

BIKE NETWORK MAPPING IDEA BOOK

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INTRODUCTION

This resource highlights ways that different communities have mapped their existing and proposed bicycle networks. It shows examples of maps at different scales, while also demonstrating a range of mapping strategies, techniques, and approaches. Facility types represented on the respective maps and legends are each different because they represent a community's unique context and needs.

It is intended to serve as a resource as communities work to identify, plan, and improve their bicycle networks.

Connected pedestrian and bicycle networks make walking, wheeling, and bicycling viable transportation choices for everyone. Networks enhance access to jobs, schools, and health care, while also promoting equity, physical activity, and health. Connected networks are comprised of a range of facility types (e.g. bike lanes, separated bike lanes, shared use paths, etc.), linked together to facilitate short trips to and from destinations and long linear connections across a city or region.

A first step to achieving connected networks is to document where bicycling infrastructure currently exists. It is also essential to establish a vision for the future network. This vision is often captured in the form of a map and it's developed as part of a local planning process that includes opportunities for public participation and input.

A community's existing and proposed bicycle network maps inform the day-to-day programming and prioritization of projects and help to ensure that all transportation improvements are enhancing the quality of the nonmotorized network and capturing opportunities to make linkages between existing and new facilities.

Network Principles

Cohesion

Directness

Accessibility

Alternatives

Safety and Security

Comfort

PRINCIPLES

This *Bike Network Mapping Idea Book* highlights a range of approaches and techniques for showing connected networks, conveying information in map form, and incorporating local context.



Connected Network

A bicycle transportation network consists of a series of interconnected facilities that enable bicyclists of all ages and abilities to safely and conveniently get where they need to go. By providing connected networks, communities are helping to facilitate all of the following types of bicycling trips:

- Access to work and school from residential areas
- Bicycling links to transit
- Recreation and physical activity opportunities
- Access to grocery stores, government buildings, health care, and other essential services

Understanding that different users have different needs, bicycle networks should be designed to provide options for continuous, safe, seamless, and convenient travel between all possible destinations.



Mapping Techniques

Various mapping conventions can help your community to convey complex information graphically in a simple and easily digestible manner. The following pages highlight some tools and techniques used to develop effective bike network maps.

Planners and designers use various computer programs to create visually compelling maps. A typical workflow consists of the following:

1. Import and organize data in a GIS-based program.
2. Export maps to Adobe Illustrator or a similar program for minimal to extensive post-production work, such as editing of colors, lineweights, patterns, and type.
3. If the map will be presented in a report or plan, compile maps in Adobe InDesign or a similar program as part of a report or plan.



Local Context

Within a planning-level bike network map, local context helps to orient users to their surroundings as well as support information the cartographer wishes to showcase.

Including local landmarks and points of interest helps users to quickly orient themselves and understand key bike network connections.

For instance, a map might display parks and open space as a background layer. This helps to clarify the connections between existing and proposed bicycle facilities and recreational destinations.

These layers may include information such as land use, community destinations, transit access points, and other important information. These vary based on the unique needs of each jurisdiction.

MAP BASICS

Common approaches for bicycle infrastructure planning maps are highlighted below. The maps that follow demonstrate these general approaches to varying degrees.

(1) COMMON INFORMATION LAYERS

BIKE NETWORK LAYERS

Specific Facility Types

- Bike path, bike lane, buffered bike lane, bike boulevard, separated bike lane, greenway, etc.

OR

Flexible Facility Types

- On-street vs. off-street bikeway systems

LOCAL CONTEXT LAYERS

- Transit lines & stations
- Bikeshare stations
- Community amenities: Schools, universities, libraries, community centers, hospitals etc.
- Building footprints
- Specific land use functions, such as commercial uses
- Study areas or corridors

BASE LAYERS

- Parks & open space
- Streets
- Waterbodies
- City boundaries
- Labels

(2) REPRESENTING DIFFERENT TYPES OF INFORMATION

PROPOSED VS. EXISTING NETWORK

- Identify ways to clearly denote what is existing and what is being proposed.

Outline	Dashed
 existing	 existing
 proposed	 proposed

COLOR SCHEME

- Consider how color will play a role in highlighting the bicycle network. Bright, saturated colors stand out against softer and more subdued tones.

LEVEL OF INFORMATION

- Carefully consider the amount of information used to tell the story. More information can help, but it can also be overwhelming if not organized in a seamless way.
- Small icons and symbols can help to identify points of interest in a less obtrusive way

(3) LEVEL OF DETAIL ON EXISTING/PROPOSED FACILITY TYPES

Providing more information about facility types requires more complex color schemes and line types.

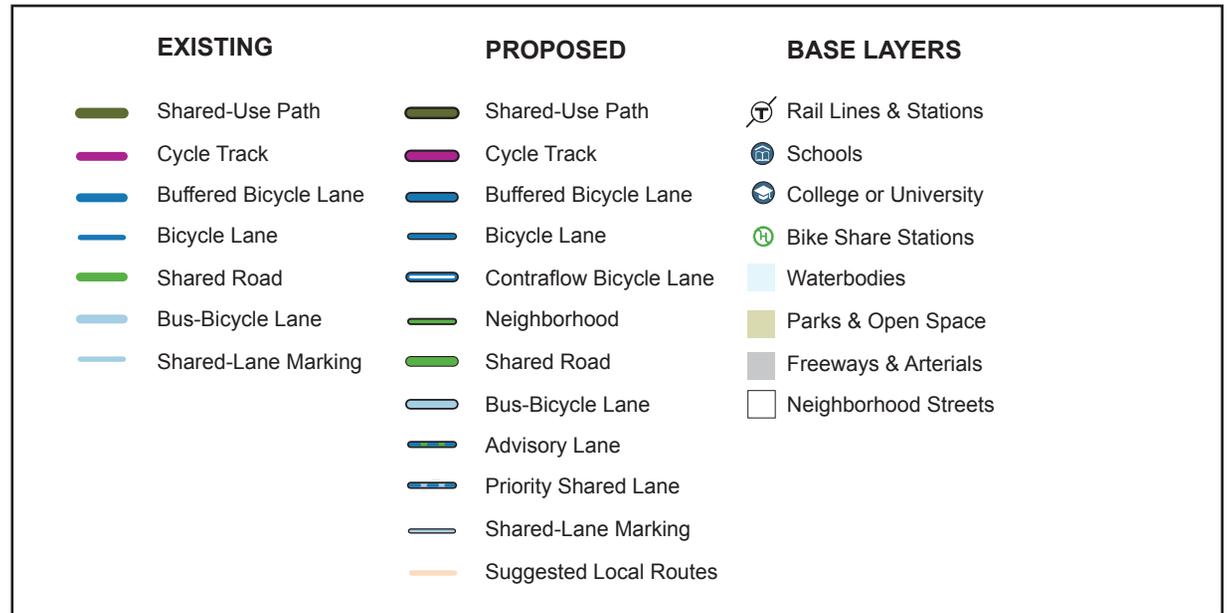
MULTIPLE LAYERS AND INFORMATION

Example: Boston, pg. 34

This scheme helps to convey multiple facility types and specific street conditions in a clear and easily digestible manner. It can also fully integrate a series of community base layers and contextual information, including supplemental data like bicycle counts or safety information to aid decision making.

Consider a similar palette if creating a map that:

- Identifies specific facility types
- Needs a clear and concise color palette



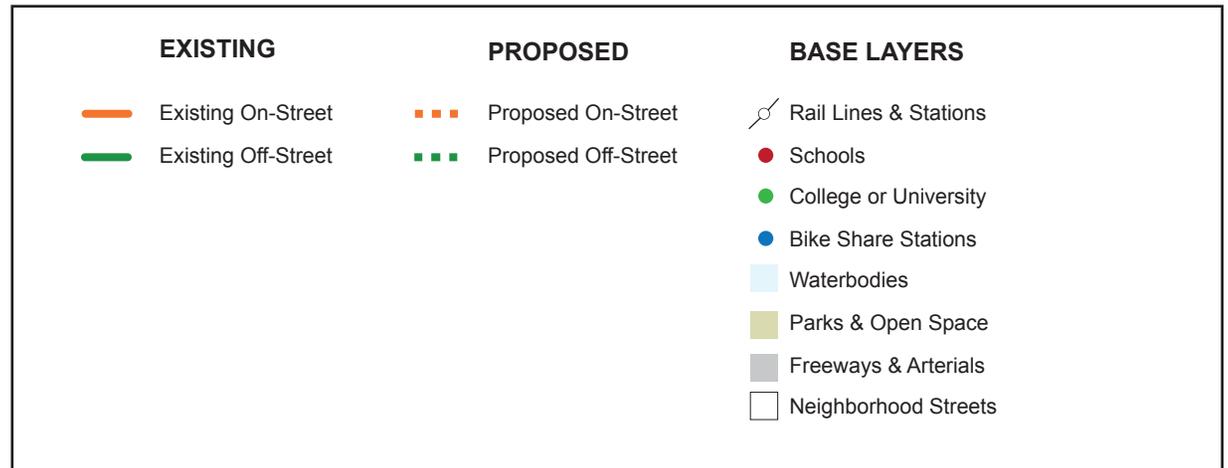
FLEXIBLE NETWORK MAPS

Example: Cedar Rapids, pg. 42

This scheme helps to convey a bicycle network that does not identify specific facility types.

Consider a similar palette if the map:

- Is not intended to identify specific facility types
- Is focused on existing & proposed routes



SUMMARY

The following chart identifies key features in each map.

DOES IT IDENTIFY: **DOES IT SHOW:**

MAP	SCALE	A GENERALIZED NETWORK	SPECIFIC FACILITY TYPES	LINKAGES TO LOCAL DESTINATIONS	LINKAGES TO SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS	BARRIERS	SPOT IMPROVEMENTS	OPPORTUNITIES TO RECONNECT COMMUNITIES	PAGE #
Arkansas	State	X		X	X			X	10
Yellowstone, WY-ID-MT	Regional	X		X			X	X	12
Albemarle Region, NC	Regional		X		X			X	14
San Francisco Area, CA	Regional	X			X			X	16
Alameda County, CA	County	X		X	X			X	18
Hennepin County	County	X			X			X	20
Idaho Falls, ID	City		X	X	X	X		X	22
Cambridge, MA	City	X		X		X		X	24
Santa Barbara, CA	City		X	X				X	26
Atlanta, GA	City		X					X	28
Austin, TX	City	X		X				X	30
Fort Collins, CO	City		X	X				X	32

DOES IT IDENTIFY: **DOES IT SHOW:**

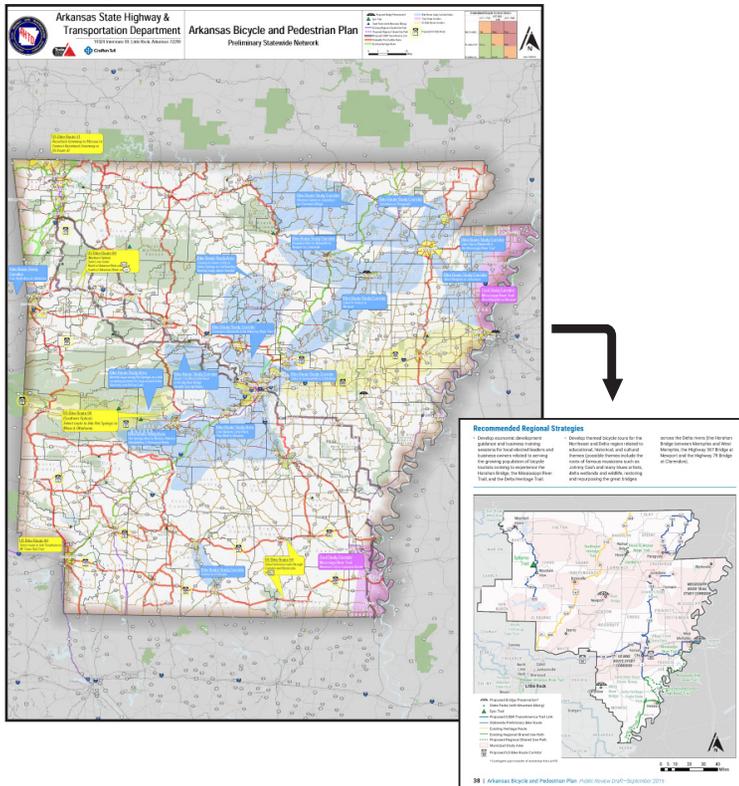
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Portland, OR	City		X		X			X	34
Boston, MA	City		X	X	X			X	36
Salt Lake City, UT	City		X	X	X		X	X	38
Chicago, IL	City	X		X				X	40
Grafton, WI	City		X	X	X			X	42
Cedar Rapids, IA	City	X		X	X			X	44
Seattle, WA	City		X	X	X			X	46
North Santa Clara County, CA	Campus		X	X	X			X	48
Port of Portland, OR	Campus		X	X	X			X	50
Oregon State University	Campus	X			X	X		X	52
University of North Carolina	Campus		X		X			X	54

ARKANSAS

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
STATE OF ARKANSAS	2015	ARKANSAS STATE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN	ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

KEY MAP FEATURES

Full Map (Click to view full size)



Region-specific maps are identified in the plan with more detail provided



Calls out study corridors/areas



Features State-specific landmarks; shown here are proposed bridge preservation projects

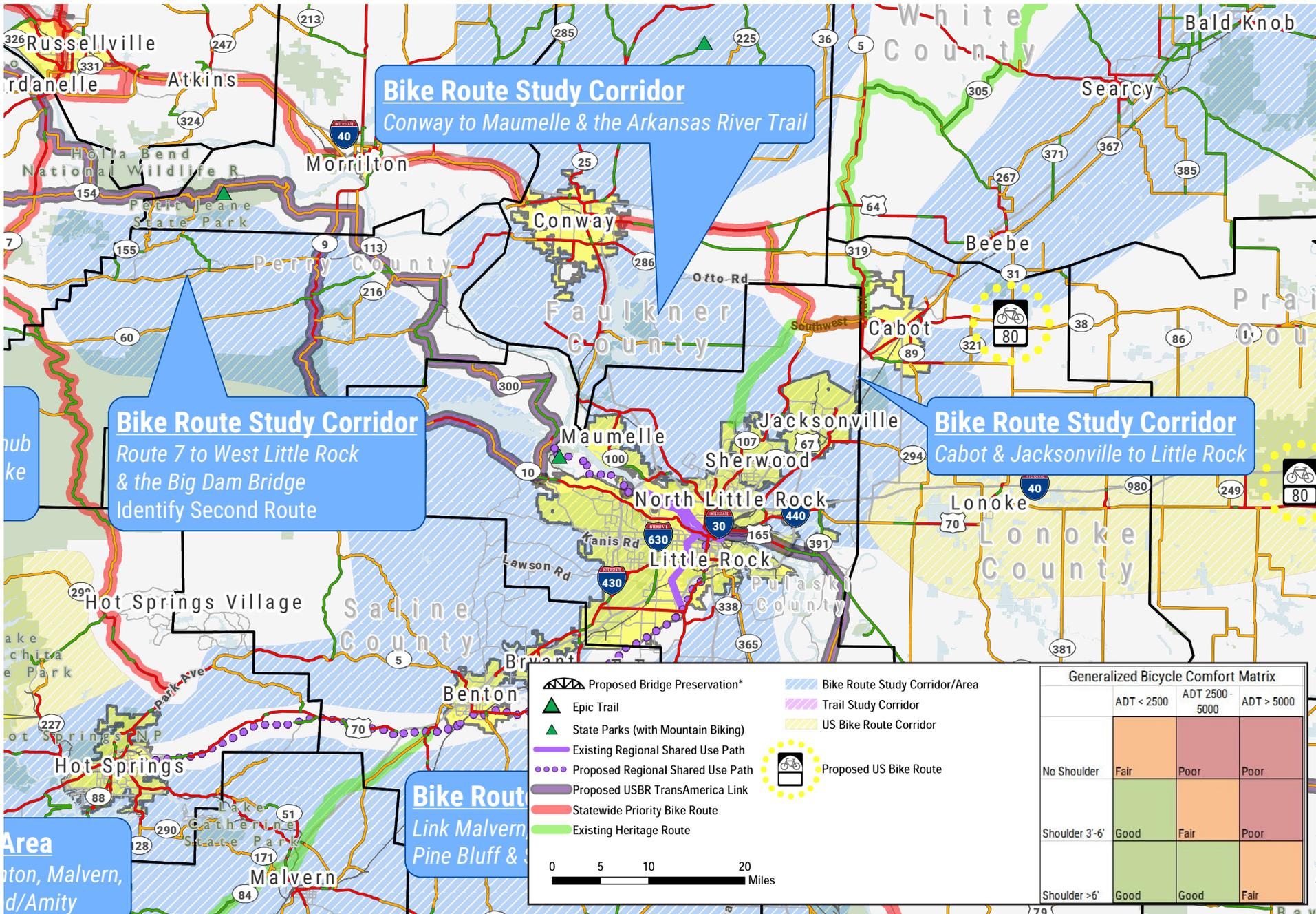


Highlights regional connections to cities



Identifies proposed U.S. bike routes

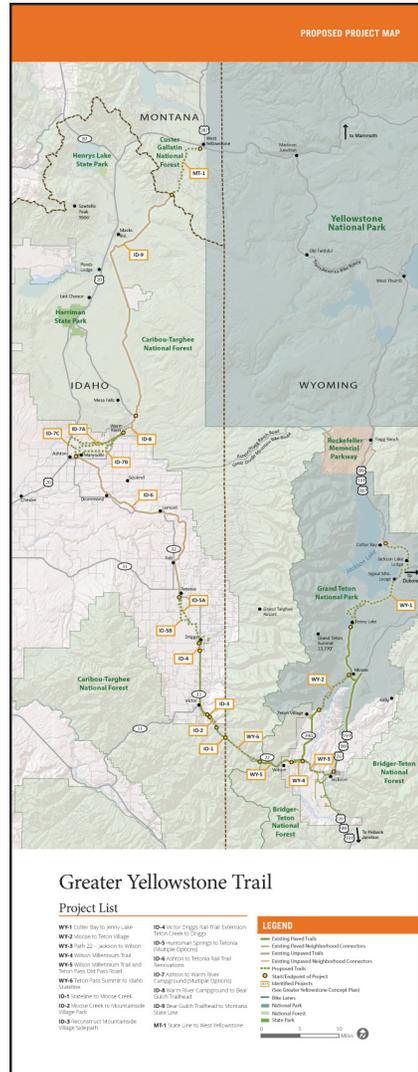




YELLOWSTONE, WY-ID-MT

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
YELLOWSTONE REGION	2015	GREATER YELLOWSTONE TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN	WYOMING PATHWAYS (NONPROFIT)

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KEY MAP FEATURES



Shows the beginning and end points of projects and identifies project areas



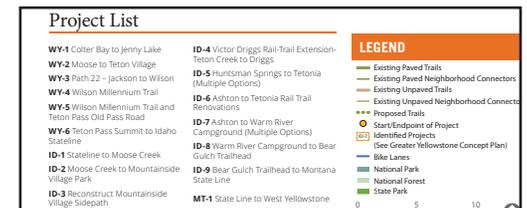
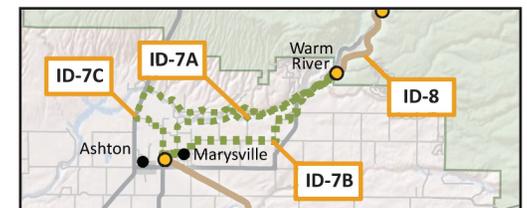
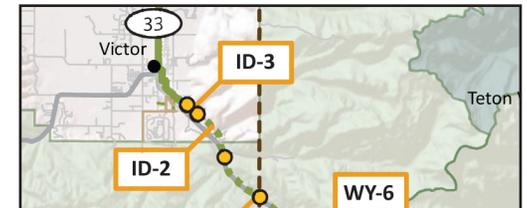
Highlights connections to State and Federal lands



