## Appendix A | Public Participation

### A.1 Study Committee Meetings

- Committee Members
- March 25, 2019
- May 6, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- October 30, 2019

#### Bicycle & Pedestrian Study

#### For the Central Business Districts of Downtown Scranton and Wilkes-Barre

#### Appendix A | Study Committee

Name Organization

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Owen Worozbyt Lackawanna Heritage Valley National & State Heritage Area

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#### Committee Meeting #1:

Project Name: Scranton / Wilkes-Barre Bicycle / Pedestrian Study

Project #: 1000519 Service Task: 00DSNLA

Location: Lackawanna Heritage Valley

**Date:** 03/25/2019 **Time:** 1:30 pm

#### Attendees:

Stephanie Milewski, Isett

Tim Sisock, Isett

Scott Grundowski, Isett

Bob Thomas, Campbell Thomas & Co.

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Don King, City of Scranton

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Mark Murphy, University of Scranton

#### Purpose:

Kickoff meeting to introduce the project team, discuss project scope of work, timeline, and goals. Review WikiMapping. Collect input on stakeholders and points of interest in each city.

#### Notes:

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#### 01.2. Project Vision

- a. The project goal of the counties is to reduce traffic congestion by getting people out of cars and onto bikes! The primary focus of the study is to develop a bicycle network for the central business district of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre based on how people are biking to the downtowns.
- b. The committee discussed the following key elements:
  - 1. Cohesive system
  - 2. Connect recreation to downtown
  - 3. Bike system will enhance the economic vibrancy of the cities
  - 4. Close the gaps
  - 5. Bicycle amenities are an important part of the bicycle network
  - 6. One way streets
  - 7. Narrow street widths
  - 8. Urban friendly bike routes
  - 9. Routes that easily climb the steep grades
  - 10. Get trail users off the trail and into the downtowns to shop, eat, visit
  - 11. Trail use expand from recreational use to commuter use
  - 12. Bike routes will be a network within the city
  - 13. Ultimate goal connect the two downtowns
  - 14. How will the D&L Trail fall into the network and through downtown WB?
  - 15. Encourage bicycle usage
  - 16. Separated bike lanes / routes
  - 17. Utilize alley ways for bicycle and pedestrian usage
  - 18. Develop "zones of wonderfulness" routes that are enjoyable to use, encourage cycling, and develop / maintain existing community assets
  - 19. Conclude study with a pilot project
  - 20. Coordinate with public transit for longer and/or more difficult trips

#### 01.3. Project Schedule

- a. The project will take approximately 18 months.
- b. Study committee will meet roughly every 6-8 weeks.
- c. Public meetings will be held in each city in approximately a month.

#### 01.4. Public Participation Discussion

- a. Steering Committee
  - 1. Committee meetings will rotate between the two cities and a central location.
- b. Stakeholder Meetings
  - 1. The consultant team is asking for suggestions on who contact for the project.
    - i. Business associations
    - ii. Neighborhood associations
    - iii. Bike Shops
    - iv. Bike Rental Programs
    - v. Cyclists and Runners
    - vi. Business development / business parks
- c. Public Meetings
- d. Guided walks/bike rides will be held in each city to help facilitate public input.
- e. Questonnaire online survey gauging current usage and what the public would like to see developed.
- f. WikiMapping online mapping tool that allows users to enter routes and destinations on a map with comments
- 01.3. WikiMapping Demo Spindler provided an overview of the WikiMapping.
  - a. The public can enter lines and points on the map. Lines will focus on routes they are using and routes they would like to use. Points include destinations and accessibility issues. Committee would like to see the following designations:
    - 1. Route I currently bike.
    - 2. Route I would like to bike.
    - 3. Route I currently walk.
    - 4. Route I would like to walk.
  - b. Users can enter data anonymously or provide an email address.
  - c. Upon opening WikiMapping there is a short survey that collects the users zip code, age, gender, email or user name, and what the respondent is most concerned about, i.e. cycling, walking, combination of both, etc.

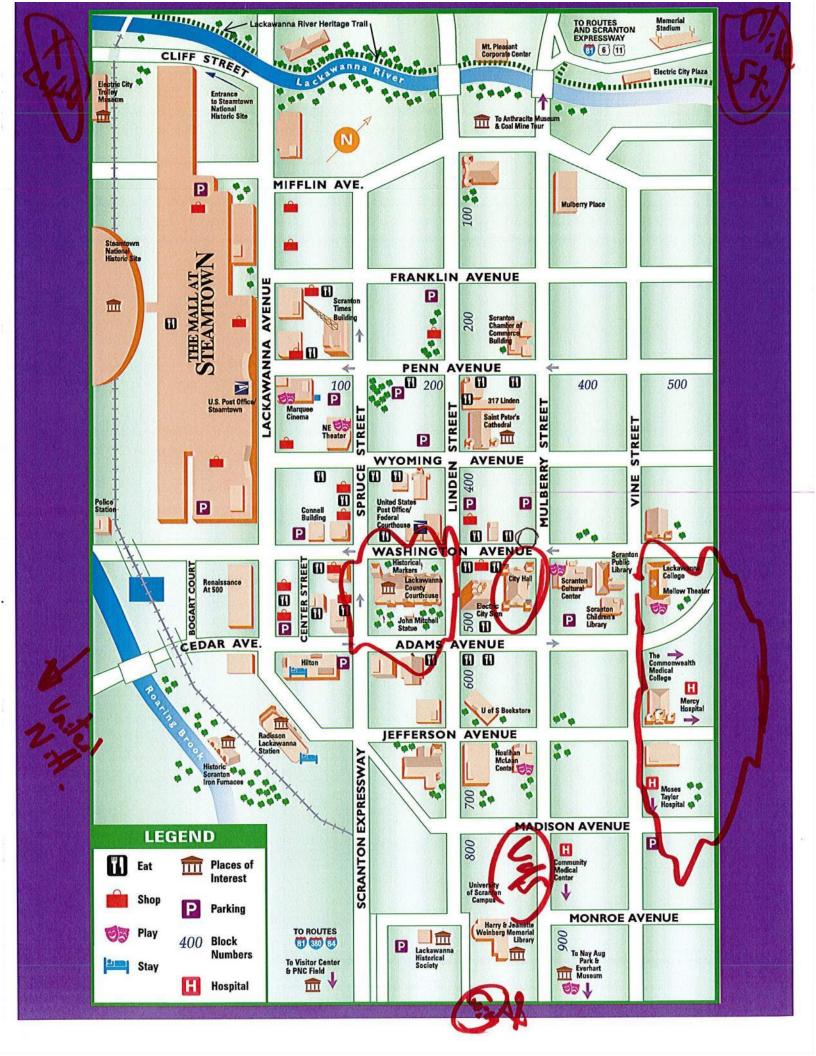
- 01.4. Breakout Session the committee broke into 4 small groups to discuss destinations within each downtown. Then the committee reconvened to report their findings.
  - a. Downtown Wilkes-Barre Destinations
    - 1. Eateries and bars
    - 2. D&L Trail
    - 3. Kirby Center
    - 4. Public Square
    - 5. Highmark BCBS
    - 6. Bus terminal
  - b. Downtown Wilkes-Barre Comments & Concerns
    - 1. North Franklin and North Washington could be bicycle friendly routes
    - 2. Entrances from across the Susquehanna River are Market Street and North Street bridges
    - 3. Market Street and River Street is a congested intersection
    - 4. Northampton Street is a key connection to southeast part of the city
  - c. Downtown Scranton Destinations
    - 1. Eateries and bars
    - 2. Colleges and Universities: University of Scranton, Marywood, Lackawanna Medical College
    - 3. Lackawanna River Heritage Trail
    - 4. Sweeney's Beach
    - 5. Green Ridge Shopping District
    - 6. Hospitals
    - 7. Courthouse Square
    - 8. City Hall
    - 9. Nay Aug Park
    - 10. Downtown Housing / Apartments
    - 11. Hotels: Radisson and Hilton
    - 12. Inter-modal center
    - 13. Steamtown National Historic Site / Electric City Trolley Museum
- 01.5. Action Items / Study Committee Homework
  - a. Study committee will test WikiMapping prior to it going live. An email will be sent out when it is ready for review.
  - b. Study committee to provide Project Team will stakeholders that need to be brought into the project.
  - c. Study committee members each to develop their top 5 obstacles or barriers that inhibit them from cycling in the downtown.

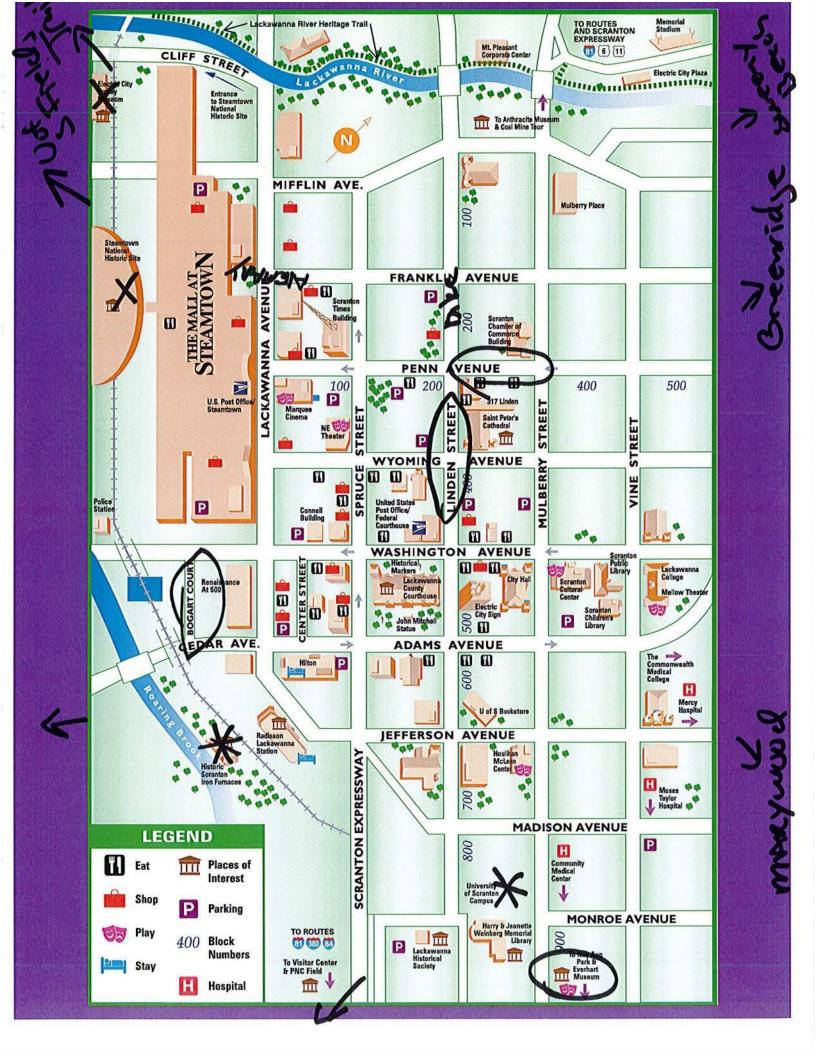
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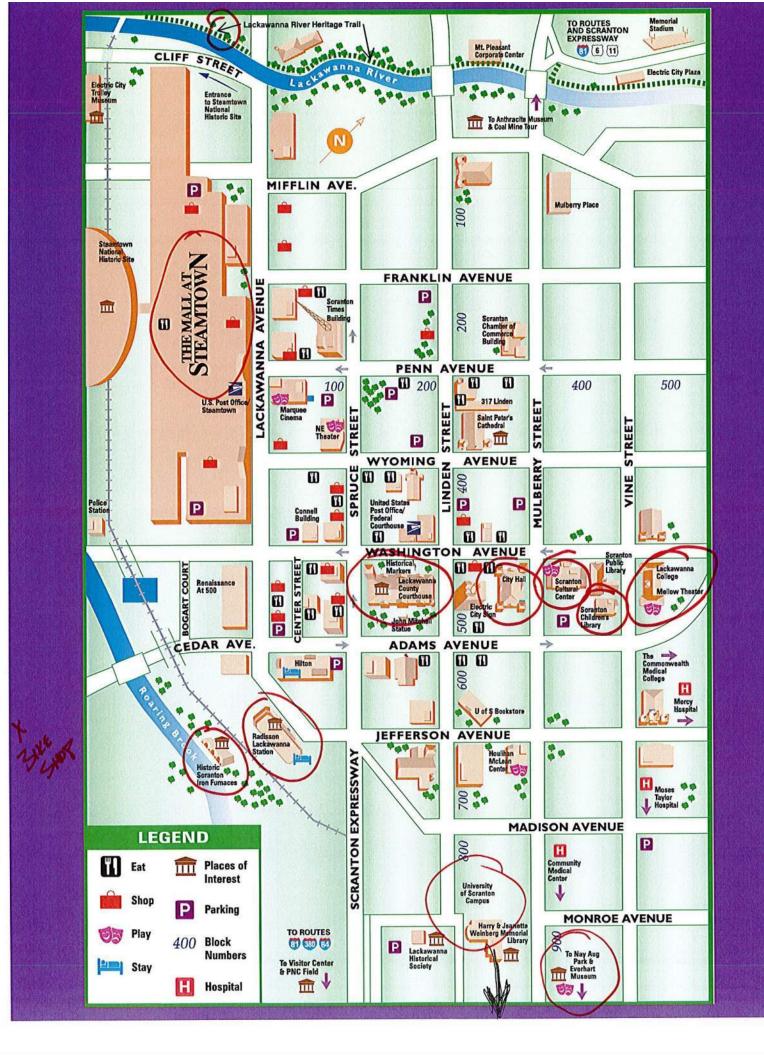
**Attachments:** Maps from breakout sessions

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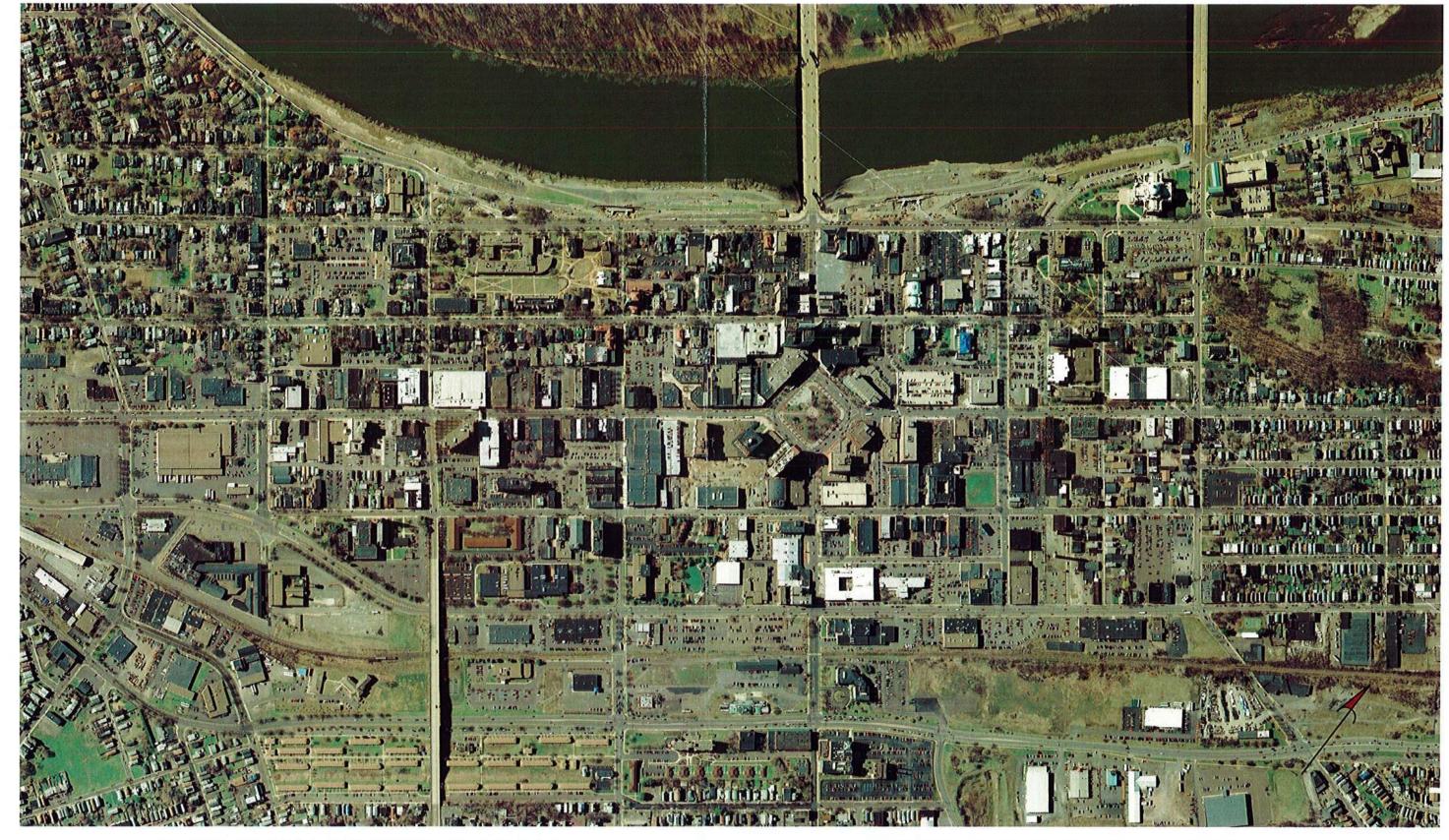












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#### Committee Meeting #2:

Project Name: Scranton / Wilkes-Barre Bicycle / Pedestrian Study

Project #: 1000519 Service Task: 00DSNLA

Location: Miller Meeting Room, Wilkes University

**Date:** 05/06/2019 **Time:** 1:30 pm

#### Attendees:

Stephanie Milewski, Isett Scott Grundowski, Isett

Bob Thomas, Campbell Thomas & Co. Doug Maisey, Campbell Thomas & Co.

