

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

| EXISTING | PROPOSED | BASE LAYERS |
|---|---|---|
|  Shared-Use Path |  Shared-Use Path |  Rail Lines & Stations |
|  Cycle Track |  Cycle Track |  Schools |
|  Buffered Bicycle Lane |  Buffered Bicycle Lane |  College or University |
|  Bicycle Lane |  Bicycle Lane |  Bike Share Stations |
|  Shared Road |  Contraflow Bicycle Lane |  Waterbodies |
|  Bus-Bicycle Lane |  Neighborhood |  Parks & Open Space |
|  Shared-Lane Marking |  Shared Road |  Freeways & Arterials |
| |  Bus-Bicycle Lane |  Neighborhood Streets |
| |  Advisory Lane | |
| |  Priority Shared Lane | |
| |  Shared-Lane Marking | |
| |  Suggested Local Routes | |













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

| EXISTING | PROPOSED | BASE LAYERS |
|---|---|---|
|  Existing On-Street |  Proposed On-Street |  Rail Lines & Stations |
|  Existing Off-Street |  Proposed Off-Street |  Schools |
| | |  College or University |
| | |  Bike Share Stations |
| | |  Waterbodies |
| | |  Parks & Open Space |
| | |  Freeways & Arterials |
| | |  Neighborhood Streets |

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 |

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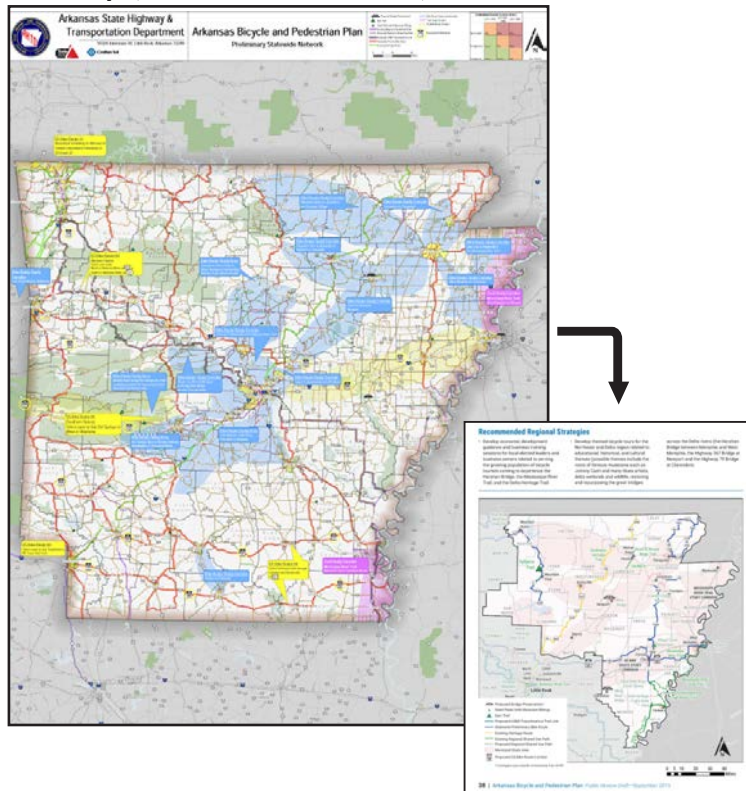
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| Portland, OR | City | | X | | X | | | X | 34 |
| Boston, MA | City | | X | X | X | | | X | 36 |
| Salt Lake City, UT | City | | X | X | X | | X | X | 38 |
| Chicago, IL | City | X | | X | | | | X | 40 |
| Grafton, WI | City | | X | X | X | | | X | 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



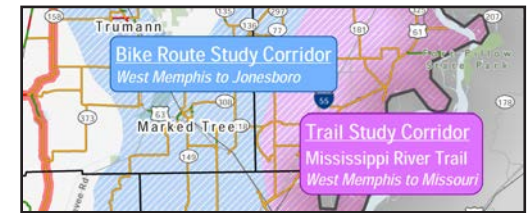
Features State-specific landmarks; shown here are proposed bridge preservation projects

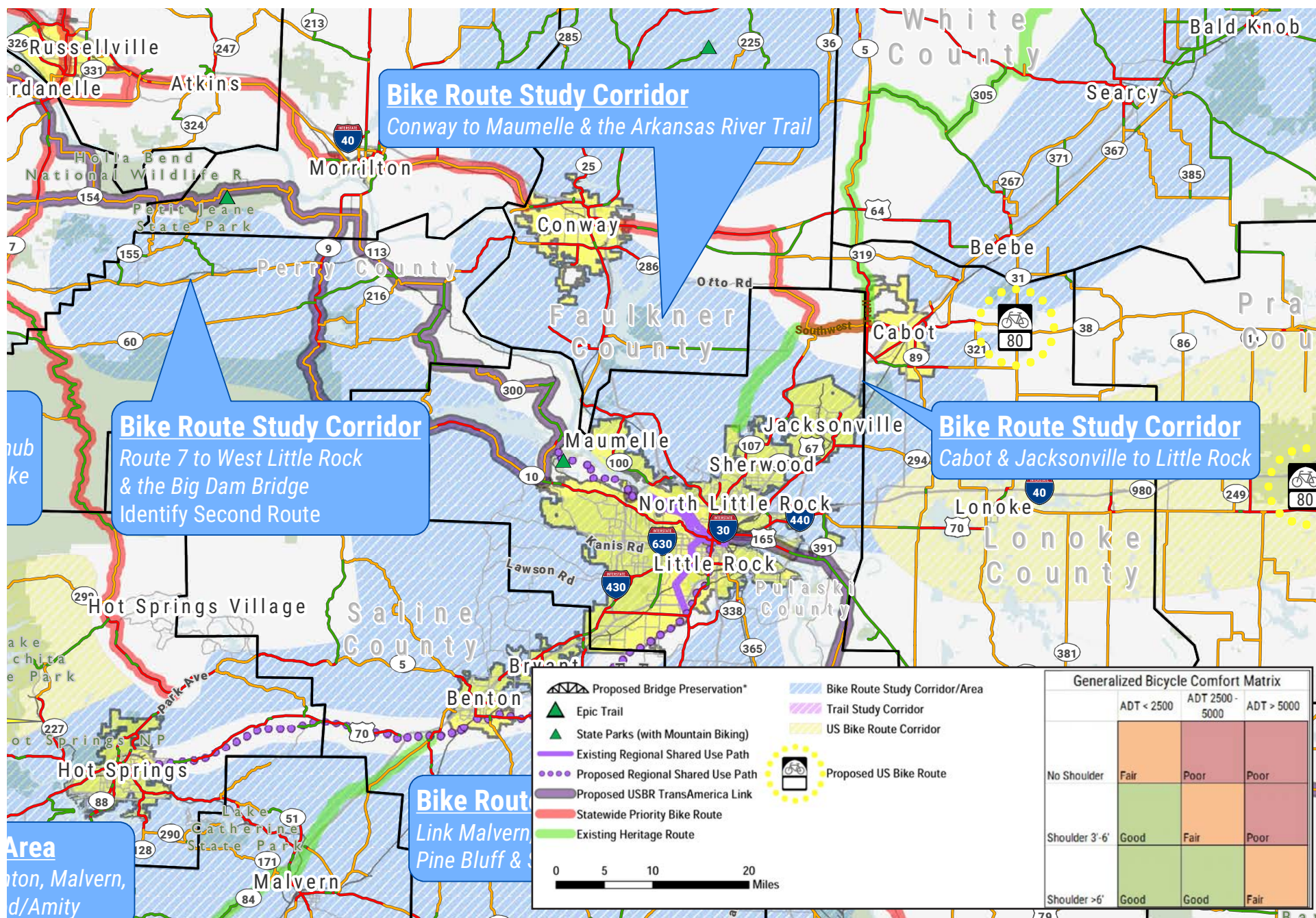


Highlights regional connections to cities



Identifies proposed U.S. bike routes

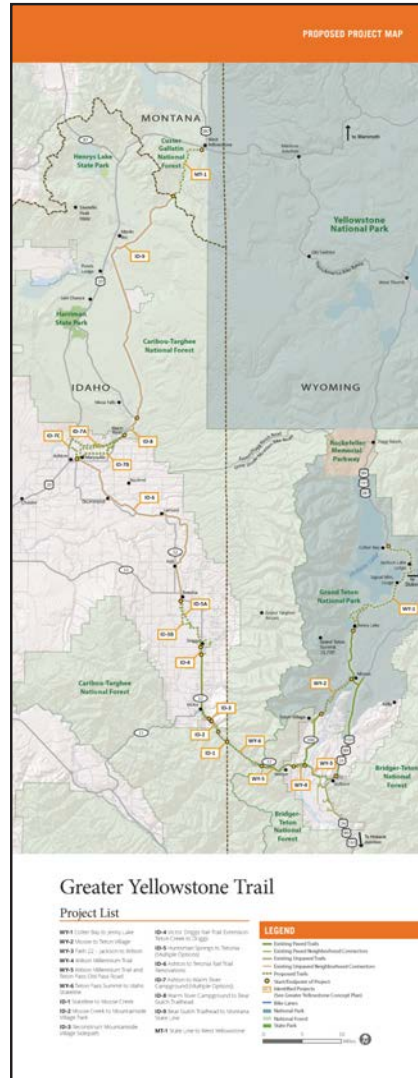




YELLOWSTONE, WY-ID-MT

| 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



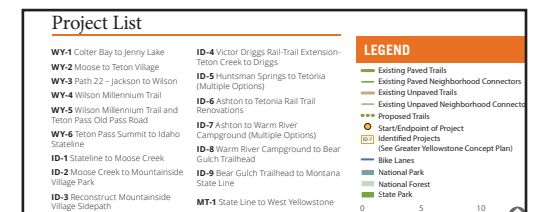
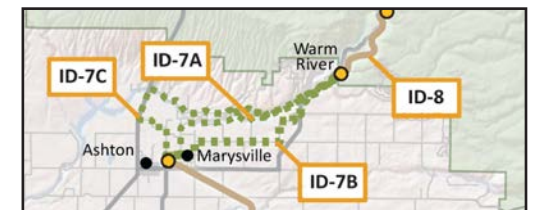
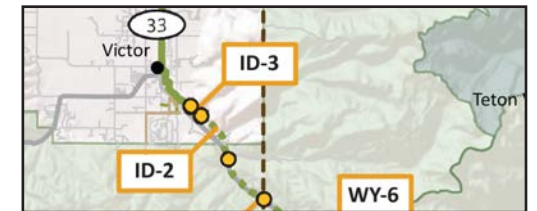
Highlights connections to State and Federal lands

