I-76 Corridor Management: Opening Lanes and Offering Options to Regional Mobility

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Agenda

- Moderator: Stan Niemczak, Jacobs
- Policy Development; Regional & Statewide Perspectives
 Glenn Rowe, Chief, Highway Safety and Traffic Operations,
 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- National ICM/ATDM Perspectives
 James Paral, Transportation Management Specialist,
 Federal Highway Administration
- Traffic Operations; ITS Strategies; Regional Transportation
 Management Center Operations and Integration;
 ICM Concept of Operations
 Manny Anastasiadis, Senior Traffic Operations Manager,
 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 6-0
- King of Prussia Rail Extension; On-Corridor Station
 Improvement Projects; Traveler Information
 Elizabeth Smith, Manager of Long Range Planning, SEPTA

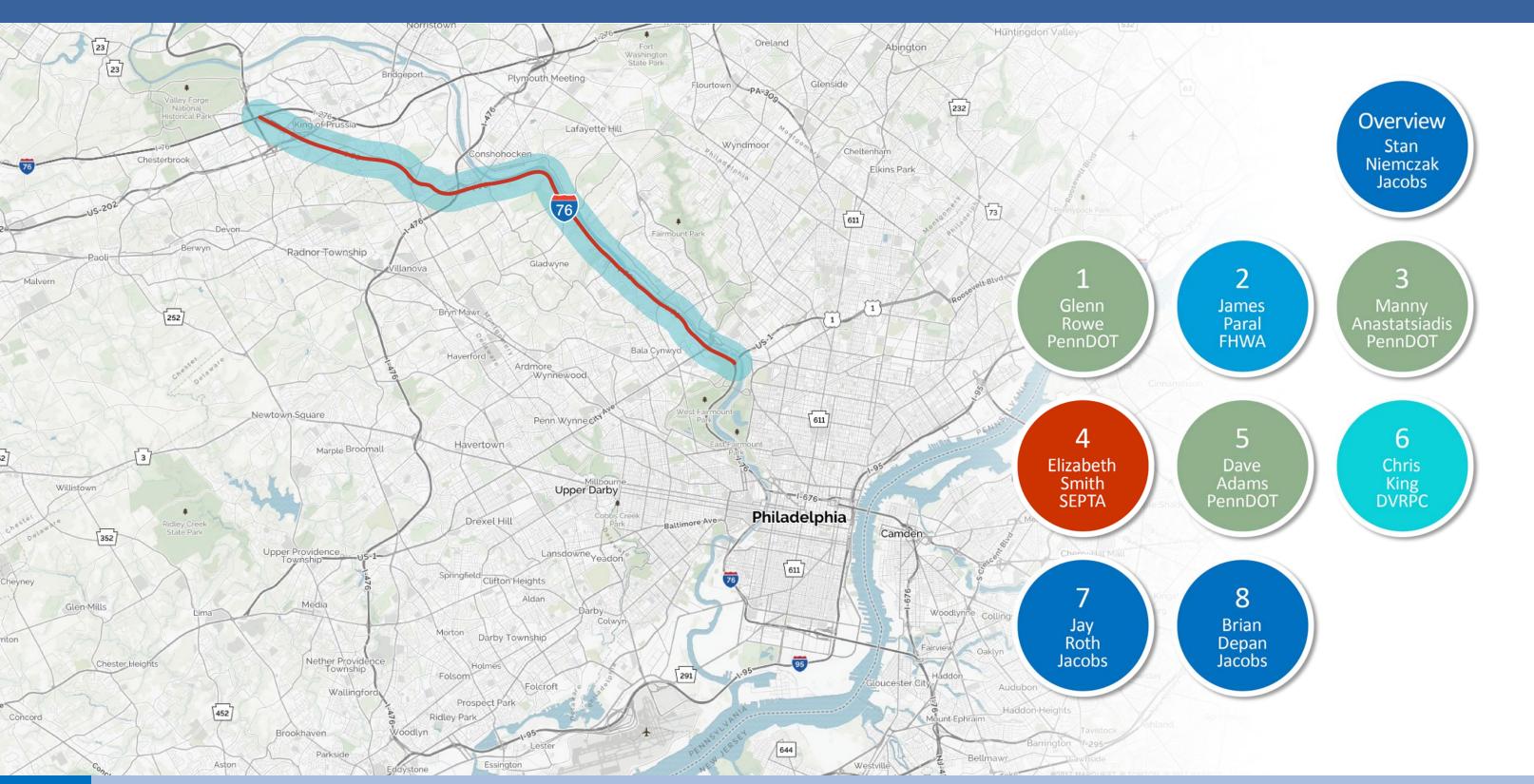
I-76 Parallel Corridors Signal Operations;
 PennDOT Traffic Signal Ownership & Maintenance Pilot
 Program; Municipal Outreach
 Dave Adams, Traffic Signals and Safety Manager,

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 6-0

- Incident Management and Emergency
 Responder Coordination; State Police Partnership;
 Peer Agency Information Sharing
 Chris King, Manager, Office of Transportation Operations
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Schuylkill Expressway Timeline

- 1932 Original vision: Riverside parkway connecting Fairmount Park & Valley Forge Park
- 1949 Construction begins on 1st section PA Turnpike to US 1
- 1950 Design year (1970) volume estimated at <u>35,000 VPD</u>
- 1954 1st Section of the Schuylkill Expressway Opens
- 1956 Designated as I-76
- 1957 Walt Whitman Bridge opened
- 1960 1st Operational Study of I-76 performed daily traffic at 70,000 VPD
- 1963 King of Prussia Plaza opened



Schuylkill Expressway Timeline

- 1967 Philadelphia R&B group The Soul Survivors release the single "Expressway to your Heart"
- 1981 Daily traffic volumes approach <u>85,000 VPD</u> in Montgomery County & <u>135,000 VPD</u> in the City of Philadelphia
- 1982 Schuylkill Expressway Reconstruction Project
- 1991 Vine Street Expressway (I-676) completed
- 2002 ITS: PennDOT & DRPA install detectors, CCTV cameras,
 DMS, and communications to better manage traffic
- 2010 Daily traffic volumes exceeded <u>117,000 VPD</u> in Montgomery County & approached <u>180,000 VPD</u> in the City of Philadelphia



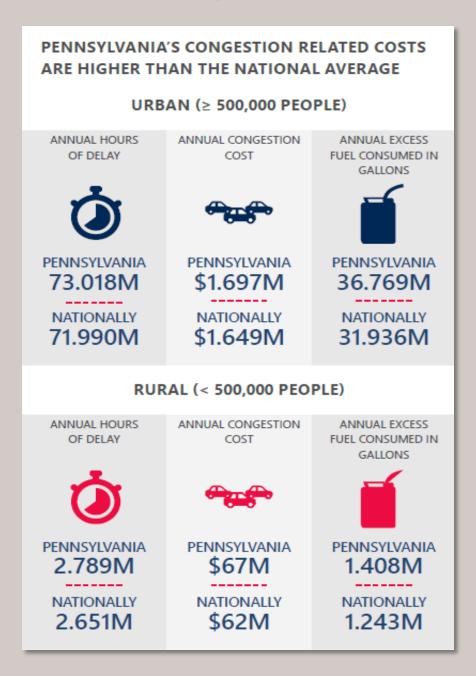
Policy Development; Regional & Statewide Perspectives

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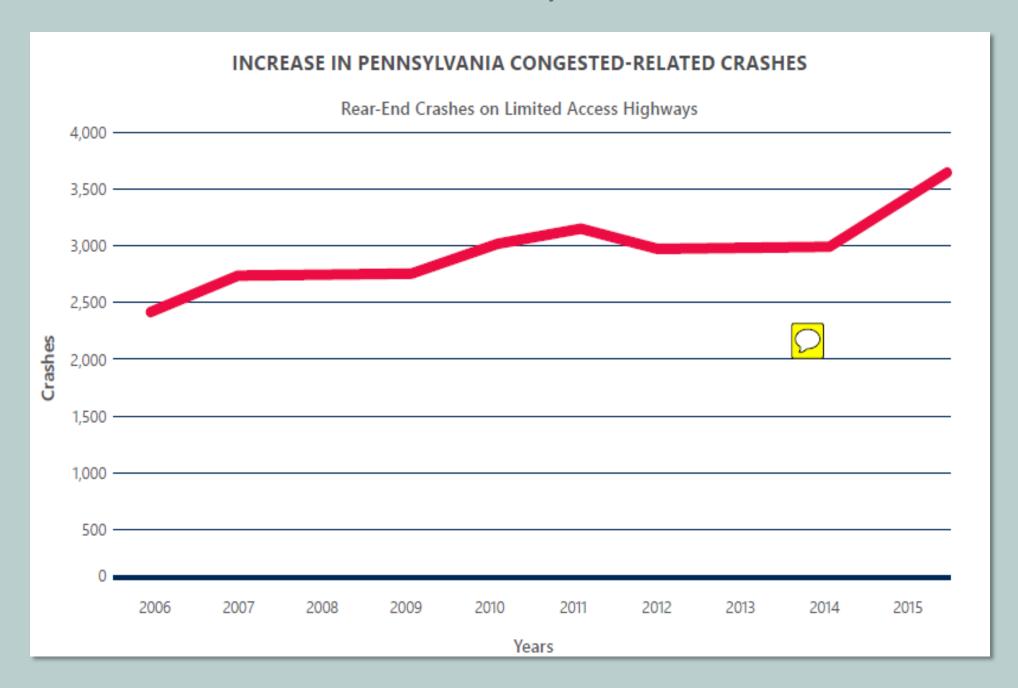


Why Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO)?

Congestion



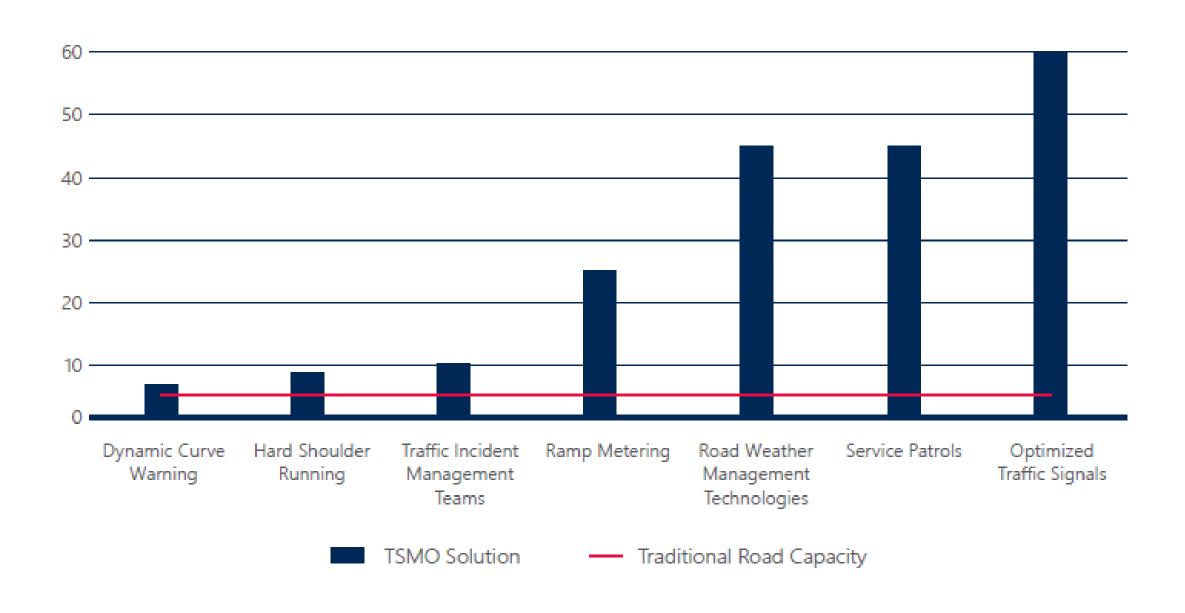
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TSMO: Bang for your buck!

