements

- Bicycle Facility addition (cross-section reconfiguration)
- Sidewalk reconstruction / expansion
 - New crosswalks; ADA curb ramps; High-visibility crosswalks
- Intersection geometry updates for safety
 - Raised intersections; curb extensions, radii reduction; curb medians
 - High-friction surface treatment (reduce stopping distance)
- Traffic calming: Raised elements
 - Gateway treatment on/off NJ 21
- Streetscaping / placemaking
- Transit stop improve: Shelters, benches, lighting, route info
- Pedestrian-scale lighting / crosswalk lighting / general lighting improvements
- Signal equipment and timing updates
 - Leading pedestrian intervals; shorter cycle lengths
 - Ped signals, push-buttons, countdown timers, automatic detection
 - Examine protected left-turn phasing (where needed); Examine No Turn on Red restriction







Bicycle Mobility and Safety





Safety Benefits:

Converting traditional or flush buffered bicycle lanes to a separated bicycle lane with flexible delineator posts can reduce crashes up to:

53%

for bicycle/vehicle crashes.3

Bicycle Lane Additions can reduce crashes up to:

49%

for total crashes on urban 4lane undivided collectors and

local roads.7

30%

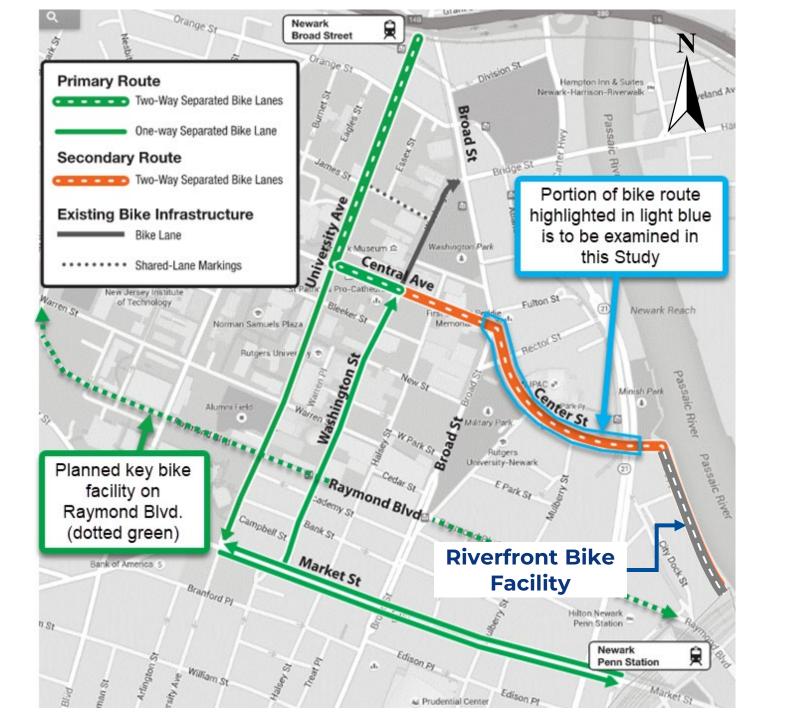
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Bike Facility Options – Two-Way Cycle Track



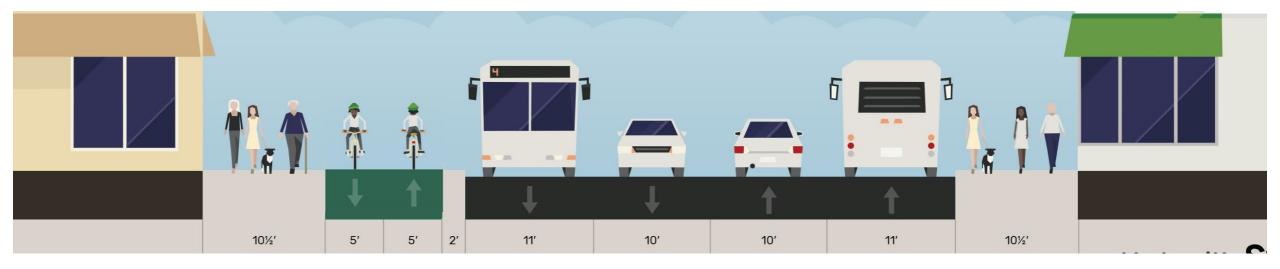




Cross Section showing Bicycle Facility

(Looking North)