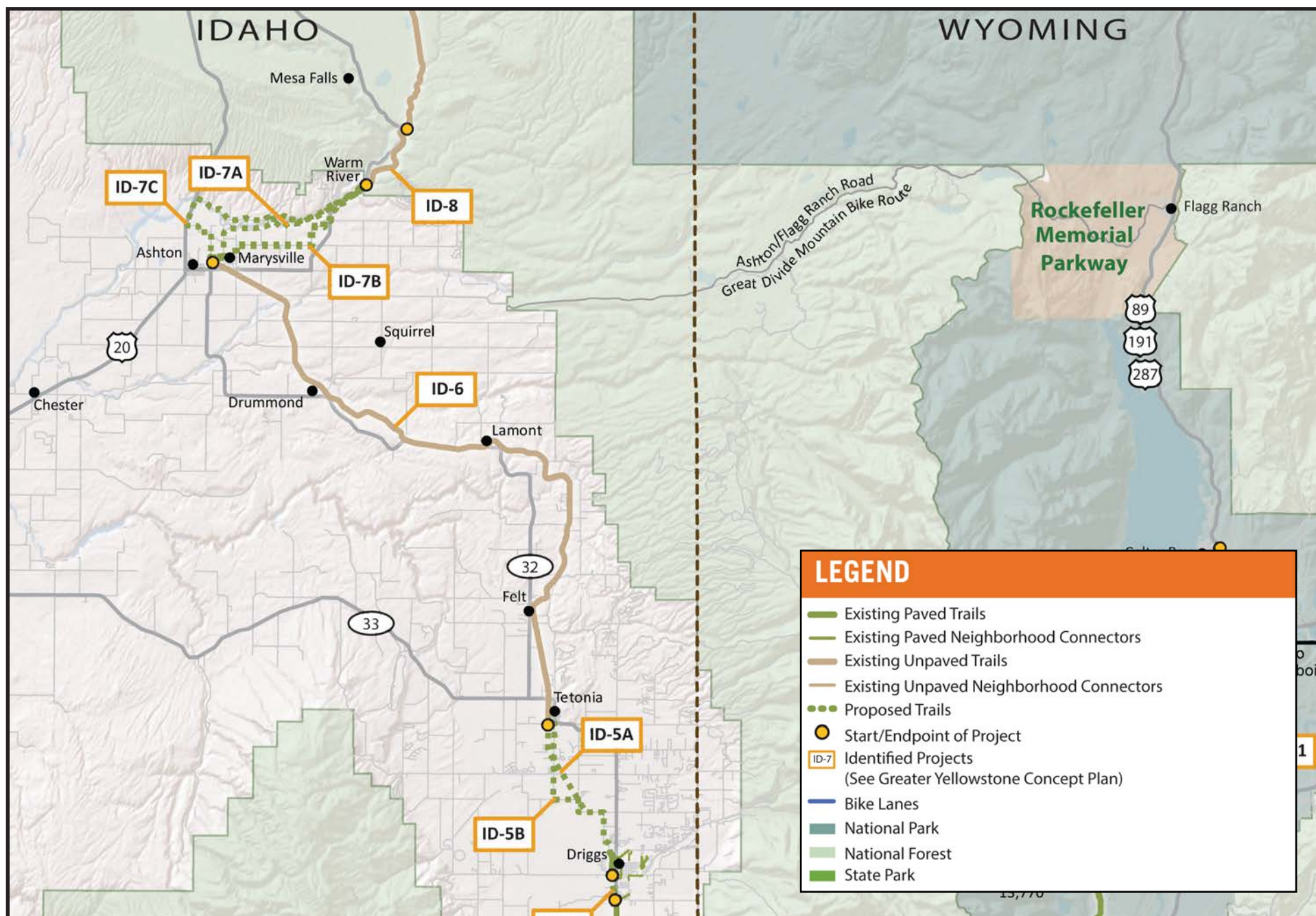


Legend highlights paved, unpaved, and proposed connections



Legend includes a numbered list of projects

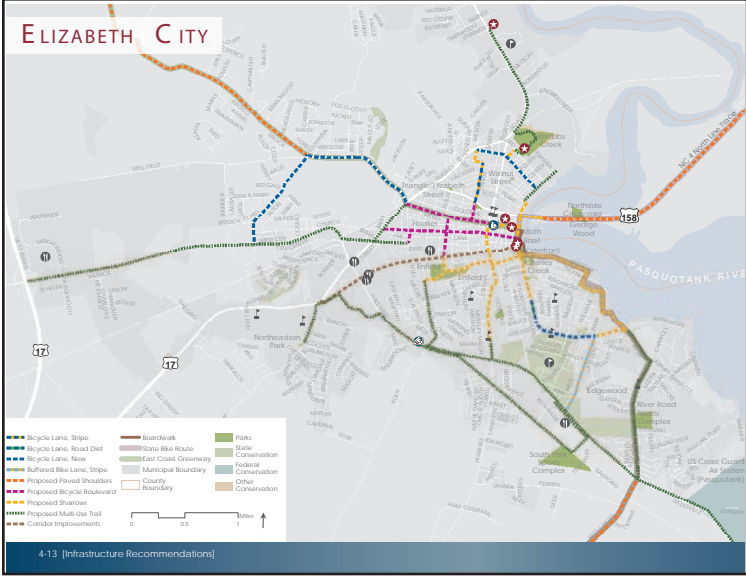




ALBEMARLE REGION, NC

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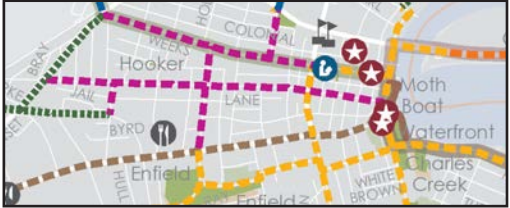
One of a series of additional local maps
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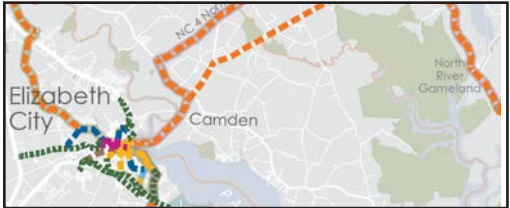
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Nearby maps show connections to community destinations

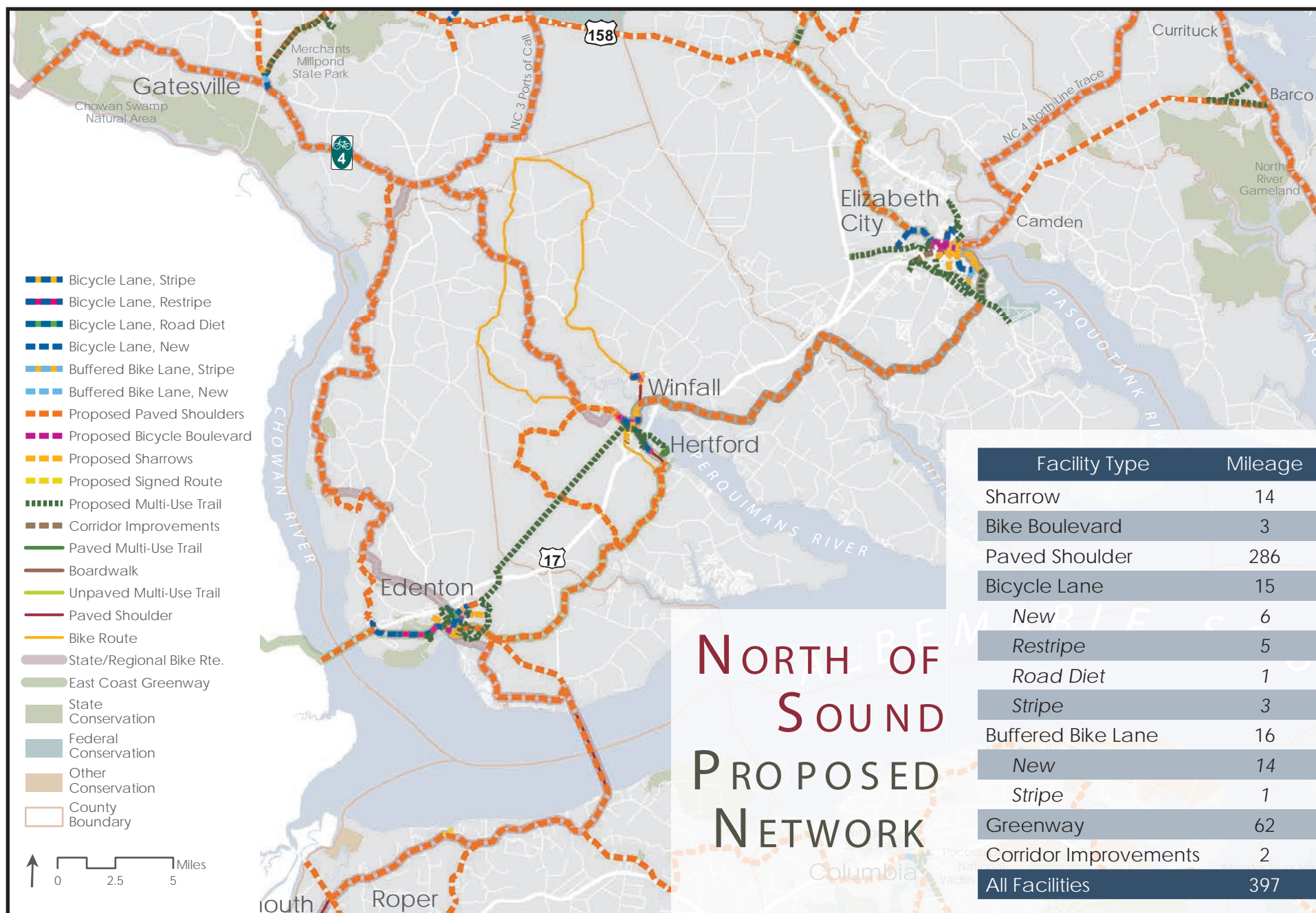


Highlights connections to State and Federal conservation lands



Includes the amount of mileage of each type of bike facility

| Facility Type | Mileage |
|----------------|---------|
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| Bike Boulevard | 3 |
| Paved Shoulder | 286 |
| Bicycle Lane | 15 |

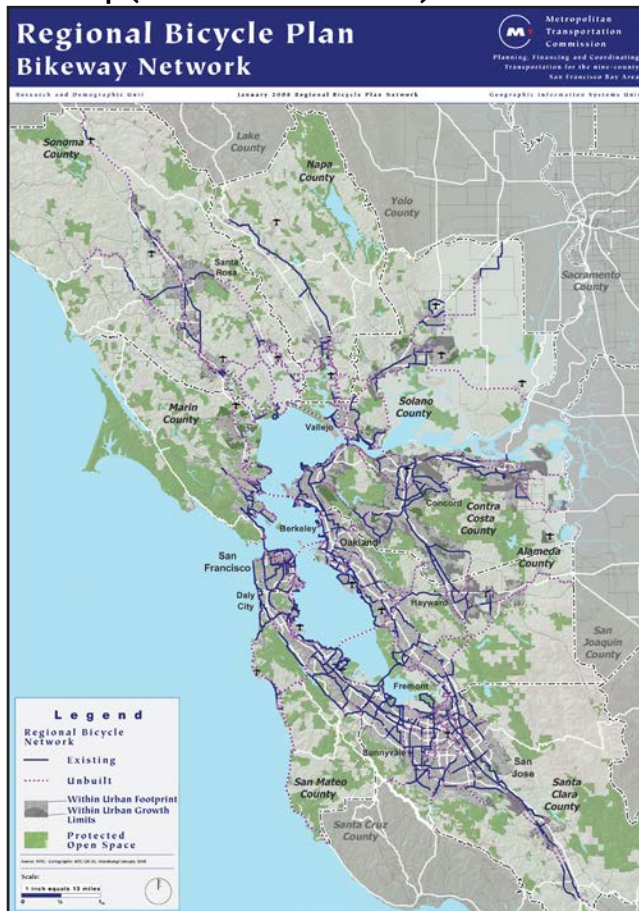


SAN FRANCISCO AREA, CA

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| SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA | 2008 | REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN NETWORK | METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION |

KEY MAP FEATURES

Full Map (Click to view full size)



Identifies existing and planned connections to protected open space

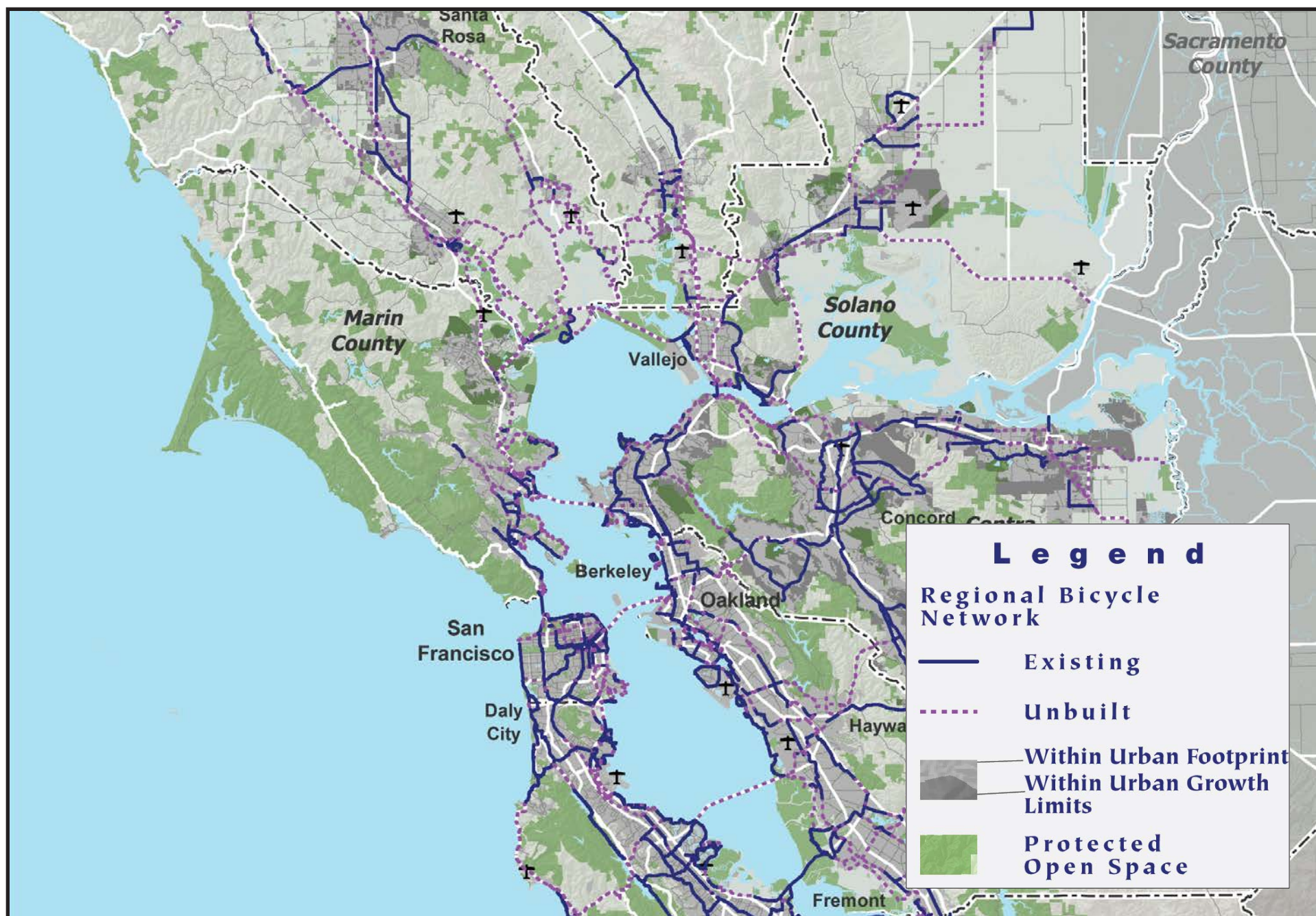


Differentiates between inside and outside the jurisdiction



Identifies Urban Growth Limits, an important regional land use concept





ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA

| LOCATION | YEAR | PUBLICATION | RESPONSIBLE AGENCY |
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| 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



