



West Pittsburgh Mobility Plan

Elliott • Esplen • Sheraden • West End

Draft Plan Review Meeting

March 18th 2026

6PM – 7:30PM

West End Healthy Active Living Center

80 Wabash St

Pittsburgh, PA 15220

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Introductions

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Meeting Norms and Safety Overview

Meeting Norms

Physical and psychological safety

Listen to learn

Disagree respectfully

Appreciate differences

Be open to new ideas

Be present

Safety Overview

Location of exits

First Aid Locations

AED location if available

Emergency Contact

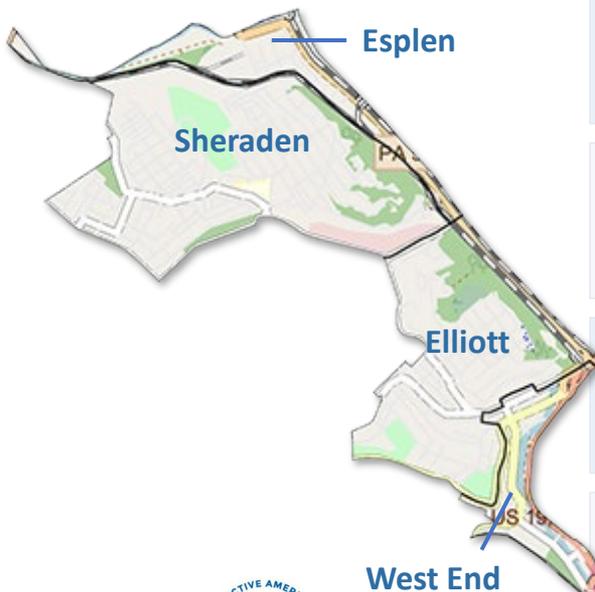
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About This Plan

Plan Objectives

- Improve safety for people walking, biking, driving, and using transit
- Close infrastructure gaps in sidewalks and crossings
- Strengthen connections and wayfinding within and between neighborhoods
- Support healthier, more active lifestyles
- Document community preference to help pursue funding for project implementation.

Funded by Allegheny County via CDC REACH Grant as part of the Healthy People Active Nation Program



Study Area Neighborhoods

Elliott

Pop: 2,100+

Primarily residential, home to West End Overlook

Esplen

Pop: 300+

Industrial area; gateway to McKees Rocks

Sheraden

Pop: 5,100+

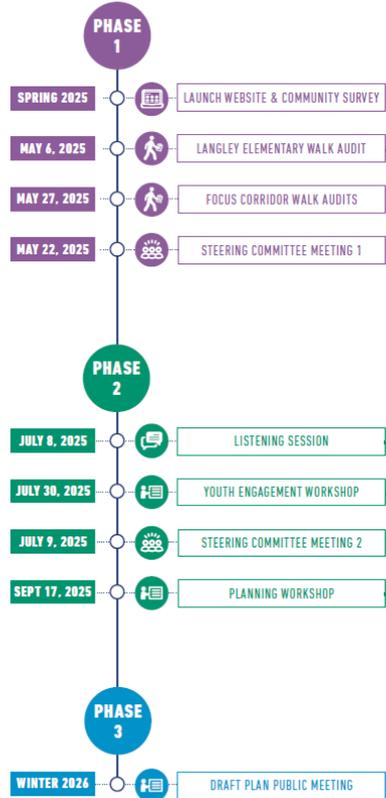
Largest neighborhood; anchored by West Busway

West End

Pop: 200+

Commercial district near West End Bridge

What We Heard



Youth Workshop



Listening Session



5 Key Community Themes

Safety

Concerns about high vehicle speeds, unsafe pedestrian crossings, and poor lighting

Accessibility

Barriers to access including blocked or nonexistent curb ramps, inconsistent sidewalks, and cars parked on sidewalks

Maintenance

Overgrown vegetation, trash, obstructions, and crumbling sidewalks throughout key corridors

Connectivity

Better links to McKees Rocks, Sheraden Park, the West End Bridge, and regional transit assets.

