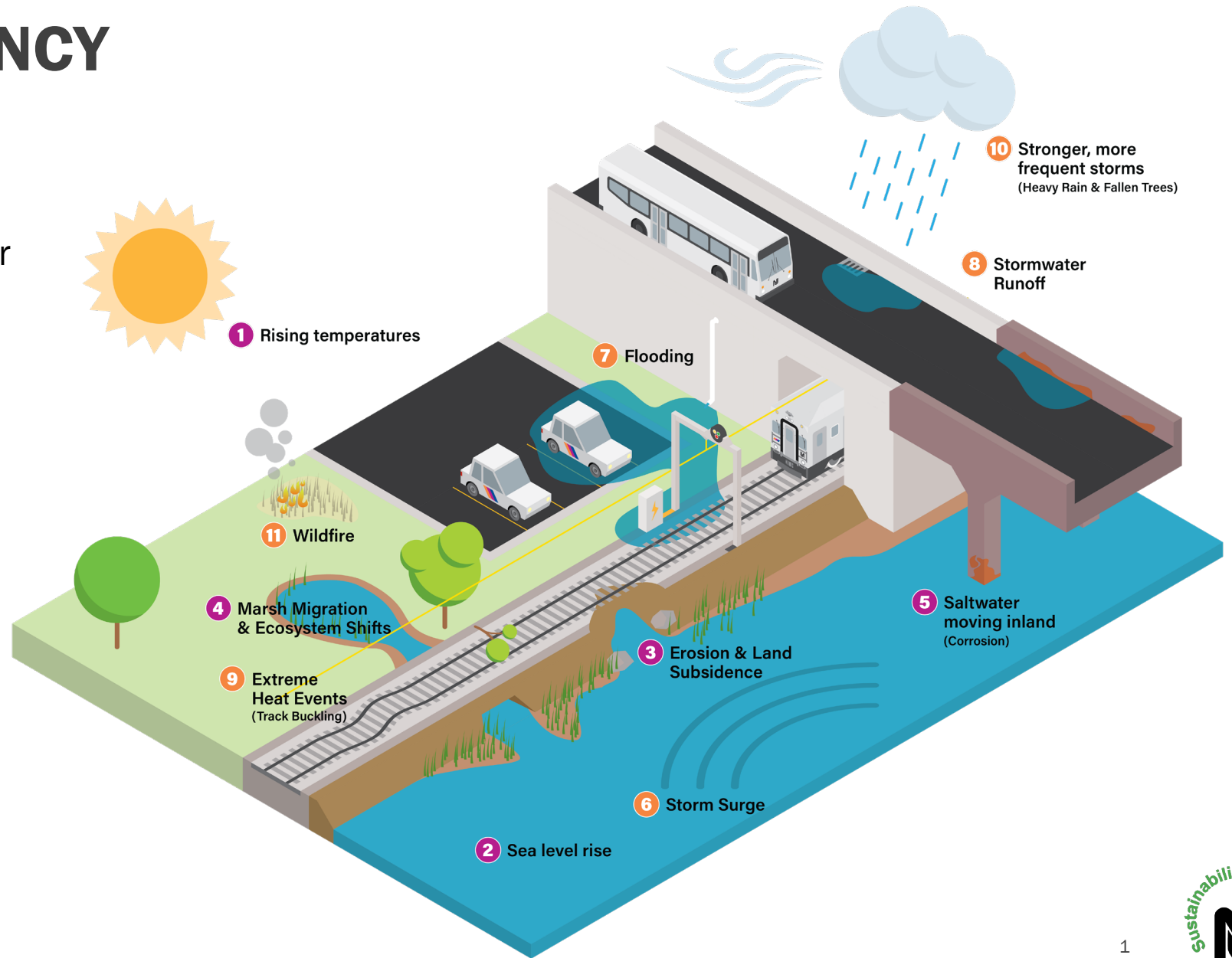


NJ TRANSIT CAPITAL PLANNING RESILIENCY PROGRAM

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AGENDA

NJ TRANSIT Climate Concerns

Complete Resiliency Projects

Long-Term Resiliency Strategy

Questions

ABOUT NJ TRANSIT

- **Our Mission:** Move New Jersey and the region by providing safe, reliable and affordable public transportation that connects people to their everyday lives, one trip at a time.
- Largest statewide public transit agency
- Third largest provider of bus, rail, and light rail transit
- Provide more than 517,000 weekday trips on 253 bus routes, 3 light rail lines, 12 commuter rail lines, and NJ TRANSIT Access Link (paratransit service)
- Our fleet consists of 2,258 Buses, 171 Locomotives, 1,040 Cars, 73 Light Rail Cars, and 583 Access Link vehicles



CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS



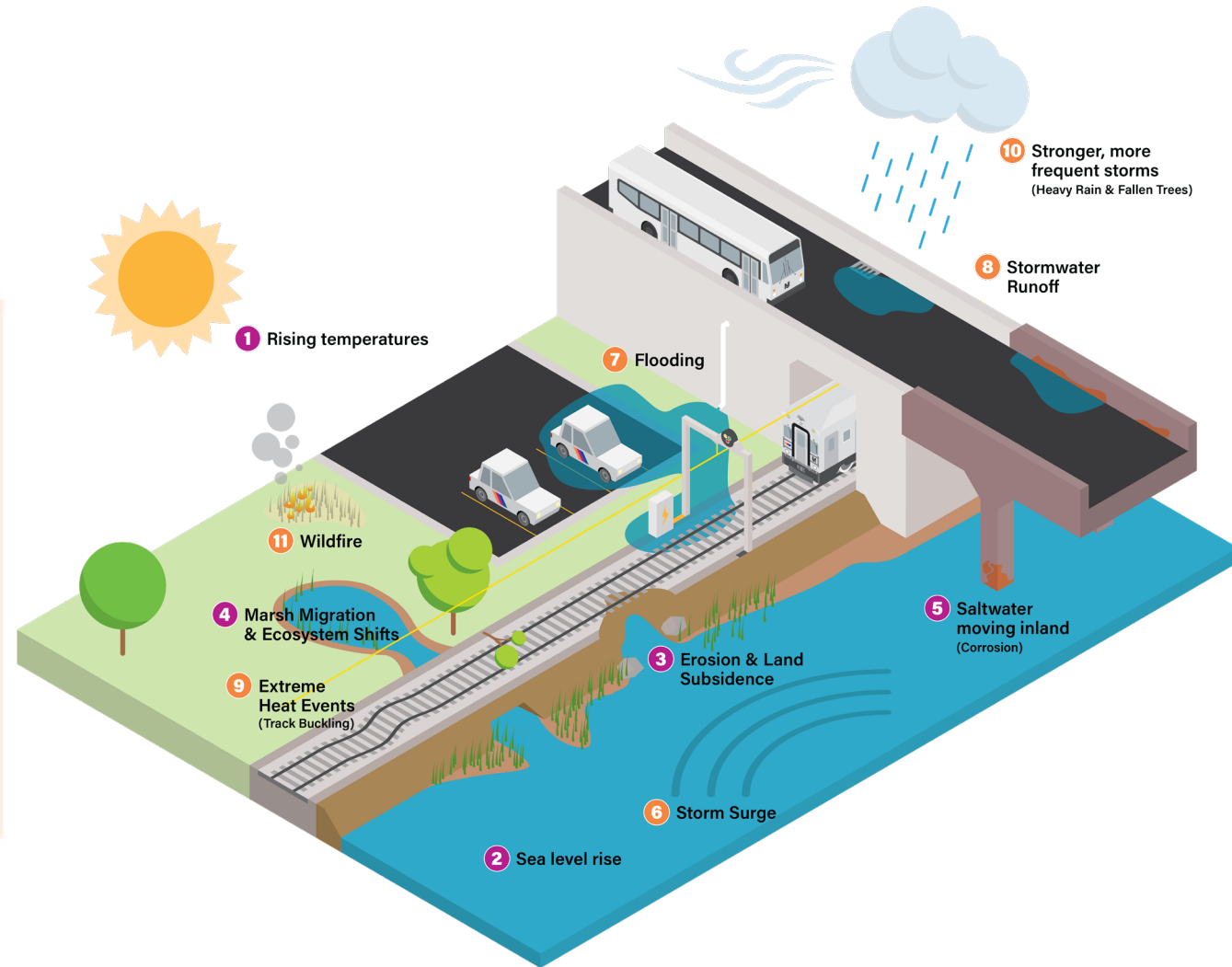
Gradual Processes

- 1 Rising Temperatures
- 2 Sea Level Rise
- 3 Erosion & Land Subsidence
- 4 Marsh Migration & Ecosystem Shifts