BENEFIT/COST RATIO OF OPERATIONS SOLUTIONS VERSUS CAPACITY ADDING PROJECTS





Capability Maturity Model

Dimension	Level 1 Performed	Level 2 Managed	Level 3 Integrated	Level 4 Optimizing	
Business Processes	11	10	2	0	
Systems and Technology	7	12	3	1	
Performance Measurement	9	11	3	0	
Culture	8	11	4	0	
Organization and Staffing	8	9	6	0	
Collaboration	4	12	6	1	

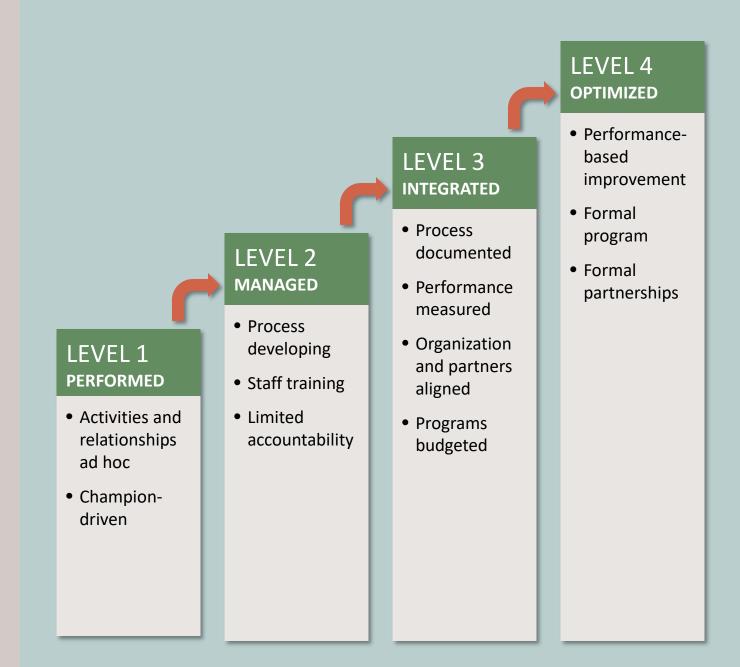
Systems and Technology – systems architecture, interoperability, standardization, and documentation

Performance Measurement – measures definition, data acquisitions, analysis, and utilization

Culture – understanding, leadership, policy commitment, outreach, and program authority

Organization and Staffing – organizational structure, staff capacity development, and retention

Collaboration – relationships with public safety agencies, local governments, MPOs/RPOs, and private sector



TSMO Toolbox

TCNO C L d	Causes of Congestion							
TSMO Solution	Bottlenecks	Traffic Incidents	Inclement Weather	Work Zones	Poor Signal Timing	Special Events		
Integrated Corridor Management	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х		
Hard Shoulder Running	Х	Х				Х		
Managed Lanes	Х	Х	Х			X		
TIM Teams		X						
Freeway Service Patrols		Х		Х		Х		
Smart Work Zones				X				
Traffic Signal Enhancements					Х			
Transit Signal Priority					Х			
Traveler Information		Х	Х	Х		Х		
Ramp Metering	Х	Х				Х		
Bridge De-icing			Х					
Commercial Vehicle Operations								
Dynamic Lane Assignment	_					X		
Junction Control	Inte	egrated (Corridor I	Manag	gement	X		
Queue Warning		<u> </u>				Х		
Variable Speed Displays		Х	Х	X				
Dynamic Rerouting		X		X		X		
RWIS			X					
Dynamic Curve Warning								
Traffic Management Center Operations	X	X	Х	X	Х	X		
Traffic Incident Detection		X						
DMS		X		Х		Х		
CCTV	X	X	X	Х		X		

What is Integrated Corridor Management?

 the coordination of individual network operations between adjacent facilities that creates an interconnected system capable of cross-network travel management

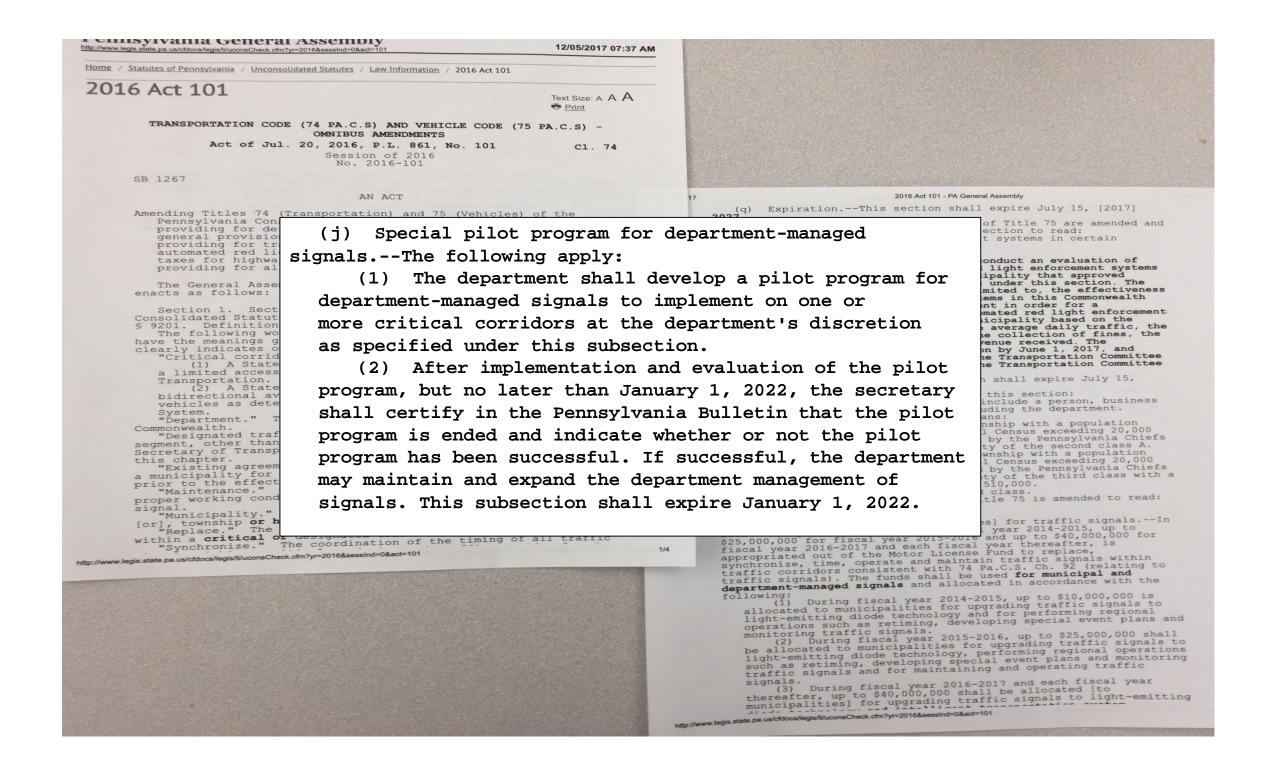
ICM combines two fundamental concepts:

- active management
- integration





2016 Act 101

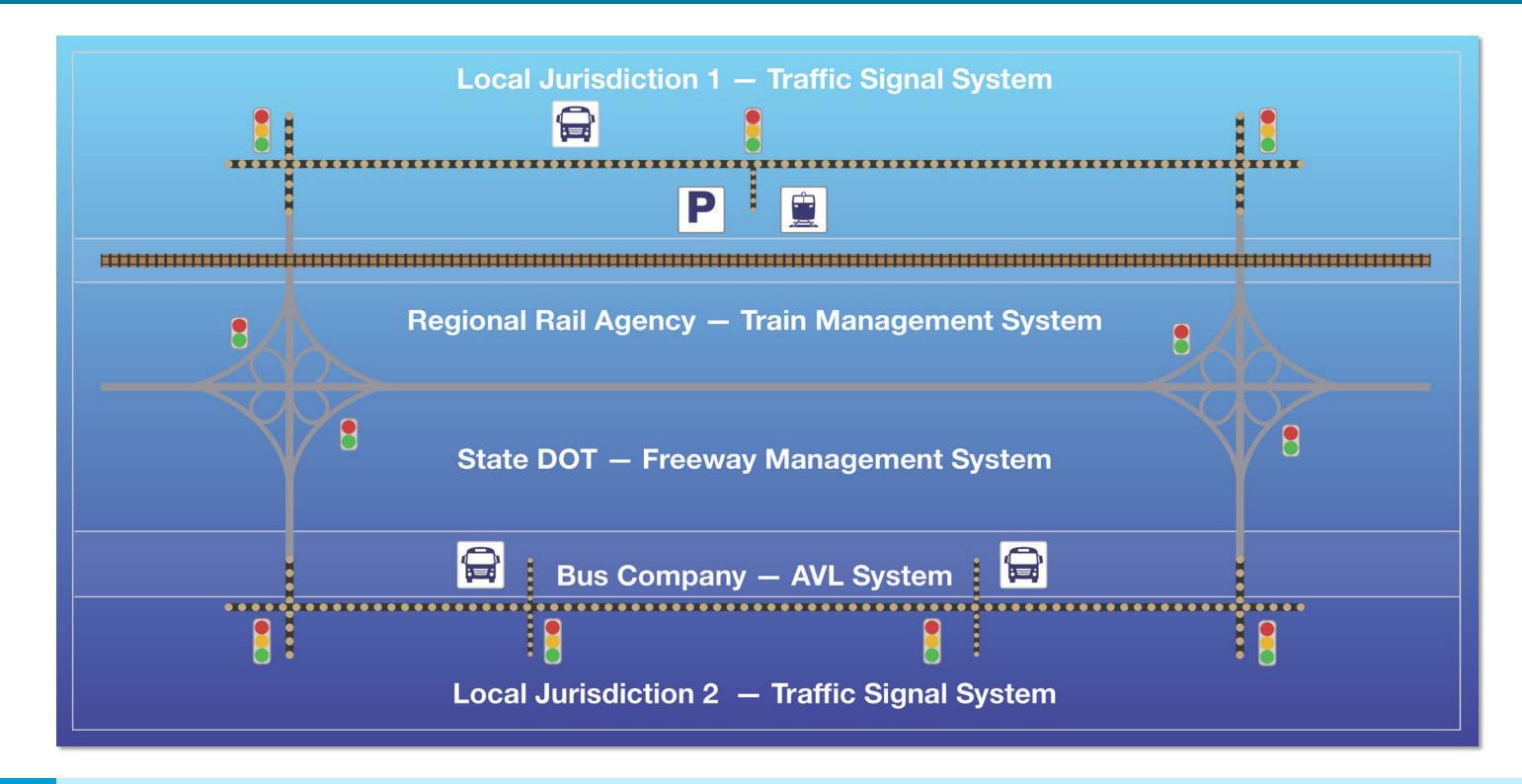


National ICM/ATDM Perspectives

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Integrated Corridor Management