Wayfinding & Placemaking

Outdated signage, lack of public amenities, and desire to celebrate unique neighborhood identities



Existing Conditions: The Challenges

Physical Barriers to Mobility

Steep topography limits routes

Ohio River creates boundary

Rail corridors divide neighborhoods

Highways create barriers

Discontinuous, unmaintained sidewalks

No dedicated bicycle facilities

Key locations lack safe crossings



High Injury Network

Key corridors in the project area, including Chartiers Ave, Steuben St, and Stanhope St, are on the High Injury Network.

Strong Building Blocks

- ✓ Dense street grid supports walkable distances
- ✓ West Busway provides strong transit access
- ✓ Trolley Trail and Saw Mill Run Trail coming soon
- ✓ West End Overlook — a signature destination

Three Recommendation Themes

Every project in this Plan advances one or more of these goals



Safety

Reducing risks and injuries for all network users

- Intersection safety improvements
- Traffic calming & speed reduction
- Dedicated pedestrian & bike space
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Daylighting intersections



Connectivity

Traveling through and between destinations

- Community Connector corridors
- Low-stress walking & biking network
- Trail connections (Trolley, Saw Mill)
- Equitable mobility for all ages
- Transit access improvements



Wayfinding & Placemaking

Enhancing experience of a space and local identity

- Neighborhood gateway signs
- Directional wayfinding signage
- Park & trail wayfinding
- Activate special places (Kiwaniis Korner)
- Sheraden Station Plaza

Priority Corridors

Key streets that connect multiple neighborhoods — where targeted investments will deliver the biggest impact

Chartiers Avenue

TOP PRIORITY

The unifying spine of West Pittsburgh, it runs through all four neighborhoods. Connects schools, grocery stores, parks, and transit.

Wabash Street

SHORT TERM

Connects library, Healthy Active Living Center, parks, and future Trolley Trail. Often operates like a highway on-ramp.

Stafford Street

MEDIUM TERM

Critical connection to McKees Rocks for groceries, banking, and essential services.

Steuben Street

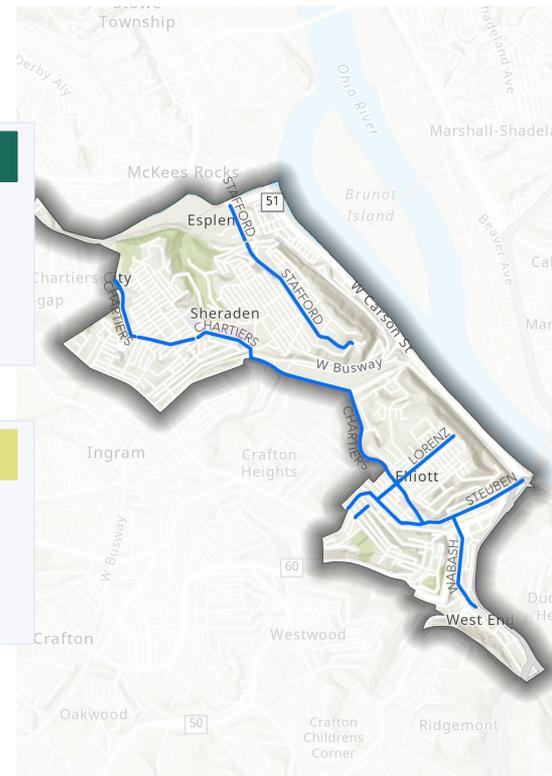
SHORT TERM

Main path from West End Bridge into the neighborhoods. Transitions from a high-speed traffic to a slow speed community main street.

Lorenz Avenue

MEDIUM TERM

Business district corridor with potential to serve as the gateway to the West End Overlook.



