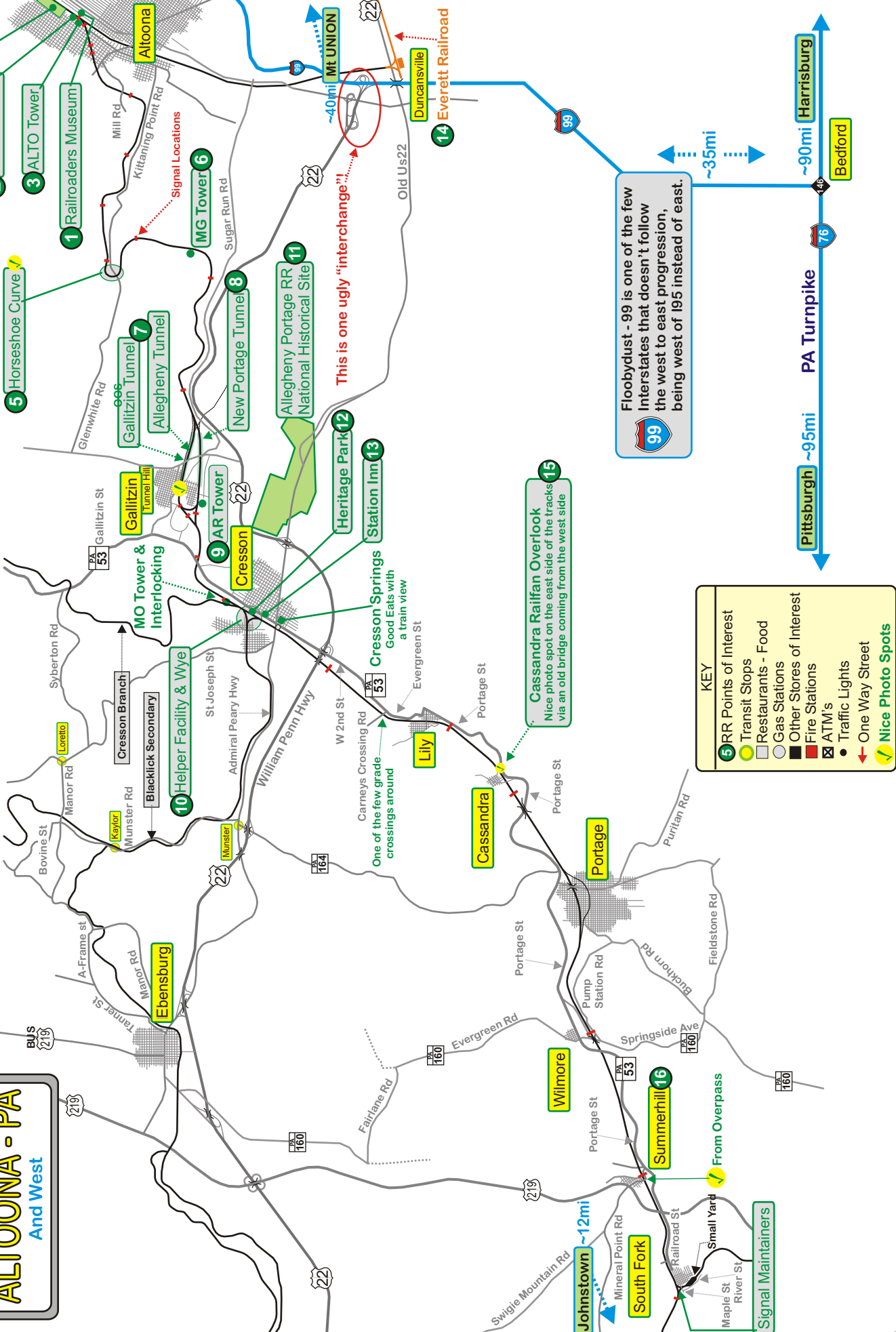


# RAILFAN GUIDES

For The Following Places or Systems:

Altoona PA Railfan Guide  
Atlanta GA MARTA Metro System  
Berea OH Railfan Guide  
Binghamton NY Railfan Guide  
Binghamton SW Area Railfan Guide  
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Camden NJ NJT River Line Light Rail System  
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Houston TX Tower 87 Railfan Guide  
Hyattsville MD "JD Tower" Railfan Guide  
Mason City IA Railfan Guide  
Minneapolis MN Hiawatha Light Rail system  
Minneapolis L/R Shops Map  
Salem to Christiansburg VA old B&W Chase Map  
San Juan PR Tren Urbano Metro System  
York PA Railfan Guide  
Washington DC WMATA Metro System  
DC Metro Red Line Shops Map  
Washington DC Ivy Yard Railfan Guide  
Washington DC Union Station Railfan Guide  
White Creek RR (Live Diesel RR in MI) Railfan Guide

Todd's  
Railfan Guide to:  
**ALTOONA - PA**  
And West



Floobydust - 99 is one of the few Interstates that doesn't follow the west to east progression, being west of I95 instead of east.

KEY	
5	RR Points of Interest
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■	Restaurants - Food
○	Gas Stations
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■	Fire Stations
⊠	ATM's
●	Traffic Lights
↔	One Way Street
✓	Nice Photo Spots



This exit just for the Metro Station, exit only from SB 400, and entrance only to NB 400

Chatanooga

SC/NC/Charlotte

Proctor Creek Line

West Line

East Line

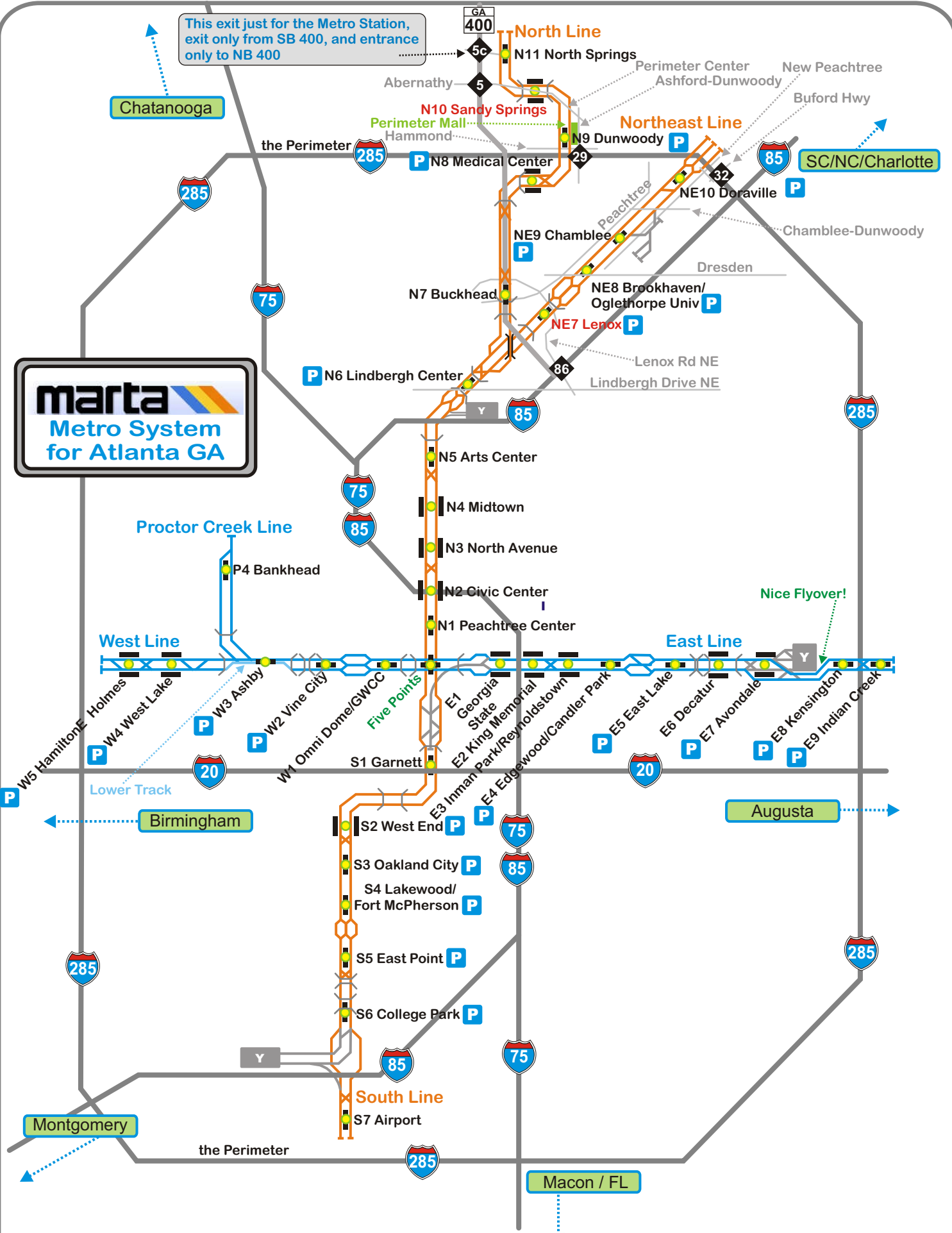
Lower Track

Birmingham

Augusta

Montgomery

Macon / FL



# BEREA - OH

CLEVELAND

NS freqs
161.070
160.350
160.980

CSX freqs
160.485
160.860
160.995

Rockport Yd  
Cleveland  
Pittsburgh  
and east

Collinwood Yd  
Cleveland  
Buffalo  
Selkirk Yd  
and east

good vantage points

**BEREA**

Elyria  
Vermilion  
Sandusky  
Toledo  
Bellevue  
Chicago  
and west

Grafton  
Wellington  
Greenwich  
Willard  
Columbus  
Indianapolis  
Chicago  
and south & west

BE Tower  
(closed)

The Station Restaurant  
Good Food, Decent Prices, Great View

Toledo Connection

Dave McKay Memorial

E Bagley Rd

exit 235  ~1 1/4mi

North Controlled Siding  
TRACK 1  
TRACK 2

Big Four Connector

Rocky River Dr

**---- Please practice SAFE RAILFANNING ----**  
 Trains come thru here at high speed, so...  
 Don't walk on or near the tracks...  
 Don't let your kids play on or near the tracks...  
 Don't place your camera equipment on the tracks...  
 And please don't place anything on the tracks.

Since this was all Conrail till the split a few years ago, All of the signals in this immediate vicinity are controlled by Norfolk Southern. There are plans to separate the signals, eventually...

Eventually, ODOT plans to build a bridge over the two lines for Front St. NS may realign their track, and replace signals, as the two signals on the far side of the tracks (from the railfan point of view) are ready to fall over on their own from rust - they date back to 1910 or so.

For more info on Berea and Ohio Railfanning, visit:  
[www.trainorderpix.com](http://www.trainorderpix.com)

# BINGHAMTON NY

**Note:**  
The CPR RR cops are some of the worst for railfans to encounter, being even more ignorant than the Nazi Southern cops... DO NOT venture onto their property... They may give you a warning the first time, but will arrest you after that, and they do have the power to do that!