Legend highlights paved, unpaved, and proposed connections



Legend includes a numbered list of projects





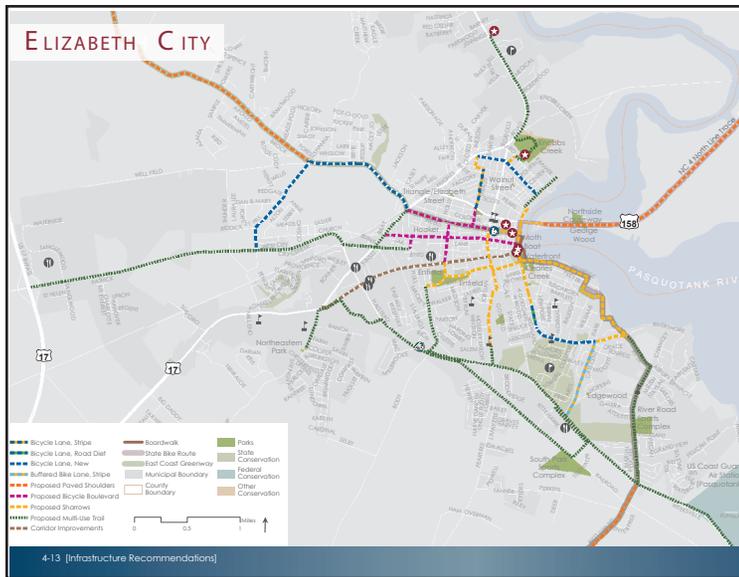
LEGEND

- Existing Paved Trails
- Existing Paved Neighborhood Connectors
- Existing Unpaved Trails
- Existing Unpaved Neighborhood Connectors
- Proposed Trails
- Start/Endpoint of Project
- Identified Projects (See Greater Yellowstone Concept Plan)
- Bike Lanes
- National Park
- National Forest
- State Park

ALBEMARLE REGION, NC

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
ALBEMARLE REGION, NC	2013	ALBEMARLE REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN	ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

One of a series of additional local maps
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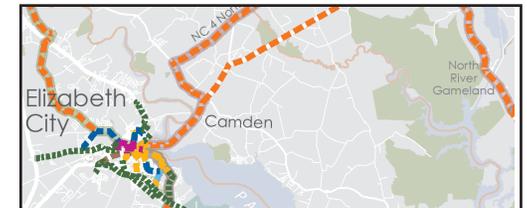
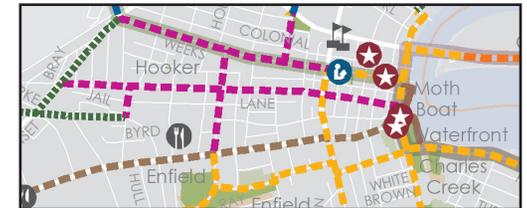
Nighborhood maps show connections to community destinations



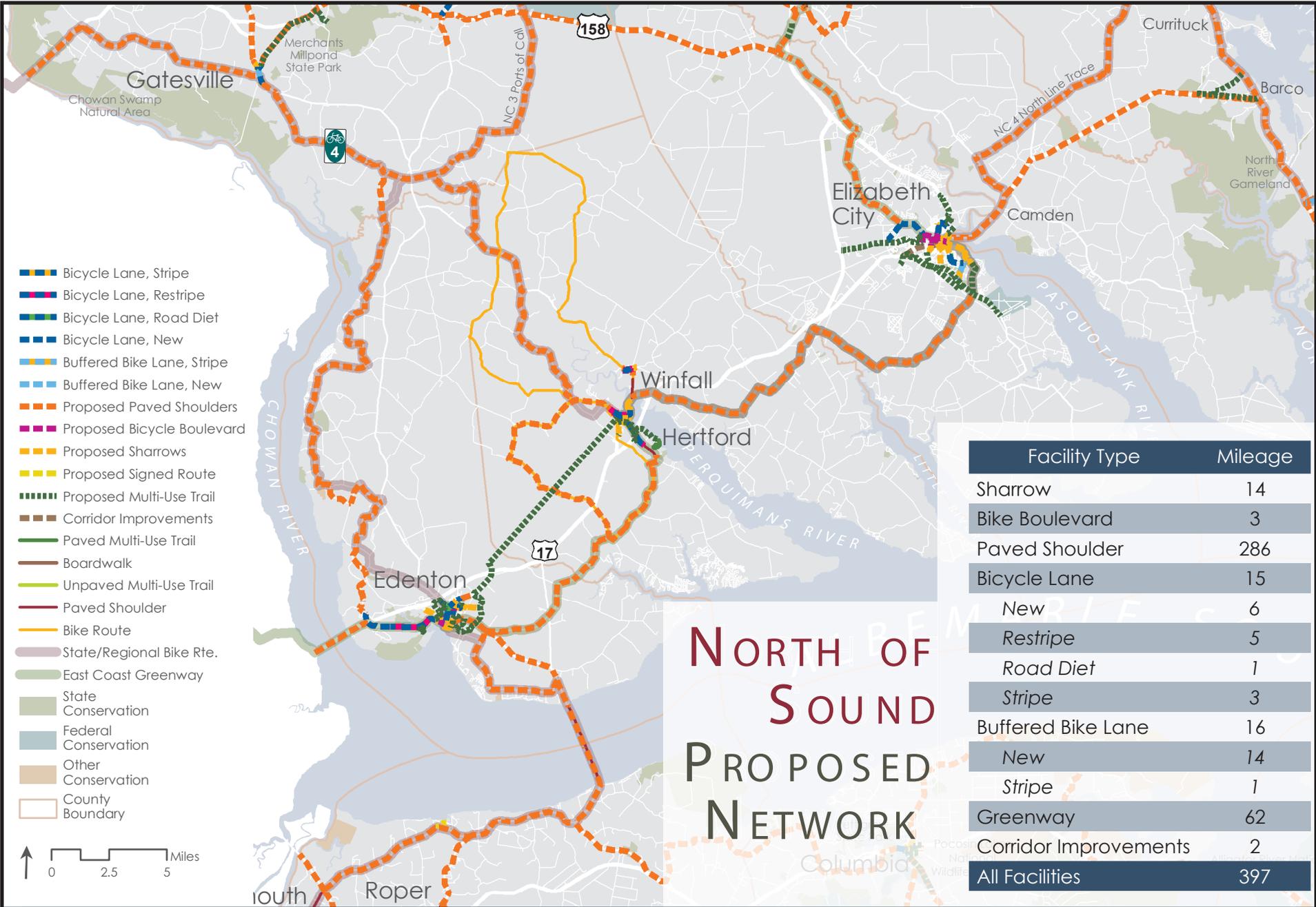
Highlights connections to State and Federal conservation lands



Includes the amount of mileage of each type of bike facility



Facility Type	Mileage
Sharrow	14
Bike Boulevard	3
Paved Shoulder	286
Bicycle Lane	15

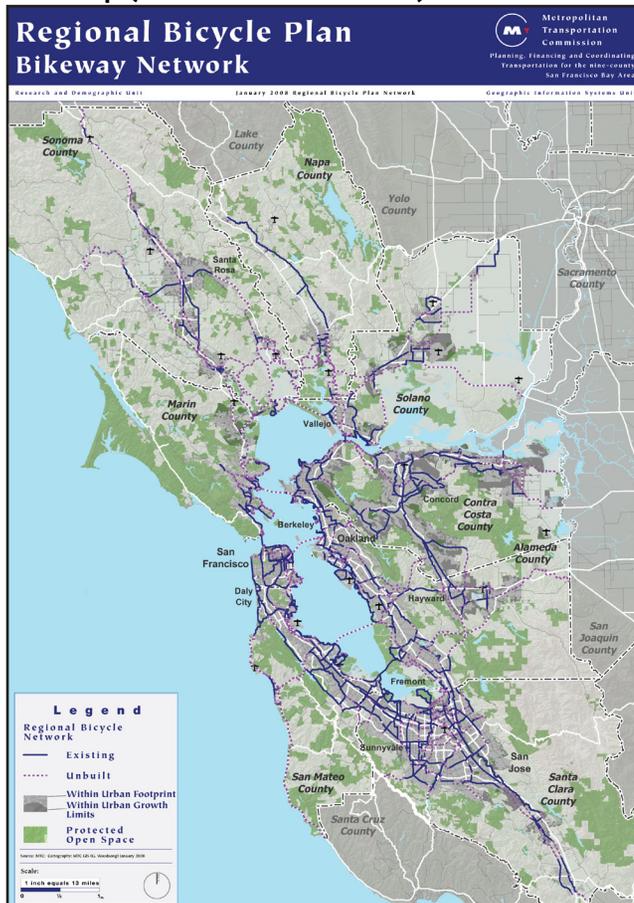


SAN FRANCISCO AREA, CA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	2008	REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN NETWORK	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

KEY MAP FEATURES

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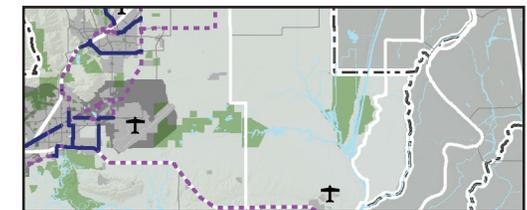
Identifies existing and planned connections to protected open space

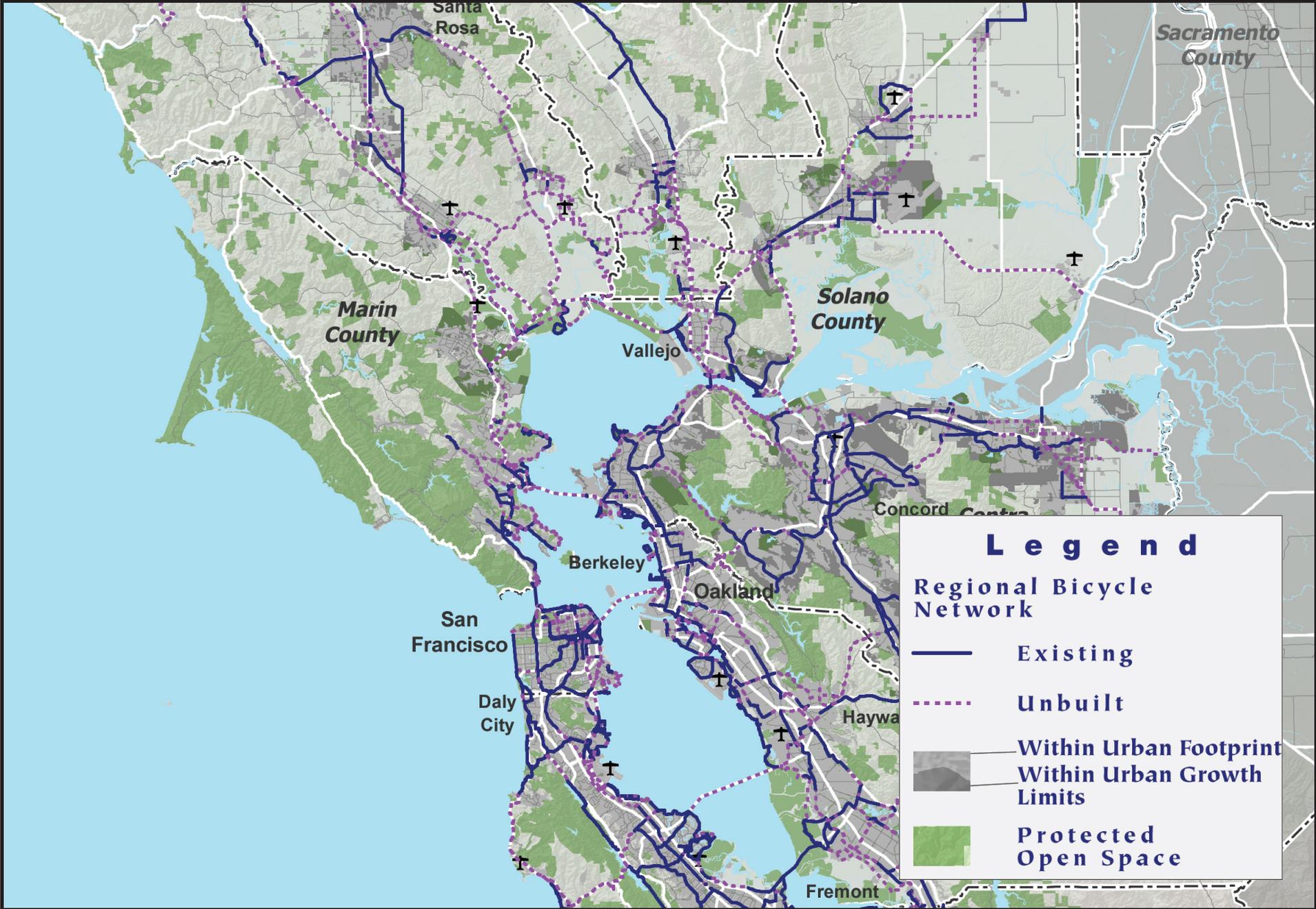


Differentiates between inside and outside the jurisdiction



Identifies Urban Growth Limits, an important regional land use concept



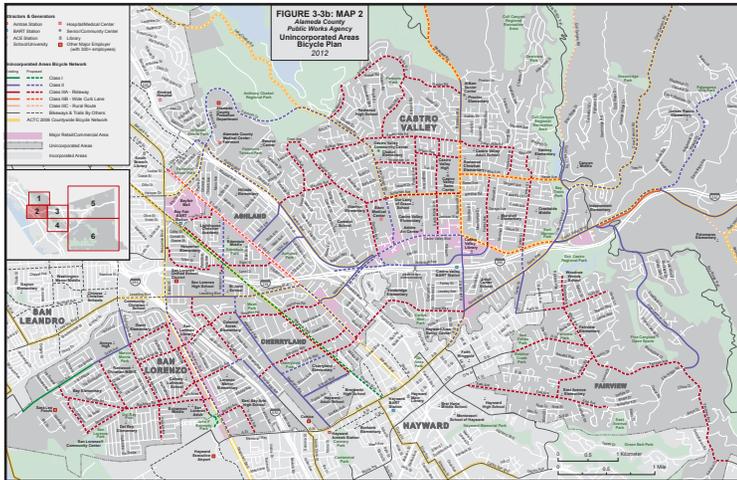


ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA	2012	BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS	ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY

KEY MAP FEATURES

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Highlights major employers, community centers, libraries, and hospitals



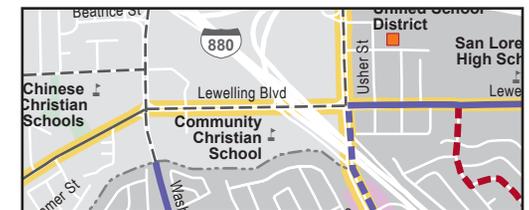
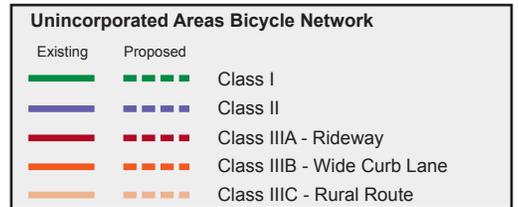
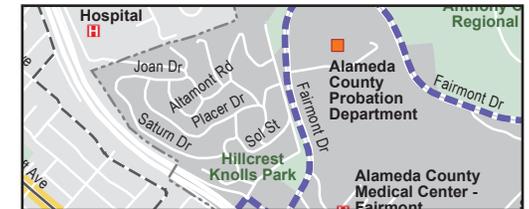
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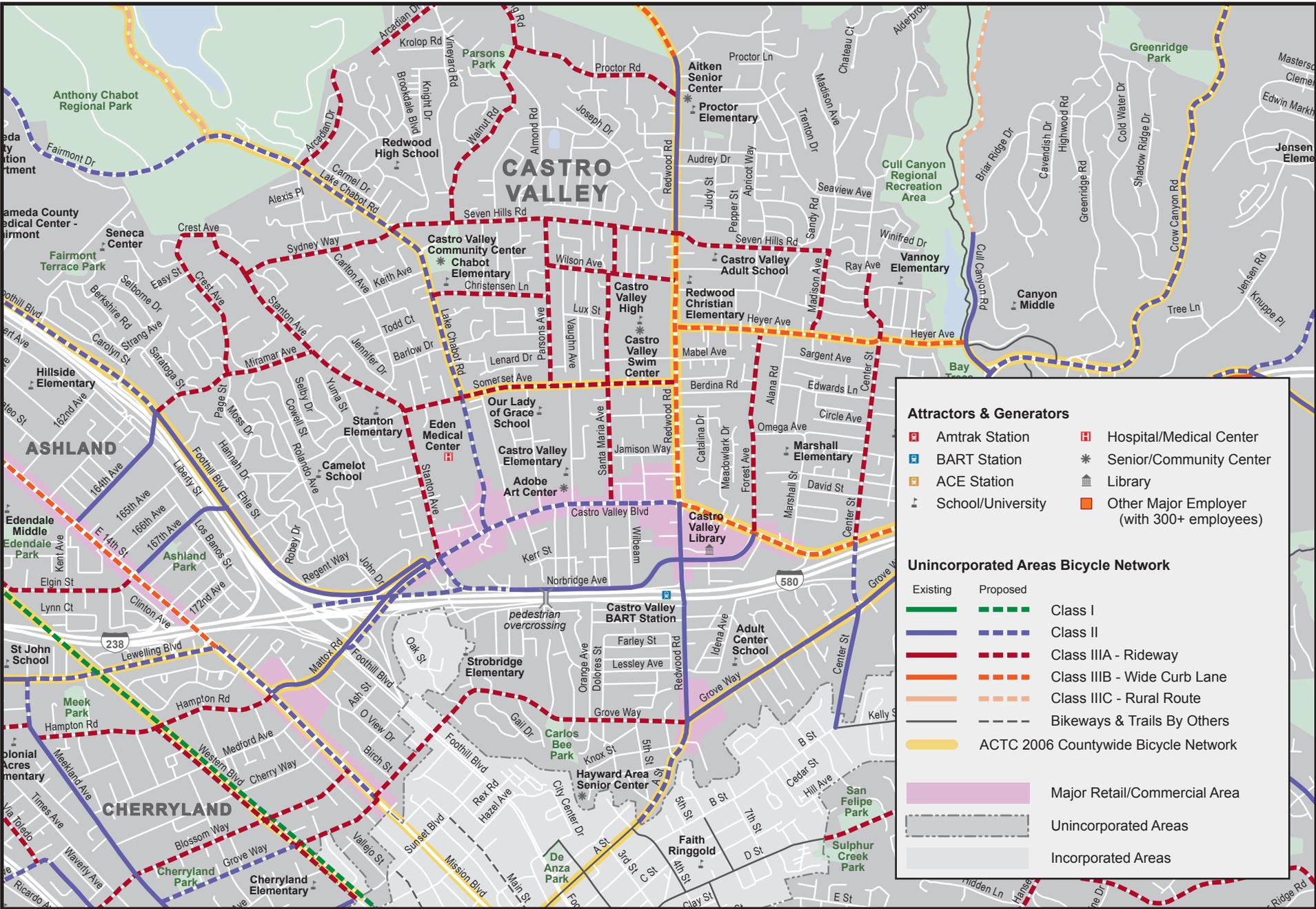


