



Southbridge Truck Bypass Study

PAC Update
August 2026





STUDY BACKGROUND

- Truck traffic is the top transportation concern for residents
- The study is exploring short- and long-term solutions to:
 - Reduce truck trips in Southbridge
 - Improve freight movement efficiency
- Builds on the Southbridge Transportation Action Plan (STAP) and Southbridge Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP)

Ms. Charlayne Thomas





SCHEDULE





RECAP – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

2025

- May 31 - Open Streets Event
- August 19 - Southbridge Civic Association Meeting
- September 23 – 1st Advisory Committee Meeting
- October 28 – 1st Public Meeting

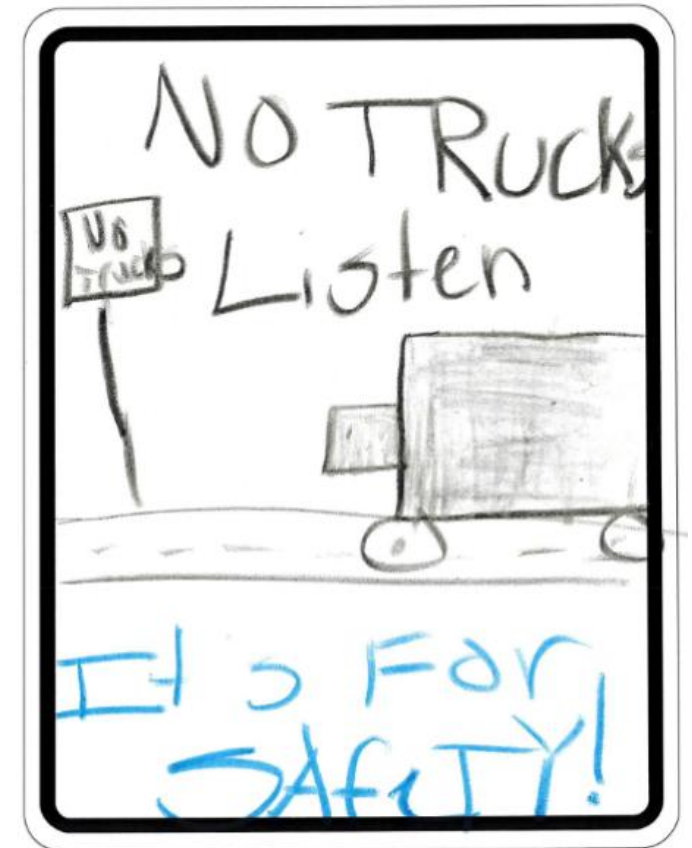
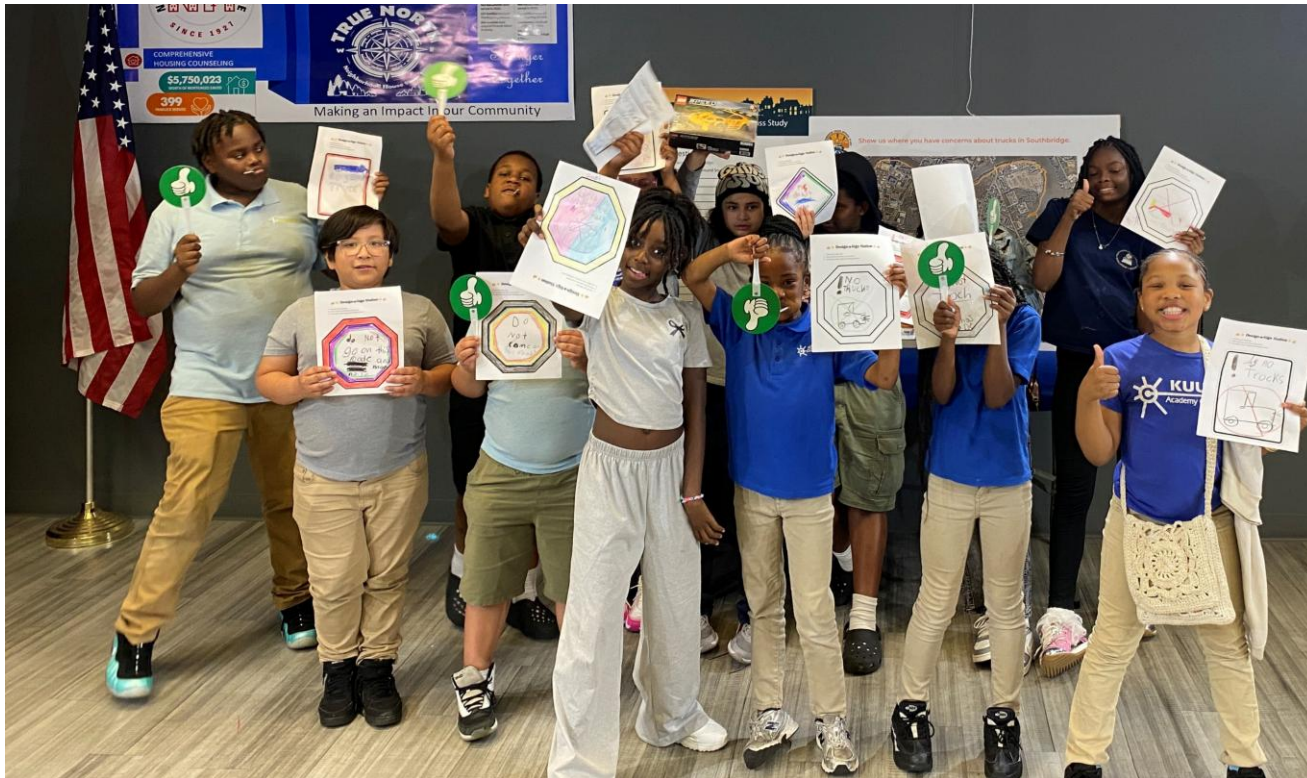
2026

