

# Welcome

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## B&P Tunnel Replacement Program

*Featuring the Frederick Douglass Tunnel, West Baltimore MARC Station, and additional infrastructure upgrades*

## Quarterly Program Outreach Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025

**Virtual Meeting**

# Amtrak Update: NextGen Acela Trains

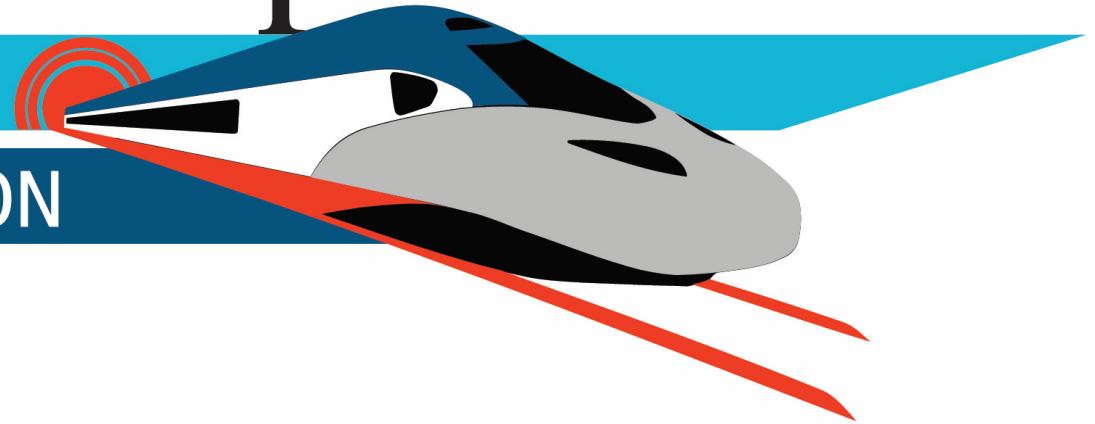


# Refreshed Program Logo

# B&P Tunnel Replacement

FREDERICK DOUGLASS TUNNEL

WEST BALTIMORE MARC STATION



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# Today's Discussion

- Program Overview
- Construction Updates
- Community Investment Program
- Q & A





# Program Overview

# About Amtrak: America's Railroad



- 500+ destinations across 46 states and 3 Canadian provinces
- 22,000+ employees
- 33 million passengers per year

# B&P Tunnel Background

- The existing B&P tunnel connects West Baltimore MARC Station to Baltimore Penn Station and is over 150 years old
- The B&P tunnel carries 14 million passengers per year (Amtrak + MARC Penn Line)

## Top Issues:

- Aging structure
- Frequent train delays through the tunnel
- High maintenance (frequent outages)
- No redundancy & resiliency





# Program Area Map





# Program Benefits



Complete  
**MODERNIZATION** of  
Amtrak's **NORTHEAST  
CORRIDOR** in West  
Baltimore



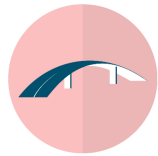
Construction of the  
**NEW FREDERICK  
DOUGLASS TUNNEL**



Construction of a new  
**ADA-ACCESSIBLE**  
West Baltimore  
**MARC STATION**



**MORE RELIABLE**  
Amtrak and MARC  
train service



**IMPROVEMENTS** to  
roadway and bridge  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**



**IMPROVED TRIP  
TIME.** Travel from  
Baltimore to  
Washington in under  
30 minutes



\$50 million for  
**COMMUNITY  
INVESTMENTS**



Approximately  
**20,000 JOBS  
GENERATED** over the  
course of construction



**LOCAL WORKFORCE  
TRAINING** and increased  
regional access to jobs



**ACCESS TO SALVAGED  
MATERIALS** for residents  
of Midtown Edmondson  
and Greater Rosemont  
Historic Districts

# Engagement since 2021



# Construction Questions? Contact Us

- Amtrak has a designated team of professionals available to talk with community members
- **Phone (443) 423-1115**  
Available Monday – Friday  
9:00AM – 5:00PM
  - After hours, please leave a message.
- **Email [bptunnel@amtrak.com](mailto:bptunnel@amtrak.com)**

*Our goal is to respond within  
1 business day to any construction  
related inquiries*



# How the Outreach Team Helps

- What we have done
  - Disseminate notifications of upcoming work
  - Connect callers to appropriate contact
  - Visit properties to assess concerns
  - Facilitate resolutions for construction concerns
- When to call 311 (non-Amtrak related)
  - Trash pick-ups
  - Flooding
  - Sewer overflows







# Construction Updates

# 2025 – 2026 Major Construction Activities


## Fall 2025

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- Relocate utilities
  - Lower W Mulberry St
  - Close Rayner Ave

## Spring 2026

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- Construct W Mulberry St railroad bridge

## Winter 2026

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- Construct south tunnel portal

