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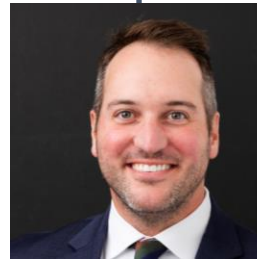
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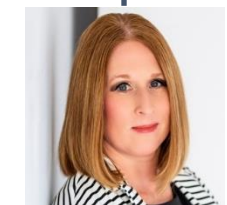
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LinkUS Program Overview



LinkUS is a collaborative effort by the Central Ohio Transit Authority, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Franklin County, Franklin County Engineer's office, the Columbus Partnership and all of the cities within the COTA service area – THANK YOU for saying "Yes, we need more transit, sidewalks, bikeways and walkable mixed-use communities in Central Ohio."

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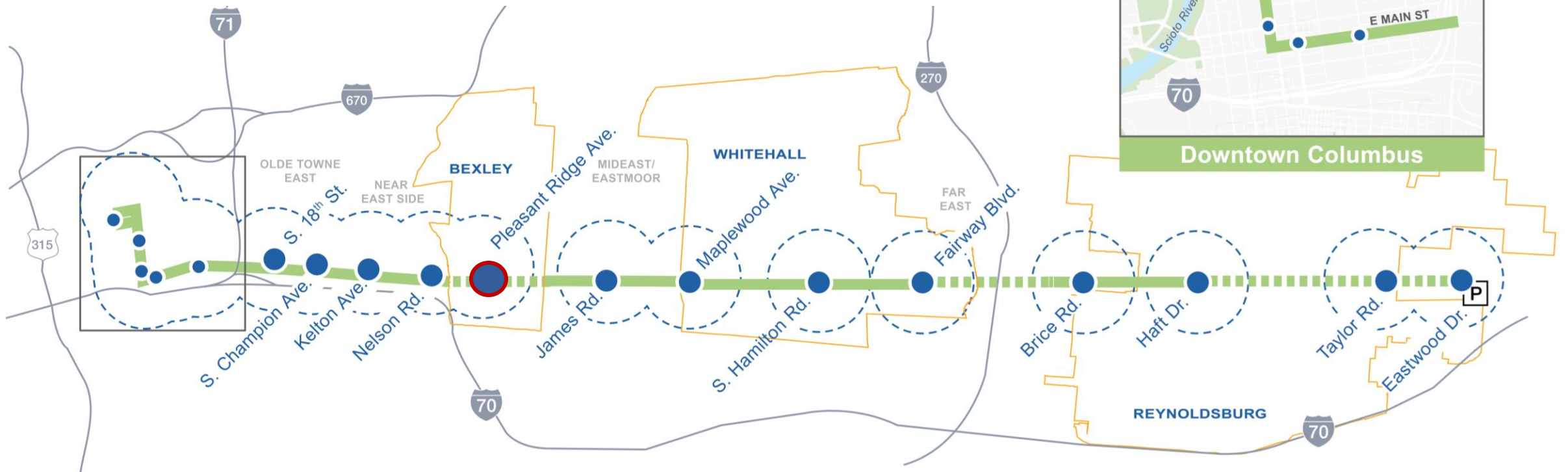
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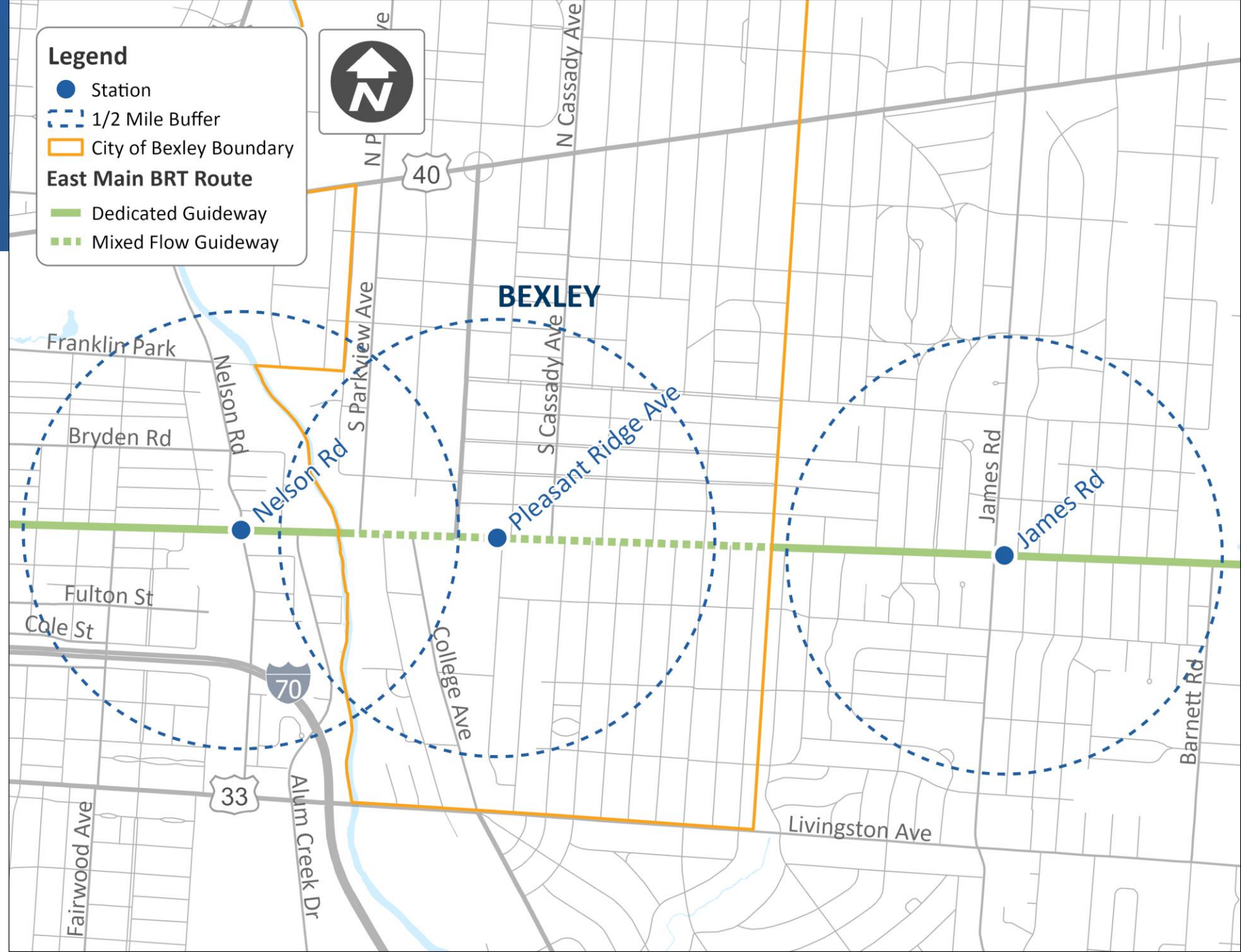
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East Main Street Corridor

- 17 stations
- Existing population: 120,734
- 2045 Population: 219,574
- Existing Jobs: 125,850
- 2045 Jobs: 152,080