A few miles west of here, in Endicott, was the last semaphore on the Southern Tier line.

Good area for eatin n stuff

Johnson City

Oakdale Mall

Westover

Willow Point

CP Johnson

NS (CPR)

Main St

Glenwood

Airport Rd

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Syracuse NY ~ 90mi

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Chenango River

NYS&W to Utica & Syracuse

Ex Erie/E-L/DL&W

Chenango Bridge

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Albany NY ~ 120mi

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Osborn Hollow Rd

NS/CPR to Oneonta

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Chenango River

Chenango Bridge

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Albany NY ~ 120mi

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Osborn Hollow Rd

NS/CPR to Oneonta

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Albany NY ~ 120mi

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# Southeast of: BINGHAMTON NY

Note: New York is one of the few states that hasn't yet joined the club where the highway exits are numbered after the mile markers!!!

As of late 2008, they are in the process of converting Us17 into I86

Abandoned D&H ROW

Village Train & Hobby - Lionel Specialists  
191 Main St -- 607-655-1700  
www.villagetrain.com

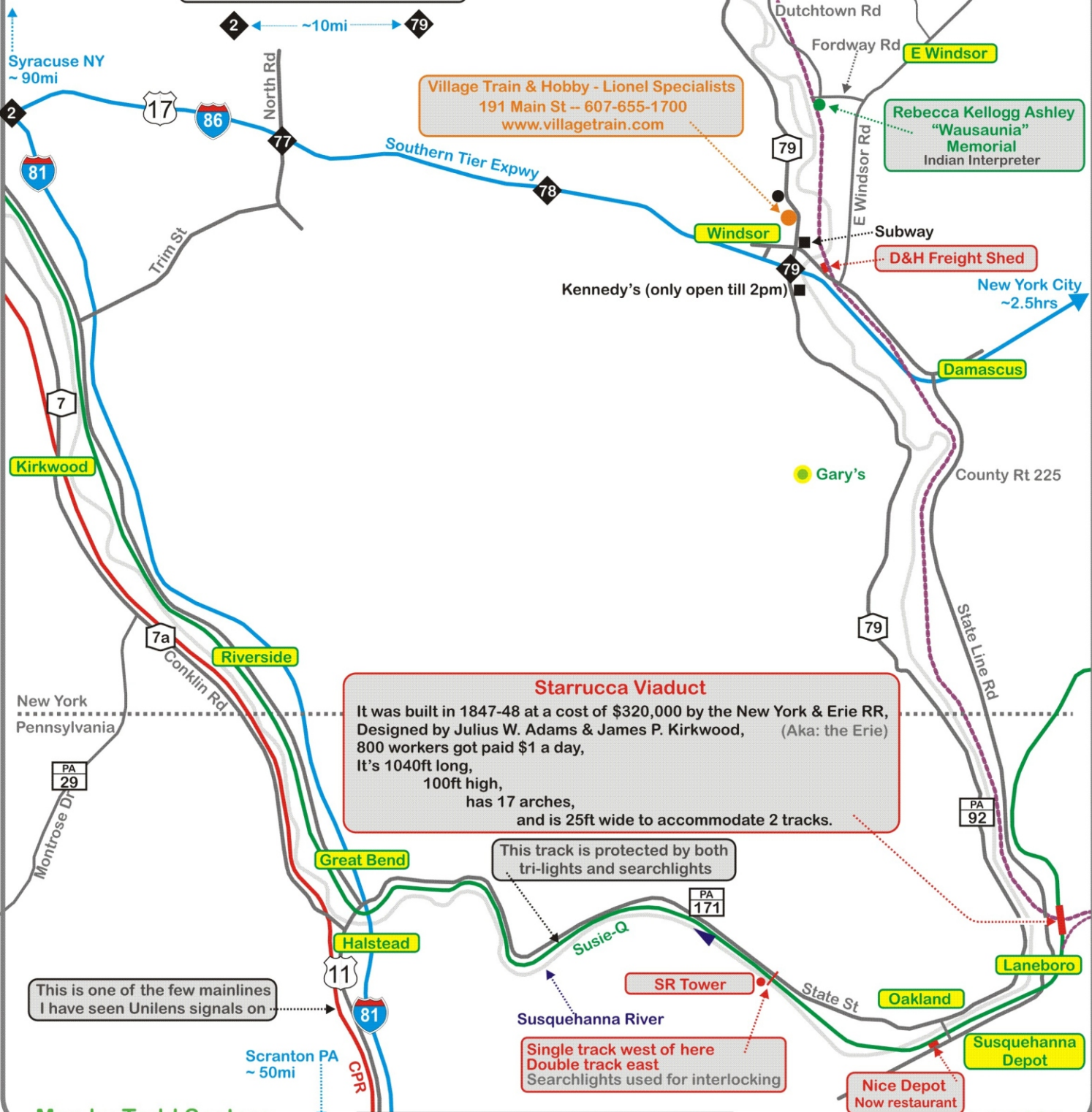
Rebecca Kellogg Ashley  
"Wausaunia"  
Memorial  
Indian Interpreter

**Starrucca Viaduct**  
It was built in 1847-48 at a cost of \$320,000 by the New York & Erie RR, Designed by Julius W. Adams & James P. Kirkwood, (Aka: the Erie)  
800 workers got paid \$1 a day,  
It's 1040ft long,  
100ft high,  
has 17 arches,  
and is 25ft wide to accommodate 2 tracks.

This track is protected by both tri-lights and searchlights

Single track west of here  
Double track east  
Searchlights used for interlocking

Nice Depot  
Now restaurant



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**RAILROAD SIGNALS of the U.S.**

1-6-2009





The Way To Go.



LIGHT RAIL for  
CAMDEN & TRENTON

### Bordertown Enlargement



Camden & Amboy RR Monument

### Camden Enlargement



Track runs down the "middle" of Broad St through Burlington

The Camden Line takes you through some really nice scenery, undisturbed by development, especially between Trenton and Bordertown.

### Trenton Enlargement

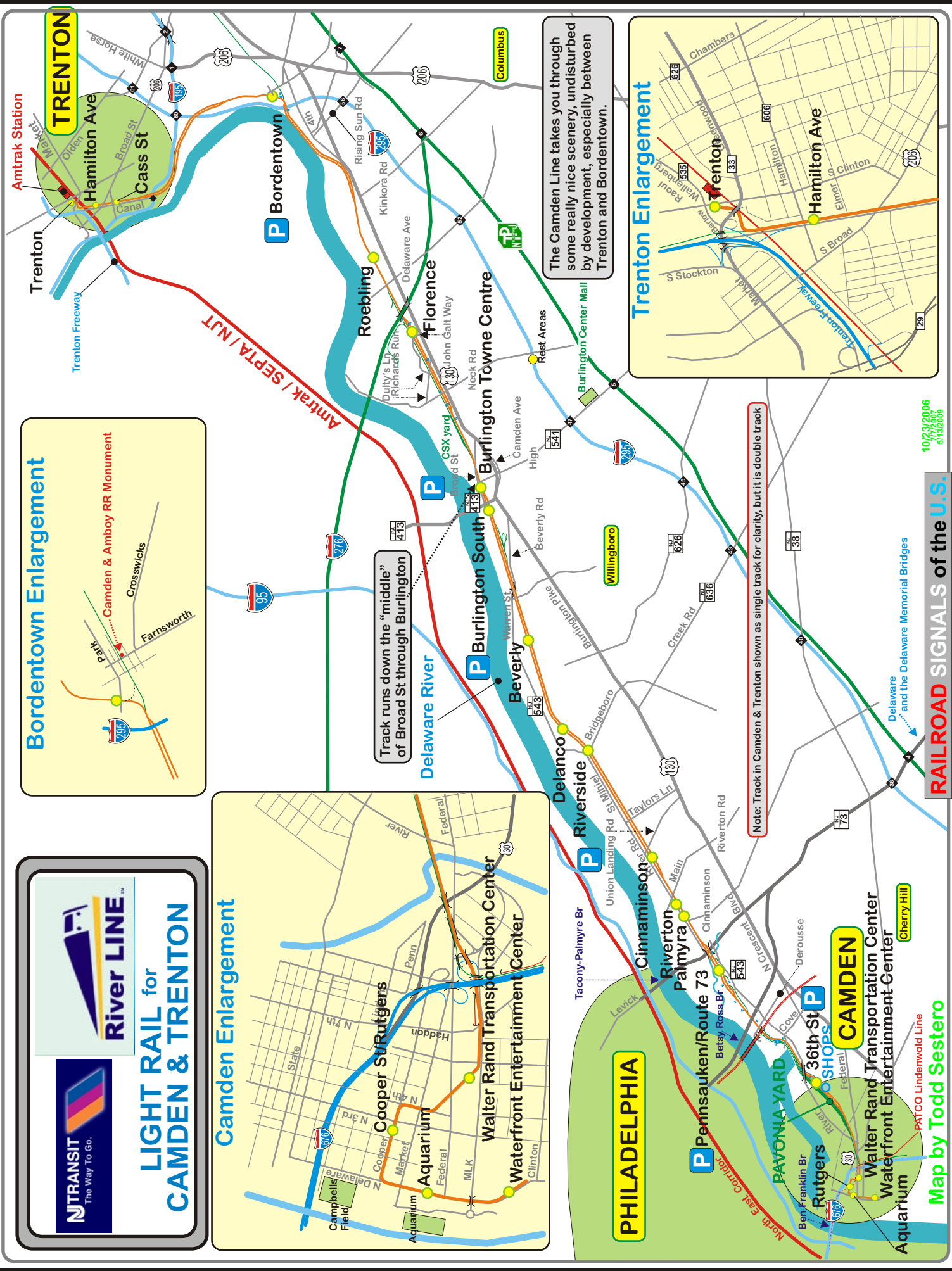


Note: Track in Camden & Trenton shown as single track for clarity, but it is double track

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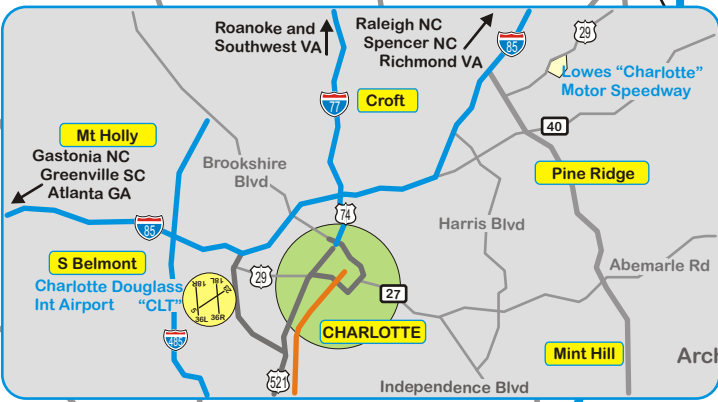
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# BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL for CHARLOTTE NC