- January 27 – 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting
- March 2 – 2nd Public Workshop
- April 21 – Southbridge Community Meeting
- May 29 – Youth Engagement Event
- June 9 – 3rd Advisory Committee Meeting
- June 16 – 3rd Public Workshop
- June 23 – WI Open House Workshop
- Thru July 20 – Draft Report Public Comment



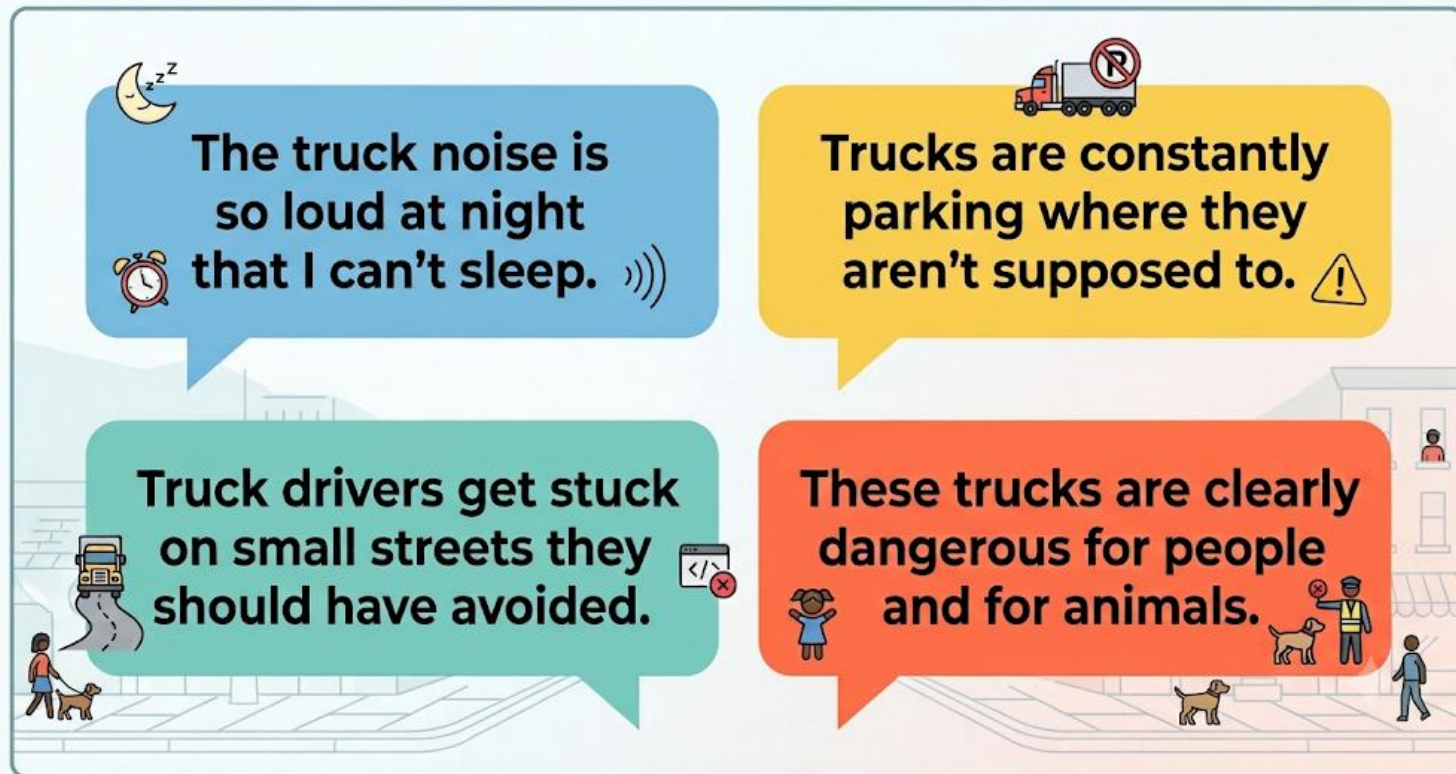
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Youth Outreach Engagement Event