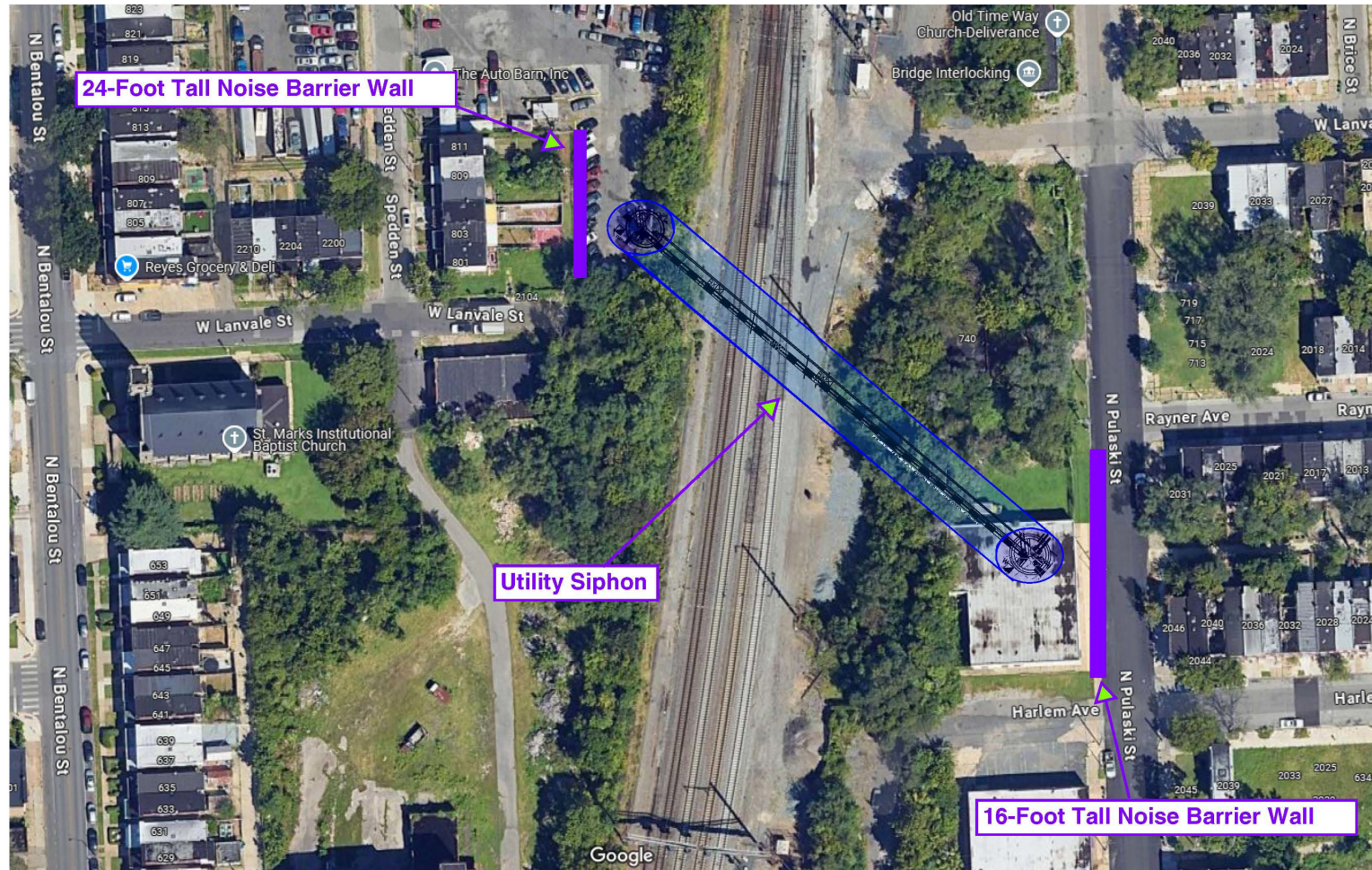
# Current Program Construction Activity Areas





# Utility Siphon Tunnel

- Short tunnel to carry utilities beneath the existing NEC railroad tracks
- Two vertical shafts connect the horizontal tunnel
- Temporary noise barrier walls are in place to help with construction noise





# Storm Drain Relocation

- Relocating storm drain to accommodate future tunnel construction
- W Lafayette St 126" storm drain under construction
- Will connect on N Payson St in next 9 months
- **Duration:**  
Approximately 12 months





# Upcoming Utility Relocations

- Contractors will close Rayner Ave between N Pulaski and N Payson Streets
- Work is to accommodate a 30" water line relocation
- We will maintain pedestrian access to all properties during construction
- **Duration:**  
Approximately 2 months