Proposed Two-Way Cycle Track SB Side









Bike Facility Options - Delineators

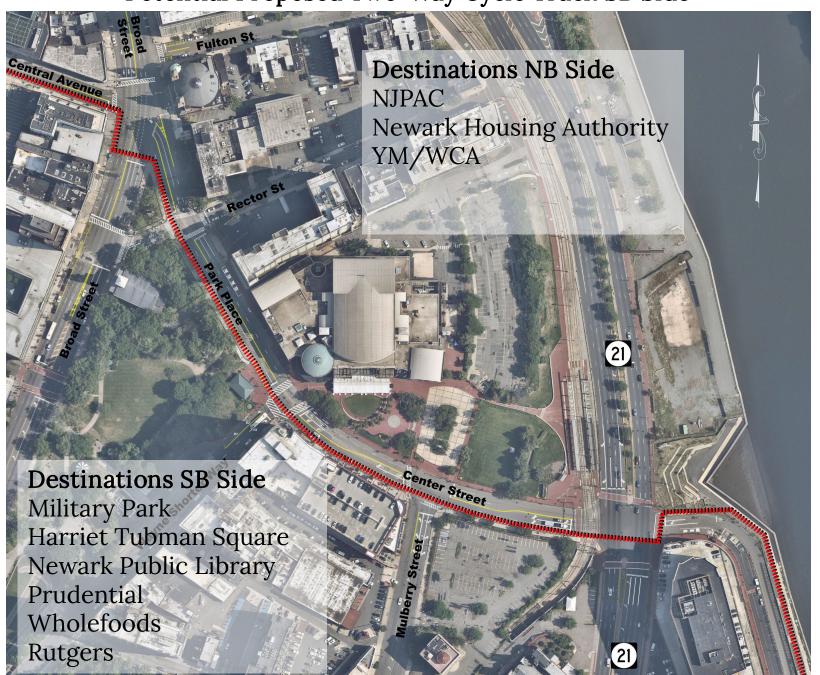








