

Freedom City



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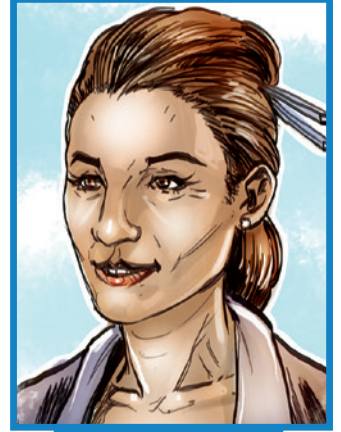
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From the Desk of Calliope Summers

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headshot than this for
me in the files? I really
hate this one....*



THE HON. CALLIOPE SUMMERS

Freedom. Just the sound of that word sends a thrill up the spine and gladdens the heart, as our city and our nation were founded upon the ideals of Freedom, and they can still be found here, in spite of many challenges and trials. I had the good fortune to travel extensively in my youth and young adulthood, visiting great cities around the world from New York to London, Paris, Hong Kong, and many more, but I am proud to call Freedom City my home, the city of my heart.

From the parks of Riverside under the watchful eye of the Sentry Statue to the high-rises and mansions of Parkside, from the Promenade of Hanover to South River's Boardwalk, I know this city like no other. I've been privileged to see Freedom's highs and lows, taking in a performance at the Beaudrie Opera House and cheering on the Comets at the Liberty Dome to the devastation of the Terminus Invasion and the courage demonstrated by ordinary citizens on that fateful day.

For Freedom City is no ordinary place. I know that many feel a strong sense of civic pride, but I say this with the weight of history at my back. Freedom City has known trials and tribulations, but also the kinds of wonders that have drawn people from far and wide to visit and, often, make their lives here. Everyone in Freedom remembers their first "sighting," when the shadow of a caped figure passed overhead, perhaps, or leapt from building to building. "Superhero spotting" is something of a spectator sport in our city; and why not, since Freedom City boasts the greatest number of costumed heroes in the world.

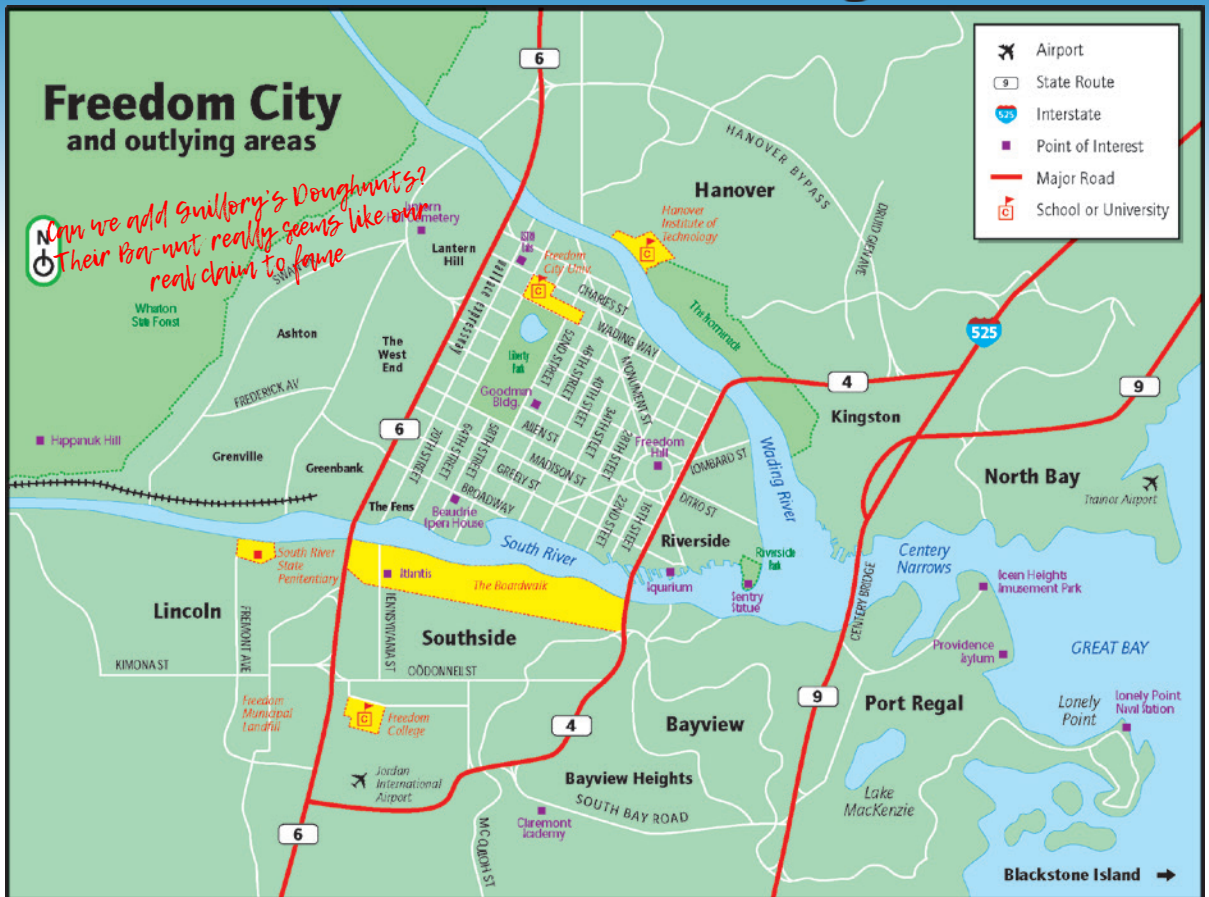
With all their high-flying celebrity, it can be easy to forget, however, that those heroes are a part of our community, too. Many of them have lived, fought, and even died here protecting Freedom City and its people. We can also overlook the many other citizen-heroes of our fair city, those who do not wear costumes or have great powers at their disposal, but who nonetheless do whatever they can for this city and its people. They are our police officers, fire fighters, medical personnel, social workers, teachers, and countless civil servants who make Freedom City a place I am proud to call home—a city of heroes.