## NEXT STEP

- Closure of N Payson from Rayner Ave to W Lafayette





# East Siphon Tunnel Shaft and Siphon Tunnel

- Work on East Siphon Shaft





# West Siphon Tunnel Shaft

- Work on West Siphon Shaft

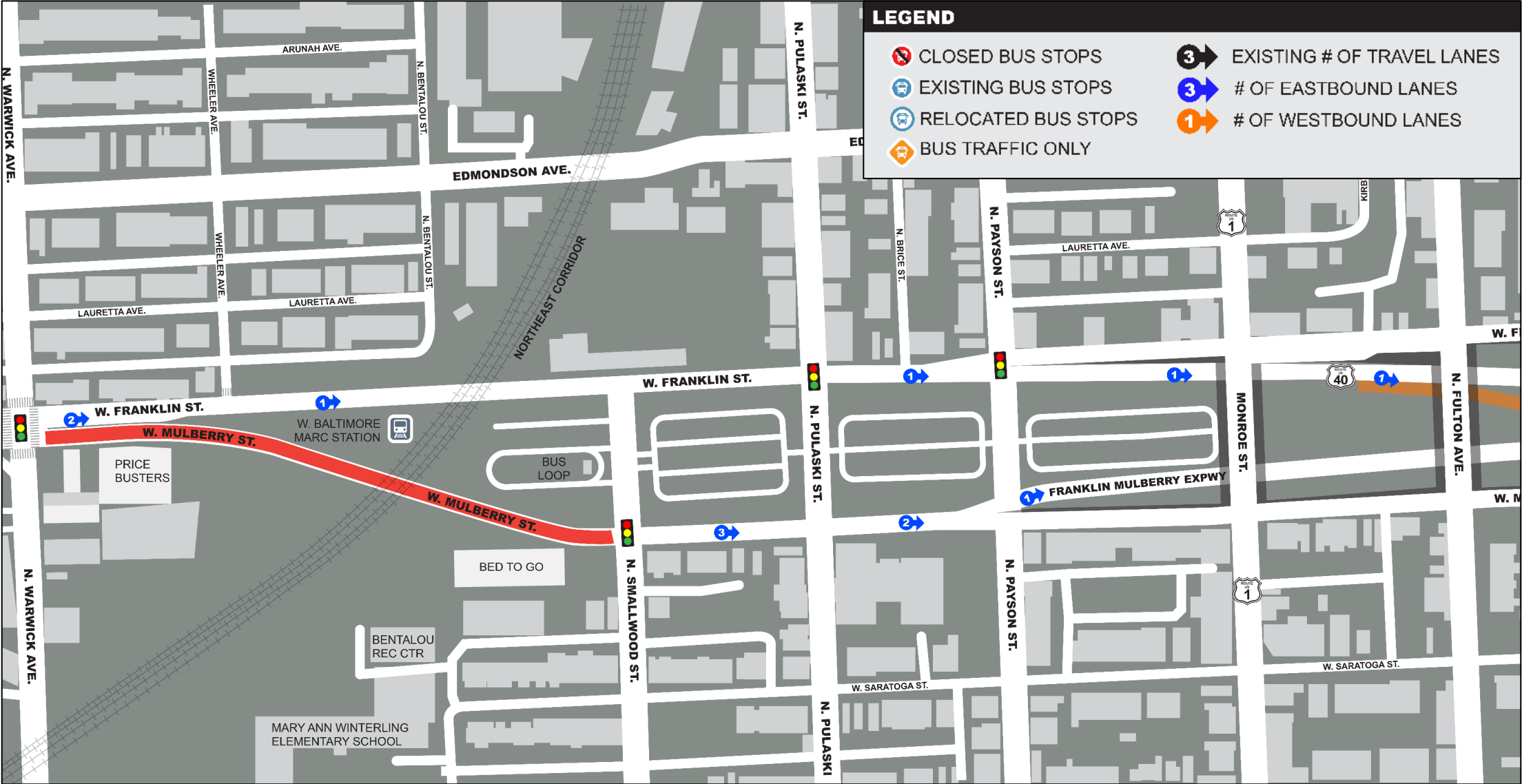


# W Mulberry St Road Closure

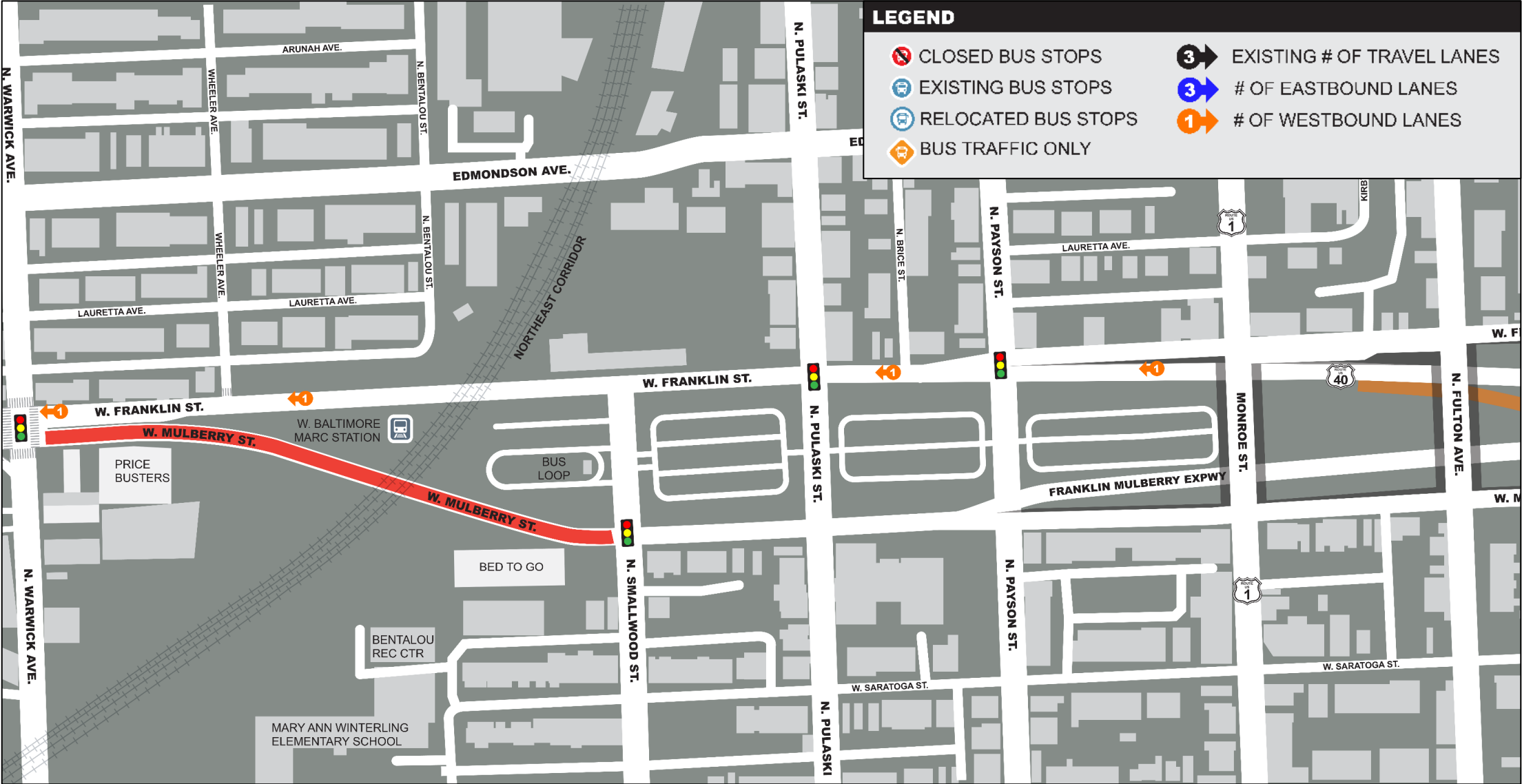
- **Location:**
  - W Mulberry Street between N Warwick and N Smallwood St
- **Estimated Duration:**
  - Approximately 18 – 24 months (mid – late 2027)
- **Details:**
  - Right in / right out movements
  - Local traffic only areas
  - Pedestrian (scooter) crossing locations
  - Shifted bus stops within the corridor
  - W Baltimore MARC parking lot access is maintained



# W Mulberry St Road Closure Overview



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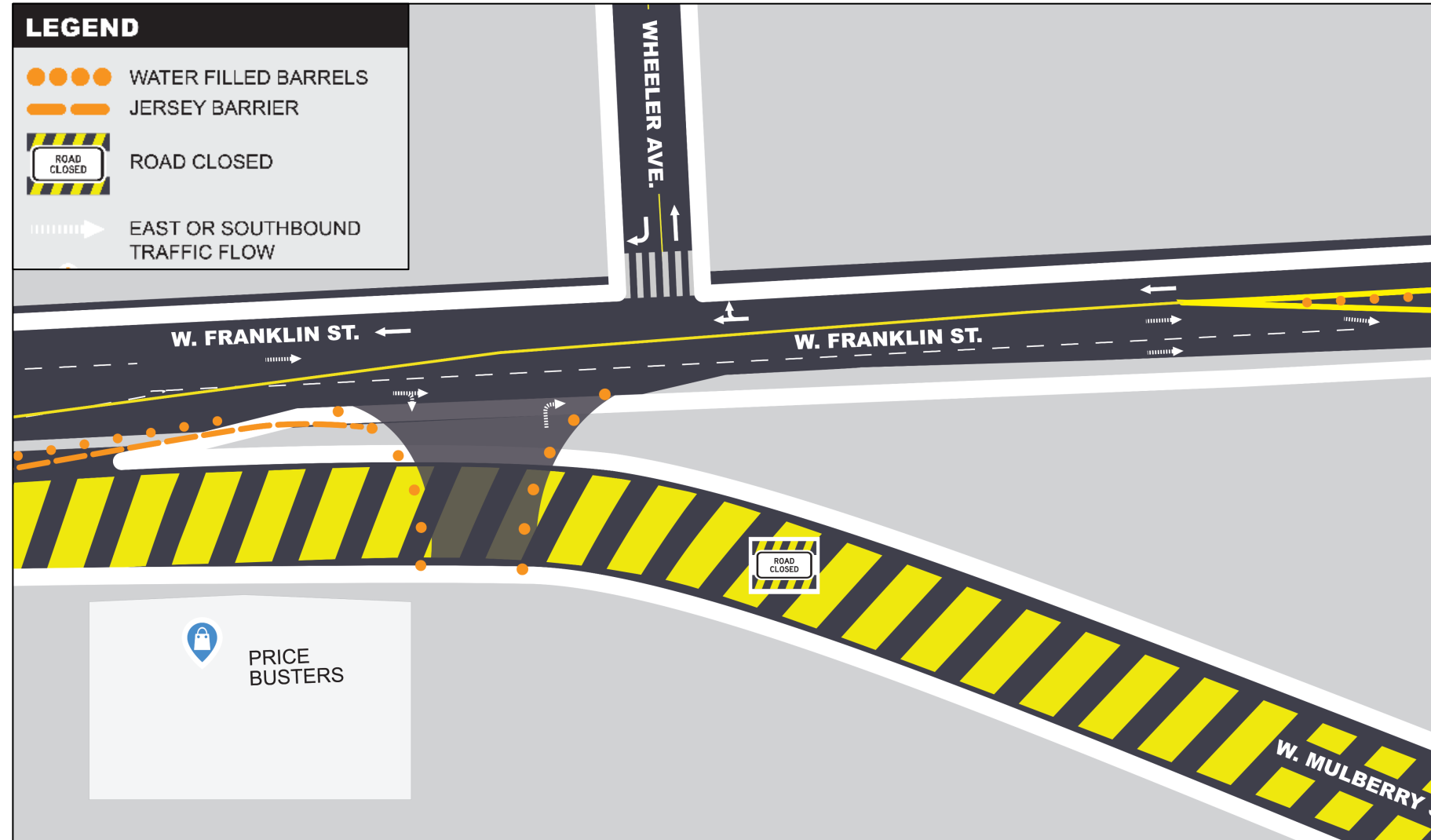
# Intersection N Warwick St and W Franklin St