Potential Proposed Two-Way Cycle Track SB Side



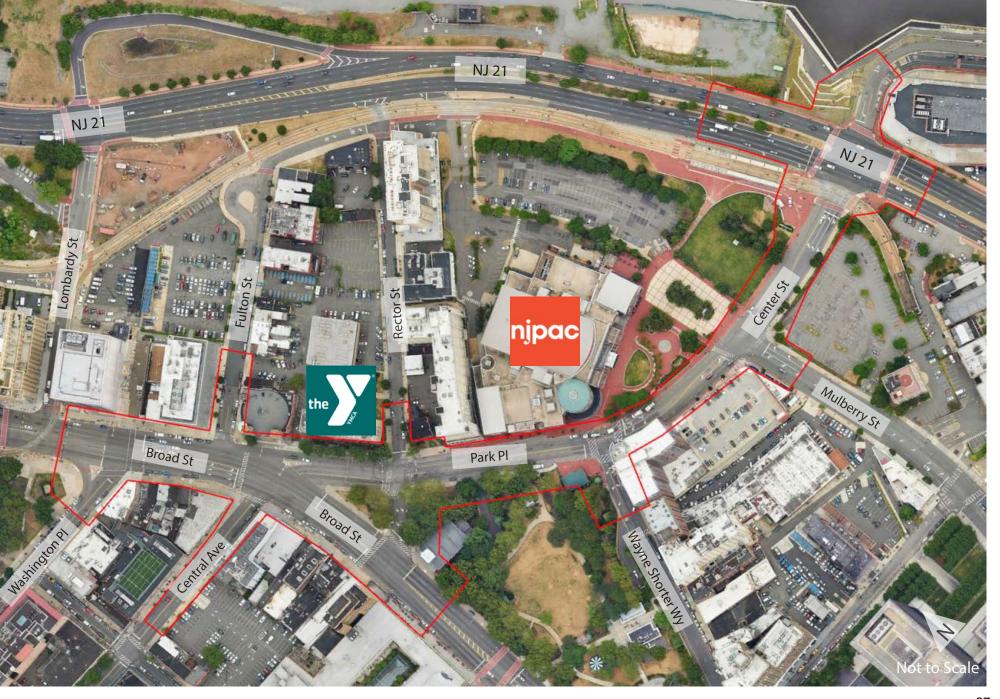


