

Borough of Crafton  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 14, 2022.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Oliverio called to order the Meeting of the Crafton Borough Council, Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:18 PM.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance

**3. ROLL CALL**

Interim Manager Sample recorded six (6) Members of Council present as follows: Mr. Chandler (via Zoom), Ms. Compitello, Mr. Levasseur, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Ridilla. Also present were Solicitor Korbel, Engineer Minsterman and Mayor Perry (via Zoom). Absent was Ms. Bollenbacher.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Compitello*) to approve the July 14, 2022, Consent Agenda (including the Meeting Minutes dated June 23, 2022, and the Bill List dated July 14, 2022).

**MOTION #1** carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

Mr. Levasseur addressed some concerns regarding employees being approached after hours about work matters and asked that everyone respect the privacy of the Borough's employees.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*Steve Palchowski, 11 Bradford Avenue*, thanked the borough for installing the new sidewalks on Crafton Boulevard in front of his rental properties. He noted that, although the new sidewalks are wider, they are placed up against the property fences, making it harder for pedestrians to pass by one another. Mr. Palchowski suggested that these could have been designed better to accommodate wheelchairs or strollers.

**6. PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL - MOBILIFY**

Chis Sandvig, Mobilify, gave a presentation of the services provided, which include creation and implementation of improvement plans for transportation and accessibility. He noted that they can do this by working with Governments and the Public Sector.

Council members had a brief Q&A with Mr. Sandvig regarding services and costs.

*(Presentation is attached and can be viewed on YouTube at the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/nhERgD8vYk>)*

## **7. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### *BOROUGH COMPLEX BUILDING*

Engineer Minsterman stated that the cleaning, pointing and lintel work on the Borough Building is completed and added that the Contractor will be back in two weeks to begin working on the Magistrate and Library Buildings.

### *PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY*

Engineer Minsterman noted that the Public Works Facility building structure has been delivered and Fleehler has begun the foundation work. He added that the Borough is waiting for the Building Permit from Rosslyn Farms Borough.

### *POOL HOUSE RENOVATIONS*

Engineer Minsterman announced that the kickoff meeting was held for the Pool Bathhouse Renovation project and stated that due to a delay in the grant funding process, construction may not begin until fall of 2023.

## **8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Oliverio announced that the RFP deadline for the Strategy Session Facilitator is today and noted that the Borough received three bids.

Mr. Oliverio noted that the Organizational Assessments are completed by Grass Roots. The staff recommendations and reviews will be discussed in an upcoming Executive session. He noted that the public works and overall organization assessments will be presented by Grass Roots at a public meeting sometime in August.

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Perry stated that she received several calls from the Suburban Whitetail Management Program who would like to schedule a presentation for Council at the next meeting.

## **10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Korbel had nothing to report.

## **11. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interim Manager Sample spoke regarding a citizen concern from the previous meeting and noted that all Meeting Minutes have been posted to the Borough's Website. He added that all meetings are recorded and posted on YouTube.com.

Interim Manager Sample announced that the Borough has been awarded a \$260,000 grant to replace the traffic signal at W. Steuben Street and S. Linden Avenue and he thanked State

Representative Dan Deasy and Senator Wayne Fontana for their assistance. He noted that the full project will cost approximately \$300,000.

Interim Manager Sample spoke regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and noted that he will follow up with the Contractor on the set time and will plan accordingly for next year. He also thanked Gateway Engineers for the \$3,500 donation toward the fireworks display.

## **12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### *REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS*

**MOTION #2:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Compitello*) to approve the 2020/2021 Real Estate and Road Tax Refunds in the amount of \$3,406.52 as presented and submitted by Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

**MOTION #2** carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

#### *2023 BUDGET SCHEDULE*

Interim Manager Sample stated that the intended 2023 budget schedule is as follows, he will meet with the department heads for budgeting requests, the budget will be drafted and given to the Finance Committee, upon approval the budget will be presented to the Council Members. He added that the Budget Workshops will be held in October and November in conjunction with the regular Council Meetings and intends to vote for adoption at the December 8, 2022, Council Meeting.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### *CRAFTON BOULEVARD STREETScape*

Engineer Minsterman noted that he met with the Crafton Fire Chief at each of the locations to discuss his concerns. He presented the proposed amendments to the sidewalk/bump outs near Vance Alley and Bradford Court and added that the change order would cost the Borough \$6,750.

Engineer Minsterman addressed concerns from the previous meeting regarding the Baldwick Road turning radius, the landscaping and visibility, access to 1828 Crafton Boulevard and the narrowing of the sidewalks. Engineer Minsterman noted that Gateway does not recommend any changes to these areas.

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Ridilla*) to approve the change order for modifications to the bump outs located at Vance Alley and 1751 Crafton Boulevard for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape project in the amount of \$6,750.