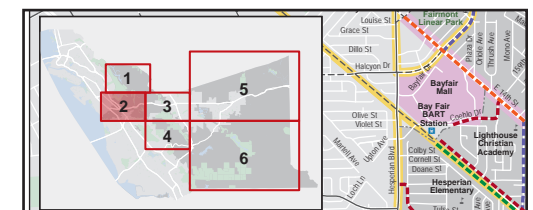
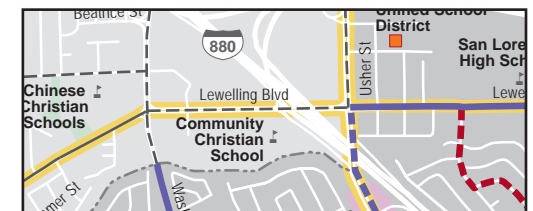
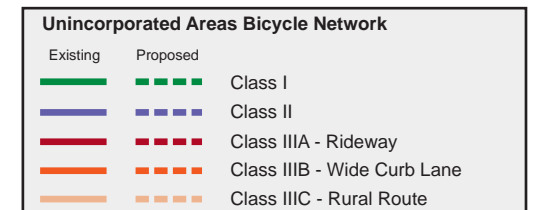
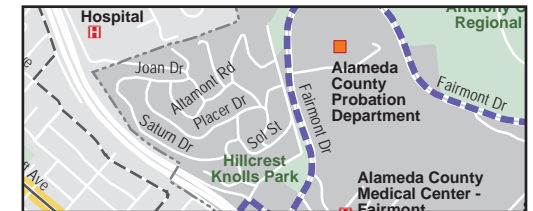
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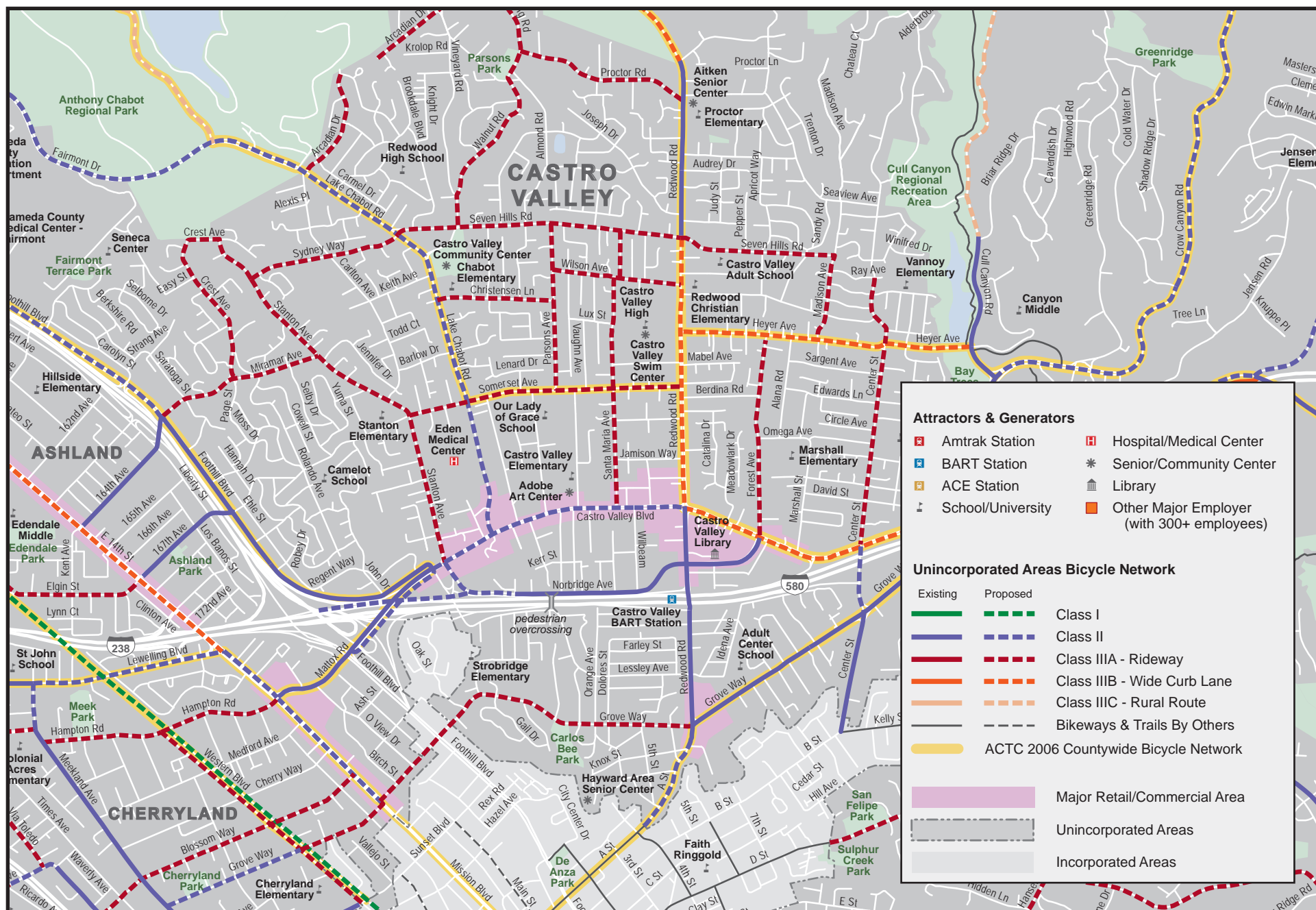


Identifies areas inside and outside the planning jurisdiction



Includes a key to each neighborhood map



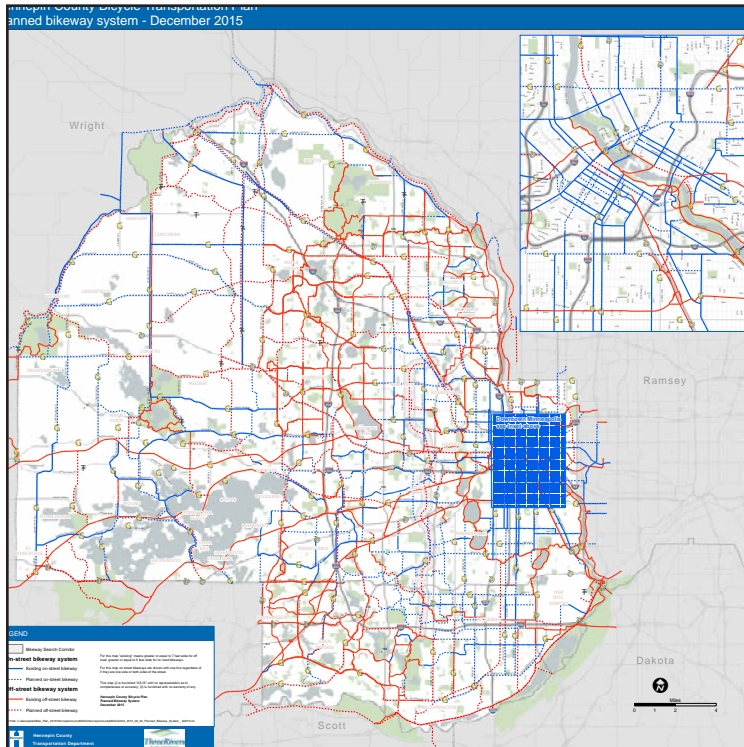


HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN

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| HENNEPIN COUNTY, MN | 2015 | HENNEPIN COUNTY BIKE PLAN | HENNEPIN COUNTY |

KEY MAP FEATURES

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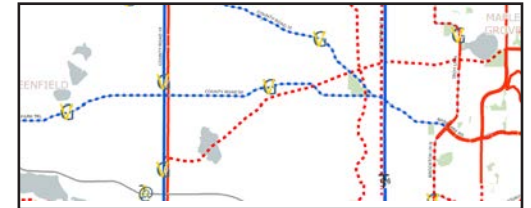
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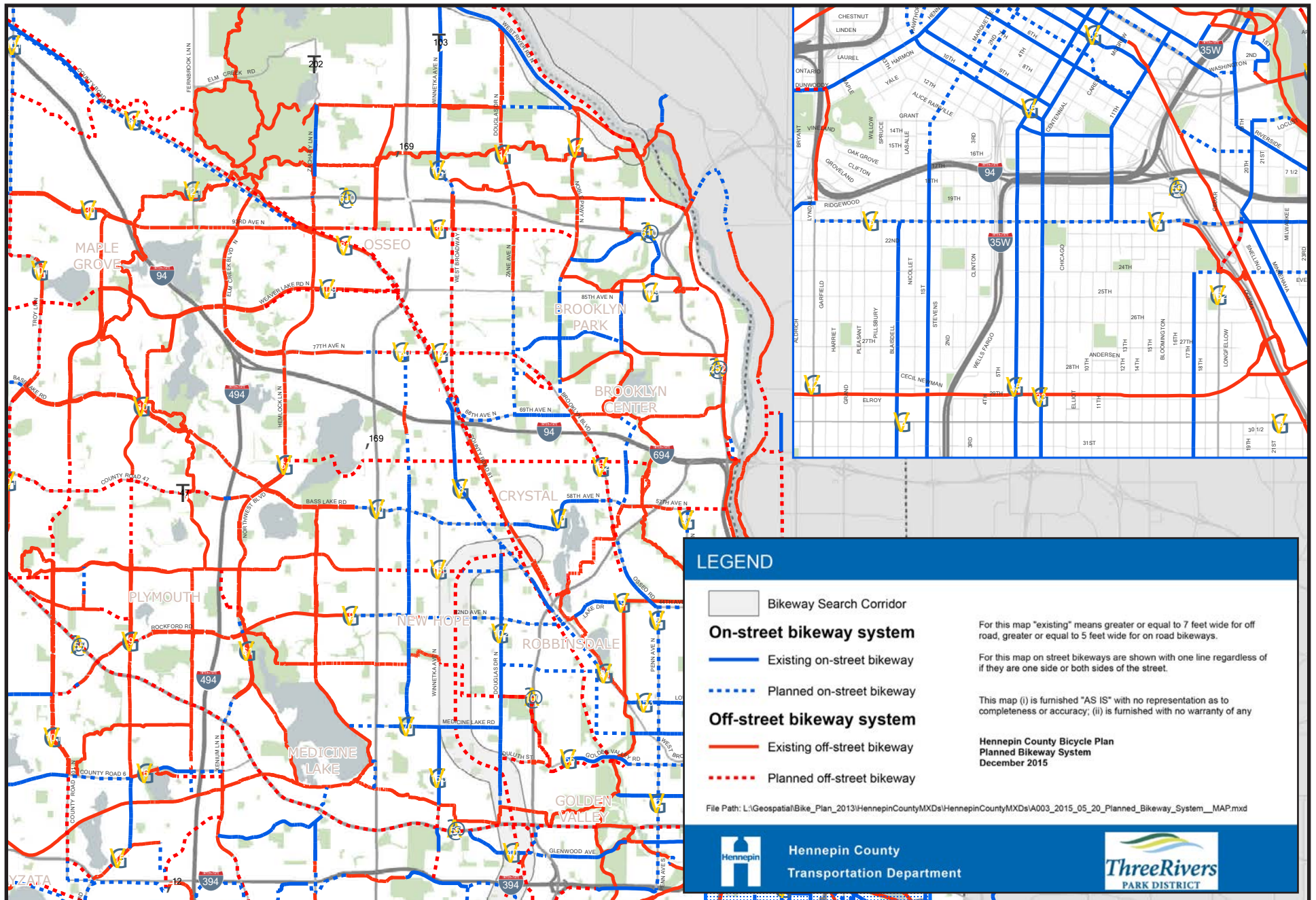


Map focuses on county and state roads. Local roads not shown to improve legibility.