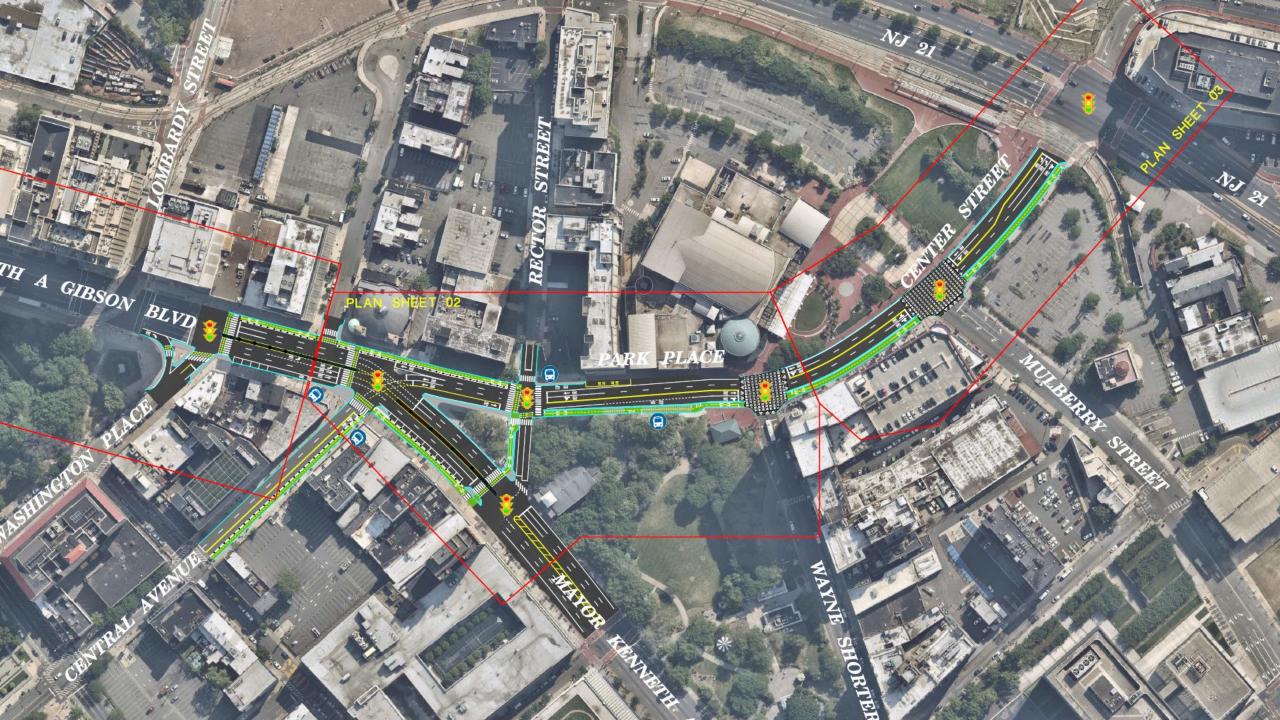


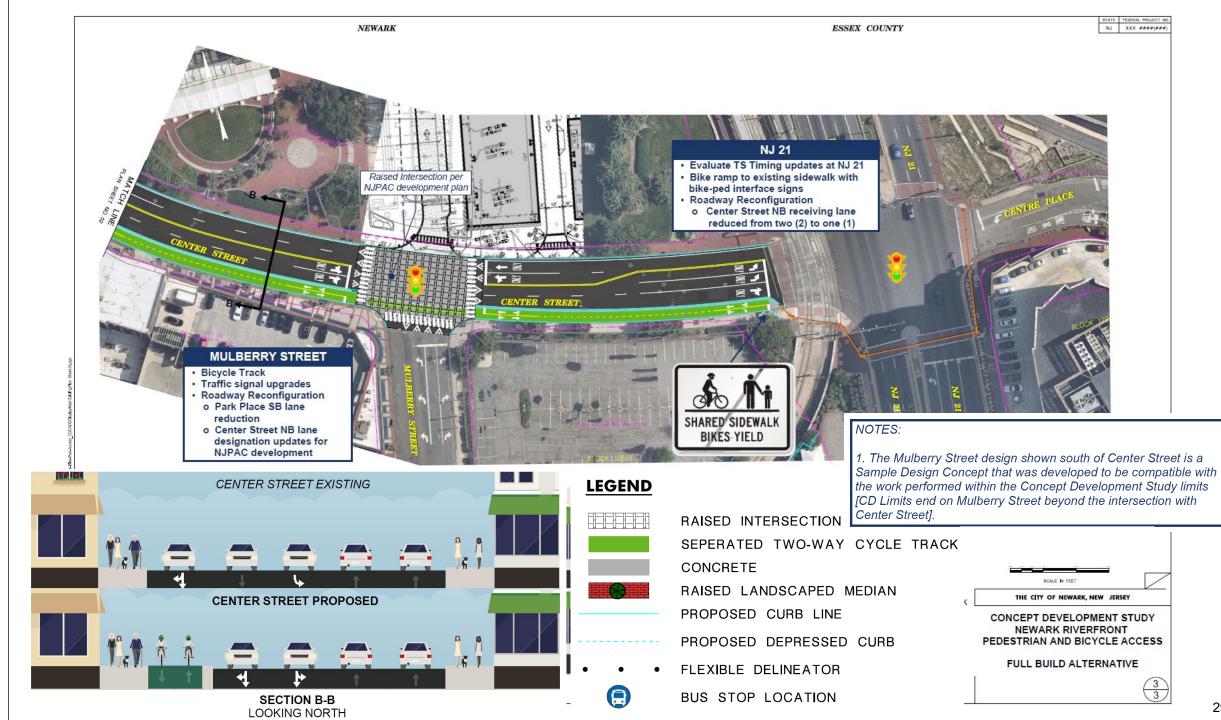


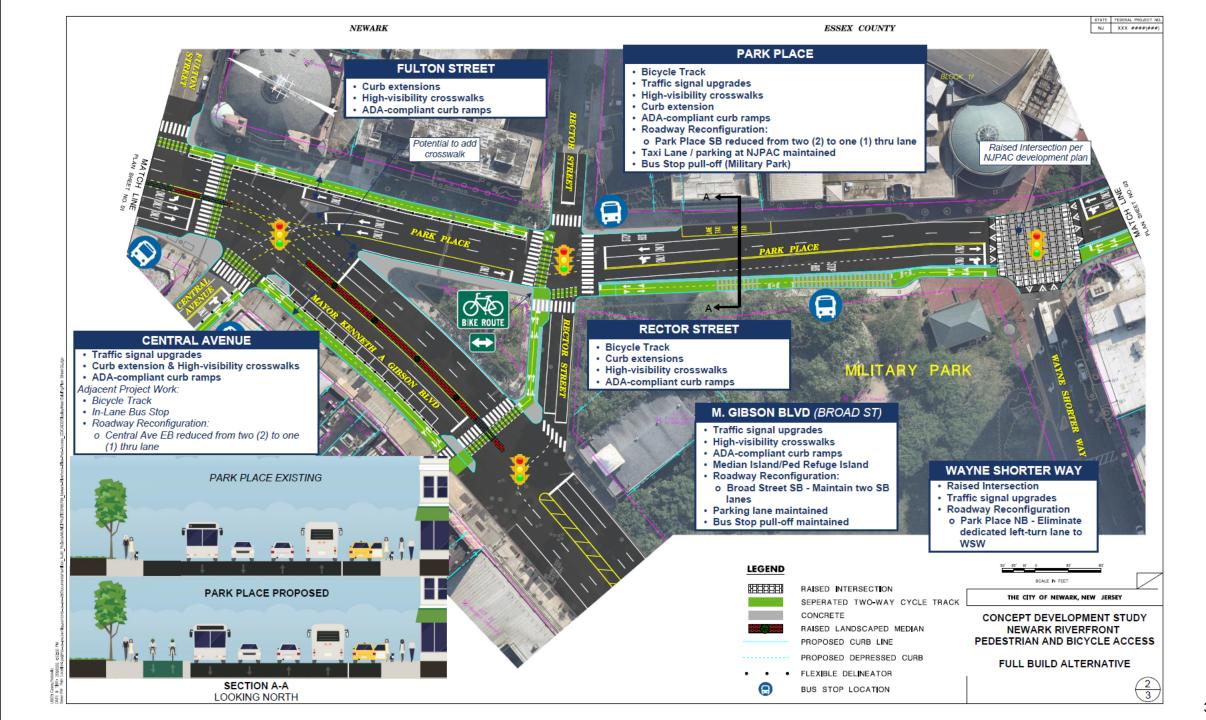


