



CHARLESTON AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NORTH CHARLESTON REGIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

**Liberty Hill Improvement Council
Intermodal Subcommittee
Thursday, May 21, 2015**

**Felix Pinckney Community Center
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**



AGENDA

- Introductions
- Project Update
- Project Schedule
- Questions & Answers



PROJECT UPDATE— MAJOR MILESTONES

1996: Feasibility Study/Site Selection

1997-2007: Project refinement, NEPA, land acquisition

2008: Phase I Construction of Infrastructure and P&R Lot



2009: Phase II Architectural Design & Engineering for Terminal Building

2010: State of Good Repair Grant Awarded for Phase II

2012: CSX rejects platform permit without sidetrack; site is no longer cost feasible





PROJECT STATUS

- Project Management and Ownership Transferred from CARTA to **City of North Charleston**
- **Wannetta Mallette** to serve as Project Manager
- **CARTA** is funding 80% of \$14.5M with FTA Grants
- **Davis & Floyd** continuing A/E Design
- Reduced Building from 32,000 SF to **14,217 SF**
- Updated Timeline with a Project Completion Date of **February 2017**



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN PROGRESS

- FTA Determination for Environmental Assessment (EA) Class of Action: **December 2014**
- Target date for draft EA document available from FTA for public comment: **June 15, 2015**
- Public Meeting: **Week of July 13**
- Target NEPA Completion Date: **September 2015**
- Construction Begins: **December 2015**
- Project Completion: **February 1, 2017**



LIBERTY HILL COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Traffic Congestion, Air and Water Pollution, Odor, and Safety
 - Vehicle & Intermodal Traffic
 - Gaynor-Snipe Street Intersection
 - Snipe Street Vegetative Buffer Easement
 - Landscaping on Gaynor Avenue
- Aesthetic Values and Community Cohesion
 - Building Square Footage
 - Displacement of Residents
- Economic & Employment Opportunity



PROPOSED INTERMODAL TERMINAL BUILDING

Reduced Building From 32,000 SF to 14,217 SF

- Intermodal Facility: Amtrak, Southeastern Stages, CARTA Local Bus Service
- CARTA: Limited CARTA Office Space
- Liberty Hill: Community Meeting Room, Museum