Ms. Compitello asked for clarification of the safety concerns and how they are addressed with the proposed changes and noted that the changes to Bradford Court would create a wider crosswalk for pedestrians.

Engineer Minsterman noted that the proposed changes were directly requested by Council at the previous meeting. He noted that the changes would not alter the crosswalk significantly.

Ms. Compitello inquired about funding for the change order.

Mr. Levasseur noted that this was not included in the original project, therefore it would be paid for by the bond funds. He also added that if a change is needed, this is the best time to do so.

**MOTION #3 AMENDED:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Ridilla*) to approve the change order for modifications to the bump outs located at Vance Alley for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape project in the amount of \$2,625.

*Steve Palchowski, 11 Bradford Avenue*, noted that there has been an increase in traffic through Vance Alley and stated he agrees with the proposed change.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Compitello (YES), Mr. Levasseur (YES), Mr. Marks (YES), Mr. Oliverio (YES), Ridilla (YES), Mr. Chandler (YES).

**MOTION 3** carries a Roll Call Vote: (6-0).

**MOTION #3:** It was moved and seconded (*Chandler/Ridilla*) to approve the change order for modifications to the bump outs located at 1851 Crafton Boulevard for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape project in the amount of \$4,125.

Mr. Levasseur requested additional information and specifications from the fire truck manufacturer before proceeding with the changes to the Bradford Court entrance.

**MOTION #4:** It was moved and seconded (*Levasseur/Compitello*) to table the motion on the floor for the 1851 Crafton Boulevard Bump Out modifications.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Compitello (YES), Mr. Levasseur (YES), Mr. Marks (YES), Mr. Oliverio (YES), Ridilla (NO), Mr. Chandler (YES).

**MOTION #4** carries by a Roll Call Vote (5-1).

#### *JOINT ROCK SALT BID*

Ms. Compitello noted that there were two valid bids, of which Cargill, Inc., was the low bidder at \$88.96 per ton for 2023.

**MOTION #5:** It was moved and seconded (*Compitello/Ridilla*) to approve the Agreement between Crafton Borough and Cargill, Inc. for the Joint Rock Salt Contract to expire June 30, 2023.

**MOTION #5** carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0).

#### *MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT*

Ms. Compitello announced that the Borough is applying for grant funds to help pay for the Crafton Boulevard Streetscape Phase II and Phase III. She gave a brief description of the items proposed in the project including landscaping, new sidewalks, and the addition of a bus lane. Ms. Compitello added that these projects will depend on the involvement and successful partnership of the School District.

Engineer Minsterman noted that the key improvement is to bring the buses off the roadway and to allow vehicles to travel safely around the buses during drop off and pickup times. He added that funds could be shared with the School District to help with improvements to the school entrance. Engineer Minsterman stated that this project would cost around one million dollars.

#### *STREET SWEEPING OPERATIONS*

Interim Manager Sample spoke regarding the Borough's street sweeping operations noting that the sweeping schedule is completed by ward, Monday through Wednesday, leaving Thursday and Friday for the business district and make up days. He added that in May, the street sweeper was out 60% of all available days and in June the sweeper was out 73% of available days.

Mr. Levasseur inquired about alternate street parking to allow the street sweeper one day a month in each of the wards.

Ms. Compitello suggested the Borough put out a survey to collect community interest in this type of program as it may be difficult for some residents to find alternate parking.

#### *MULTI MUNICIPAL ZONING PROJECT*

Ms. Compitello announced that a Community Visioning workshop has been tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Community Center. She noted that the event will be hosted jointly with Ingram Borough and the Consultant. Ms. Compitello added that the Consultants will introduce the project, discuss how the project will impact the communities, and accept citizen input.

Ms. Compitello also reminded residents that all concerns regarding the Borough should be directed through Borough Offices during normal business hours.

#### **COMMUNICATION, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Mr. Marks noted that the Communication, Recreation, and Community Events Committee will meet next week.

#### *UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS*

Mr. Marks noted that he received an update from the Recreation Board who are planning the following events; Fall Festival – September 24, 2022, Haunted Crafton Tour – October 22, 2022, through October 31, 2022, and Celebration of Lights – December 3, 2022.

#### *LED MONUMENT SIGN*

Interim Manager Sample gave a brief description of the proposed digital sign at the park and added that this sign will be comparable to the sign that was just installed at the Kirwan Heights

Fire Department. He noted that the sign can be dimmed at night to lessen light pollution for nearby residences. Interim Manager Sample stated that the Crafton/Ingram Rotary will provide grant funds at a 50/50 match up to \$10,000.

### ***COMMISSION VACANCIES***

Mr. Chandler had nothing to report.

### **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)**

Mr. Ridilla had nothing to report.

Mr. Oliverio announced that the Council will be holding an executive meeting following the next meeting to meet with Grass Roots.

Council discussed the possible availability and times for the next meeting to accommodate the executive session.

