



DETROIT PEOPLE MOVER SYSTEM PLAN & DOWNTOWN MOBILITY STUDY

**Detroit Transportation Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
July 2026**

Project Purpose



How can the DPM improve mobility, accessibility, and overall quality of life in a changing downtown?



Aging Infrastructure in Need of Re-investment



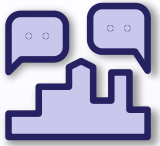
New Development & Land Use Patterns



Changing Trip Patterns & Transportation Needs

Study Goals

Identify strategies that will make the Detroit People Mover more...



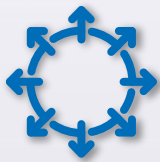
Recognized

as a vital asset for residents, workers, visitors, and investors in the downtown.



Connected

to key places and spaces within the Greater Downtown.



Integrated

seamlessly into the transit and mobility network serving Detroit and the region.



Sustained

with public support and funding to maintain an accessible, reliable, safe, and efficient service for the long term.

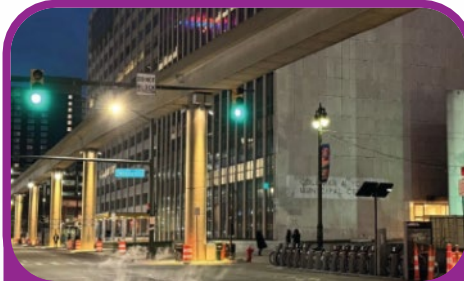


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Project Examples



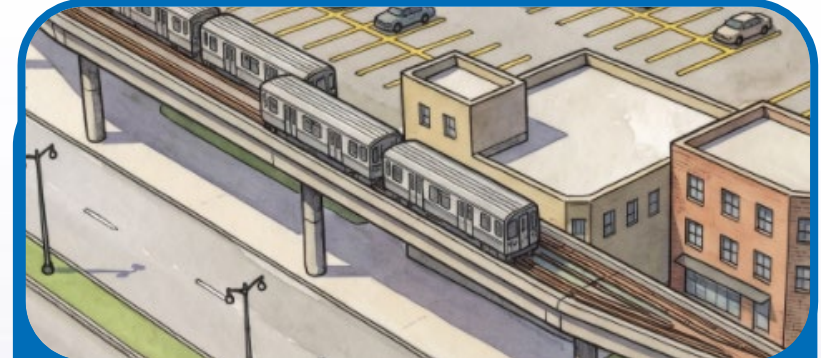
**Rosa Parks Transit Center
Integration**



Expanded Column Lighting



Dedicated Transit Lanes



Bi-directional Service



**Barrier Systems/ Enclosed
Stations**



**Station Placemaking &
Redesign**

**Station
Signage**

**Signal
Upgrades**

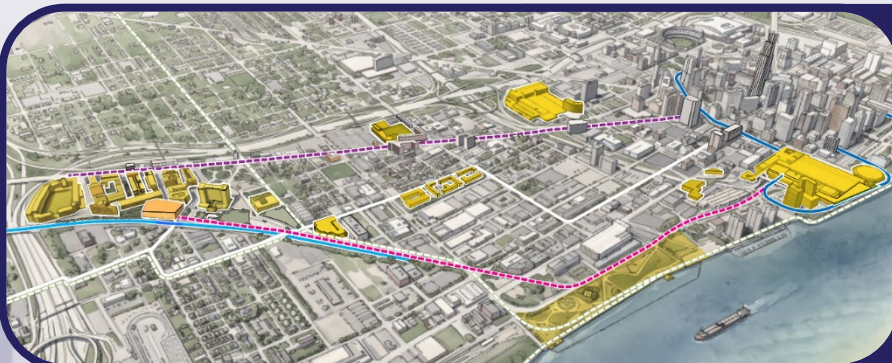
**New
Trains**

**Downtown
Wayfinding**

**Bike
Parking**

**Sidewalk & Crosswalk
Improvements**

Bus Efficiency Treatments



Expansions:
Corktown/MCS
Stadium District/Eastern Market
East Jefferson

Current & Potential Future Funding Sources



Federal

- FTA CIG Program
- FTA Formula Funds
- FTA Discretionary Funds
- FHWA Flex Funds
- USDOT Discretionary Grants and Loan Programs