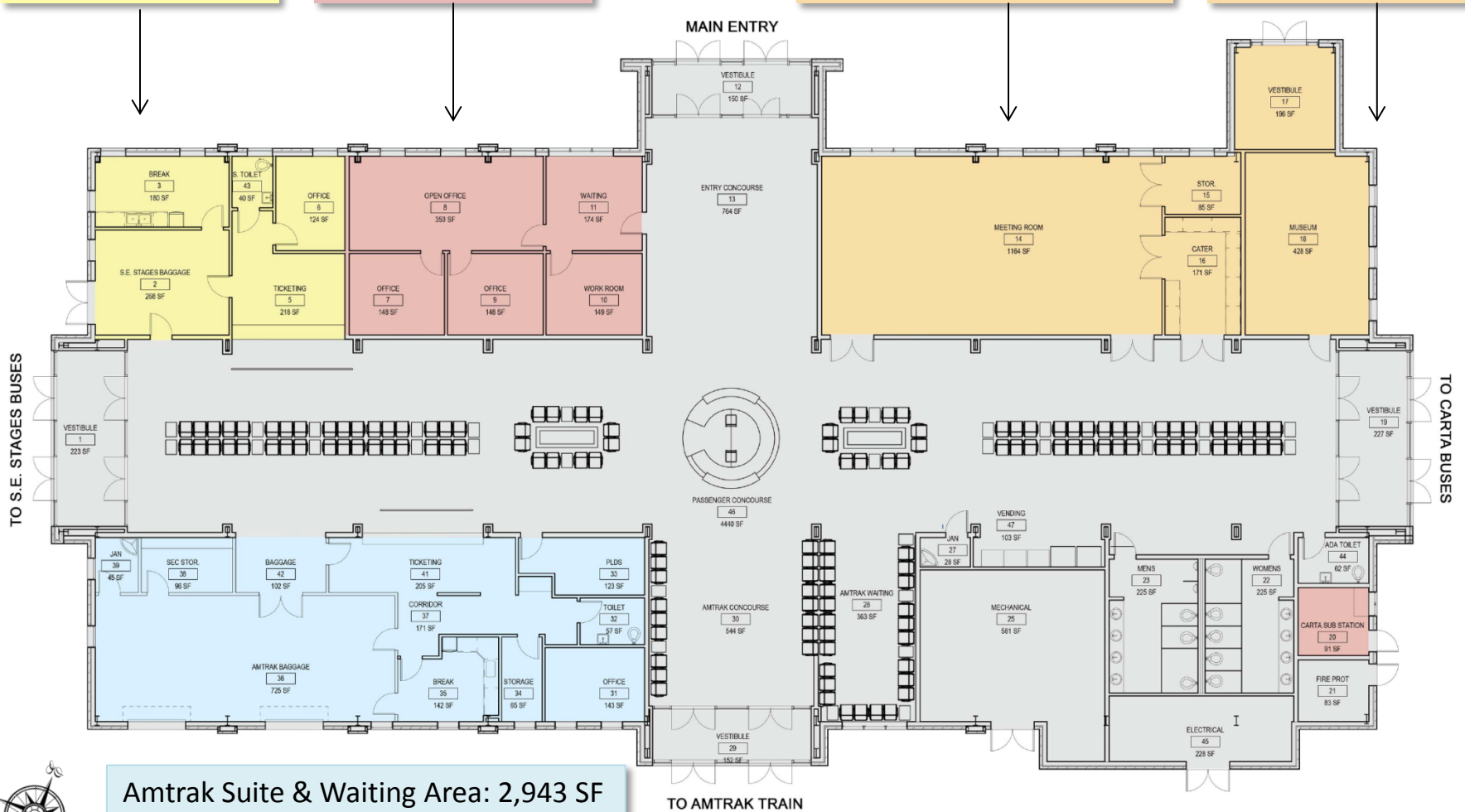


SE Stages: 830 SF

CARTA: 1,063 SF

Meeting Room: 1,420 SF

Museum: 622 SF



Amtrak Suite & Waiting Area: 2,943 SF



Tracks

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN - PREVIOUS



CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

Parking Requirements Reduced
Added Greenspace





TRAFFIC - IMPACTS

- Existing Traffic Counts: May 2014
 - **1,800** vehicles/day (Gaynor Ave. b/w Amtrak Station & Montague Avenue .
 - **193 (11%)** are vehicles with 6+ tires or 3+ axles
 - AM Peak: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
 - PM Peak: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Project Traffic: 12 Peak Hour Trips
 - CARTA: Up to 5 Employees
 - Amtrak: Up to 3
 - SE Stages: Up to 2 Employees
 - Museum: Up to 2 Employees
- Bus Trips:
 - SE Stages 5 Buses per Day
 - CARTA: 12 Buses per Hour