- Eastbound traffic on W Mulberry St is reduced to 2 lanes east of N Warwick Ave and diverted onto W Franklin St
- Eastbound traffic in the right lane must turn right onto N Warwick Ave
- Eastbound traffic in the left lane must turn left onto N Warwick Ave
- Traffic only has right in / right out access from the new access road to Price Busters



# Intersection W Franklin St and Wheeler Ave

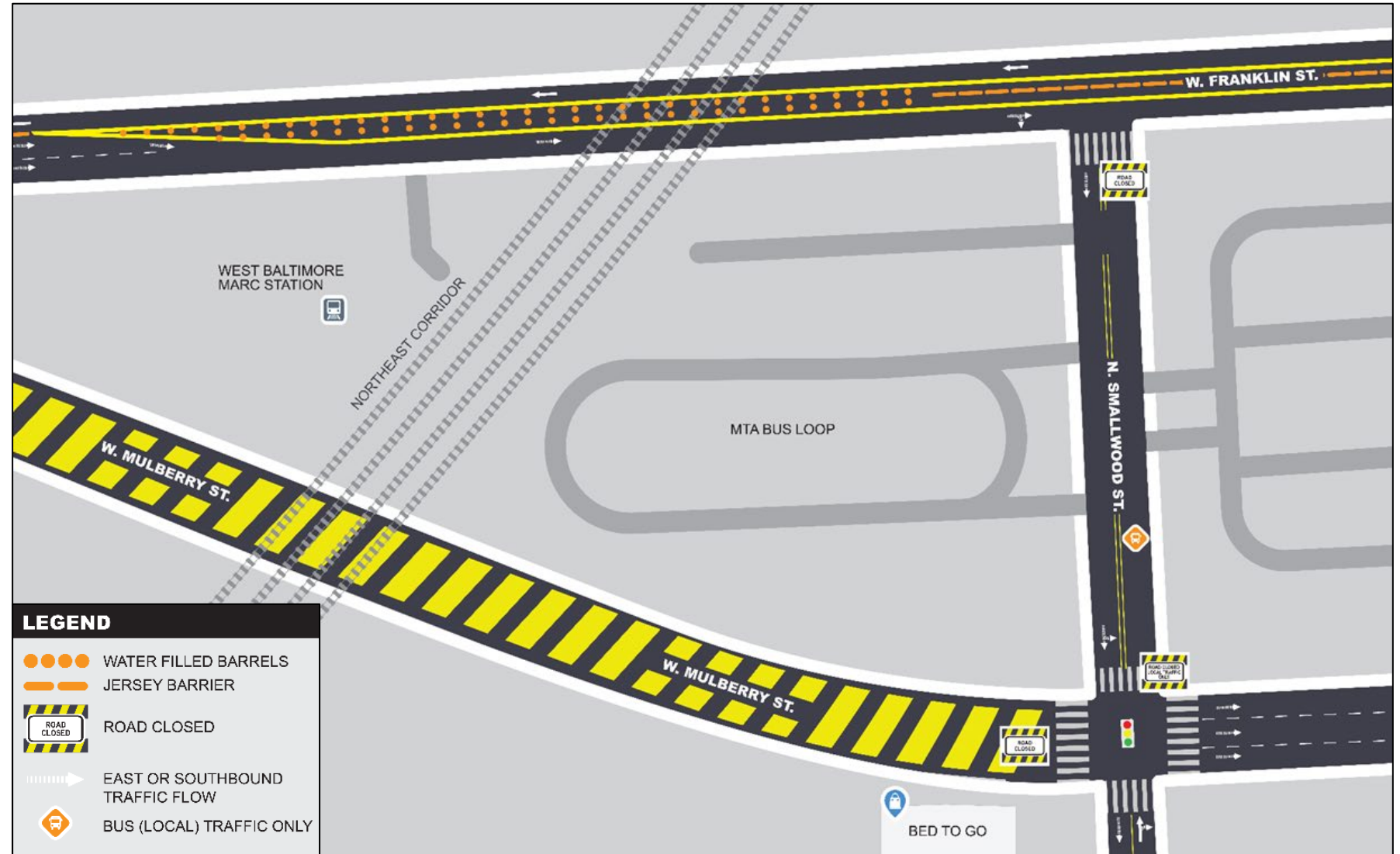
- Right in and right out only from the access road at Price Busters
- Eastbound traffic reduces from two lanes to one lane
- No left turn into Wheeler Ave from W Franklin St Eastbound





# N Smallwood St between Franklin and Mulberry

- Right turn onto N Smallwood St from W Franklin St for transit vehicles and drivers accessing the ADA parking lot at the MTA only
- No left turns onto N Smallwood St off W Franklin St