-  Trolley Stops Only
-  Regular Light Rail Stop
-  Parking Available



Roanoke and Southwest VA | Raleigh NC | Spencer NC | Richmond VA

Mt Holly | Gastonia NC | Greenville SC | Atlanta GA

S Belmont | Charlotte Douglas Int Airport "CLT"

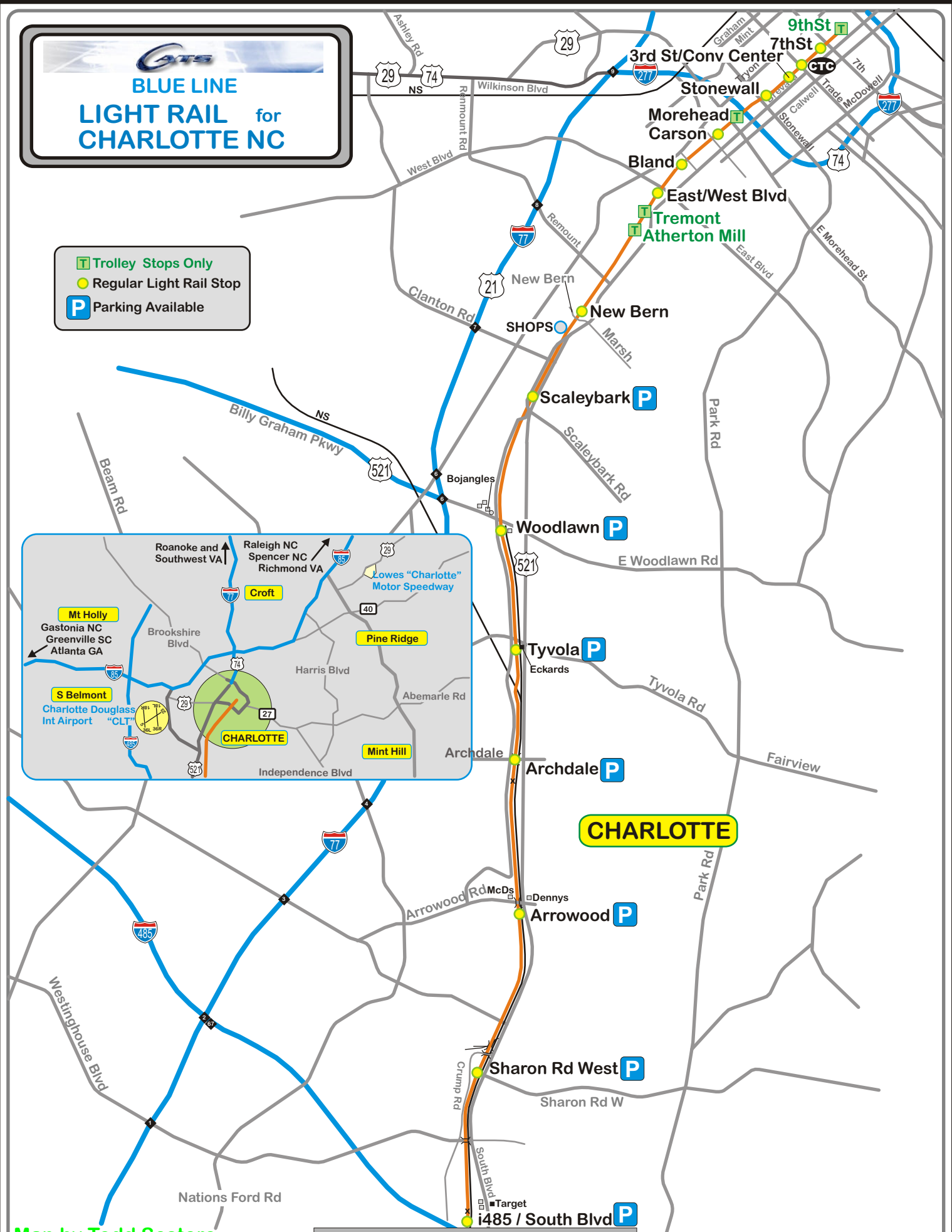
CHARLOTTE

Mint Hill

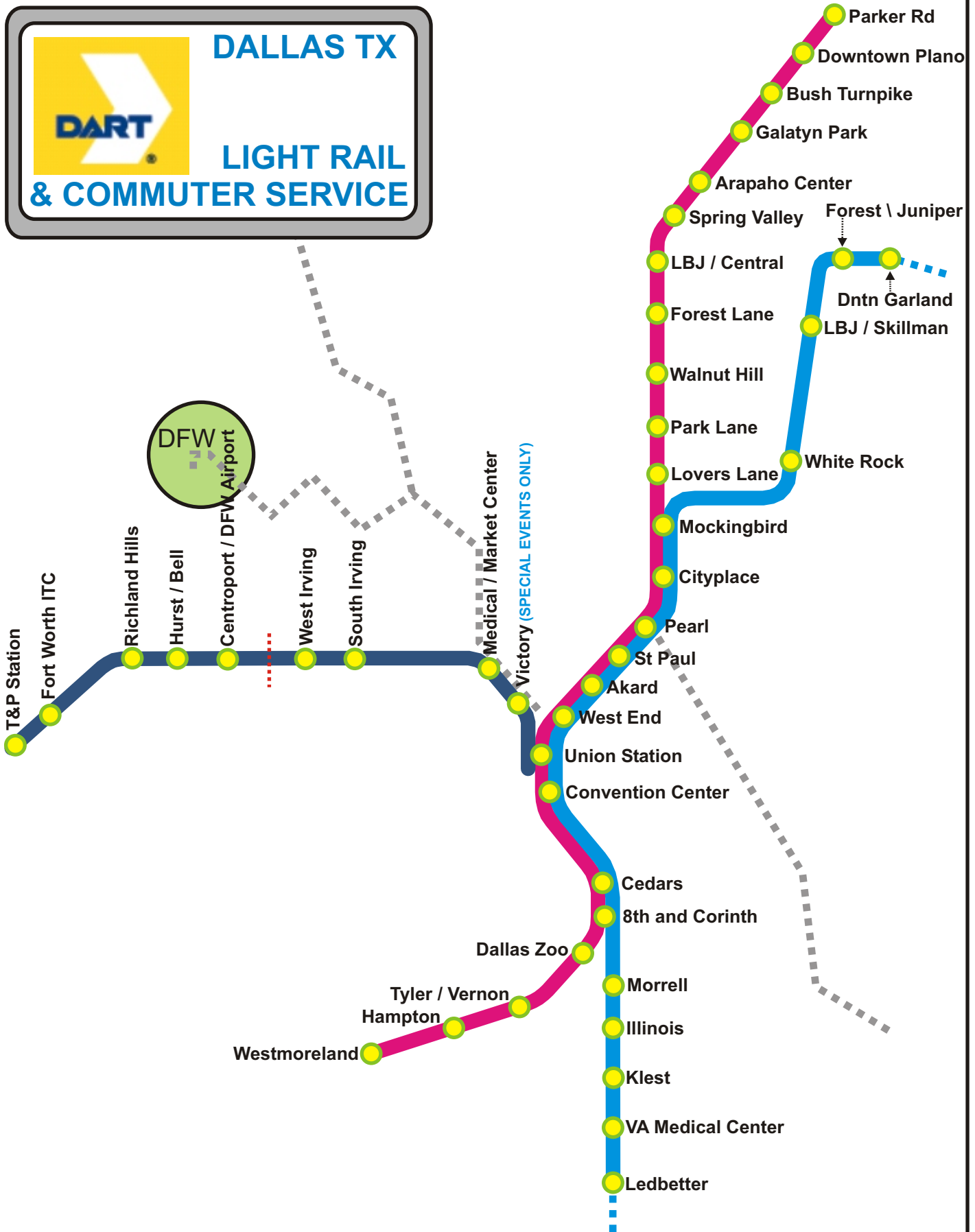
Lowes "Charlotte" Motor Speedway

Croft

Pine Ridge







# DOSWELL-VA

Doswell

## CSX freqs

160.485  
160.860  
160.995

The Buckingham Branch RR uses the middle of the wye as their eastern base of operations.... Friendly folks

Usually left hand traffic per RF&P operating practices

~80mi WASHINGTON DC

~62mi LORTON VA

Amtrak's northern Autotrain facility.

~30mi FREDERICKSBURG

Four aspect dartz vader colorlight

The signals were upgraded (and some relocated) in the March - April time frame of 2007.

The C&O/RF&P maintained a joint passenger station here in Doswell, where the two lines crossed. The original depot was destroyed during the Civil War and was replaced by a temporary building & water station. In 1870 a permanent station was built, which was replaced in 1907. That one burned in 1927 and was replaced by this Georgian styled building that Buckingham Branch RR now uses as an office (it still belongs to CSX).

HN Tower been closed for a long time

In Doswell you get CSX freights, Amtrak passenger trains (and their SB Autotrain around 4pm) coming thru all the time on the N-S route, and one or two freights a day on the old C&O. Three hours here in the late afternoon can be very productive.

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Doswell Rd

Washington Hwy

Washington DC  
Baltimore MD

Charlottesville VA

DOSWELL

Richmond VA  
(C&O yard)

Ashland VA  
Richmond VA  
(RF&P Acca Yard)  
Petersburg VA  
south & west

CSX (ex C&O)

CSX (ex RF&P)

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## KEY

- 5 RR Points of Interest
- Transit Stops
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- Gas Stations
- Other Stores of Interest
- Fire Stations
- ⊠ ATM's
- Traffic Lights
- ← One Way Street
- ✓ Nice Photo Spots

~8mi ASHLAND

~22mi RICHMOND

~44mi PETERSBURG

Kings Dominion Blvd

VA 30

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Kings Dominion

# East Broad Top RR

Orbisia PA

to Altoona ~35mi

Parenthetic identities follow the EBT Unofficial Visitor's Guide

Mt Union

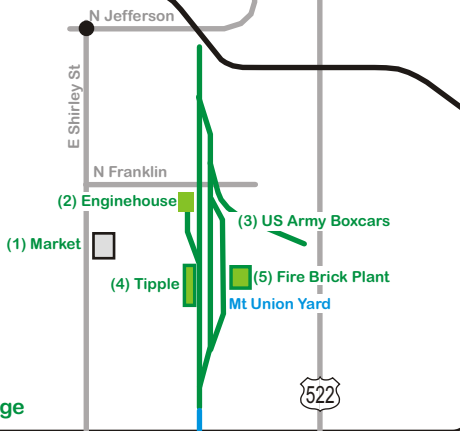
Allenport

NS freqs

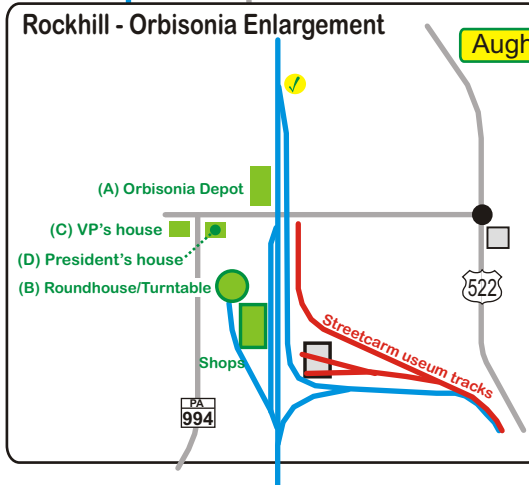
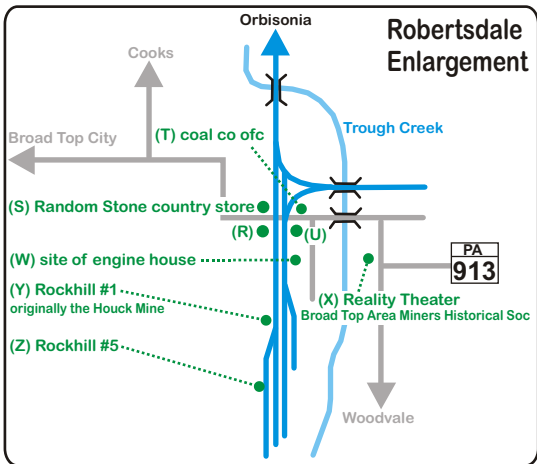
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## Mt Union Enlargement