So, whether you're here to visit and enjoy the many wonders Freedom City has to offer, or you've heard our city's siren call and come to stay, welcome! Enjoy all that Freedom has to offer, and may our city help to bring out the hero in *you*!

Best wishes,

The Hon. Calliope Summers,
Mayor of Freedom City

Freedom City At A Glance



Freedom City is situated along the coast at the confluence of the Wading and South Rivers where they flow into Great Bay, which makes its way through the Centery Narrows out into the ocean. The Interstate passes close by the city along the coast, providing easy access to all points of the city by land.

The heart of Freedom—downtown—lies between the rivers, while the entire metropolitan area spans both sides of the rivers. Southside can be found on the far bank of the South River. Northward is Hanover, a largely college and technical community, home to a number of small businesses. To the west are a collection of suburbs and national forest with unspoiled natural terrain and opportunities for camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities. The downtown peninsula rises gradually toward Lantern Hill, while the land south of the South River rises toward low hills in Bayview and the areas south of the Jordan Airport. Parts of the seaside around the Centery Narrows and Great Bay rise a short distance above the water, with some seaside cliffs in spots.

Downtown Freedom City generally follows a grid pattern. East-west streets have the names of prominent individuals honored by Freedom City. North-south avenues are numbered, starting from Riverside and heading west to the Wallace Expressway. Alleys running between buildings in the downtown area are common, and are generally numbered separately from streets.

In outlying areas like Lantern Hill, Hanover, and Southside, streets tend to meander. There are also more one-way streets, cul-de-sacs, and multi-street intersections. These streets are older, so they are often narrower, and finding your destination can be a bit more difficult if you don't know your way around.

Freedom City is a thriving metropolis of modern buildings and architecture. It is home to millions, with more moving into the area each day, drawn by the promise of a new life in a city filled with new jobs and new challenges. Freedom is one of the largest cities in the United States, and one with a promising future, a city of tomorrow, and a city of heroes!



The Waterfront



Riverside

Downtown

The central area of Freedom City features ultra-modern buildings, many of them created by Dr. Metropolis, "grown" out of pre-existing materials shaped by his powers. The remaining buildings in the city use the finest modern construction methods and materials, making downtown Freedom one of the greatest North American metropolises.

The downtown area is far from sterile and "planned," however. Buildings show a variety of architectural styles, and there are a number of parks and tree-lined streets, giving the city a pleasant, colonial charm in many areas, contrasting with the modern structures and conveniences.

The Waterfront

The city's waterfront is located along the tip of the peninsula, lined with piers that handle Freedom City's shipping traffic, along with warehouses storing goods being shipped in and out of the city. The Waterfront is considerably cleaner and more prosperous than many similar areas in other eastern cities, a source of civic pride.

The piers feature several fine seafood restaurants as well as the Freedom Aquarium, a

PLACES OF INTEREST

Ditko Street
The Freedom School for the Arts
The Never-Ending Story
Riverside Park and the Sentry Statue
The Midnight Hour Nightclub

modern tourist attraction and scientific research facility. Pier Two has been converted into a shopping center with a number of local stores and restaurants.

The city's labor unions are quite influential on the Waterfront, and most of the dockside workers are union members. Thus far this has caused no disputes, since workers are well paid and working conditions are good. The police department has expressed some concern over smuggling from Southside working its way up into the Waterfront and keeps a close watch on shipments moving in and out of the docks.

Riverside

South of the Waterfront is the bohemian, Old World charm of Riverside.

The area features several small parks, tree-lined

streets, and brickwork buildings. The neighborhood is popular with young people, particularly students and artists, for its relatively low rents and loft apartments and studios. Riverside is becoming pricier, but not as quickly as parts of Midtown or the western suburbs.