How Projects Were Prioritized

30%



Crash History

Projects on the High Injury Network with documented crashes in the past 5 years

30%



Key Destinations

Proximity (within 50 ft) of schools, libraries, parks, grocery stores, senior centers

20%



Transit Access

Within ¼ mile of a transit stop and along a bus or busway route

20%



Community Input

Locations called out during walk audits, surveys, mapping workshops, and listening sessions

Project Implementation Timeline



Short-Term

0 – 3 Years

Langley K-8 School Connections

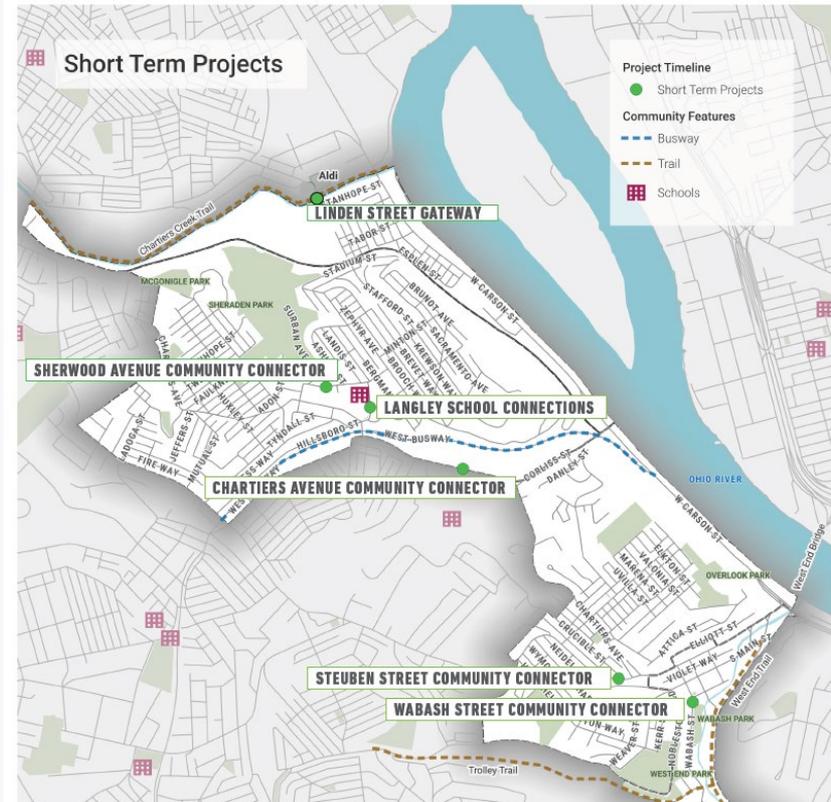
Chartiers Ave Community Connector

Sherwood Ave Community Connector

Linden Street Gateway

Steuben St Community Connector

Wabash St Community Connector



* Wayfinding & Placemaking projects can be ongoing throughout all phases as they are community-driven and funded as opportunities allow.