Steve Pitoniak, Transportation Planning Manager, Lackawanna County

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#### Purpose:

Review research collected and field visits, discuss upcoming public meetings and guided walks, view draft WikiMapping survey, and discuss types of bicycle facilities

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#### 01.2. Project Vision & Focus

- a. Confirm the project vision: reduce traffic congestion by getting people out of cars and onto bikes!
- b. Focus of the project:
  - 1. Primary focus of the study is to develop a bicycle network. Pedestrian network will be addressed where this is a suggested improvement.
  - 2. Focus of the project is the central business districts of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.
  - 3. Study will evaluate how people are biking to and from the downtowns.

#### 01.3. Update on the WikiMapping

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- d. Respondents can add points to the map with text and photo comments:
  - 1. Bicycle obstacle / barrier
  - 2. Pedestrian obstacle / barrier
  - 3. Important destination to me
- e. Lines that survey respondents can add with text and photo comments are:
  - 1. Route I currently bike
  - 2. Route I currently walk
  - 3. Route I would like to bike
  - 4. Route I would like to walk

#### 01.4. Background Research

- a. Types of plans, studies, and maps the team has been evaluating:
  - 1. MPO Long Range Transportation Plan
  - 2. Lackawanna River Heritage Trail maps and studies
  - 3. D&L Trail maps and studies
  - 4. Commercial and business district maps of each city
  - 5. Traffic volume maps and studies. LLTS MPO is currently updating the traffic counts in each city.
  - 6. COLTS and LCTA bus routes
  - 7. Street directions (two-way vs one-way streets)

#### b. Field Work

- 1. The consultant team walked each street and alley within the central business district of each town. Street/cartway and sidewalk widths were measured.
- 2. Condition of right-of-way, sidewalks, tree lawns, vegetation, buildings, and occupancy were evaluated.
- 3. Pedestrian corridors were analyzed for barriers.

#### 01.3. Bicycle Planning

- a. The bicycle planning is based upon federal/national, state, and local manuals:
  - Federal/National:
    - i. U.S. Access Board: Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
    - ii. FHWA: Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
    - iii. AASHTO: Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities
    - iv. NACTO: Urban Street Design Guide
  - 2. State and Local Manuals
    - i. PennDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
    - ii. PennDOT Connects Initiative
- b. The study team will looks at planning for all user groups:
  - 1. Expert cyclists, commuters, recreation or occasional cyclist, novice cyclist, children / senior citizens, disabled cyclists and pedestrians
  - 2. Serving all ages and abilities
  - 3. Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Automobiles, Public Transportation, Taxis, Parking, etc.
  - 4. Inclusionary planning -- people of all backgrounds
  - 5. Safety is Key Actual vs. Perceived Safety Developing a high level of comfort for
  - 6. Roadway Signage and Wayfinding
  - 7. Developing a Network Connecting communities with recreational amenities, city resources, and relevant destinations.
  - 8. Interfacing of Modes Bike parking and racks, bus racks, bike share programs
- c. Typical Solutions types of facilities were discussed and real life examples were shown:
  - 1. Sharrows (Shared Arrows)
  - 2. Bike Lanes
  - 3. Protected Bike Lanes
  - 4. Separated Bike Lanes (parking / grade separated)
  - 5. Cycle Tracks
  - 6. Bike lane
  - 7. Bike Parking
  - 8. Bike lane signalization and signage
  - 9. Intersection treatments

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# SIGN-IN SHEET

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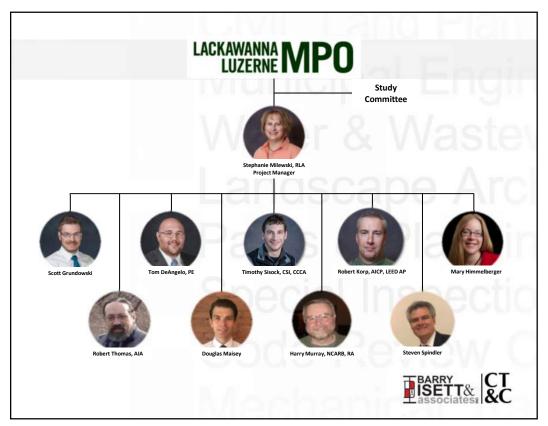


## **Agenda**

- Introductions
- Project Goal & Focus
- WikiMapping
- Background Research / Mapping
- Site Analysis
- Bicycle Planning











## Project Goals & Focus



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## **Project Goal**

Reduce traffic congestion by getting people out of cars and onto bikes!



## **Project Focus**

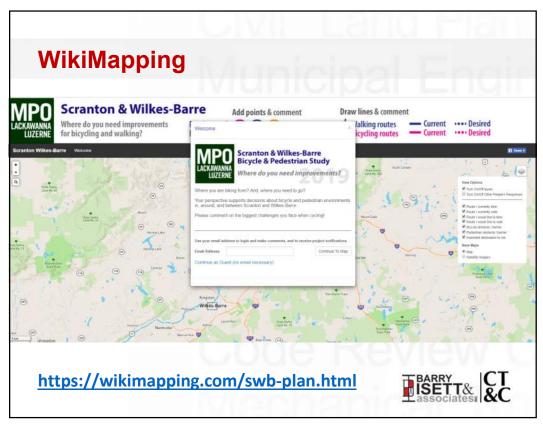
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- Based on how people are biking to the downtowns



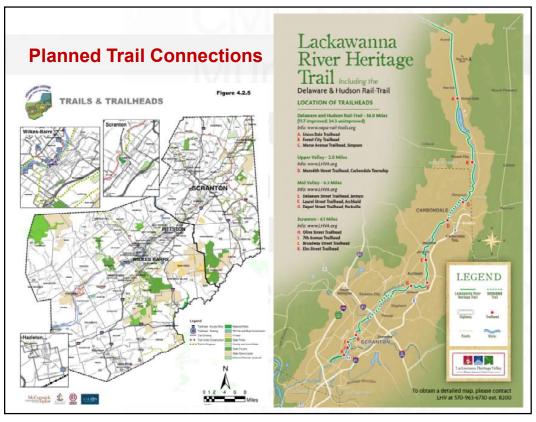
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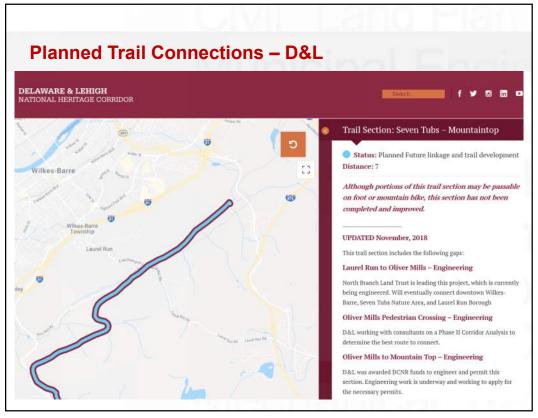
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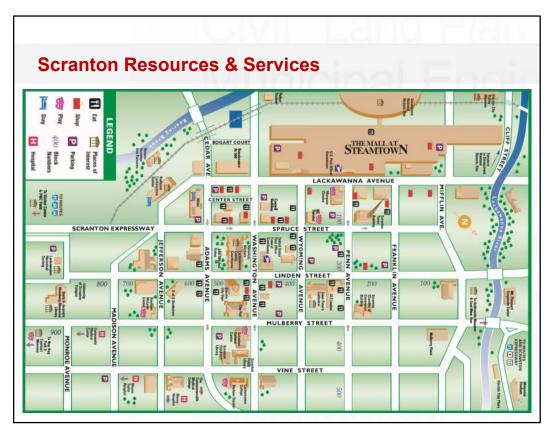