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SURVEY

- 30 online surveys
- 41 door-to-door surveys



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SURVEY

Options to Reduce Truck Traffic in Southbridge and Improve Freight Efficiency

March 2026



Fill out this survey for a chance to win a \$50 ShopRite Gift Card*





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SUPPORT FOR OPTIONS



Like or Strongly Like



Neutral / Not Sure



Dislike or Strongly Dislike





SURVEY: SELECTED ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

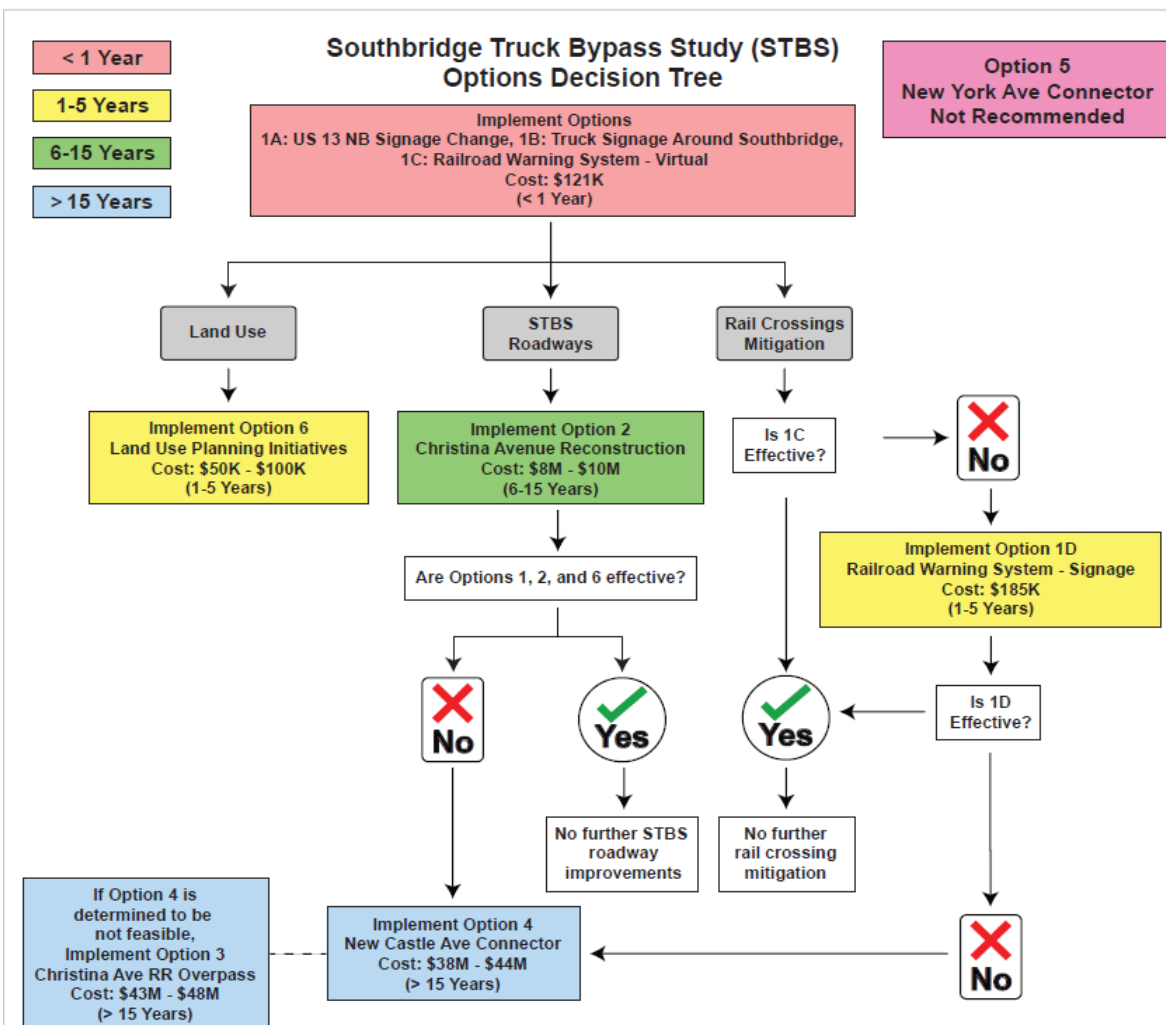
- Immediate, visible improvements needed
- Safety is top priority
- Ongoing communication & community decision-making needed





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DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