The rest of the neighborhood features small shops and restaurants, often catering to the avant-garde. There are vegetarian restaurants and bistros; craft boutiques; pagan, New Age, and gay and lesbian bookshops; comic book stores; game stores; and so forth. Meadow Street is the main thoroughfare where many of these places can be found.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Freedom Aquarium
Infinity Nightclub
Pier Two Shopping Center

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Wading Way

A number of the side streets in Riverside, such as Ditko Street, are closed to all but foot traffic and the ever-present locals wearing rollerblades, making them popular places for afternoon strolls and shopping. In the evening, Riverside offers a number of bars, coffeehouses, and nightclubs, many with open-mike nights showcasing local talent.

Riverside Park, along the waterfront, is home to one of Freedom City's greatest landmarks—the massive Sentry Statue, dedicated to the fallen hero Centurion.

Wading Way

Running along the northern side of the downtown area is Freedom's business district, centered on Wading Way. The street is lined with brokerage houses, banks, investment companies, and other businesses, all of which exchange billions of dollars on a daily basis.

Like the rest of the downtown area, the business district benefits from the city's ultra-modern infrastructure, particularly information and communication networks carrying the tremendous load of calls, faxes, and e-mails going in and out every minute. The district's buildings are some of the tallest in the city, towers of glass and steel featuring some novel architectural styles and techniques, courtesy of Dr. Metropolis and some of the world's most famous architects.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Eastern Seaboard Bank Building
Pyramid Plaza
Rath & Stromberg Plaza



Midtown

The city monorail runs along the outside edge of the business district, carrying many to and from work each day, and most of the office buildings have extensive underground parking garages. Street parking can be difficult to find, and the streets are nearly always lined with cars. The sidewalks bustle with businesspeople, often talking on cell phones, as they make their way between offices, as well as messengers and other people going about their business.

The so-called "Golden Row" of the business district has some of the tallest buildings in Freedom. It includes Rath & Stromberg Plaza, built by the investment corporation; the Eastern Seaboard Bank Building, a towering structure of steel and blue-tinted glass; and the massive Pyramid Plaza—a trio of triangular office towers set at the corners of a triangular plaza. The triple-towers are the tallest buildings in the city. The area also features numerous stores, mostly high-priced national chains like Macy's and Neiman Marcus.

City Center

The heart of the downtown area, City Center rises around Centennial Circle, a traffic circle where the city's diagonal roads converge. City Center is home to Federal Plaza and governmental buildings, including the towering Federal Building. It is also the location of City Hall and Freedom Hall, the local headquarters of the Freedom League.

PLACES OF INTEREST

City Hall
Federal Plaza
Freedom Hall
Freedom Public Library
Pinnacle Path Headquarters

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Darkside



The North End

Midtown

The central area of Freedom City, bounded by the monorail lines, Liberty Park, and City Center, is called Midtown. Among other things, it is the largest downtown residential area and features a number of high-rise apartment buildings and condominiums.

Midtown is also home to shopping, with the massive Millennium Mall and numerous other stores. There are a number of fast-food restaurants, as well as more upscale establishments, small bistros, and the restaurants of the fine hotels in the area. One of the most popular eateries in Midtown is the original Champion's franchise, located next door to the Super Museum.

On the spiritual side, Midtown has a number of churches, including St. George's Cathedral, located on 52nd Avenue across from Liberty Park. That avenue features expensive townhouses and private clubs, such as the Cape and Cowl Club and the Midnight Society.

Finally, Midtown is the location of the Goodman Building, the home and headquarters of the world-famous Atom Family.

PLACES OF INTEREST

The Cape & Cowl Club *(members and their guests only!)*

Castle Comics

Champion's

Freedom Ledger Building

Freedom City Historical Museum

The Goodman Building

Legends

Millennium

The Midnight Society Mansion

The Millennium Mall

St. George's Cathedral

The Super Museum

The North End

The North End lies north of Liberty Park and the monorail line, centered on the campus of Freedom City University and focused on high-tech companies like ASTRO Labs. Small businesses catering to students and people in the tech industry are found throughout the area, including computer stores, clothing shops, and small cafés and coffeehouses. It's a contrast to nearby Lantern Hill.

PLACES OF INTEREST

ASTRO Labs

Hunter Museum of Natural History

Freedom Medical Center

Freedom City University

Parkside

The strip of land between Route 6 and Liberty Park, hemmed by the North End and the Theatre District, is called Parkside. It resembles Midtown, but tends to combine the high-tech feel of the North End with the artistic sensibilities of the Theatre District.

Parkside is home to a number of high-rise apartments and condominiums overlooking Liberty Park, priced for those with money to burn. Most are home to up-and-coming businesspeople working in the North End and Wading Way, along with some well-off artists and media personalities. A Parkside address is a sure sign of someone who's arrived on the Freedom City scene.

