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What are the Benefits of the Project?

The project will enhance Norristown and Plymouth Township in several ways:

Spur economic revitalization

It is difficult and time-consuming to access downtown Norristown and the industrial areas of Plymouth Township from the highway network. The Lafayette Street Project will create quick and convenient access to both by shortening the time to only two minutes from the Turnpike.

Provide traffic management and congestion relief

The project will reduce trucks along Main Street, create two-way access to the riverfront at Ford Street, balance traffic in the area, and ease congestion along Ridge Pike.

Improve trail and pedestrian connections

Phase 3 includes many improvements for trail users, pedestrians, and transit riders, such as wide sidewalks, upgrades near SEPTA's Norristown Transportation Center, and better accessibility to the Schuylkill River and Chester Valley Trails.

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Photo of the completed Phase 2 construction looking east on Ridge Pike at the new Conshohocken Road intersection.



Photo of the completed Phase 1 construction looking toward Norristown showing the bridge over Ross Street and the Schuylkill River Trail between the new Lafayette Street and the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge.



Phase 3 rebuilt Lafayette Street in front of the SEPTA Norristown Transportation Center. Improvements included safer pedestrian connections from transit to the county courthouse complex. The Phase 5 connection to the Dannehower Bridge will be built in the distance.

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Phases 1-3 Complete!

What is the Lafayette Street Project?

The Lafayette Street Extension Project is a \$90 million effort led by Montgomery County to improve road and highway access into downtown Norristown and Plymouth Township. The purpose is to encourage economic revitalization in the county seat and surrounding areas by making faster and more convenient connections to the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276) and other nearby highways.

The Lafayette Street Extension Project consists of the following phases:

Phase 1 – Extended Lafayette Street eastward from Ford Street in Norristown to an eventual new Turnpike interchange near Conshohocken Road in Plymouth (**completed in 2015**)

Phase 2 – Widened Ridge Pike just east of Norristown and realigned the Fairfield Road/Conshohocken Road/Diamond Avenue intersection to handle new traffic (**completed in 2017**)

Phase 3 – Rebuilt and widened Lafayette Street in downtown Norristown into a boulevard with new multi-modal connections to the Schuylkill River and Chester Valley Trails (**completed in 2020**)

An additional two phases are in design or planned by others:

Phase 4 – Construct a new PA Turnpike (I-276) interchange to Lafayette Street and Ridge Pike (**under design by the PA Turnpike**)

Phase 5 – Construct a new half-diamond interchange with US 202 South at the Dannehower Bridge (**planned by PennDOT**)

Who is Paying for the Project?

Phases 1-3 are a financial partnership between the Federal Highway Administration (80%) and Montgomery County (20%). Phase 4 is a \$66 million investment by the PA Turnpike Commission (100%). Funding for Phase 5 will be determined later.

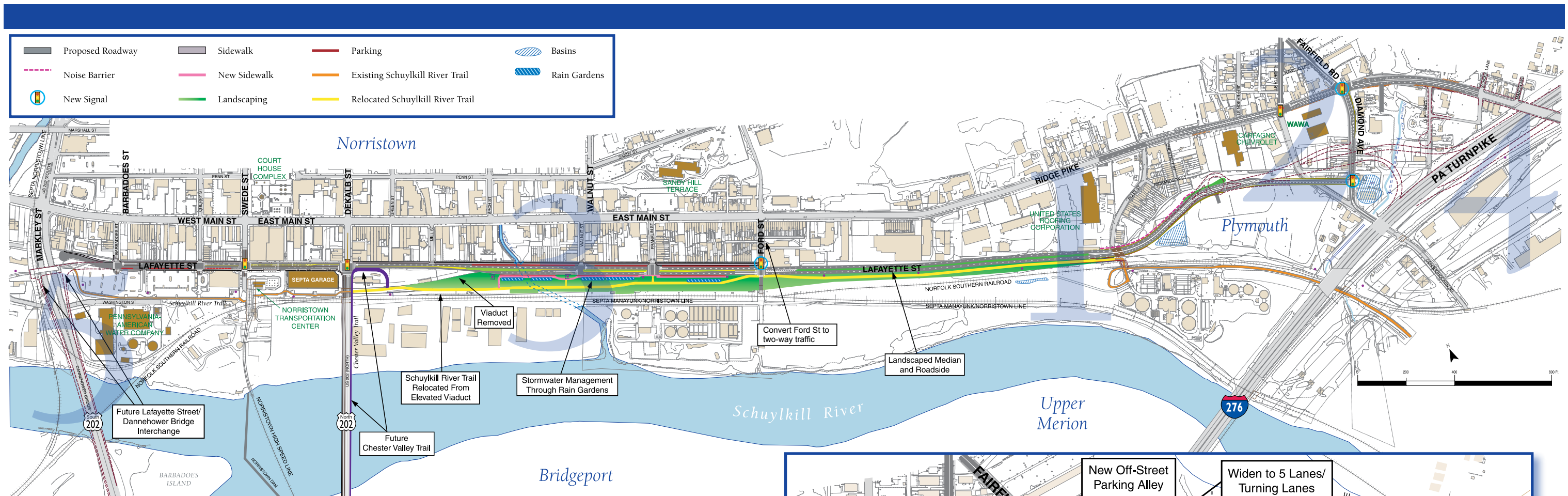
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The Lafayette Street Extension Project area serves Norristown's Main Street and Plymouth Township's Ridge Pike and Conshohocken Road as well as the Schuylkill River waterfront redevelopment area. It is at the core of a significant regional highway and transit system.



Phase 3 construction is complete. In this photo looking east from DeKalb Street, the railroad viaduct is gone, the Schuylkill River Trail is relocated, the Freight Station property is being improved, and Lafayette Street has been widened and extended.



The Lafayette Street Extension Project

A \$90 million investment in improved access and development opportunities for the Municipality of Norristown and Plymouth Township. Sponsored and implemented by Montgomery County in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The project has five phases:

- Phase 1:** Extend Lafayette Street toward Conshohocken Road and Diamond Avenue
Project completed
- Phase 2:** Widen and improve Ridge Pike, Diamond Avenue, and Fairfield Road
Project completed
- Phase 3:** Reconstruct and widen existing Lafayette Street, relocate the Schuylkill River Trail, and create a linear park
Project completed
- Phase 4:** New Interchange with PA Turnpike
Engineering underway by PA Turnpike Commission
- Phase 5:** New Interchange with US-202/Dannehower Bridge
Future project

FUNDING: 80% Federal Highway Administration
20% Montgomery County

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