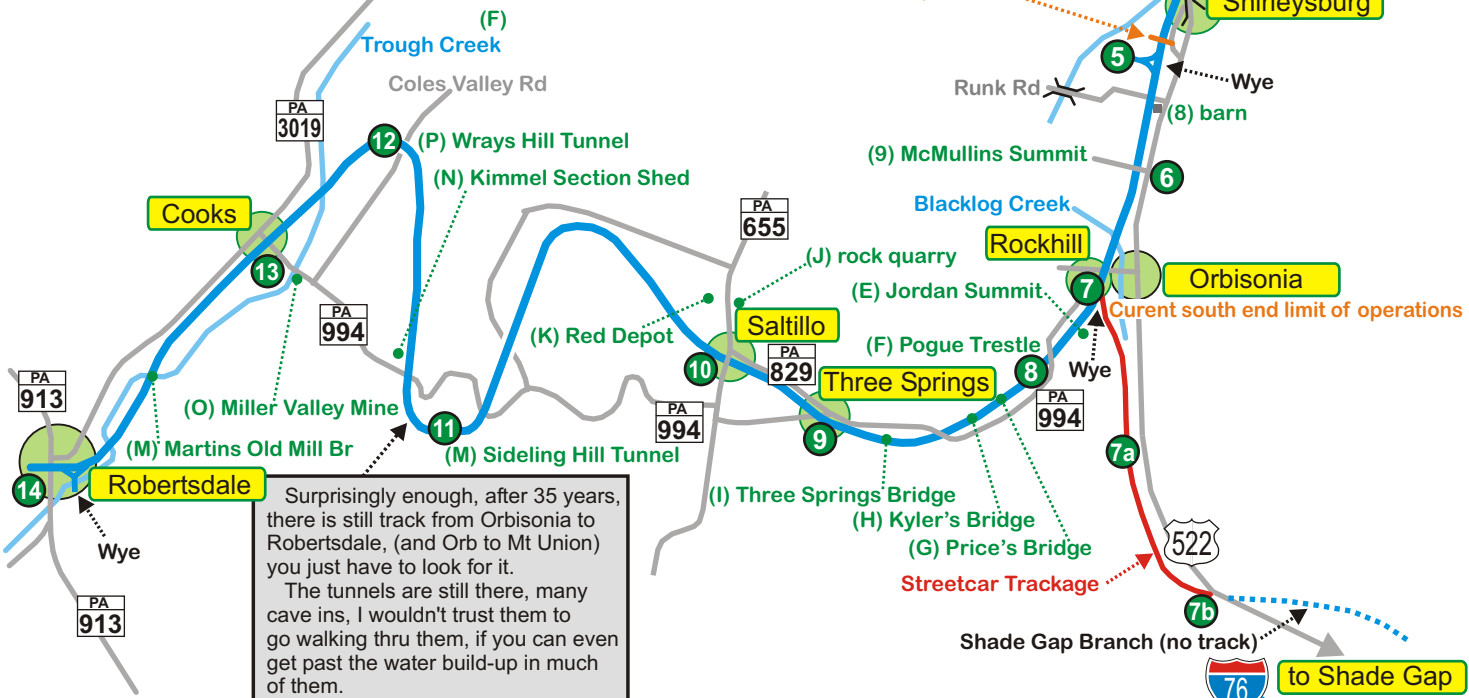


Green track is dual gauge



Current north end limit of operations

Shirleysburg



Current south end limit of operations

Surprisingly enough, after 35 years, there is still track from Orbisia to Robertsdale, (and Orb to Mt Union) you just have to look for it. The tunnels are still there, many cave ins, I wouldn't trust them to go walking thru them, if you can even get past the water build-up in much of them.

Signal bridges about every two miles north of here  
There is a pair for a set of crossovers about a mile north

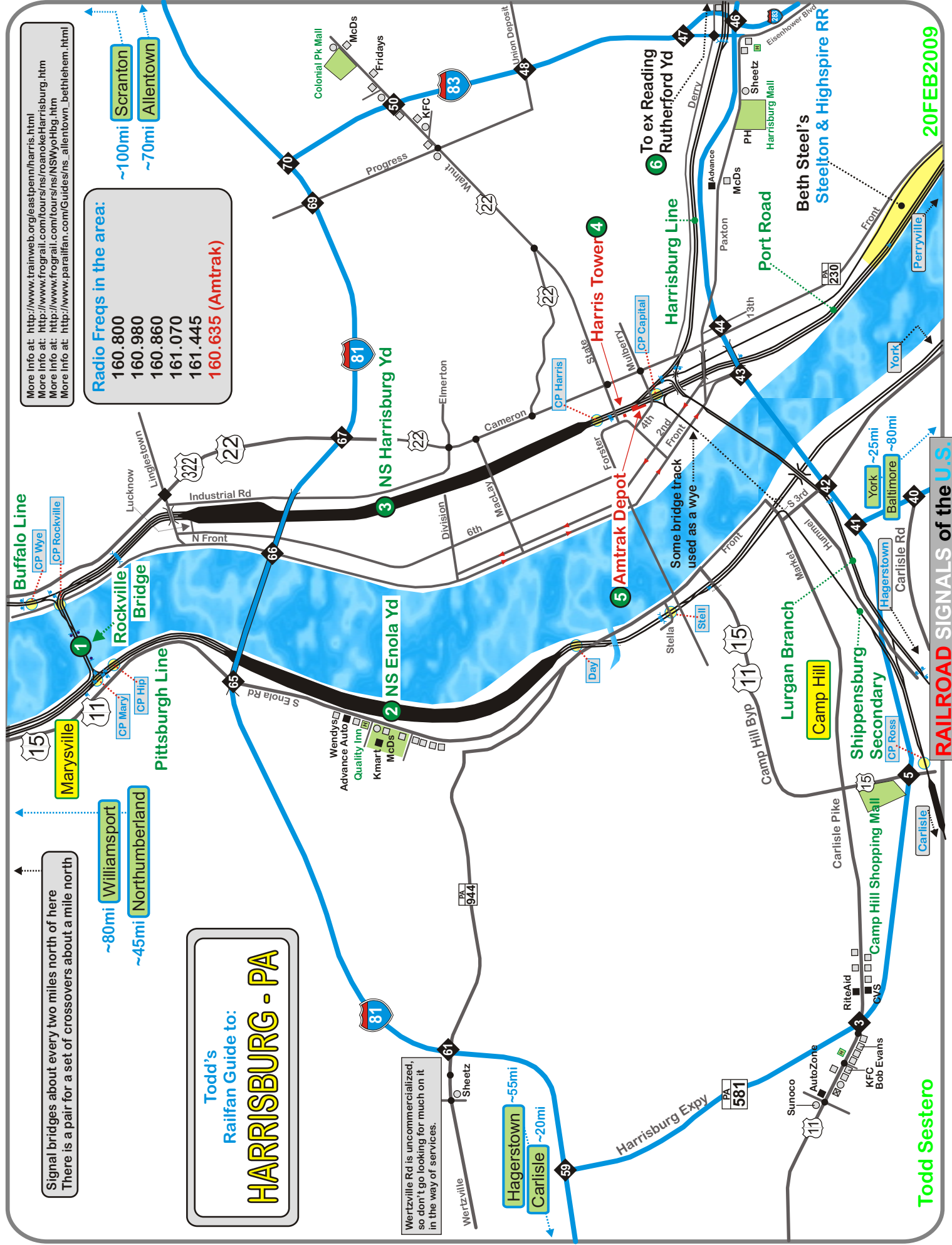
**Radio Freqs in the area:**  
 160.800  
 160.980  
 160.860  
 161.070  
 161.445  
**160.635 (Amtrak)**

More info at: <http://www.trainweb.org/eastspenn/harris.html>  
 More info at: <http://www.froggill.com/tours/ns/roanokeHarrisburg.htm>  
 More info at: <http://www.froggill.com/tours/ns/NSWyoHbg.htm>  
 More info at: [http://www.parailfan.com/Guides/ns\\_allentown\\_bethlehem.html](http://www.parailfan.com/Guides/ns_allentown_bethlehem.html)

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Wertzville Rd is uncommercialized,  
 so don't go looking for much on it  
 in the way of services.