PLACES OF INTEREST

GBN Building

Liberty Park

Kirby Fine Arts Museum

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The Theatre District

Parkside is also known as the home of the Globe Broadcasting Network building, not far from Liberty Park. GBN is one of the largest media outlets in the world, owned by New Horizon Media, Inc.

Theatre District

South of Parkside is the Theatre District, a neighborhood of small apartment buildings clustered around a number of local theatres and clubs featuring some the best nightlife in Freedom City. Entertainment ranges from Broadway-style plays and opera to rock concerts and avant-garde productions of performance art.

The emphasis in the Theatre District is on performance; gallery shows and the like tend to take place in Riverside. Many young actors and performers live in the area, although some complain the rents are becoming too expensive for them. The truly successful move up to Parkside when they hit the big time.

The eastern edge of the Theatre District, where it meets City Center, is home to the massive Liberty Dome, which holds sporting events and concerts. The Theatre District also features many

small restaurants and eateries, open late to cater to the after-show crowds.

The Fens

The Fens are a corner of the Theatre District on the shore of the South River. Originally a marshy area, it was filled in years ago to allow for the expansion of the city and to eliminate disease-carrying insects. Now a new sort of disease is infecting the Fens, as the area becomes progressively more low rent with each block away from the heart of the Theatre District and toward the river and Greenbank.

The Fens are home to sleazy porn theaters and adult bookstores, a large number of waterfront bars, and relatively cheap housing; more than a few have commented that it is unfortunate the Fens have been largely spared the damage inflicted on the rest of the downtown area by super-battles. Of any of the areas of Freedom City, it's one that should be leveled. Still, the Fens are cleaner and less dangerous than they have been in the past. The FCPD has undertaken increased vigilance in the area, and the city is doing what it can to "clean up" the Fens.

Let's rework the Fens entry to talk up its "local charm." I think they'd appreciate that a little more.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Beaudrie Opera House
The Liberty Dome



"With Dr. Metropolis around, by the time the Department of Public Works hears about some damage and sends a crew, it may have already fixed itself!"

— Councilman Tom Golf, Hanover

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Hanover



Kingston

North Freedom

North of the Wading River, Freedom City is strongly influenced by the image of "the city of the future" combined with an appreciation for the structures of the past. North Freedom is made up of communities involved in education and high technology, along with some of the wealthiest and most influential areas of the city.

Hanover

The largest area of North Freedom is Hanover, covering nearly as much area as downtown. Much of Hanover is focused on small high-technology businesses, particularly Internet "e-business". This is enhanced by the presence of the Hanover Institute of Technology, one of the nation's most prestigious schools for technical education.

New business opportunities have helped revitalize Hanover, and property values continue to climb as considerable urban renewal has taken place with the conversion of old structures and the building of new

PLACES OF INTEREST

The Albright Institute
Daily Word offices
The Fourth World
Freedom City Correctional Facility
Greeley Street
Hanover Institute of Technology
Hanover Square
Hanover Zoo
Jameson Airport
The Machine
Master Lee's School of Self Defense
The Promenade
Schuster Auditorium
USNet office park

housing, shopping, and other facilities. The district has a "college town" feel to it, with the area near the HIT campus catering to the needs and interests of students and young technical professionals.

Kingston

The Kingston area, tucked between Route 4 and the Interstate, is more upper middle class than Hanover, progressing away from student living to places owned by technology professionals. Despite being close to the city, Kingston still retains a suburban feel, something local residents value and fight to maintain. Property values have increased over the years, but people in Kingston resist over-development, wanting to keep the charm and pleasant aspects of their community intact.

North Bay

From the bay-shore to Route 9 is the North Bay area, a posh district of expensive waterfront homes and historic mansions owned by some of Freedom City's wealthiest families. North Bay features exclusive yacht clubs and beachfront property, with few stretches of public beach. During the holiday season, North Bay's stately mansions are beautifully decorated, and there are tours to see them.

PLACES OF INTEREST

North Bay Yacht Club
Trainer Airport

Don't forget: "the residents of North Bay are a constant drain on the Mayor's time." Save me from my overly entitled constituents!

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North Bay



Lantern Hill

West Freedom

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Lantern Hill

The north side of the peninsula along the Wading River rises to a hill that is the site of some of the oldest settlement in the Freedom area. Lantern Hill was built up in Revolutionary times and became one of the most exclusive neighborhoods for judges, bankers, and the "old money" of Freedom City.

These days, Lantern Hill isn't as exclusive as it used to be. The garden apartments and row houses are still wonderful examples of 18th and 19th century architecture, many of them having undergone modern renovations. The neighbor-

PLACES OF INTEREST

Lantern Hill Cemetery
St. Stephen's Church

hood has a distinctly colonial flavor with narrower, tree-lined streets, brick-front buildings, and small garden plots or window boxes of flowers.

Lantern Hill is home to a number of historical sites, from the home of Revolutionary War hero Major Joseph Clark to the Lantern Hill Cemetery and one of Freedom's oldest houses of worship, St. Stephen's Church. It is better known as the haunt of the mysterious Lantern Jack, mystic watchman of Freedom since the days of the Revolutionary War.