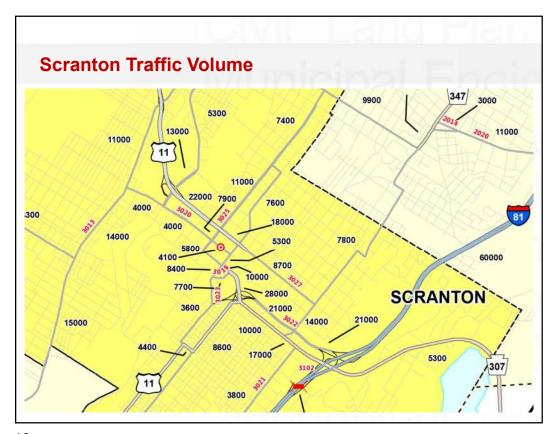


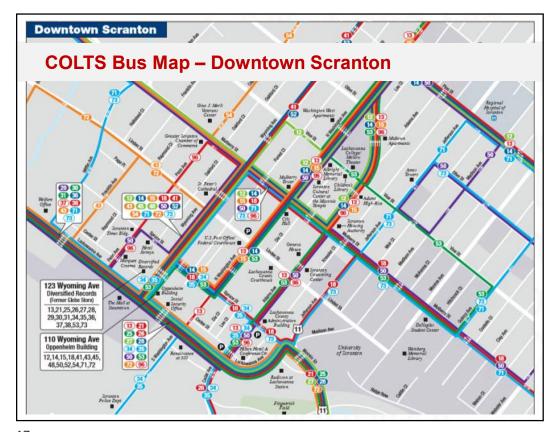


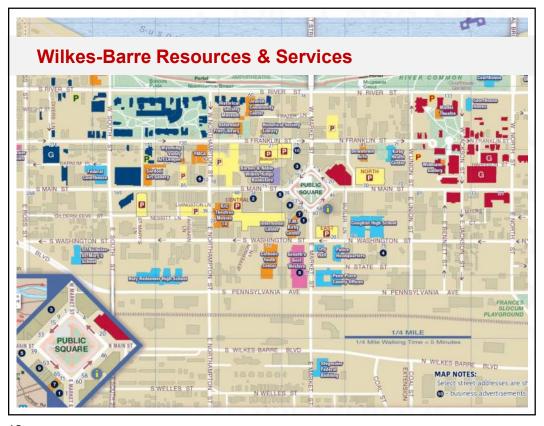


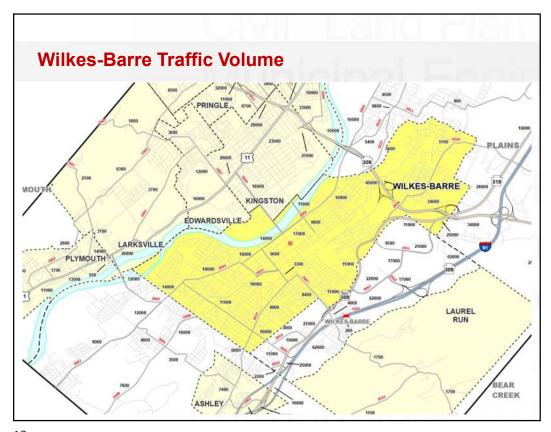


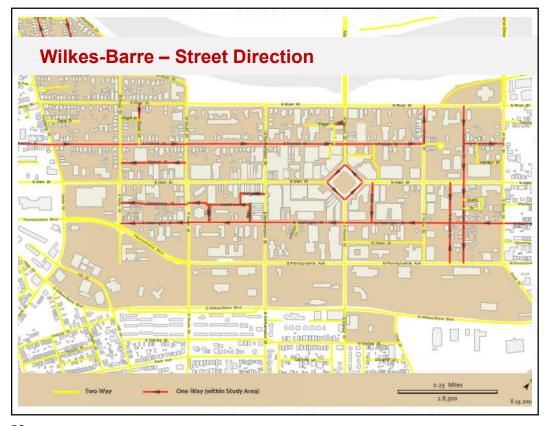


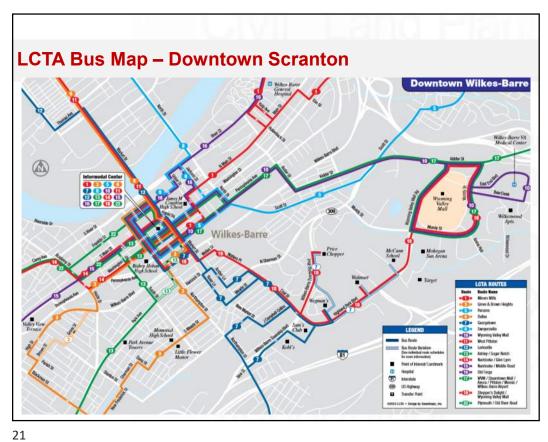




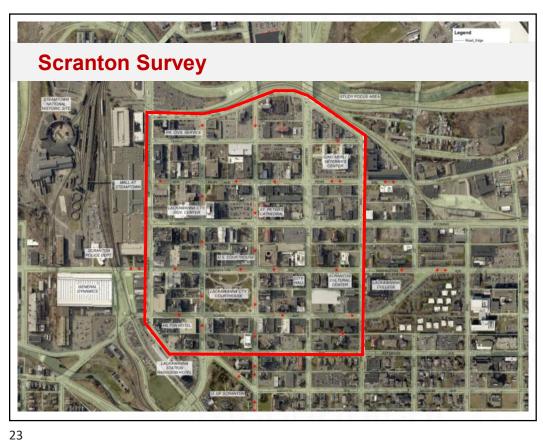


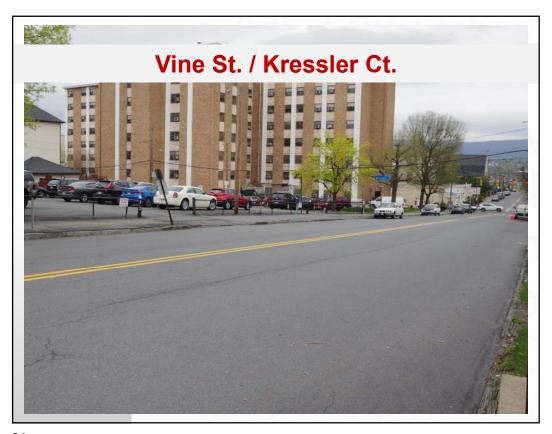




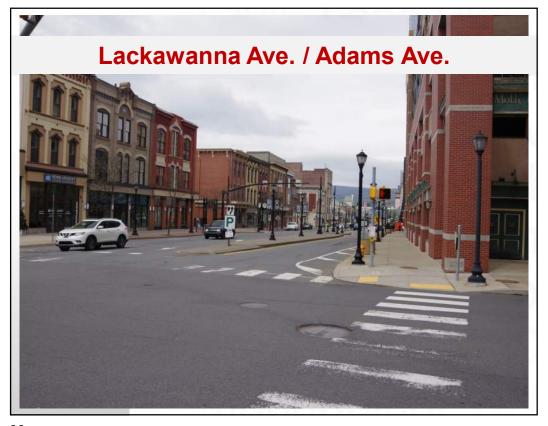






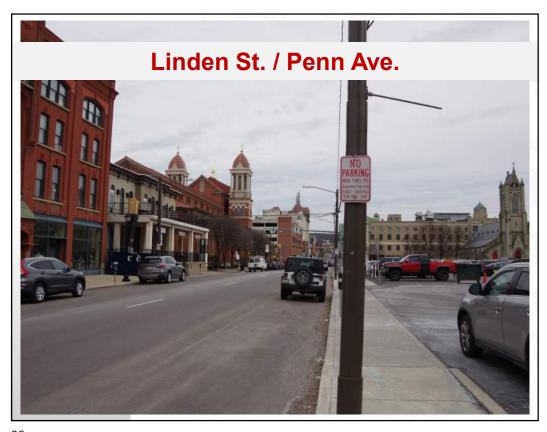






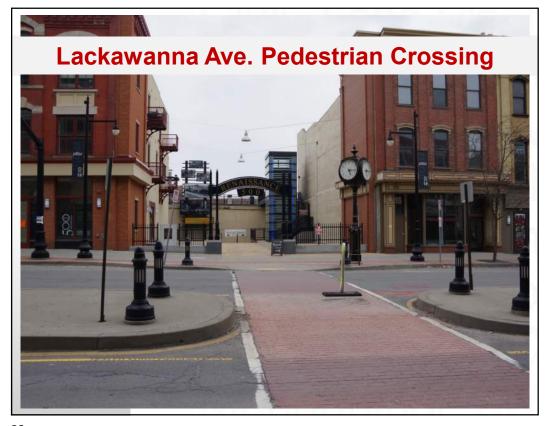




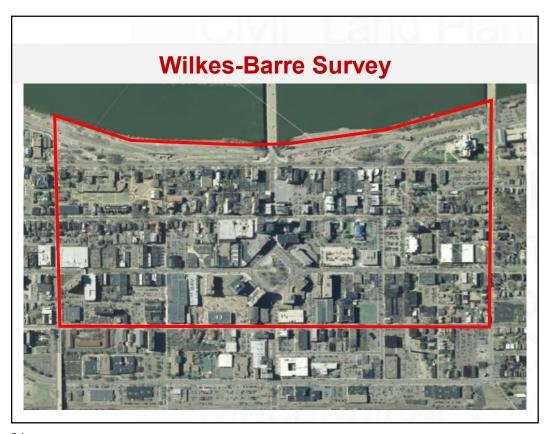




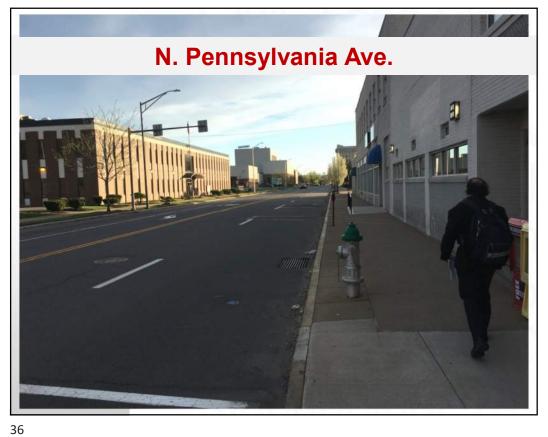


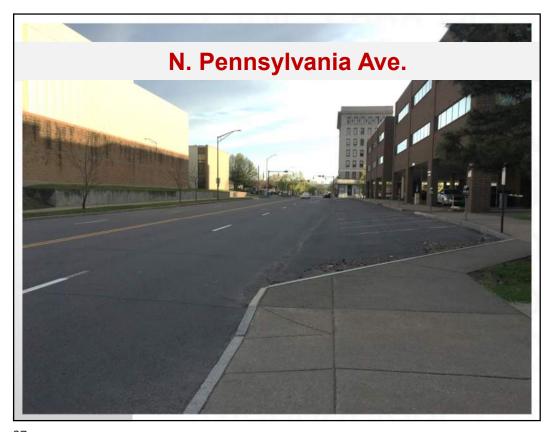


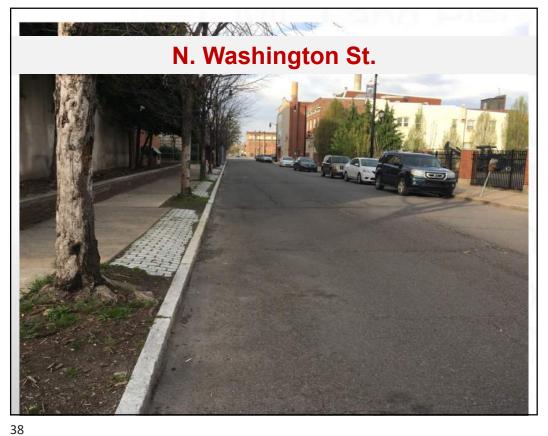


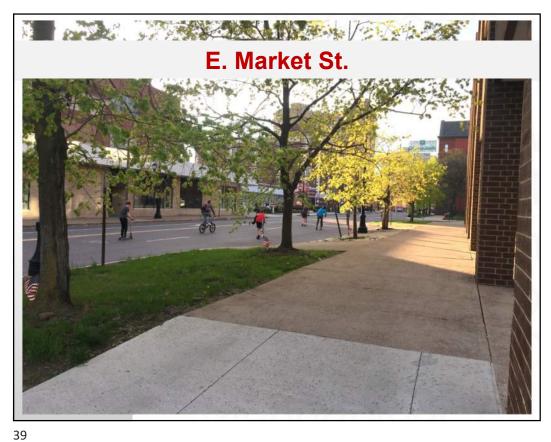




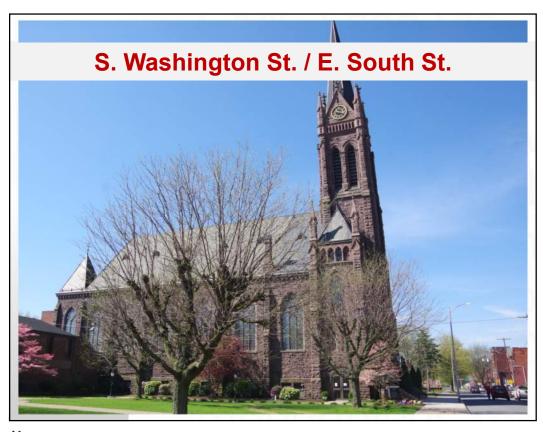


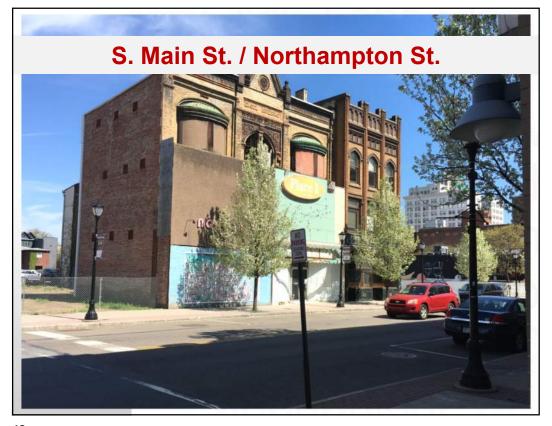


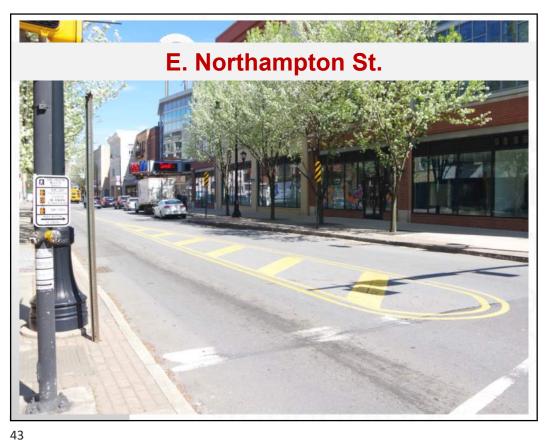












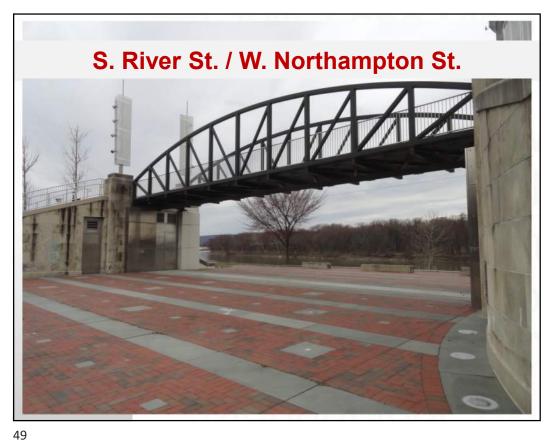












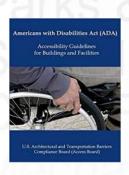


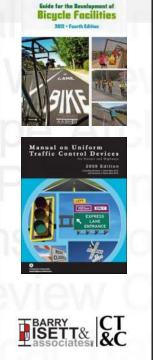


## **Bicycle Facility Design**

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  - PennDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
  - PennDOT Connects Initiative







## **Planning for all User Groups**

- Expert cyclists, commuters, recreation or occasional cyclist, novice cyclist, children / senior citizens, disabled cyclists and pedestrians
- Serving all ages and abilities
- Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Automobiles, Public Transportation, Taxis, Parking, etc.
- Inclusionary planning -- people of all backgrounds







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## Planning for all User Groups - Continued

- Safety is Key
  - Actual vs. Perceived Safety Developing a high level of comfort for all.
- Roadway Signage and Wayfinding
- Developing a Network
  - Connecting communities with recreational amenities, city resources, and relevant destinations.
- Interfacing of Modes
  - · Bike parking and racks, bus racks, bike share programs





## **Typical Solutions**

- Sharrows (Shared Arrows)
- Bike Lanes
- Protected Bike Lanes
- Separated Bike Lanes (parking / grade separated)
- Cycle Tracks
- Bike lane
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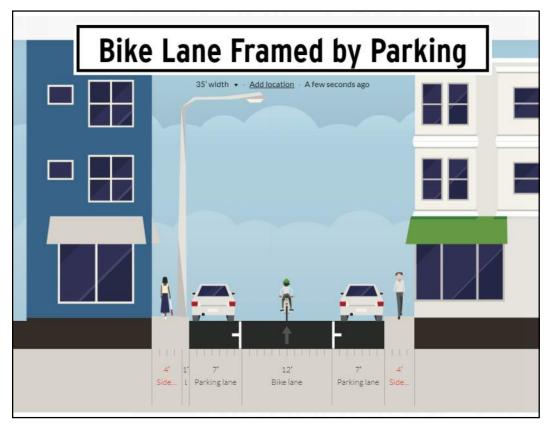
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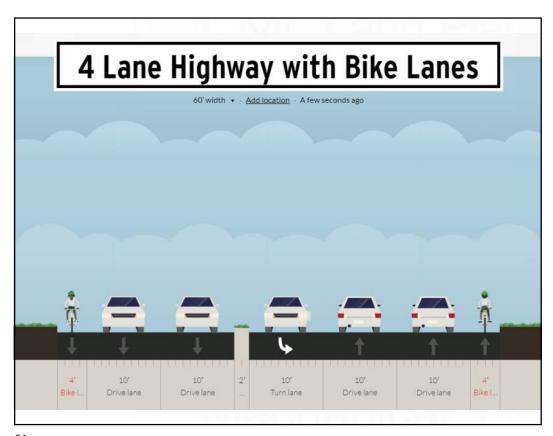




















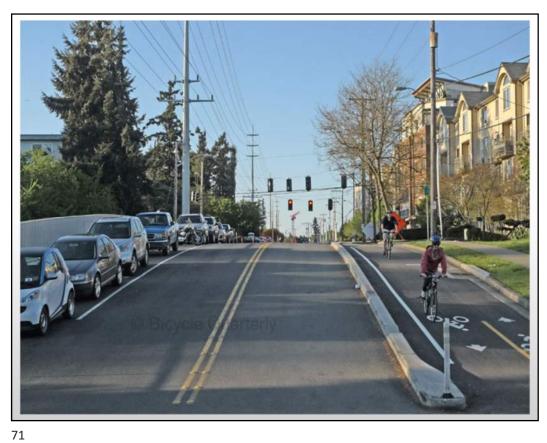












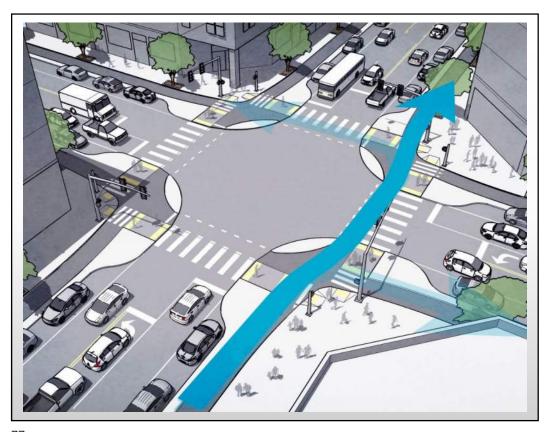












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#### Committee Meeting #3:

Project Name: Scranton / Wilkes-Barre Bicycle / Pedestrian Study

Project #: 1000519 Service Task: 00DSNLA Location: Junior Achievement

Date: 10/08/2019 Time: 2:00 pm

#### Attendees:

Tim Sisock, Isett

Bob Thomas, Campbell Thomas & Co. Doug Maisey, Campbell Thomas & Co.

Steve Pitoniak, Transportation Planning Manager, Lackawanna County

John Petrini, Transportation Planning Director, Luzerne County

Chris Chapman, Transportation Planner, Luzerne County

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Kathy Bednarek, LCTA

Marty Fotta, United Neighborhood Center Development Corporation

Larry Newman, Diamond City Partnership

Richard Williams, Wyoming Valley resident, avid cyclist

Mark Murphy, University of Scranton

Gus Fahey, Heritage Valley Partners

Larry West, Office of Senator Blake

Rich Adams, Around Town Bicycles

Rick Miller, Osterhout Free Library

#### Purpose:

Overview of bicycle facilities and public participation results. Preview proposed facilities in each downtown.

#### Notes:

03.01 Welcome and Introductions

- a. Tim Sisock of Barry Isett & Associates thanked the Study Committee for attending and informed the group that Stephanie Milewski is unfortunately unable to attend as she is home with the flu.
- b. Tim briefly introduced the project team and provided time for the study committee to introduce themselves.

