

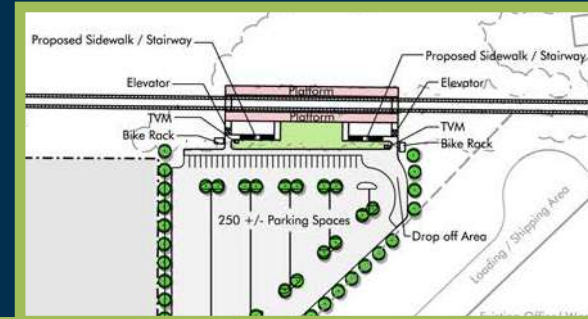
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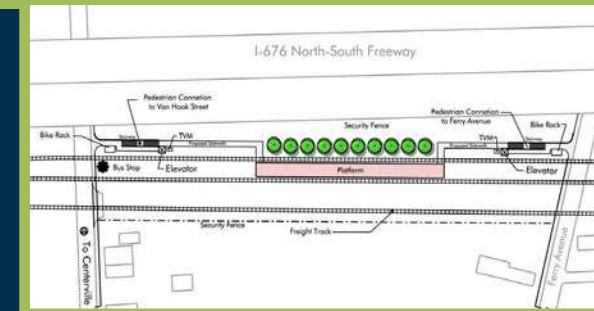
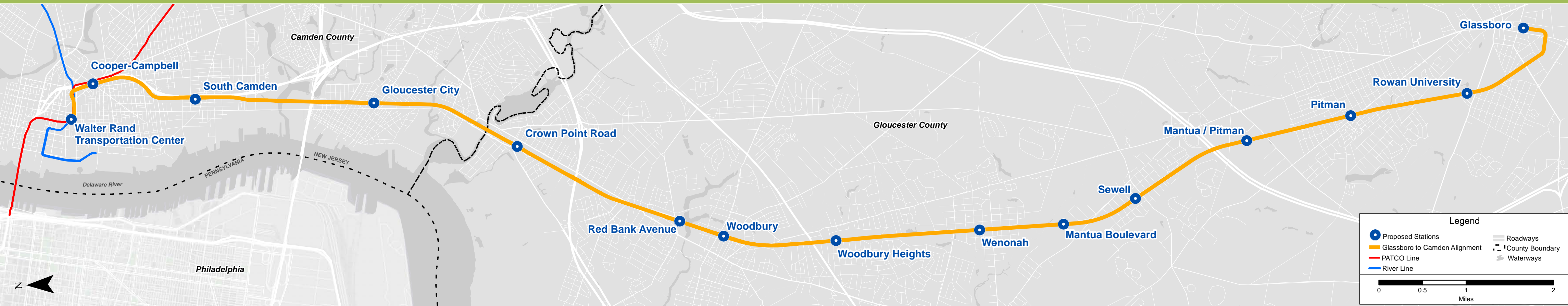
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What is an EIS?

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently being prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Glassboro-Camden Line (GCL) passenger rail project. An EIS is a federally mandated full-disclosure document which describes the potential positive and negative effects associated with a proposed action, in this case the introduction of a passenger rail system along an 18-mile corridor from Camden to Glassboro. It allows transit officials to make project decisions that balance engineering and transit needs with social, economic, and natural environmental factors.

- The EIS document will consist of:**
- A description of the project and the Purpose and Need
 - A description of the existing human and natural environments
 - A summary of the potential effects on the human and natural environments
 - A summary of proposed mitigation measures

The Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT) the funding agency, initiated preparation of the Glassboro-Camden Line EIS. The FTA is the lead federal agency for the project, with DRPA/PATCO providing EIS project oversight, and NJ TRANSIT serving as the funding partner.

What Are We Studying?

The Project Team has been evaluating the proposed GCL in terms of its potential effects on:

- Traffic & Transit
- Land Use
- Neighborhood Character
- Aesthetics
- Cultural & Historic Resources
- Parks, Wetlands & Natural Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Air Quality
- Noise & Vibration

“The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions.”
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

What Outreach Have We Done?

Active and informed public participation is a key element of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) phase. During the EIS phase, a wide range of partners, including the public, businesses, and agencies at all levels of government, provide input into the project and decisions. To that end, a comprehensive public involvement effort is on-going to advise the public of all opportunities available to participate.

There are two key points in the NEPA process where public participation is particularly focused:

- 1) During Public Scoping (**Completed**)
- 2) Following the publication of the Draft EIS (**Spring 2014**)



What Comes Next?

The publication of the Draft EIS is scheduled for Spring 2014, at which time there will be public hearings along with a 45-day comment period. Following the comment period, the GCL team will carefully consider all comments received and begin preparing a Final EIS.