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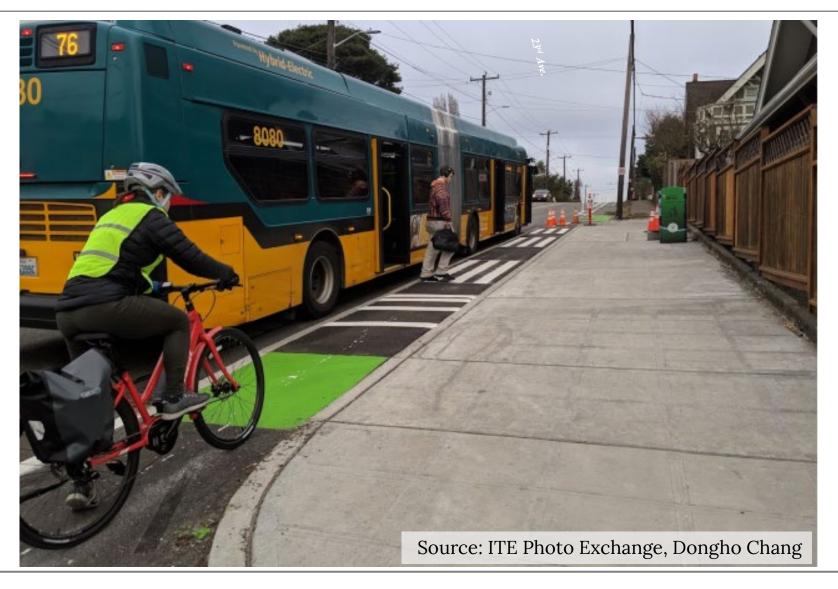