Identifies areas inside and outside the planning jurisdiction



Includes a key to each neighborhood map



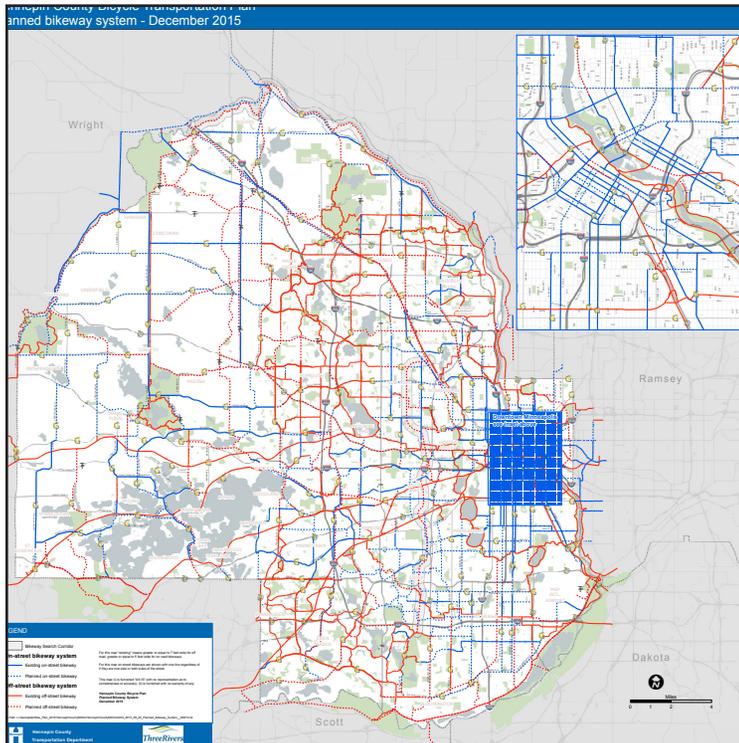


HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN

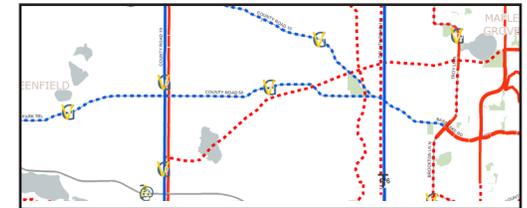
LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN	2015	HENNEPIN COUNTY BIKE PLAN	HENNEPIN COUNTY

KEY MAP FEATURES

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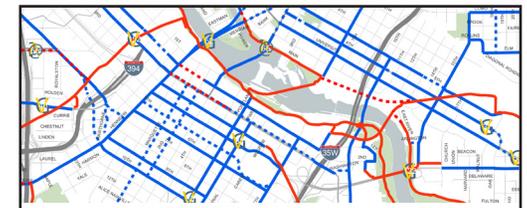
Simple symbology - Two colors and two line types

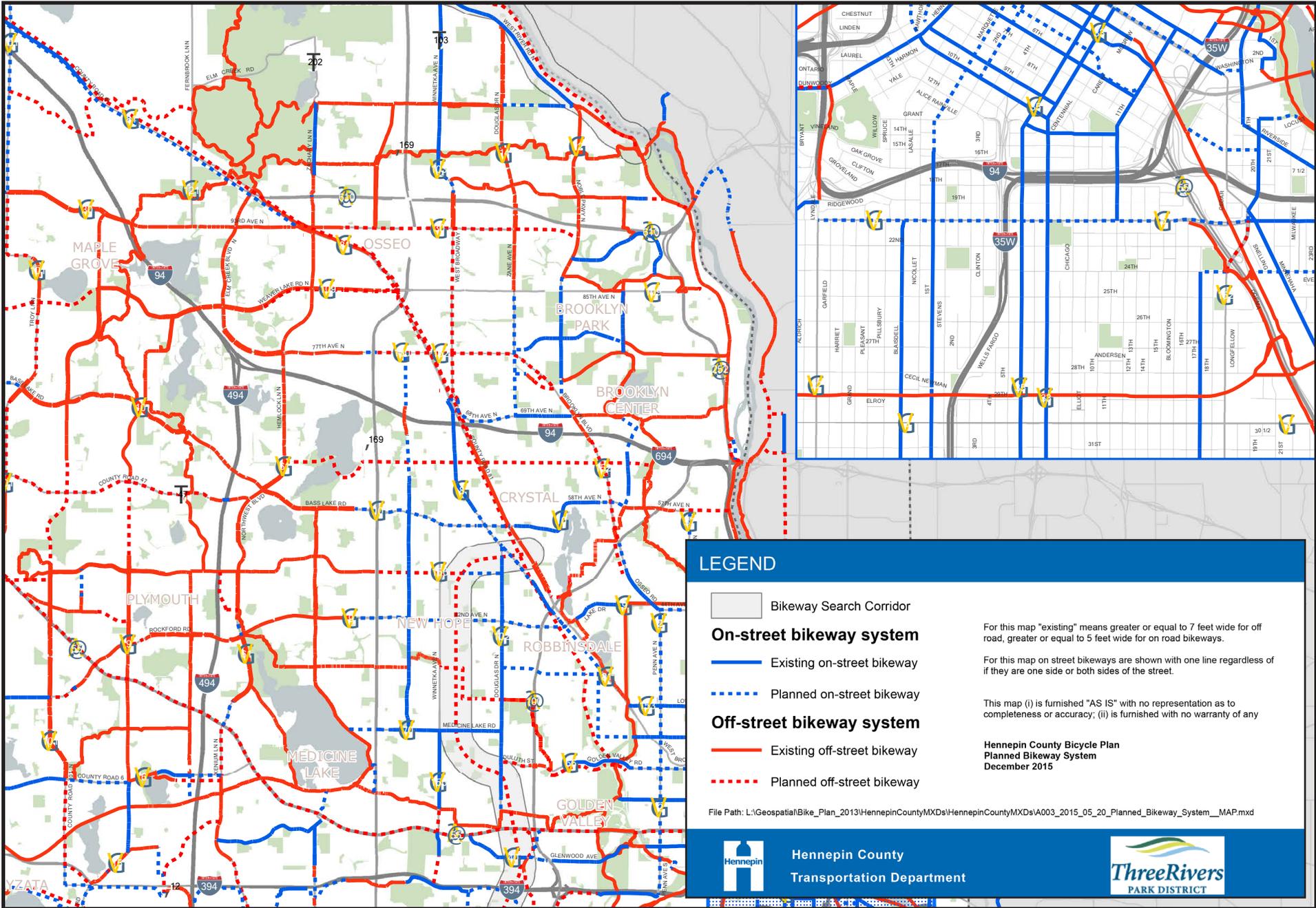


Map focuses on county and state roads. Local roads not shown to improve legibility.



Downtown area is shown in more detail for closer inspection





LEGEND

Bikeway Search Corridor

On-street bikeway system

Existing on-street bikeway

Planned on-street bikeway

Off-street bikeway system

Existing off-street bikeway

Planned off-street bikeway

For this map "existing" means greater or equal to 7 feet wide for off road, greater or equal to 5 feet wide for on road bikeways.

For this map on street bikeways are shown with one line regardless of if they are one side or both sides of the street.

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Hennepin County Bicycle Plan
Planned Bikeway System
December 2015

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Hennepin County
Transportation Department

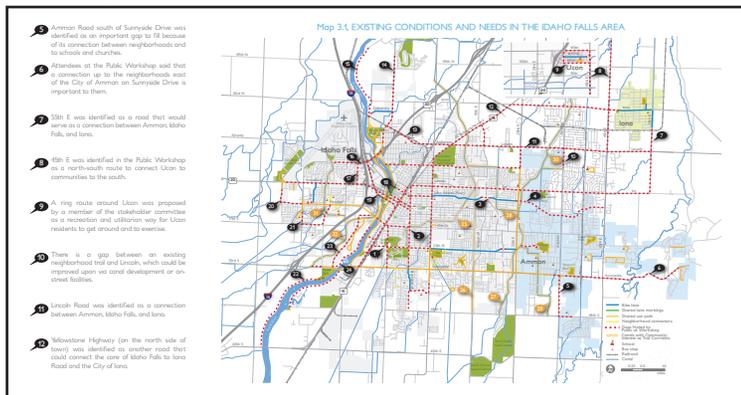


IDAHO FALLS, ID

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
IDAHO FALLS, ID	2014	CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY	IDAHO FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION AND THE BONNEVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

KEY MAP FEATURES

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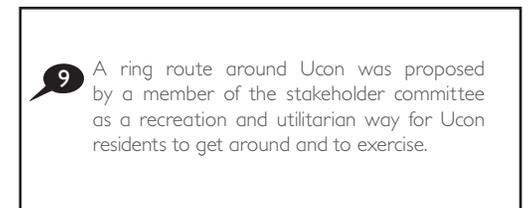
Incorporates community feedback gathered from a range of public workshops and committees



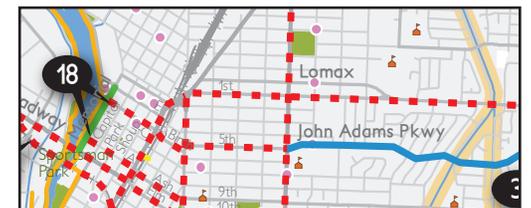
Highlights connections to nearby jurisdictions

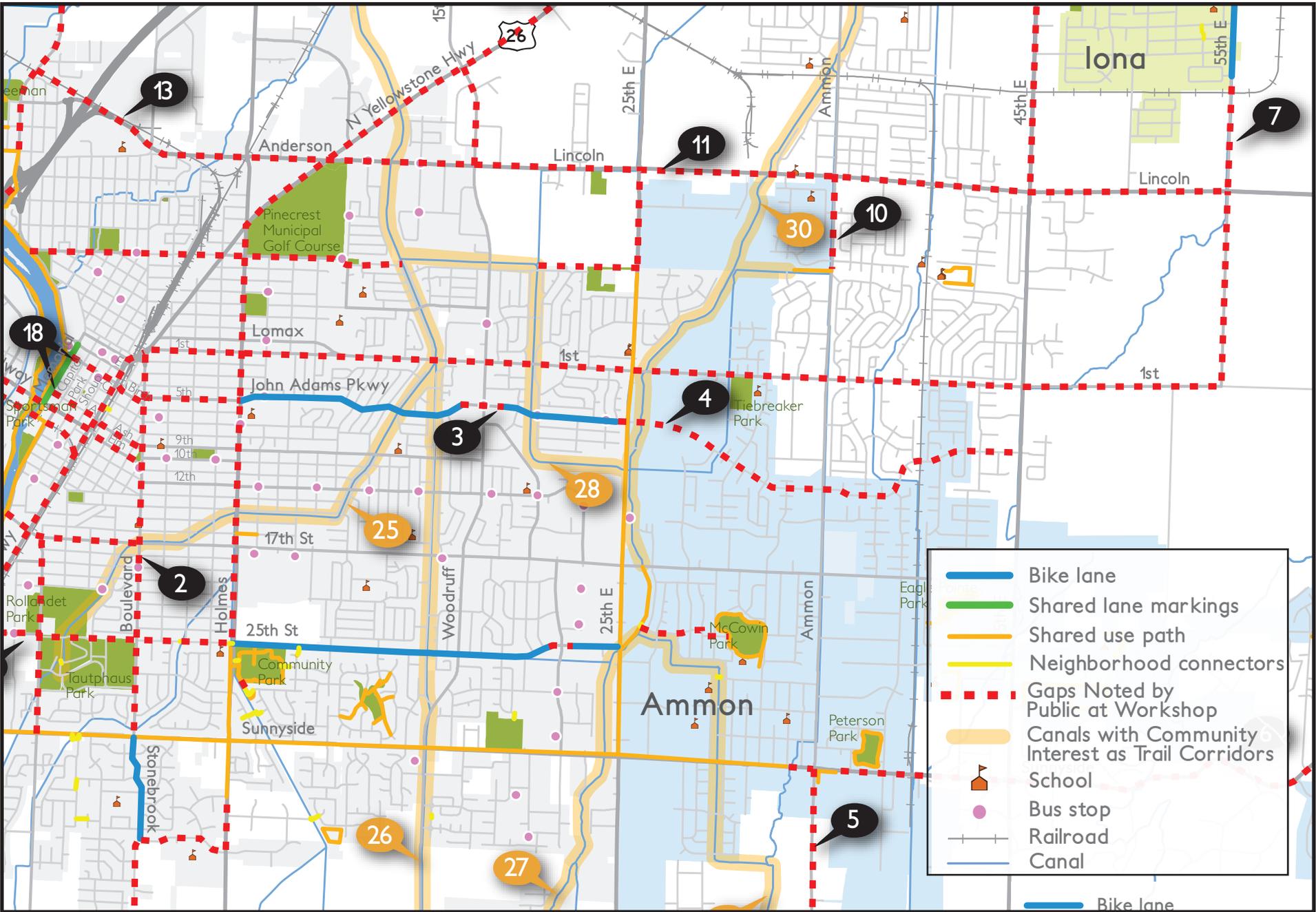


Community comment sidebar included



Notes gaps in the bikeway network



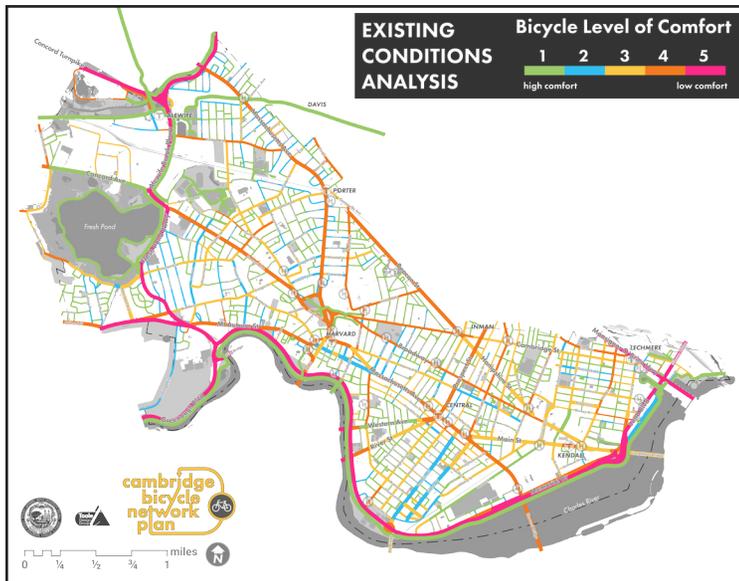


CAMBRIDGE, MA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
CAMBRIDGE, MA	2015	INTERNAL PLANNING MAP	CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

KEY MAP FEATURES

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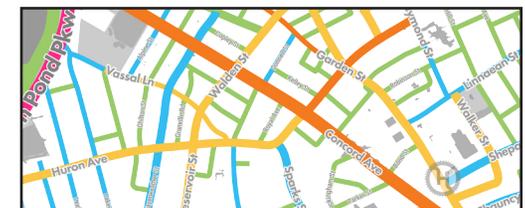
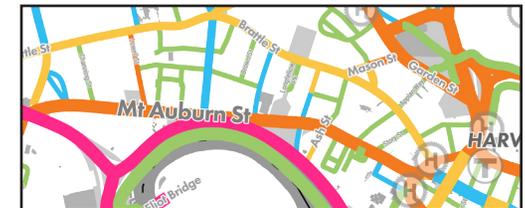
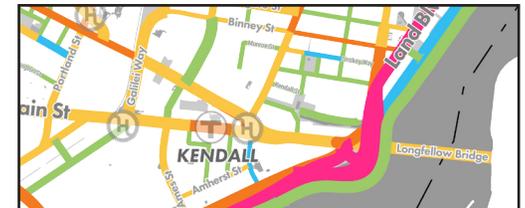
Identifies access points to transit hubs

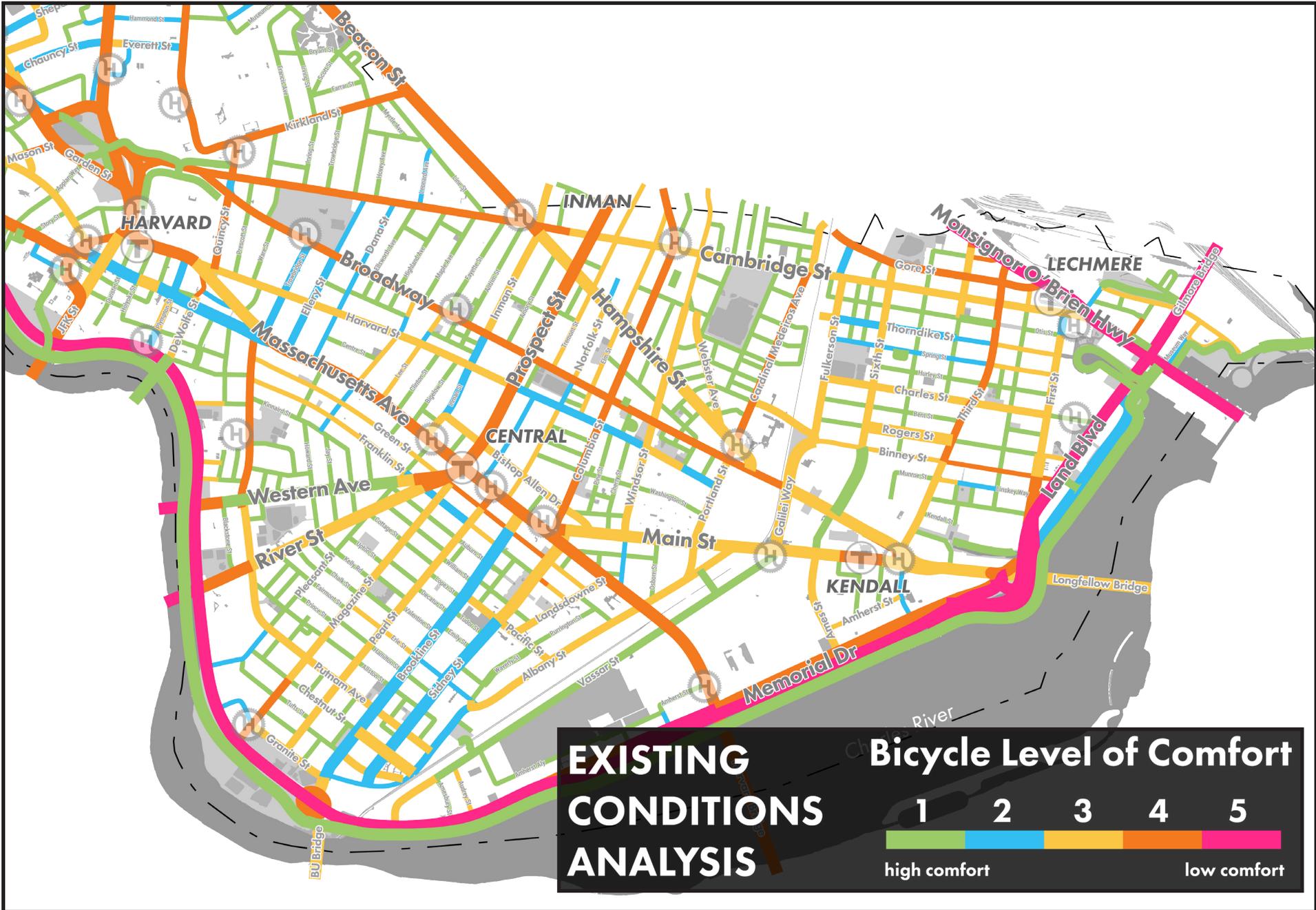


Bright and easily understandable color scheme



Highlights how low and high stress networks connect



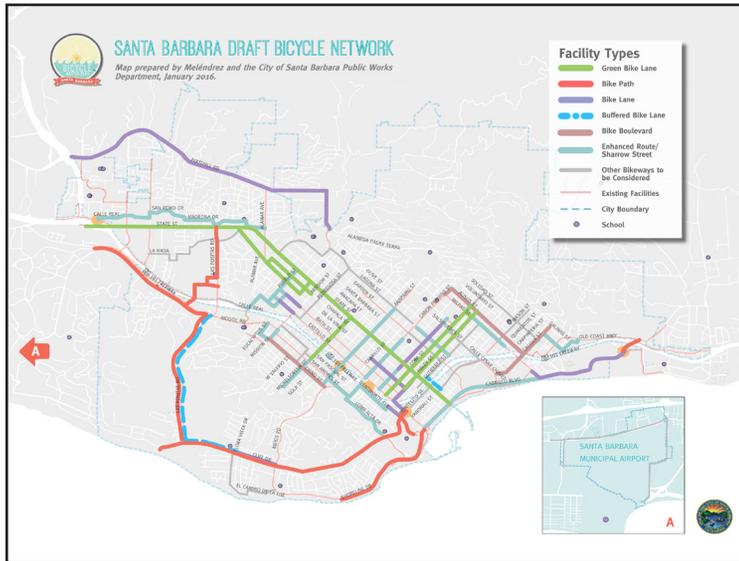


SANTA BARBARA, CA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
SANTA BARBARA, CA	DRAFT 2016	SANTA BARBARA BICYCLE MASTER PLAN	CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