Bexley Station Location

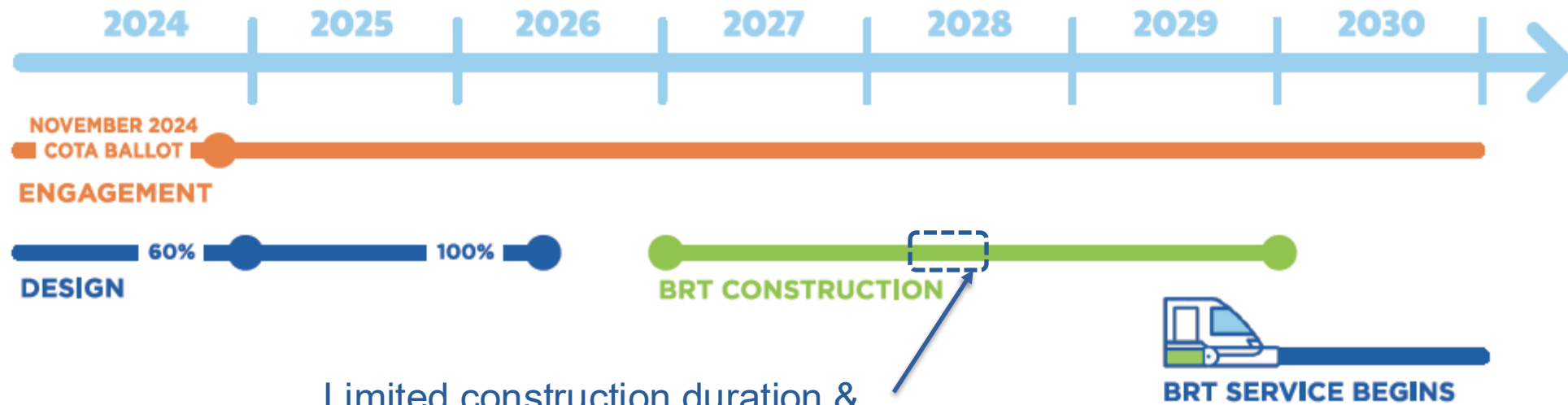




Project Schedule



PROJECT TIMELINE





2025 Engagement Activities



Communication Materials

- Fact sheets, visualizations based on 60% design, social media, website, newsletters, translated materials, postcards, media (ongoing)

Stakeholder meetings/briefings

- Businesses, jurisdictional officials, commissions, community leaders, etc. (ongoing)