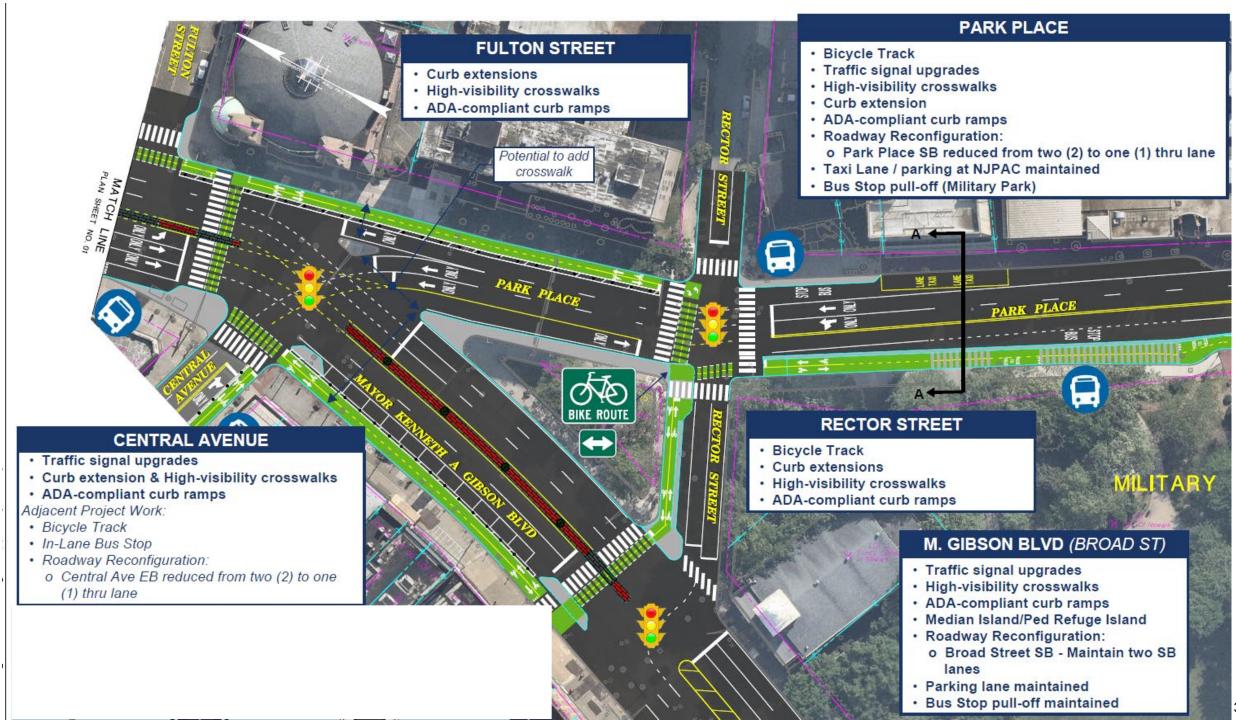
Bike Facility Options – At Transit Stop











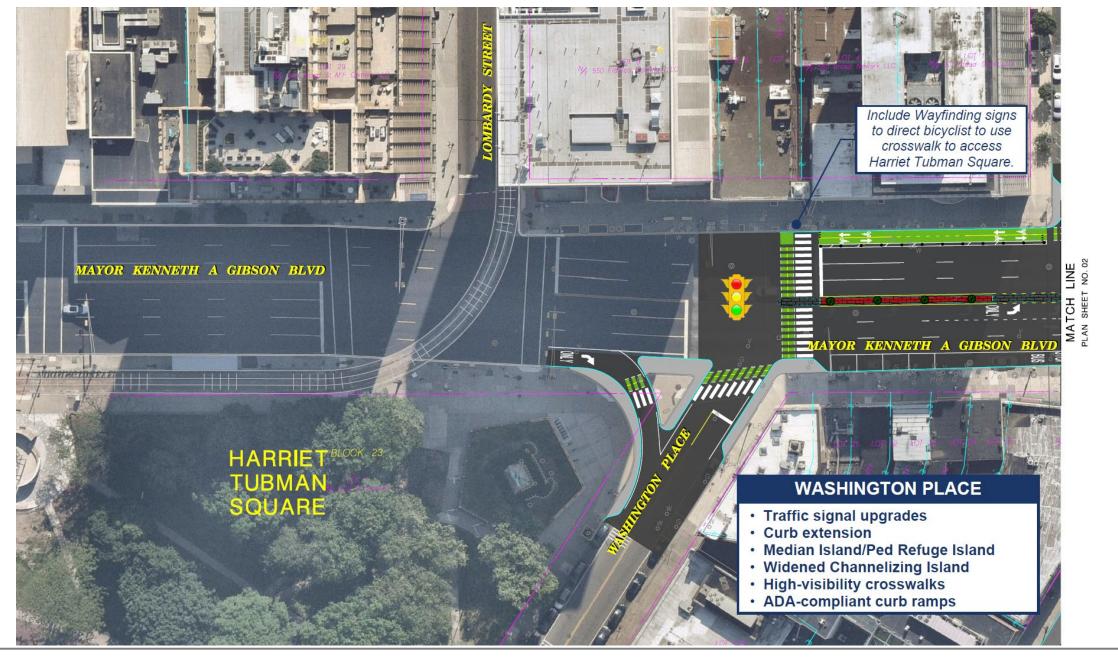
Proposed Median extension on Broad Street (Mayor Ken A. Gibson Blvd.)