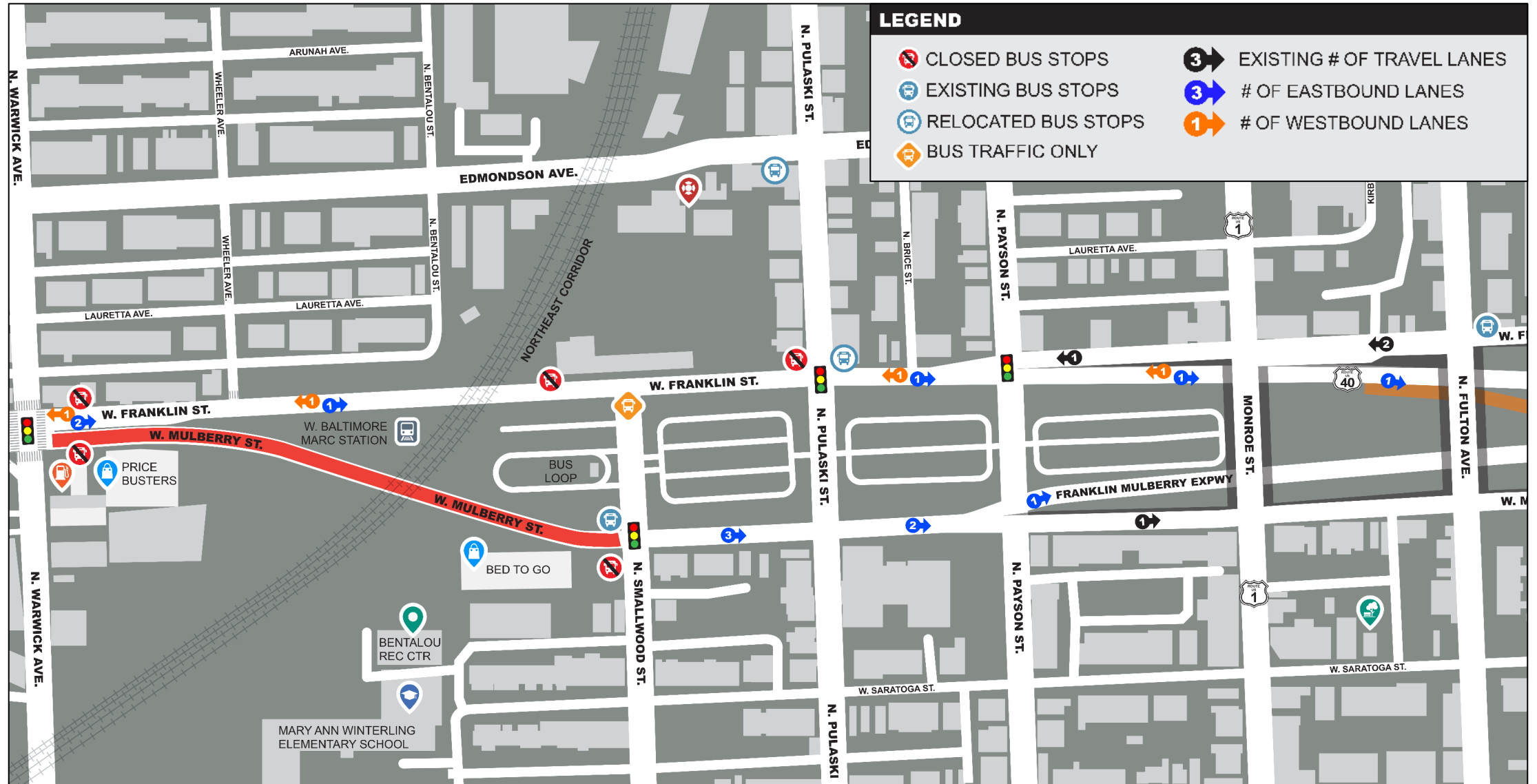


# W Franklin between N Pulaski and N Payson Sts

- Westbound traffic on W Franklin St must turn right at N Payson St and on N Pulaski St
- No left turns are permitted in any direction in this section
- No traffic can cross over W Franklin St going north or southbound



# W Mulberry St Road Closure - Transit



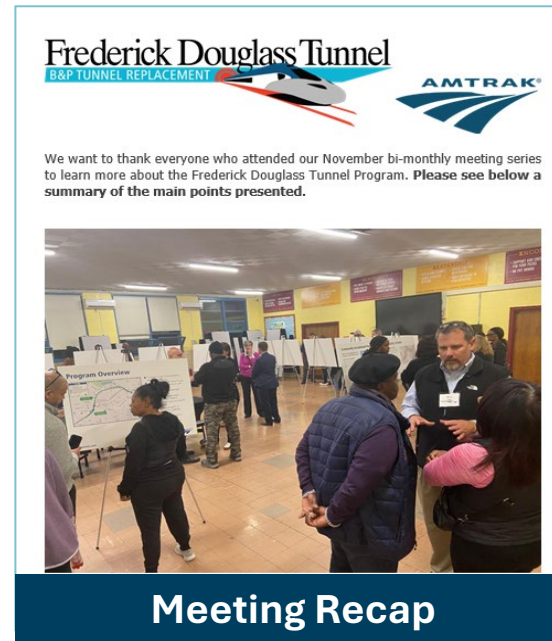
# Key Takeaways About Construction

- Major utility relocation work is underway on the Program
- Traffic detours have started in the vicinity of West Baltimore MARC Station with the closure of W Mulberry Street
- Consider alternate travel paths to W Mulberry St and US 40 if your final destination is not near the MARC Station
- The Program team will come to meet with communities *as requested* to share updates and answer questions



# Sign up for Program Updates

- **Program Emails via Constant Contact**
  - Tool being used to send bi-weekly emails to individuals who opt IN to receive construction notifications or Program information



# Community Investment Program (CIP)

# CIP Program Overview

- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) approved the Program's new rail alignment in 2017
- As a part of that approval, FRA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) that outlined 43 mitigation measures to be implemented during the Program's construction
- The ROD mitigation measures included the establishment of the Community Investment Program (CIP)
- Amtrak has committed to an overall CIP budget of \$50 million

# CIP Purpose & Objectives

## Purpose:

- To fund eligible organizations to complete eligible projects in the West Baltimore communities located within a ¼ mile of the Program alignment that are impacted by the Program (½ mile for transportation projects)