#### 03.02 Agenda

a. Tim provided an update to the study and went over the meeting agenda. This included an overview of potential bicycle facilities available to each downtown, as well as mapping and section drawings. Maps included hubs and linkages, opportunities and constraints, and proposed bicycle facilities for both Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

#### 03.03 Presentation

Following introductions and on overview of the Agenda, Bob Thomas went through a project slideshow. Key Items discussed in the Presentation included:

- a. Bob provided an overview of potential bicycle infrastructure solutions. Each option aims to improve bicycle safety and mobility for various street environments. Resources for bicycle infrastructure included bicycle sharrows, bike lanes, protected bike lanes, parking separated bike lanes, and cycle tracks.
- b. Bob went over the research and analysis work that has taken place so far in the study. Public outreach has included several site visits, public walks, two previous steering committee meetings, two public workshops, Wiki-Mapping, and several interviews.
- c. Information from this background research and analysis has been depicted on the 10 maps that were distributed. Bob went through each of the maps, noting that maps 1-5 are for Scranton, and maps 6-10 are for Wilkes-Barre.
- d. Maps discussed included:
  - Map 1 Scranton Overall Hubs and Linkages Map
  - Map 2 Scranton Downtown Hubs and Linkages Map
  - Map 3 Scranton Overall Opportunities/Constraints Map
  - Map 4 Scranton Downtown Opportunities/Constraints Map
  - Map 5 Scranton Proposed Improvements Map
  - Map 6 Wilkes-Barre Overall Hubs and Linkages Map
  - Map 7 Wilkes-Barre Downtown Hubs and Linkages Map
  - Map 8 Wilkes-Barre Overall Opportunities/Constraints Map
  - Map 9 Wilkes-Barre Downtown Opportunities/Constraints Map
  - Map 10 Wilkes-Barre Proposed Improvements Map
- e. Maps 1-4 and 6-9 utilized information gathered from Wiki-Mapping, public meetings, interviews, and site-visits to depict existing resources, connections, opportunities, and constraints, as well as existing and desired pedestrian/bicycle routes.
- f. Maps 5 and 10 utilized the information gathered to prepare initial draft of potential onroad bicycle facility recommendations for both Downtown Scranton and Downtown Wilkes-Barre. This included recommendations for cycle-tracks, bike lanes, sharrows, shared-use sidewalk/side-paths, and trails.

- g. Although on-site measurements for roadway widths were taken by the project team for both downtowns, it was acknowledged that specific dimensions would be required during detailed design.
- h. Several "Street Mix" section drawings were shown for streets in each downtown to indicate recommended improvements and how they may be laid out within each roadway.

#### 03.04 Questions and Comments

Following the PowerPoint presentation, study committee members provided comments and questions as follows:

- a. It was recommended that the draft maps need to include dates, so the steering committee doesn't confuse original and revised drawings.
- b. In Wilkes-Barre, some sidewalks have been recommended as a shared bike/ped sidewalk condition. Although this is a good addition, it was recommended that the project team also look at on-road improvements as well for cyclists who prefer to stay within the roadway.
- c. It was asked if the crown of the road/drainage grates will be considered in the study?
  - 1. Bob noted that drainage is typically addressed during the detailed design process following the feasibility study. That being said, existing drainage issues can often be corrected and funded through the implementation of bicycle infrastructure.
- d. The D&L connection to Downtown Wilkes-Barre is important and should be shown on the downtown maps.
  - Lauren Golden form D&L NHC addressed this item, noting that culverts exist under Route 309 and Route 81 and are being anticipated for trail use. Right-ofway for these culverts is still being investigated. Upon entering Wilkes-Barre it is expected that the trail will follow an abandoned section of railroad to Pennsylvania St. The routing from Pennsylvania St. into Wilkes-Barre still needs to be determined.
- e. It was recommended that all cycle-tracks be protected cycle-tracks. The section drawings for Wilkes-Barre are shown as unprotected.
- f. It was also recommended that section drawings be created for South St. and North St. in Wilkes-Barre
- g. The recommendations/maps should also be shared in a future public presentation.
- h. It was asked how low-volume roads were defined on the map. How was this information gathered?
  - 1. Bob noted that there were no traffic counts as part of the study, but if lane closures are recommended from this study, traffic analysis may be included as part of the design process.
- i. Links to public transportation should also be shown/recommended in the study.
- j. It was recommended that the symbols for trail types should be consistent across each of the maps.

- k. A priority list of recommendations and "low-hanging fruit" should be recommended through the study.
  - 1. Bob noted that project phasing will be part of the final report.
- I. It was asked when the final report will be complete.
  - 1. The exact timeline will be discussed with Stephanie Milewski, but a completion prior to Spring 2020 would allow time to apply for upcoming grant funding.
  - 2. It was noted that information from the report will help to guide the update of the Regional Transportation Plan and TIP.
- m. It was recognized that the maps have much detailed information, and as such they should be accompanied by a paragraph description.

#### 03.05 Final Comments

1. It was asked that if Steering Committee Members have any comments following the meeting, to please feel free to mark-up the maps and provide comments to any of the team members.

Recorded by: Doug Maisey

**Attachments:** Presentation, sign in sheet, and maps with committee notes

Copies: Isett Team, Steve Pitoniak, John Petrini

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## SIGN-IN SHEET

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# Downtown Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Bicycle Study



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## **Agenda**

- Overview of Bicycle Facilities
- Scranton
  - Public Input
  - Hubs & Linkages
  - Opportunities and Constraints
  - · Proposed Bicycle Facilities
- Wilkes-Barre
  - Public Input
  - Hubs & Linkages
  - · Opportunities and Constraints
  - Proposed Bicycle Facilities



# Bicycle Facilities



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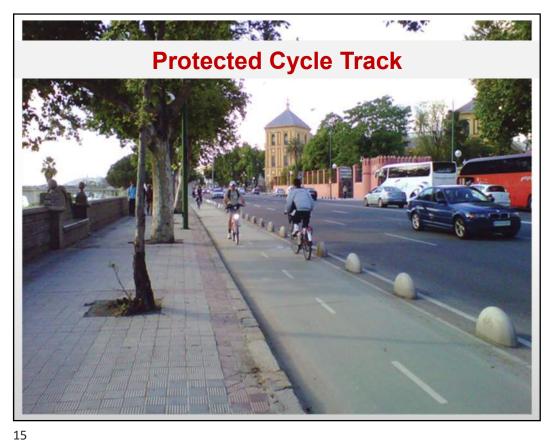
















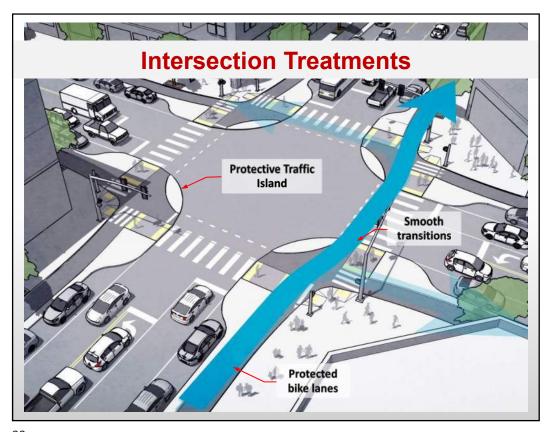


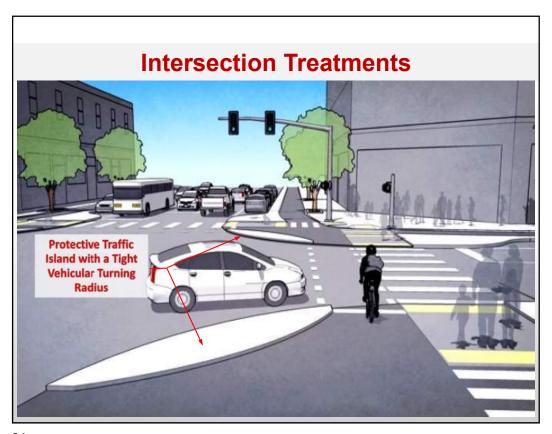
















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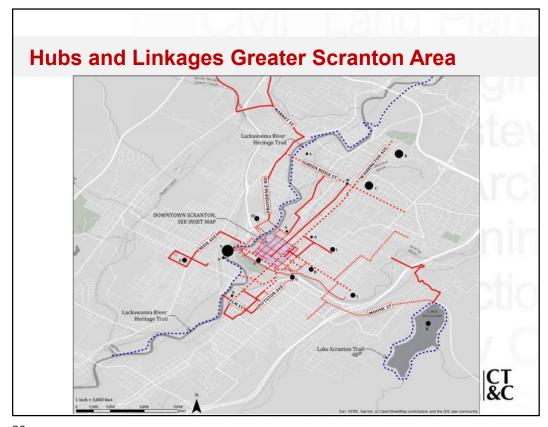
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- Guided Walks
- WikiMapping

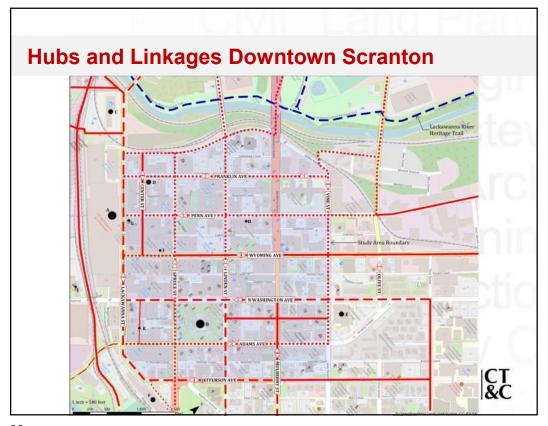


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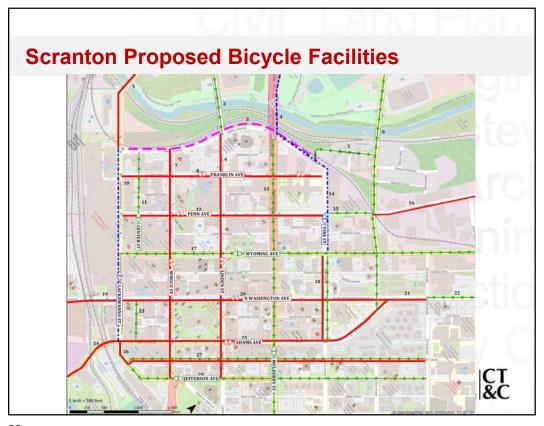
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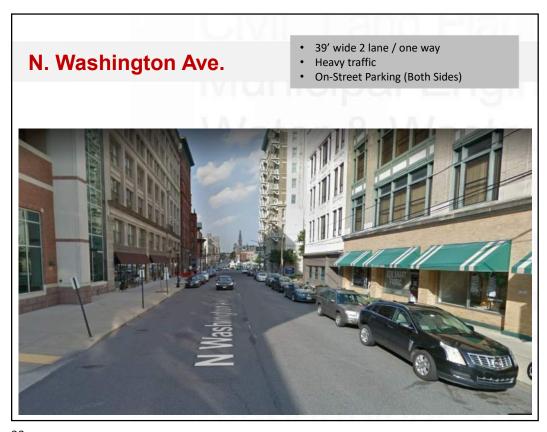