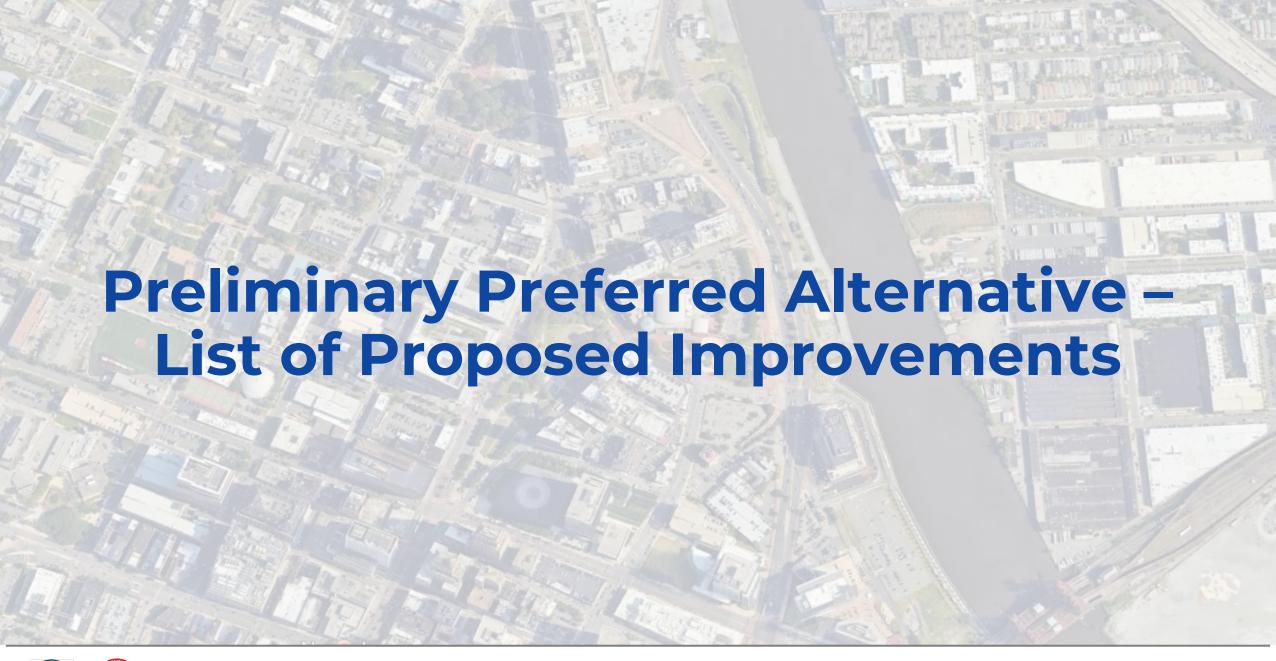


















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Next Steps

Activity	Timeframe
Collect existing conditions information	Winter 2023-2024
Develop project Purpose & Need	Winter 2023-2024
Community Stakeholders Meeting #1	February 2024
Public Information Center #1	April 2024
Develop and analyze Improvements (Alternatives Analysis)	Summer & Fall 2024
Local Officials Briefing	Winter 2025
Community Stakeholders & Public Meeting # 2	Summer 2025
Preferred Alternative Recommendation	Summer 2025
Concept Development Report	Summer 2025







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