Downtown area is shown in more detail for closer inspection



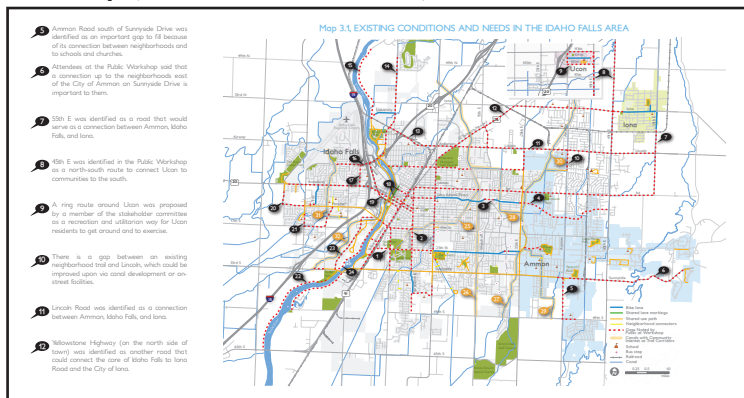


IDAHO FALLS, ID

| LOCATION | YEAR | PUBLICATION | RESPONSIBLE AGENCY |
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| 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



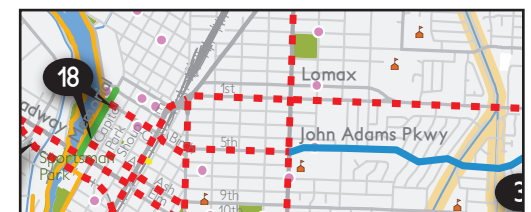
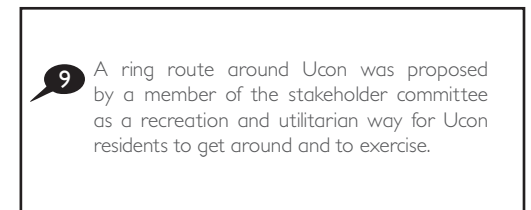
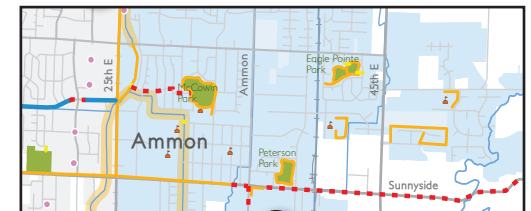
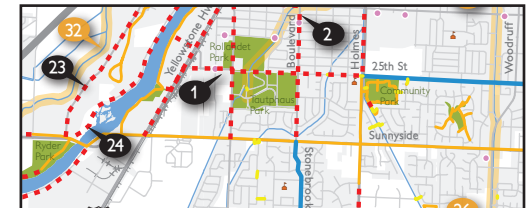
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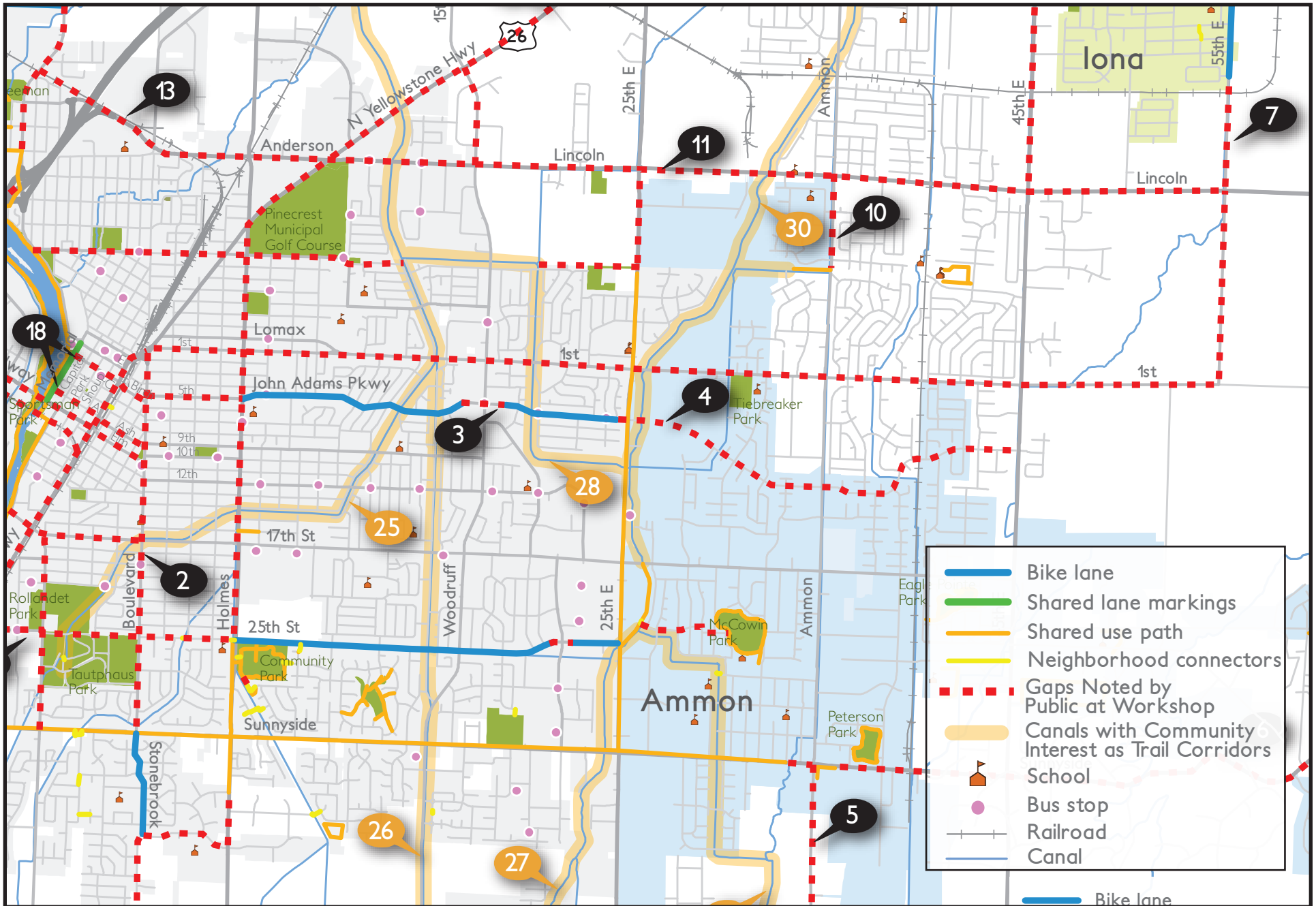


Community comment sidebar included



Notes gaps in the bikeway network



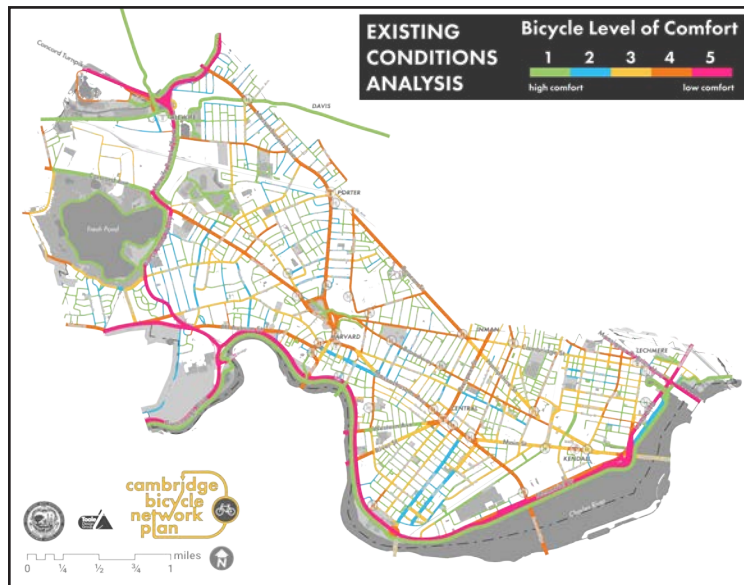


CAMBRIDGE, MA

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| CAMBRIDGE, MA | 2015 | INTERNAL PLANNING MAP | CITY OF CAMBRIDGE |

KEY MAP FEATURES

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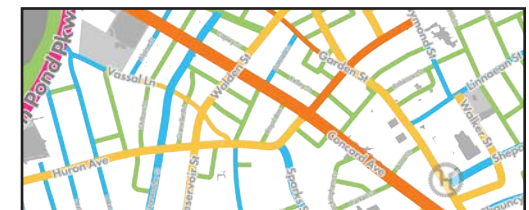
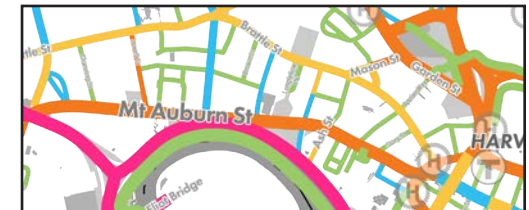
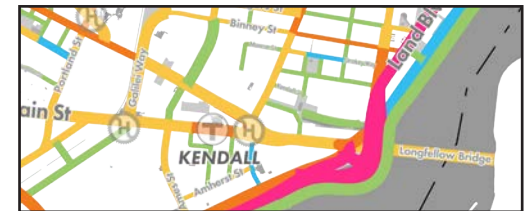
Identifies access points to transit hubs

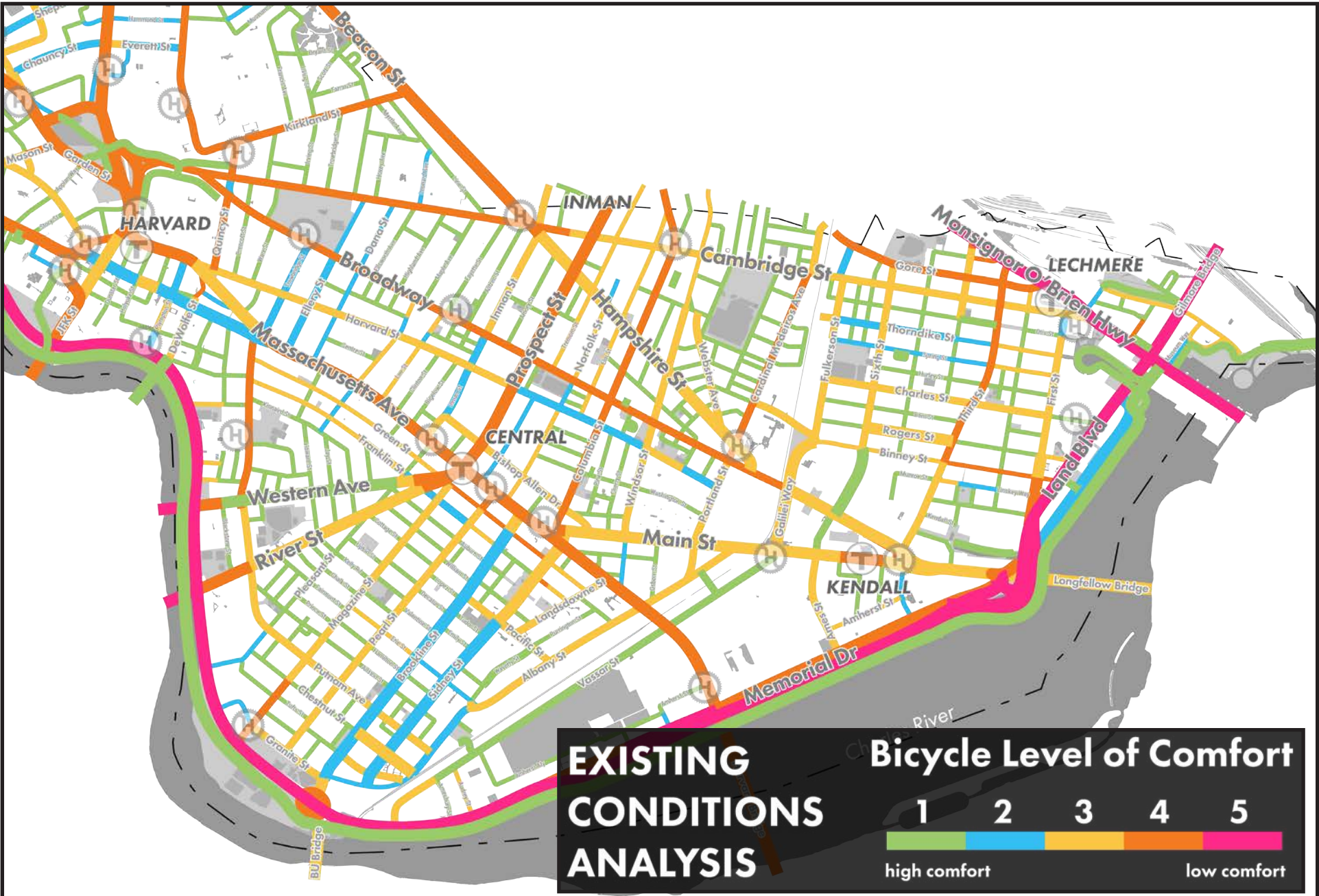


Bright and easily understandable color scheme



Highlights how low and high stress networks connect



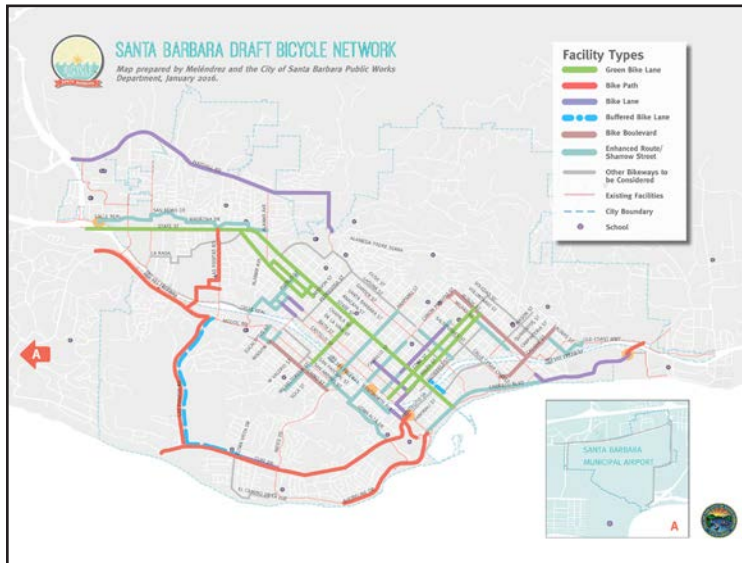


SANTA BARBARA, CA

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| SANTA BARBARA, CA | DRAFT 2016 | SANTA BARBARA BICYCLE MASTER PLAN | CITY OF SANTA BARBARA |