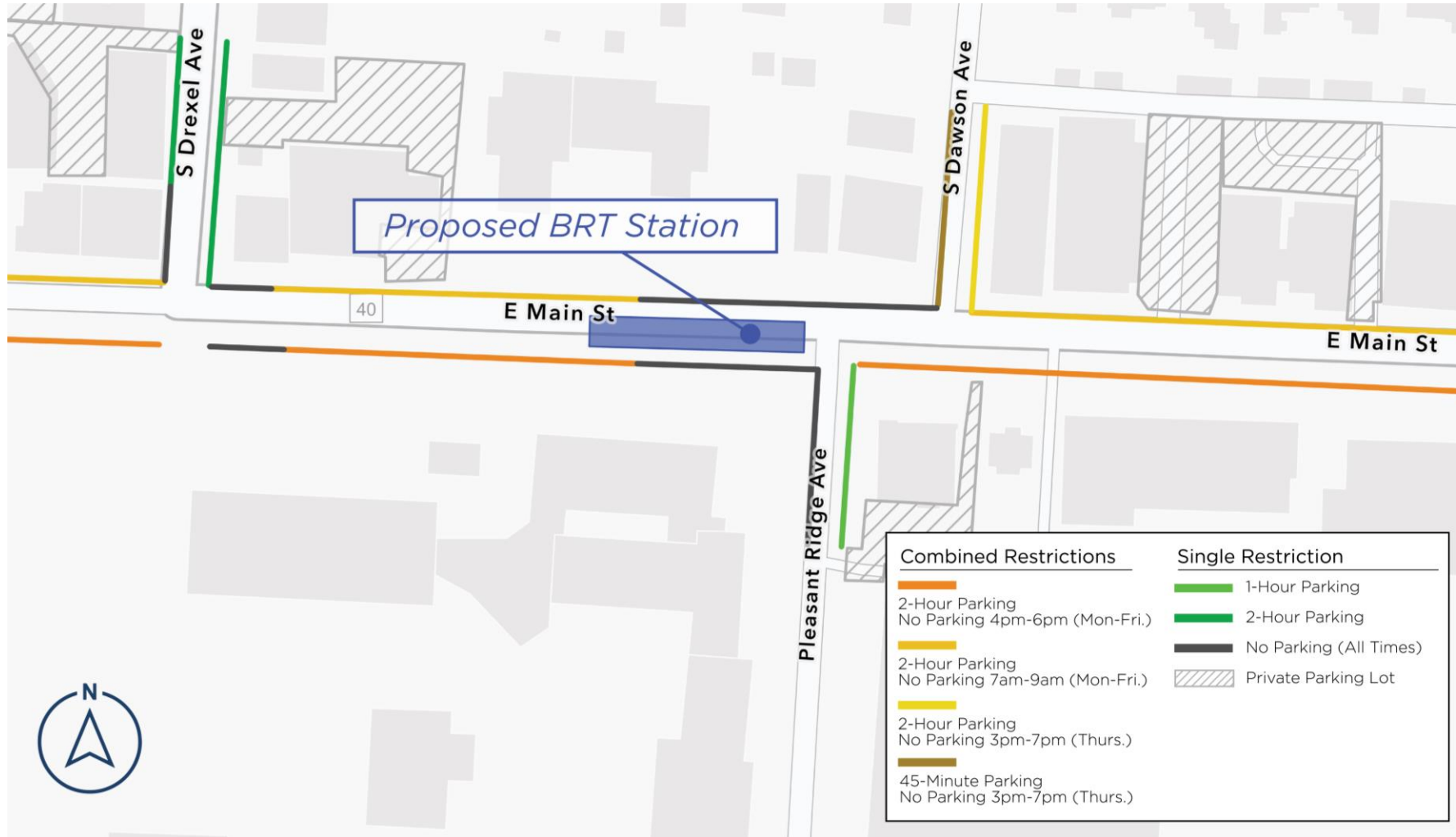
Community meetings/events

- Rider surveying, community event tabling (spring/fall)
- Public meetings around 60% design and environmental updates (early Fall)

Technical engagement/communications

- Environmental review, property owner coordination, Section 106 (summer/fall)

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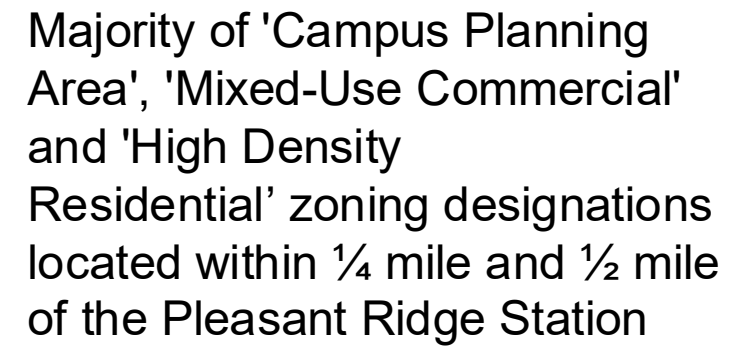


Pleasant Ridge Station Location

Why Pleasant Ridge Avenue location?