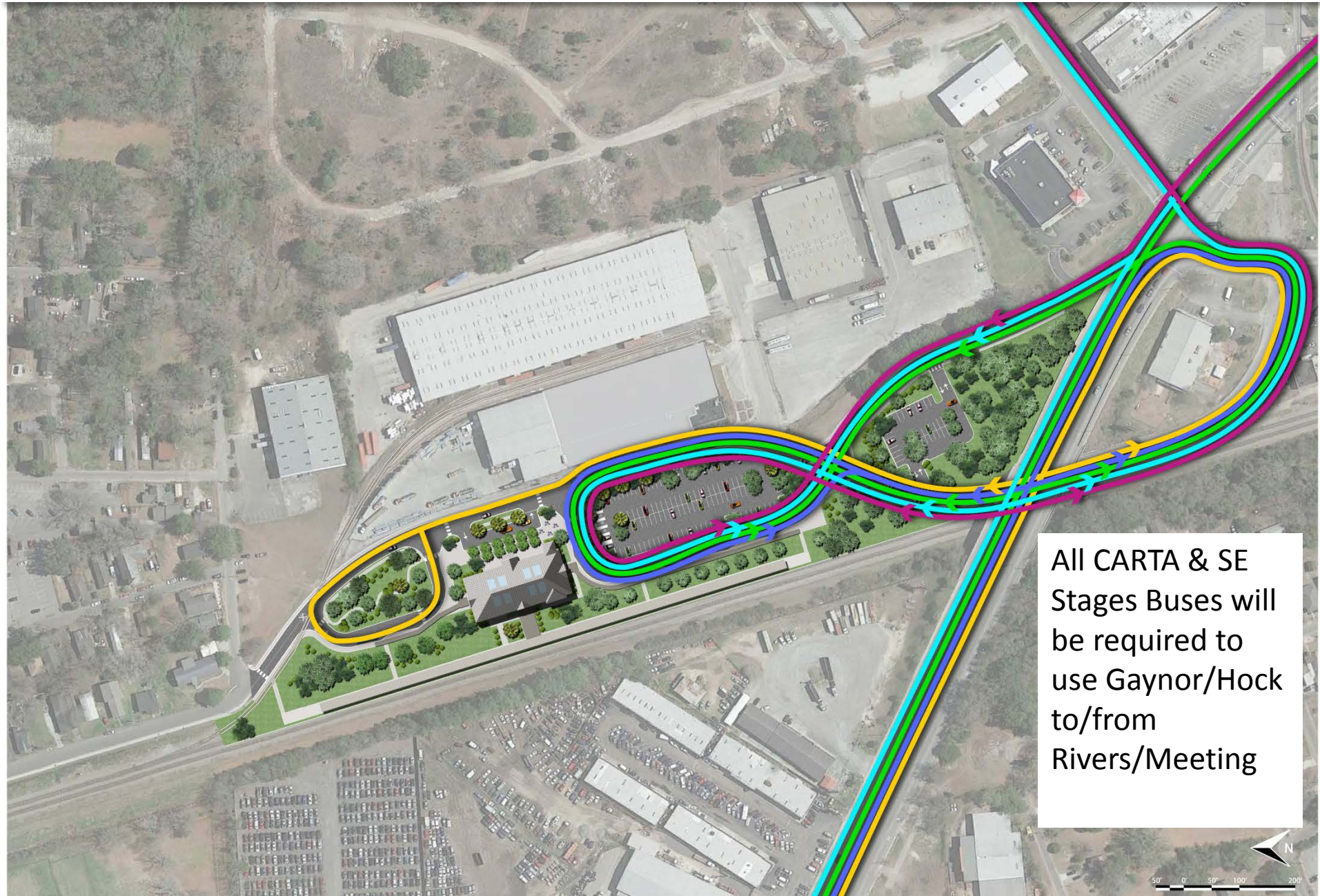
TRAFFIC – VEHICLE CIRCULATION

Parking: Right Turn
Exit Only

Speed Humps on
Gaynor Avenue



TRAFFIC— BUS CIRCULATION



All CARTA & SE Stages Buses will be required to use Gaynor/Hock to/from Rivers/Meeting



SNIPE & GAYNOR STREET

City to pursue enhancement grants for landscaping along Snipe & Gaynor

Replaced parking area with greenspace

Install "No Thru Traffic Signs"





HISTORIC BUILDING MUSEUM & COMMUNITY COHESION

- Photograph & Document Existing Amtrak Station
- Scale Model of Existing Station
- Interpretative Exhibits (i.e.)
 - Personal accounts of individuals who worked at the station or rode the train from 1956-2006, as well as part of the Great Migration
 - Historian to document economic opportunities the station brought to Liberty Hill Community
 - Rotating Art Exhibitions of Relevant Artists: i.e. Jacob Lawrence



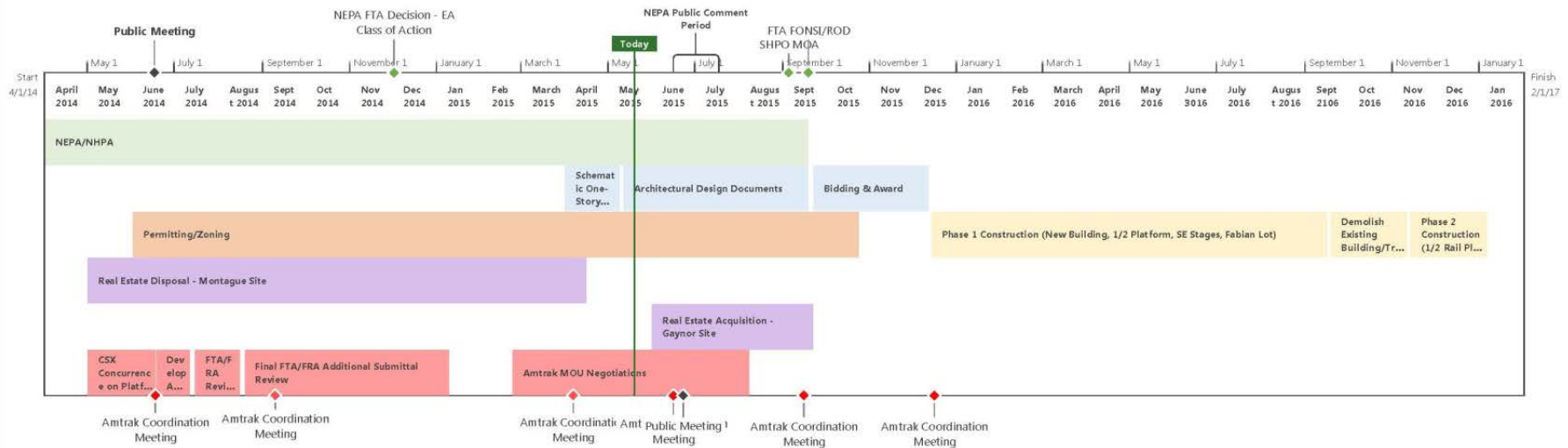
ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- City to work with Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Reinvestment Strategy that includes Economic Development Opportunities
 - Cultural Tourism Strategy to Enhance the Liberty Hill Neighborhood Commercial District
 - Liberty Hill Resident Skills Inventory



PROJECT SCHEDULE/NEXT STEPS

- A/E Design, NEPA, Property Acquisition: Underway- **Sept. 2015**
- Public Meeting: **July 2015**
- Contract Bidding/Award: **Oct. 2015- Dec. 2015**
- Phased Construction: **Dec. 2015 – Jan. 2017**





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Questions & Answers

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