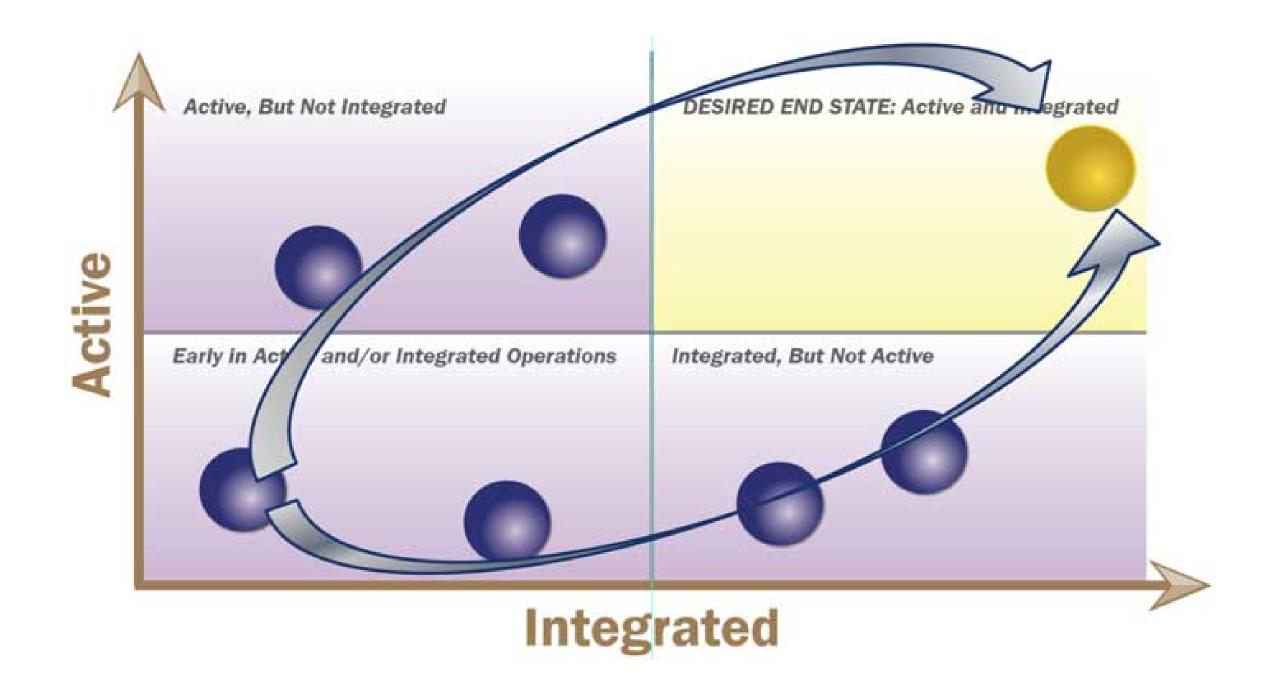
US DOT ICM Website

- Clearinghouse for ICM knowledge and technology transfer
- Publications, briefs, videos, webinars, lessons learned, external resources, etc.
- Click link below for more information

https://www.its.dot.gov/research_archives/icms/knowledgebase.htm



ICM & ATDM





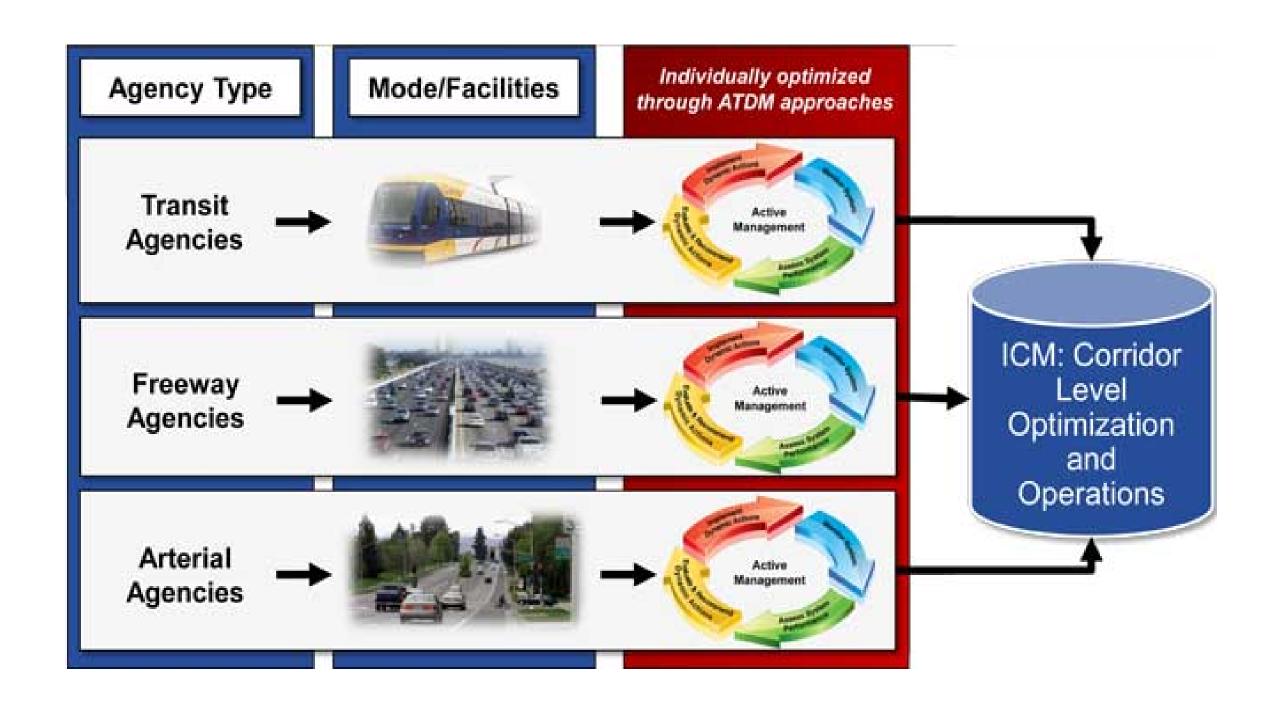
What is Active Management?

The fundamental concept of taking a dynamic approach to a performance-based process





Active Management in a Corridor



Moving Towards Active Management

Transportation Agency Operators:

Moving from Static to Proactive Management

- High complexity, high reward
- Emerging
- Low risk
- Proven

Proactive Management

- Respond to predicted changes in supply & demand
- Ability to delay or eliminate breakdowns



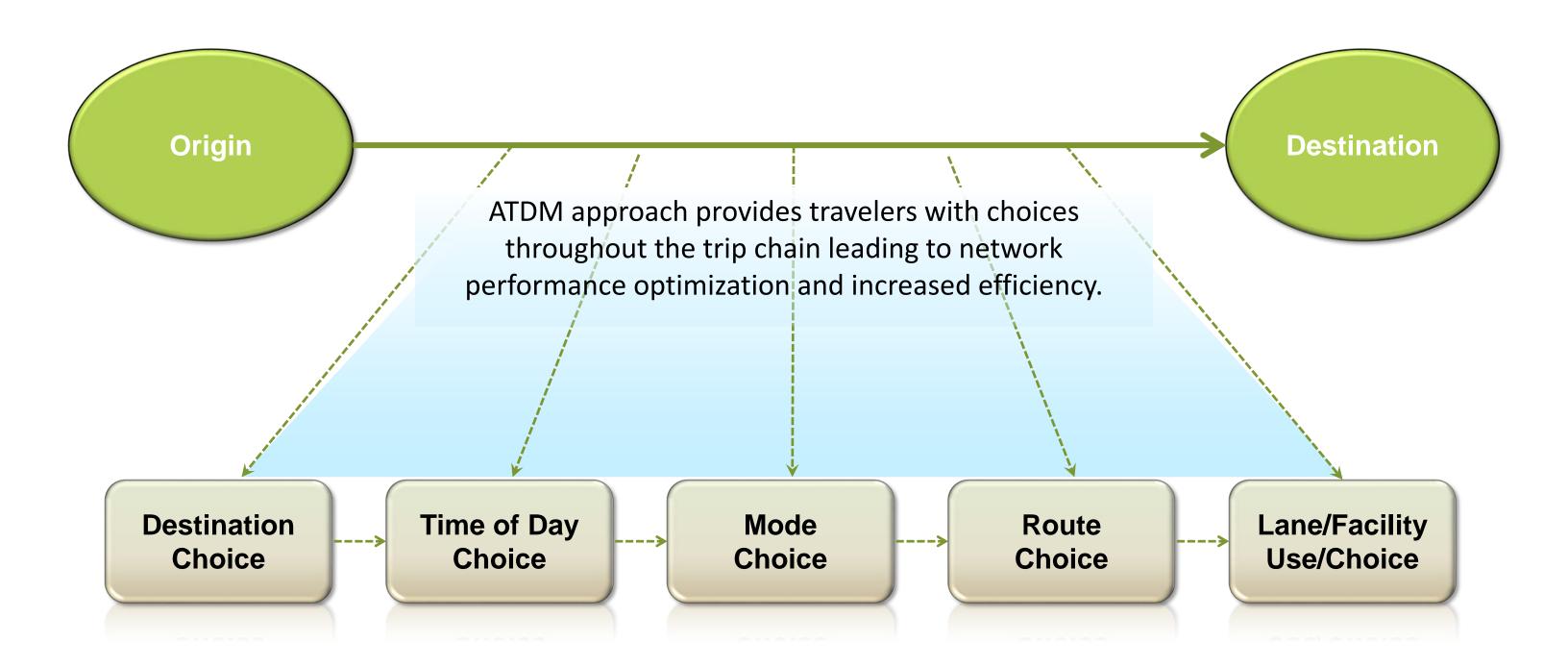
- Respond to current conditions
- Account for traffic impacts due to conditions
- Reduce time of degraded operation

Static Management

- Time of day
- Set-it and forget it
- Will work when there is limited variability



ATDM Throughout the Trip Chain



Examples of Active Management Strategies

Active Demand Management





Active Traffic Management



Active Parking Management







Active Traffic Management Example: VA I-66's Active Traffic Management System





NOVA's I-66 Active Traffic Management System:

- Intended to improve safety and incident management.
- Includes new sign gantries, shoulder and lane control signs, speed displays, incident and queue detection, and increased traffic camera coverage.

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-66 atms.asp



Examples of ATM Benefits in US



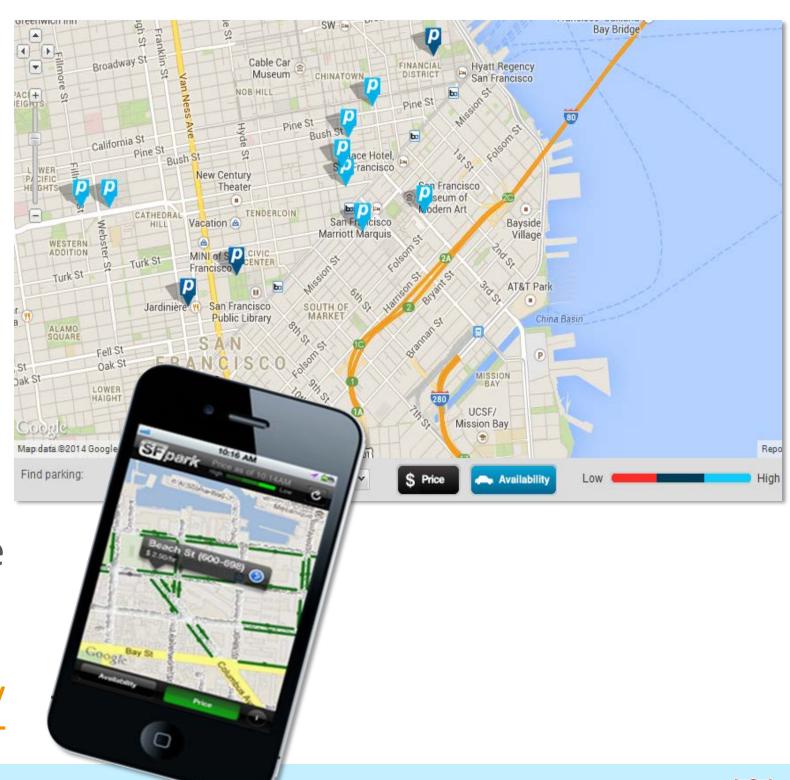


Active Parking Management Example: San Francisco's SF*park* System

SFpark:

- Periodically adjusts meter and garage pricing to match demand.
- Reduces demand in overused areas by encouraging drivers to park in underused areas and garages.
- Readjusts parking patterns throughout San Francisco to make parking easier to find.