KEY MAP FEATURES

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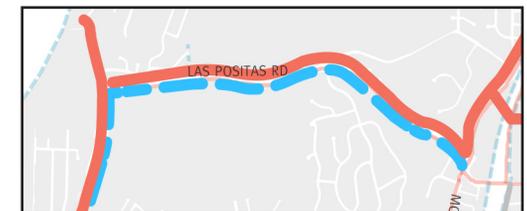
Vibrant color palette while maintaining legibility

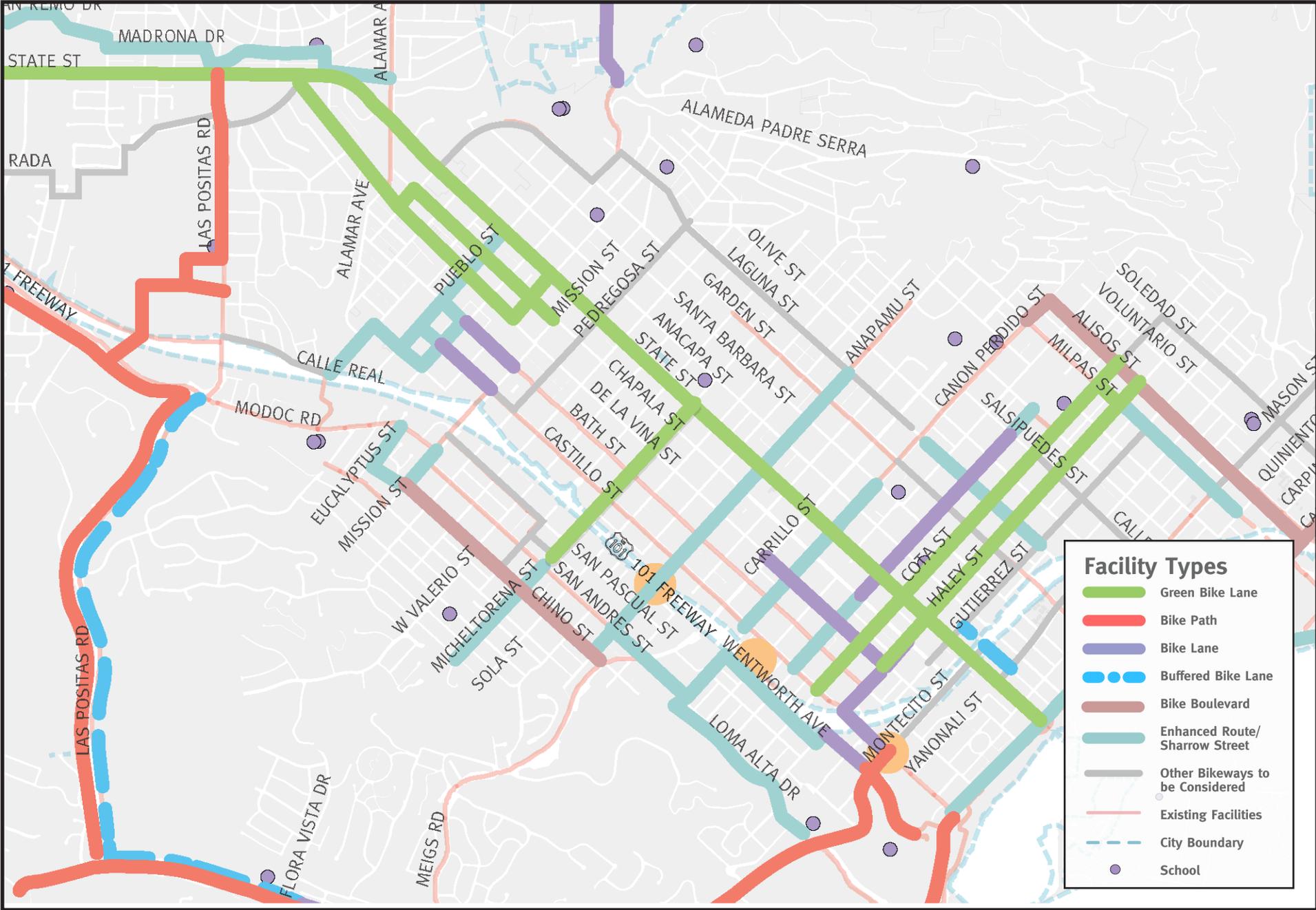


Shows alternate bikeways that were considered



Clearly symbolizes two facilities on the same road



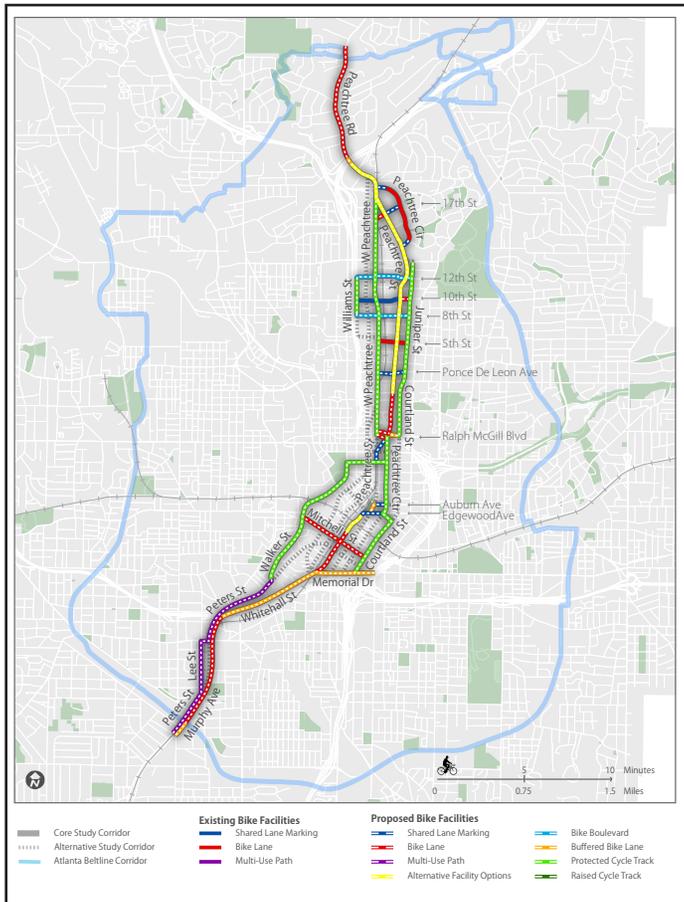


ATLANTA, GA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
ATLANTA, GA	2015	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - CONNECT ATLANTA	CITY OF ATLANTA

KEY MAP FEATURES

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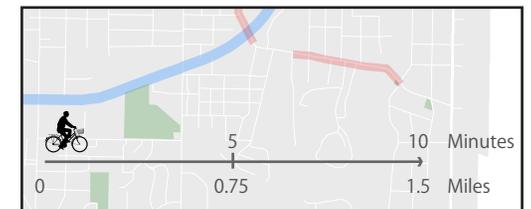
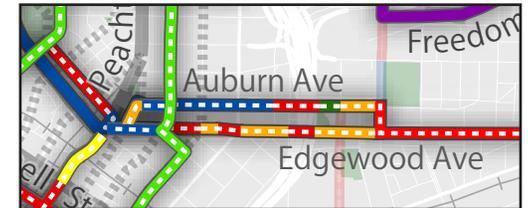
Highlights corridors and transitions between facility types

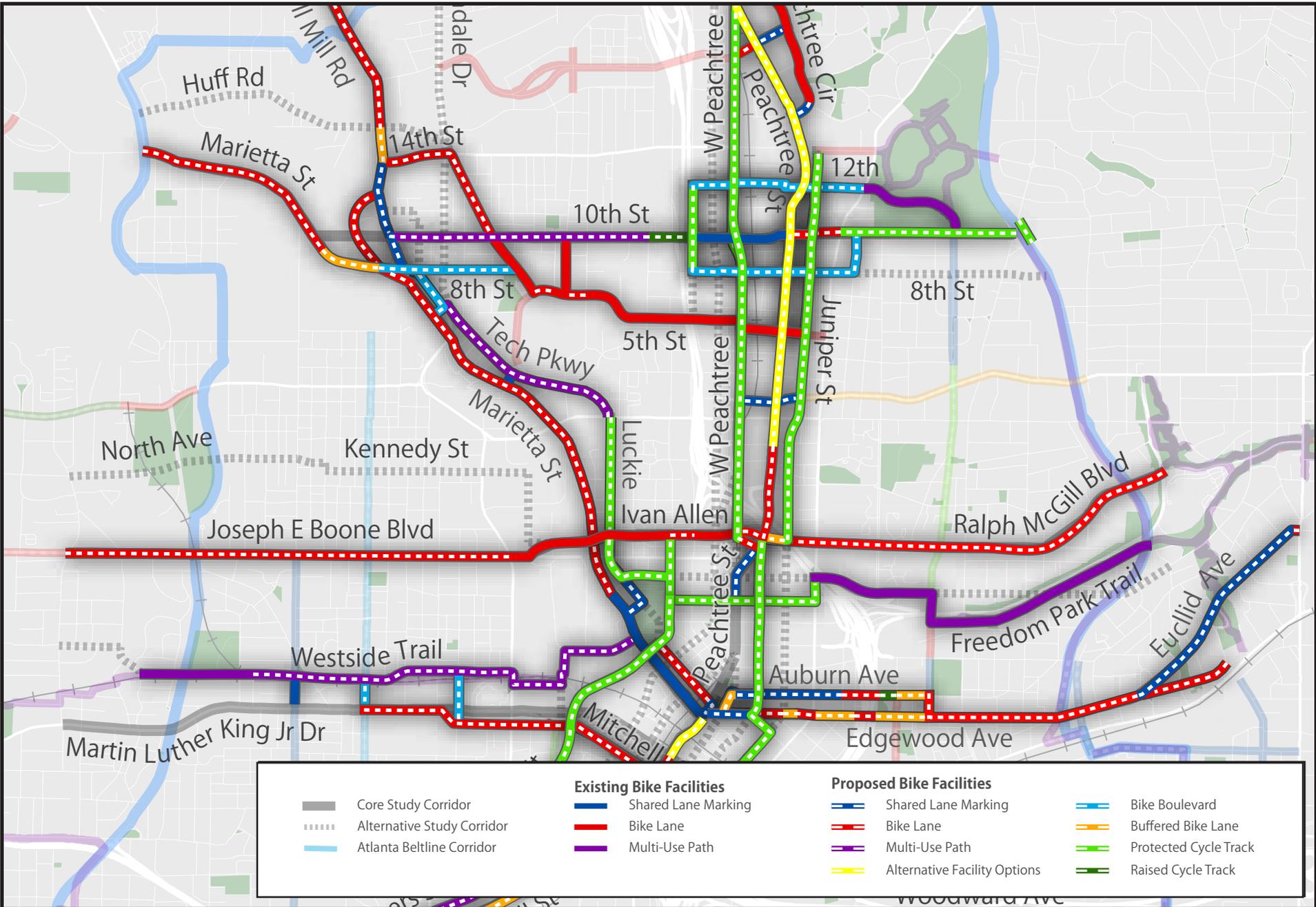


Unique line convention for proposed facilities



Scale communicates to user how long travel will take



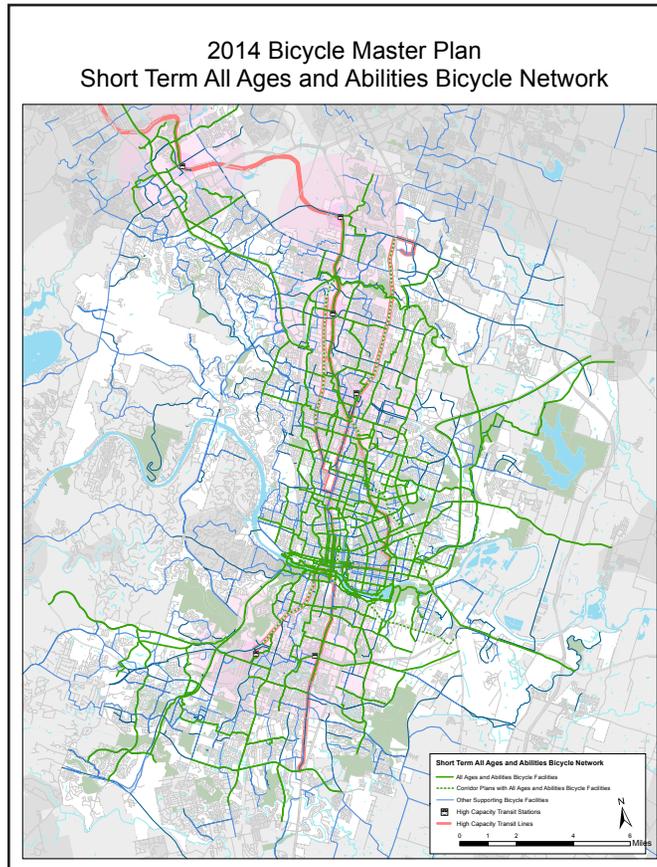


AUSTIN, TX

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AUSTIN, TX	2014	AUSTIN BICYCLE MASTER PLAN	CITY OF AUSTIN

KEY MAP FEATURES

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Highlights connections to high capacity transit stations and lines

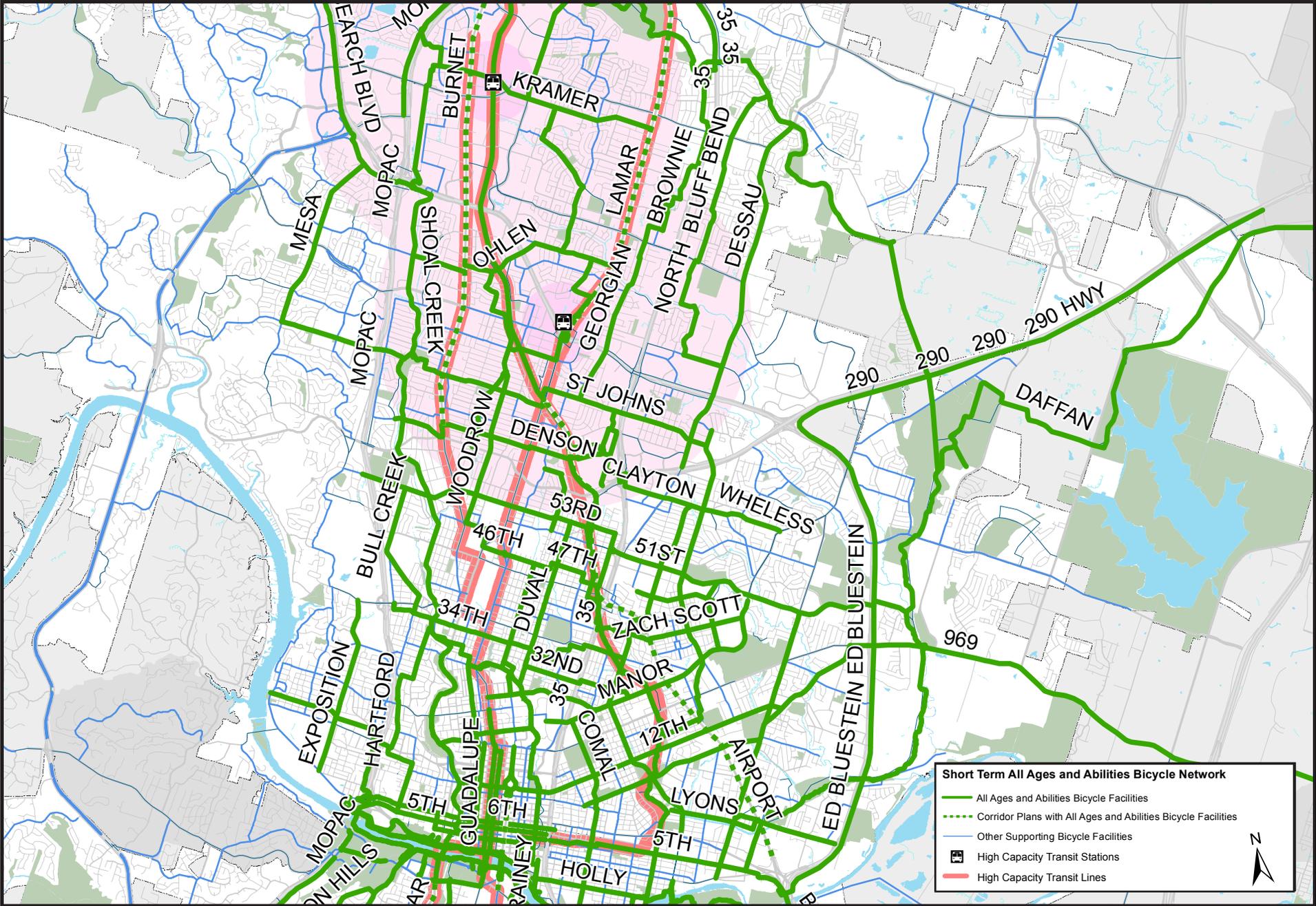


Highlights 'all ages and abilities' network



Denotes facilities from corridor plans



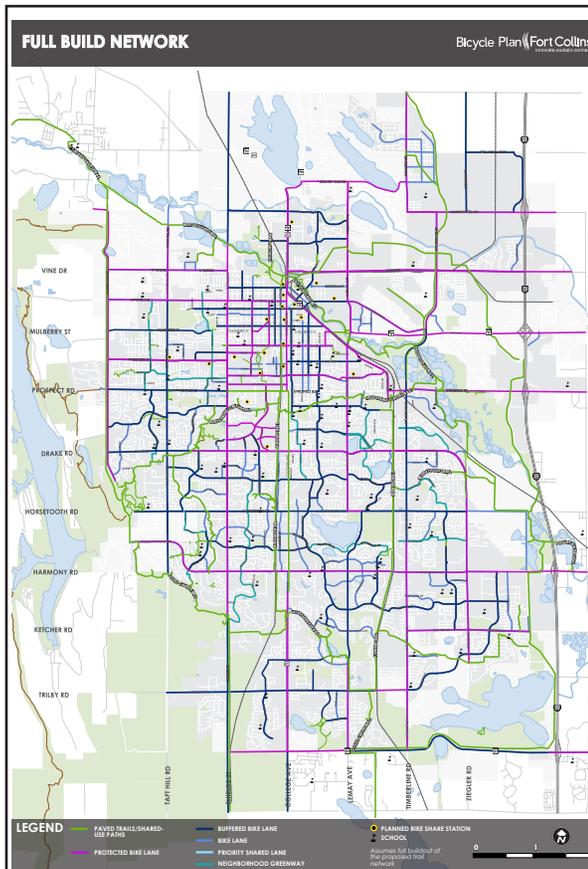


FORT COLLINS, CO

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
FORT COLLINS, CO	2014	CITY OF FORT COLLINS BIKE PLAN	CITY OF FORT COLLINS

