The future construction of a SEPTA transportation center combined with a gap in a regional trail, lack of access to the Schuylkill River and the need for revitalized retail spaces precipitated this planning study in the Wissahickon Gateway of Philadelphia. A 12-month visioning and public outreach program was successfully completed by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission with the technical support of Michael Baker International. The plan was successful in enhancing SEPTA’s design for the new WTC, in recommending roadway operational improvements, integrating development of the Schuylkill River Trail, providing public riverfront access and a context sensitive development approach.

CHALLENGES:
- Traffic Congestion
- Dangerous conditions for pedestrians/bicyclists
- Lack of public riverfront access
- Barriers to public transit stations
- Gap in regional trail network
- Limited business development potential

PLANNED SOLUTIONS:
- Roadway Widening and Signal Operational Improvements
- Riverfront walking and bicycling trail
- Improved streetscape and public spaces
- Expanded transit center and connectivity enhancements
- Community derived private development concepts

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