Mr. Oliverio announced that the meeting will be held, July 28, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

### **13. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Crafton Mini-Golf will be open starting on June 10th on FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS each week, from 7PM to 9PM, throughout the Summer. Cost to Play is \$2 per person.
- Seasonal pool pass memberships are now on sale. Please go to <https://www.craftonborough.com/crafton-pool> to complete the Pre-Application.

### **14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Charlene Krenke, 803 Clearview Avenue***, inquired about the sidewalk near Bradford Court and asked where the new sidewalk will be placed. She also inquired about the placement of the bump out near Clearview Extension.

Engineer Minsterman noted that the new sidewalk will extend from the Bradford Court driveway toward Baldwick Road.

Interim Manager Sample noted that the bump out will be placed four feet toward the curb in relation to the model.

Mayor Perry added that the new sidewalk near Bradford Court will create a safe crossing for residents at the Crafton Boulevard and Bradford Avenue intersection.

***Steve Palchowski, 11 Bradford Avenue***, thanked the Public Works crew for their efforts and timely collection of the brush he requested to be picked up. He also inquired about regulations that could be set by ALCOSAN regarding disposal of storm water from private residences.

Engineer Minsterman stated that ALCOSAN cannot dictate those requirements and added that Crafton Borough is utilizing these separation projects to meet any requirements set by ALCOSAN.

*Christine O'Brien, 1828 Crafton Boulevard*, spoke regarding her concerns with access to her driveway and stated that prior to the addition of the bump outs she could back out of her driveway without any interruption to the driving lanes. She added that the addition of the bump outs on Crafton Boulevard has left bikers with no safe place to bike. Ms. O'Brien noted that, due to the construction, handicapped people cannot navigate the ramps near the bump outs as the ground is not level.

Engineer Minsterman noted that this is a minor inconvenience and stated that this situation will be resolved once the paving is completed.

Mr. Oliverio inquired if there are options to place warnings signs or markers for pedestrians.

Engineer Minsterman stated that they will walk the site to see what solutions will work to resolve these concerns.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Carissima Kerns, Borough Secretary



# mobility

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Partnering for Greater Mobility  
Presentation to Crafton Borough Council

July 14, 2022

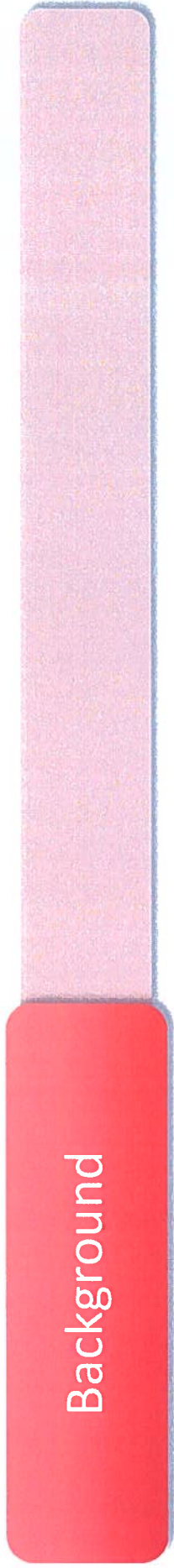


# Agenda

Background

How we Work

Opportunities &  
Discussion



Background

# Bringing best practices to Pittsburgh: 2009-2022

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TOP NEWS



## Transportation advocates urge Congress to move on funding

*about 4 hours ago*

Today's rally at Wood Street Station, Downtown, is one of more than 150 scheduled on national Stand Up for Transportation Day.

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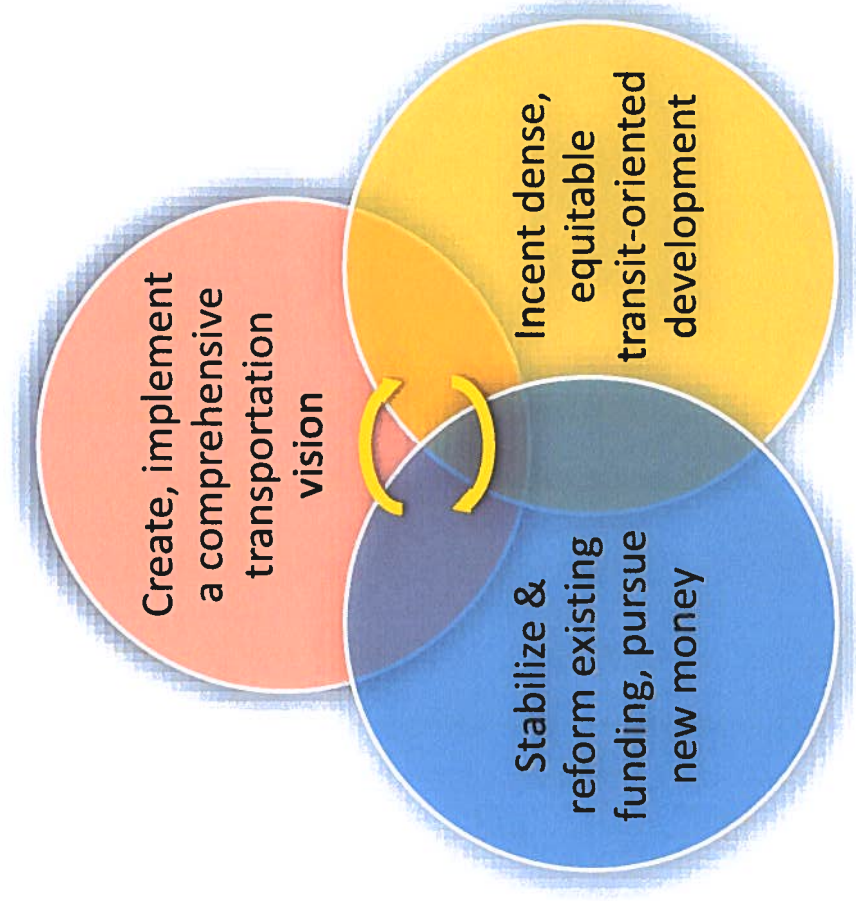
**Homewood streets slated for nearly \$1 million upgrade**