KEY MAP FEATURES

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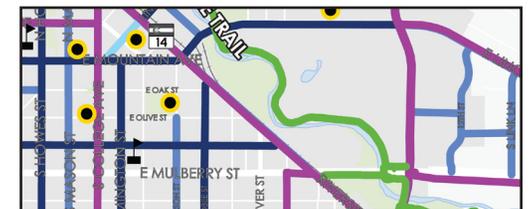
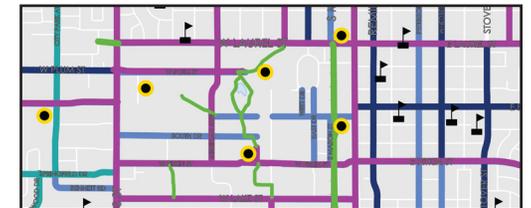
Simple symbology and color scheme

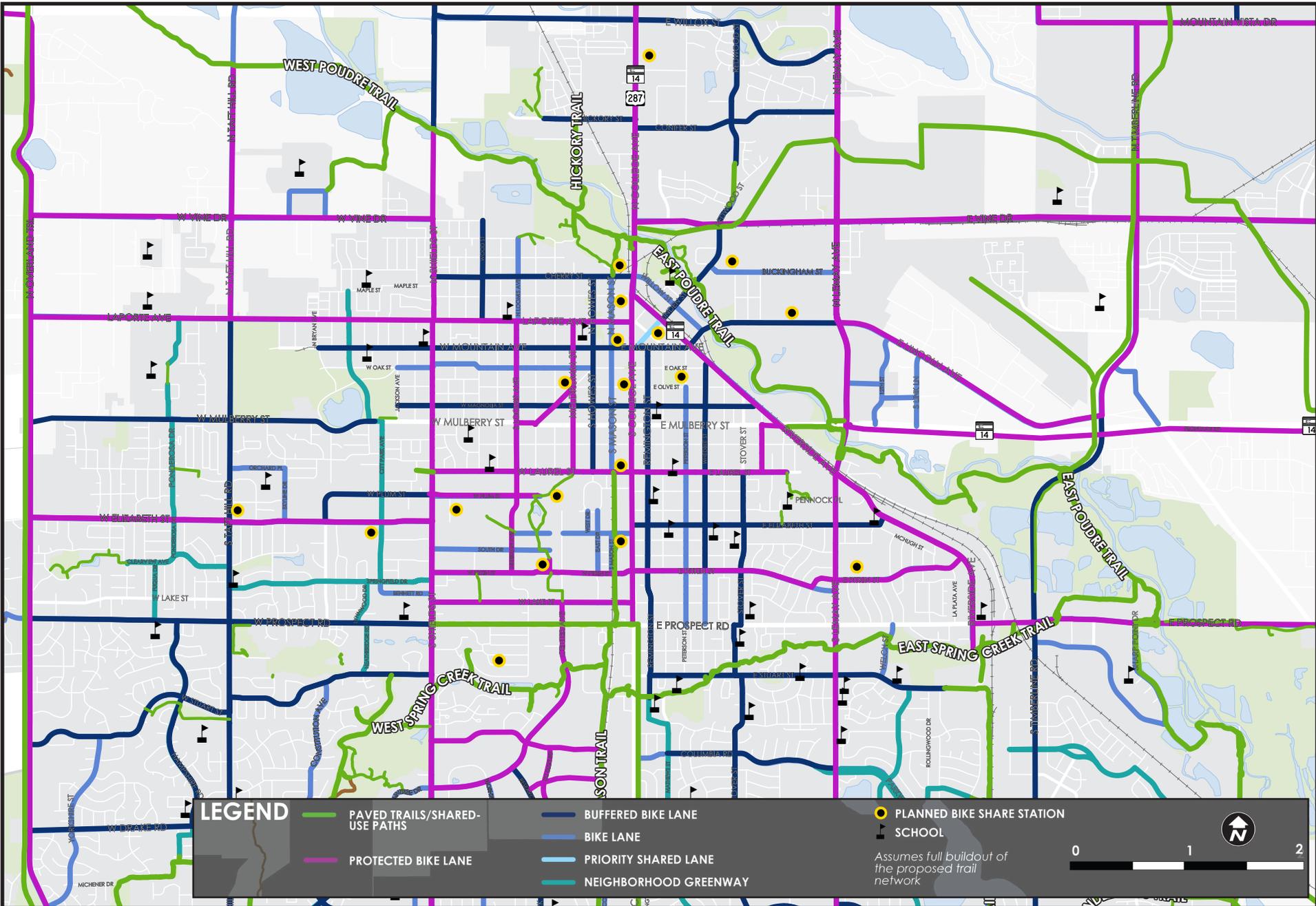


Shows planned bike share stations



Lower stress facilities more visible



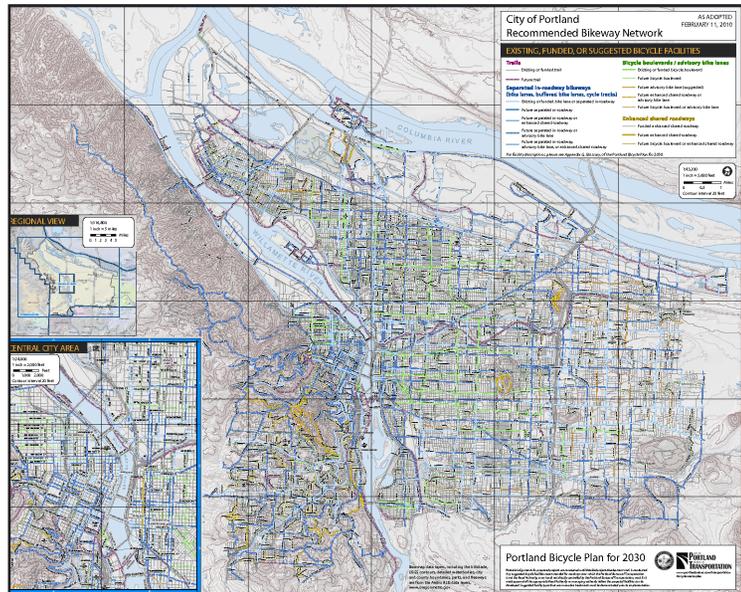


PORTLAND, OR

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
PORTLAND, OR	2010	CITY OF PORTLAND BICYCLE PLAN FOR 2030	CITY OF PORTLAND

KEY MAP FEATURES

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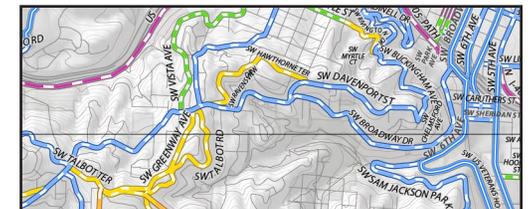
Highlights connections to regional trails and parks

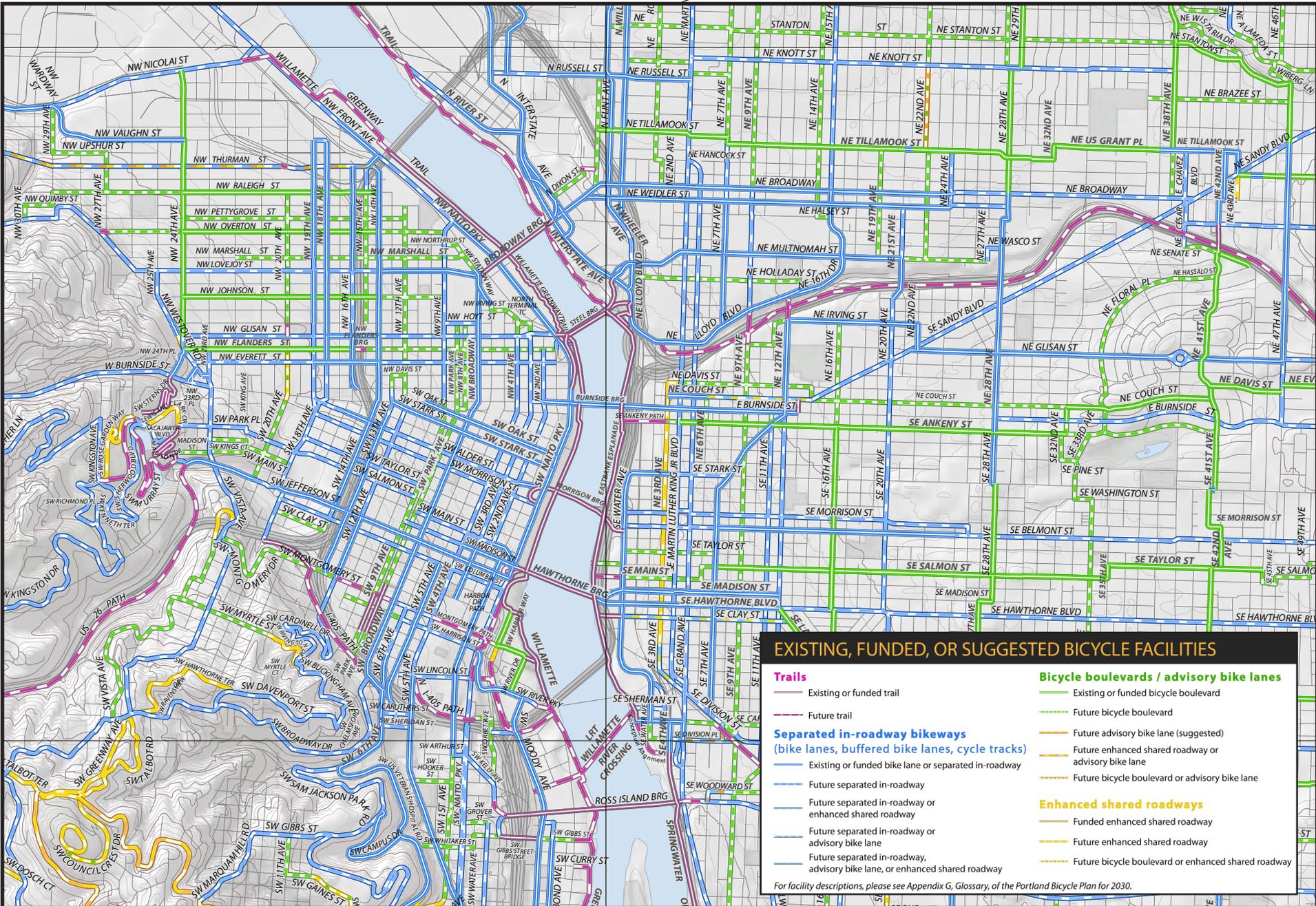


Identifies both 'existing and funded' and 'planned' bike routes



Shows elevation change



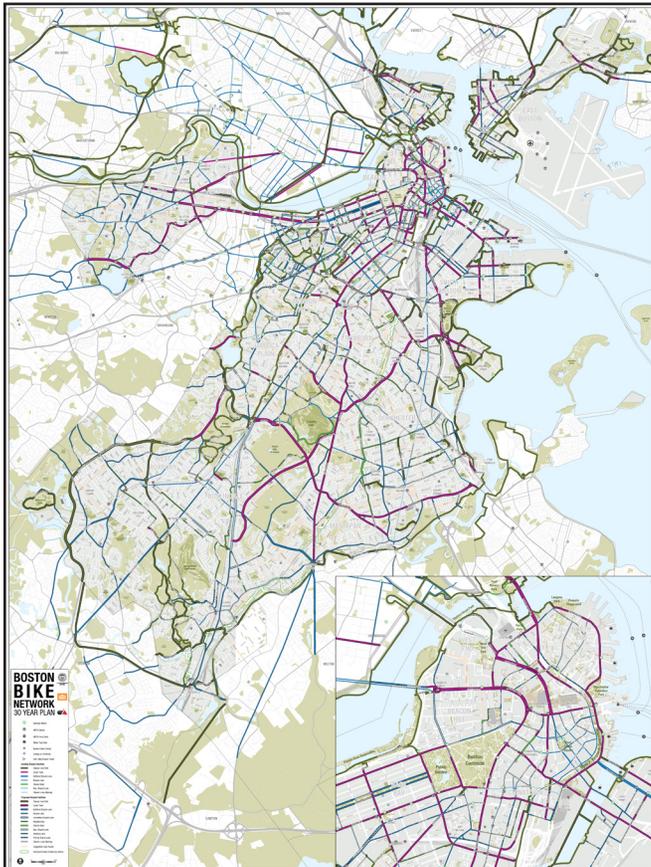


BOSTON, MA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
BOSTON, MA	2015	BOSTON BIKE NETWORK PLAN	BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KEY MAP FEATURES

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Shows connections between bike network and transportation hubs including rail and bike share stations



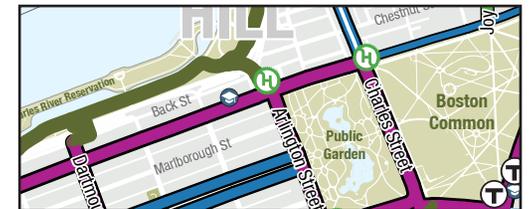
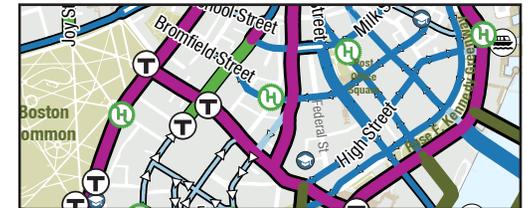
Shared use paths is similar to the color used for parks to indicate low-stress

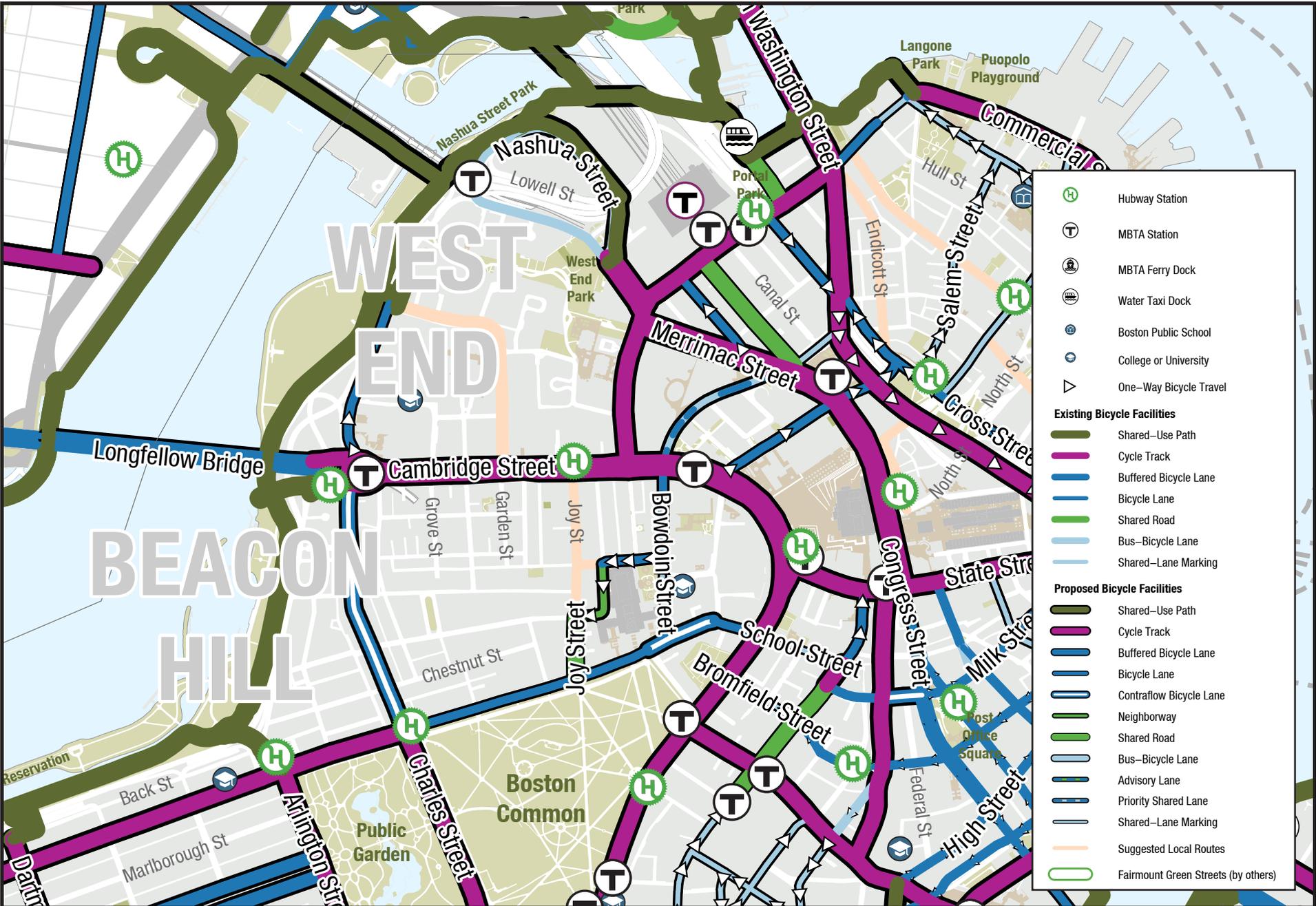


A dominant color is used for cycle tracks, emphasizing the high comfort level this facility type provides