KEY MAP FEATURES

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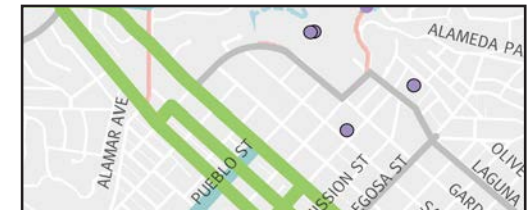
Vibrant color palette while maintaining legibility

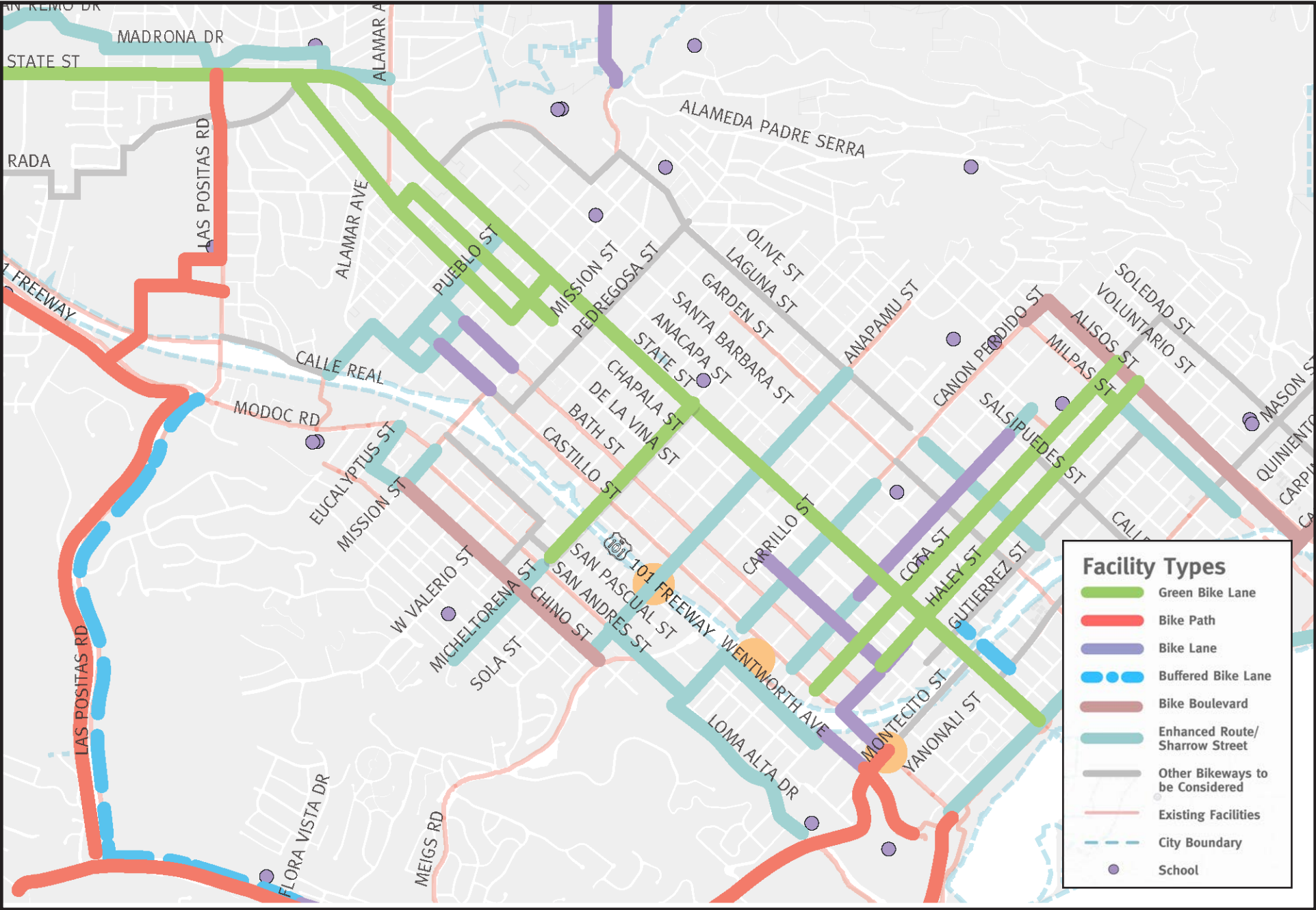


Shows alternate bikeways that were considered



Clearly symbolizes two facilities on the same road



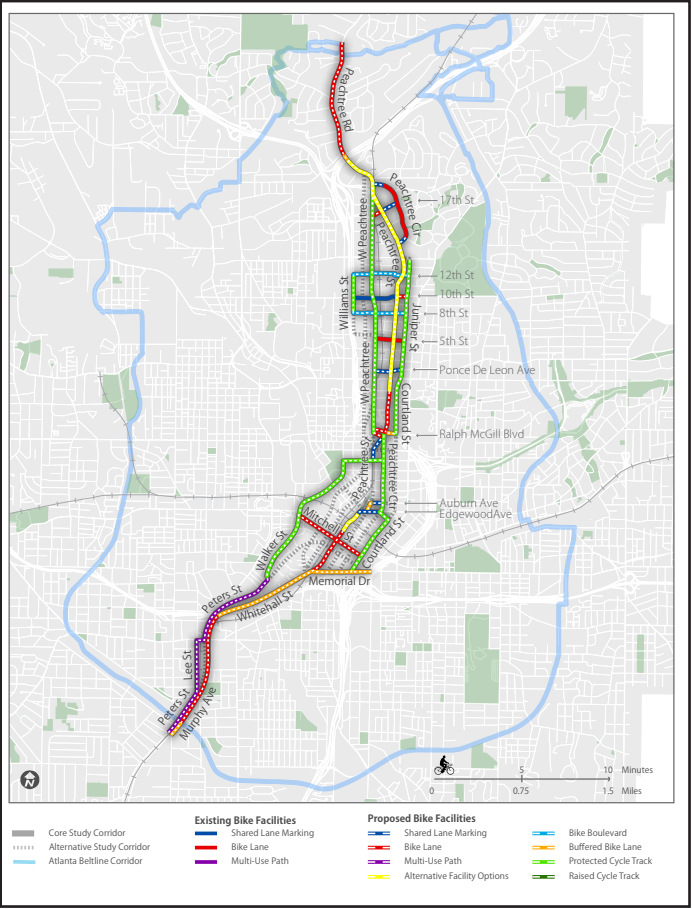


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KEY MAP FEATURES

Full Map (Click to view full size)



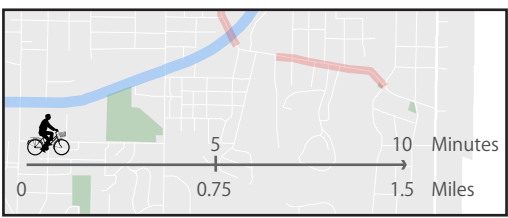
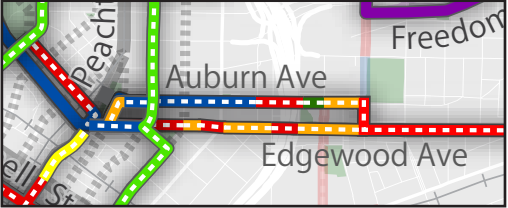
Highlights corridors and transitions between facility types