JAN 16, 2017 12:00 AM

**Rail~volution**

**Building Livable Communities with Transit**

# The policy formula is well-known.



# The process formula needs help.

- No single owner of the system or its components;
- Political, structural repercussions of bold actions;
- Ongoing structural issues between public sector actors, pace of reform, (lack of) performance in the status quo
- Rapid evolution of new mobility methods and technologies;
- Lack of resourced, corridor-level, community-based progressive mobility implementer agent;
- No steward to push the shared agenda forward.



# Why is change so hard?



Pittsburgh Regional Transit



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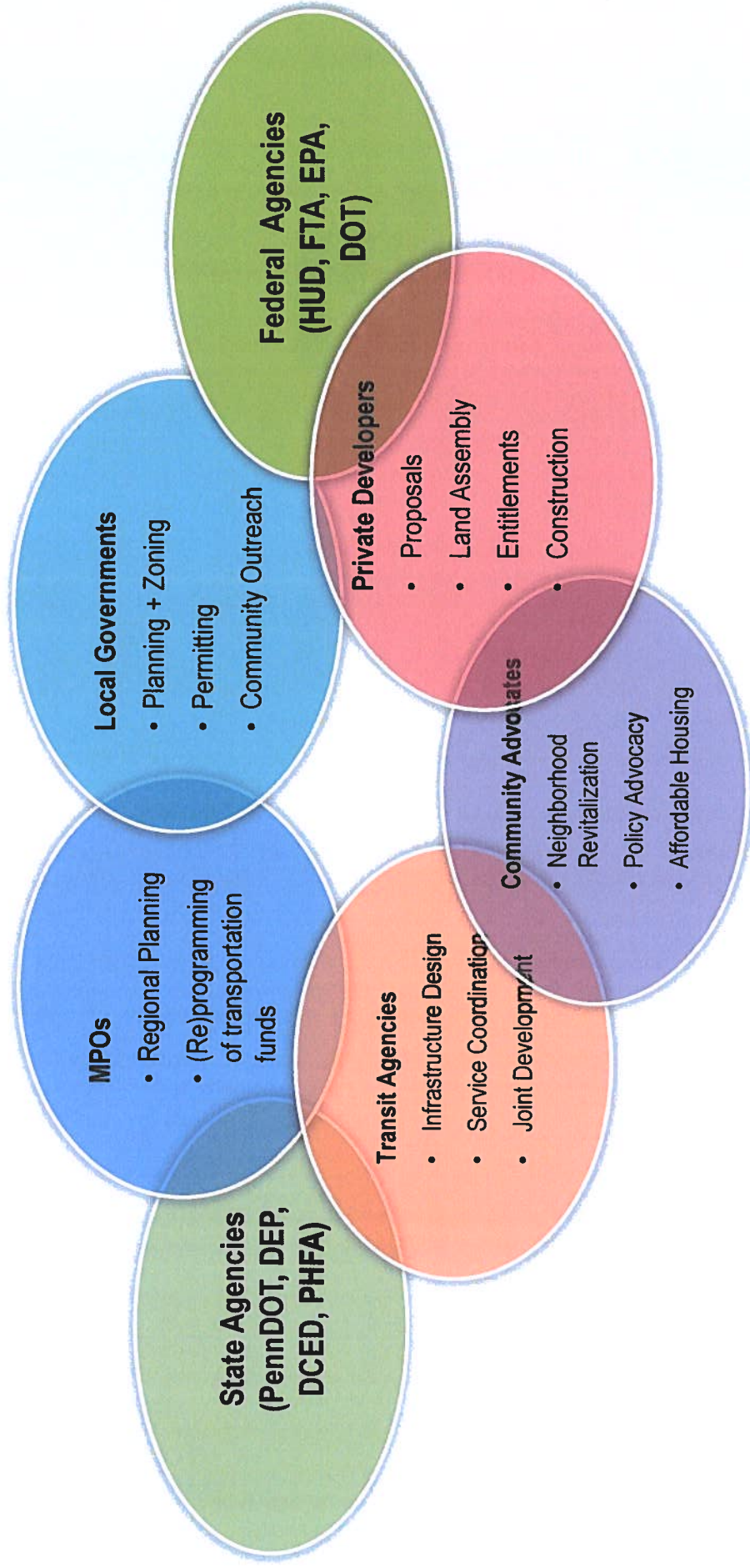
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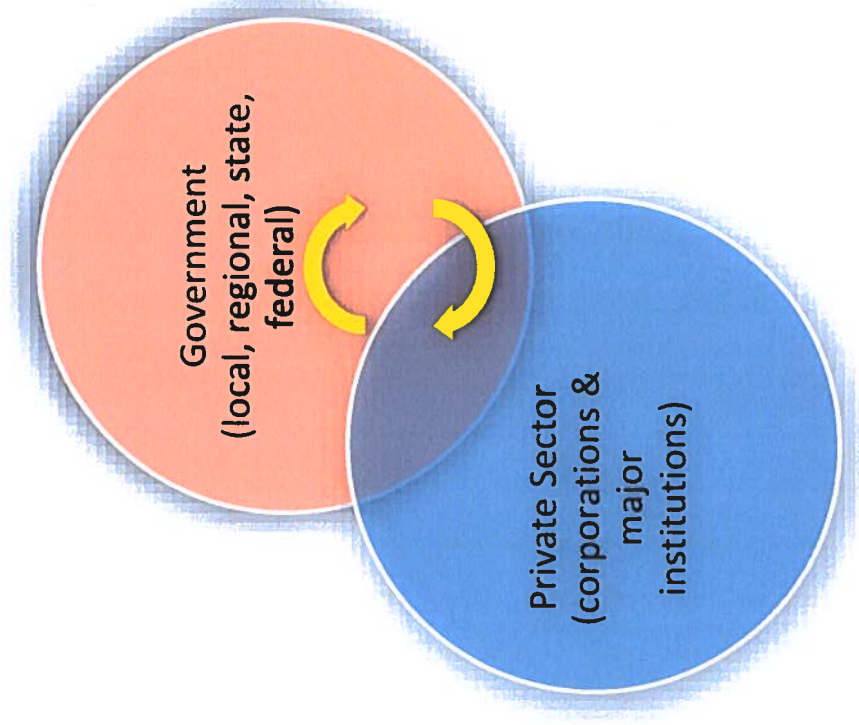
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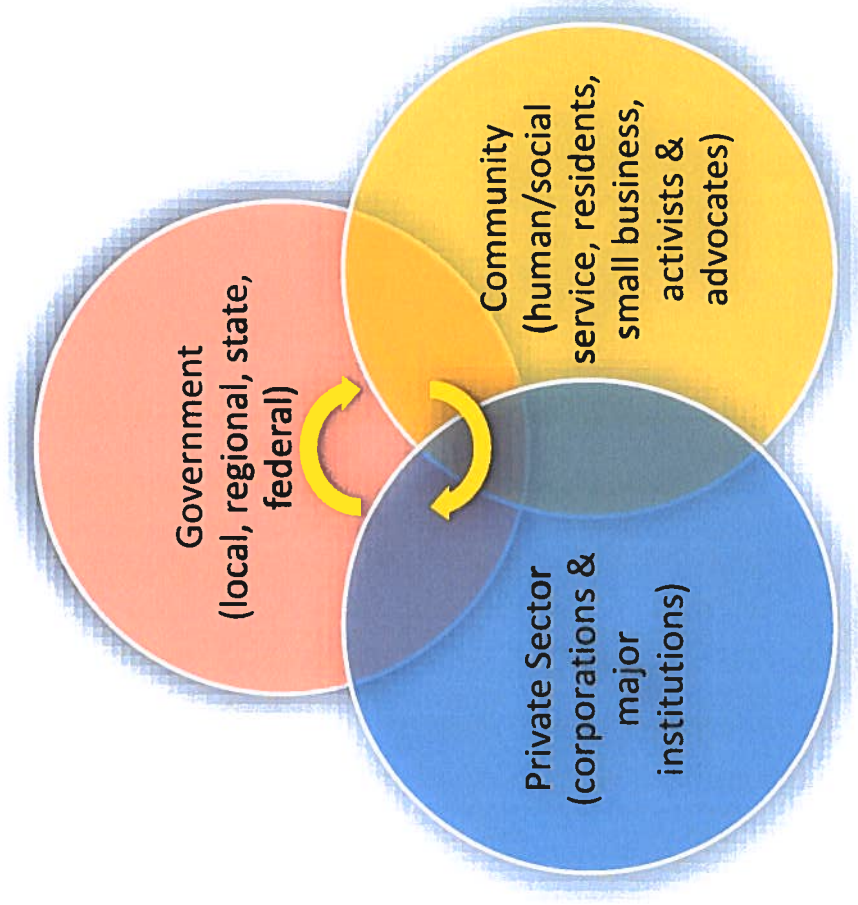