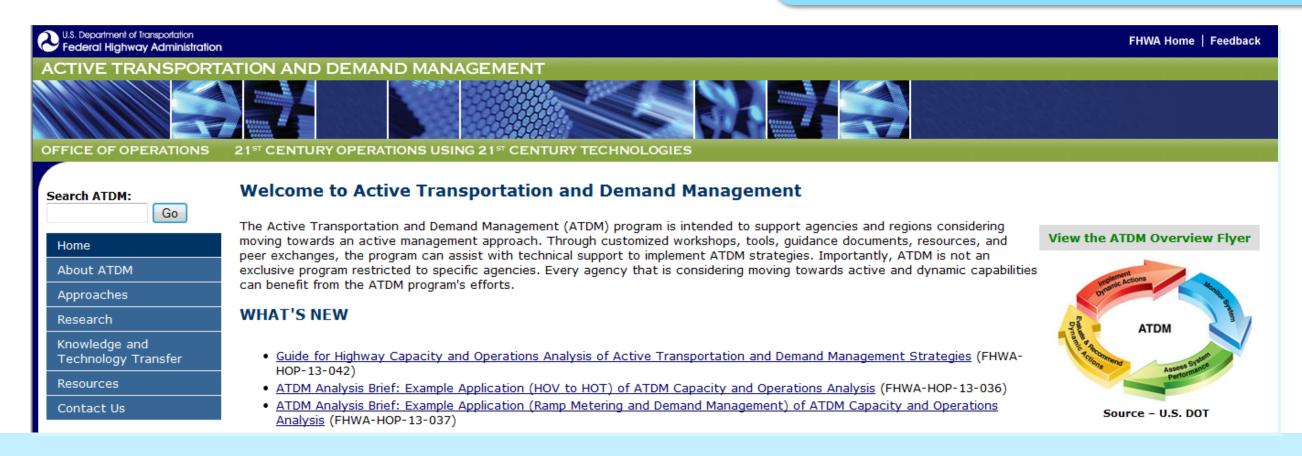
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http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/atdm/about/program.htm





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Traffic Operations; ITS Strategies; Regional Transportation Management Center Operations and Integration; ICM Concept of Operations

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Congestion Reduction and Traffic Planning Solutions for the I-76 Corridor



Built It, Renew It and Operate It









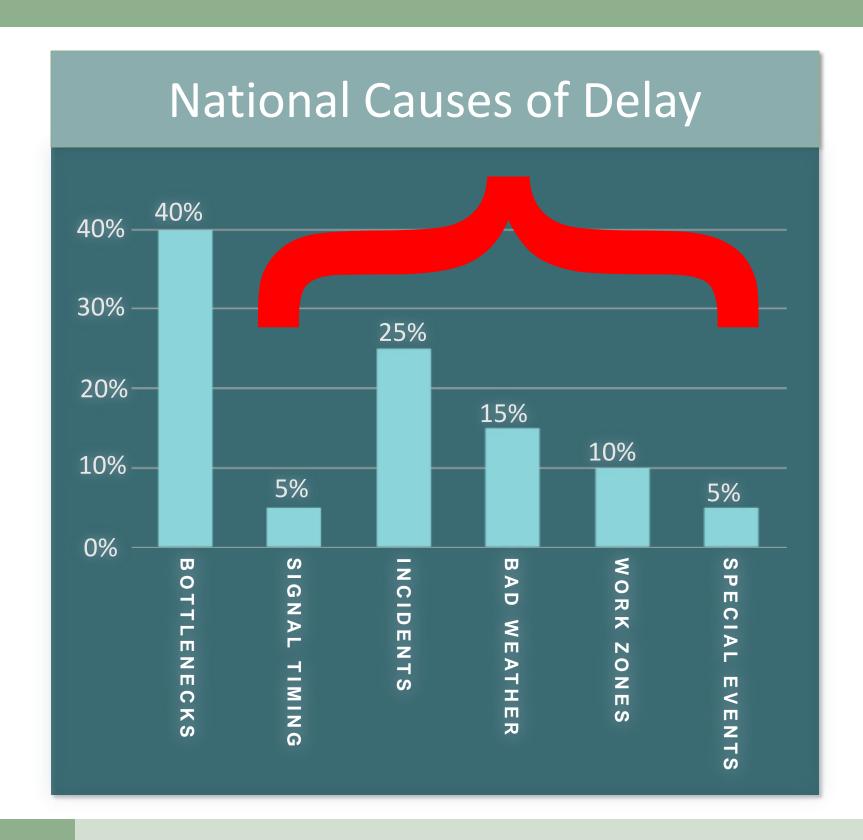


Delivering the system's benefits to our customers

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Benefits of Operations



Benefits of Operations Initiatives

- Region-wide impact
- Prompt implementation
- High benefit and low cost
- Positive public response



Active Traffic Management/ICM

Operate Efficiently

- 1. Real Time Monitoring/Performance Measures
- 2. Real Time Incident Mitigation
- 3. Real Time Signal Management
- 4. Real Time Partner Coordination

Manage Demand and Strategically Add Capacity

- 1. Real Time Parking Information
- 2. Real Time Traffic and Transit Vehicle Information
- 3. Real Time Lane Management
- 4. Ramp Metering

Enhance Safety



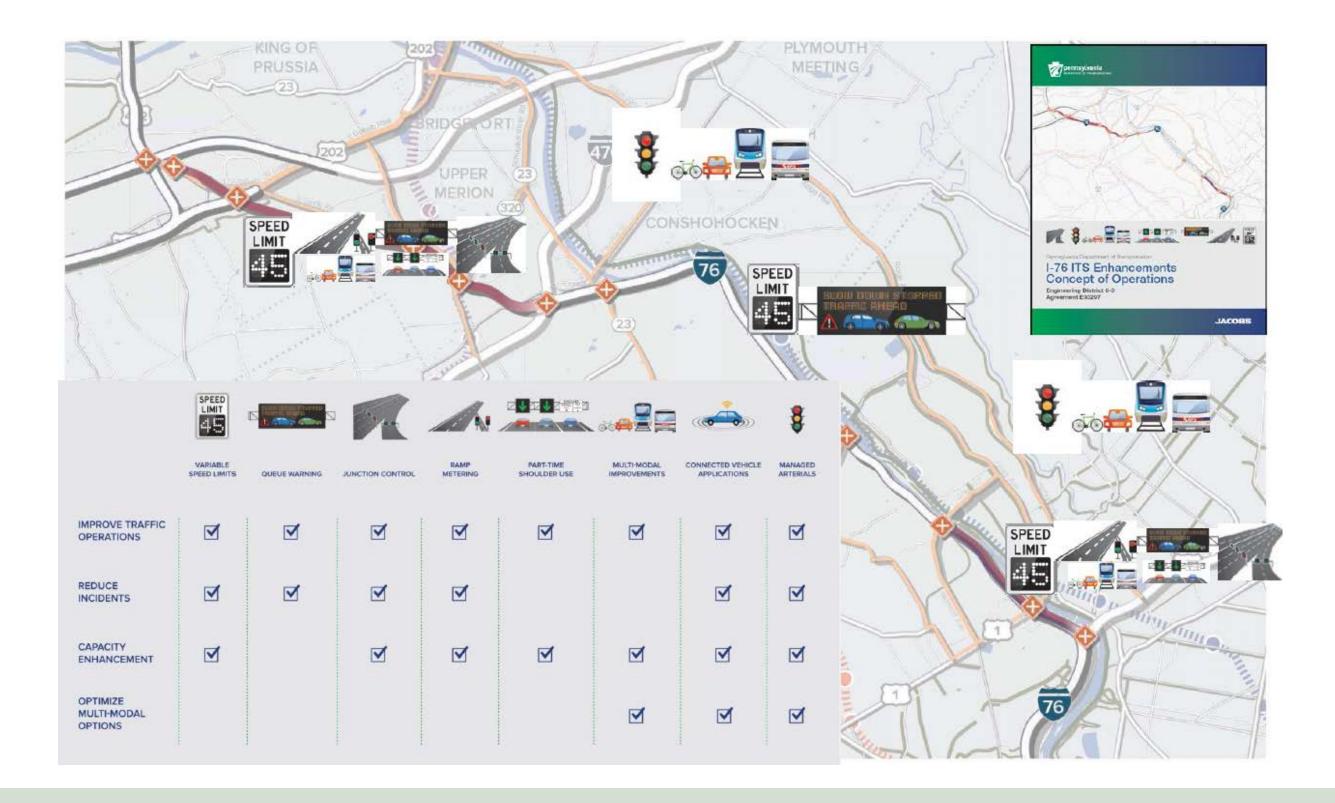
PennDOT District 6 – Active Traffic Management

Part-Time Shoulder Use – District 6-0 Projects Underway or Being Considered for Development

- I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) from US 202 to I-476 (Blue Route), and I-76 WB from US 1 to Belmont Avenue
- I-467 (Blue Route) from West Chester Pike to I-95, plus I-95 SB to US 322
- US 422 from PA 29 to US 202
- US 30 Reconstruction from Coatesville to Downingtown



