

Reading Area Transportation Study

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To: Reading Area Transportation Study Technical Committee

From: Michael D. Golembiewski, Transportation Modeler

Re: 2020 Census-Defined Urban Areas and Boundary Smoothing Update

Date: June 29, 2023

At the May 18th Coordinating Committee meeting the proposed 2020 Census-Defined Urban Area Smoothing Blocks were approved and staff was authorized to submit to PennDOT for ultimate concurrence by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In the interim, staff has had numerous communications with PennDOT Central Office staff regarding our proposal. Evidently there were FHWA limitations that staff was unaware of, including (but not limited to):

- Restrictions on which Urban Areas could be 'smoothed' and which could not;
- Questions regarding the assignment of smoothed blocks to Urban Areas in surrounding counties.

At the July 20th Coordinating Committee meeting, staff will provide an update on the results of these discussions and how they affect the Reading Urban Area and RATS. This item is for discussion only; there will be no actions requested.

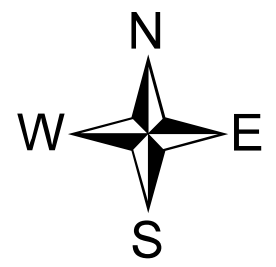
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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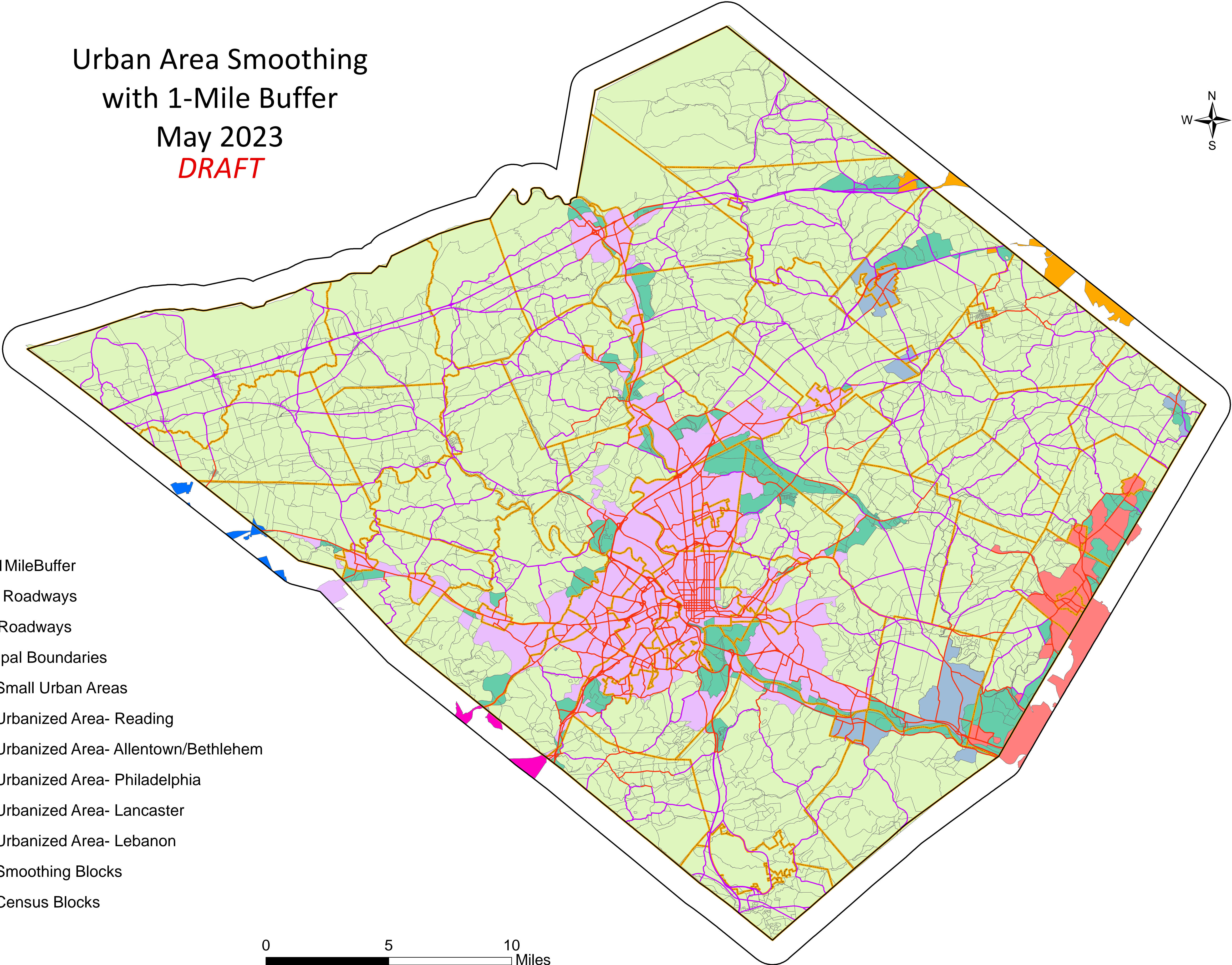
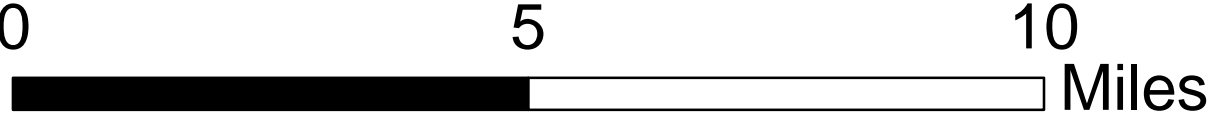
- May 2023 Smoothing Map as submitted to PennDOT
(*ReadingMPO_2020_Smoothing_Map.pdf*)
- Revised June 2023 Smoothing Map as submitted to PennDOT
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Urban Area Smoothing
with 1-Mile Buffer
May 2023
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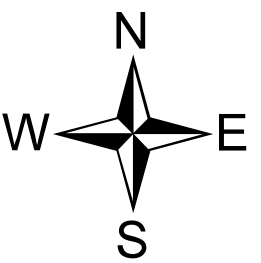


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-  Berks1MileBuffer
-  Urban Roadways
-  Rural Roadways
-  Municipal Boundaries
-  2020 Small Urban Areas
-  2020 Urbanized Area- Reading
-  2020 Urbanized Area- Allentown/Bethlehem
-  2020 Urbanized Area- Philadelphia
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-  2020 Census Blocks



Urban Area Smoothing with 1-Mile Buffer June 2023



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