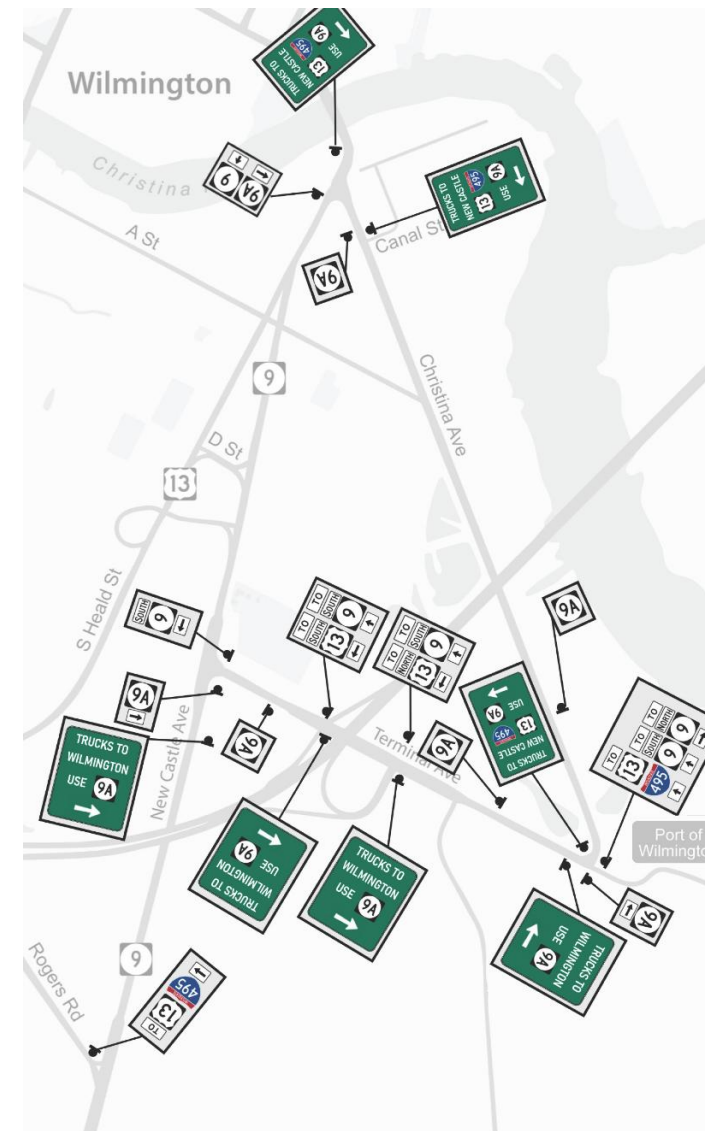




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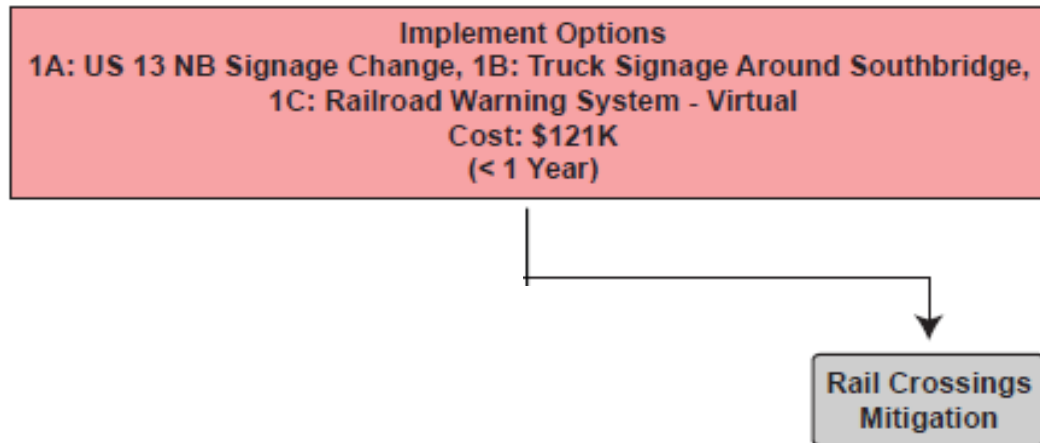
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Implement Options
1A: US 13 NB Signage Change, 1B: Truck Signage Around Southbridge,
1C: Railroad Warning System - Virtual
Cost: \$121K
(< 1 Year)