## Objective:

- To have a positive impact in the communities impacted by the Program

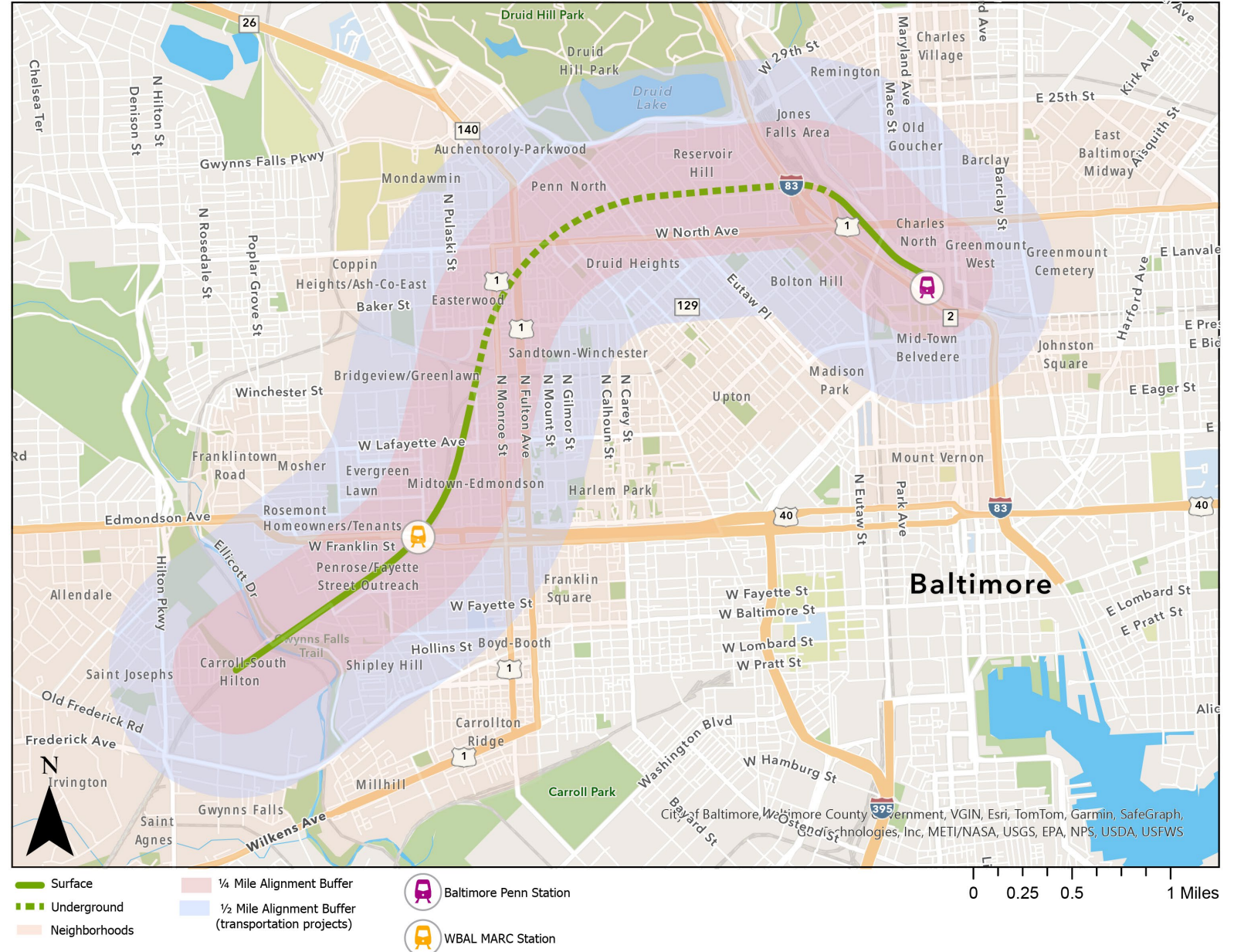


# Key Considerations From CIP Development

- CIP funds governed by federal grant guidelines
- Listened to earlier community feedback and concerns
  - Fair, standardized process to apply for funds and evaluate proposals
  - Funding should address community-identified priorities where possible
  - Awards for multiple types of projects falling into 6 categories
  - Eligible organizations of any size can apply (small to large)

# CIP Project Eligibility Criteria: Geography

- All projects must be located within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the new alignment (pink)
- Transportation projects may extend to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile (blue)



# CIP Eligibility Criteria: Organization Type

- Non-Profit 501c(3) Community Development Organizations
- Other not-for-profit organizations as defined by the IRS code 501(c)
- City and State government agencies with projects directly related to the mission of the CIP (includes quasi-governmental agencies)

# CIP Project Categories

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Funding to offer **community development** and assistance services

**¼ mile of Program alignment**

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Maintenance, improvement or creation of publicly owned **parks or recreational facilities**

**¼ mile of Program alignment**

## OPEN SPACE

Improvement or establishment of **community gardens, vacant lot reuse, and public open space**

**¼ mile of Program alignment**

## TRANSPORTATION

Funding for **streetscape infrastructure, pedestrian, and bicycle access improvements**

**½ mile of Program alignment**

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Funding for **local job training, workforce development, or other skill development programs**

**¼ mile (Hub Targeted zip codes)**

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FUND\*

\$2.75 million fund for building, site, or artifact rehabilitation or restoration