Project Spotlight: Steuben Street Connector

Projects

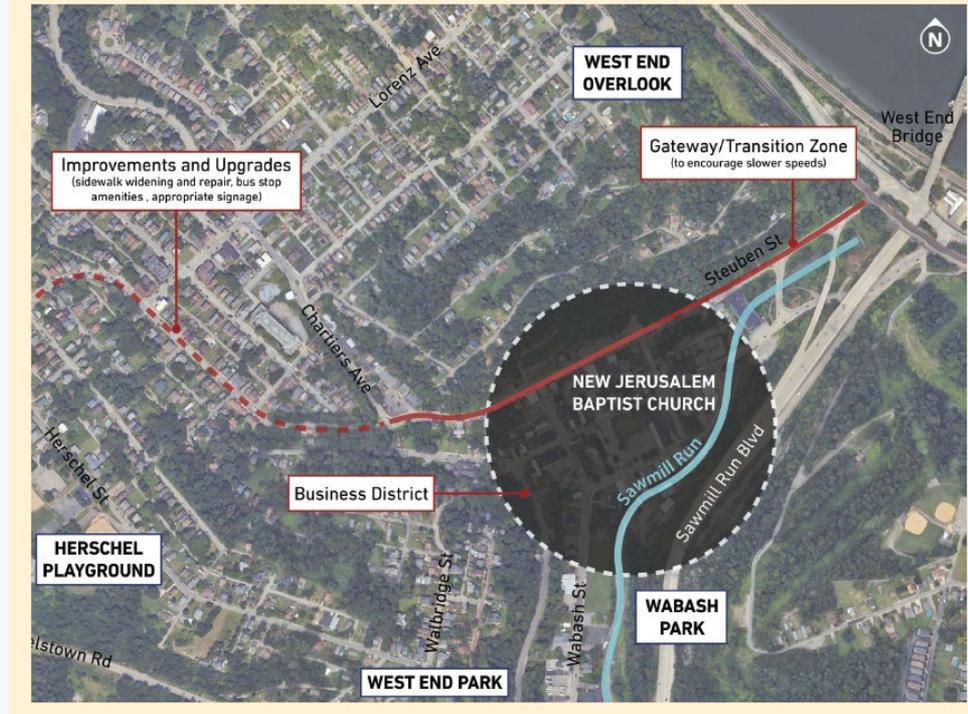
Traffic Calming: Implementing design changes to reduce vehicle speeds and signal the transition into a residential neighborhood "Main Street."

Pedestrian Enhancements: Redesigning the streetscape to prioritize foot traffic, aligning the environment with local business and transit activity.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Increasing the frequency of repairs and upkeep to ensure a wider, unobstructed clear path for pedestrians.

Transit Infrastructure Upgrades: Improving bus stops by adding shelters, benches, and dedicated pedestrian crossings.

Wayfinding and Branding: Installing new signage to highlight community destinations and improve navigation along the corridor.



Project Spotlight: Wabash Street Connector

Projects

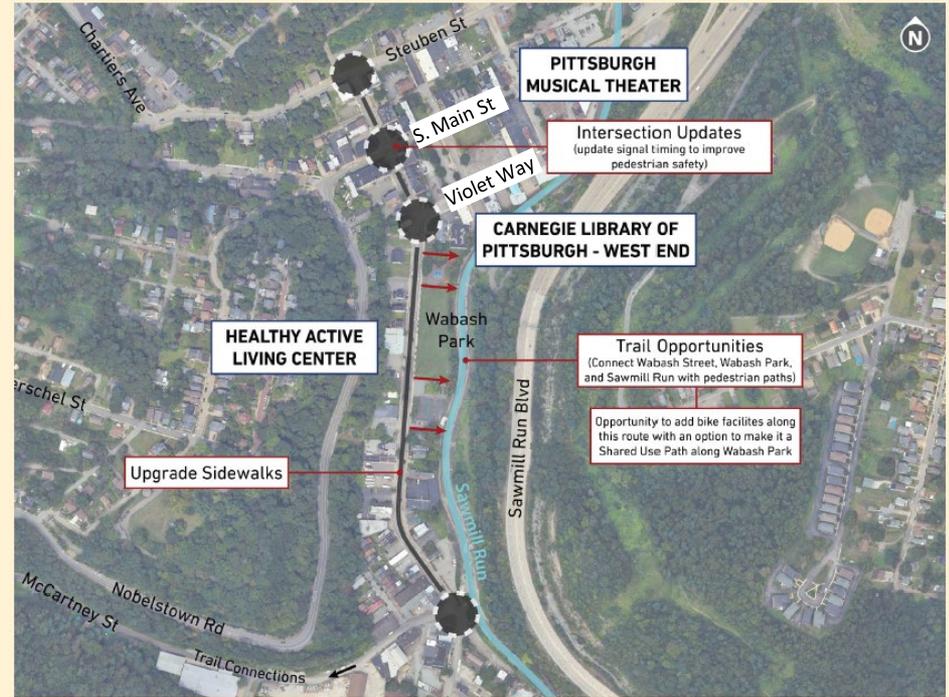
Traffic Calming Assessment: Evaluate and implement measures to reduce high-speed "on-ramp" driving behavior in this residential and commercial zone.