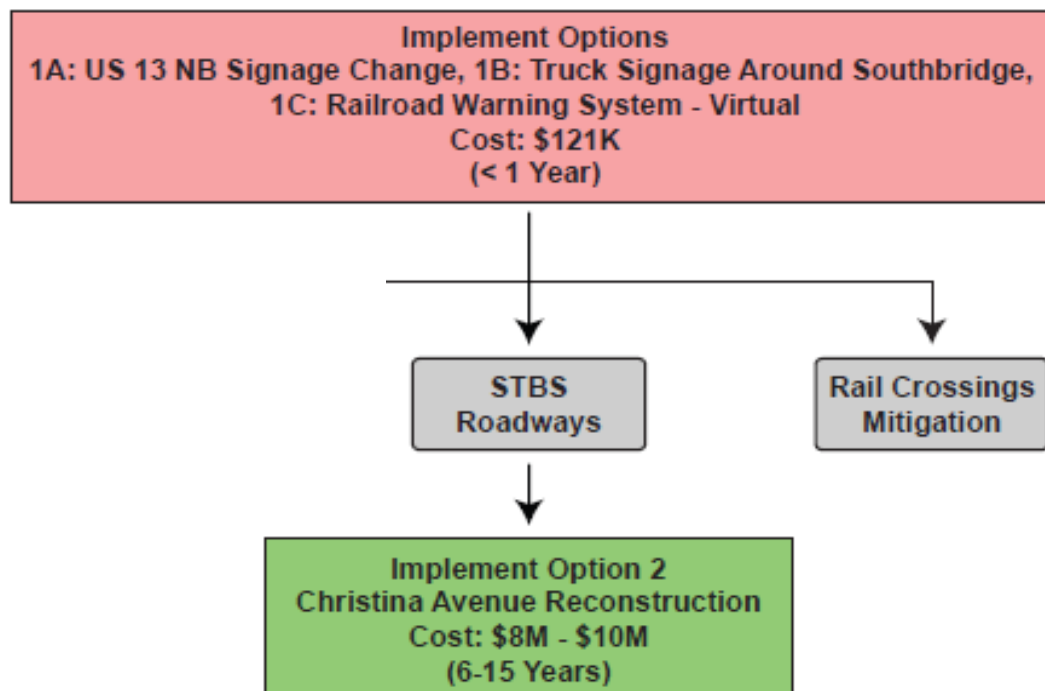
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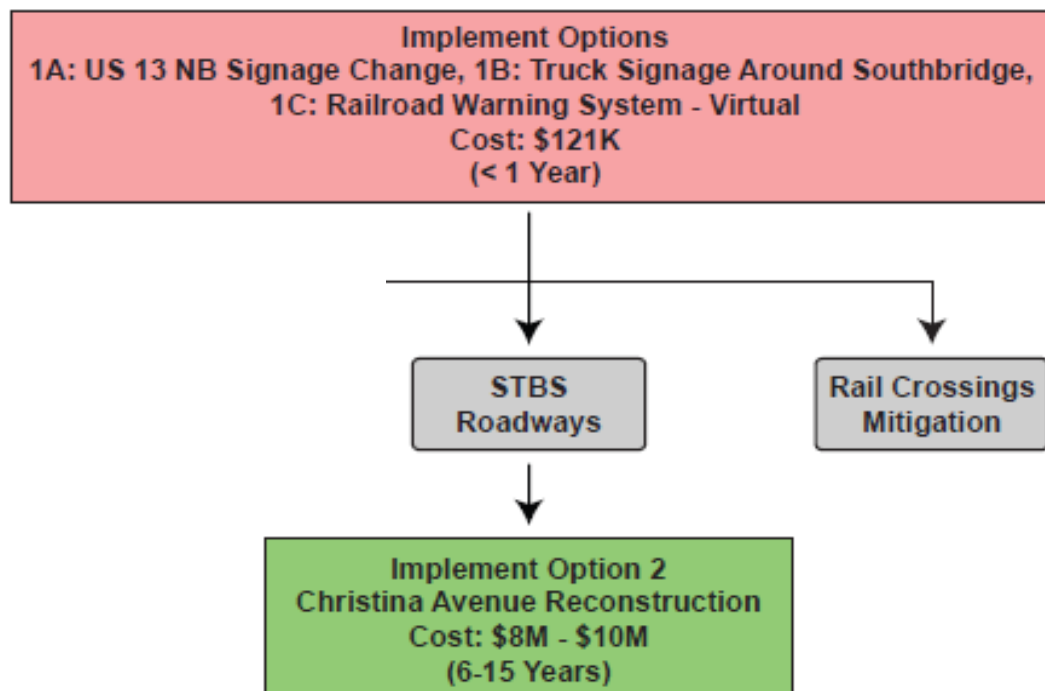


Christina Avenue





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*Also improve New Castle Ave. and Heald Street in parallel