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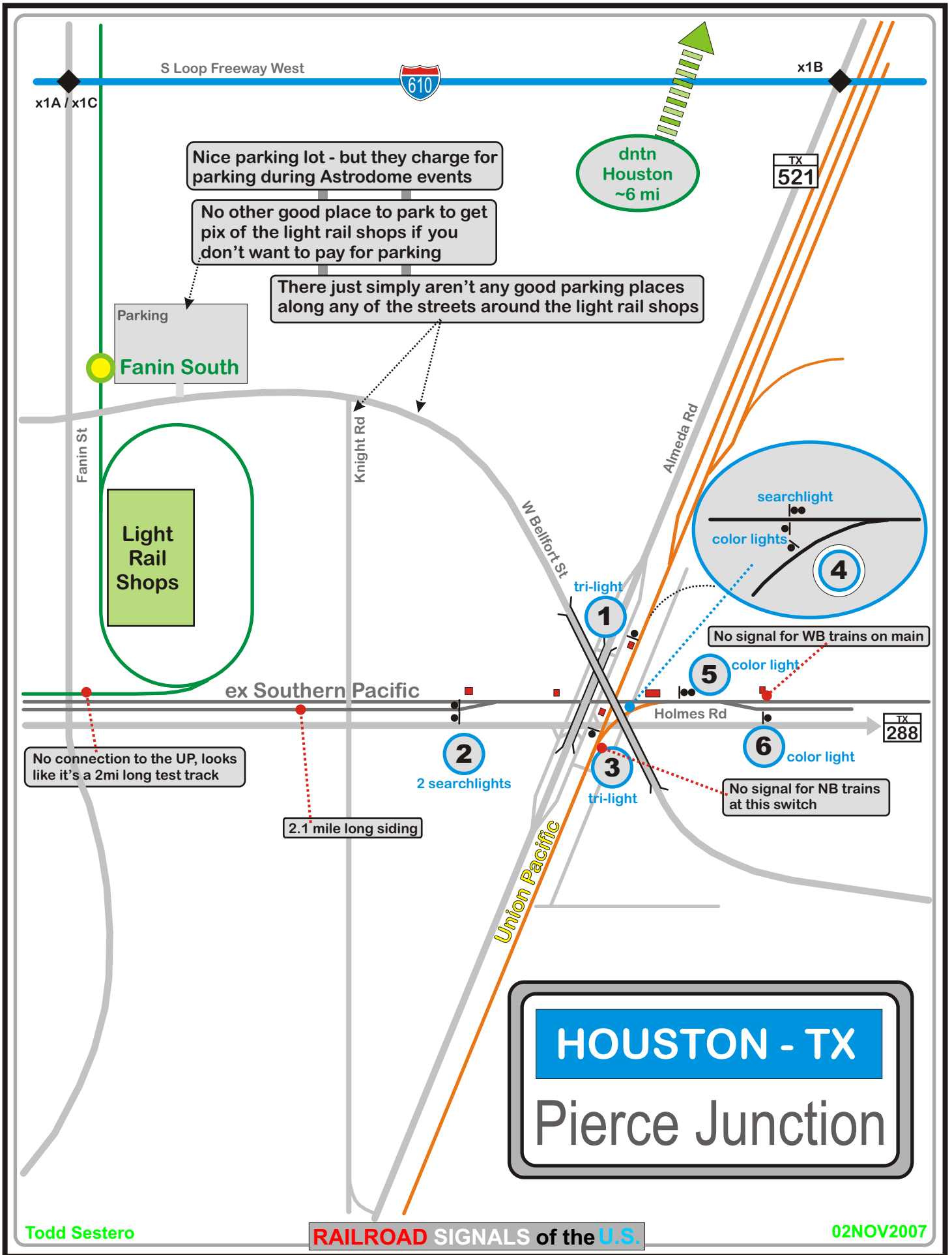
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# METRO

## Light Rail for Houston





Nice parking lot - but they charge for parking during Astrodome events

No other good place to park to get pix of the light rail shops if you don't want to pay for parking

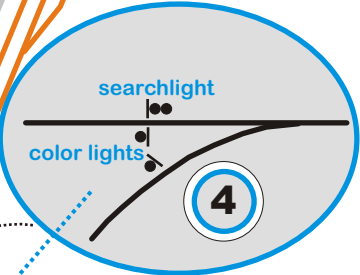
There just simply aren't any good parking places along any of the streets around the light rail shops

Parking  
**Fanin South**

**Light Rail Shops**

dntn  
Houston  
~6 mi

TX  
521



No signal for WB trains on main

**5** color light

**6** color light

No signal for NB trains at this switch

No connection to the UP, looks like it's a 2mi long test track

2.1 mile long siding

**2**  
2 searchlights

**3**  
tri-light

**HOUSTON - TX**  
**Pierce Junction**

Supposed to be made active the week of 2/12/07

Single Color Light **9**

**9**

Basin Yard

**14** New Cantilever with Two 2 Head Color Lights

**13** 2 Head Searchlight Dwarf (not sure if coming out)

EB094

Cantilever with a pair of double Tri-Lights **10**

**10**

**12** Single Color Light **34**

Should be coming out the week of 2/12/07

**11** 2 Color - Color Light Dwarf **32**

**5a**

**15** Single Color Light

Tower 189

Relay Cabinets

Ave C

Harrisburg Junc via Booth Siding

Former Tower Locations

Good place to park - side lot of shopping center

Harrisburg Blvd

Single Tri-Light with Red LED **3**

**3**

**2** Back-to-Back Double Color Light

downtown HOUSTON

Single Tri-Light **4**

**4**

**8** Double Color Light

Congress Yard

EB094

Harrisburg Junc

Single Color Light **5a**  
(being replaced by 2 Head Color Light)

**5a**

**1** Single Tri-Light

**5b**

**7** Single SearchLight

Double SearchLight **6**

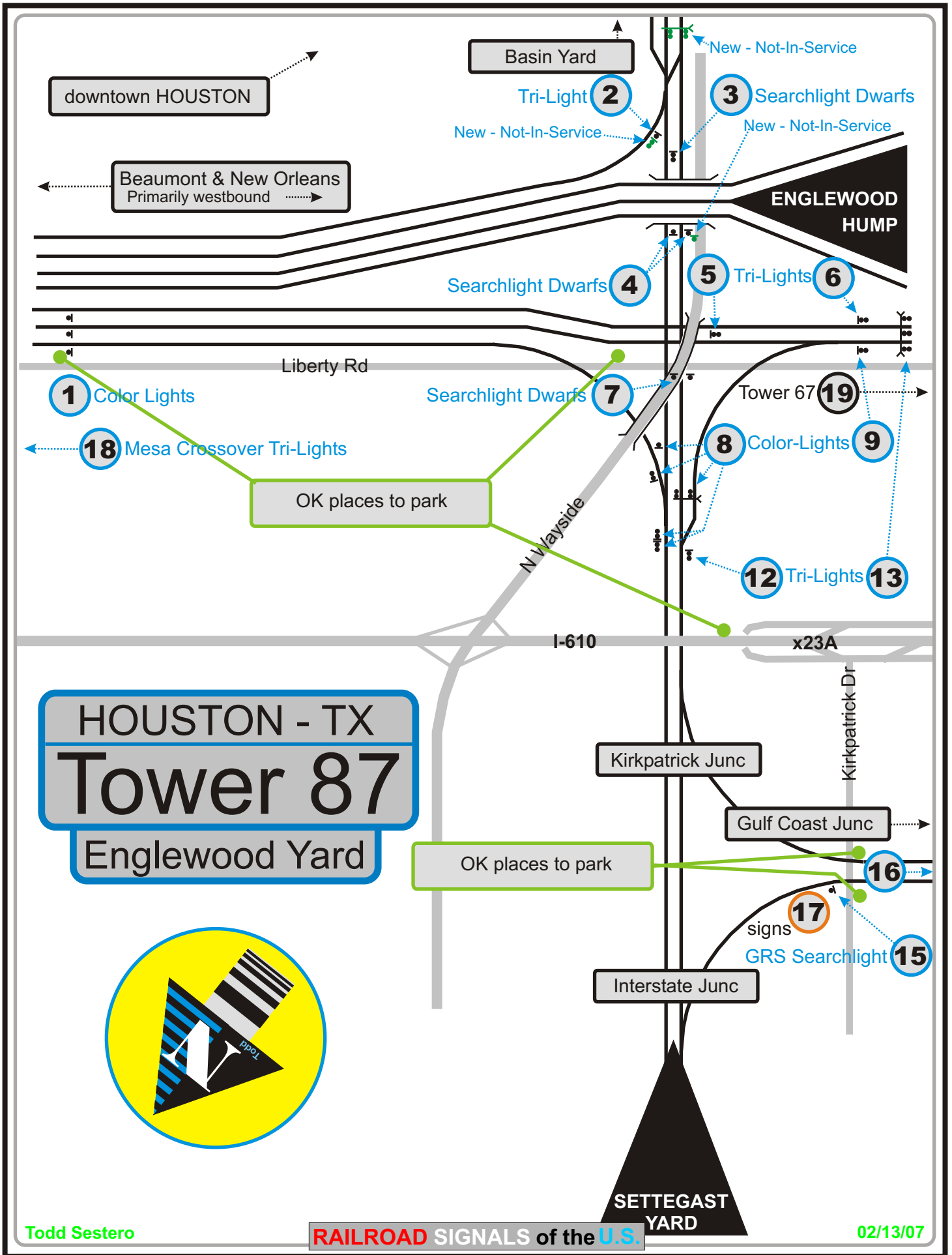
**6**

East Belt Yard

New South Yard

HOUSTON - TX

Tower 85



downtown HOUSTON

Beaumont & New Orleans  
Primarily westbound

Basin Yard

ENGLEWOOD  
HUMP

1 Color Lights

2 Tri-Light

3 Searchlight Dwarfs

4 Searchlight Dwarfs

5 Tri-Lights

6 Tri-Lights

Liberty Rd

7 Searchlight Dwarfs

19 Tower 67

18 Mesa Crossover Tri-Lights

8 Color-Lights

9 Color-Lights

OK places to park

N Wayside

12 Tri-Lights

13 Tri-Lights

I-610

x23A

HOUSTON - TX  
**Tower 87**  
Englewood Yard

Kirkpatrick Junc

Gulf Coast Junc

OK places to park

16 Tri-Lights

signs

17

GRS Searchlight

15

Interstate Junc

SETTEGAST  
YARD



# JD TOWER

## Hyattsville MD

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  - 🚒 Fire Stations
  - ⊠ ATM's
  - Traffic Lights
  - ← One Way Street
  - ✓ Nice Photo Spots

Check out the pole line while you're at 10 and 11 - it used to be a streetcar line!