- 5 Saltwater Moving Inland



Intermittent Events

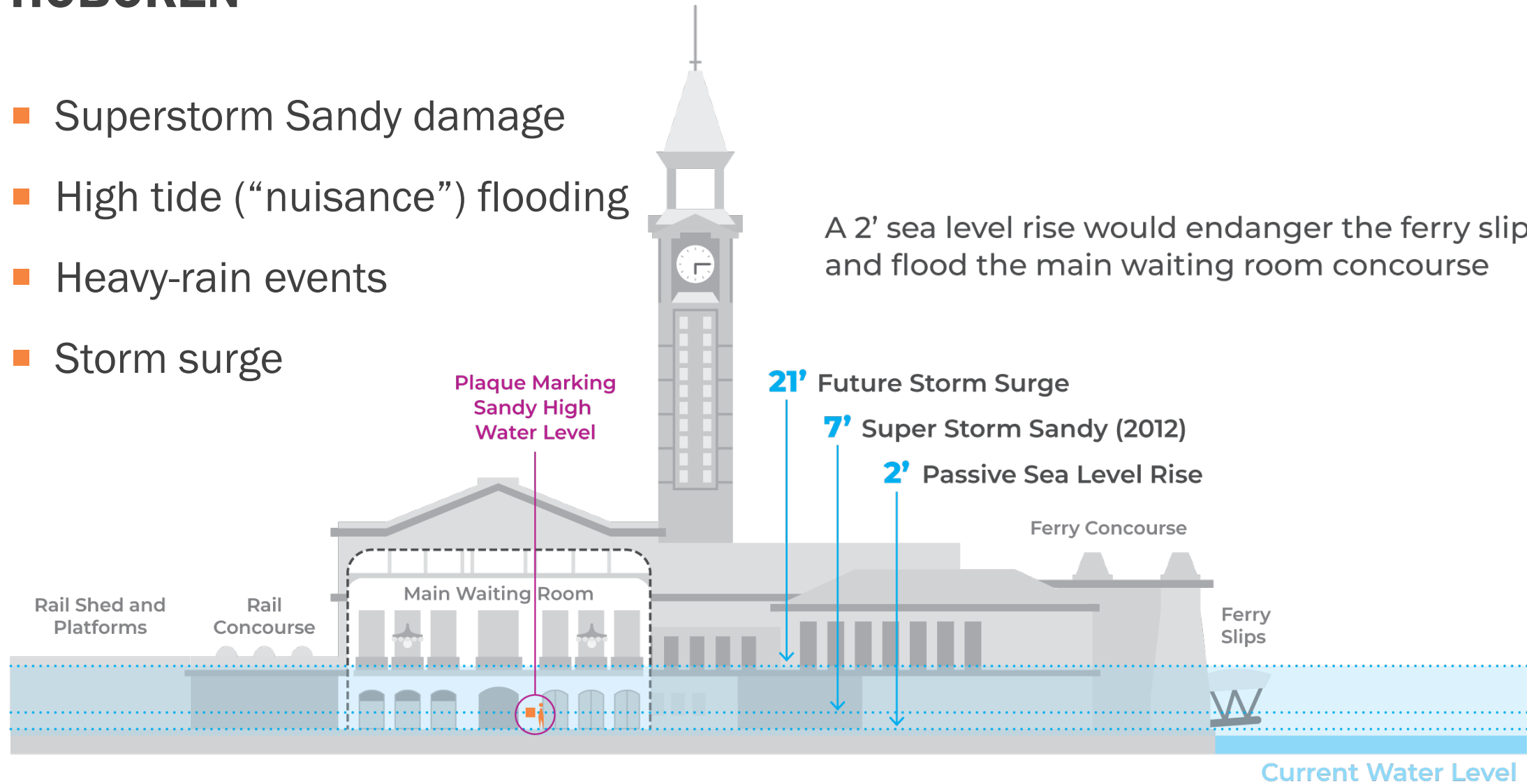
- 6 Storm Surge
- 7 Flooding
- 8 Stormwater Runoff
- 9 Extreme Heat Events
- 10 Stronger, More Frequent Storms
- 11 Wildfire