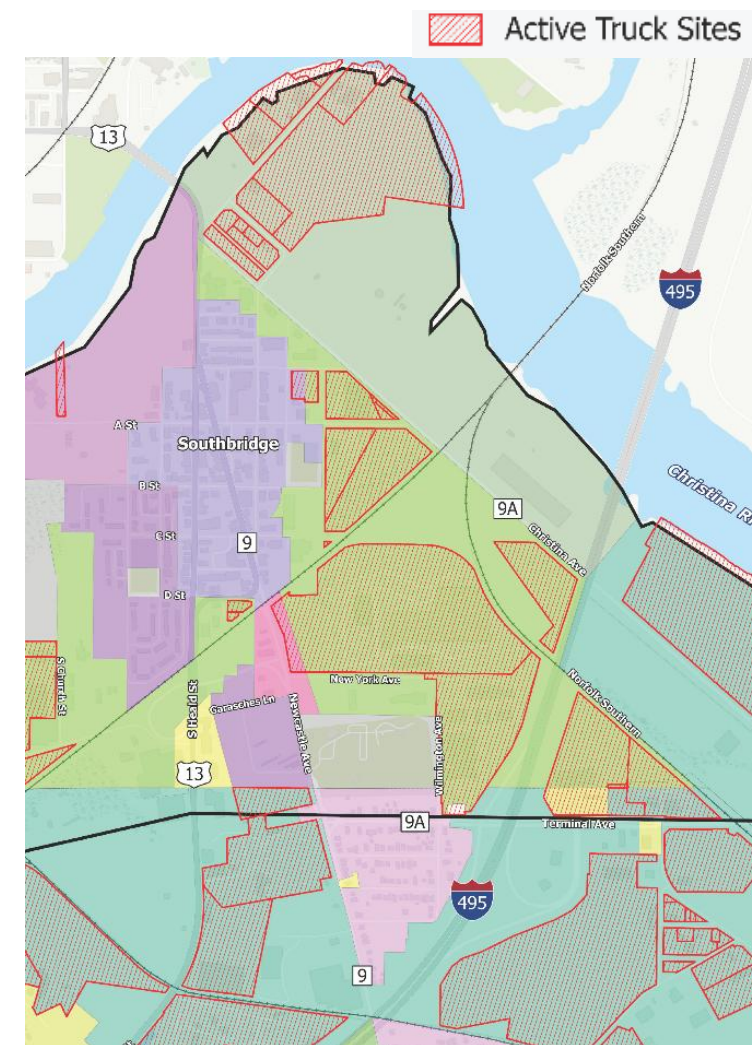
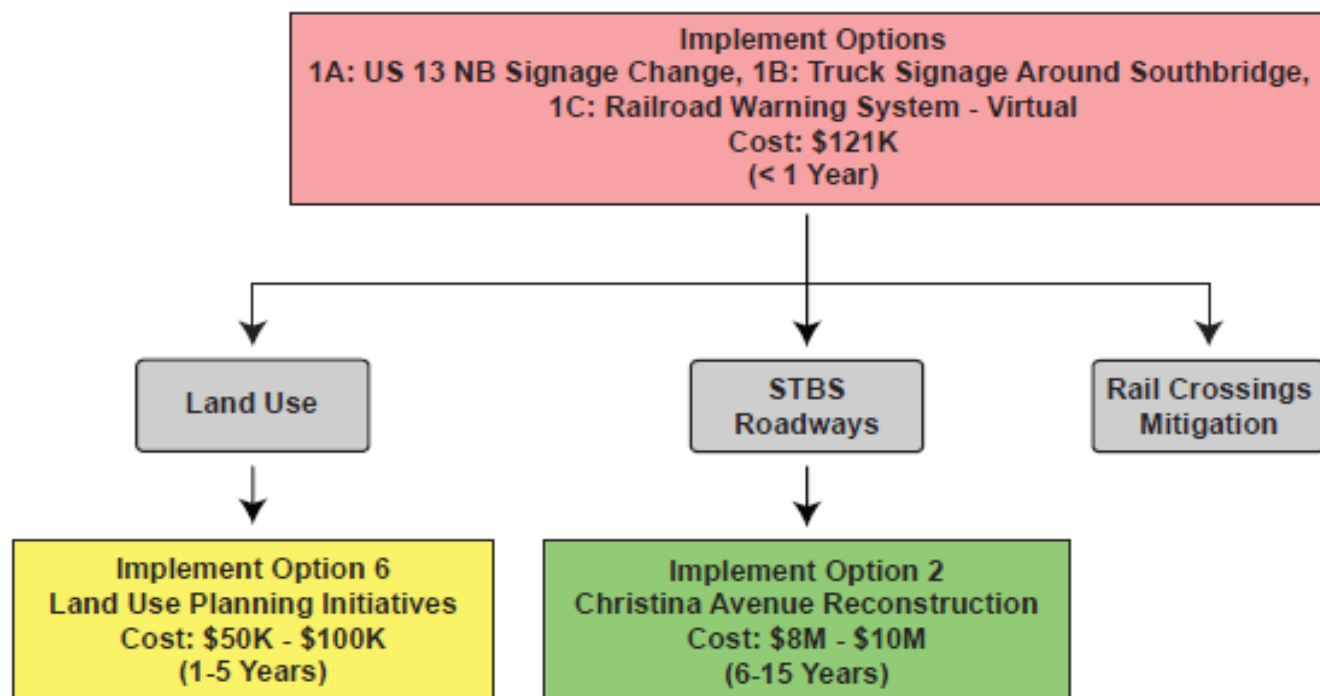
The trucks that come through Southbridge destroy the roads. . . I have so many bills and staples in my tires. . . .