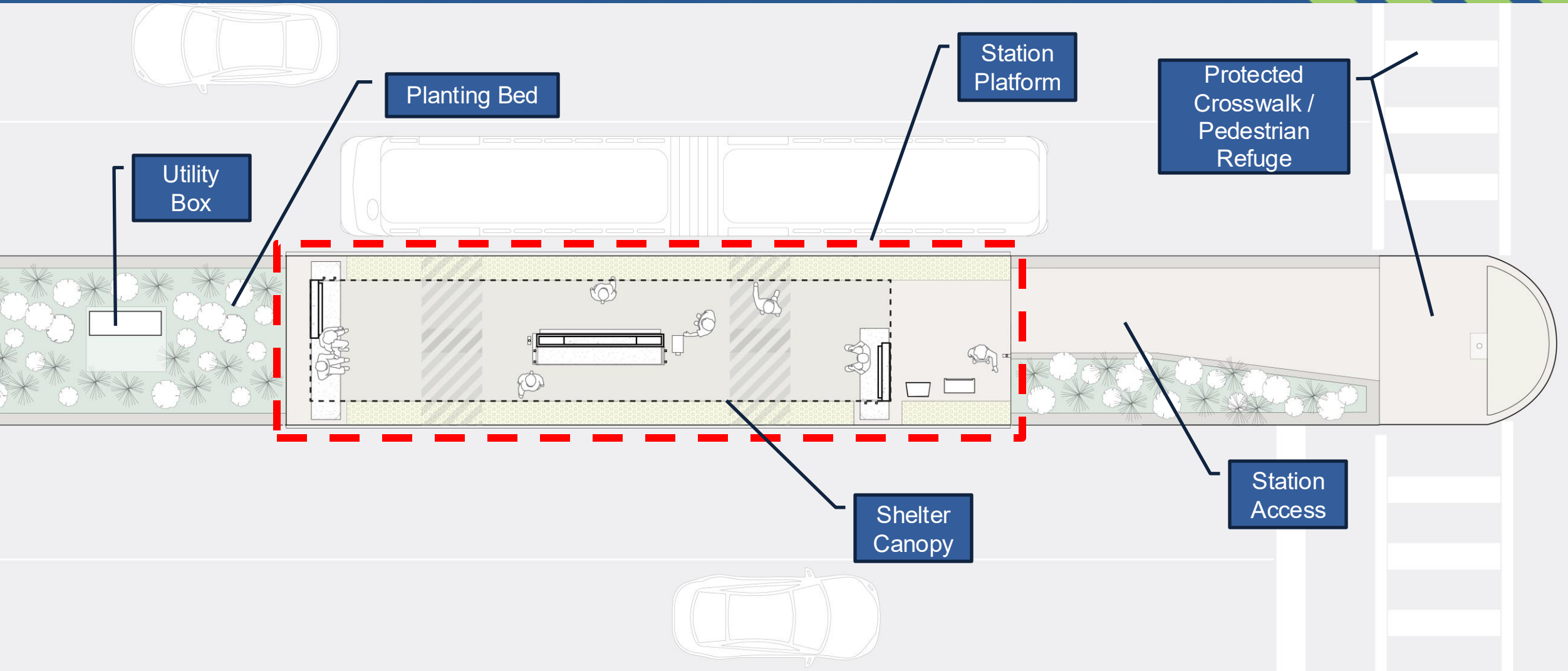
- Relocated from Drexel based on feedback regarding traffic movements, pedestrian activity, parking impacts and desired median configuration.
- Second to Drexel, Pleasant Ridge maintains best access for Bexley's current 370+ daily riders.
- 87% of Bexley's Main Street is within ½ mile of the Pleasant Ridge BRT Station