I-76 ICM — Project Focus/Limits





Active Traffic Management Strategies



Variable Speed Limits



Dynamic Lane Assignments and Junction Control



Queue Detection / Warning



Proactive Management of Traffic Signals



Ramp Metering

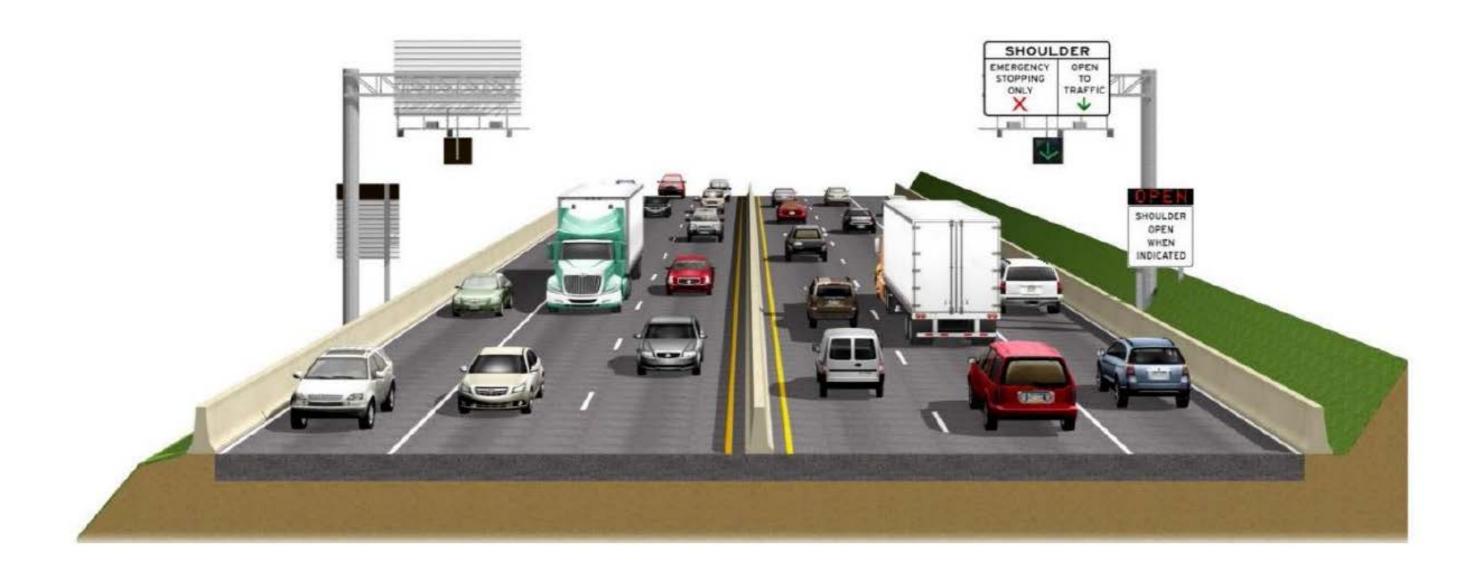


Multimodal Transit Improvements

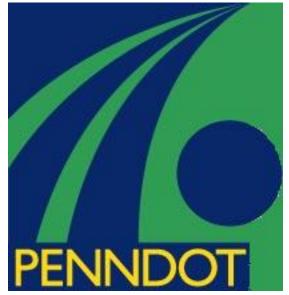


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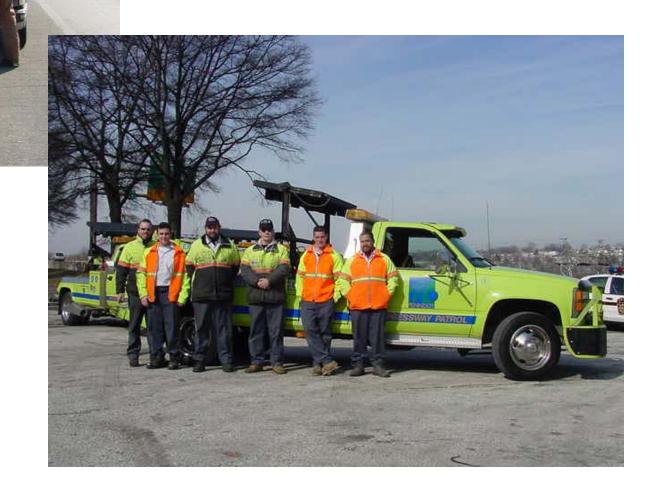
Part-Time Shoulder Use



Increased Expressway Service Patrol Coverage









PennDOT District 6 – Active Traffic Management

Benefits of Part-Time Shoulder Use

- Smaller operational footprint requiring less R/W
- <u>Less</u> environmental impacts
- <u>Faster</u> project delivery
- More <u>economical</u>
- Scope is <u>scaled</u> to fit the traffic demand



Congestion Management – Traffic Management/Arterials

- Traffic Signal Upgrade
- Public safety agency collaboration
- Local government/MPO/RTPA cooperation
- Trail Improvement and end trail connections to transportation facilities
- Transit Improvements—Real Time Headway Improvements (Bus/Rail)
 - Additional Train Cars, Buses in Real Time
 - Additional Bus Service and Employer Shuttles
 - Parking Garages, Park And Ride Lots and Real Time Parking Information
- Corridor Intelligent Transportation Systems Expansion
 - Camera/Travel Time Detectors
 - Dynamic Message Signs on Arterials
 - Software
 - Transit Priority



Traveler Information – Transit Real Time Vehicle Information

Beginning at 10pm on Wednesday, 11/15.

- SEPTA Hopes to Make Commutes Smoother with Launch of Newest App.
- Is your train's arrival time a mystery? SEPTA's hoping to fix that once again.
- The transit authority launched the latest version of its app for iPhone and Android users Wednesday night, promising the most up-to-date information on travel times and easier-to-understand navigation as well as alerts to improve the commuting experience for SEPTA's often-frustrated customers.
- SEPTA's app was built with customer feedback in mind, the agency said in an announcement. The feedback likely wasn't to difficult to locate—customers' complaints are easily found on social media. Inaccurate travel times are a recurring theme.
- Philadelphia Inquirer



Regional Traffic Management Center – Signal Operations

Floor Operations

- Implementing incident timings
 - Monitor Arterials and coordinate response similar to Freeways.
 - Strive to Maximize throughput of the entire system through travel time, incident notification posted on DMS and coordination with partners.

Other Every Day Activities

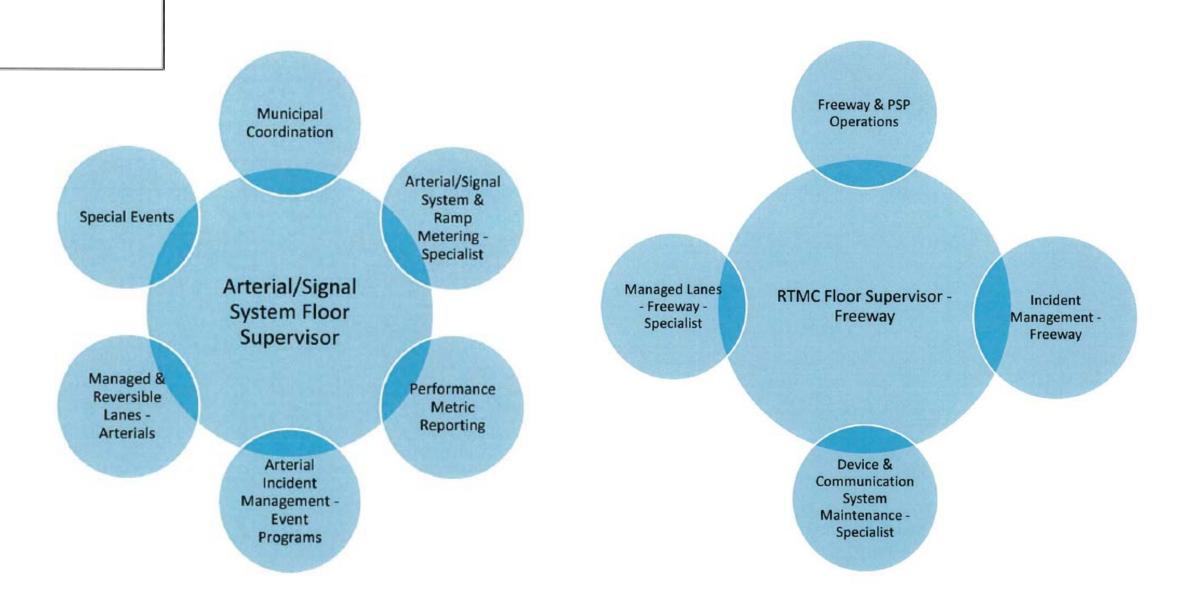
- Ensure complete communications with corridor's and proper function of system components.
 - Determine what the timings should be and download to signal systems.
 - Coordinate repair needs with partners.



RTMC: Real Time Operations (Workforce)

Overall TSMO PROGRAM

- Operations Monitoring
- System Management
- Incident/Event Response
- Reporting





Thank You

- Rendering of Proposed RTMC
- Capital Authorization In Place (Funds Already In Place on the TIP)





King of Prussia Rail Extension; On-Corridor Station Improvement Projects; Traveler Information

Elizabeth Smith, Manager of Long Range Planning SEPTA



I-76 Transit Snapshot

- Currently have 5 bus routes that utilize I-76 as part of their route, with combined route ridership of over 9,000 riders per day.
- Few parallel alternative routes available between Center City and Main Line/KOP
- Due to congestion and uncertainty in trip times, these bus routes are low performers in terms of on-time performance



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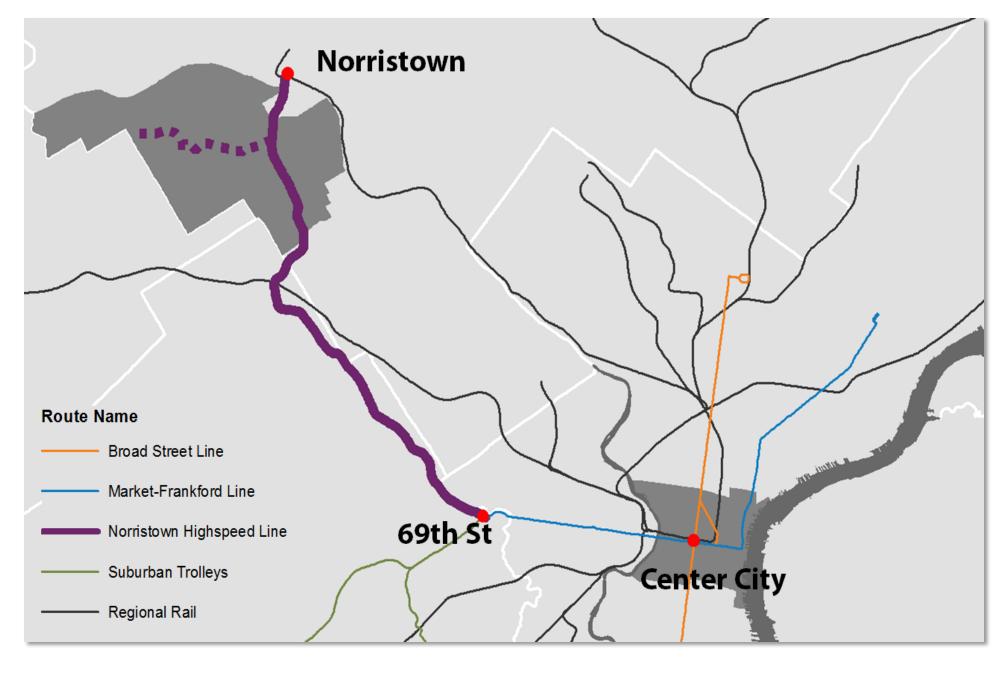
Short Term Transit Projects

- Nearby station improvements and enhanced parking capacity
 - Conshohocken Station
- Potential for variable message signing to alert drivers to alternate
 SEPTA service
 - Next to arrive trains
 - Total trip time
 - Parking availability