Access to 10 and 11 - park at Oglethorpe and look for break in tree line

Access to cantilever bridge and great photo spot thru two factory type buildings

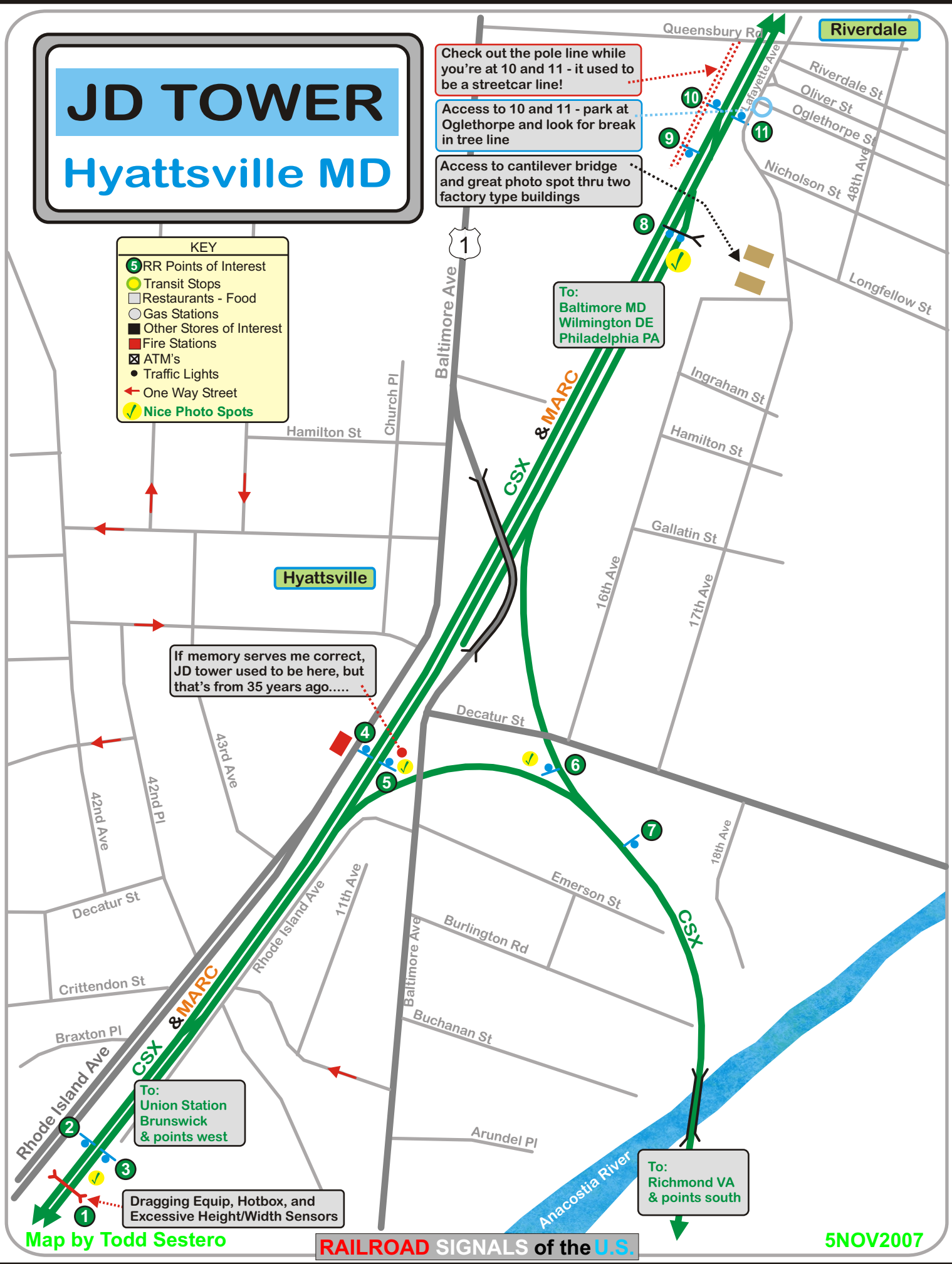
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Baltimore MD  
Wilmington DE  
Philadelphia PA

If memory serves me correct, JD tower used to be here, but that's from 35 years ago.....

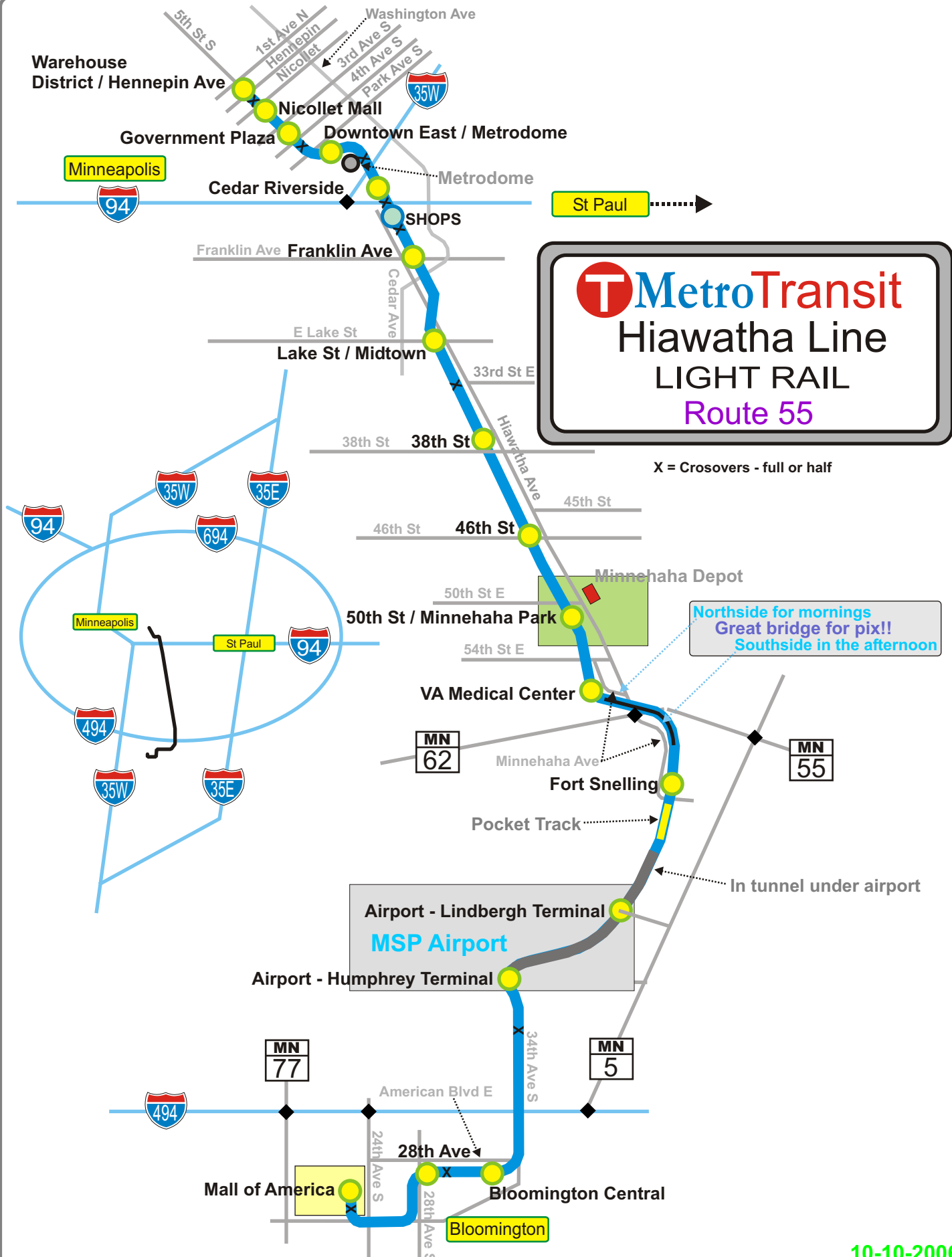
To:  
Union Station  
Brunswick  
& points west

To:  
Richmond VA  
& points south

Dragging Equip, Hotbox, and Excessive Height/Width Sensors







**T MetroTransit**  
**Hiawatha Line**  
**LIGHT RAIL**  
**Route 55**

X = Crossovers - full or half

Northside for mornings  
 Great bridge for pix!!  
 Southside in the afternoon

# Hiawatha Light Rail

The SHOPS  
Minneapolis MN

Downtown

Mall of America

52

12

94

234B

234C

Cedar Ave S

Minnehaha Ave

MN  
152

Cedar Ave S

Shops

Signal Shack

Bus Turnaround

Mike's Car

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Franklin Frontage Rd

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Franklin Ave

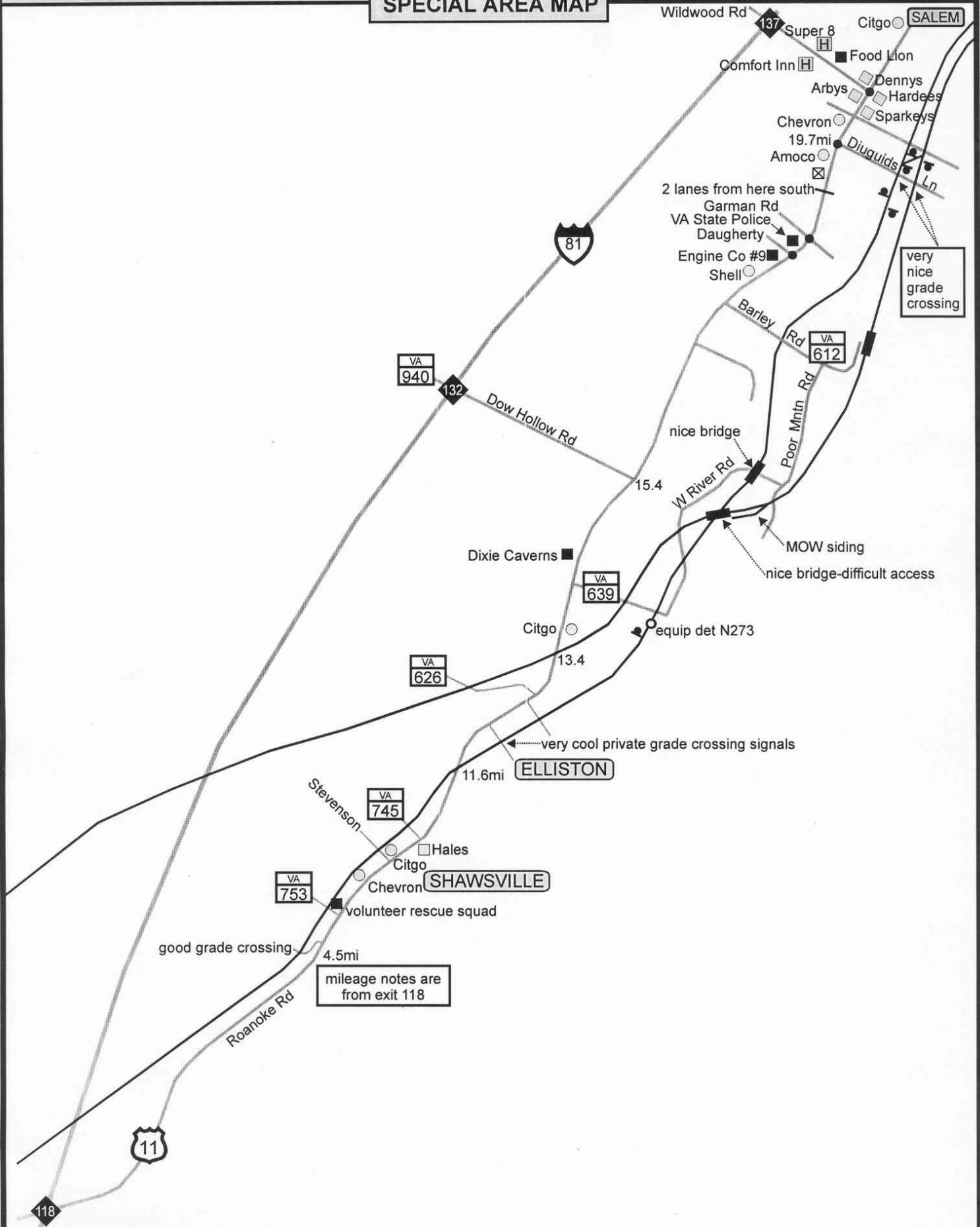
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Hiawatha Ave