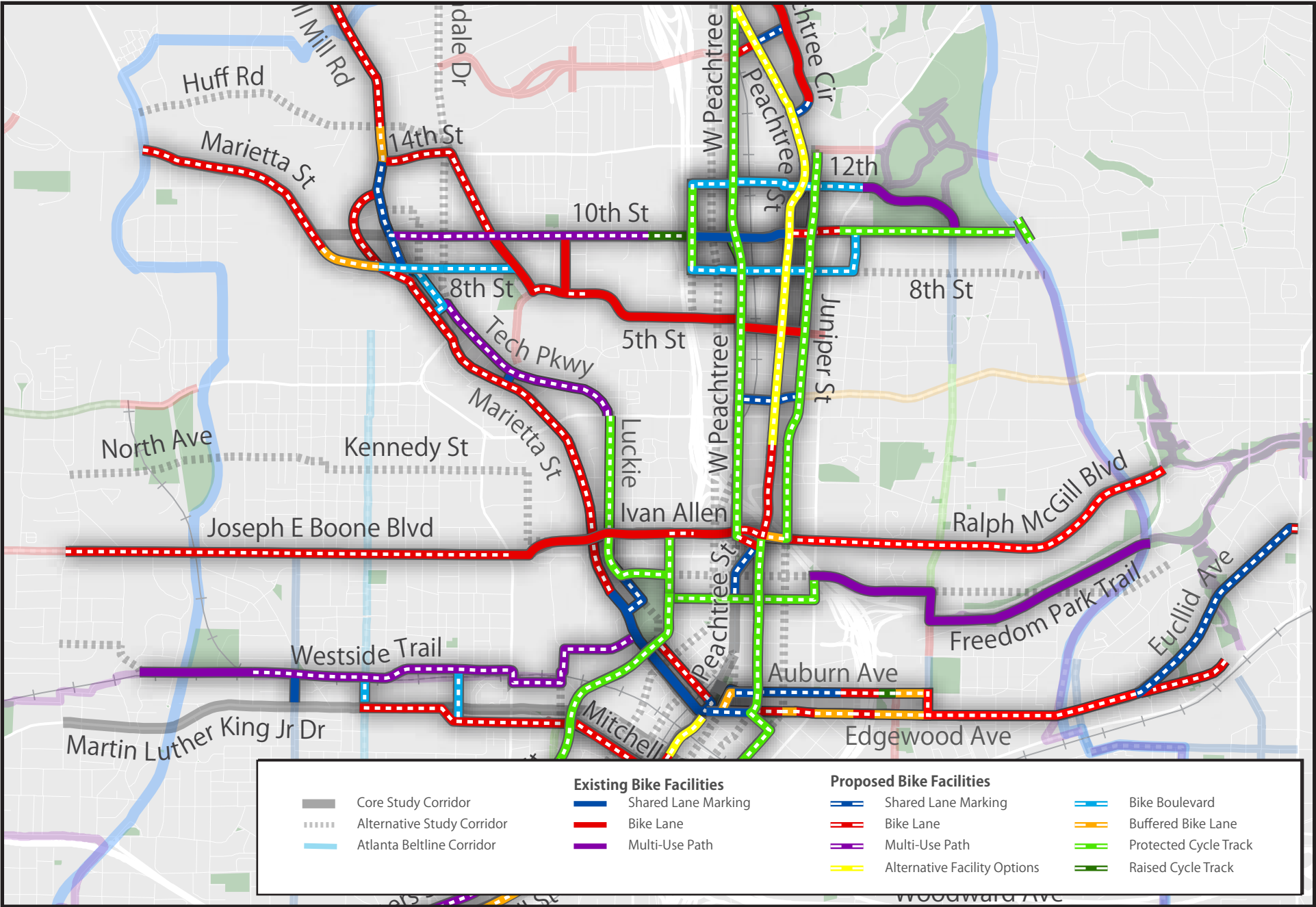


Unique line convention for proposed facilities



Scale communicates to user how long travel will take



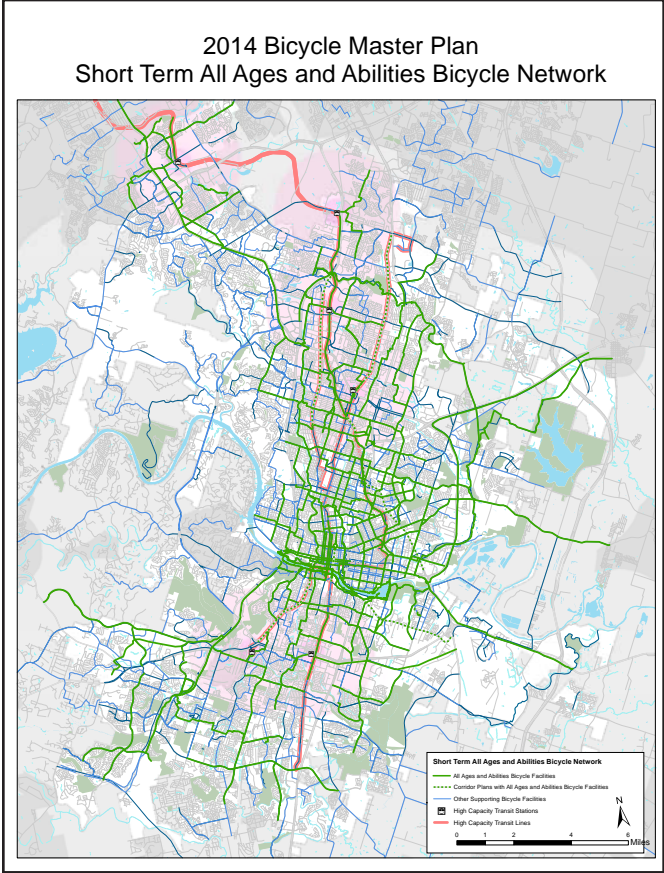


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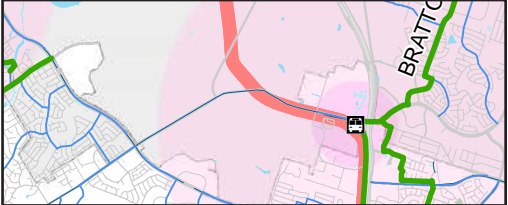
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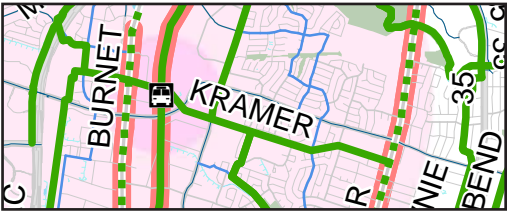
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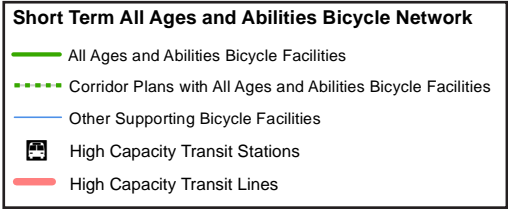
Highlights connections to high capacity transit stations and lines

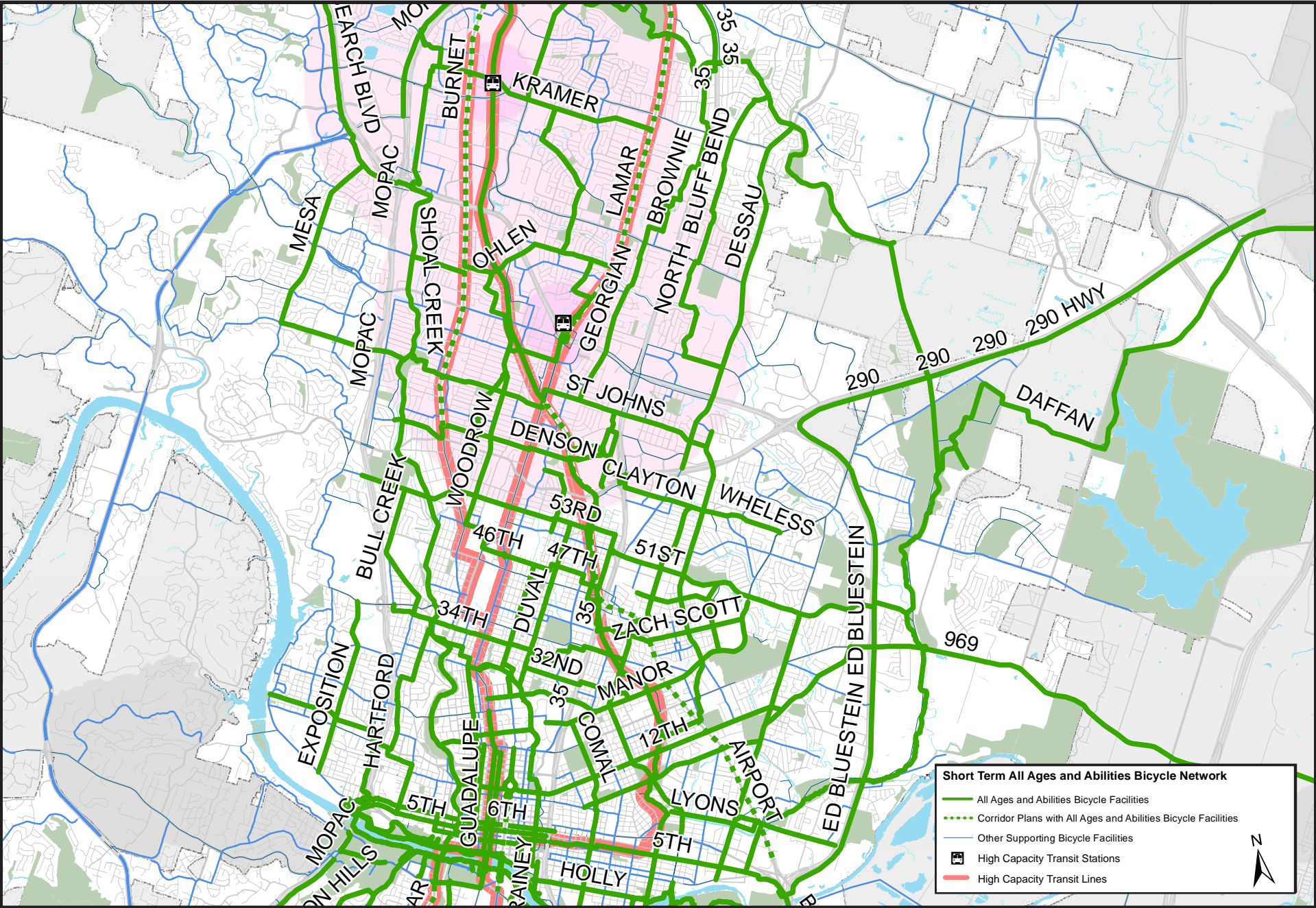


Highlights 'all ages and abilities' network



Denotes facilities from corridor plans



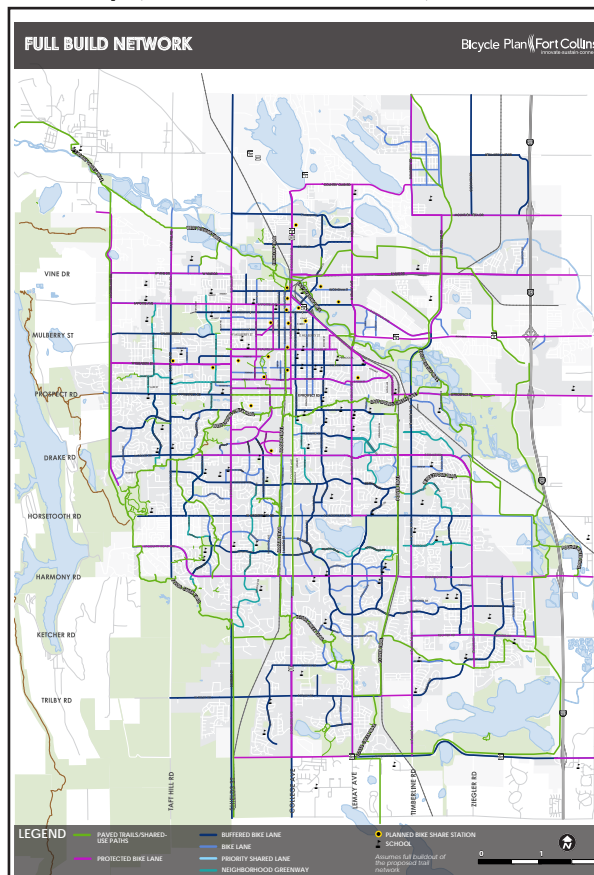


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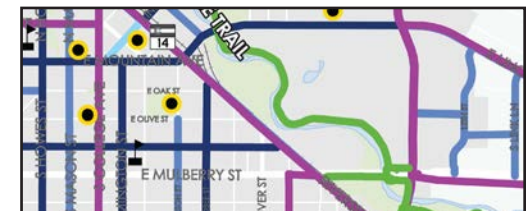
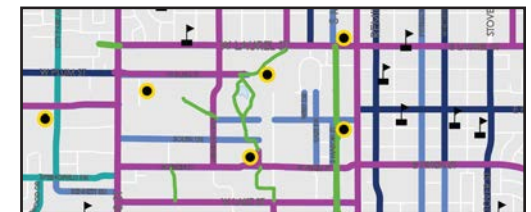
Simple symbology and color scheme



Shows planned bike share stations



Lower stress facilities more visible

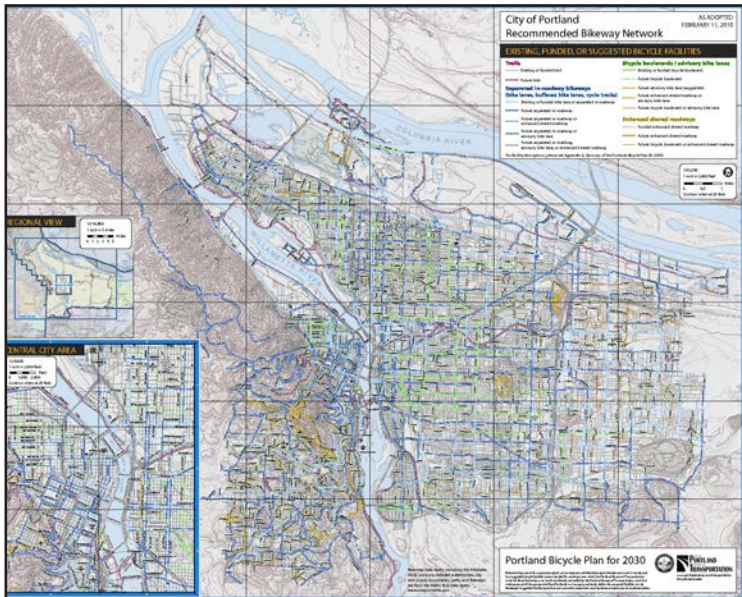


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| PORTLAND, OR | 2010 | CITY OF PORTLAND BICYCLE PLAN FOR 2030 | CITY OF PORTLAND |

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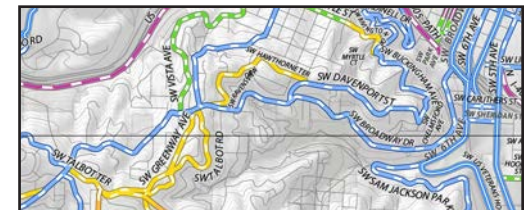
Highlights connections to regional trails and parks