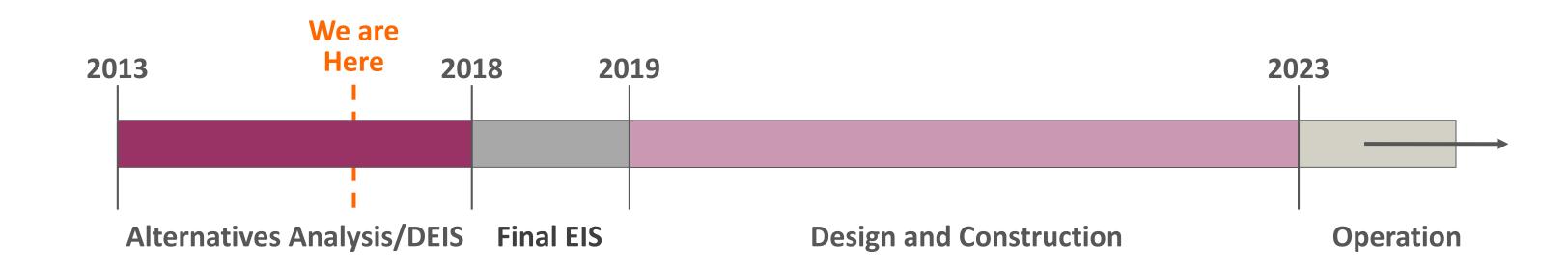
Long Term Transit Projects

King of Prussia Rail





Long Term Transit Projects



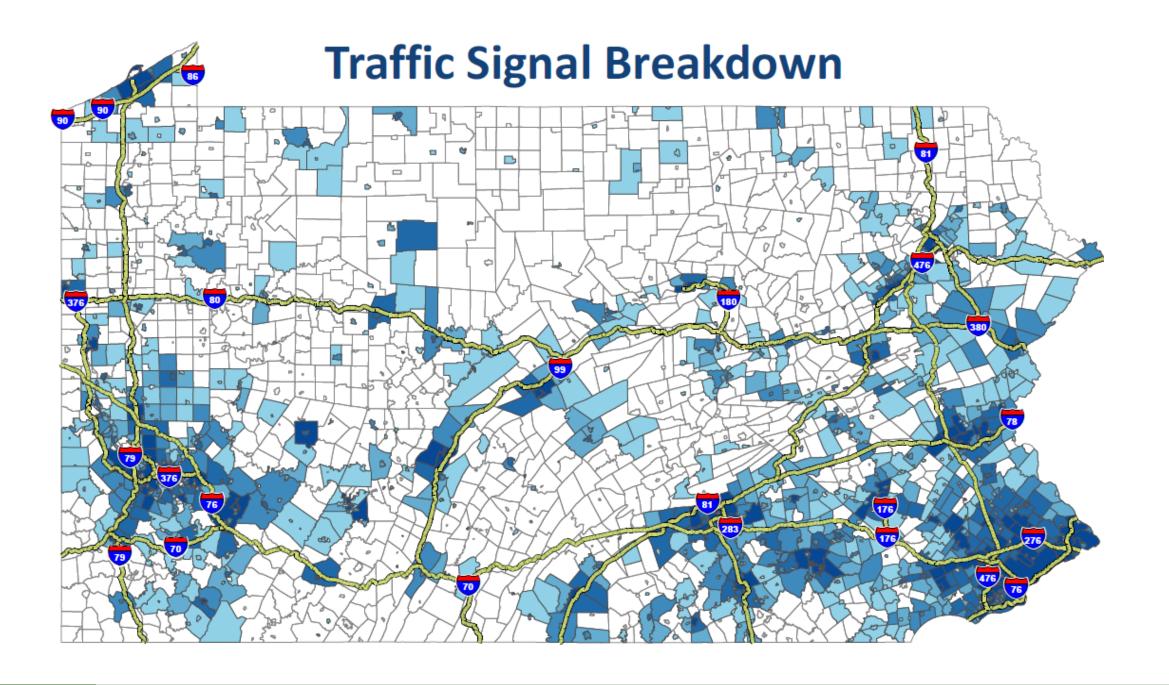
- 4.5 miles in length, 5 stations, almost 10,000 riders per day
- Total capital cost of \$1.2 B
- Significant travel time savings 30 minutes each way

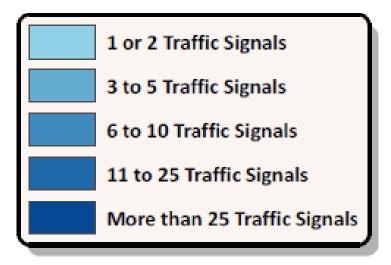
I-76 Parallel Corridors Signal Operations; PennDOT Traffic Signal Ownership & Maintenance Pilot; Municipal Outreach

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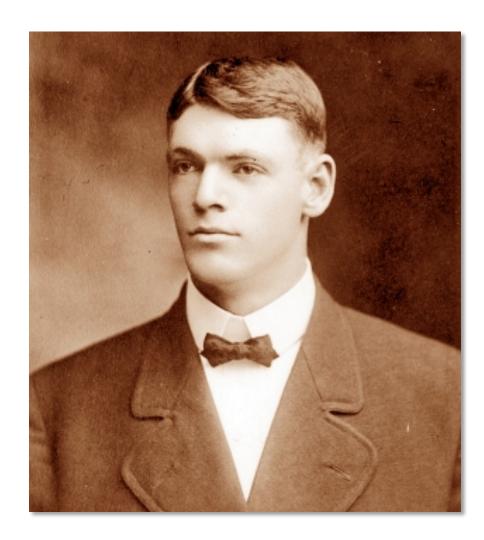


- 1,200 municipal signal owners
- 14,000 signals in Pennsylvania
- 75% own less than10 signals
- 80%+ maintained by contractors
- 10,500 (77%) on state highways









Lester Wire
Salt Lake City Police Department



William Potts
Detroit Police Department



- Act 403 of 1929
- Act 360 of 1937
- Late 1940s
 - Earliest records of Department of Highways issuing signal permits
 - Engineering District performed study with Central Office issuing permit
- 1970s Engineering District performs study AND issues permit







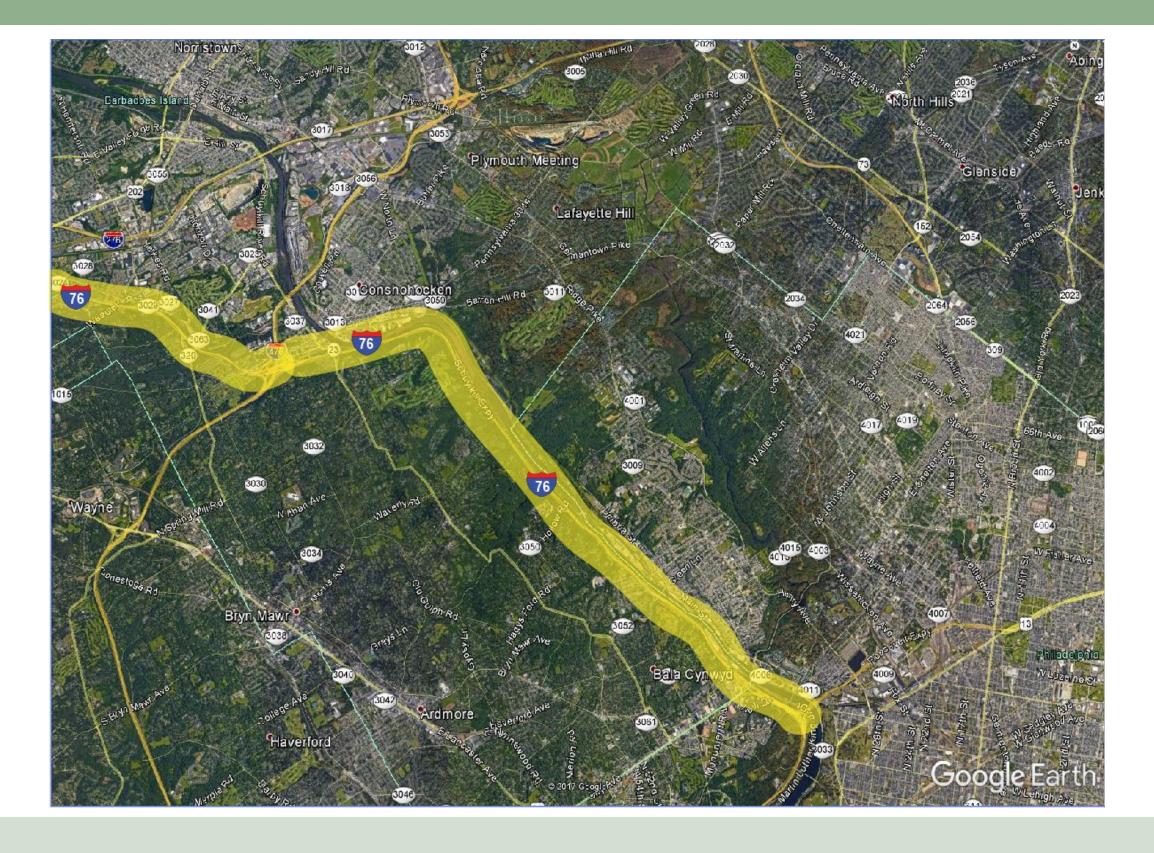


Pennsylvania Act 101 (2016)

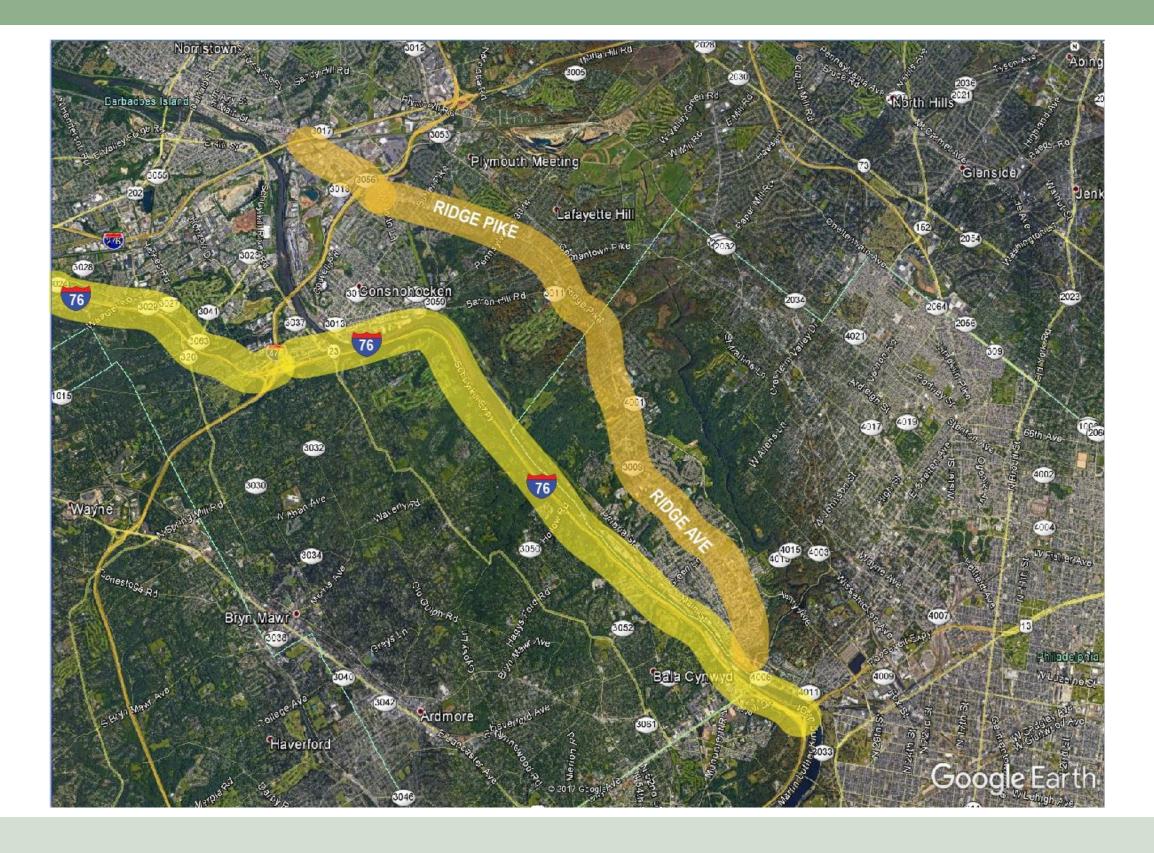
- Act 101 (2016) updated Act 89 of 2013 which created Title 75, Section 9511(e.1) new funding program for signalized corridors.
- Gives PennDOT the authority to install, replace, synchronize, time, own, operate or maintain traffic signals
- Authorized for state highways or local roadways
- Allows Secretary of Transportation to identify a Pilot Program for PennDOT managed traffic signals, with notification in PA Bulletin
- Pilot Program Evaluation completed by January 2022