**\* ONLY Midtown Edmondson & Edmondson Ave Historic Districts**



# CIP Funding Budget

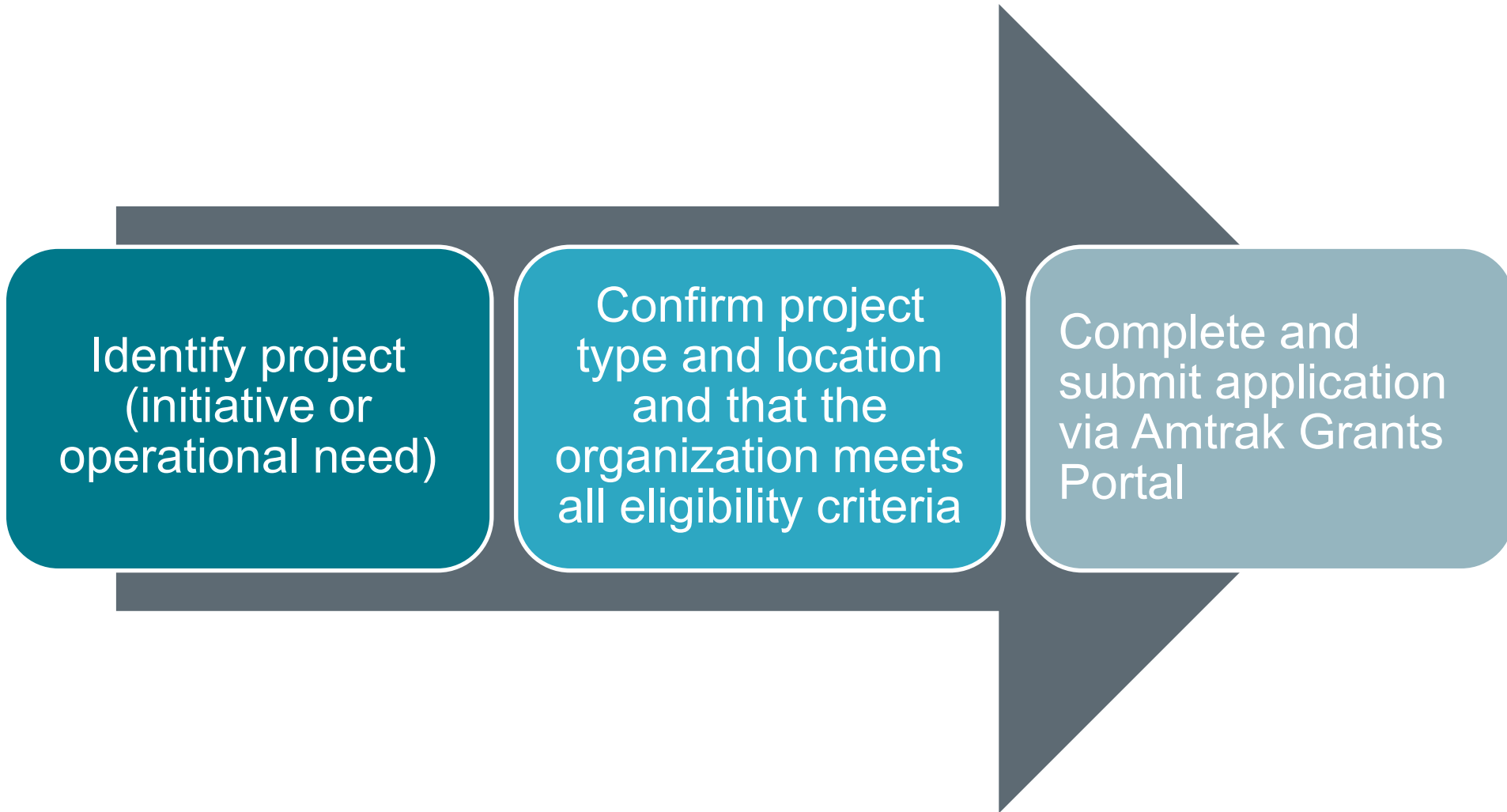
CIP Category	Proposed Investment Ranges* (in millions)
Community Development	\$12.0 - \$16.0
Parks and Recreation	\$ 4.0 - \$10.0
Open Space	\$ 2.0 - \$5.0
Transportation	\$ 2.5 - \$7.25
Workforce Development	\$5.0 - \$ 9.0
Historic Preservation	**\$2.75
Total***	\$ 50.0 M

\*Subject to change at Amtrak's sole discretion based on community needs, applications received or federal directive

\*\*Historic Preservation has a fixed requirement of \$2.75M per the Programmatic Agreement.

\*\*\*\$3.5M funding contingency not included in chart

# Applying for Community Grants



# Community Grant Application Details

- First Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be posted in late Fall
  - 2025 NOFO: October 1 – December 5, 2025
- Applicants shall submit applications and supporting documentation via the Amtrak Grants Portal
- An Amtrak internal evaluation committee will review and score all properly submitted applications based on publicly available evaluation criteria
- Award notifications will be made no later than March 15, 2026

# Community Grants Timeline (NOFO #1)





# Community Grant Award Details

Launch Date	Fall 2025 (Oct 1 – Dec 5)
Award Sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SMALL: \$1,000 to \$10,000</li><li>▪ MEDIUM: \$10,001 – \$100,000</li><li>▪ LARGE: \$100,001 – \$1,000,000</li></ul> <p>*75% of total funds available each annual NOFO cycle will be awarded to eligible not-for-profit organizations</p>
Award Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Reimbursable or Installment Payments</li></ul>
NOFO Publication Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Annually from 2025 until funds are depleted</li></ul>
Award Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ All spending must be completed within 1 year of award</li></ul>

# Technical Application Assistance Workshops

- To support the submission of qualified applications, Amtrak will host a series of technical application assistance workshops
- Organizations may also email or call Program team with questions ([cip.bptunnel@amtrak](mailto:cip.bptunnel@amtrak))
- Workshop materials will also be made available online



# Register for the 2025 Technical Assistance Workshops

- **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**  
11:00 am -1:00 pm  
Bon Secours Community Center  
31 S. Payson St Baltimore MD
- **Saturday, October 18, 2025**  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Coppin State University (TBD)
- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025**  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Carver Vocational Technical High School  
2201 Presstman St Baltimore MD