The West End

Flowing down from Lantern Hill toward Greenbank is the West End of Freedom City. The West End was originally a number of small ethnic communities settled around the end of the 19th century. Today, they have blended together into an overall community, although pockets of the original cultures can still be found, along with a number of newcomers to the area.

It's a boisterous, mostly lower middle-class, area. Row houses and apartment buildings are common, along with garden-style apartments with common courtyards. Due to cheap housing in its infancy, the West End became home to Irish, Italian, Greek, and Jewish immigrants. African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asians followed in later years. The West End features the best ethnic restaurants in the city, particularly delis and pizza places.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Ashton Mall
The Secret Bar
St. Sebastian's
Temple Ben David
Trinity Hospital



The West End

Unfortunately, the West End still sees a fair amount of crime, particularly from gangs, and organized crime retains a stronghold here despite the best efforts of the FCPD. Culturally, the West End is squeezed in between Parkside and the new developments like Ashton. This leaves the area with little room to grow, and some feel Freedom City's growth will eventually mean the end of the older neighborhoods as they're torn down to make way for new developments.

Greenbank

Not really sure the organized crime angle will be a good draw for tourism.

Greenbank, in between the West End and the South River, was best known as a railroad stop where goods moved in and out of the Freedom City area. It is filled with warehouses, rail yards, and shipping companies where a lot of West Enders used to work.

These days, Greenbank is a fairly depressed area. Freedom City doesn't see as much rail-traffic as it used to, and many of the old warehouses are closed down. The recent extension of a maglev track for a new high-speed bullet train into the city has improved conditions in Greenbank and created new jobs. Still, the area is a haven for criminals and organized crime,



Greenbank

and the city government hopes new prosperity will help to clean it up.

Greenbank is centered on the old Union Rail Yards, where trains move in and out of the city. It's occasionally used for smuggling and clandestine meetings, so the police—and heroes like Foreshadow—keep a watchful eye on it. The rail yards make a great place for a super-battle, with plenty of things for heroes to throw around or get thrown into. Abandoned warehouses, train yards, and roundhouses have also served as hideouts and headquarters for heroes and villains alike.

Ashton & Grenville

The bedroom communities of Ashton and Grenville are fairly new, having grown up over the past twenty years. Both are clean, modern suburban communities only barely keeping up with the demand for new homes from the people moving into the Freedom area. Although some think the new communities are too uniform, with their six or seven styles of single-family homes, most find Ashton and Grenville pleasant, with new neighborhoods, schools, shopping, and the like. Many of Freedom's middle class families live in the area, with more moving in all the time.



"Hunting for former secret lairs in Greenbank is one of Freedom City's lesser-known 'tourist attractions,' one that the police department would like to discourage. Play it safe!"

— Barbara Kane, Freedom City Police Commissioner

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Ashton/Grenville



The Boardwalk

South Freedom

South Freedom lies on the other side of the South River from the downtown area and is the area that may face the greatest challenges in Freedom's future. Parts are affluent or middle class, but others are stricken with poverty and plagued by crime, particularly the influence of organized crime. Wealth and poverty stand side by side in the area, and the government hopes to make a difference there; it only remains to be seen if it can.

The Boardwalk

South Freedom is best known for the Boardwalk, running along the shore of the South River between the Wallace Expressway and Route 4. The Boardwalk is lined with hotels and casinos, since gambling is legal in the area (but not in other parts of Freedom City, by local ordinance). Originally built during the heyday of gangsters in the 1920s, some of the hotels show their age while others have been recently rebuilt or renovated.

Money pours into the Boardwalk from local people and thousands of tourists from all across the country. Local government and law enforcement are well aware the Boardwalk is riddled with Mob corruption and influence, but efforts

PLACES OF INTEREST

Atlantis
The Golden Calf
Our Lady of Mercy
The Paradise
The Southside Palace

to close it down are met with stiff resistance because of the substantial amounts of income the city earns from taxing gambling and other recreational activities along the Boardwalk. Where the police are often stymied, heroes like Foreshadow have made greater progress.

Southside

South of the Boardwalk is the Southside district of the city, bounded by Route 4 to the east and Route 6 to the west. Southside is mostly middle- and lower-middle class, but growing pockets of poverty and crime have been eating away at the community for years. Much of the housing near the Boardwalk has dropped in value as crime and gang activities have increased. Many parts of Southside have seen crack houses and meth dealers spring up, get rooted out by the police, then show up somewhere down the street. Areas of low-income housing seem to breed crime, and people are careful about avoiding parts of Southside at night.