Neighborhood scale maps are included within the plan for more specific details





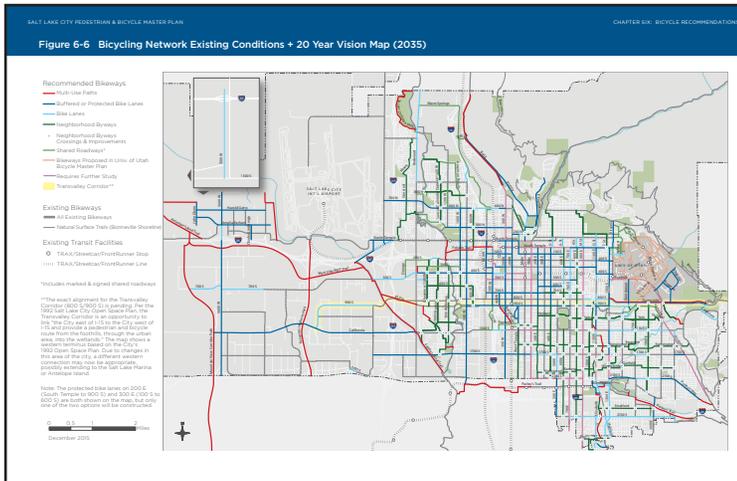
	Hubway Station
	MBTA Station
	MBTA Ferry Dock
	Water Taxi Dock
	Boston Public School
	College or University
	One-Way Bicycle Travel
Existing Bicycle Facilities	
	Shared-Use Path
	Cycle Track
	Buffered Bicycle Lane
	Bicycle Lane
	Shared Road
	Bus-Bicycle Lane
	Shared-Lane Marking
Proposed Bicycle Facilities	
	Shared-Use Path
	Cycle Track
	Buffered Bicycle Lane
	Bicycle Lane
	Contraflow Bicycle Lane
	Neighborhood
	Shared Road
	Bus-Bicycle Lane
	Advisory Lane
	Priority Shared Lane
	Shared-Lane Marking
	Suggested Local Routes
	Fairmount Green Streets (by others)

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	2015	SALT LAKE CITY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN	SALT LAKE CITY

KEY MAP FEATURES

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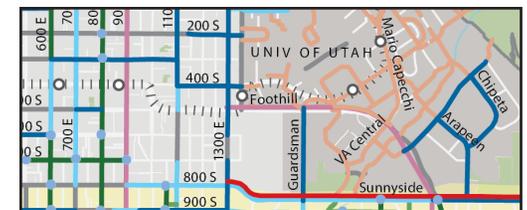
Shows connections to transit lines and stops

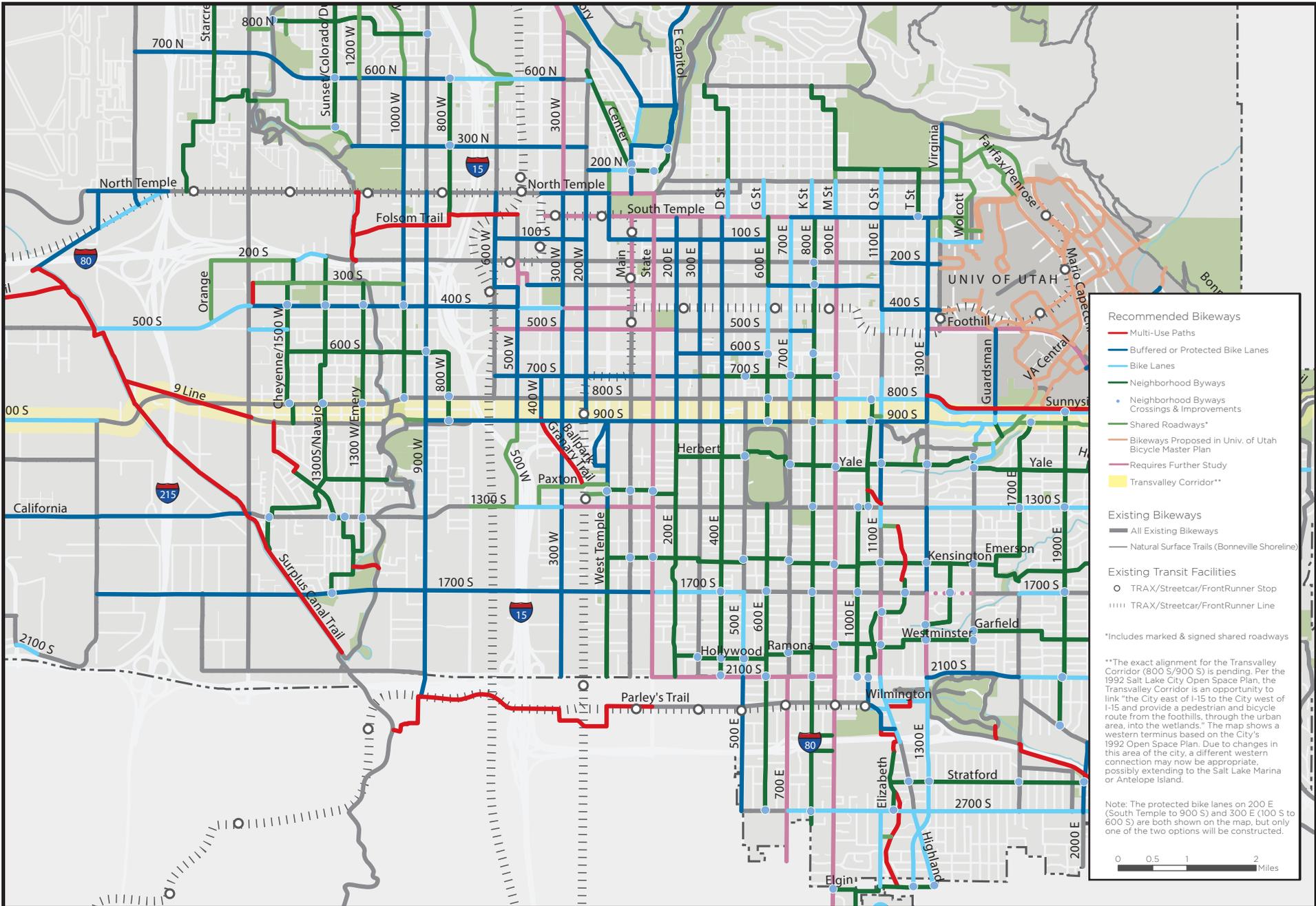


Highlights a university campus master plan



Highlights the Transvalley corridor, a planned future investment





- Recommended Bikeways**
- Multi-Use Paths
 - Buffered or Protected Bike Lanes
 - Bike Lanes
 - Neighborhood Byways
 - Neighborhood Byways Crossings & Improvements
 - Shared Roadways*
 - Bikeways Proposed in Univ. of Utah Bicycle Master Plan
 - Requires Further Study
 - Transvalley Corridor**

- Existing Bikeways**
- All Existing Bikeways
 - Natural Surface Trails (Bonneville Shoreline)

- Existing Transit Facilities**
- TRAX/Streetcar/FrontRunner Stop
 - ||||| TRAX/Streetcar/FrontRunner Line

*Includes marked & signed shared roadways

**The exact alignment for the Transvalley Corridor (800 S/900 S) is pending. Per the 1992 Salt Lake City Open Space Plan, the Transvalley Corridor is an opportunity to link "the City east of I-15 to the City west of I-15 and provide a pedestrian and bicycle route from the foothills, through the urban area, into the wetlands." The map shows a western terminus based on the City's 1992 Open Space Plan. Due to changes in this area of the city, a different western connection may now be appropriate, possibly extending to the Salt Lake Marina or Antelope Island.

Note: The protected bike lanes on 200 E (South Temple to 900 S) and 300 E (100 S to 600 S) are both shown on the map, but only one of the two options will be constructed.

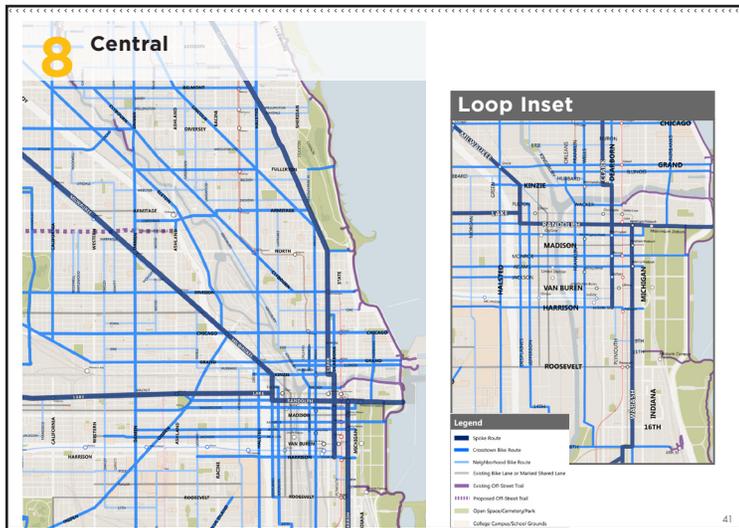


CHICAGO, IL

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
CHICAGO, IL	2012	CHICAGO STREETS FOR CYCLING 2020	CITY OF CHICAGO

KEY MAP FEATURES

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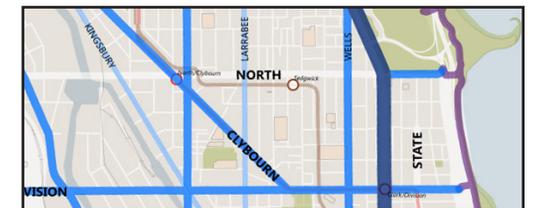
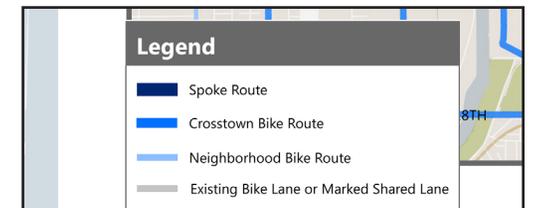
Inset map provides additional information about important area

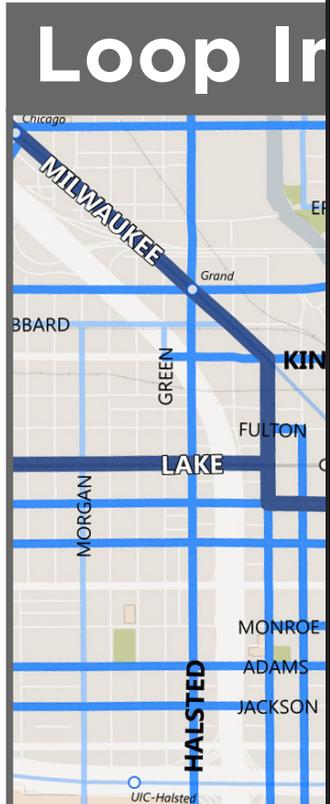
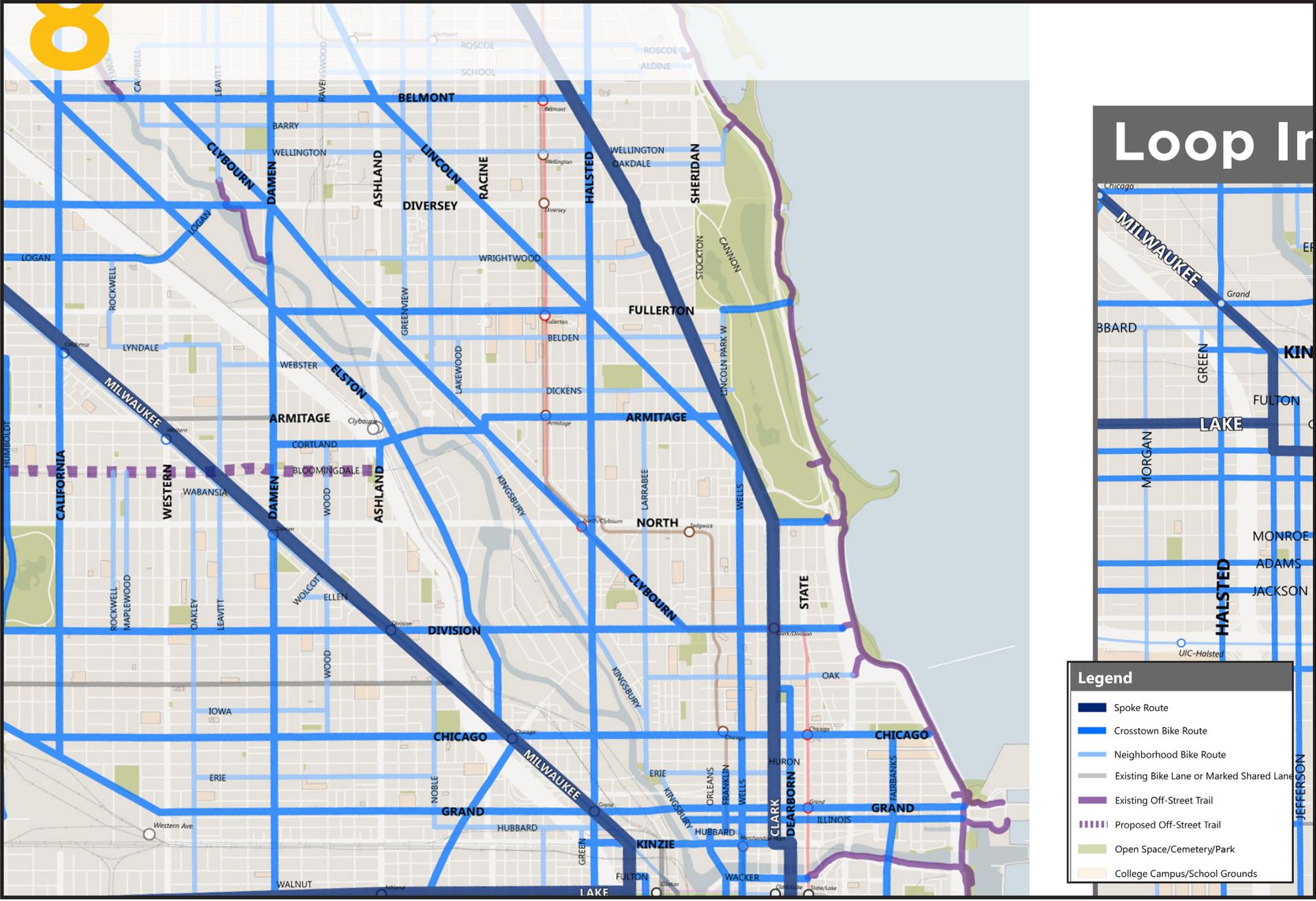


Route hierarchy shown using line thickness and color saturation



Shows connections to network of off-street trails





Legend

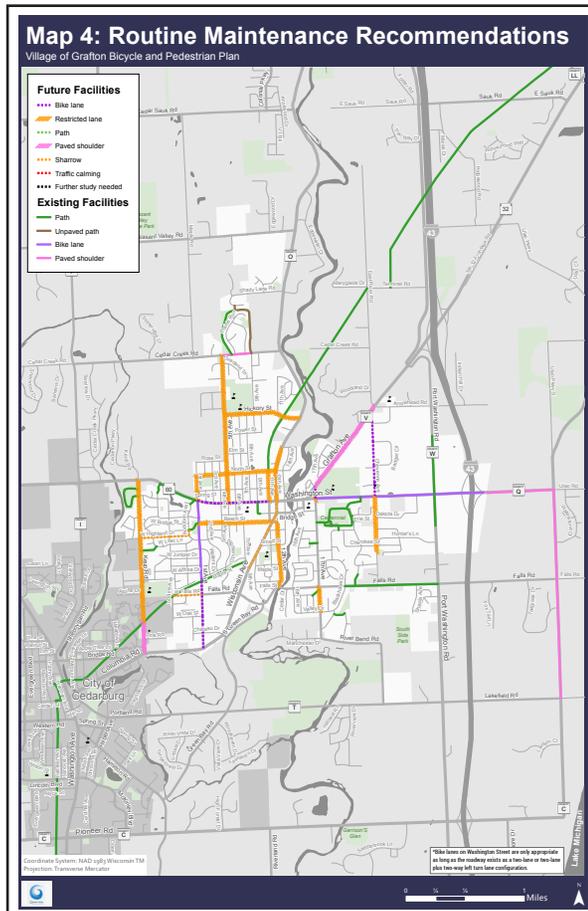
- Spoke Route
- Crosstown Bike Route
- Neighborhood Bike Route
- Existing Bike Lane or Marked Shared Lane
- Existing Off-Street Trail
- Proposed Off-Street Trail
- Open Space/Cemetery/Park
- College Campus/School Grounds

GRAFTON, WI

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
GRAFTON, WI	2015	VILLAGE OF GRAFTON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN	VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

KEY MAP FEATURES

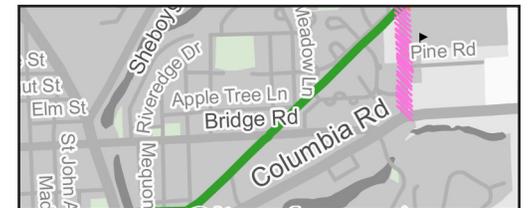
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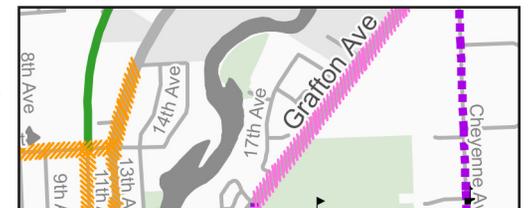
Shows ‘restricted lanes,’ a unique facility where bicyclists share a lane with parking and right-turning vehicles

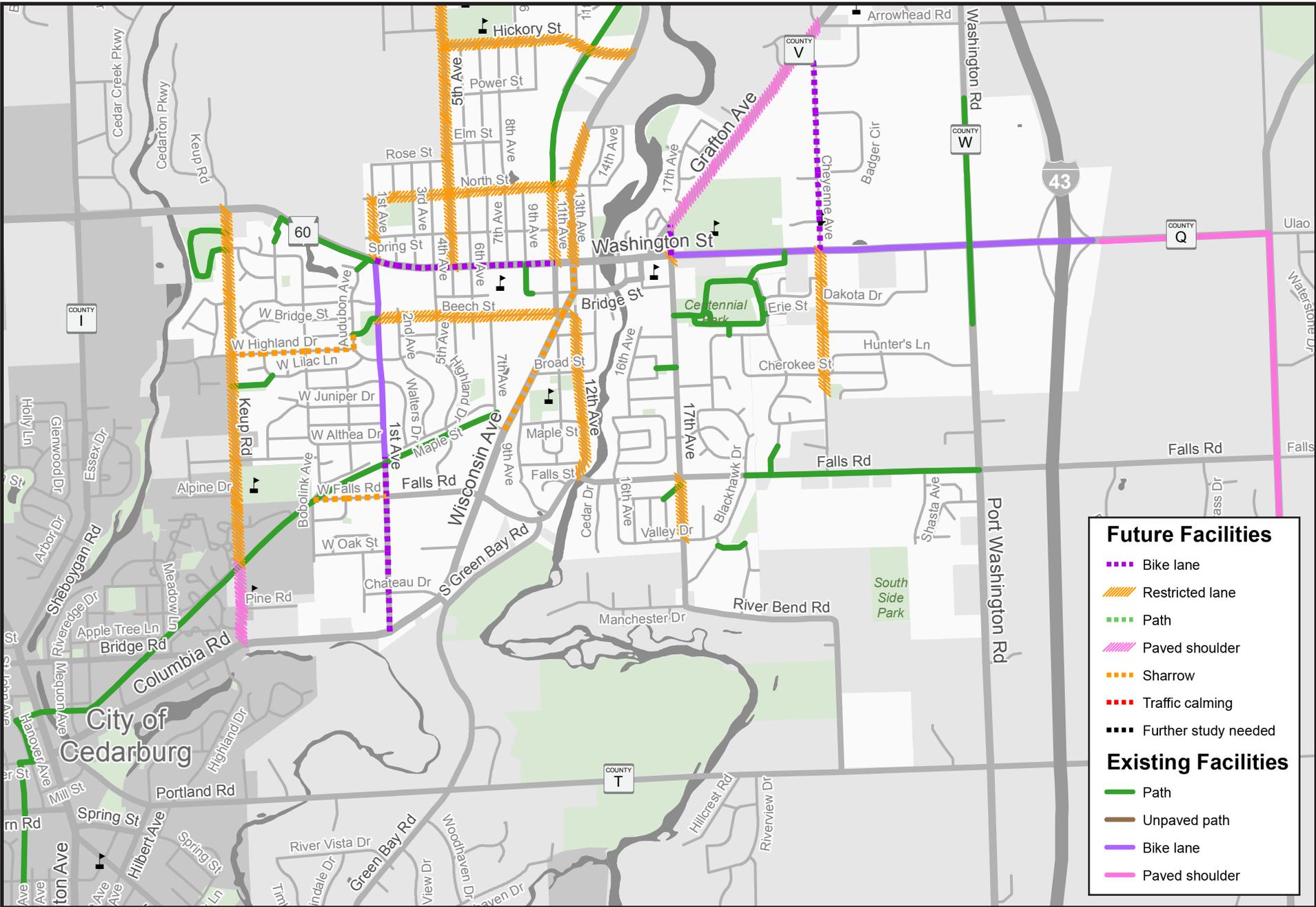


Highlights future and existing paved shoulders, an important bike facility in more rural communities