The critical corridors adjacent to I-76 were identified as candidates for this Pilot Program

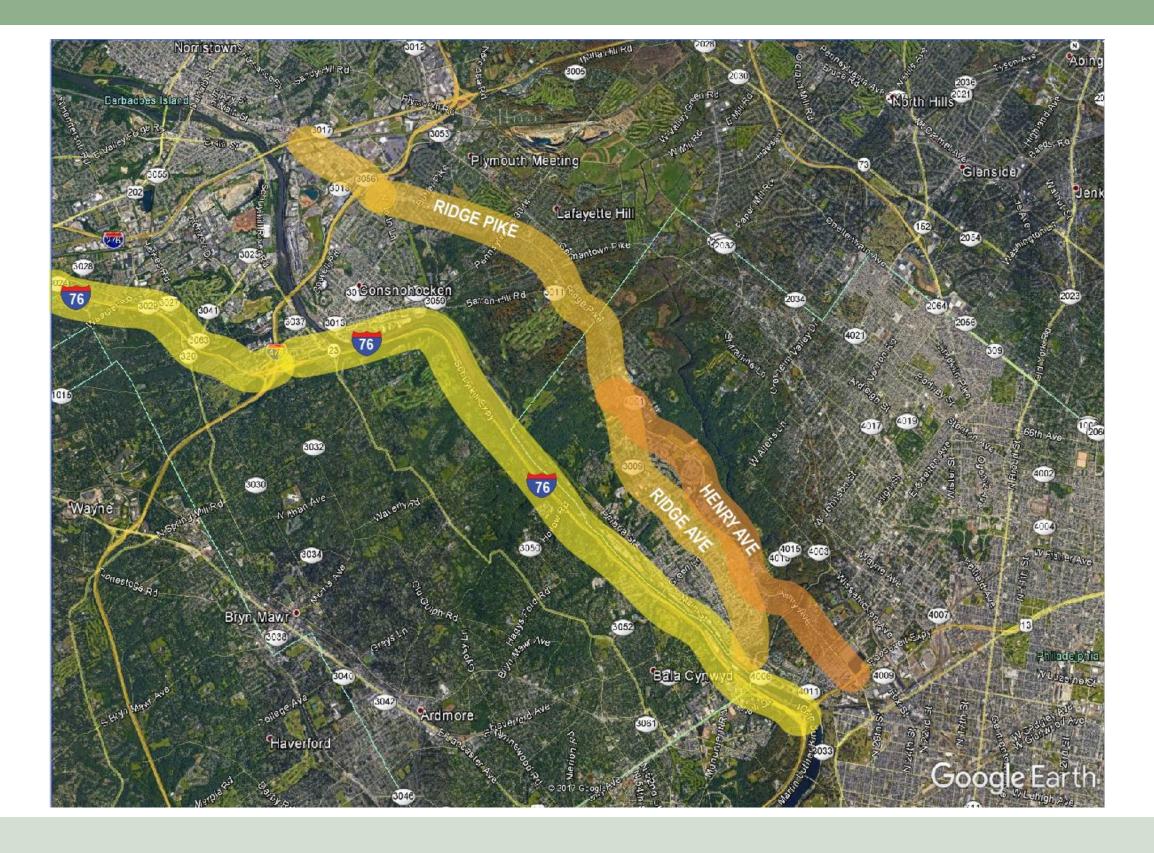


























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Municipal Feedback & Concerns

- Generally positive feedback regarding PennDOT Signal Ownership
 & Maintenance transfer
- Define roles and responsibilities in emergency response
- Concern regarding Outages and Response Times
- Local Project Coordination
- Existing In-house municipal signal maintenance staff
- PennDOT maintenance contracts & staffing
- Liability transfer to PennDOT



Regional Traffic Signal Operations and Management Plan

Command and Control Software Requirements

Performance Measures Reporting

Maintenance Contracts

Sustainable Municipal Partnership & Engagement

Municipal Cooperative Maintenance Agreements

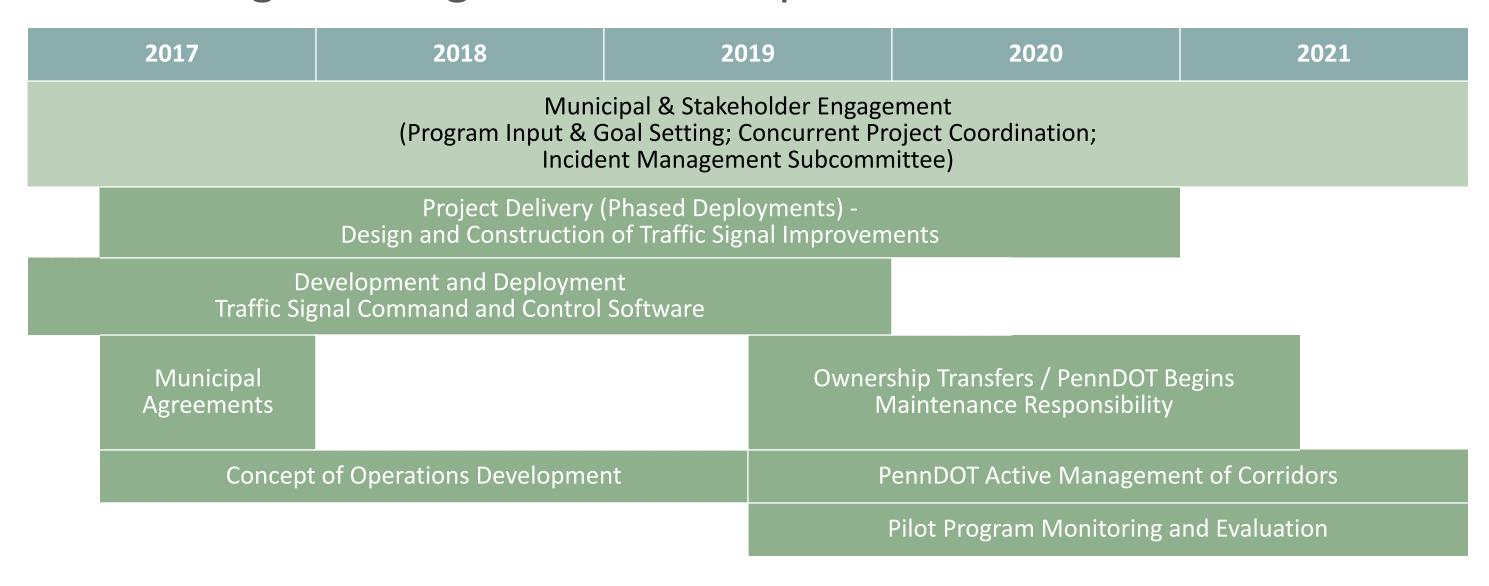
Signal System
Concept of Operations

PennDOT Traffic Signal Operations Staffing

Equipment Requirements and Standards



Advancing the Program - Next Steps



A full assessment and evaluation of this Pilot Program is due to the Secretary of Transportation in January 2022.



Incident Management and Emergency Responder Coordination; State Police Partnership; Peer Agency Information Sharing

Chris King, Manager, Office of Transportation Operations Management, DVRPC



I-76/I-476 Crossroads Traffic Incident Management Task Force (IMTF)



Version 1.0 / October 2017

TRAFFIG INGIDENT
OPERATING GUIDELINES

76 476 309 422

- Established in 1999
- 1st Corridor TIM Team in Pennsylvania
- Includes portions of Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware Counties
- Covering portions of I-76, I-476, US 202, US 422, PA Turnpike
- Stakeholders include PennDOT, PA State Police, PA Turnpike, Montgomery County, local fire, police, EMS, towing and other applicable agencies
- Successes
- -Traffic Incident Operating Guidelines



FHWA Part Time Shoulder Use Peer Exchange

- June 7, 2016
- FHWA's Viewpoint
 - National Shoulder Use Overview
 - A Local Perspective
- Peer Panel Discussion of Shoulder Use and Across the Country
 - Virginia
 - Washington State
 - Minnesota
 - Michigan
- Opportunity for responders to express any issues and concerns



Additional Outreach

Virginia DOT / I-66 HSR Scanning Tour

- September 20-21, 2016
- Representatives from PA State Police, PennDOT Central Office, District 6 and Lower Merion Township Fire Department
- Firsthand look at their I-66 Part Time Shoulder Use Lanes and Virginia DOT Traffic
 Management Center in Fairfax
 - Discuss with Virginia DOT and local responders about operation and emergency response

<u>I-76 ICM – Emergency Responders Meeting</u>

- September 19, 2017
- Provide I-76 ATM Updates, Scope and schedule and discuss in detail responder concerns and issues



Identified Concerns by Local Emergency Responders

- Communications
- Response
- Pre-Planning
- Traffic Management

Identified Concerns by Local Emergency Responders

Communications

- Incident verification and getting correct information to responders
- Responders need direct communication with PennDOT and PSP
- CAD integration is needed...overcoming technological and institutional barriers

Response

- How do we get there in gridlock?
- Limited space "splitting" traffic not an option in large parts of project area
- What about debris? What about abandoned vehicles?
- Swing gates, turnarounds



Identified Concerns by Local Emergency Responders

Pre-Planning

- Potential response strategies may be against longstanding procedures.
- First responder needs must be included in the planning phase (i.e. accessibility for responder vehicles)
- Adjacent access areas must be identified, developed, and maintained

Traffic Management

- Responders don't always have the manpower to close lanes, manage traffic, etc.
- Vehicles restrictions on shoulder lanes? No trucks?



Looking Ahead

- Operational Scenarios
- Opportunity to use IMTF as a forum and outreach
- Discussion to form subcommittee of IMTF to regarding Traffic Signals to gain more municipal input to the operation of signals during incident when PennDOT takes ownership.