The southernmost area of Southside remains the safest and most middle-class, centered on the Freedom College campus and Jordan International Airport. However, property values near the airport tend to be fairly low, creating a buffer zone of cheap housing. Freedom College is an

PLACES OF INTEREST

DeCosta Construction
Eclipse
Freedom College
Jordan International Airport
Freedom Juvenile Hall
Rocket Records



Southside

accredited state college with a reputation as a "party school," and some local businesses—legal and otherwise—cater to the interests of college students looking for a good time.

Even Southside is seeing the impact of the prosperity of Freedom City, with more money going into public works and new construction, but there are concerns the contractors and construction companies getting that money are influenced by organized crime, merely strengthening their position in Southside.

Lincoln

West of Southside is the neighborhood of Lincoln, built up in the 1950s and 60s. Lincoln has been a predominantly African-American area from the beginning and remains so today, although with a fair number of Hispanics and other ethnic groups. People living here often work in places along the Boardwalk, but many youths become involved in gangs and criminal activities as a way out of the poverty of the neighborhood.

PLACES OF INTEREST

City Landfill
Joseph Clark High School
Lincoln Youth Center
South River State Penitentiary
Southside Botanica



Bayview

Bayview

A bit east of Southside, between Route 4 and the Interstate, is the community of Bayview, bounded by South Bay Road on one side and the South

River on the other. Bayview is a more affluent community than Southside, resembling Kingston, on the other side of the narrows. It goes from waterfront property with a spectacular view of the Centery Narrows and Riverside toward the higher ground near South Bay Road, known as Bayview Heights. Property in Bayview is more expensive than average, and there is community concern about crime filtering in from Southside. Neighborhood watches are becoming more common, along with contracts with Stronghold Security.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Bayview Waste Treatment Plant
The Claremont Academy

Port Regal

Port Regal is similar in many respects to North Bay, but is somewhat less affluent; some of the old mansions and Victorian-era homes have been sold to businesses or turned into bed-and-breakfast inns. Port Regal clusters around Lake MacKenzie and the pen-

PLACES OF INTEREST

Lake MacKenzie
Providence Asylum
Ocean Heights Amusement Park



"Lincoln has always had its own local heroes, from the Black Avenger to Sonic, who looked out for the neighborhood and its people just as much as for the rest of the city."

— Langston Albright, founder of the Albright Institute

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Port Regal

insulas jutting out into the bay. The lake area features more upscale homes, particularly those with lakefront property. The lake is a popular place for recreation during the summer and fall, replete with boating and other water activities.

Further north, the demographics become solidly middle-class, with the Ocean Heights amusement park located at the end of the peninsula. Off an out-of-the-way seaside road stands Providence Asylum, the sprawling Victorian mansion of the Phillips family that became a mental hospital in the early twentieth century and continues in that role today. Some of Freedom City's most infamous criminals are committed there.



Lonely Point

Lonely Point

The most isolated point of land in Freedom, Lonely Point is named for its rocky and desolate terrain. There are sandbars and scrub plants, but little else along the narrow peninsula. Lonely Point is home to a United States Naval base, and a single road leads out there from Port Regal. The Naval base sometimes serves as a drop-off or pickup point for prisoners moving to and from Blackstone Island, and often works in cooperation with the Space Control Center on Star Island.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Lonely Point
Naval Base
Blackstone Prison
Star Island

Getting Around the City

Many Freedomians get around by driving; the city is relatively car friendly, although there are the occasional traffic problems, particularly in the downtown area. Freedom City offers several other transportation options, as well as ways of getting into and out of the metro area.