Highlights streets keyed for future traffic calming



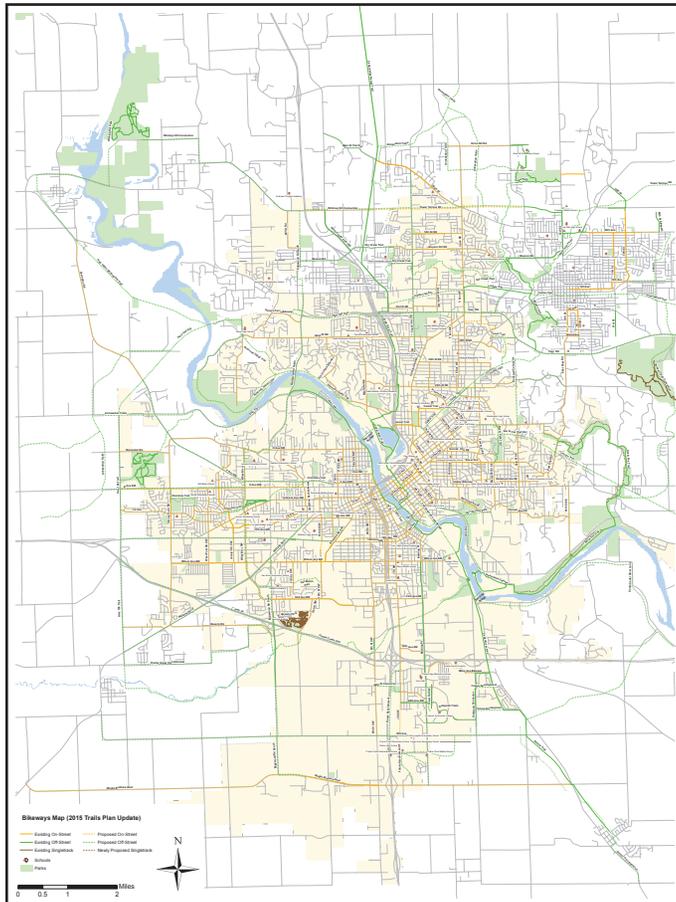


CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	2015	CEDAR RAPIDS COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLAN	CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

KEY MAP FEATURES

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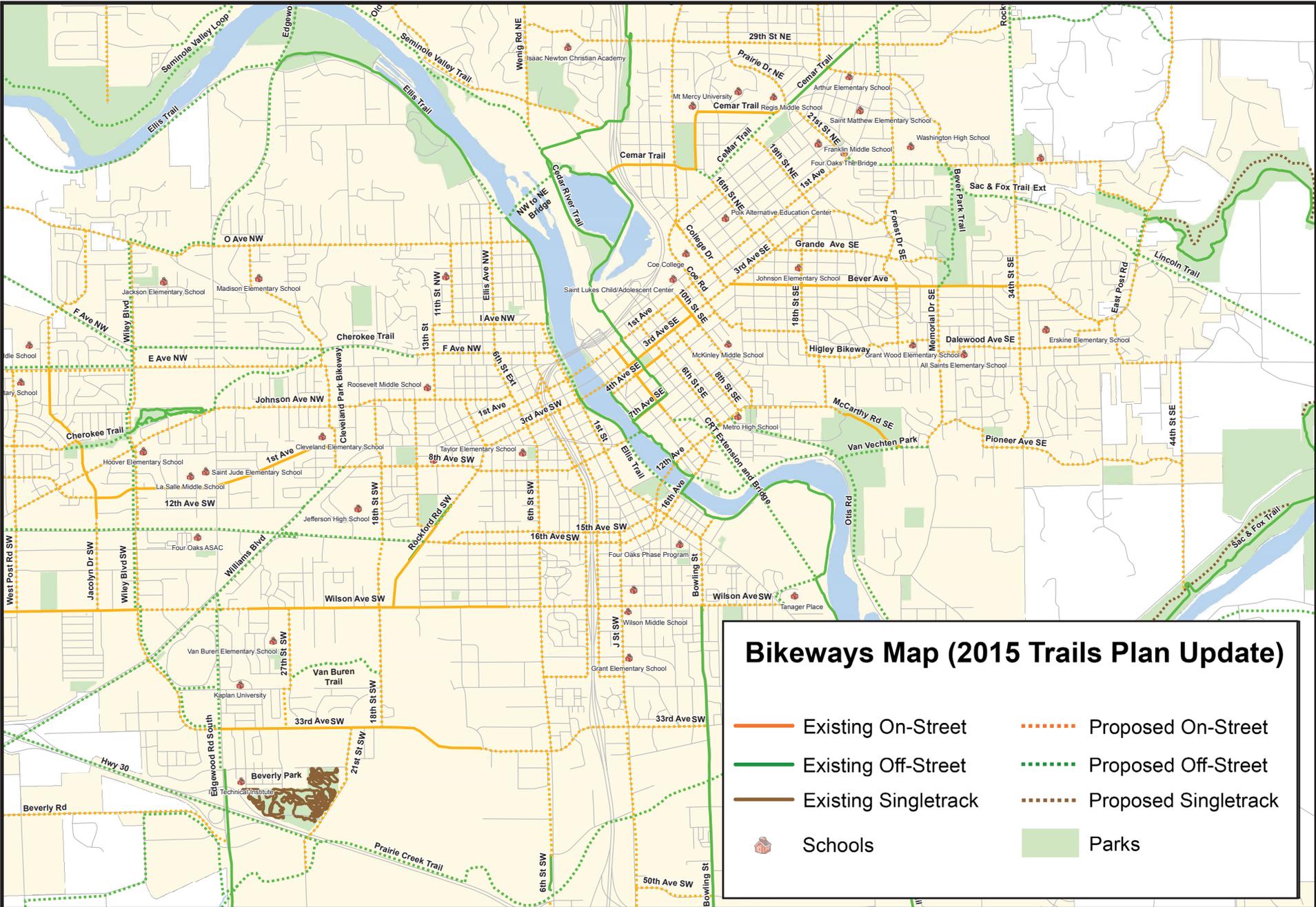


Highlights nearby jurisdictions



Includes flexible facility typologies





SEATTLE, WA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
SEATTLE, WA	2015	SEATTLE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE	SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KEY MAP FEATURES

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Unique symbology for proposed facilities

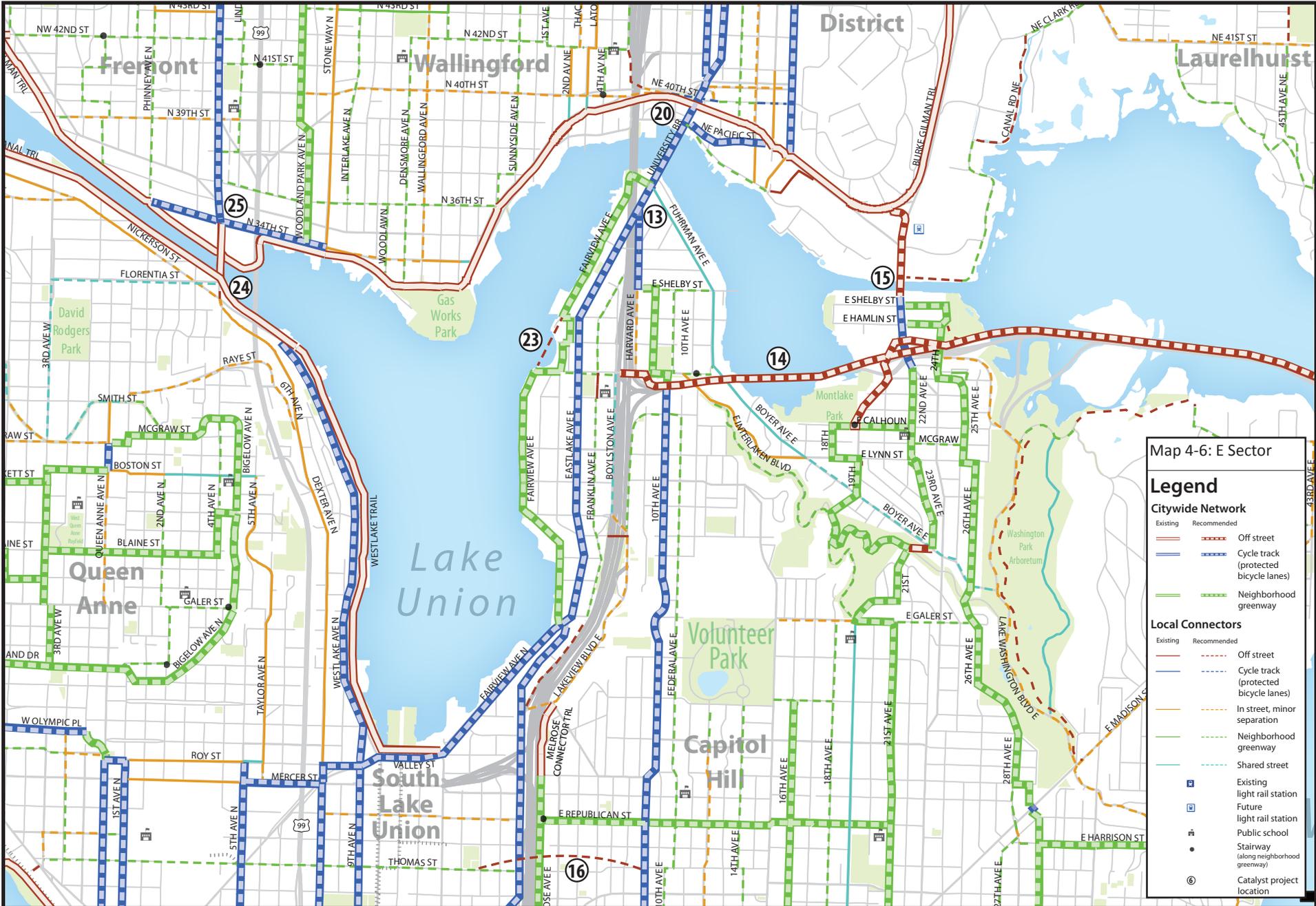


Recommendation hierarchy delineated by line weight



Neighborhood names highlighted to orient users

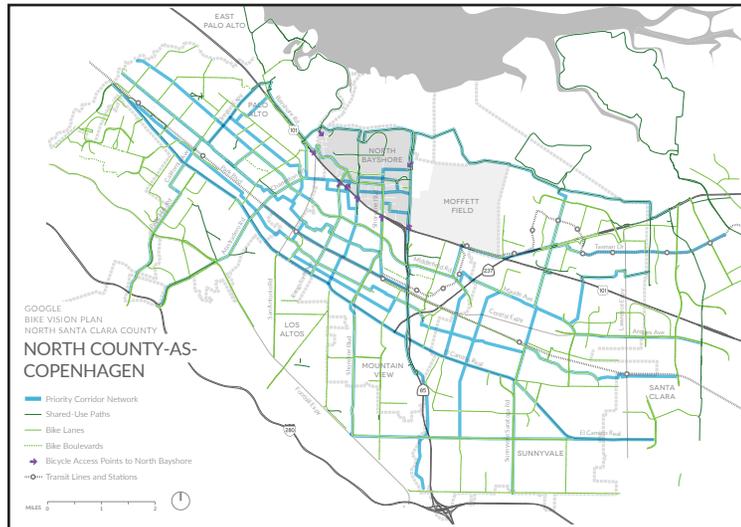




NORTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CA

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
NORTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CA	2015	GOOGLE BIKE VISION PLAN	GOOGLE

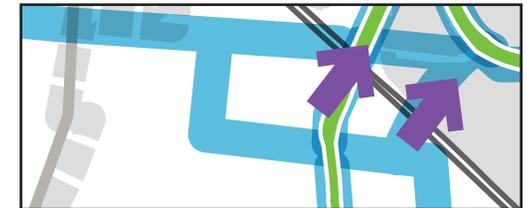
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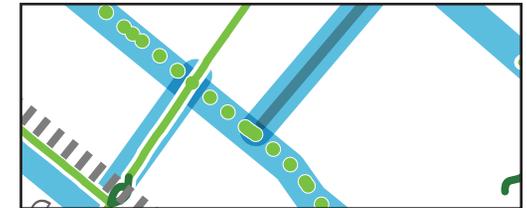
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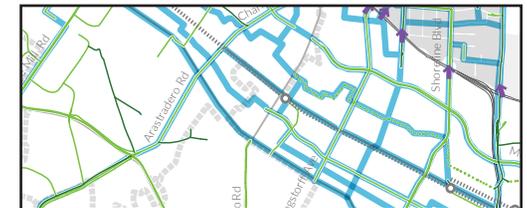
Identifies bike access points to Google's North Bayshore campus

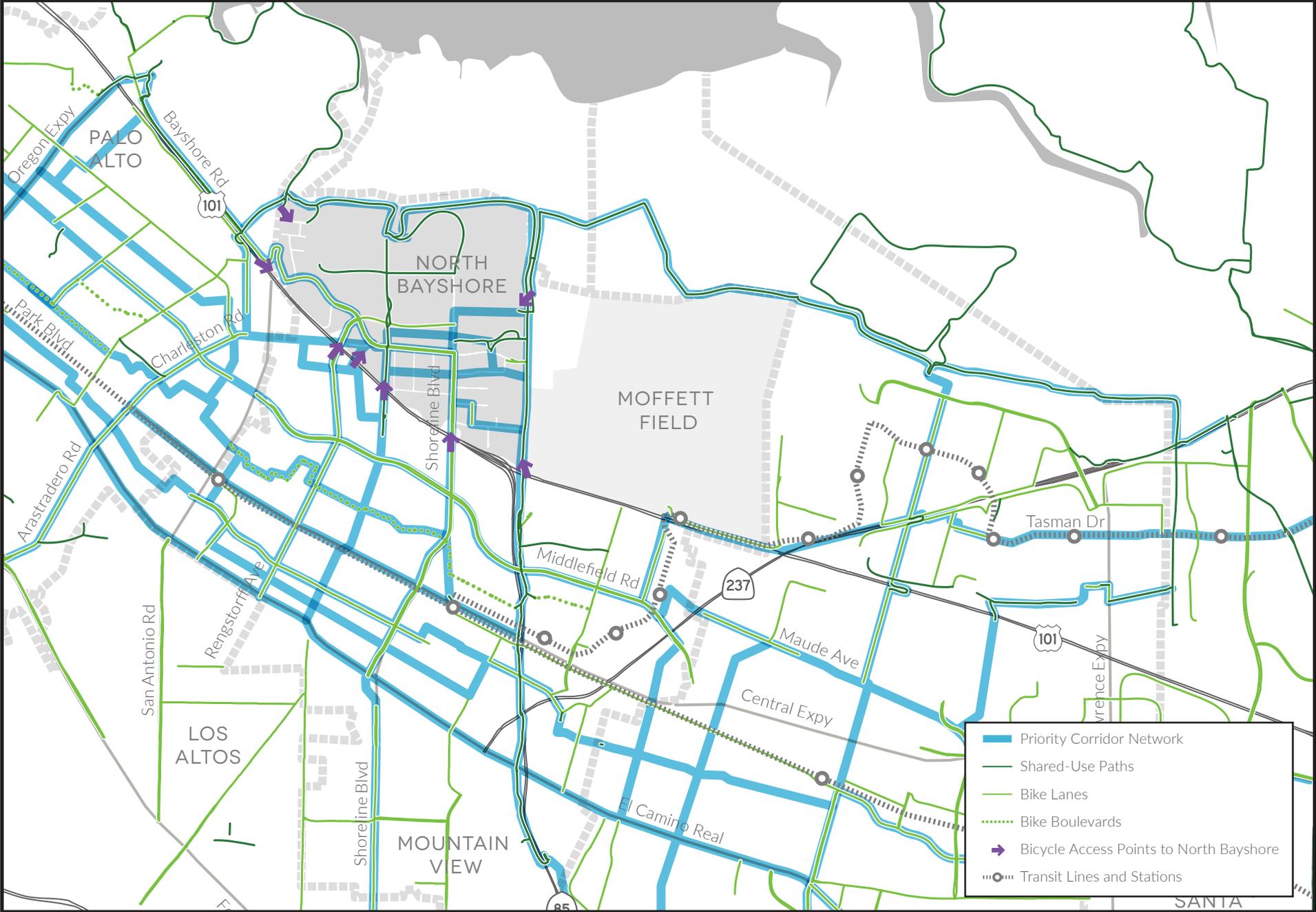


Different line weights allow for layered information



Clear color scheme and organization



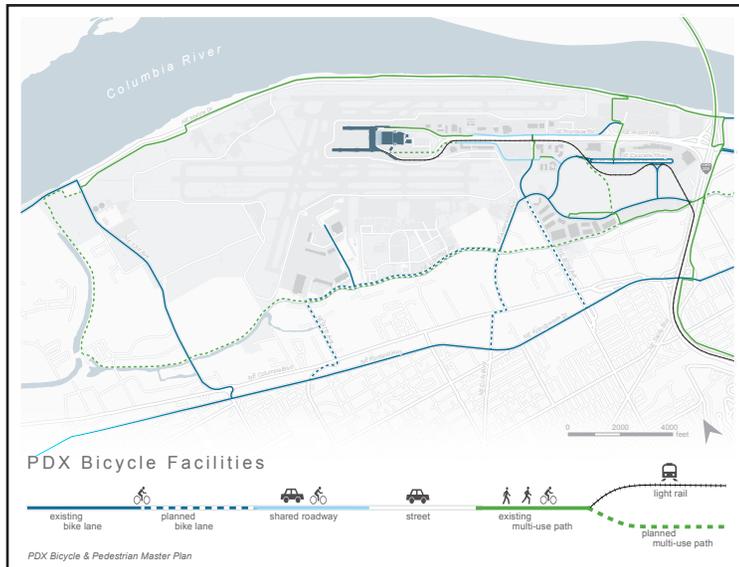


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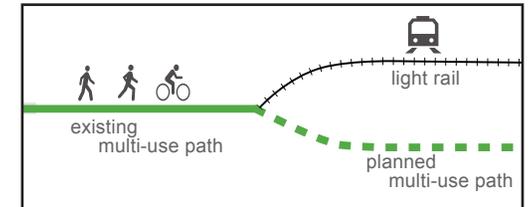
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PORTLAND, OR	2014	PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN	PORT OF PORTLAND