Sidewalk Expansion and Maintenance: Maintain existing paths and expand sidewalk width to improve the pedestrian entrance to the West End Business District.

Signal Timing Optimization: Update traffic signal patterns to better accommodate pedestrians and improve the flow of multimodal transit.

Infrastructure Modernization: Upgrade aging signals and physical sidewalk infrastructure to meet current safety and accessibility standards.

Trail Connectivity: Identify and develop strategic locations to integrate the street with local trail networks.



Project Implementation Timeline



Medium-Term

3 – 5 Years

Stafford St Community Connector

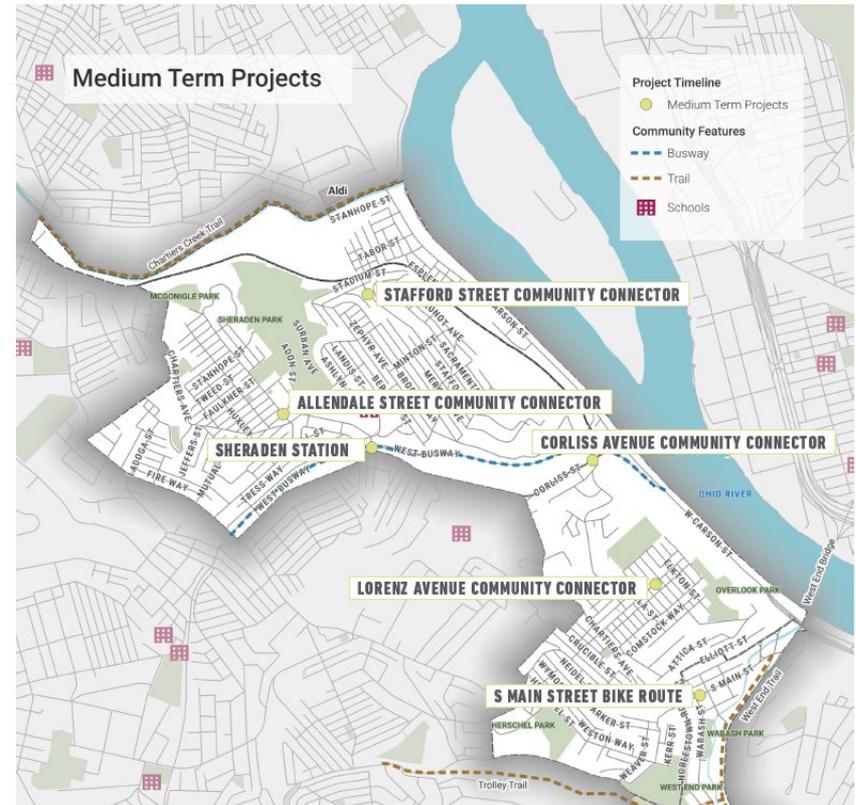
Sheraden Station Plaza

Allendale St Community Connector

Corliss Ave Community Connector

Lorenz Ave Community Corridor

S Main Street Bike Route



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Project Spotlight: Sheraden Station Plaza

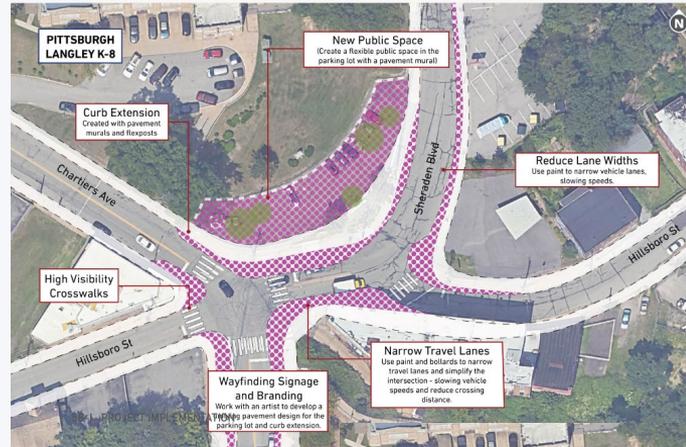
Projects

Safety and Visibility Enhancements: Improve the busway entrance with better lighting, clear pedestrian paths, and increased "legibility" for commuters.