HOBOKEN

- Superstorm Sandy damage
- High tide (“nuisance”) flooding
- Heavy-rain events
- Storm surge

A 2’ sea level rise would endanger the ferry slips and flood the main waiting room concourse





COMPLETED RESILIENCY PROGRAM PROJECTS

SUPERSTORM SANDY PROJECTS



GLADSTONE CATENARY POLE RESILIENCY PROJECT

- Wind, rain during Sandy caused structural failure of several wooden catenary poles along Gladstone Branch right-of-way.
- Project Scope:
 - Replaced 163 wooden catenary poles along Gladstone Branch with new steel catenary poles
 - 155 locations between New Providence Station and Gladstone Rail Yard
- Construction duration: ~3 years



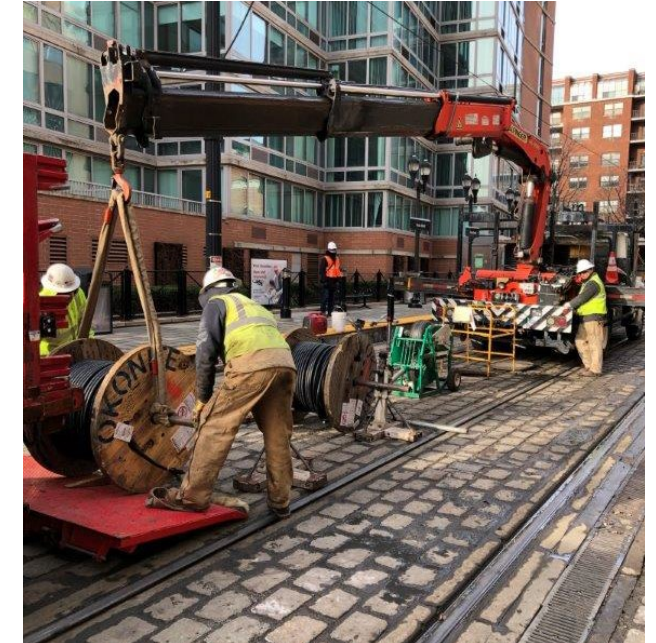
Fig. 1. Damage from Superstorm Sandy to catenary polls along Gladstone Branch commuter line.



Fig. 2. New steel catenary polls installed along Gladstone ROW.

HUDSON-BERGEN LIGHT RAIL TRACTION POWER & SIGNAL

- Sections of Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR) inundated with storm surge during Sandy
- Damaged cabling, catenary poles, switches, signal houses, and HBLR maintenance facility
- Project Scope:
 - Raised Traction Power Substations and Communication Information Huts; repaired damaged facilities
 - Raised 14 Central Instrument Houses (CIH); built a floodwall around 1 (raising not feasible)
 - Components vulnerable to inland fluvial flooding or coastal storm surge raised above FEMA BFE



HOBOKEN SUBSTATION PROJECTS

- Impacts 3 substations that power different components of Hoboken Terminal Complex
- Project Scope:
 - **Depot** - relocated above design flood elevation to the second floor of the Pullman & Immigrant building
 - **Observer** - partially relocated to the second floor of the Immigrant / Pullman Building; modifications and repairs to the building structure/envelope necessary to accommodate installation of substation equipment
 - **Henderson** – new substation elevated to DFE, built to withstand contact with salt water where elements couldn't be raised