Project Management and Delivery

Jay Roth, Transportation Group Manager Jacobs



I-76 ICM = Operational Improvement Program

Traditional Improvements	Operational Improvements	
Standard Highway Design Approach (capacity & criteria)	Performance Based, Practical Design (flexibility & metrics)	
Expand by adding lanes with full width shoulders	More effectively utilize existing geometry with minimal expansion	
Larger Project Footprint	Little Widening Required. Limited Right of Way	
Significant Environmental Clearance & Permitting Required	Limited Environmental Impacts	
Significant Construction Impacts and Duration (approx. 10-15 years)	Reduced Construction Impacts and Duration (approx. 4-6 years)	
High Construction Cost – More Difficult to Fund	Required Funding Available for Programming	

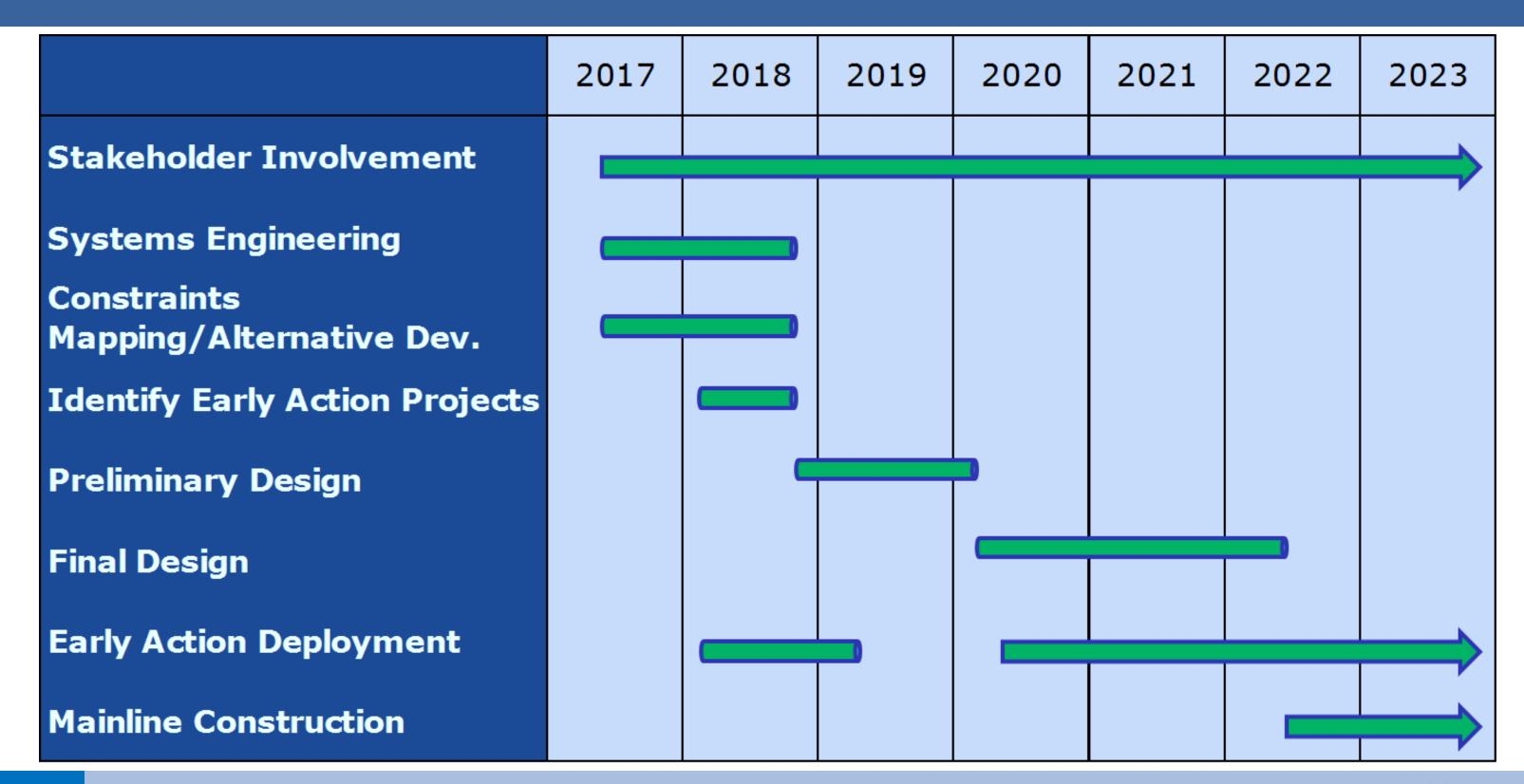
Project Limits and Scope



Approach & Execution

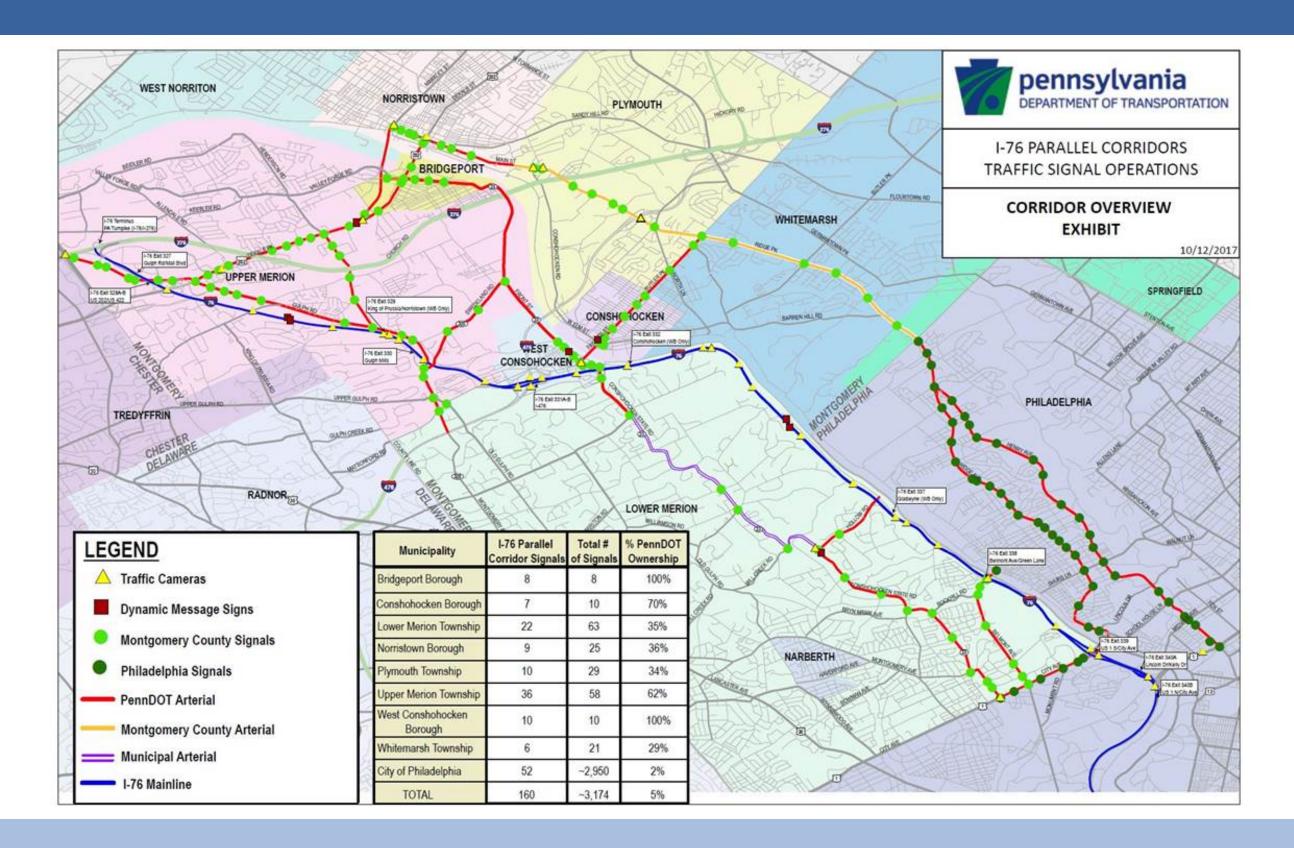
	Public and Stakeholder Involvement Track	Civil Design Track	ITS Design Track
Performance Based Practical Design	Launch website & social mediaInitial stakeholder meetingsIMC visioning	 Survey and mapping Baseline infrastructure assessment Utility, ROW, and environmental investigations Establish design criteria and line & grade ATM Gate 1: Project Alternative Selection 	 Systems engineering analysis DVRPC model coordination Traffic and safety analysis Preliminary device layout
Alternative Development	 Public meeting #1 (progress and input) SEPTA and multimodal outreach IMC tabletop exercises 	 Continue field work and base plans Determine primary bid package composition Overhead bridge CEE and design field view 	 Develop software requirements Ramp metering site analysis Coordinate arterial corridor enhancements
	ATM Gate 2: Identify Early Action Projects and Final Design Scope • Public meeting #2 (early action • Preliminary ITS design		
esign Field Viewand Early Action Deployment	 areas and ATM education) Stakeholder meetings and coordination IMC early action project approval 	 Overhead bridge final design Pull-off and access ramp design Mainline sections preliminary design and NEPA clearances 	 Final design for early action ITS Develop ITS continuity plan Identify connected vehicle applications
ATM Gate 3: Complete Early Action Design and Main Section Design Field View Approval			
nal Design and Early Action nplementation	 Public meeting #3 (early action and final design) Stakeholder updates and SEPTA messaging IMC mainline project approval 	 Construct early action bridges Construct early action pull-offs and ramps Mainline sections final design, clearances, and permits 	 Implement early action ITS Complete ITS design for shoulder running and junction control
를 <u></u> 드	ATM Gate 4: Final Design	Complete – Early Action Complete/Ongoin	ng and Major Project Let

Overall Schedule





Program-Wide Coordination



Stakeholder & Public Outreach

- Meeting regularly with the I-76 ICM Executive Stakeholders, Advisory Committee and Emergency Responders
- Website & Project Branding Underway
 - Website URL: www.TRANSFORM76.com
- Provide a clearinghouse for educational and public outreach materials, as well as cover all ongoing corridor enhancement projects
- Developing Social Media Accounts in line with an overall communications plan
- Go Live Before start of Early Action (VSL / QW) contractor activities on the corridor in Spring 2018









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I-76 ITS Concept of Operations; ATM Strategies Development ITS & Systems Design

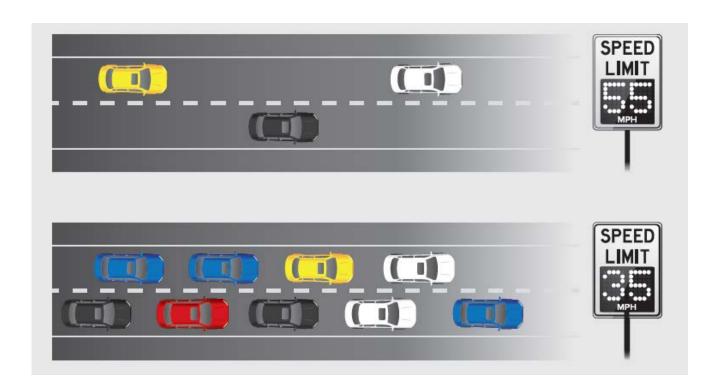
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Jacobs



Variable Speed Limit and Queue Warning Early Action

- Primary Goal Reduce Rear-End Crashes and Harmonize Flow
- Overall Status
 - Design Nearing Completion
 - Project Let Date February, 2018
 - Construction Start Date April, 2018
 - Construction Complete December, 2018
 - Go-Live March, 2019
- Project Elements
 - 73Variable Speed Limit Signs
 - Nine(9) Dynamic Message Signs
 - New ATMS Software Module







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Systems Engineering/Preliminary ITS Scoping

- Validating Concept of Operations
- Developing Systems Requirements
- Emergency Response Scenarios
- ITS Architecture Conformance
- Developing ATM/ICM Design Criteria
 - Gantry Spacing, Layout, Configuration
 - Junction Control & Lane Use Concepts
 - Emergency Pull-off and Access Needs/Constraints
 - Ramp Metering Warrants
 - Communications/Power Redundancy



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Traffic Modeling



Safety Analysis