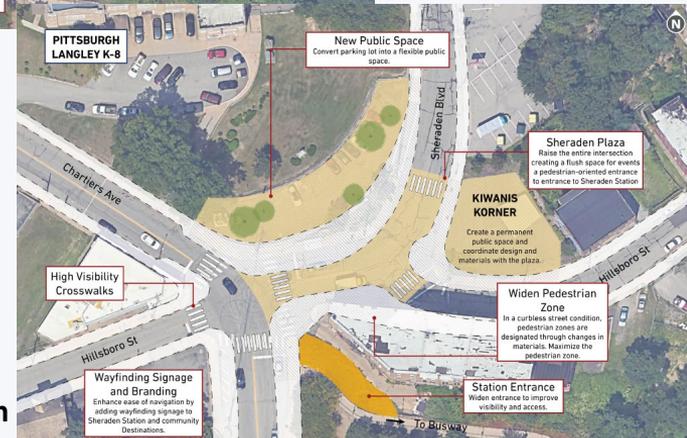
Test New Design: Use short-term materials like flex-posts, paint, and flexible spaces to proposed ideas before committing to permanent changes.

Intersection and Plaza Reconstruction: Create a permanent, holistic public space by raising the intersection to a flush condition and integrating Kiwanis Corner and the flex-space/parking area that retains parking but allows for additional uses.

Station Activation: Upgrade the busway entrance for better access and explore new development opportunities to make the area livelier and more welcoming.