Fig. 3 (TOP): Depot Substation West Elevation. Fig. 4 (BELOW): Depot Substation 13.2Kv Switchgear





LONG-TERM RESILIENCY STRATEGY



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SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

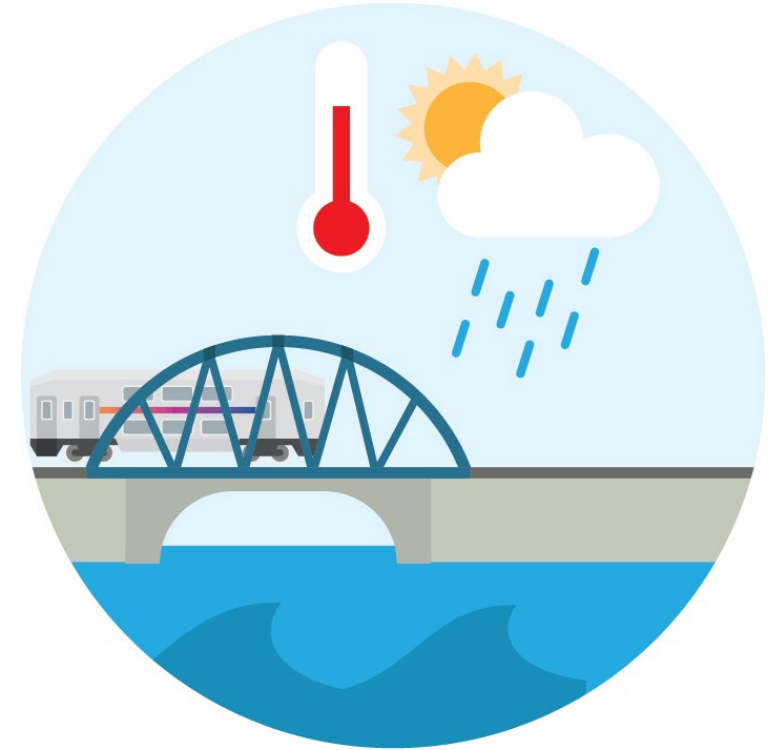
4 Resilient Strategies, Initiatives, and Investments