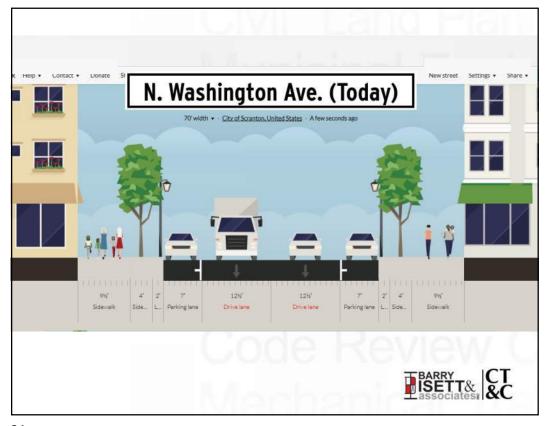




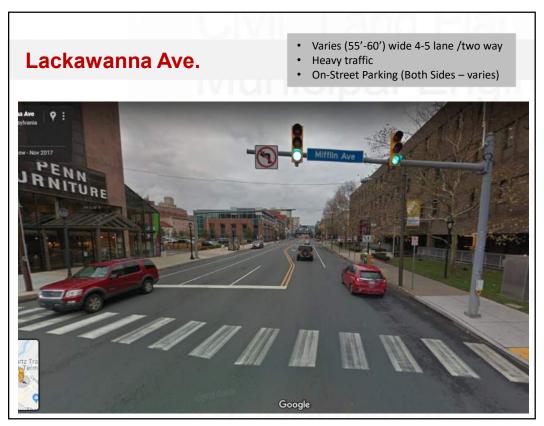


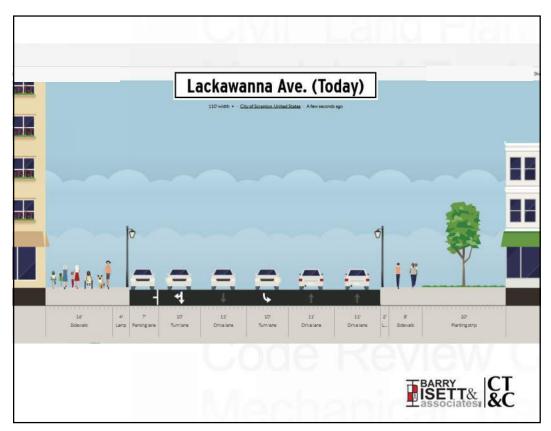


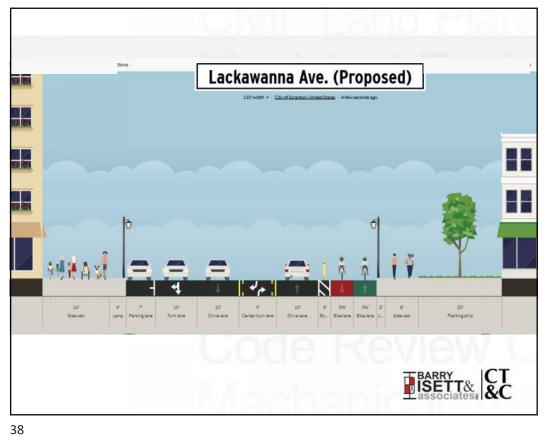


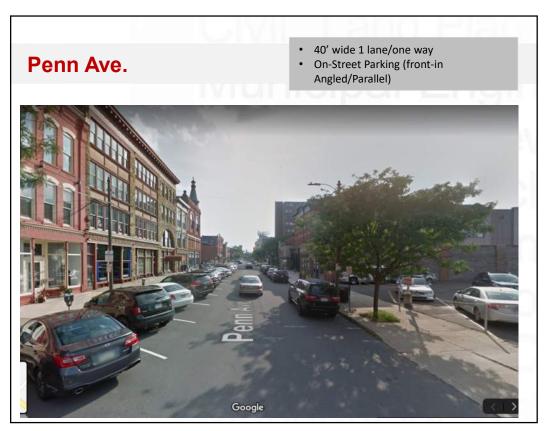


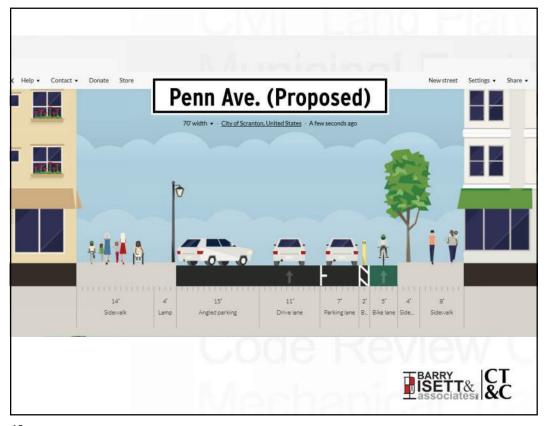


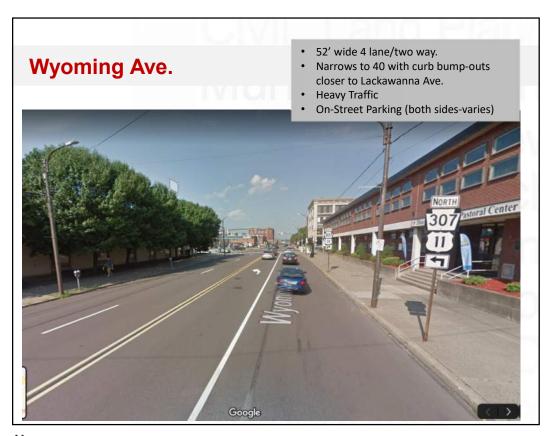


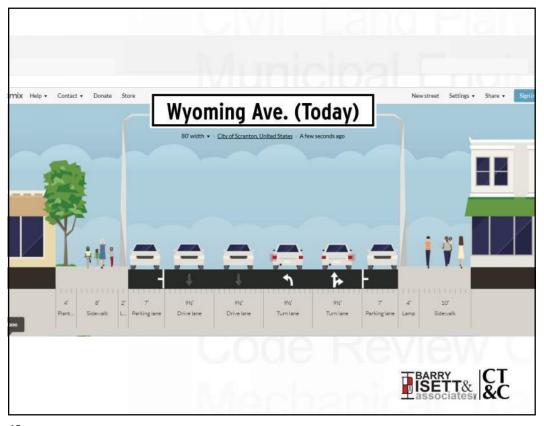


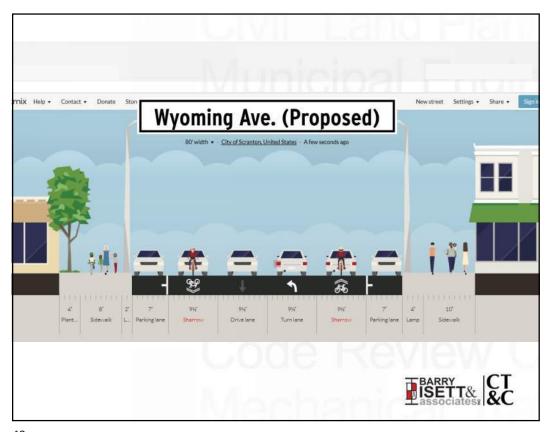




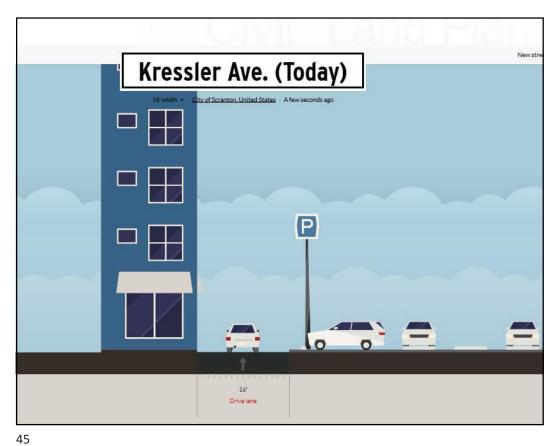




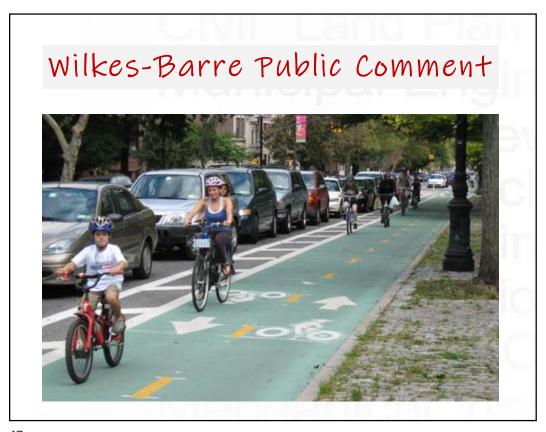


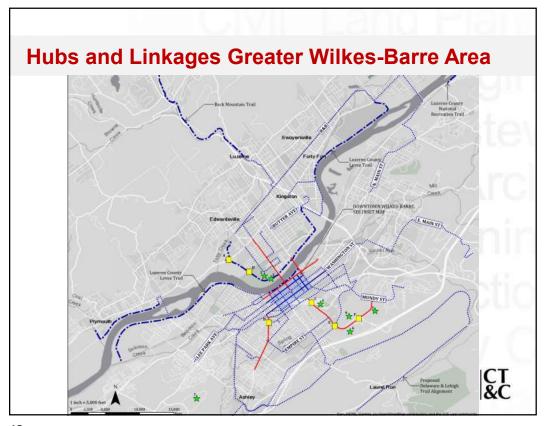


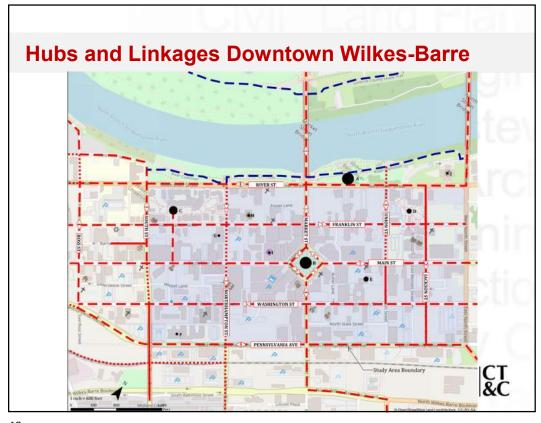














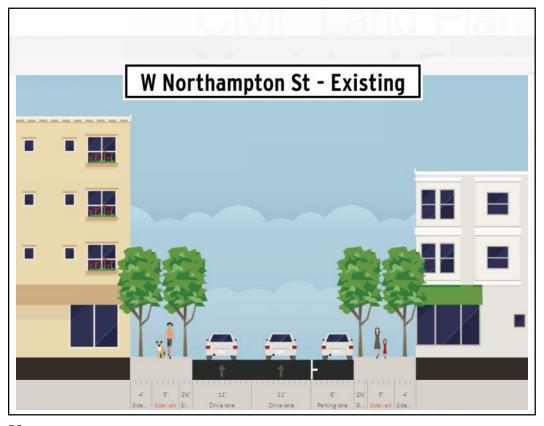






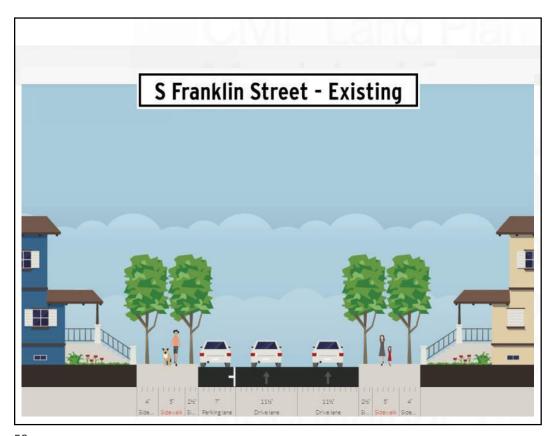


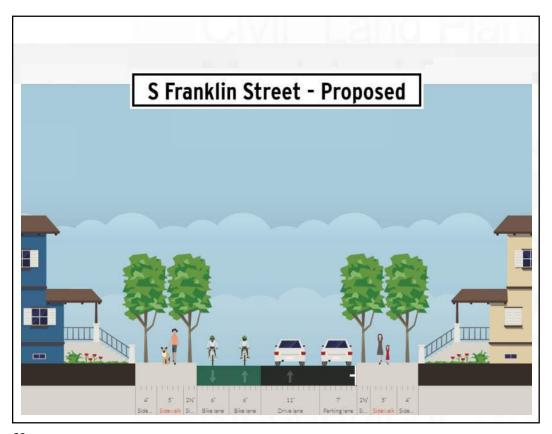


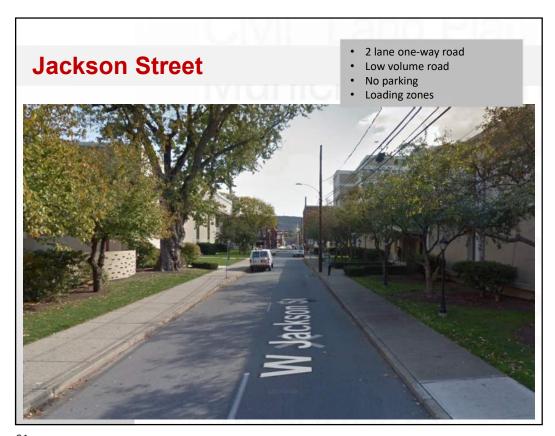






















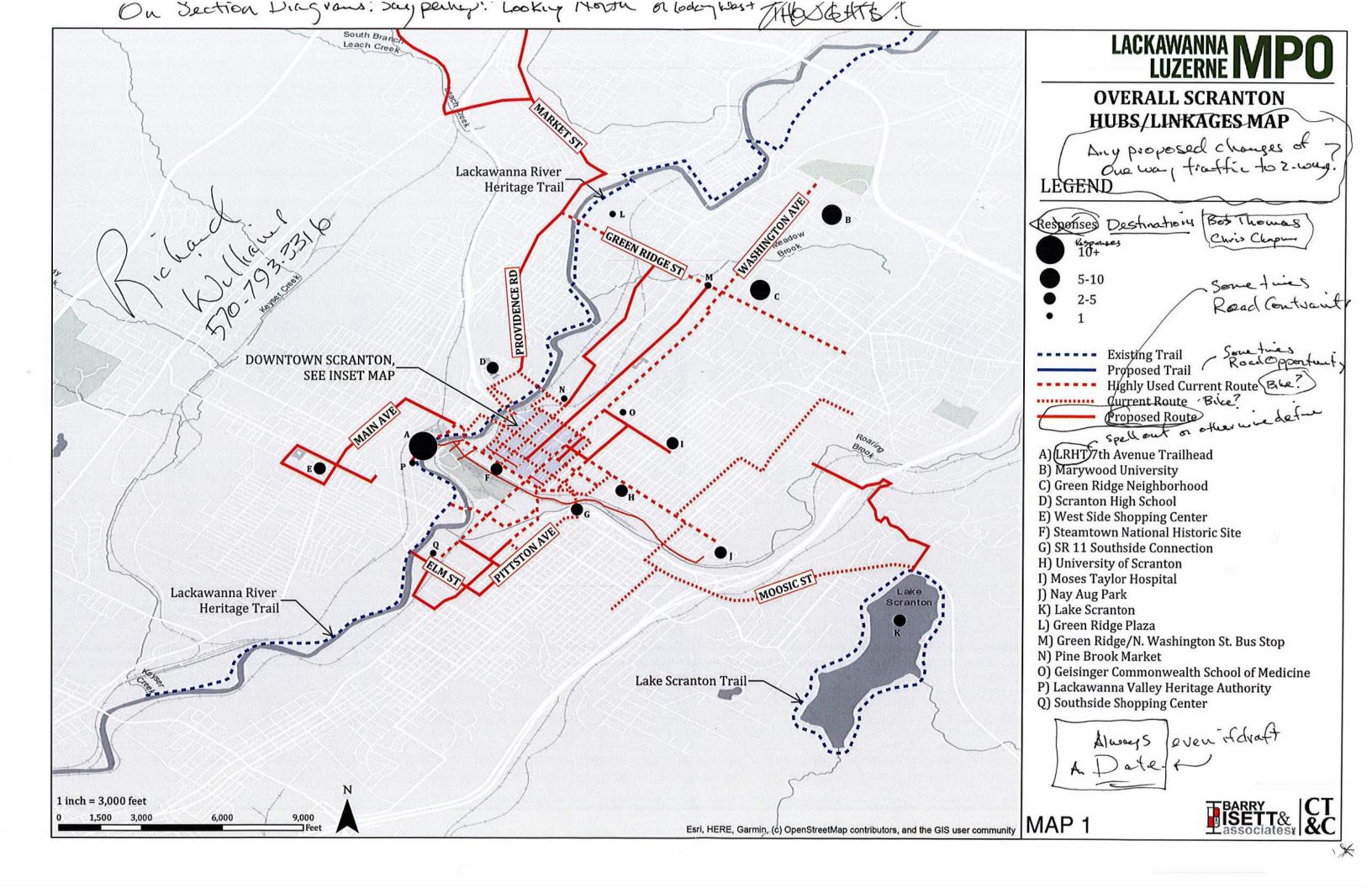
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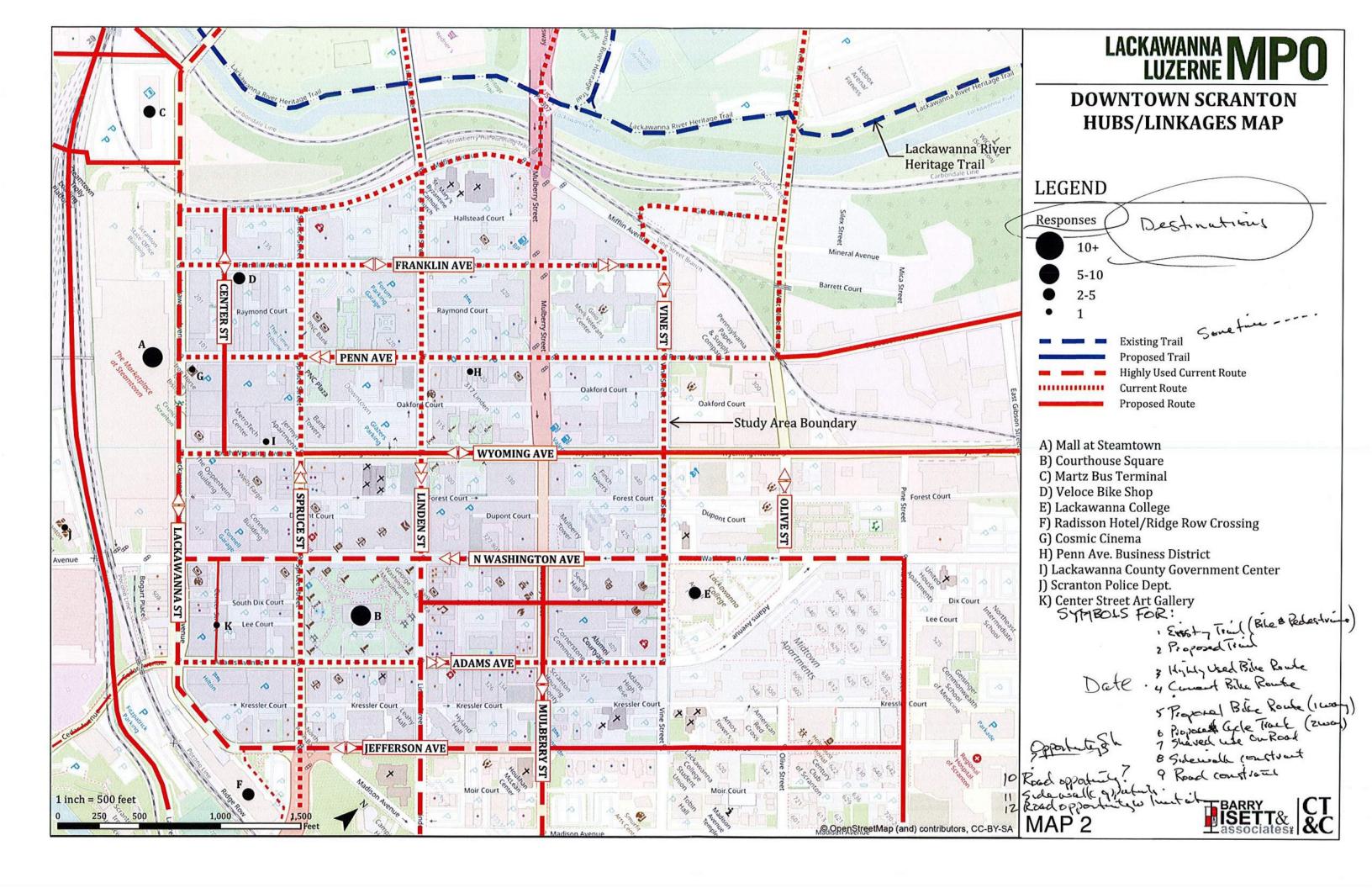
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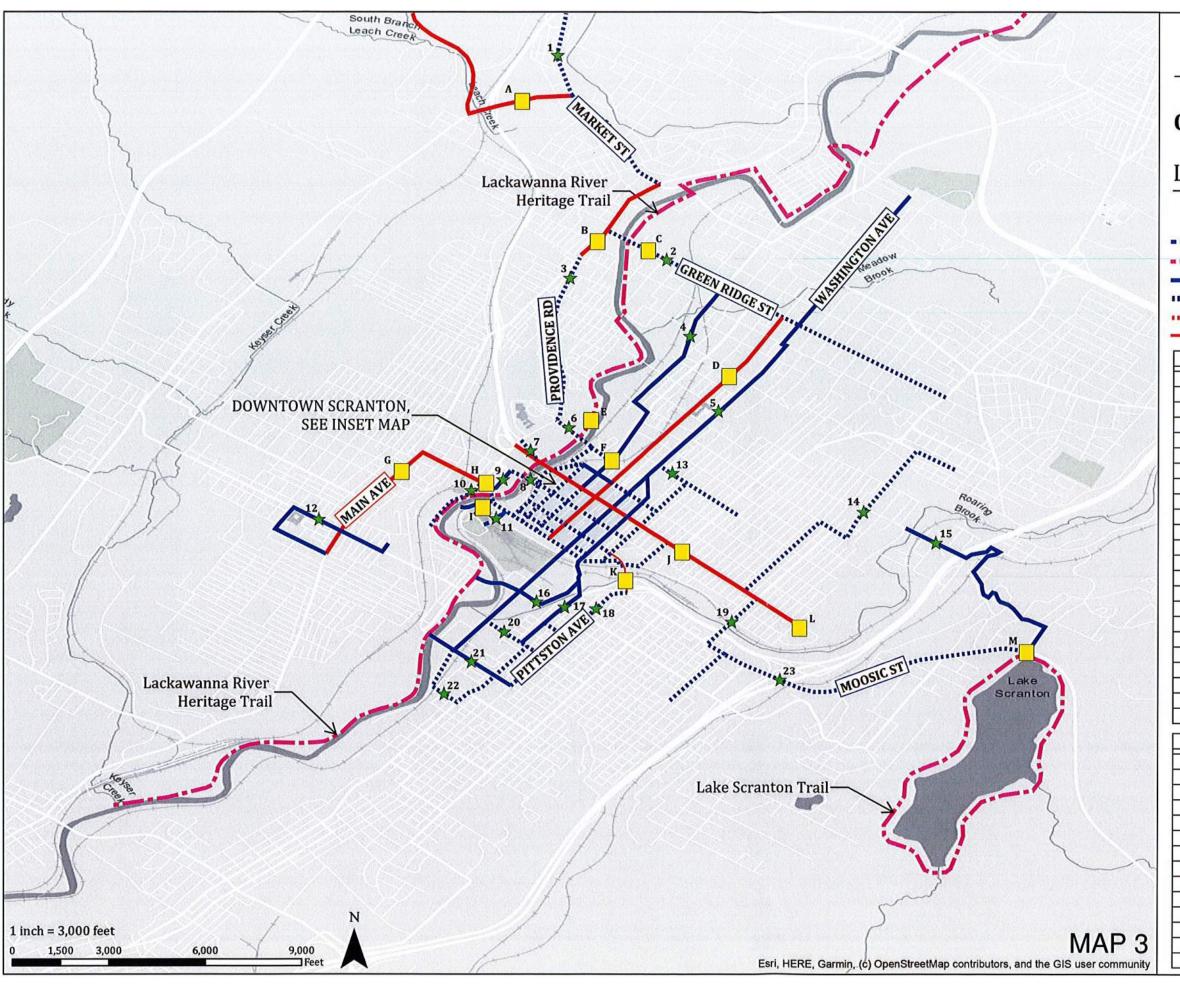
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# **OVERALL SCRANTON** OPPORTUNITIES/CONSTRAINTS **MAP**