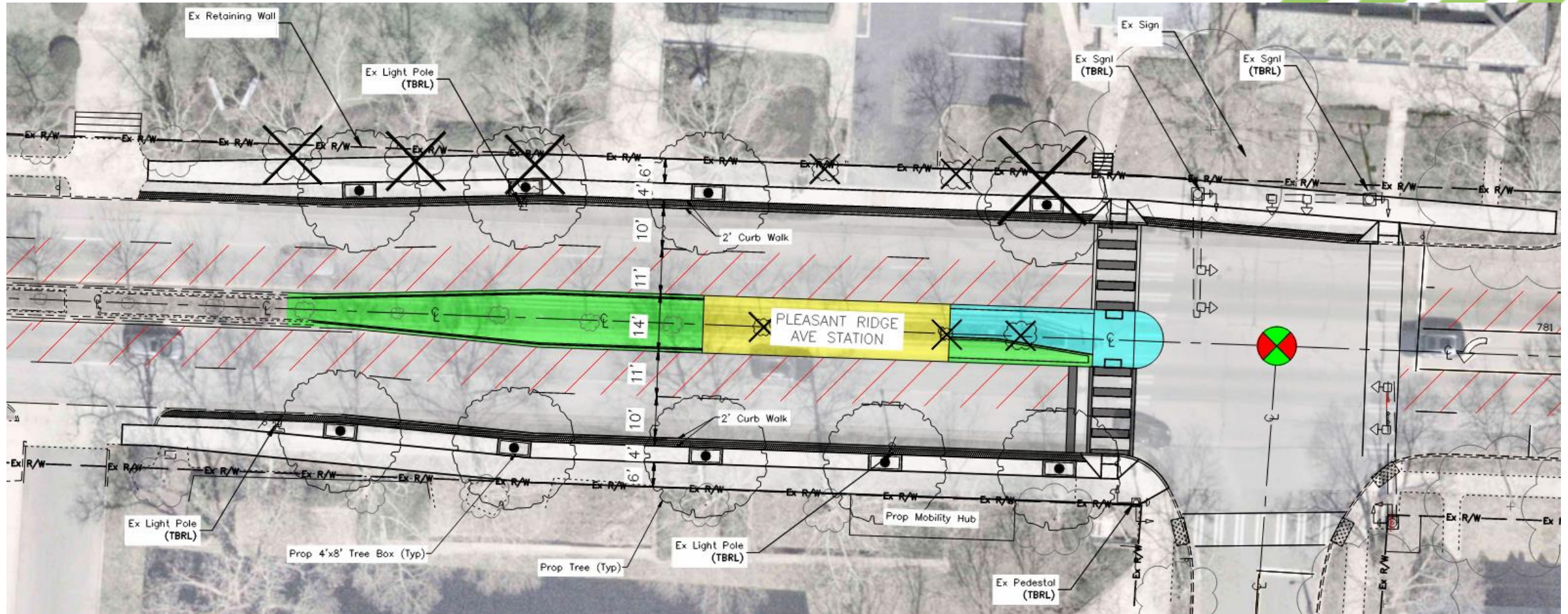


Within ½ mile (10-minute walk)
of this station are 1,900 jobs and
4,900 residents.

Station Plan



Pleasant Ridge Station Detail



Existing Conditions Pleasant Ridge





Bexley
Pleasant Ridge
Avenue

**Station Rendering
Pleasant Ridge**



Travel Time Analysis



From Pleasant Ridge BRT Station (PM Peak)

	Spring Street Bus Terminal		Arena District		Ohio Stadium	
	Travel Time	Notes	Travel Time	Notes	Travel Time	Notes
Personal Vehicle	15-18 min	E. Main Street or I-70	17-min	I-70/I-71/I-670; Add 10+ min for parking and walking	28-min	I-70/SR-315; Add 10+ min for parking and walking
Fixed Route Service	35-min	35-min bus	37-min	27-min bus + 10-min walking	53-min	40-min bus + 13-min walking
BRT	18-min	18-min bus	28-min	18-min bus + 10-min walking	31-min	18-min BRT + 13-min walking

Example Center Platform Station



Pleasant Ridge Station Rendering





SAFETY



COTA Protects Riders and Operators

- Pleasant Ridge crossing to become safest in Bexley!
- Station design improves driver attention and protection of pedestrians.
- COTA's Strategic Response Specialist Team responds to buses quickly, collaborates with local law enforcement
- All BRT stations will have cameras and emergency call boxes.
- Launched "See Say" app to accept safety and cleanliness information from customers



ACHIEVING DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Accommodating future growth in productive ways
- Creating great places
- Increasing access to opportunity
- Improving economic vibrancy
- Shaping the future and reimagining the region for shared prosperity





Thank You!

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