



# **Cantini Mosaics Reinstallation**

Proposed Location: Steel Plaza T Station

# About the Cantini Mosaic



# Relocating the Cantini Mosaic

**2016:** I-579 Cap project, necessitated demolition of the Cantini Mosaic pedestrian tunnel beneath Bigelow Boulevard near Chatham Street.

**2017:** Local historic preservationists began a “Save the Virgil Cantini Mosaic” campaign, which prompted the Federal Highway Administration to re-open the Section 106 Consultation Process.

**2018:** The Mosaic is determined to be eligible for listing in the national register of historic places. A Programmatic Agreement was signed stipulating that:

- The mosaic tunnel should be documented in its original setting
- A Character Defining Features document would be created
- The 28 panels would be safely removed and stored
- An appropriate reinstallation site would be identified
- **The full reinstallation of the mosaics would be complete by December 2023**

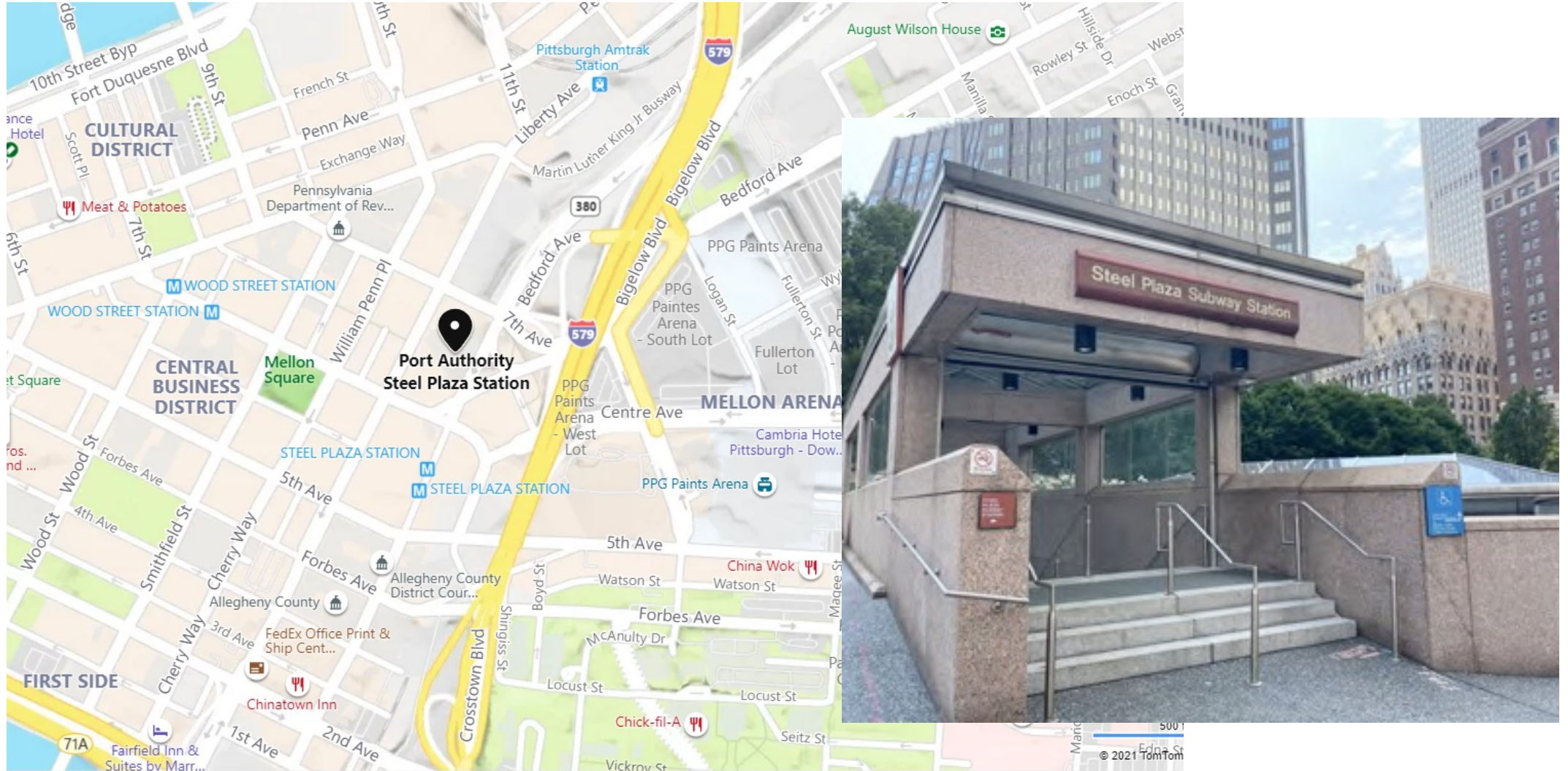
**2021:** The Reconceptualization process identified and evaluated potential locations. Over 110 stakeholders were identified and consulted.

# Criteria for Possible Locations

- Within the City of Pittsburgh limits
- Publicly accessible (open to public + ADA), ideally in a publicly-owned space
- Highly travelled pedestrian corridor
- Two vertical walls, of at least approximately 60' in length and 8' high
- Covered for protection from the elements
- Lighting to maximize reflectivity, through a potential combination of natural light, reflected light, and projected light



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- Ownership: BNY Mellon, with an agreement with the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAAC) for use and maintenance
- Meets Dimensional Requirements
- Open to the Public
- ADA-accessible

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# Thank You!

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