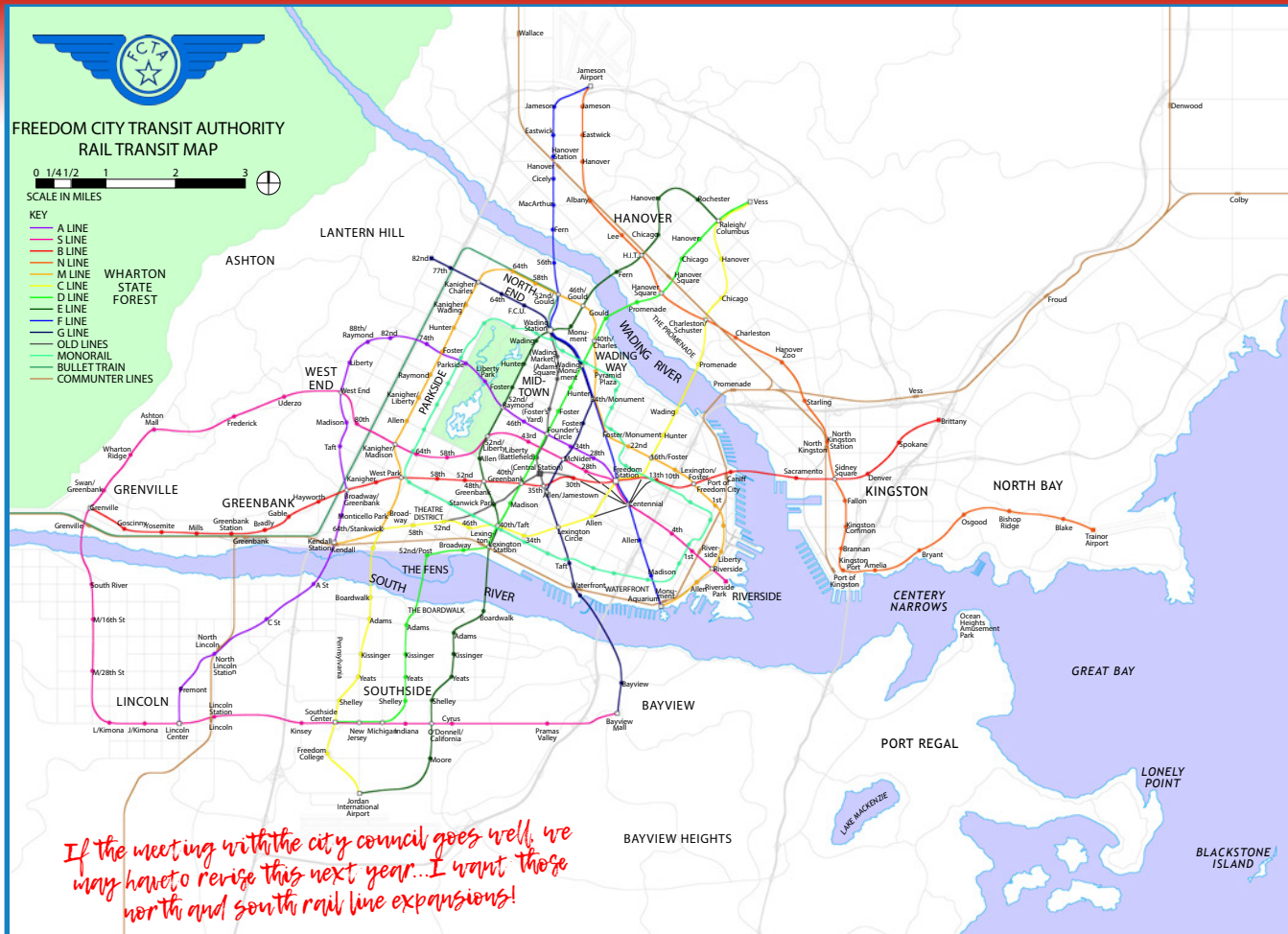
Freedom City Transit Authority (FCTA)

The city government is justifiably proud of the Freedom City Transit Authority, or FCTA. The system handles mass transit in the metropolitan area using a combination of buses, subways, and a monorail line. The city prides itself on having an efficient mass transit system in widespread use, reducing traffic congestion on the city streets. Any part of Freedom

City's metro area is reachable by public transportation (and possibly a bit of walking). City buses run throughout the metro area with frequent stops, and a new fleet of buses was put into service only a few years ago.

The Freedom subway system underwent heavy reconstruction and renovation after an attack by the Terra-King and his Sub-Terran minions. A number of subway tunnels collapsed or were so badly damaged it was considered safer to seal them off. The assistance of several heroes, particularly Dr. Metropolis, permitted the excavation of newer tunnels and stations. Freedom City currently has one of the most modern and efficient subway systems in the country. The trains run throughout the metro area, to the outskirts of the city, with regular stops. Letters (A

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The Freedom Rail system covers almost the entire metropolitan area, allowing convenient, efficient travel throughout. A larger version of this map can be found in any FCTA facility, as well as online at the FCTA website. Free yourself with Freedom Rail!

through E) designate the different subway lines. Centennial Station in City Center is the oldest subway station in the city, opened during Freedom City's centennial celebration in 1889.

The pride and joy of the FCTA is the city's monorail system, running in a ring around the downtown area, carrying passengers quickly around the city. The monorail runs on an elevated track two stories above street level, with regular stops at streetside platforms or even inside some buildings. Two tracks run in parallel, allowing trains to run in both directions at once. The monorail is a popular means for tourists to see the city, as well as inexpensive public transportation.

Bridges & Highways

Four bridges connect central Freedom City to outlying districts. The Lindroos Bridge connects Kingston to the business district, while the Pramas Bridge runs from Riverside to Bayview, with Route 4 connecting

them. To the west, the Mangold Bridge crosses the Wading River from Hanover into the North End and Lantern Hill, while the Mona-Glenn Bridge crosses the South River from Greenbank to Lincoln with the two connected by the Wallace Expressway.

The long Centery Bridge stretches across the Centery Narrows, allowing the state highway to cross between Great Bay and the city. The bridge affords a spectacular view of Freedom City, and is high enough not to interfere with water traffic entering or leaving the Narrows. Unfortunately, the Centery Bridge is also a popular target for criminals, terrorists, and giant sea monsters.