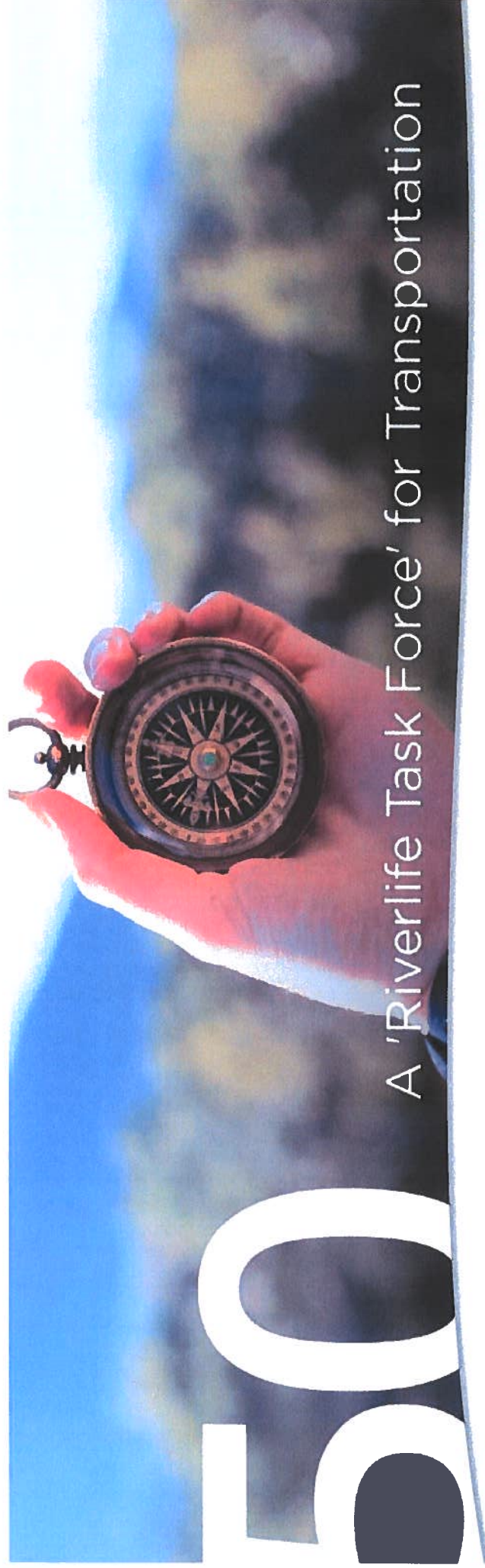
# How we've been doing it:





# What we've been missing:





**coordinating party** tasked with identifying issues and engaging all necessary stakeholders on significant projects... This could have a positive impact on the transportation planning and redevelopment efforts across our 10-county region.”

How we Work

# Mobilify Southwestern Pennsylvania

## **Our mission is to...**

...engage all communities in collaboration towards securing greater multimodal transportation choices, equitable transportation access and economic opportunity across Southwestern Pennsylvania.

## **We envision...**

...diverse, accommodating, multimodal transportation networks connecting everyone in Southwestern Pennsylvania to economic and social opportunities.

## **We believe in...**

...equitable, multimodal transportation that complements and empowers communities.

