09: Transit Center at Shepherd / Little York

Centro de Tránsito en Shepherd / Little York

Description:

The transit center at North Shepherd is a major hub for Acres Homes, Aldine, and other parts of North Houston and Harris County. It allows riders to connect between local bus routes, connect to rush-hour express service to Downtown, and Park-and-Ride. The METRONext plan adds Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service to Downtown, Greenspoint, and IAH, making the hub even more important.

But the existing transit center is not great: it's badly connected to the street network, causing buses to take roundabout trips and costing riders time; it's hard to get to on foot or on a bike, and it feels isolated. The location also requires the BRT service to take a ramp and detour 1/4-mile from the freeway to make its stop.

Also Addresses:

Connections

We Heard:

One point about the Max Lanes I do like is the new ramp proposal for North Shepard Park and Ride.

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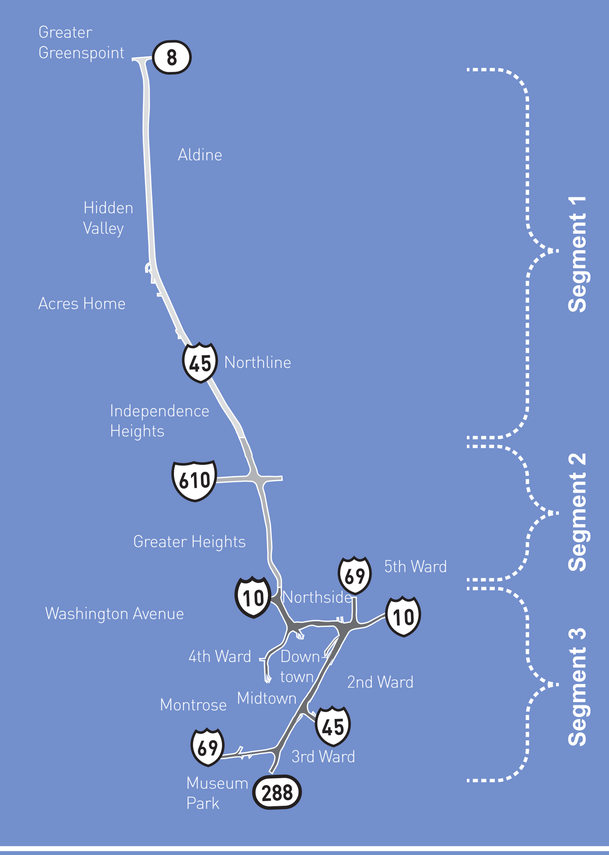
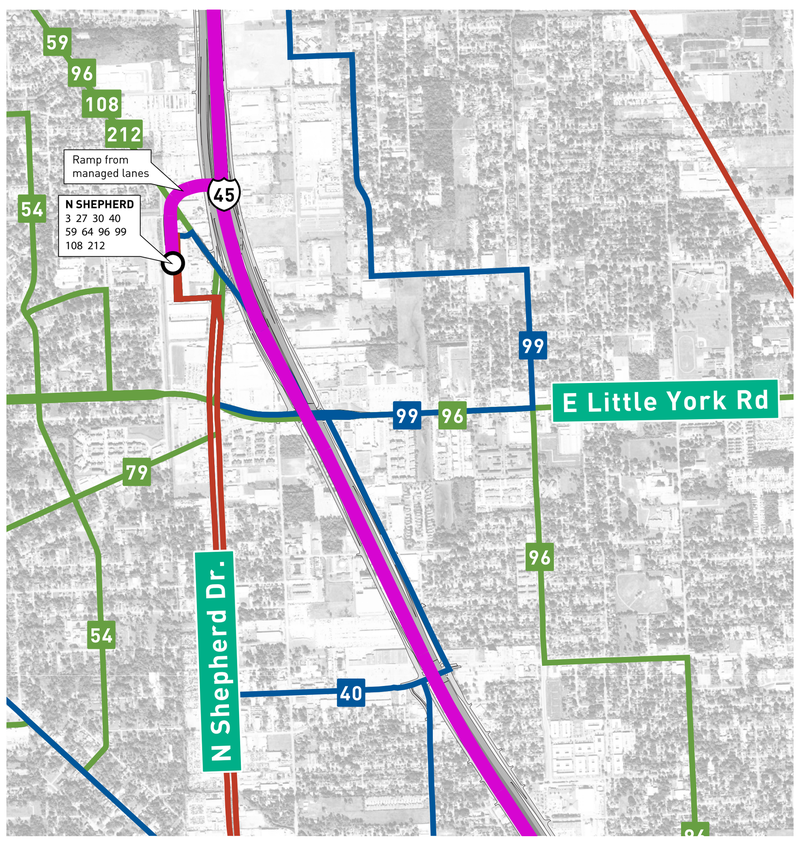