State

- MDOT Formula Funds
- MDOT Discretionary Funds
- Infrastructure Projects Authority Fund (IPAF)

Local

- City of Detroit General Fund
- Municipal Bonds
- Future RTA Revenue
- Future Wayne County Millage

Other Sources

- Joint Development
- Leased Space
- Tax Capture/ Special Assessment District
- Community Benefits Ordinance
- Naming Rights
- Advertising
- Sponsorship & Donations
- Parking Fees

Actions



Signage & Wayfinding

Downtown
Transportation
Working Group

Asset
Condition
Assessments

Explore Modes & Technologies

Safety &
Accessibility
Upgrades

DPM, DDOT, & QLINE Integrations

Station
Redesign &
Placemaking

Real Estate Plan

Regional
Funding

System Expansion

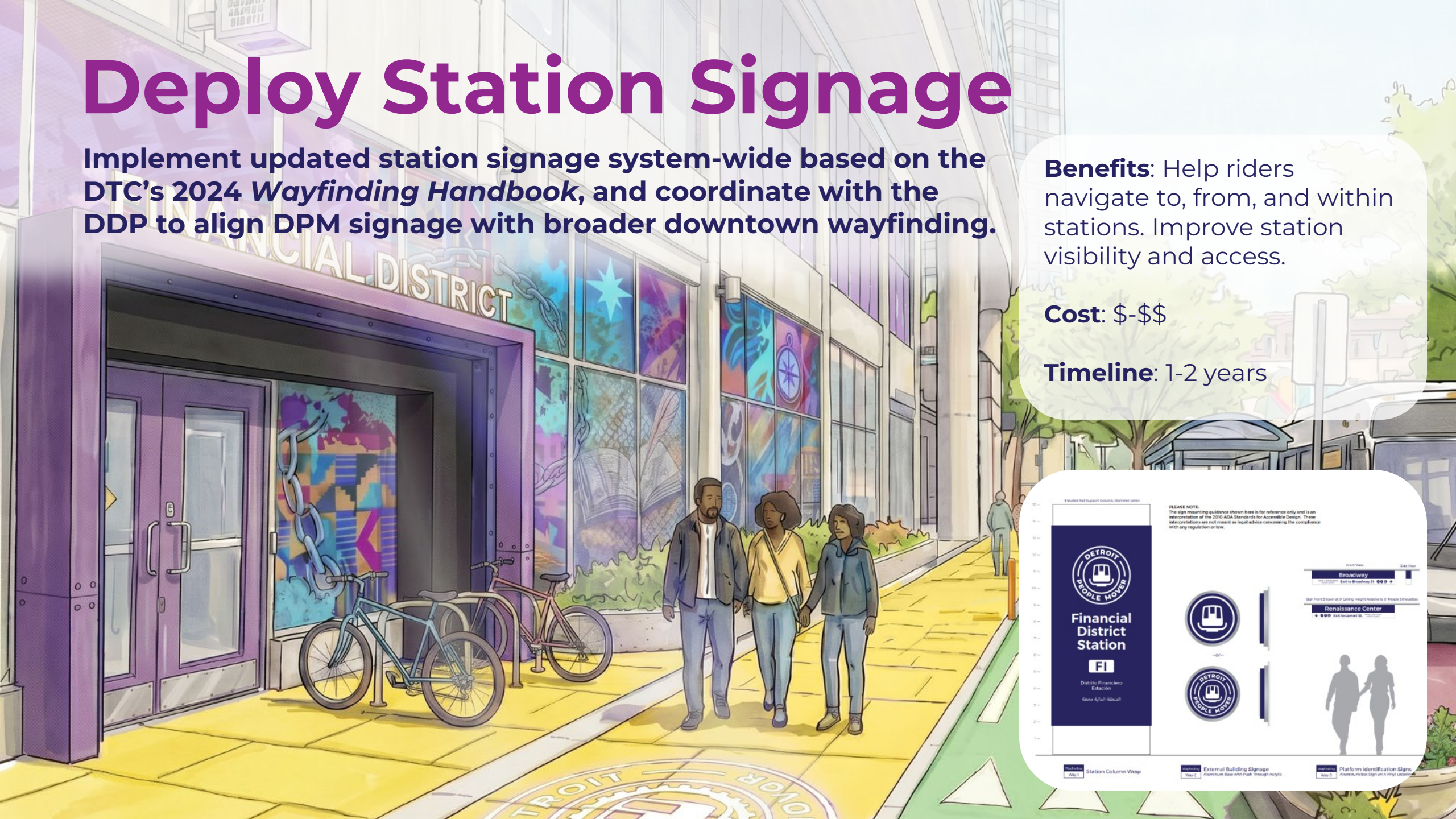
Deploy Station Signage

Implement updated station signage system-wide based on the DTC's 2024 *Wayfinding Handbook*, and coordinate with the DDP to align DPM signage with broader downtown wayfinding.

Benefits: Help riders navigate to, from, and within stations. Improve station visibility and access.