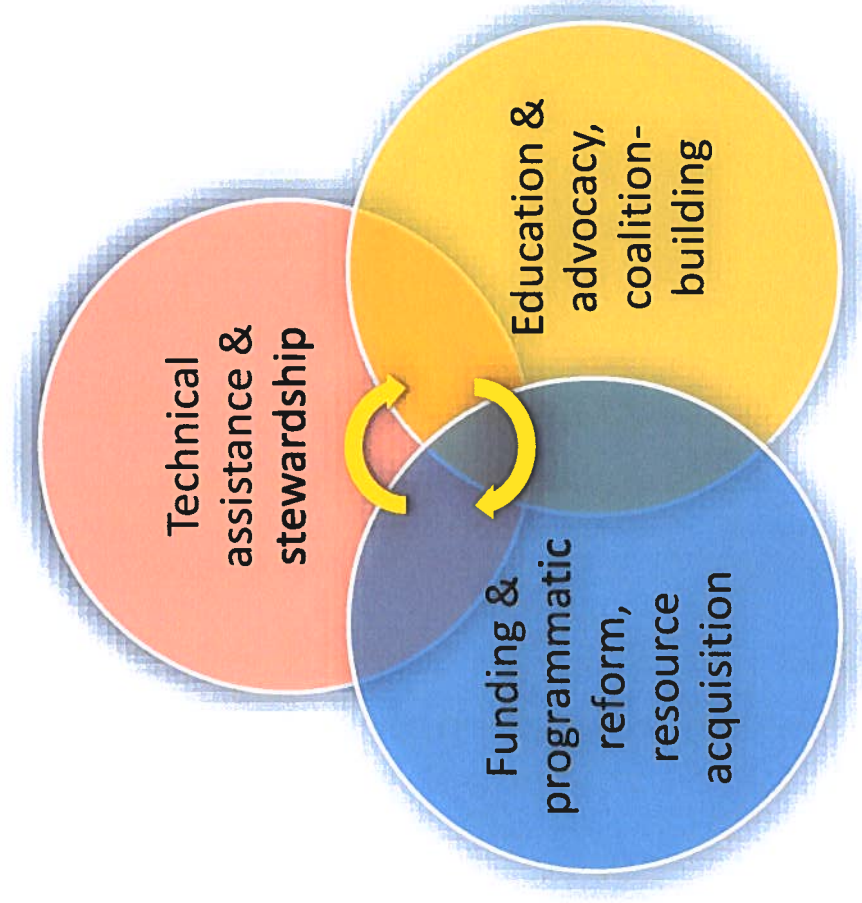
# Mobilify's Framework

- Lead community-based advocate and champion of a regional transit vision and its implementation;
- Lends educational and technical capacity to government, industry, grassroots, employers and institutions;
- Collaborates with local, regional, and state leaders to expand and improve transit and other mobility choices throughout southwestern PA;
- Provides external support so that bold transportation transformations can happen;
- Helps ensure that existing and new transit connects into communities, fostering mode shift and mobility equity;
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- Pushes for stabilized, predictable, dedicated, adequate state resources and tools to raise more funds at home.