Taxis

Many different taxi services operate in Freedom. The city government takes pains to ensure the city's taxis are clean and efficient. The primary cab companies in the city are the red and white Liberty Cabs, ubiquitous Yellow Cabs, and F.C. Taxi, the green and black taxis driven by Freedom College students, whose

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fares help in funding the college and paying the drivers' tuitions. The newest and smallest of the cab companies is NETaxi, a USNet affiliated service providing sleek silver cabs with PDA and laptop ports and wireless hookups so no one—especially USNet employees—misses a meeting or an e-mail while stuck in traffic.

Railroads

A Union Railroad freight yard is located on the outskirts of the metro area in Greenbank, where tracks run along the South River. Boxcars arrive here from all over the country bound for various destinations. Warehouses in Greenback handle freight entering and leaving the city, although some of them are derelict these days. Some conceal hidden bases or serve as meeting places for criminal activity.

A new passenger bullet train also stops in Freedom and is a popular way for tourists to arrive in the city in style. The train rides on a maglev track, and stops at a restored 1930s Art Deco style train station on the outskirts of the downtown area in the city's North End.

Boats and Ships

The Freedom Port Authority handles all shipping in and out of the city. The docks along the waterfront see all kinds of ships, from fishing boats and tugs to cargo-haulers and tankers to cruise ships and private watercraft. Warehouses hold cargo until it is shipped off elsewhere. The Mob is rumored to control a portion of all dockside business, and several warehouses have proven to hold contraband being smuggled in or out of the country. Parts of the waterfront are home to cheap pool-halls and dives frequented by sailors.

Airports

Three airports handle air-traffic entering and leaving Freedom City. Most visitors to the city arrive by car or by air these days, and the city's largest airport has steadily expanded over the years.

Jordan International Airport, located south of the metro area, provides commercial air service to most U.S. cities, Canada, Mexico, and several cities in Europe. Short commuter flights to nearby cities, popular with business travelers, depart on a regular basis.

The original airport was opened in 1927, expanded and upgraded in 1962, and again a few years ago to handle the increased air traffic. The terminals have been extensively renovated and expanded, and

THE PHANTOM CAB

One unusual taxi service also shows up in Freedom City. Since colonial times, Freedomians in trouble and in desperate need of transport have found themselves confronted by a mysterious cab—be it a horse and buggy or the most modern of automobiles—which gets them quickly and safely out of harm's way. While in the driver's presence, folks never feel any unease, and in fact are calmed by his quiet confidence. Only afterwards do they think of him and his cab as a strange visitation. Locals refer to it as "the Phantom Cab" and to its driver as "Max." No one knows where the Phantom Cab comes from, or where it goes; it seems to appear when and where it's needed for reasons of its own.

all major U.S. airlines are represented here, along with a number of independents. The airport has a new eight-story concrete parking garage, along with kiosks, restaurants, and gift shops located in the main terminal.

The Jameson Airport, on the northern outskirts of the city, has three runways, 50 hangars, and some 150 aircraft tie-downs. Charter services to nearby cities can be found here. The airport is popular as a business travel alternative, as well as the primary landing and departure site for private aircraft.

The Trainor Airport, north of Great Bay, is a single-runway facility with some 100 aircraft tie-downs serving mostly private aircraft owners and private charter flights. Local pilots often refer to it as the "trainer airport" because of the number of people taking flying lessons and the number of private planes there.

Several private helicopter companies based at the Jameson and Trainor airports offer charter services for short trips, including quick hops from the airports to downtown Freedom or out to the estates of Port Regal. Jordan International only has helipads and service for emergency response helicopters, in order to keep their always-busy airspace clear. Several of the major buildings in the city have helipads, including GBN Tower and Federal Plaza. The police department uses helicopters and small zeppelins for aerial patrols, and the major television news stations in the city all have their own helicopters.

Lonely Point Naval Station has its own runway and facilities, but they are restricted to military planes and helicopters except in emergencies.

Freedom City

IN THE WORDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE!



"Freedom City offers some of the best shows in the world, both in the Theatre District and occasionally in the skies overhead. Either way, it's memorable!"

— Amy Feng, Action News 3

"The Mob History tour on the Boardwalk is a great family activity if you're not much of a gambler or don't want to take your kids into a casino. Freedom's always had some of the most colorful criminals!"

— Julie Streeter, Freedom City Ledger Reporter



Remind me to "thank" Julie for this one.



"My family's been investing in Freedom City for over a century, and whether it's work, play, or self-improvement, this town has always hit the bullseye"

— Fletcher Beaumont II, Publisher

"Freedom City is a place with a long, complicated, often messy history. But it has always been a city that knows that it can do better. It's a city where one person can make the world a better place"

— Joan Enrikson, World-Renowned Painter



"Nobody sees Freedom City the way I see Freedom City, and I can tell you, there's no other place like it in the world. Some come visit, enjoy yourself and keep your eye on the sky!"

— Roger Omak, Sky Eye One for WFAN

Really, Ed? The crazy Sky Eye guy? I know the deadline was short, but couldn't you do better than that?