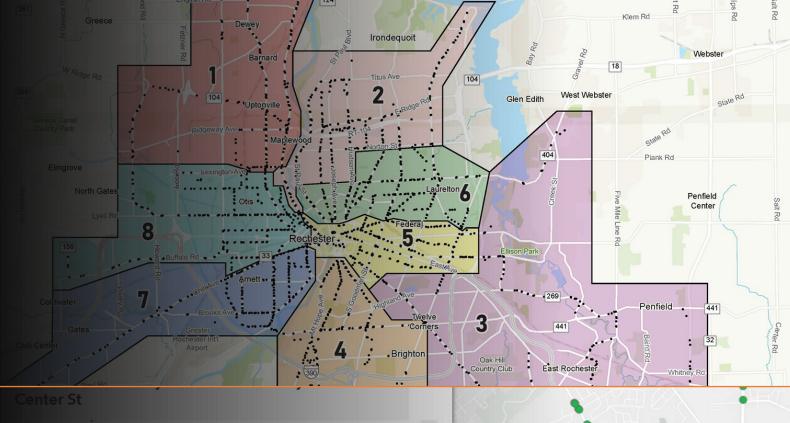
Bus Stop Field Assessments

Methodology and Benefits







The humble bus stop

 Most basic element of fixed route bus service

 First interaction point between service and the customer

Influence on perceived quality and safety of service

New user experience

Not all stops are created equal











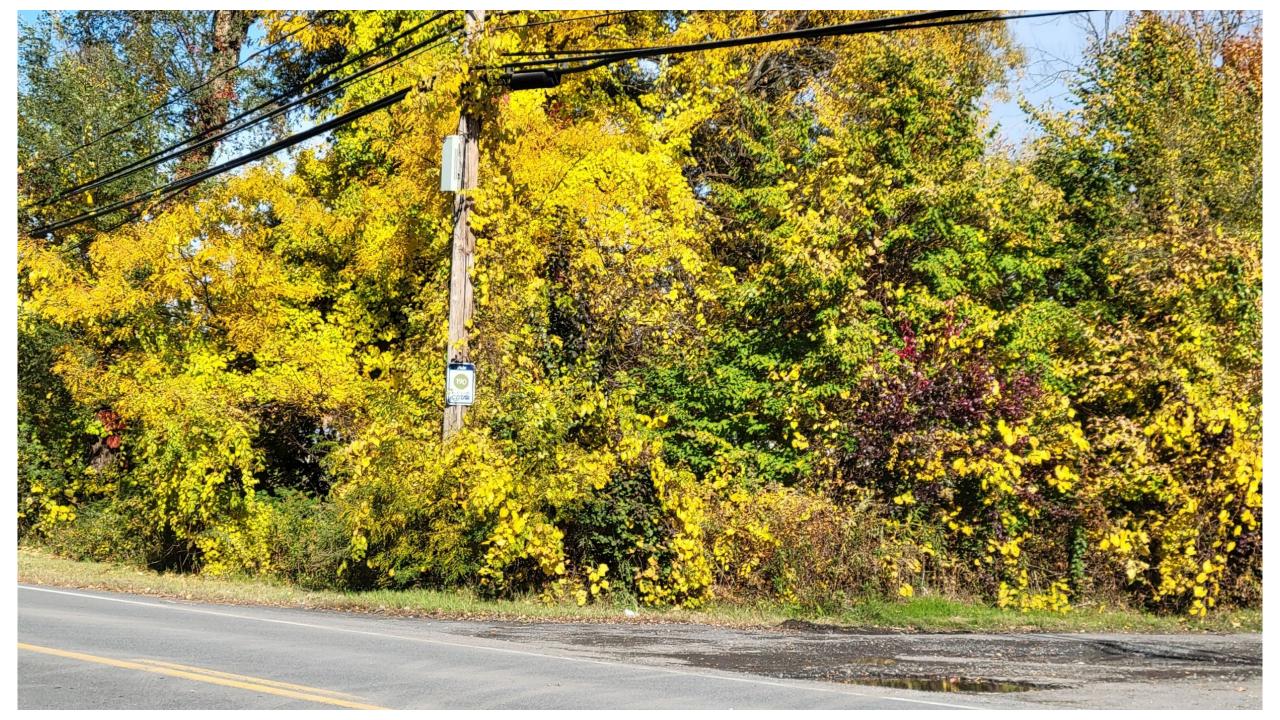




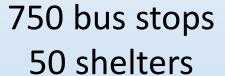














1,875 bus stops 150 shelters



2,750 bus stops 350 shelters

the **bee-line** system



3,300 bus stops 325 shelters



3,800 bus stops 275 shelters

Contributing Factors

- General Wear & Tear
- Vandalism
- Maintenance Jurisdictions
- Vehicle Collisions
- Agency Resource Levels
- Asset Management Procedures
- Under Reporting
- Construction Impacts
- Inter-department Communication
- Work Order Procedures