New Castle Avenue



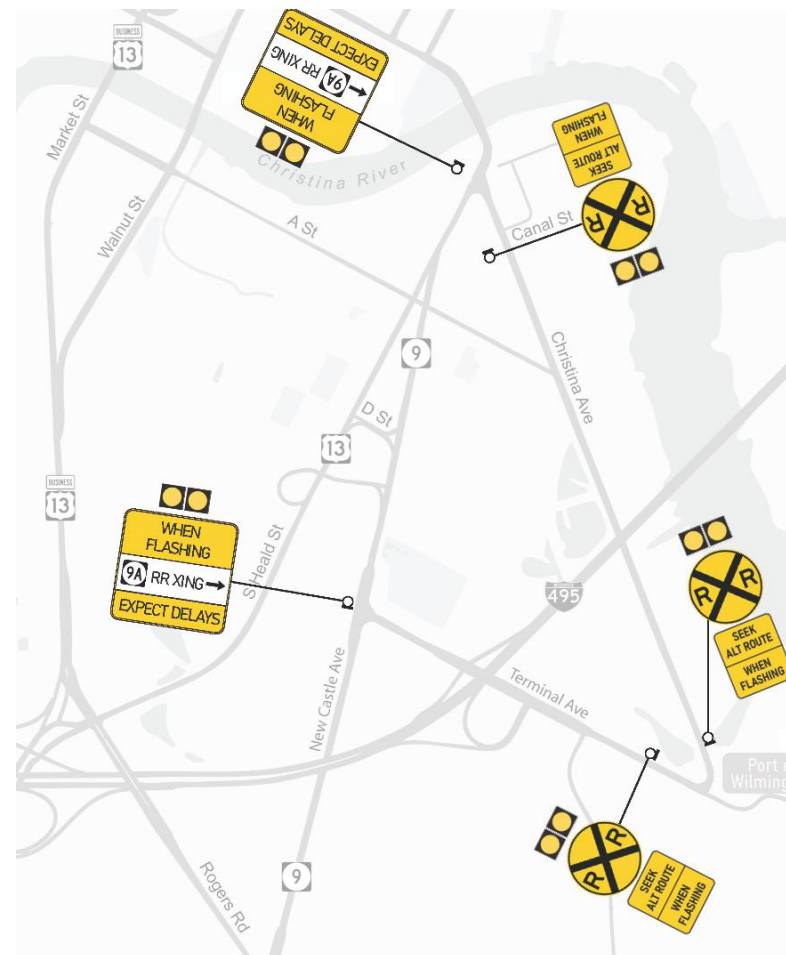
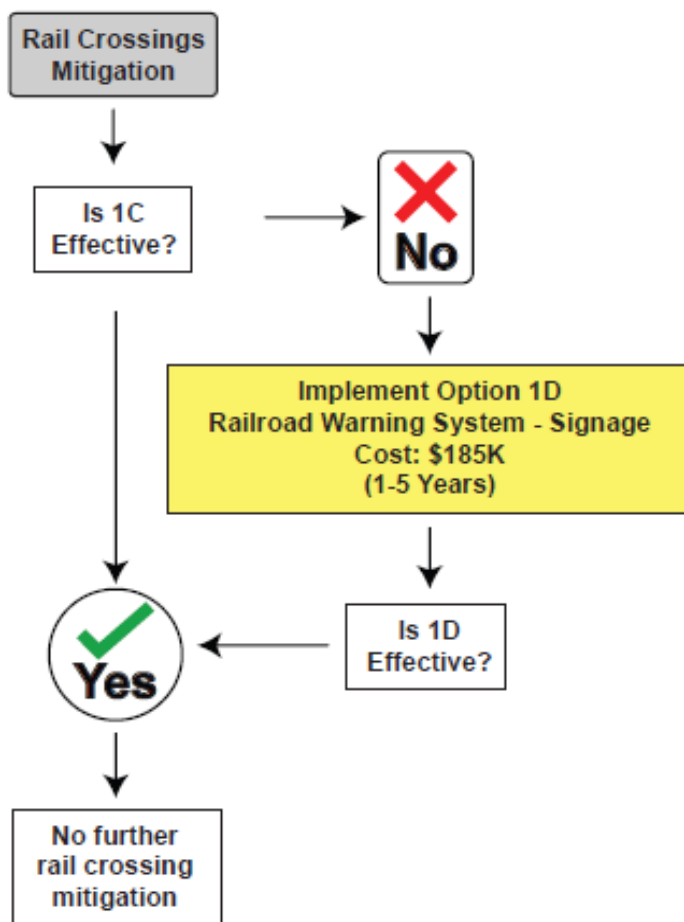


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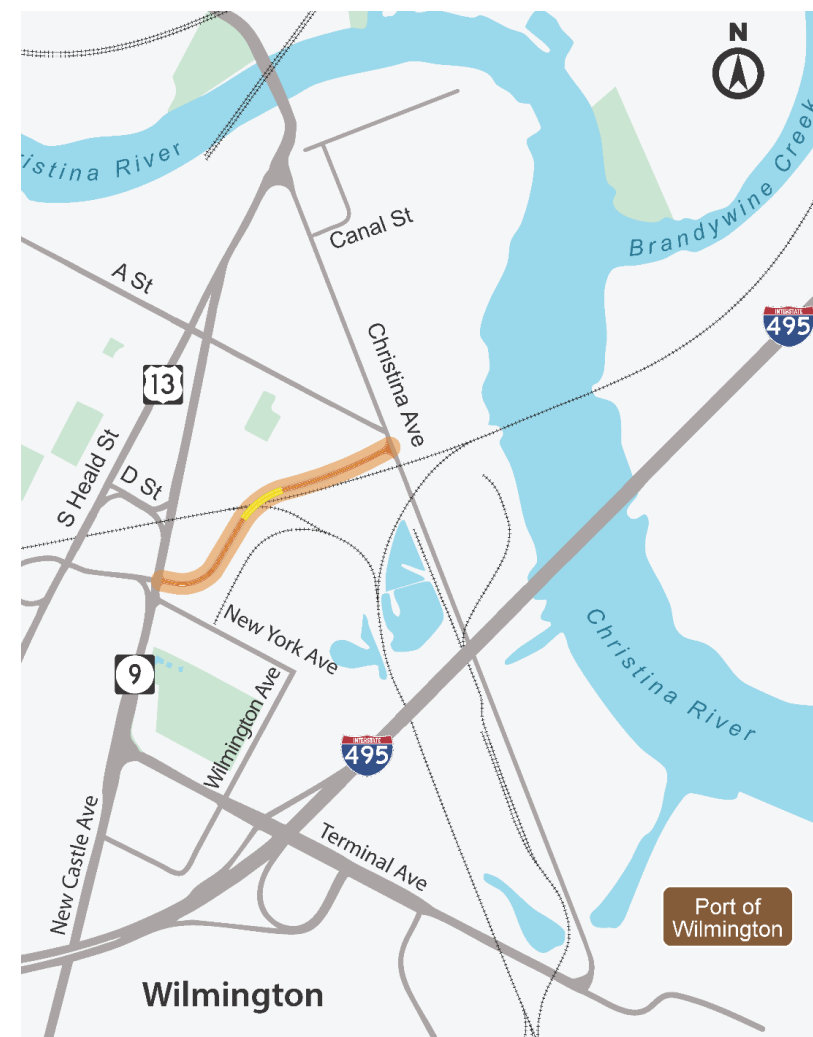
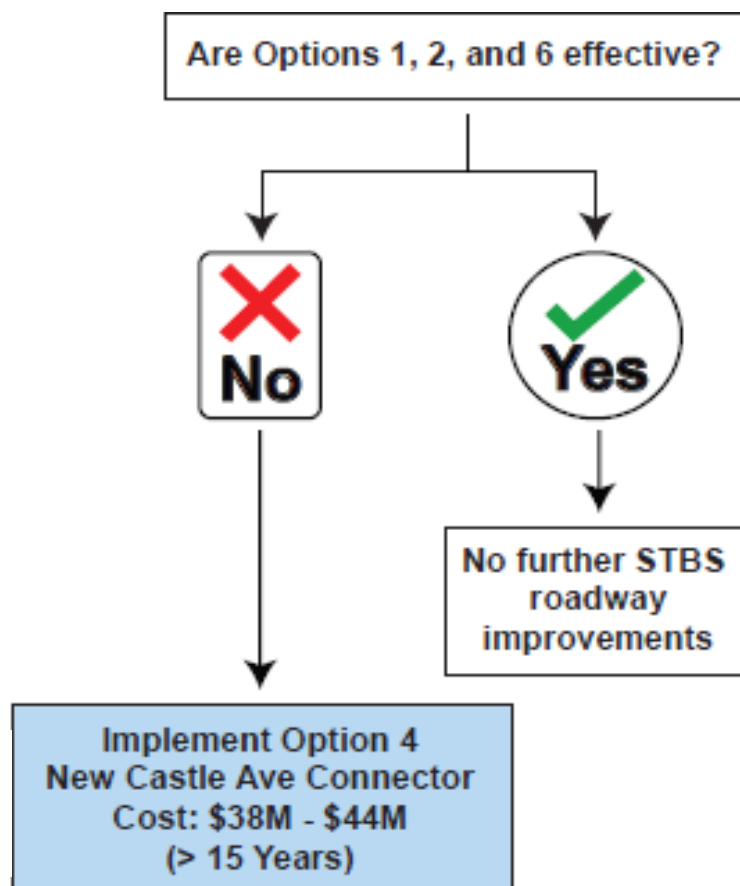