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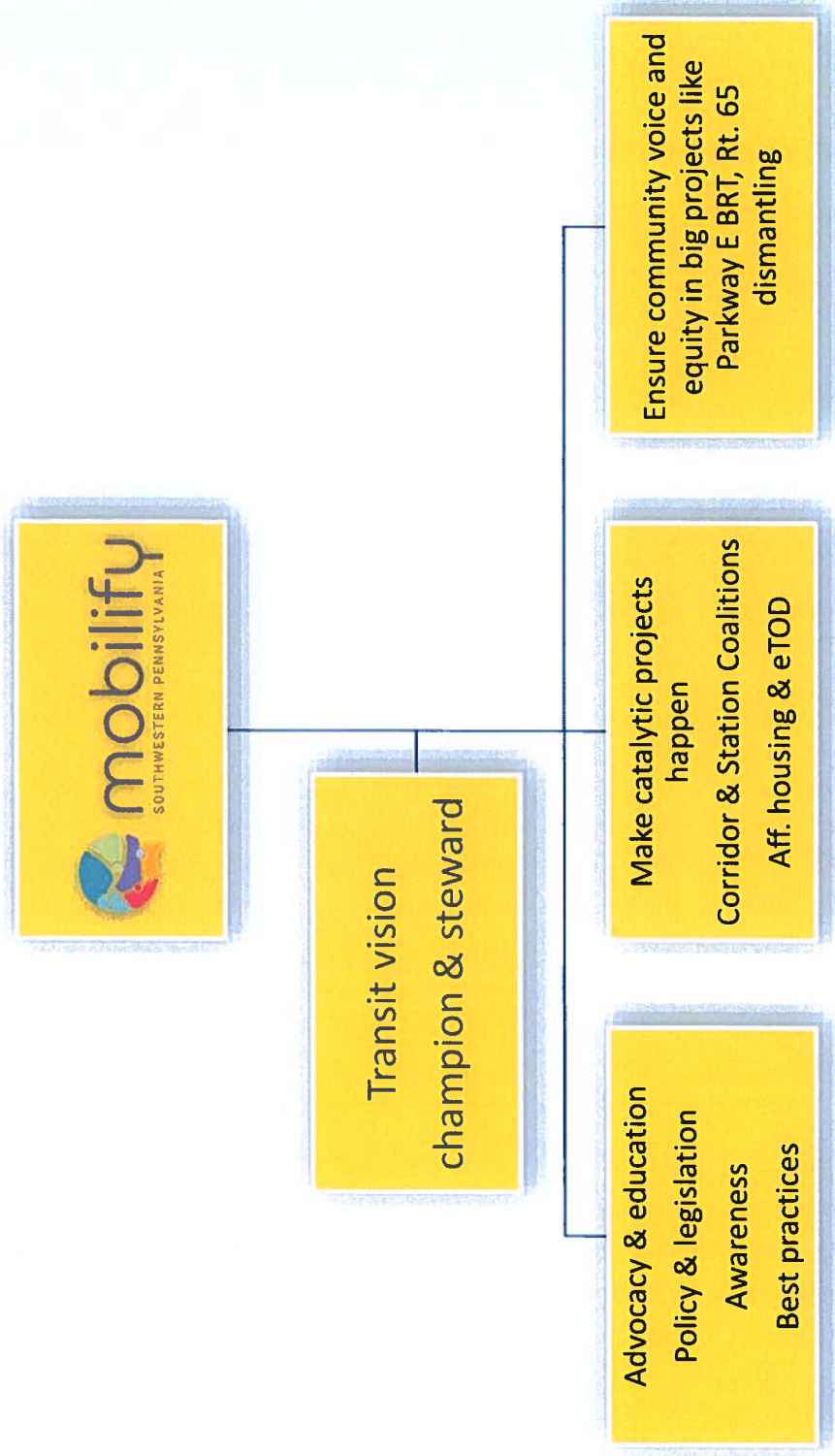
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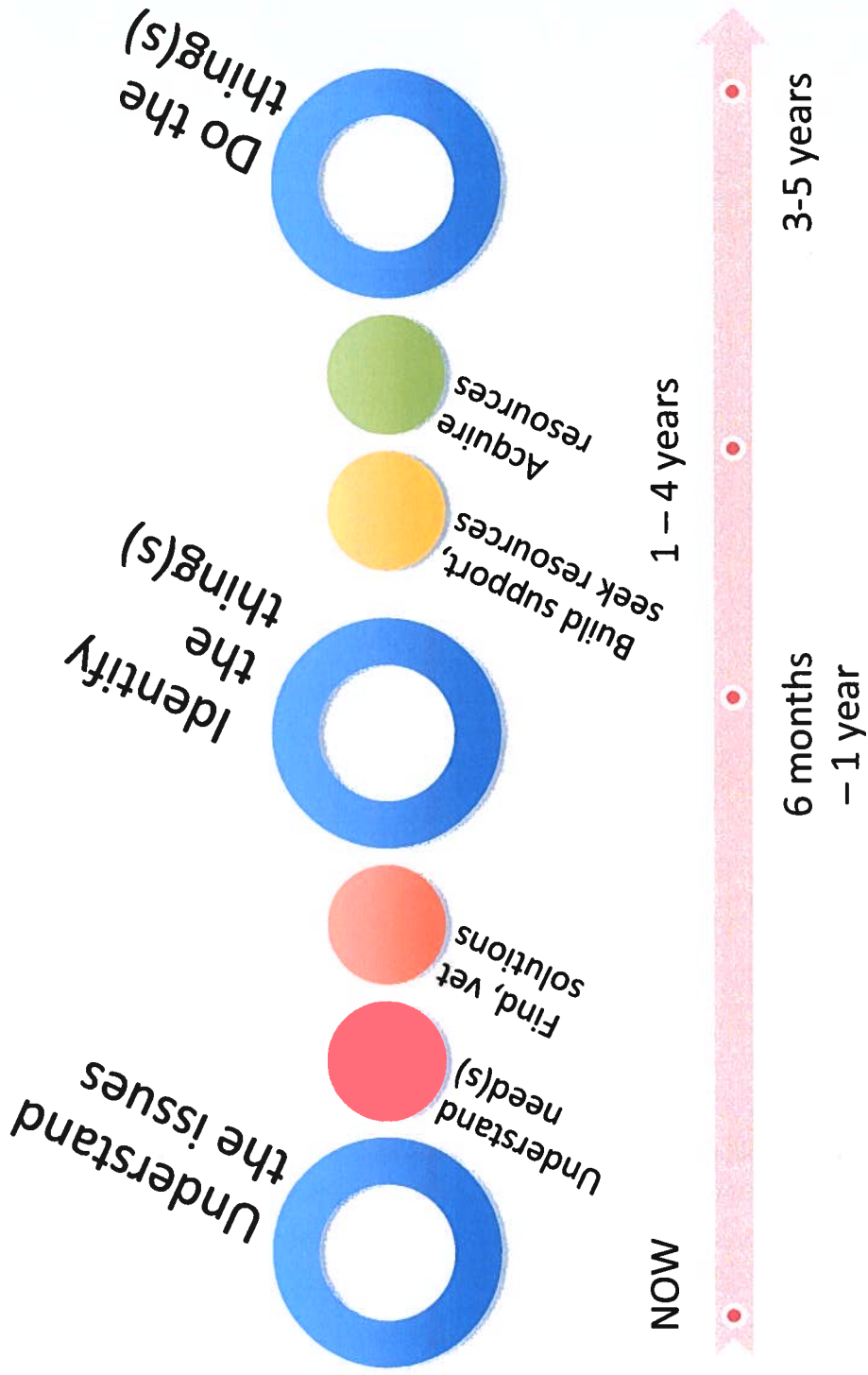


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# Starting now





Opportunities &  
Discussion

# Thank you!

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