Bus Stop Field Assessment

Inventory agency assets & stop conditions

~100% sample of all stops

Catalogue physical condition of assets

Confirm accuracy public facing information

• Develop photographic record of assets

• Identify priority needs & inputs into capital plan

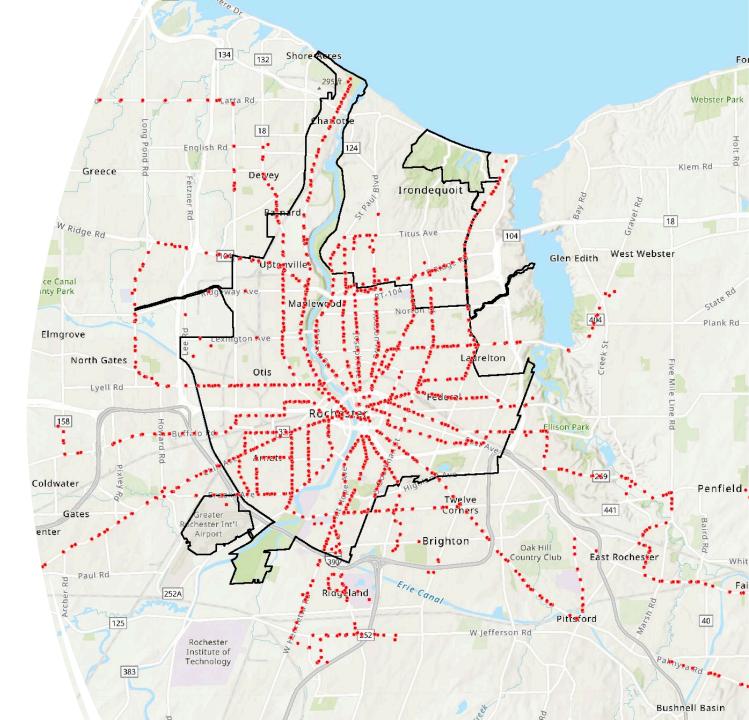


Existing Conditions

GTFS used as base condition

Facilitates field work planning

- Verify internal data matches customer-facing information
- Efficient progress tracking





ArcGIS® Field Maps



Data Collection Platforms

- Smartphone-based minimizes equipment
- Flexible & customizable forms
- Automatic, real-time record uploads
- Ability to modify questionnaire or function
- Syncs with ArcGIS

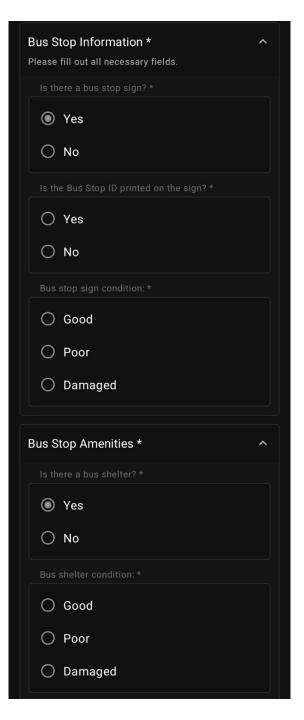
Inventory Questionnaire

Keep it short, but effective

Limit potential for user error

Clear direction on qualitative responses

Prior training session is essential



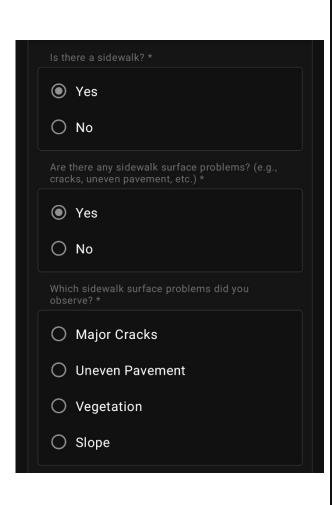
Inventory Questionnaire

Ped infrastructure = passenger experience

Identify stops for priority investment

Data can inform & support:

- 1. Cost sharing agreements
- 2. Capital plans
- 3. Grant applications for ADA and access to transit programs



Is there a 3' wide accessible path? *
○ Yes
O No
Is there a 5' x 8' wheelchair loading zone? *
○ Yes
O No
Is the cross slope greater than 2%? *
O Yes
O No
Is there a continuous sidewalk connection to the nearest pedestrian crossing? *
○ Yes
○ No
Is there a pedestrian ramp at the nearest crossing? *
○ Yes
○ No
Is there a marked crosswalk? *
○ Yes
O No