Franklin Ave

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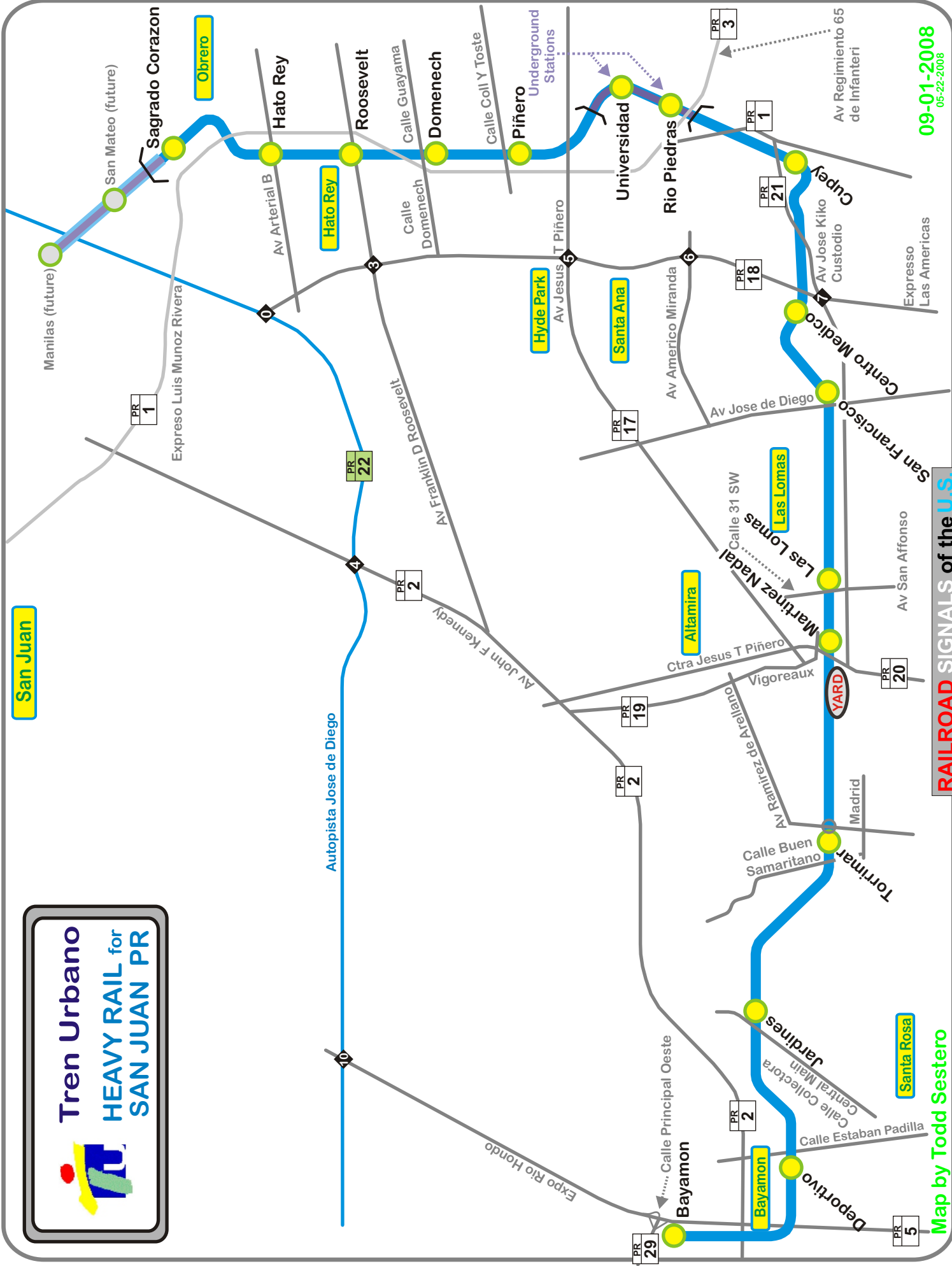
Cedar Ave S



# Tren Urbano HEAVY RAIL for SAN JUAN PR



San Juan



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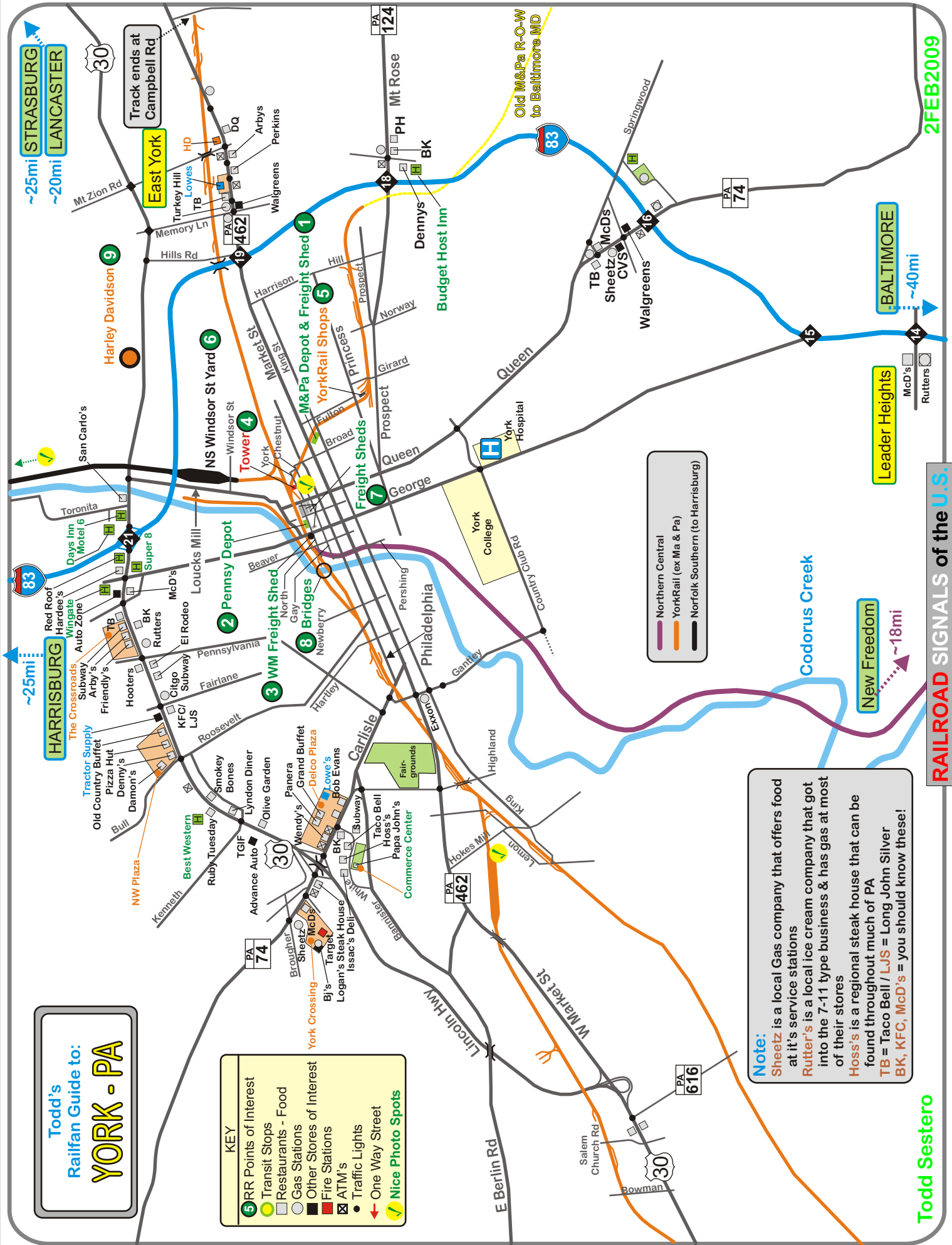
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**YORK - PA**

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  - Nice Photo Spots

- Northern Central
- YorkRail (ex Ma & Pa)
- Norfolk Southern (to Harrisburg)

**Note:**  
Sheetz is a local Gas company that offers food at it's service stations  
Rutter's is a local ice cream company that got into the 7-11 type business & has gas at most of their stores  
Hoss's is a regional steak house that can be found throughout much of PA  
TB = Taco Bell / LJS = Long John Silver  
BK, KFC, McD's = you should know these!

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**DC METRO**  
**WMATA**  
**Washington DC**

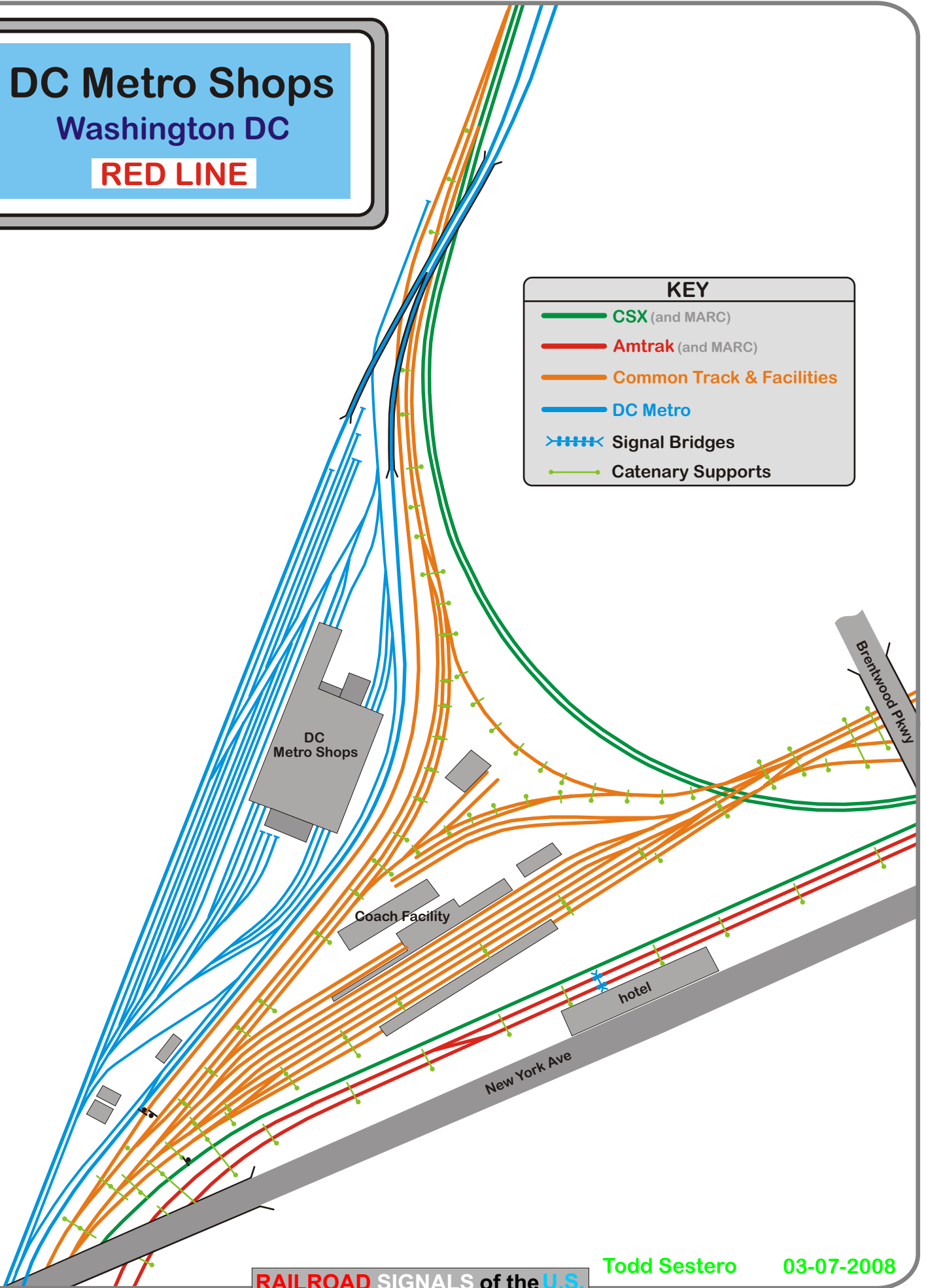
# DC Metro Shops

Washington DC

**RED LINE**

**KEY**

- CSX (and MARC)
- Amtrak (and MARC)
- Common Track & Facilities
- DC Metro
- Signal Bridges
- Catenary Supports