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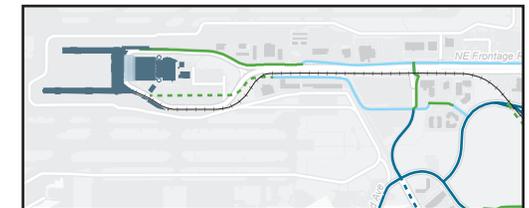
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Legend integrates facility types with user types

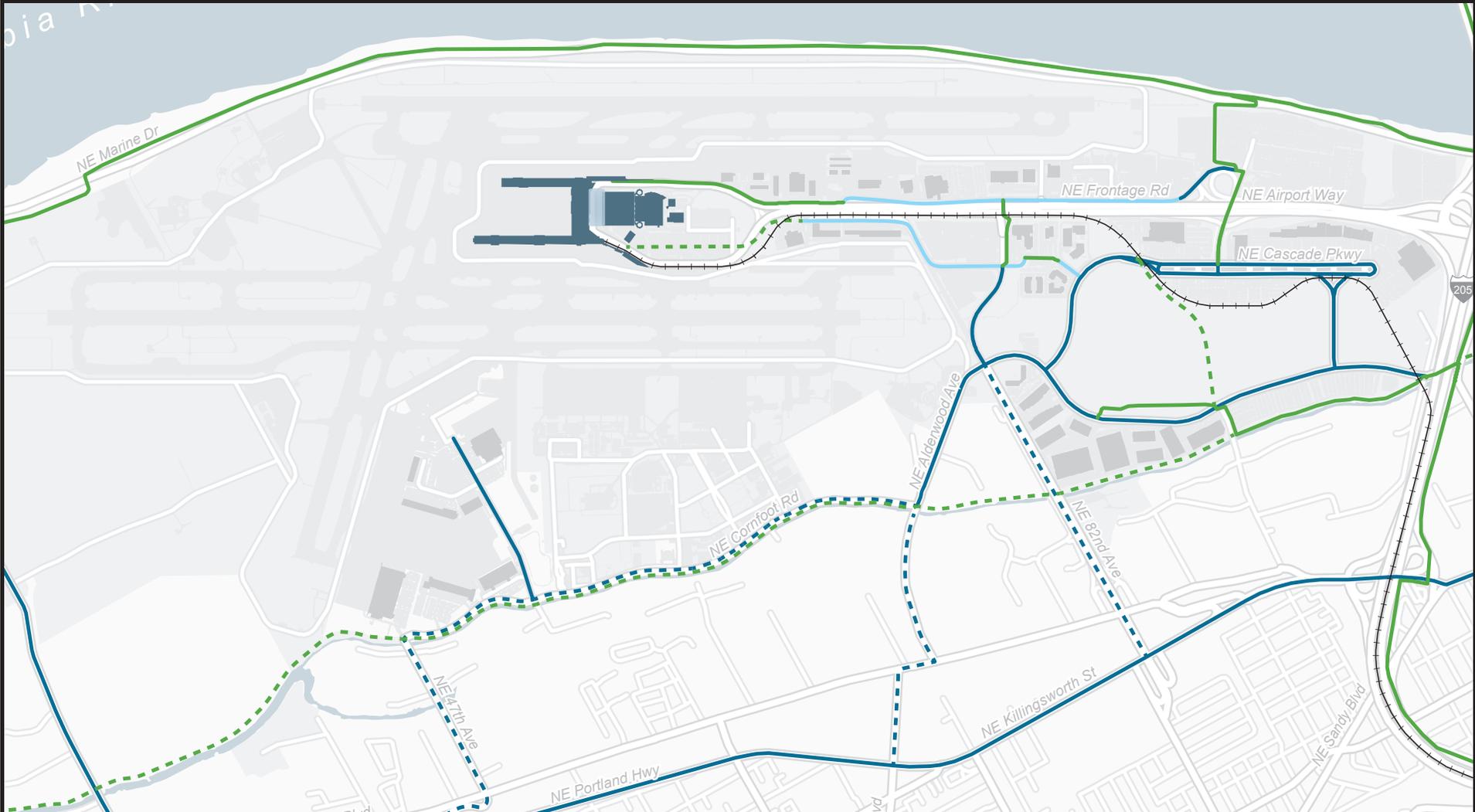


Simple color palette and contextual background layers including buildings and waterways



Highlights connections to citywide bike network and other multimodal options





PDX Bicycle Facilities

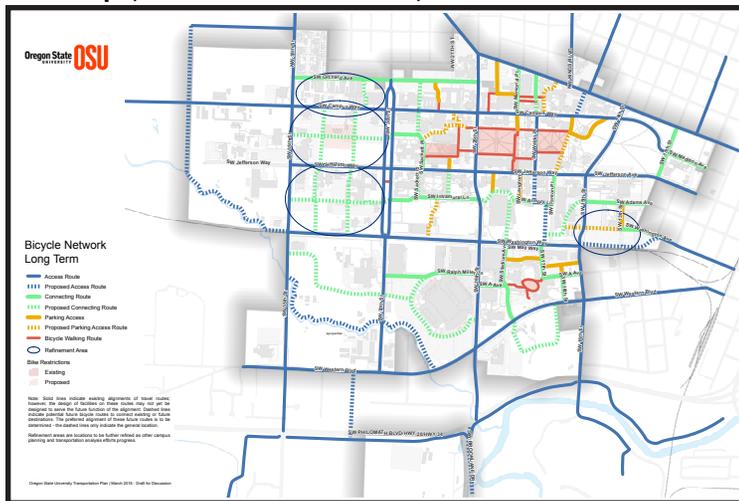
existing bike lane	planned bike lane	shared roadway	street	existing multi-use path	planned multi-use path	light rail

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
CORVALLIS, OR	2015	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

KEY MAP FEATURES

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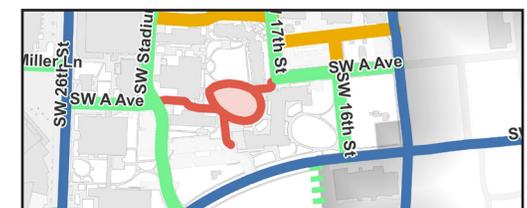
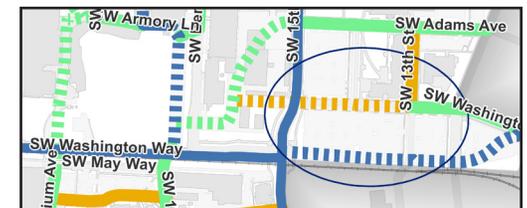
Highlights dismount zones

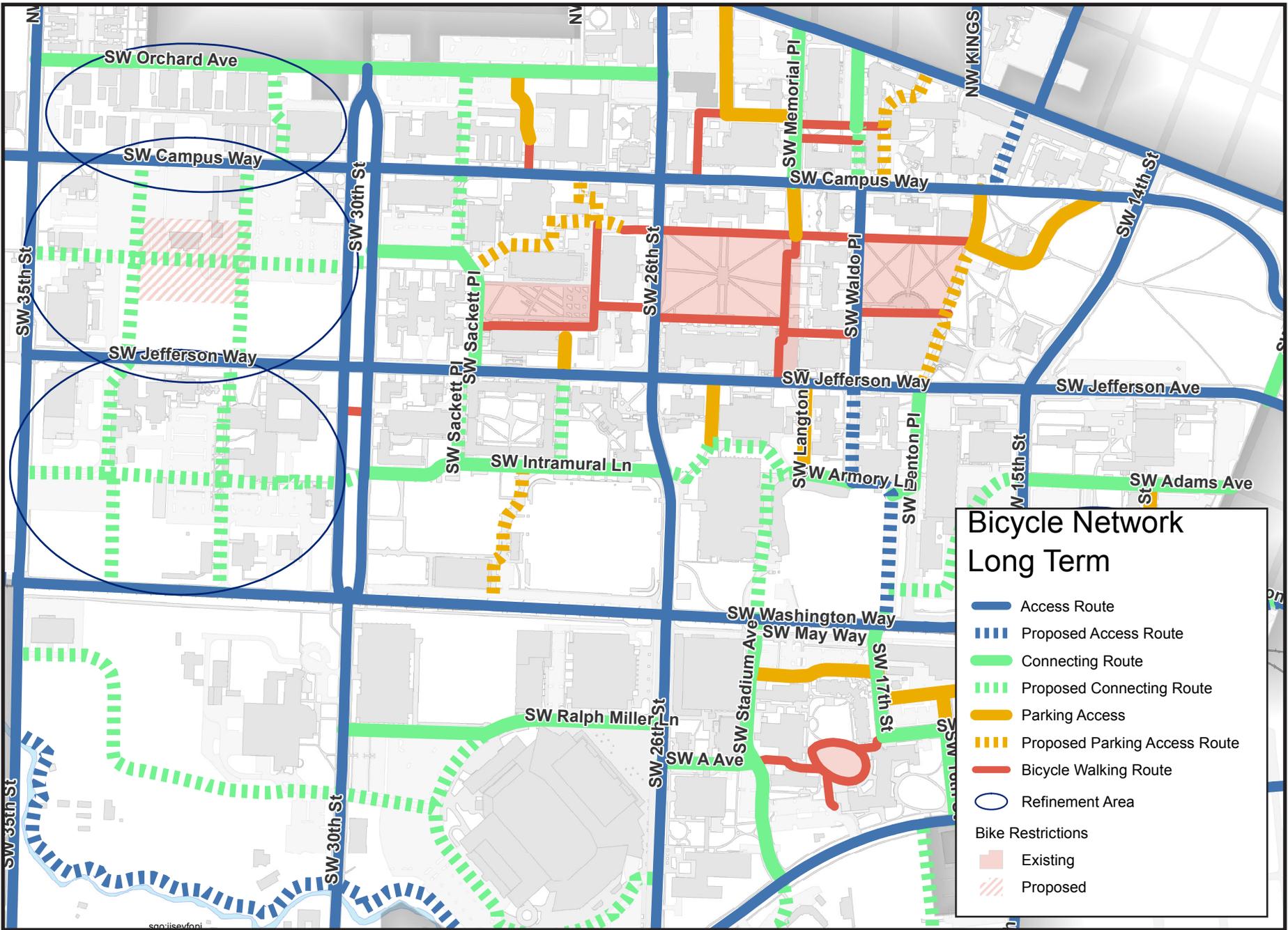


Identifies areas for further refinement



Highlights bicycle parking access routes



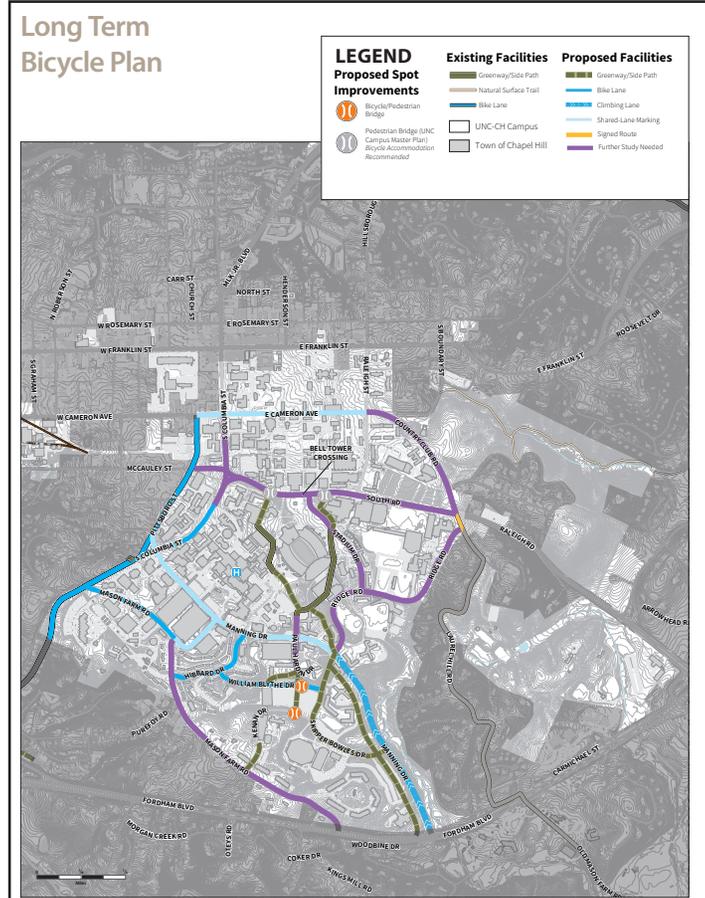


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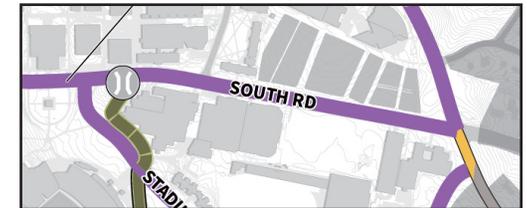
LOCATION	YEAR	PUBLICATION	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
CHAPEL HILL, NC	2014	UNC CHAPEL HILL BIKE MASTER PLAN	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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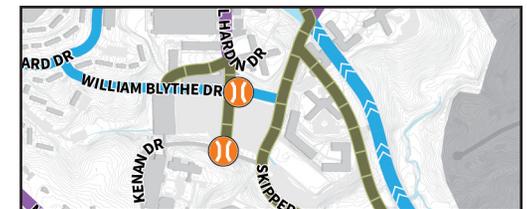
Shows recommended bridges with clean icons

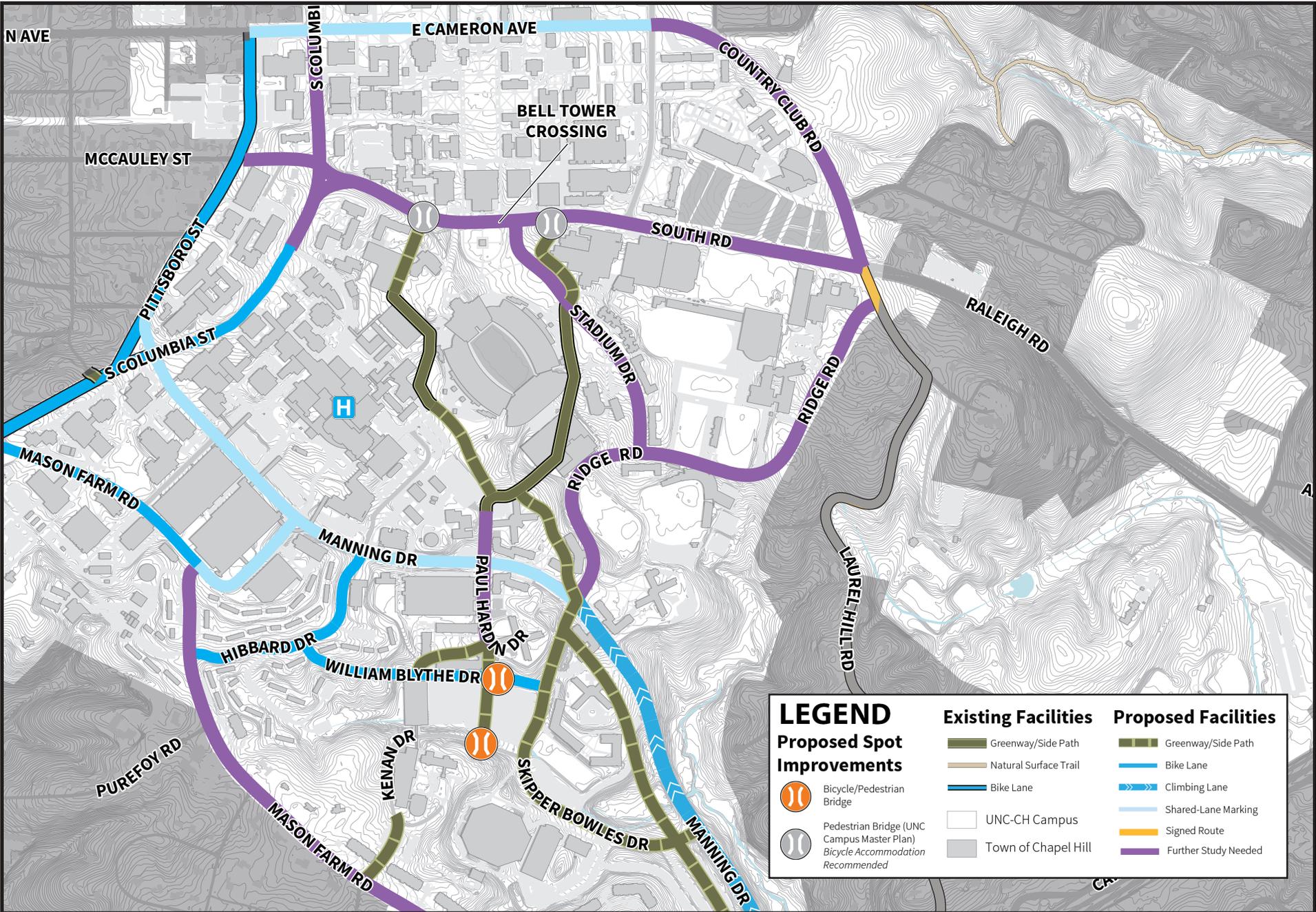


Clever symbology for climbing lanes



Shows greenways





LEGEND		Existing Facilities	Proposed Facilities
Proposed Spot Improvements		Greenway/Side Path	Greenway/Side Path
Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge		Natural Surface Trail	Bike Lane
Pedestrian Bridge (UNC Campus Master Plan)		Bike Lane	Climbing Lane
Bicycle Accommodation Recommended		Shared-Lane Marking	Signed Route
UNC-CH Campus		Town of Chapel Hill	Further Study Needed

NEXT STEPS

This resource highlights different approaches and techniques for mapping existing and proposed bicycle networks.

As demonstrated by the best practices highlighted here, there have been significant positive advances in this area in recent years.

To build on this progress, it will be important to institutionalize these techniques so that they become standard practice across jurisdictions and at all scales.

The following next steps are offered to inform the continued development of this national capacity and they will involve partners and stakeholders at all levels.

1. Identify a consistent set of bicycle facility types and community destinations that can serve as a baseline for bicycle network planning efforts across jurisdictions and geographic locations. The tables below are intended to inform this conversation.
2. Undertake a significant national push to research, apply, and document methodologies for measuring bicycle network connectivity and tracking change in connectivity over time.
3. Examine ways to integrate bicycle network infrastructure data into national infrastructure databases and data management systems.
4. Continue to identify and promote strategies for integrating bicycle network planning into ongoing planning processes at the local, MPO, and State level (e.g. resurfacing, TIP and STIP, Highway Safety Improvement Program, project design and development, MPO certification review).

BICYCLE FACILITY TYPES

- Bike Lane
- Buffered Bike Lane
- Climbing Lane (i.e., bike lane on uphill side only)
- Separated Bike Lane or Protected Bike Lane or Cycle Track
- Bike Boulevard
- Shared Use Path
- Other (such as shared lane marking and paved shoulder)

COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS

- Bike share stations
- Bus stops
- Community centers
- Community colleges
- Community service center
- High density residential
- Major retail and entertainment
- Parks
- Places of worship
- Public libraries
- Retirement homes
- Schools
- Government offices
- Universities or colleges
- Major tourist destinations
- Hospitals and other health care facilities
- Transit centers



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