4.1 Defining Resiliency for NJ TRANSIT

4.2 Operational Practices that Promote Resiliency

4.3 Capital Investments that Promote Resiliency

4.4 Partnerships and Initiatives

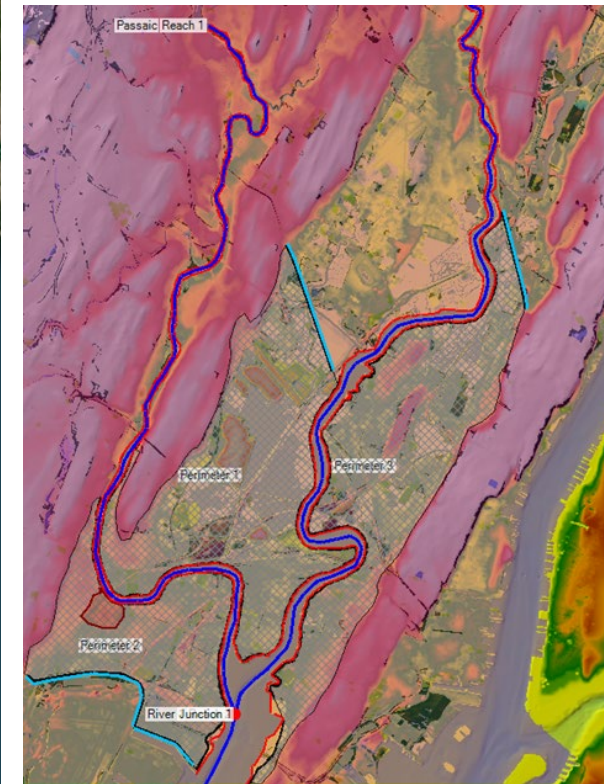
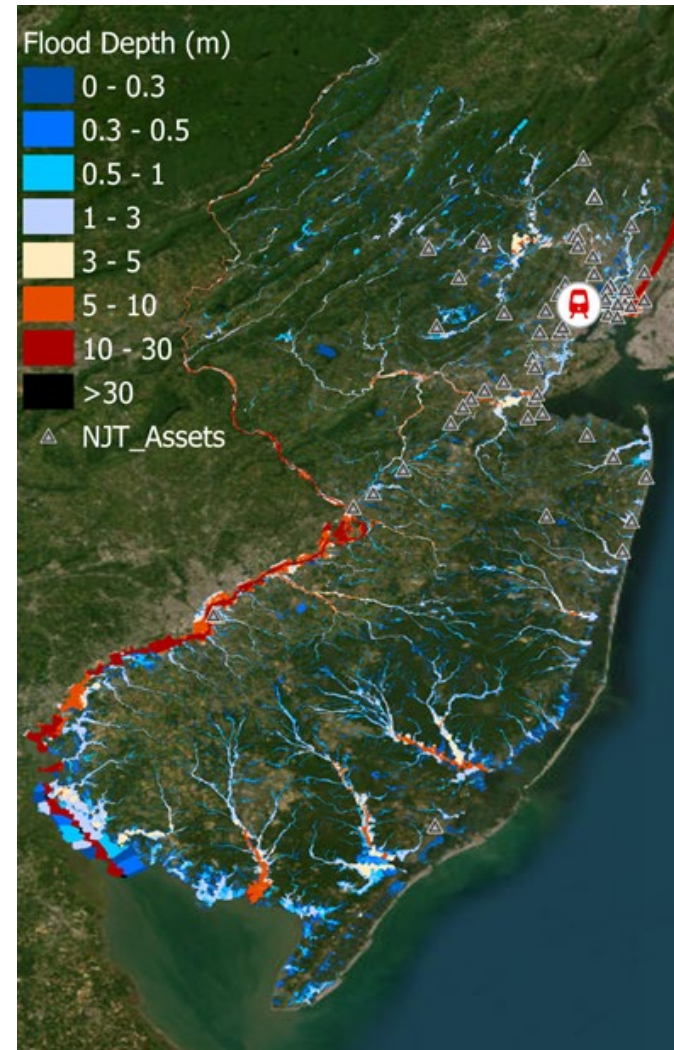


RESILIENCY PLANNING GOALS

- Incorporate long term resiliency planning in the capital planning process.
- Manage complex risk modelling for climate vulnerabilities.
- Identify, gather, and develop global best practices in strategies, standards and practices for NJ TRANSIT to adopt.
- Manage the agency's development and planning activities for capital projects and programs focused on resiliency.
- Coordinate between Capital Programs and the Office of Emergency Management.
- Support the agency's ability to win resiliency-focused grant opportunities.

RESILIENCY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

- Leveraging partnership with Rutgers CAIT to perform the agency's first statewide climate Resiliency Assessments
 - Facility specific modeling
 - Site specific climate risk assessments
 - Identify vulnerabilities, potential mitigation strategies.
- Develop the agency's first Resilient Design Standards and Guidelines



RESILIENCY PLANNING WINS + NEXT STEPS

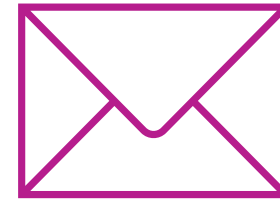
- Sustainability Plan is NJ TRANSIT's first comprehensive sustainability and resiliency roadmap
- Contributed to the 2024 State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, NJTPA Resilience Improvement Plan
- Continuing coordination with NJT Office of Emergency Management
- Scoping line-specific vulnerability assessments + long-term infrastructure investments
- Develop a long-term resiliency investment plan for NJ TRANSIT

QUESTIONS?



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