# Ivy City Yard

## Washington DC

Amtrak

MARC

VRE

Take a tour of the shops at:  
<http://www.amtrakhistoricalsociety.com/p9710.htm>

Employee  
Parking

### SHOPS

VINE  
BET  
Network  
HQ

9th St

New York Ave

RR access road  
Former site of the B&O's "F" Tower

Located along New York Ave, on trackside, are a number of parking lots filled with trailers.... Sometimes you can park in one of them, sometimes you can't.... Parking places are otherwise hard to come by... Try not to park in a place you aren't supposed to, DC doesn't like illegal parkers and you may get a "boot"!

### KEY

CSX

AMTRAK

Common usage

Signals

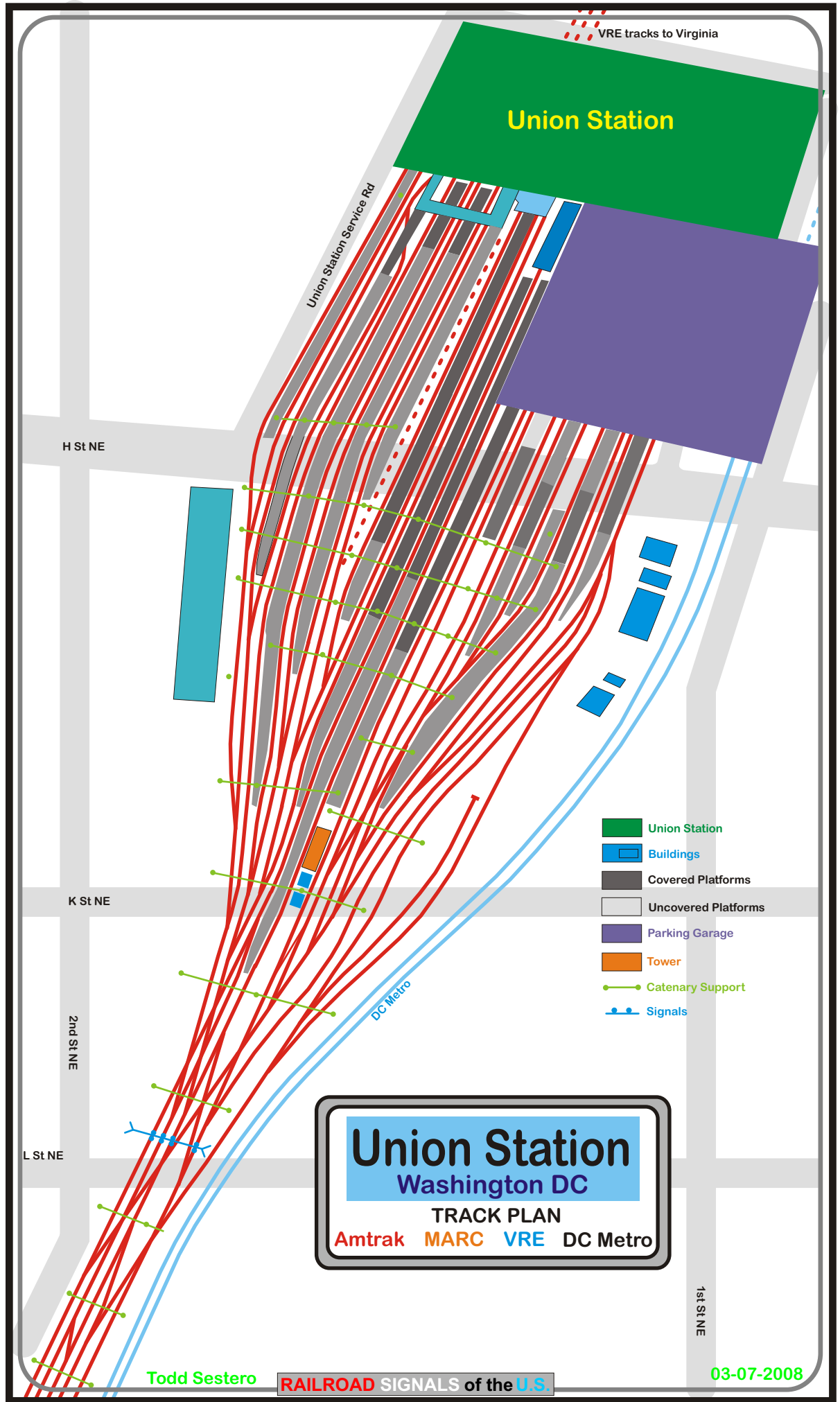
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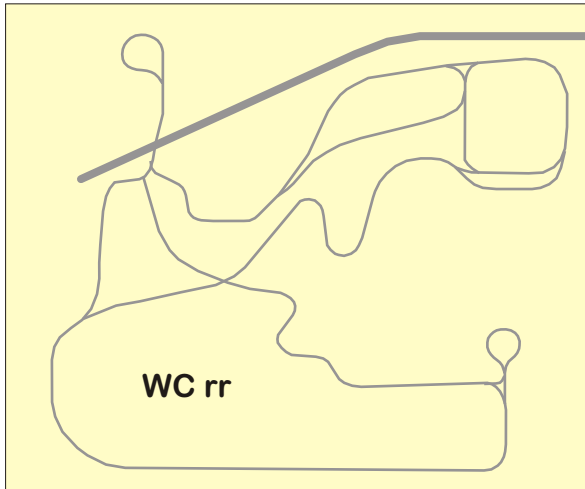
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03-18-2008

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Egner Rd



WC rr



~ 1 3/4 mi to Muskegon

Traverse City  
Cadillac

### In "Nearby" Towns....

- To the east, Lansing is a pretty good railfan town, plenty to see.... couple of depot's, couple of yards..
- A little farther east is Durand, with a magnificent depot, a small yard, and an engine on display..
- North of Durand is Owasso with a small yard..
- To the south is Kalamazoo.... Amtrak station, diamond, and tower..
- A little east of there is Battle Creek.... with an Amtrak station and Kellogg's..
- A little further east is Jackson with a forlorn looking little station..
- And if you're heading to or from Detroit, stop by Ann Arbor where they have a nice looking depot! (the Ann Arbor RR itself is down in Toledo)

### Lodging and Food....

When I used to go to Grand Rapids on business, I stayed on 28th St SE, off of I96 exit 43. It's on the east side of town. There are numerous hotel choices, but I settled on staying at the Quality Inn because they had decent rates and provided a full breakfast bar with the room. 28th St has just about everything on it.

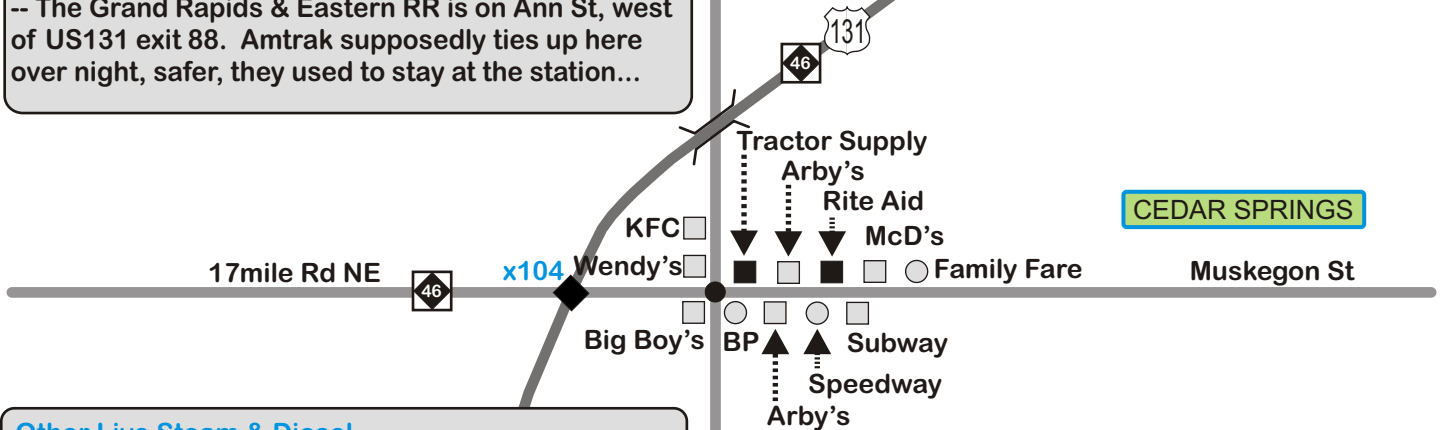
### Other Railroad Stuff To See....

- Both CSX and NS have a yard in town.....
- CSX's Wyoming Yard is off of Market Ave SW, and then Freeman (just down from the Amtrak station), one source says to railfan from the deadend of Judd,
- NS's Hughart yard is between exit 82 and 83 on the east side of US131,
- The Grand Rapids & Eastern RR is on Ann St, west of US131 exit 88. Amtrak supposedly ties up here over night, safer, they used to stay at the station...

### Other Live Steam & Diesel....

- Battle Creek - Sandy Ridge & Clear Lake Rwy
- Bridgeport - Junction Valley RR
- Traverse City - Spirit of Traverse City 4-4-0 Steamer

White Creek Ave



### Yet More Stuff To See....

- I didn't get a chance to check it out on my latest trip, but CSX had not painted over a great Chessie System insignia on a girder bridge over Patterson Ave when I was there 3 years ago.
- The Amtrak station is at Wealthy and Market near the downtown area, just north of a CSX wye.
- And for what it's worth, Amway has their HQ over in Ada.
- If you get over that far, they have a really nice covered bridge in a park somewhere in Ada.