**LEGEND** 



Opportunity Constraint

Sidewalk Opportunity Trail Opportunity

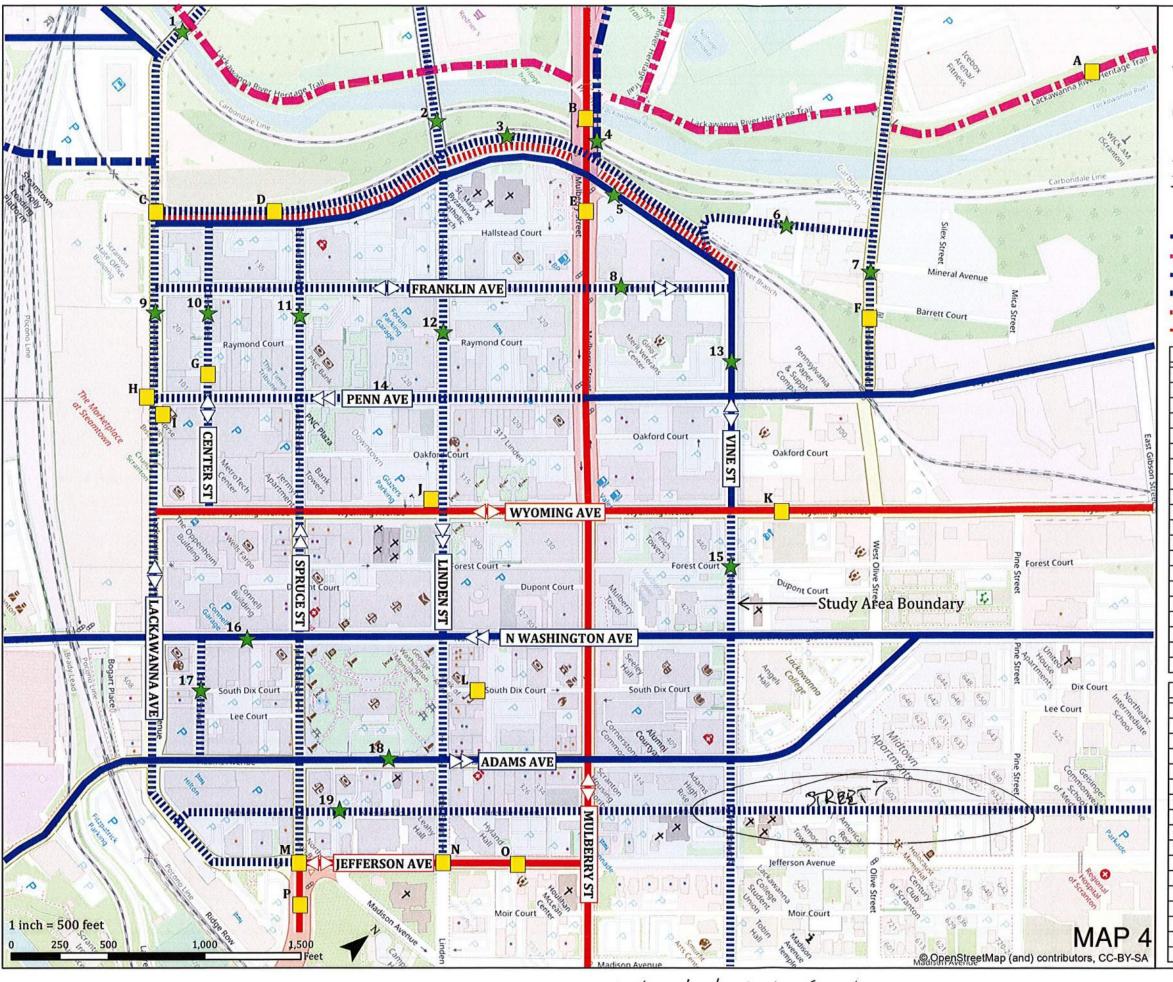
**Road Opportunity** 

Road Opportunity with Limitations

Sidewalk Constraint
Road Constraint
Proposed

	OPPORTUNITIES	
#	Location	Opportunity
1	W Market St	Connection (North Scranton)
2	Green Ridge St	Connection (Green Ridge)
3	Providence Rd	Connection (Scranton HS)
4	Capouse Ave	Connection (Green Ridge/Dntown
5	Washington Ave	Connection (North & South)
6	Olive St	Connection (Scranton HS)
7	N Scranton Expressway	Connection (LRHT)
8	Linden St Bridge	Low volume
9	N 7th Ave	Route to downtown
10	Cliff Ave	Low volume
11	Luzerne St	Connection (W Scranton HS)
12	Pine St	Low volume, wide
13	Wheeler Ave	Connection (Dunmore)
14	Ash St	Low volume
15	Broadway St	Low volume, wide
16	Cedar Ave	Connection (Southside)
17	Pittston Ave	Main thoroughfare, wide
18	Harrison Ave	Connection (NayAug, Scranton U)
19	Birch St	Connection (Washington Ave)
20	Elm St	Low volume, wide
21	Cherry St	Low volume
22	Moosic St	Wide, connection (Lake Scranton)

#	Location	Constraint
Α	SR 307 / Morgan Hwy	Steep slope, high volume
В	N Main Ave	High volume
С	Green Ridge St	Poor sidewalk conditions
D	Wyoming Ave	High volume
Ε	Lackawanna River Levee	Rumble strips on trail
F	Olive St	Narrow railroad bridge abutments
G	N Main Ave	High volume
Н	N 7th Ave / Lackawanna	Busy intersection
1	Cliff Ave	Poor underpass conditions
J	Mulberry St	High volume
K	Central Scranton Expry	High volume, narrow sidewalks
L	Nay Aug Park	Lack of bike racks
М	SR 307	Difficult crossing