TxDOT Proposal

The existing transit center remains the same. A new ramp connects it to the new managed lanes on the freeway.

PROS
- Reuses existing transit center
- Ample parking at transit center

CONS
- Indirect access routes for local buses
- BRT has to leave freeway to stop, adding travel time
- No pedestrian or bicycle links to surrounding neighborhoods
-#108 and #212 buses have indirect route from transit center to SH 249.



Give us your input.

Put your #09 sticker on the alternative you prefer.

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Alternative 09.1 - Rebuild N. Shepherd Transit Center

The existing transit center remains, but is rebuilt with better waiting areas, new transit-oriented development (like affordable housing). A new ramp connects it to the new managed lanes on the freeway. New pedestrian and bike paths connect the transit center to the surrounding neighborhoods.

PROS
- Reuses existing transit center
- Ample parking at transit center
- Better pedestrian and bicycle access
- Opportunity for new development

CONS
- Indirect access routes for local buses
- BRT has to leave freeway to stop, adding travel time
-#108 and #212 buses have indirect route from transit center to SH 249.



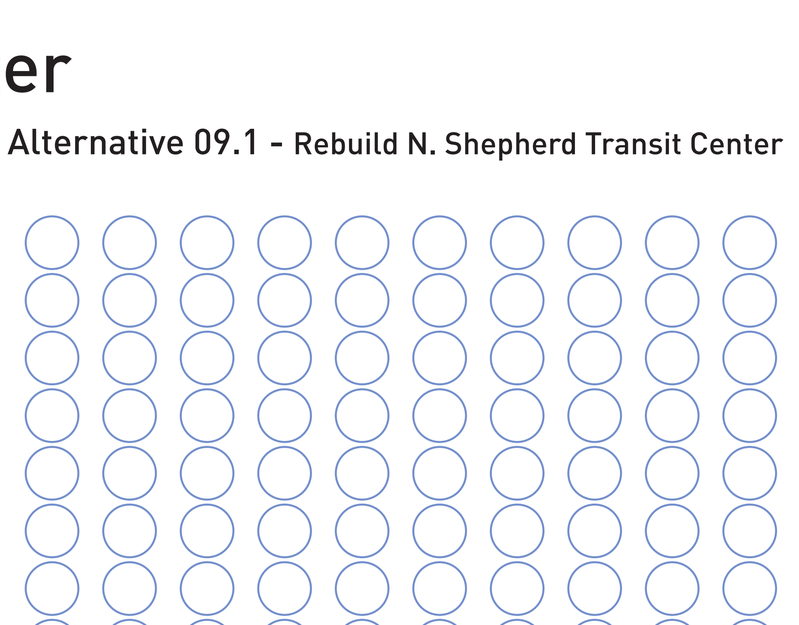
Alternative 09.1 - Rebuild N. Shepherd Transit Center

Alternative 09.2 - Relocate Transit Center to Little York

The North Shepherd transit center is replaced with a new transit center that includes a street level transit center at the HCC campus and a BRT stop in the freeway connected by a pedestrian overpass. In place of the North Shepherd ramp, a new ramp takes buses directly to SH 249.

PROS
- More direct access for local buses, saving riders time
- BRT does not need to leave freeway, saving riders time
- Direct transit access to HCC campus
-#108 and #212 buses have more direct route, giving SH 249 commuters faster trips to Downtown

CONS
- Cost of building a new facility
- Requires new property



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