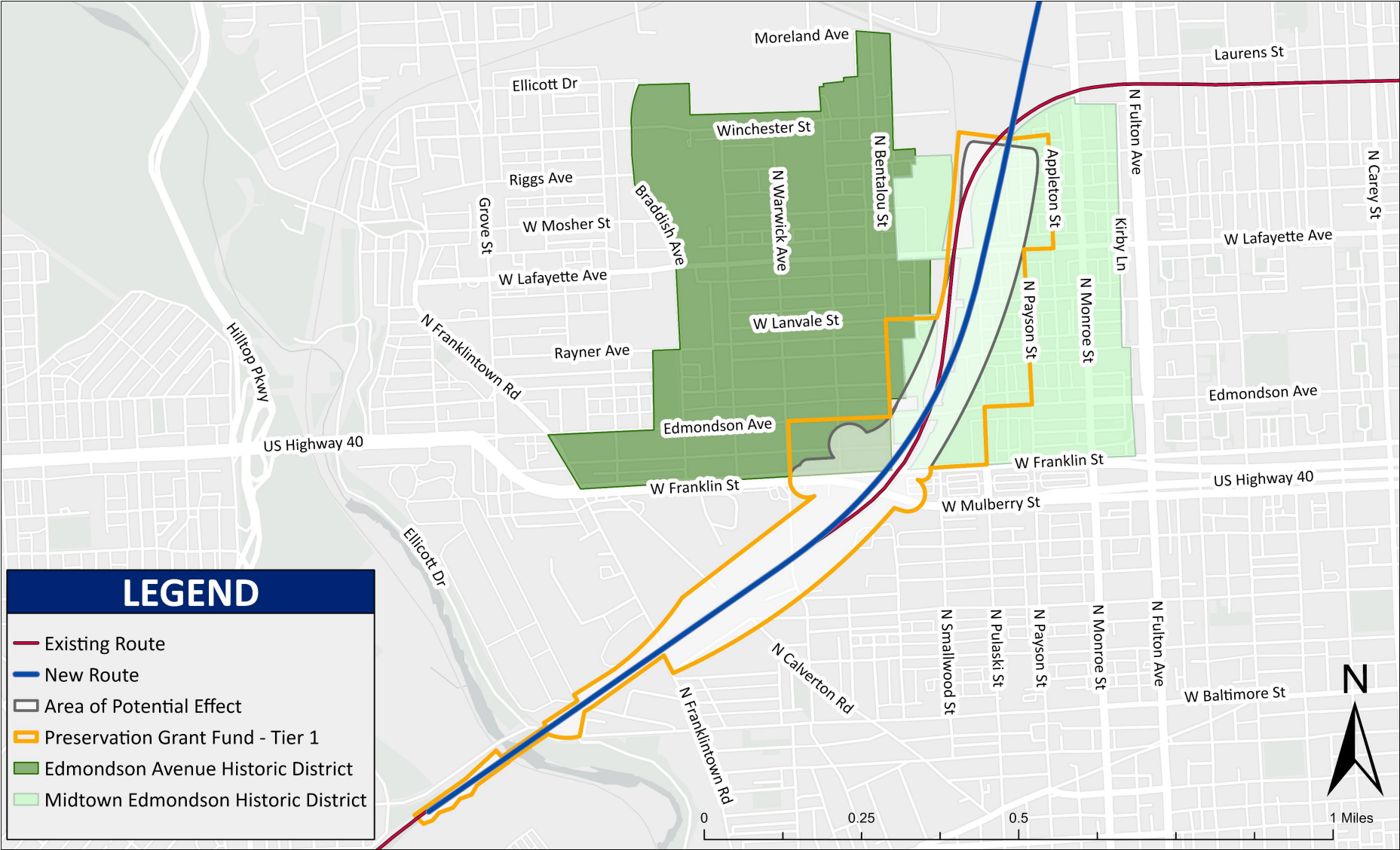
# Historic Preservation Grant Fund

- **Seeking organization to administer \$2.75M fund** for preservation projects in the Midtown Edmondson and Edmondson Ave Historic Districts
- **NOFO open from October 1 – December 5, 2025**
- Virtual Information Session on **Tuesday, October 14 from 11am-noon**
- Applicants shall submit applications and supporting documentation via the Amtrak Grants Portal
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# Midtown Edmondson & Edmondson Ave Historic Districts



# Sign Up for CIP Updates

Scan the QR Code to opt IN to receive updates on the CIP



The updated CIP Guide and Fact Sheet will be available soon on  
[www.bptunnel.com](http://www.bptunnel.com)

# Key takeaways about the CIP

- Amtrak has committed \$50M to the Community Investment Program
- Eligible organizations can apply for CIP funds for eligible projects within the defined project area
- The NOFO period will be open from October 1 - December 5, 2025
- Two representatives from eligible organizations can RSVP to attend technical application assistance workshops in October 2025

# Be A Part of History

*Amtrak is gathering stories and photos for a history display in the future  
West Baltimore MARC Station*

## Story & Photo Themes

- Working for the railroads in the area (Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Central, Amtrak, or MARC)
- Working at businesses that used the railroad to receive materials or ship freight
- Commuting or personal travel on the train

Interested in participating? Contact us at [bptunnel@amtrak.com](mailto:bptunnel@amtrak.com)!





# Sign Up for Text Message Notifications

- Community members may who opt IN to receive construction and traffic notifications

Text colored **KEYWORDS** below to (833) 917-3749



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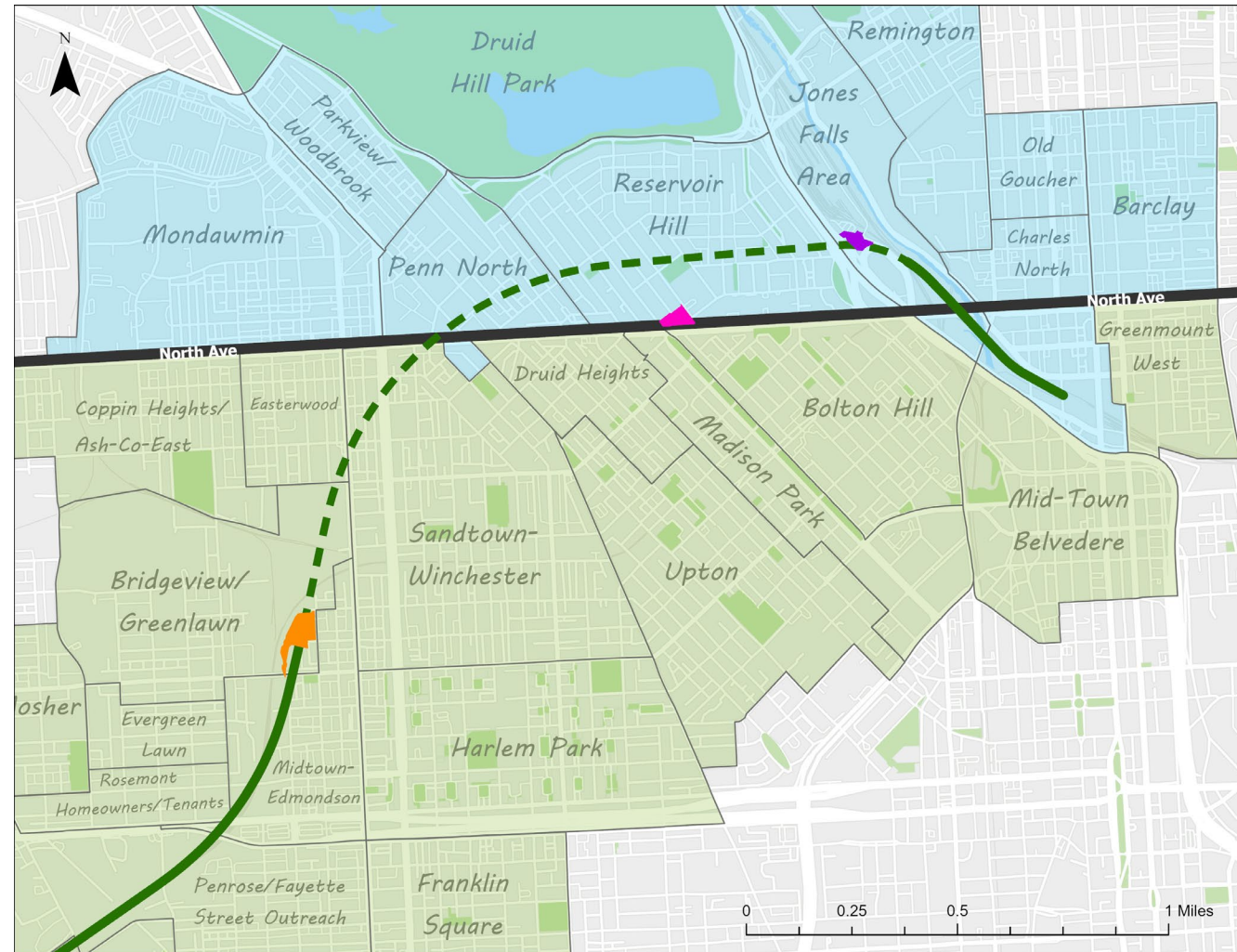
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BPTConstruct



BPTTraffic



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