# **DOWNTOWN SCRANTON OPPORTUNITIES/CONSTRAINTS MAP**

# **LEGEND**

Opportunity Constraint

Cycktrack

 Sidewalk Opportunity Trail Opportunity

**Road Opportunity** 

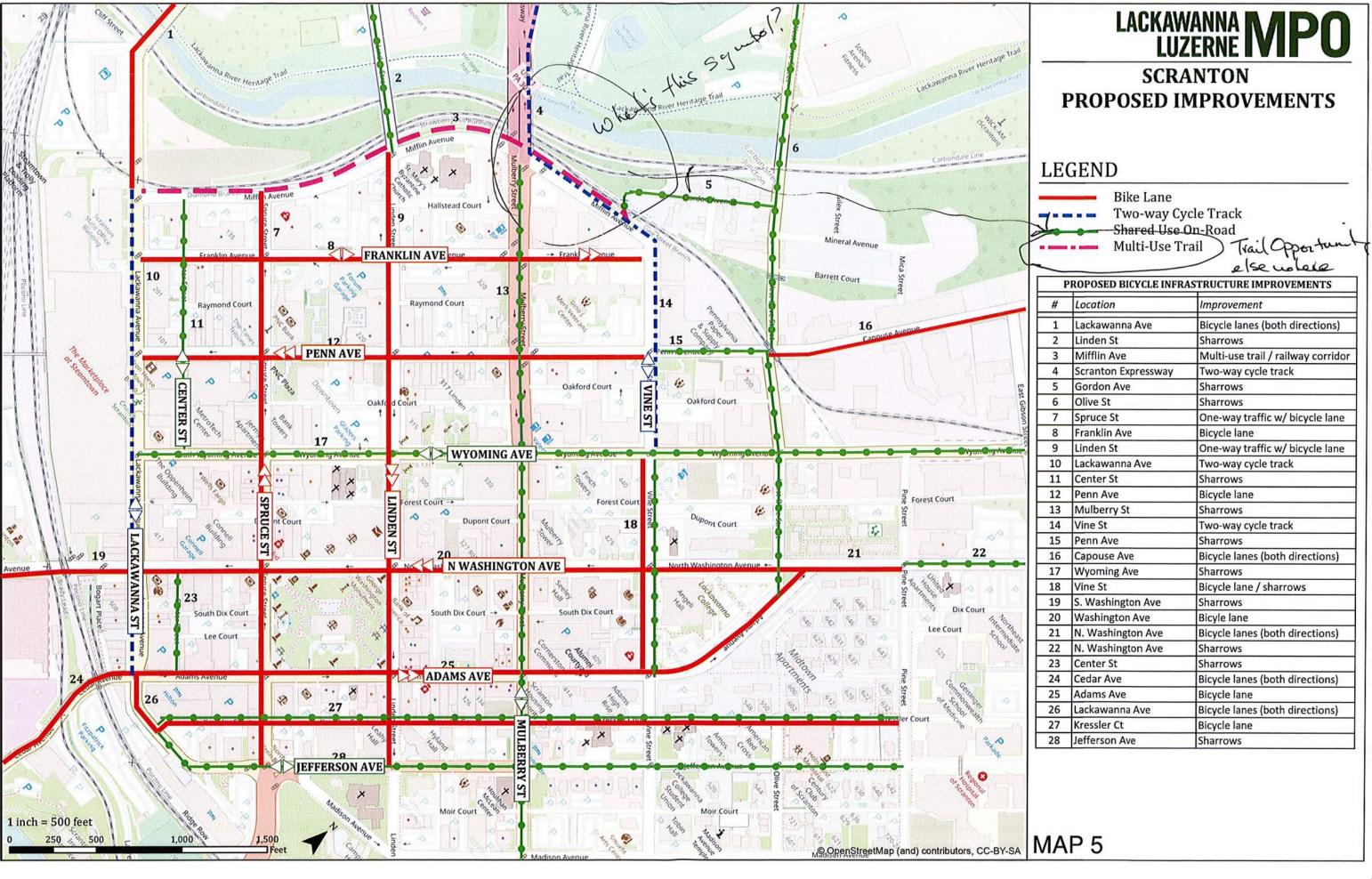
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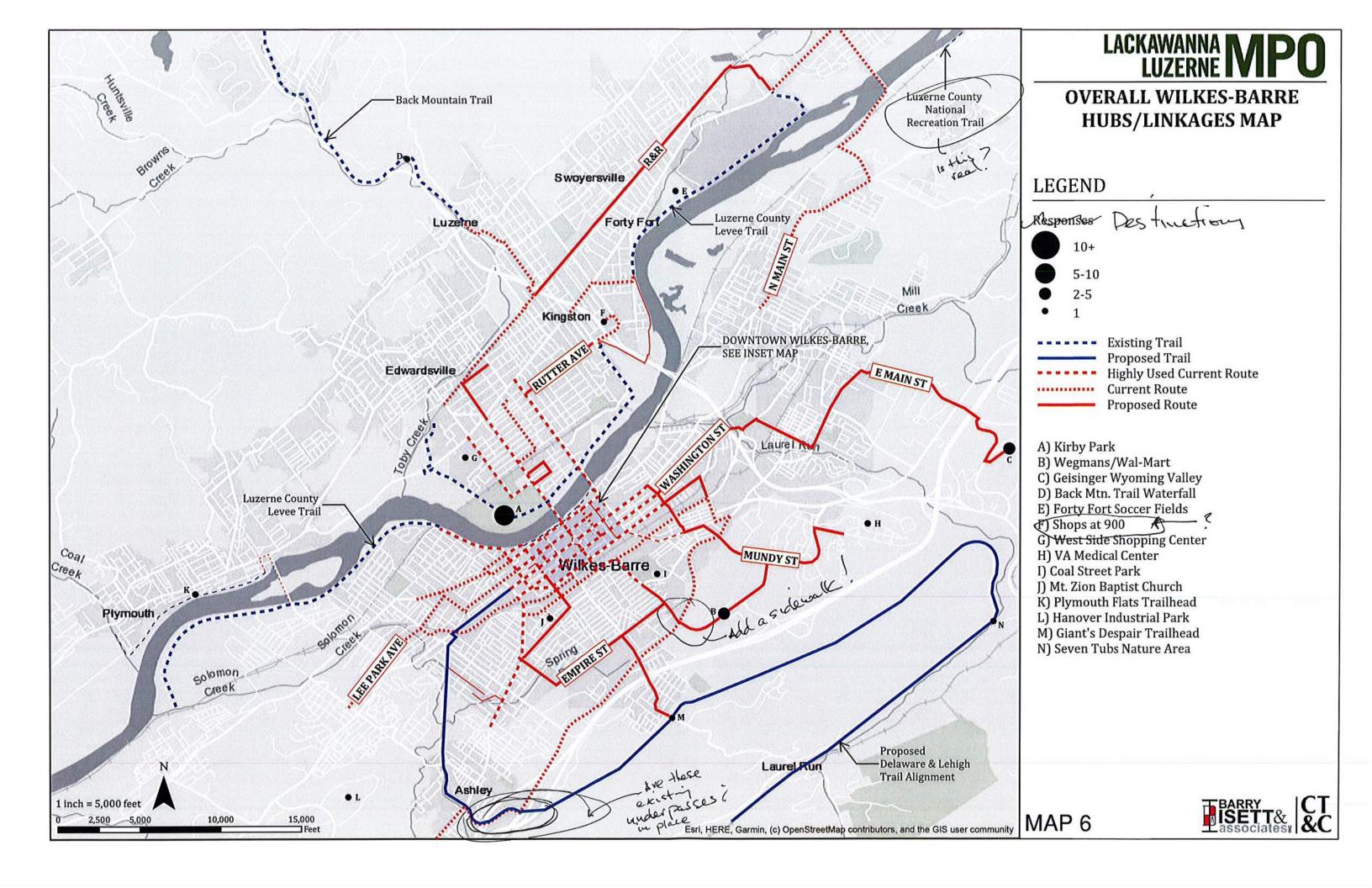
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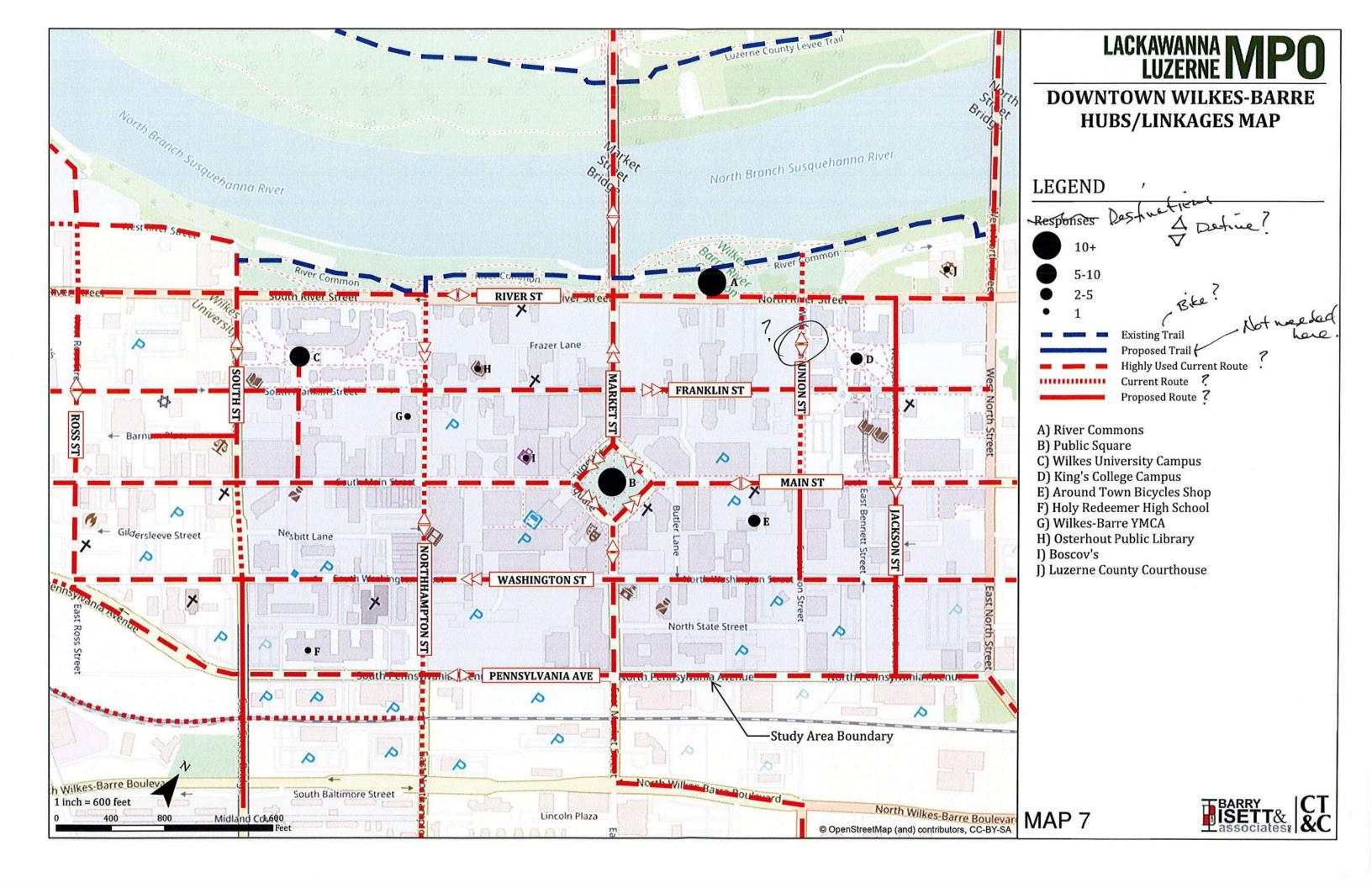
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#	Location	Opportunity
1	Lackawanna Ave	Connection (LRHT)
2	Linden St	Connection (N 6th Ave)
3	Multi-use Trail (Gordon)	Multi-use
4	N Scranton Expressway	Separated walk, wide shoulder
5	Mifflin Ave	Low volume, wide
6	Gordon Ave	Low volume, connection (Olive St
7	Olive St	Connection (Scranton HS)
8	Franklin Ave	One-way
9	Lackawanna Ave	Wide
10	Center St	Mid-block connection
11	Spruce St	One-way
12	Linden St	One-way
13	Vine St	Low volume, wide, connection
14	Penn Ave	One-way
15	Vine St	Two-way, wide
16	Washington Ave	One-way, connect (North/South)
17	Center St	Low volume
18	Adams Ave	Wide, one-way, connect (South)
19	Kessler Ct	Low volume

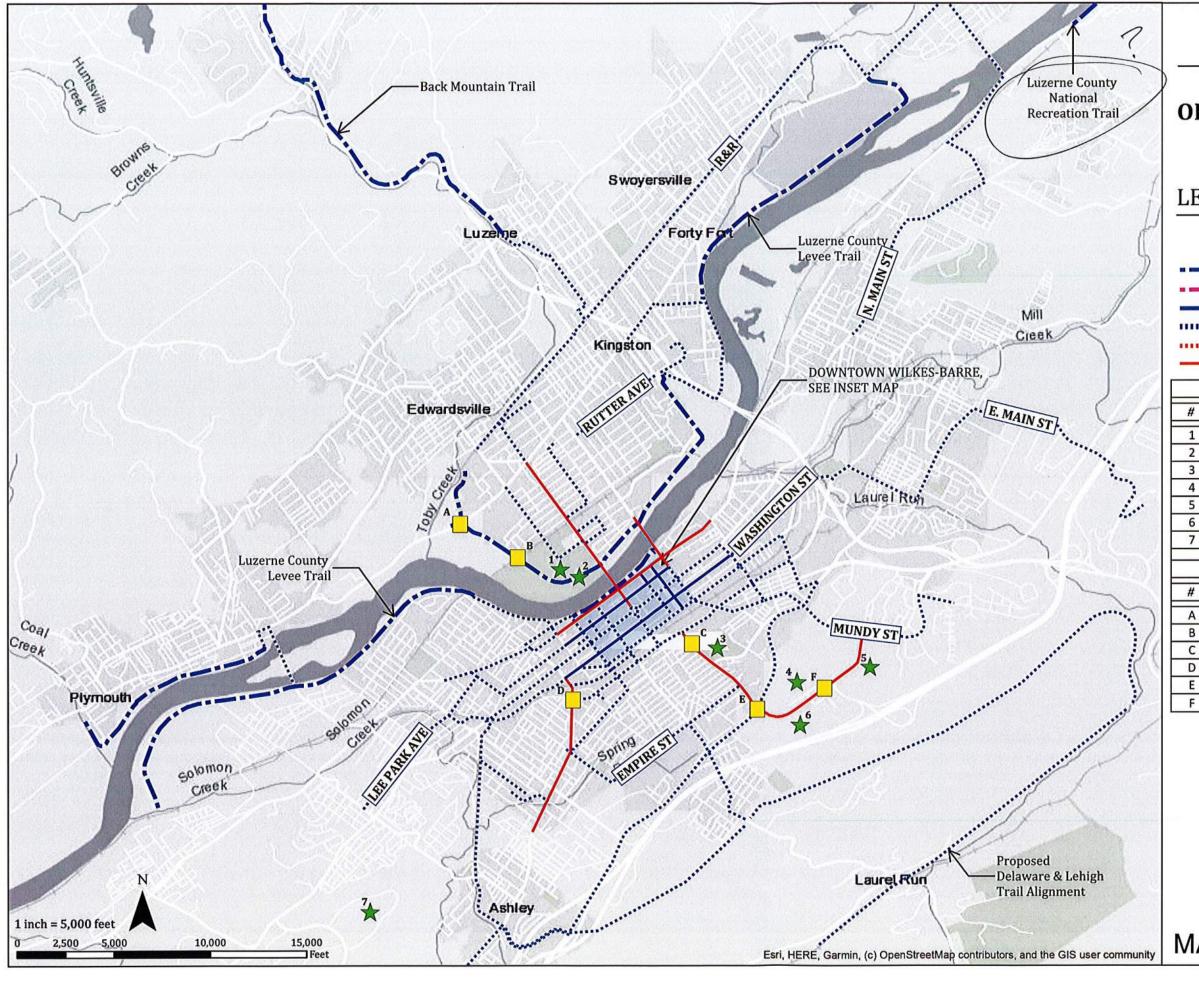
	CONSTRAINTS	
#	Location	Constraint
Α	Lackawanna River Levee	Rumble strips on levee
В	N Scranton Expressway	High volume, narrow sidewalks
С	Lackawanna Ave	On-grade railroad crossing
D	Mifflin Ave	No sidewalk one-side
E	Mulberry St	High volume
F	Olive St	Narrow railroad bridge abutments
G	Center St	Poor road conditions
Н	Mall at Steamtown	Lack of bicycle racks
1	Lackawanna Ave	Improperly set stormwater inlet
J	Wyoming Ave / Linden St	Pedestrian safety concerns
K	Wyoming Ave	High volume
L	Dix Ct	Poor road conditions
М	Jefferson Ave / Spruce St	Busy intersection
N	Jefferson Ave / Linden St	Busy intersection
0	Jefferson Ave	High volume
Р	Central Scranton Expry	High volume, narrow sidewalks

Where's Kressler Court.