It is anticipated that the Final EIS will be published in late 2014. If the GCL project moves forward, it would then enter into Preliminary Engineering and Design, at which time the final track alignment and station locations would be set. The station locations analyzed in the EIS represents a reasonable best understanding at how this project would be implemented. As engineering and design progress and specific ground conditions are understood, it is possible that the station locations could be different from those shown in the EIS. Public review and input would be sought if that were to occur.



How To Get Involved?

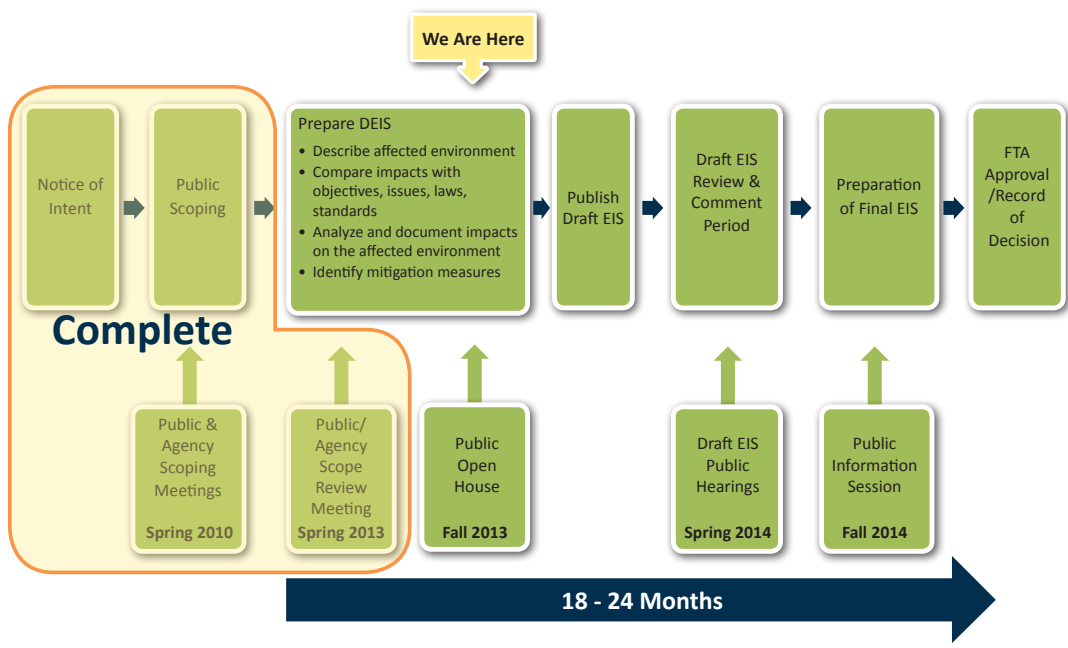
- Become informed on the project by viewing the project website, www.GlassboroCamdenLine.com, for the latest news, and review the available documents and past studies
- Offer comments on the Draft EIS
- Attend the public hearings in Spring 2014
- Call the project information line
- Communicate with your local government, businesses, and neighbors about the project

THE PROJECT

ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY

LOOKING AHEAD



Study Corridor by the Numbers

The Corridor:
» **18** mile long new transit line running through **12** established South Jersey communities making stops at **14** new stations

The Region:
» **18,000** students and **2,400** staff at the two major universities anchoring both ends of the line
» **296** miles of rail transit in Southeastern PA and **583** miles of rail transit in North Jersey, but only **98** miles of rail transit in South Jersey

The Environmental Study:
» **11** Historical Districts studied
» **7** towns with redevelopment plans supporting transit in the corridor
» **44** acres of wetlands mapped and delineated
» **42** public parks and recreational facilities along the corridor
» **22** state and federal agencies and local governments committed to participating in the GCL EIS study

Public Outreach and Participation

	Feasibility Study	AA Study	GCL EIS	Grand Total
Number of Comments (Subjective & Objective)	221	1102	208	1531
Meetings				
Public	11	9	5	25
Elected Officials	6	28	22	56
Targeted Outreach	35	53	5	93
Agencies	13	12	3	28
Total Meetings	65	102	35	202

PROCESS	DATE
Wrap up Environmental Analyses	Winter 2013/2014
Publish Draft EIS	Spring 2014
Public Hearings	Spring 2014
Respond to Draft EIS comments	Summer 2014
Publish Final EIS	Late Fall 2014
Preliminary Engineering	2015-2017
Construction	2016-2018
Start of Operation	2019

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