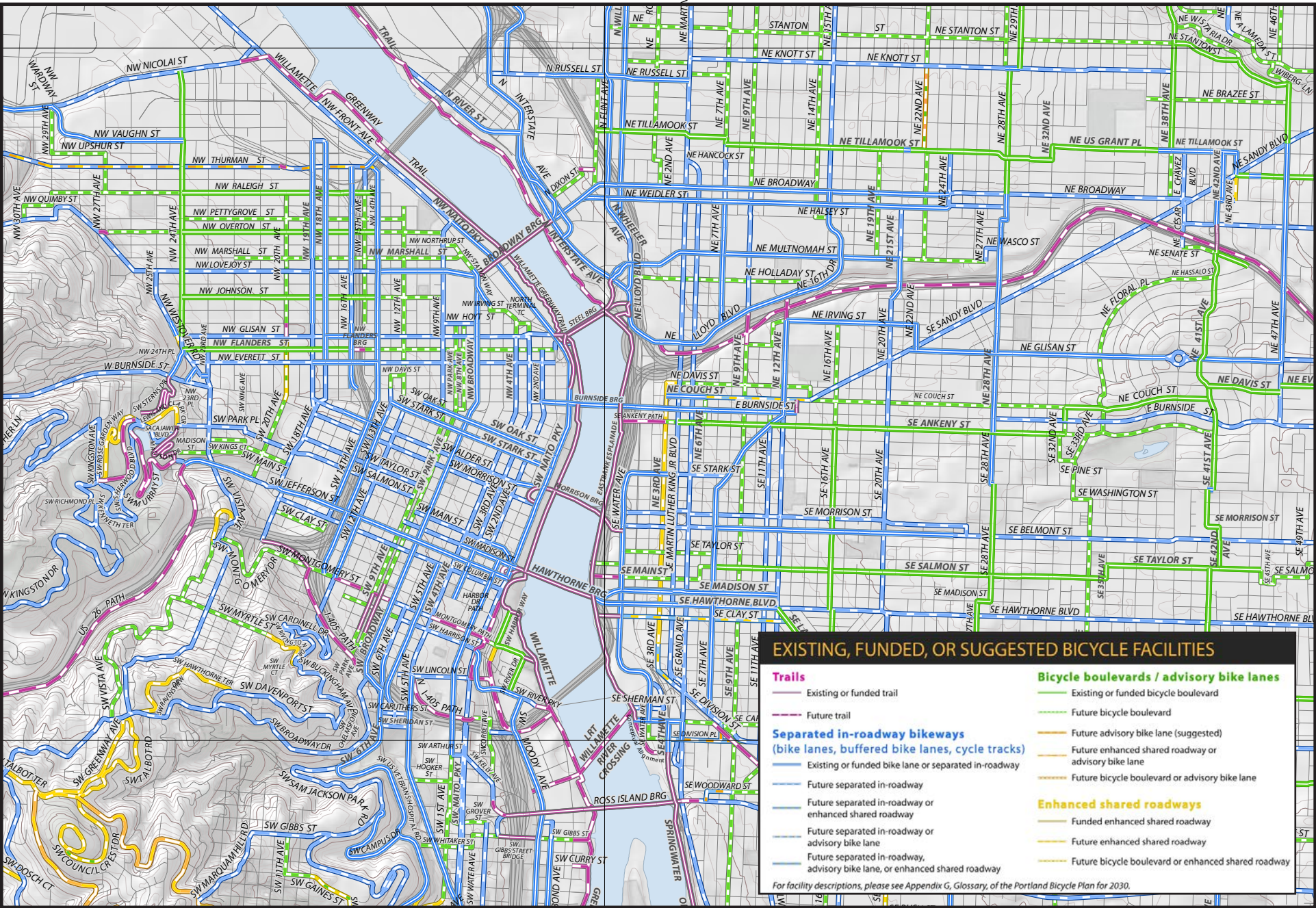


Identifies both 'existing and funded' and 'planned' bike routes



Shows elevation change



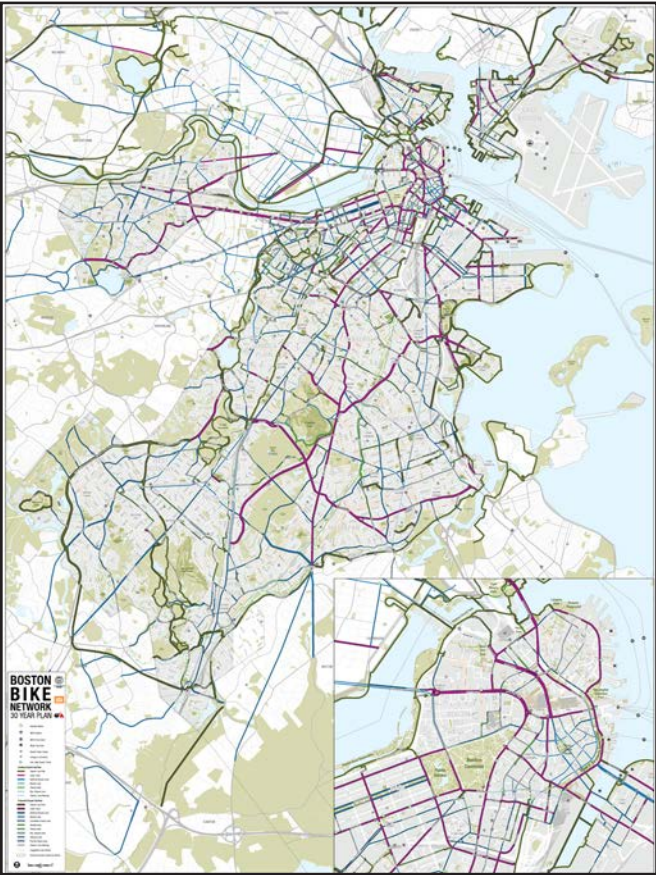


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| BOSTON, MA | 2015 | BOSTON BIKE NETWORK PLAN | BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION |

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



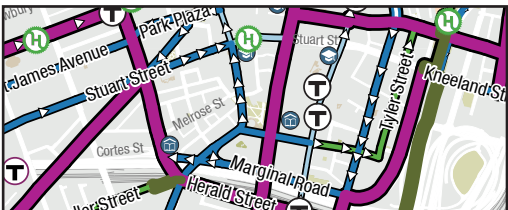
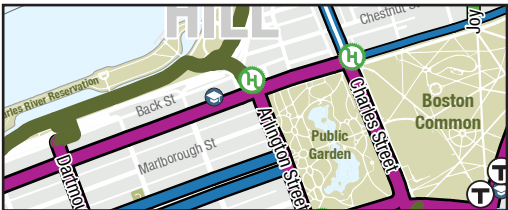
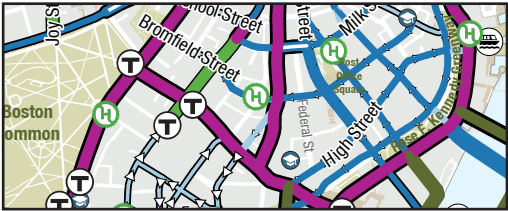
Shared use paths is similar to the color used for parks to indicate low-stress

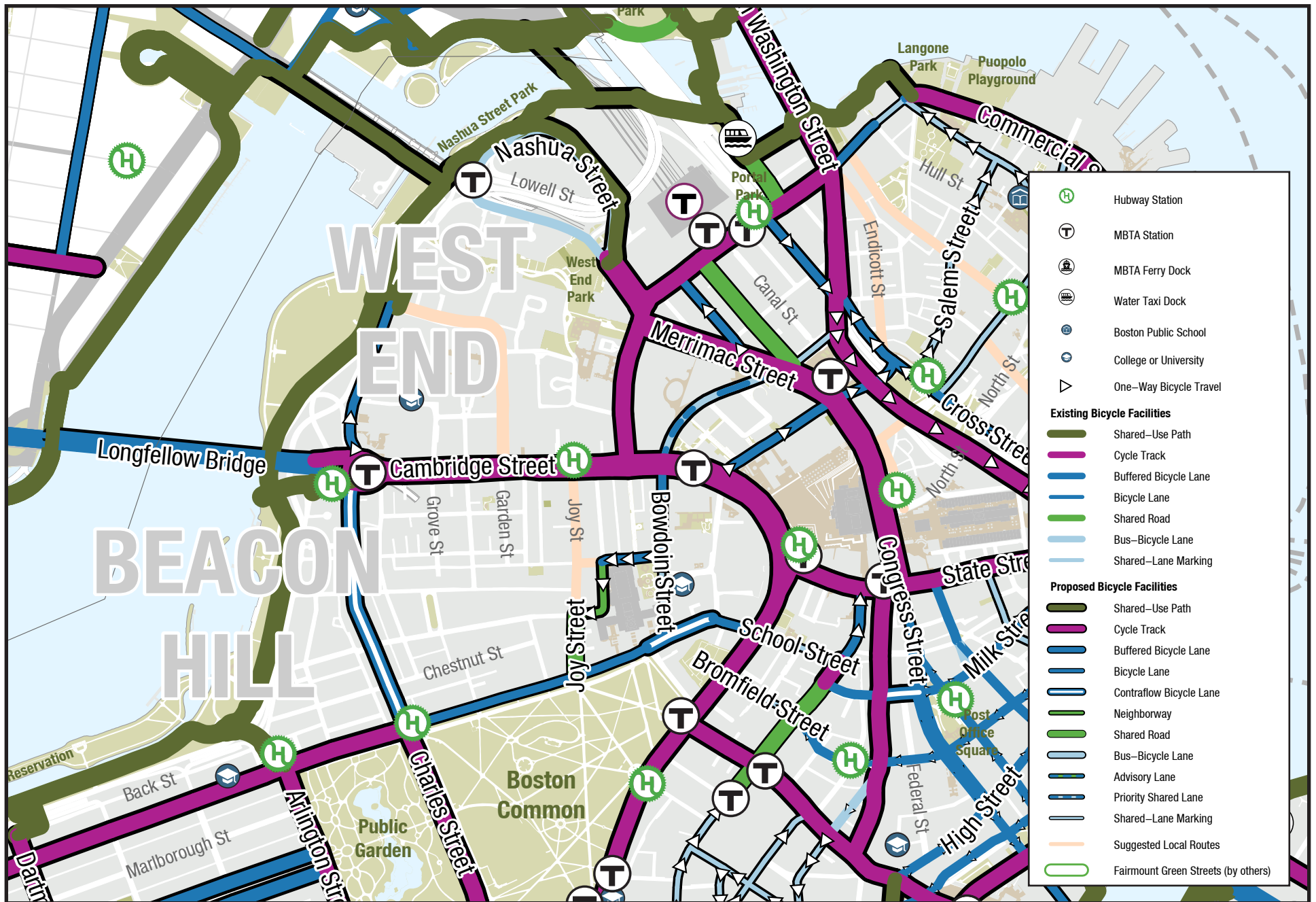


A dominant color is used for cycle tracks, emphasizing the high comfort level this facility type provides



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



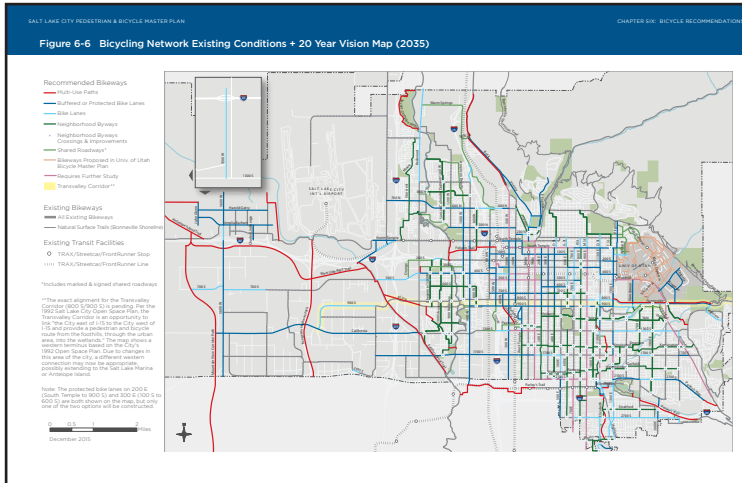


SALT LAKE CITY, UT

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| SALT LAKE CITY, UT | 2015 | SALT LAKE CITY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN | SALT LAKE CITY |

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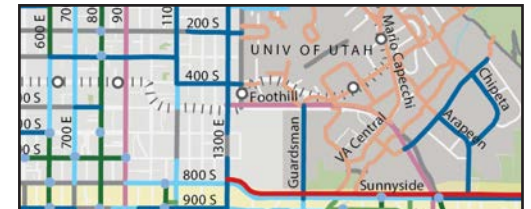
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Shows connections to transit lines and stops