# LACKAWANNA MPO LUZERNE MPO

# OVERALL WILKES-BARRE OPPORTUNITIES/CONSTRAINTS MAP

# **LEGEND**

Opportunity Constraint

Sidewalk Opportunity
Trail Opportunity

Trail Opportunity
 Road Opportunity

Road Opportunity with Limitations
Sidewalk Constraint

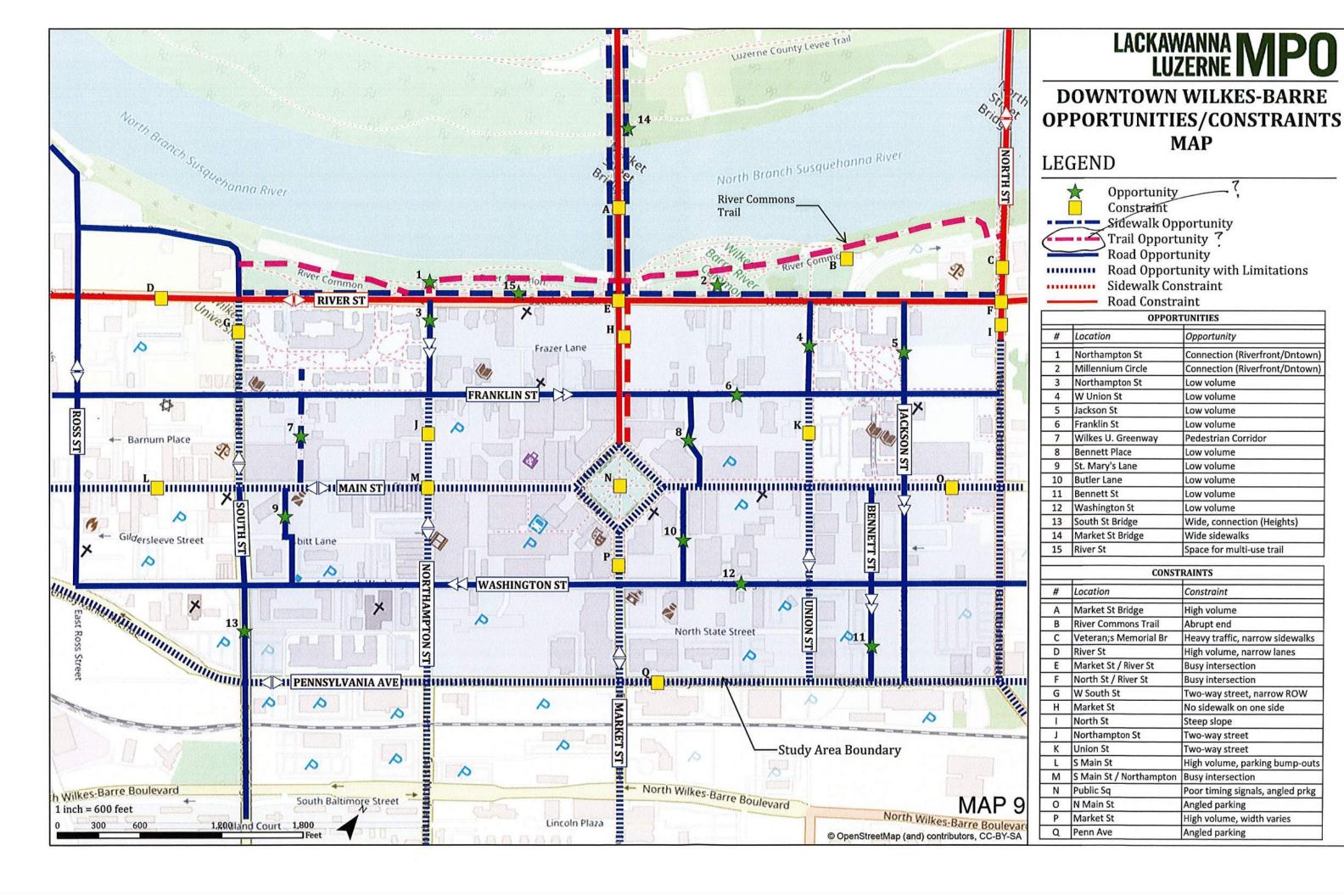
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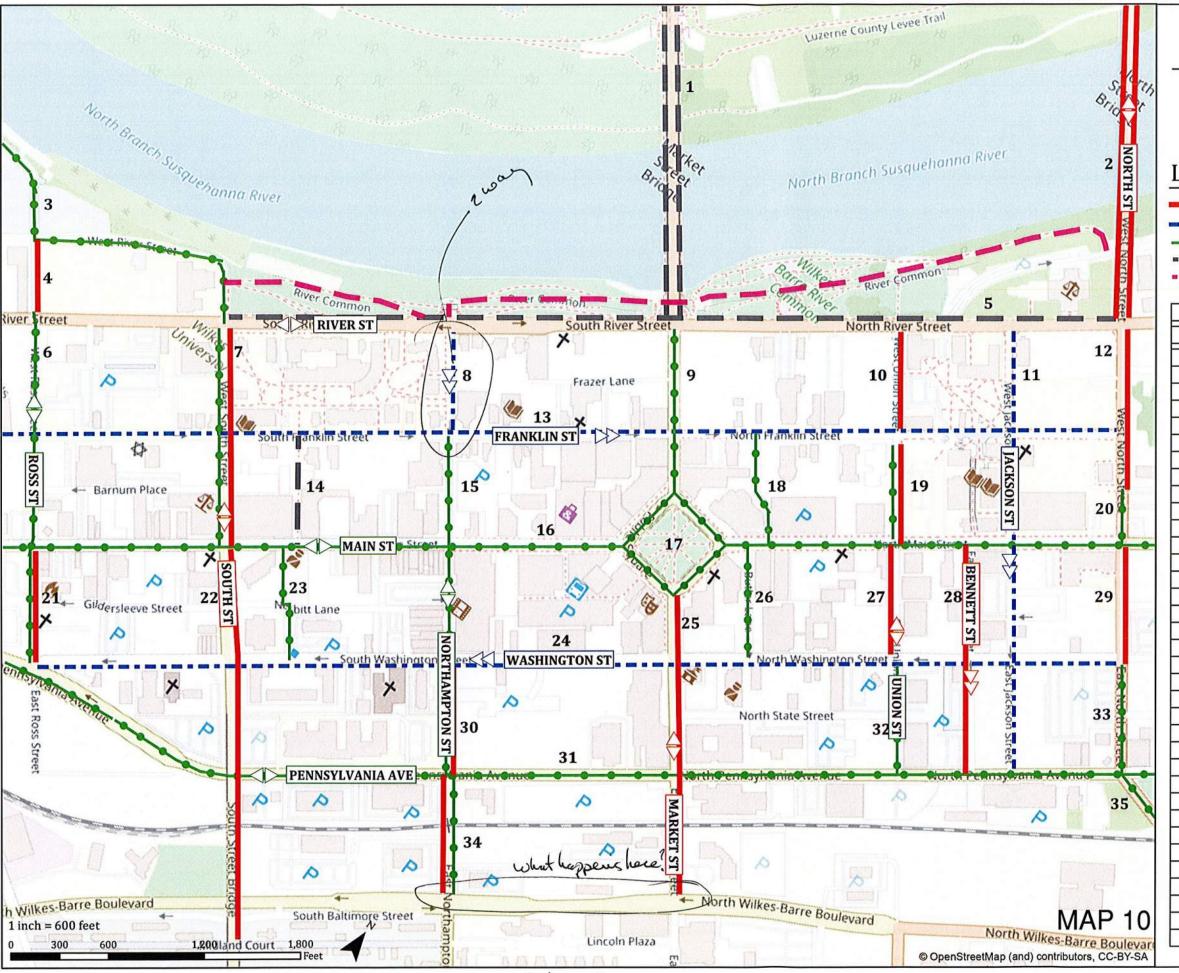
OPPORTUNITIES		
#	Location	
1	Kirby Park	
2	Luzerne County Levee Trail	
3	Coal Street Park	
4	Shopping Center	
5	King's College Athletic Fields	
6	Mohegan Sun Arena	
7	Hanover Industrial Park	

CONSTRAINTS		
#	Location	Constraint
Α	SR 11 / Levee Trail	Poor signal timing / no signage
В	Levee Trail	Railroad crossing
С	Coal Street	Steep slope, fast moving traffic
D	Hazle Street	Steep slope, narrow lanes
E	SR 309 / Coal St	Busy intersection
F	Highland Park Blvd	Limited width, heavy traffic

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# LACKAWANNA MPO

# WILKES-BARRE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

# **LEGEND**

Bike Lane Existry Proposed.

Two-way Cycle Track

Shared Use On-Road Two worn?

Multi-Use Sidewalk where?

Multi-Use Trail

PROPOSED BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS		
#	Location	Improvement
1	Market St	Bicycle lanes / shared sidewalk
2	North St	Bicycle lanes (both sides)
3	W River St	Sharrows
4	W Ross St	Bicycle lane
5	River St	Multi-use trail / widen sidewalk
6	Ross St	Sharrows
7	W South St	Bicycle lane / sharrows
8	W Northampton St	Two-way cycle track
9	W Market St	Sharrows
10	W Union St	Bicycle lane
11	Jackson St	Two-way cycle track
12	W North St	Bicycle lane
13	Franklin St	Two-way cycle track
14	Wilkes U. Greenway	Multi-use sidewalk
15	Northampton St	Sharrows
16	Main St	Sharrows
17	Public Sq	Sharrows
18	Bennett Pl	Sharrows
19	Union St	Bicycle lane / sharrows
20	W. North St	Sharrows
21	Ross St	Bicycle lane / sharrows
22	South St	Bicycle lane
23	St. Mary's Ln	Sharrows
24	Washington St	Two-way cycle track
25	E Market St	Bicycle lane
26	Butler Ln	Sharrows
27	E Union St	Bicycle lane
28	E Bennett St	Bicycle lane
29	E North St	Bicycle lane
30	E Northampton St	Bicycle lane / sharrows
31	Pennsylvania Ave	Sharrows
32	E Union St	Sharrows
33	E North St	Sharrows
34	E Northampton St	Bicycle lane / sharrows
35	Scott St	Sharrows



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Lauren Golden, Delaware and Lehigh Heritage Corridor

Leslie Collins, Scranton Tomorrow

Keith Williams, Center for Independent Living

#### Purpose:

Receive comments on the draft report, discuss next steps and project partners, and review potential funding sources for implementation of the plan.

#### Notes:

- 01.1. Milewski reviewed the project vision and proposed network in each city.
- 01.2. Committee comments on the report included:
  - a. Scranton
    - 1. 200 and 300 block of North Washington congested with traffic for government offices.
    - 2. 100 block of North Washington congested with deliveries to offices and restaurants.
    - 3. Pocket Park underway at Linden and Wyoming streets. Completion anticipated in 2021
    - 4. Concern about using Mulberry Street to link east to rest of city. Mulberry needs traffic calming and further study.

#### b. Wilkes-Barre

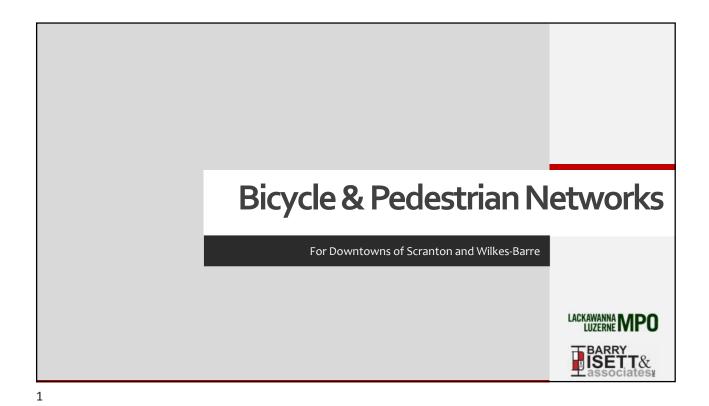
- Discussion about Northampton Street between River and Franklin becoming two-way street
- 2. Street network needs signage to guide pedestrians and cyclists to the River Commons and trail.
- 3. Bus traffic is heavy on Washington Street due to the Intermodal center.

#### 01.3. Next steps

- a. Milewski reviewed project partners and key recommendations from the study. Bob Thomas discussed potential options to move the study recommendations forward and offered examples from other communities. Committee comments and discussion included:
  - 1. Designation of formal commuter routes for pedestrians and bicycles in the bi-county plan.
  - 2. An advisory committee is needed to move the study forward and make sure future development includes bicycle facilities. MPO Transportation Advisory Committee and the Bike/Ped Study Committee are two options.
- b. Meeting was closed with potential funding sources for funding the bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Recorded by: Steph Milewski and Bob Thomas

**Attachments:** Presentation



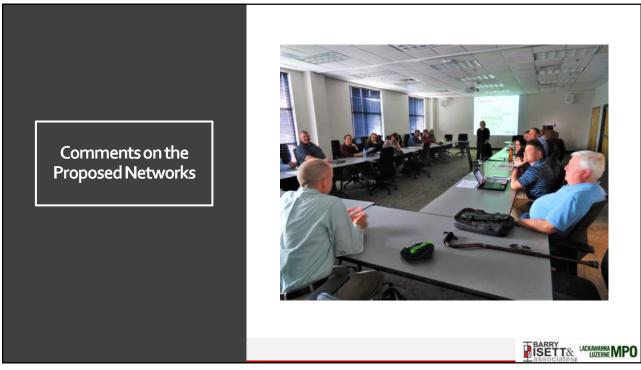
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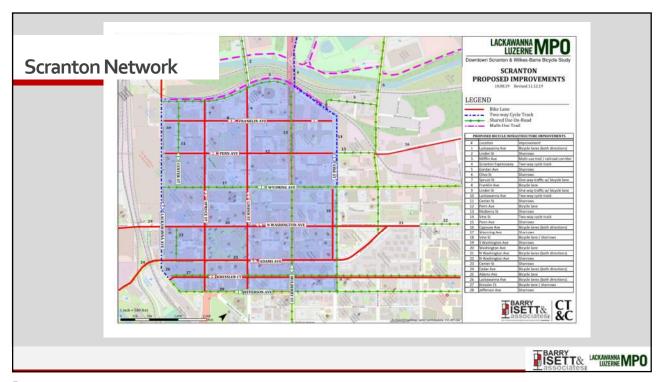
# **Project Vision**

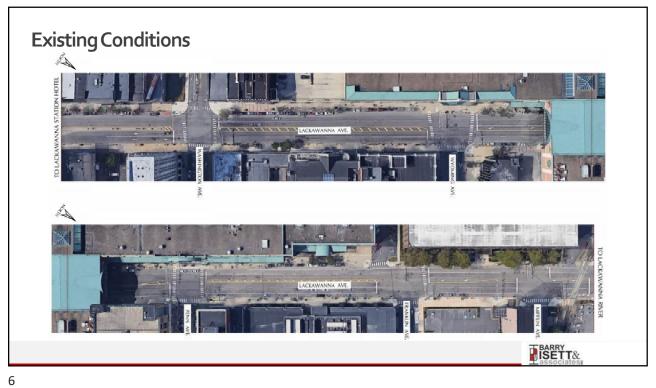
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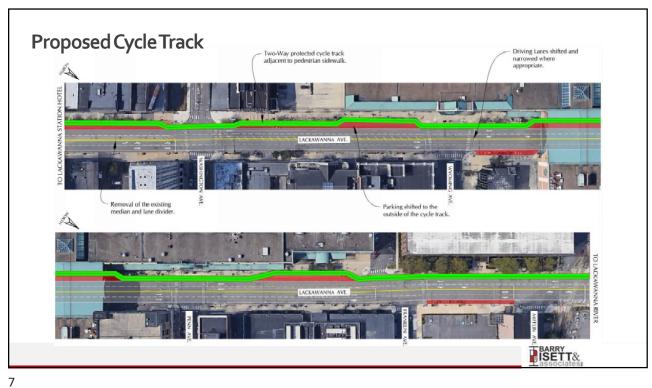


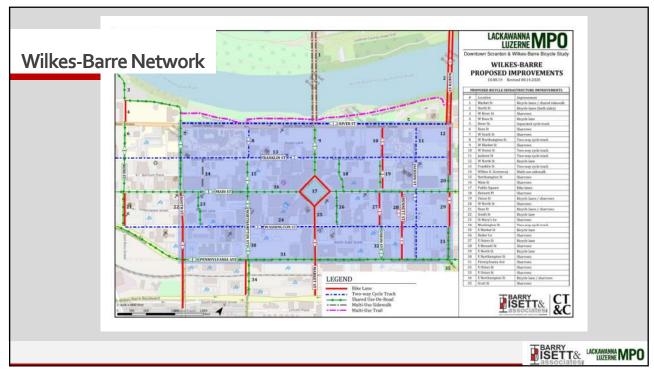
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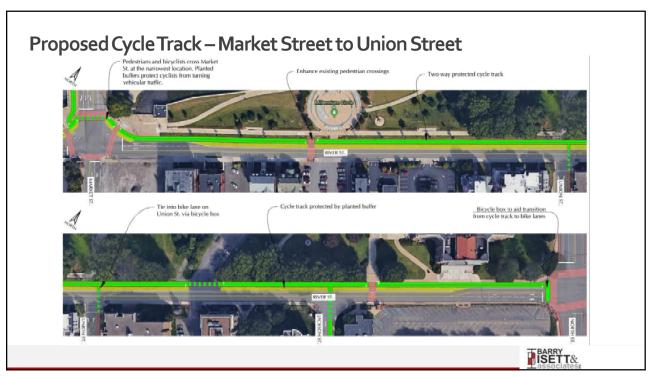












Next Steps & Project Partners





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#### **Project Partners**

#### Scranton

- Lackawanna County Planning
- City Planner
- Scranton Police Department
- County of Lackawanna Transit System
- Scranton Tomorrow
- United Neighborhood Center Development Corporation
- University of Scranton
- Marywood University
- Lackawanna College
- Lackawanna Medical College
- Lackawanna Heritage Valley National & State Heritage Area

#### In Between / Cross Representation

- PennDOT
- DCNR
- DCED
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Center for Independent Living Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator
- Scranton Area Foundation / NEPA Moves
- Geisinger
- Citizen cyclists

#### Wilkes-Barre

- Luzerne County Planning
- City Planner
- Wilkes-Barre Police Department
- Luzerne County Transit Authority
- Diamond City Partnership
- Wilkes University
- Kings College
- Live Well Luzerne
- Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor



#### **Key Recommendations**

- Assign a bicycle and pedestrian staff person
- Institute a bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee
- Establish a **public education campaign** for pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles
- Adopt ordinances that require the inclusion of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in new development and redevelopment
- Adopt ordinances and permits for bike share programs
- Adopt a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan at the county and city level
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities in capital projects
- **Promote** walking and cycling as alternative forms of transportation
- · Train law enforcement on bicycle and pedestrian regulations so they can take enforcement action
- Continue work with transit authorities to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities at transit facilities

Adapted from the PennDOT Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, April 1996









## Alternate Transportation Funding Sources

- US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
  - Multimodal Transportation Fund Program
  - Keystone Communities Program
  - Local Share Account (LSA) Program
  - Act 13 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP)
- PA Department of Transportation
  - Multimodal Program
  - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASAP)
  - Green Light Go Program
  - Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements Grant Program (ARLE)
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
  - Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2)
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape Initiative



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