Cost: \$-\$\$

Timeline: 1-2 years



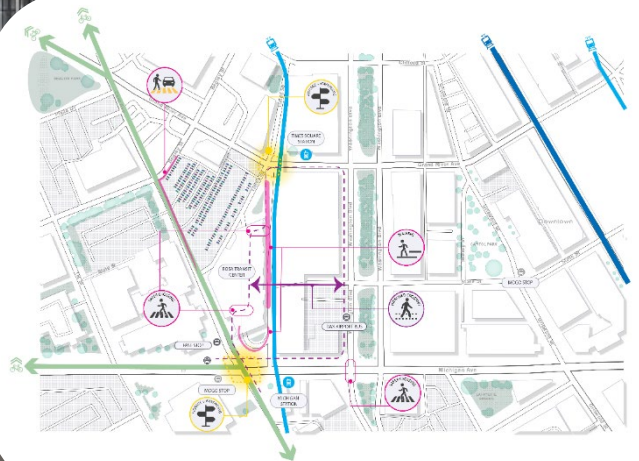
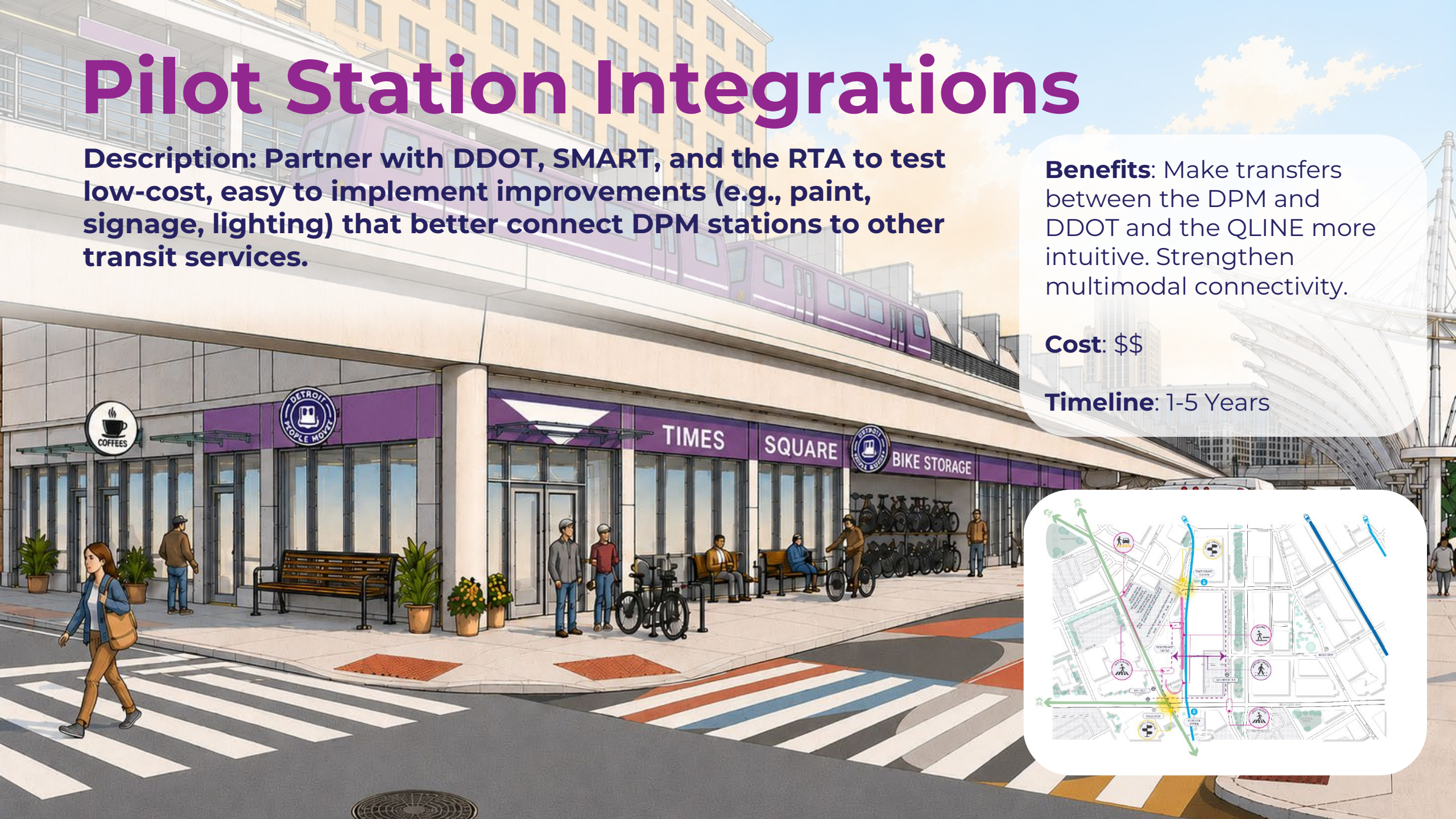
Pilot Station Integrations

Description: Partner with DDOT, SMART, and the RTA to test low-cost, easy to implement improvements (e.g., paint, signage, lighting) that better connect DPM stations to other transit services.

Benefits: Make transfers between the DPM and DDOT and the QLINE more intuitive. Strengthen multimodal connectivity.

Cost: \$\$

Timeline: 1-5 Years



Develop a Real Estate Plan

Description: Assess DTC-owned land and facilities for joint development, land leases, or vendor space.

Benefits: Identify opportunities for revenue to support funding needs. Could support station upgrades and attract private sector development interest.

Cost: \$

Timeline: 1-5 Years



RFI/Site Visits

Description: Issue an RFI to vehicle and ATC vendors on available technologies, retrofits, and costs. Conduct site visits to peer transit agencies to learn from their experience upgrading systems.

Benefits: Gain a better understanding of current vehicle and ATC technology options ahead to help determine a future direction.

Cost: \$

Timeline: 1-5 Years

Analyze Expansion Alternatives

Description: Conduct an alternatives analysis to identify the alignment, station locations, and mode for a DPM expansion.

Benefits: Advances the expansion concepts and helps identify a future vehicle type that could be utilized on the existing and expanded portions of the guideway.

Cost: \$\$

Timeline: 1-5 Years

 Point of Interest

 Existing DPM

 Potential Expansion Route

 Potential Expansion Route

 Potential Amtrak Route

 Greenways