Photo Record

Consistent set of photos at each stop

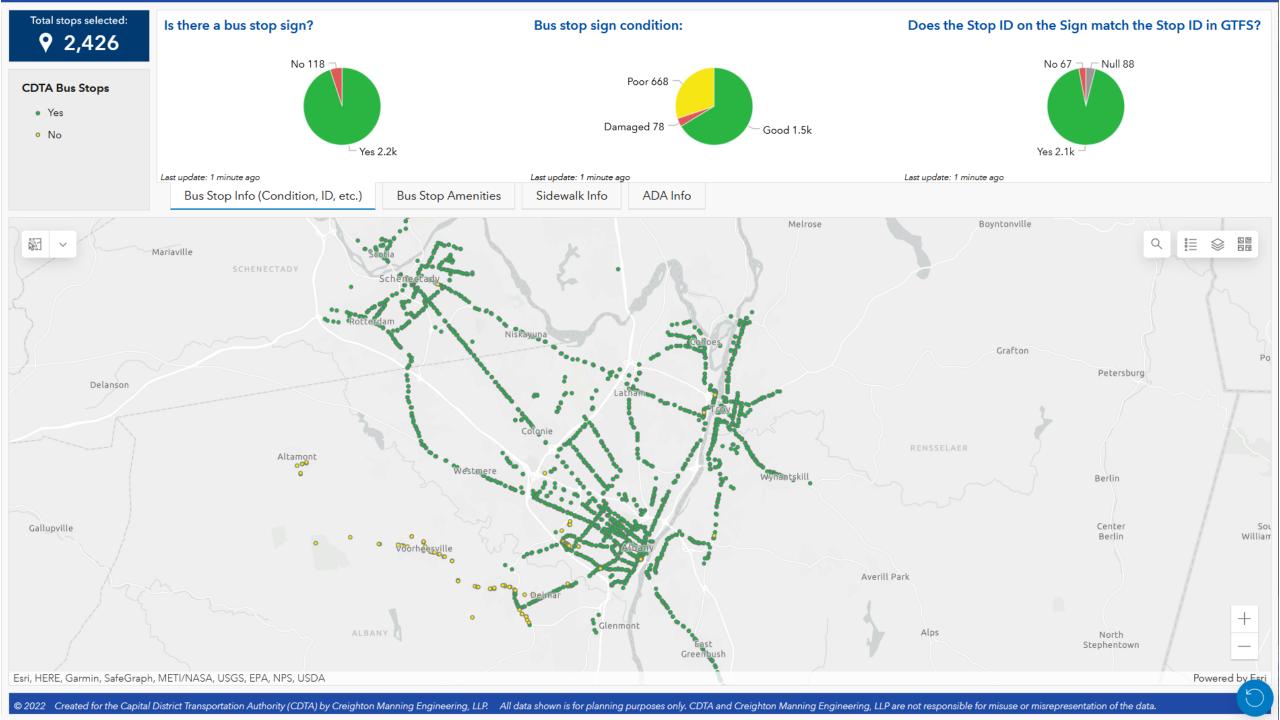
Used to review conditions and assess needs

Confirm condition assessments and determine priorities

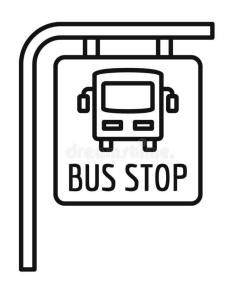
Provides agency staff with reference database

More photos = More data = More costs





Capital Planning



Address missing, incorrect, or damaged signs



Prioritize repair and replacement of assets



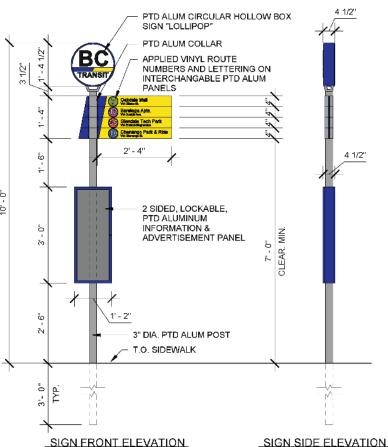
Cost sharing agreements for infrastructure issues



Utilize data to support grant applications

Informing Capital Investment - BMTS







2019 2020ish 2023

BENEFITS

- Full inventory of roadside assets
- Identify missing or incorrect signs
- Identify infrastructure condition issues
- Develop short-term action plan
- Inform medium-term capital plan
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- Identify gaps in workflow processes

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