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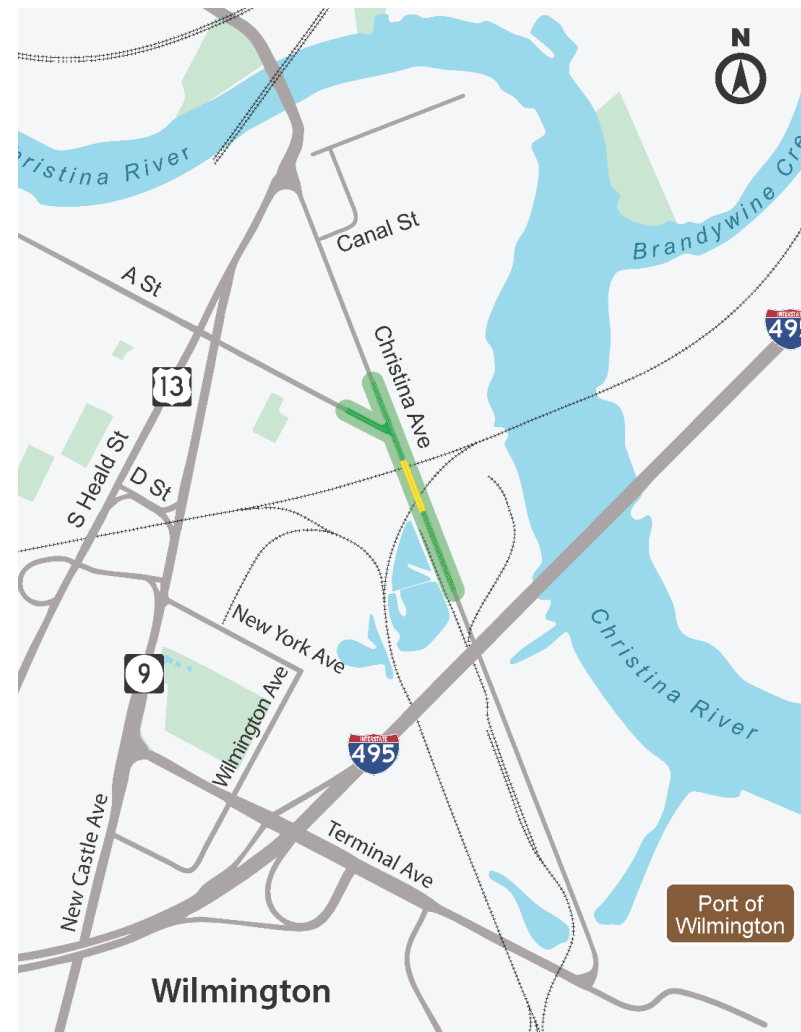
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If Option 4 is
determined to be
not feasible,
Implement Option 3
Christina Ave RR Overpass
Cost: \$43M - \$48M
(> 15 Years)





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NEXT STEPS

- Public comment period thru July 19
- Council endorsement on September 10
- Monitoring and implementation phase continues