Short Term



Long Term

Project Implementation Timeline



Long-Term

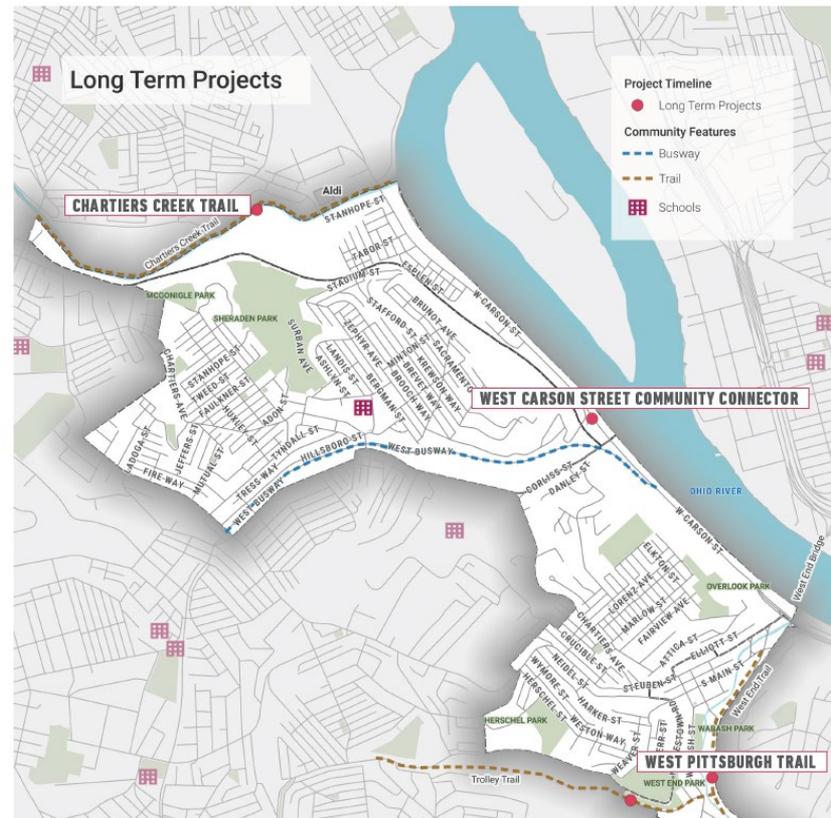
5+ Years

Chartiers Creek Trail

West Pittsburgh Trail

West Carson St Connector

Regional trail connections



Wayfinding & Placemaking

Telling West Pittsburgh's Story

West Pittsburgh has a strong identity worth celebrating. Community feedback called for updated signage, better navigation to parks and transit, and placemaking that builds neighborhood pride.



Neighborhood Gateways

Welcome signs at key entry points for Elliott, Esplen, Sheraden & West End



Directional Wayfinding

Signs with arrows & walking times to parks, transit, schools, and trails



Park Entrances

Improved Sheraden Park entrances on Adon St & Surban St with clear signage



Special Places

Kiwanis Korner, Balfour Street Steps, Wabash St hub — places worth naming

Gateway Locations in the Plan

Esplen

Linden Street Gateway — connection to McKees Rocks

Sheraden

Stafford St Gateway — 'Where the West Began'

Sheraden

Sheraden Station / Kiwanis Korner

Elliott

North & South Gateways on Chartiers Ave

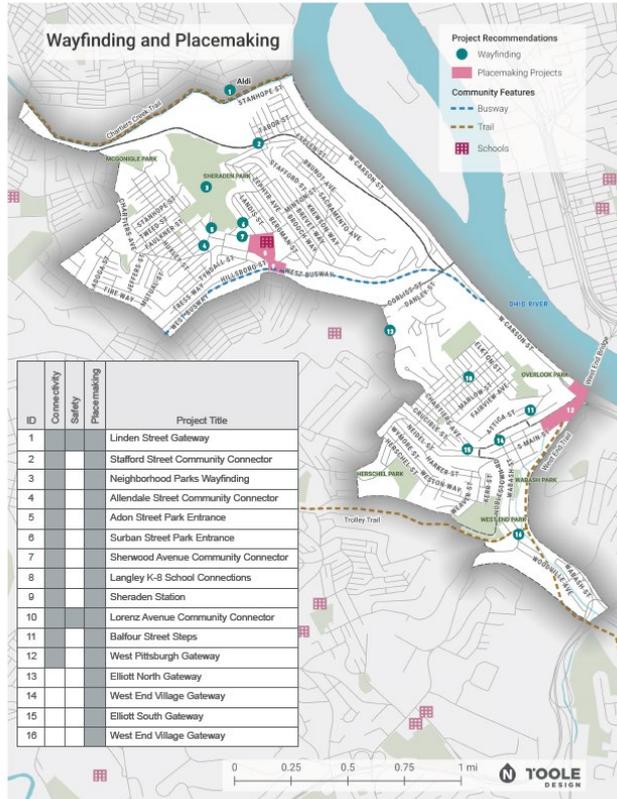
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West End Gateways on Wabash & Steuben St

Parks

Neighborhood Parks Signage

Wayfinding & Placemaking



MAP 5 Wayfinding and Placemaking Project Locations Map

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Your Voice Matters

This is a DRAFT and your feedback will shape the final plan

Do the project priorities reflect what matters most to your neighborhood?

What placemaking ideas would most strengthen your neighborhood's identity?

Next Steps

- 1. Comment on the Draft Plan**
- 2. Submit feedback to DOMI by April 3rd**
- 3. Final Plan published April 2026**
- 4. Short-term project design begins**

THANK YOU!



Visit the project engage page and let us know what you think about the plan!

engage.pittsburghpa.gov/west-pittsburgh-mobility-plan

Feedback will be open until April 3rd