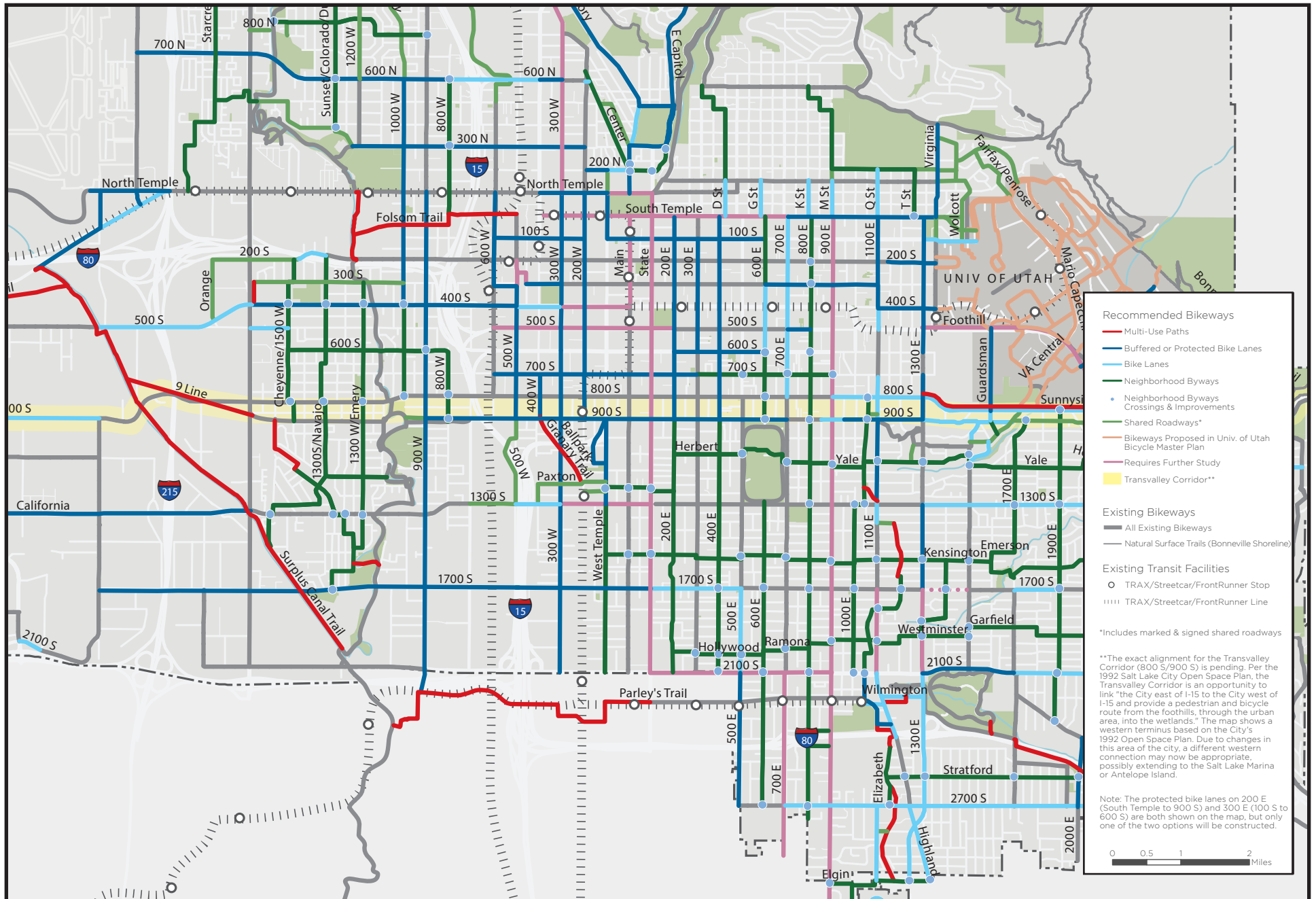


Highlights a university campus master plan



Highlights the Transvalley corridor, a planned future investment



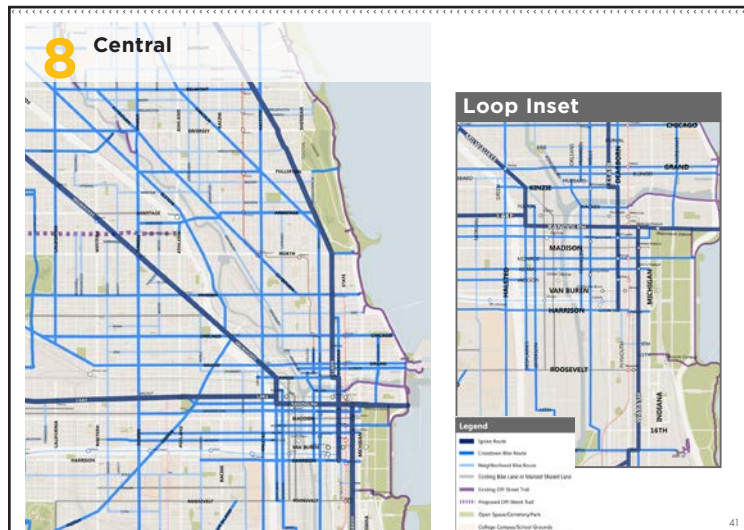


CHICAGO, IL

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| CHICAGO, IL | 2012 | CHICAGO STREETS FOR CYCLING 2020 | CITY OF CHICAGO |

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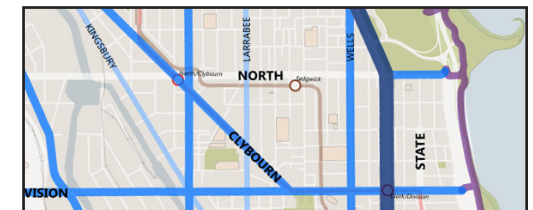
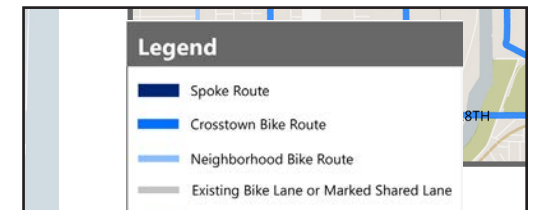
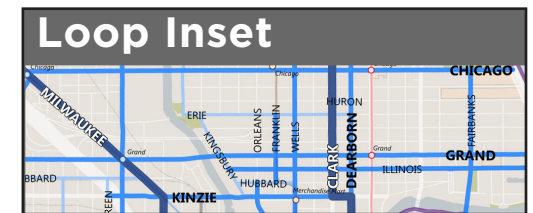
Inset map provides additional information about important area



Route hierarchy shown using line thickness and color saturation



Shows connections to network of off-street trails

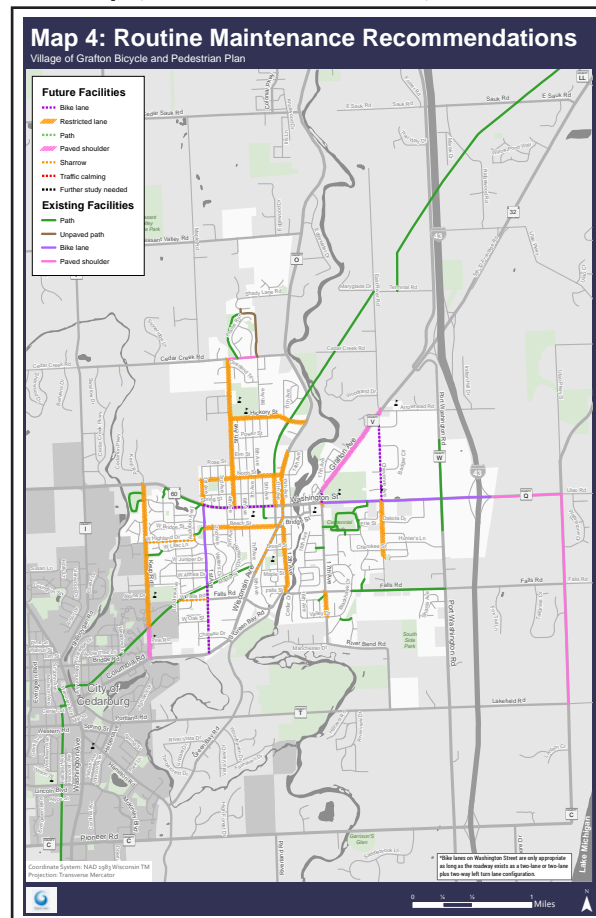


GRAFTON, WI

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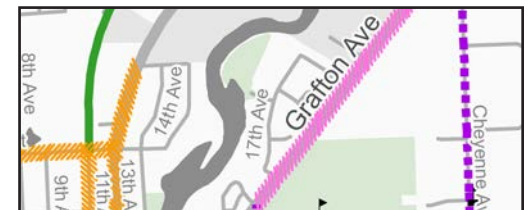
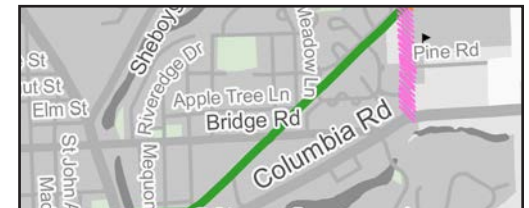
Shows ‘restricted lanes,’ a unique facility where bicyclists share a lane with parking and right-turning vehicles

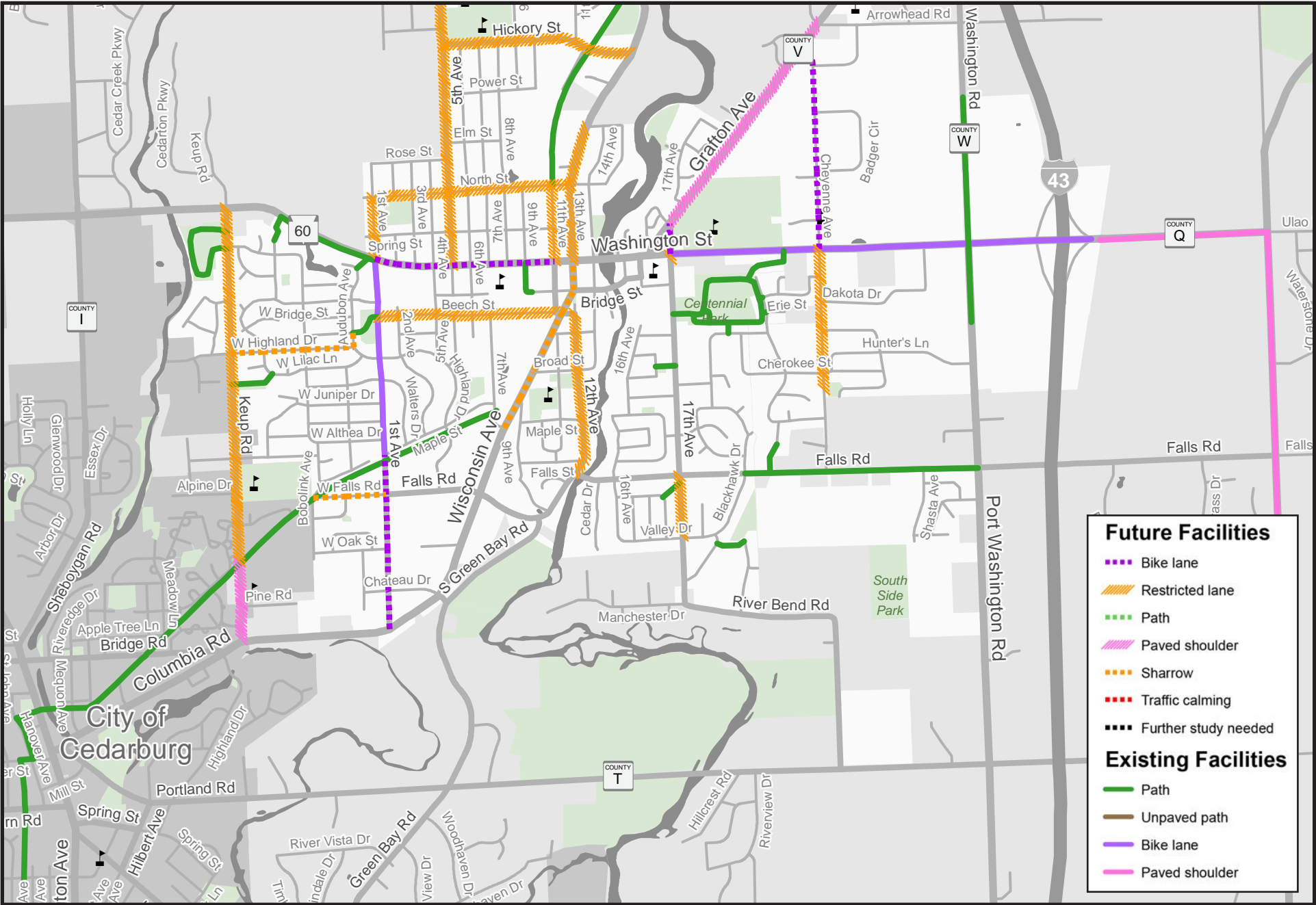


Highlights future and existing paved shoulders, an important bike facility in more rural communities



Highlights streets keyed for future traffic calming



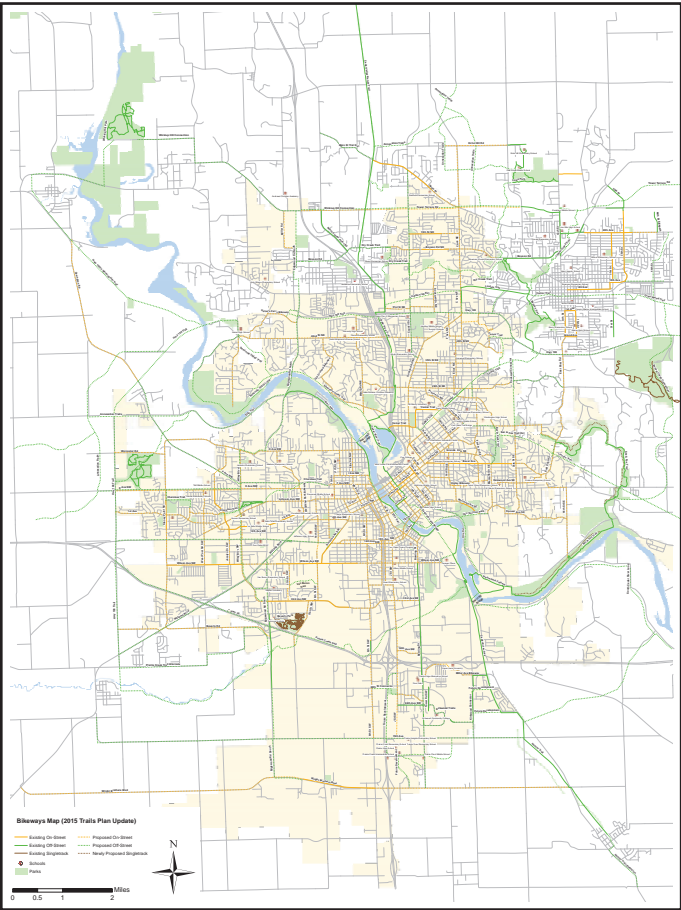


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| CEDAR RAPIDS, IA | 2015 | CEDAR RAPIDS COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLAN | CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION |

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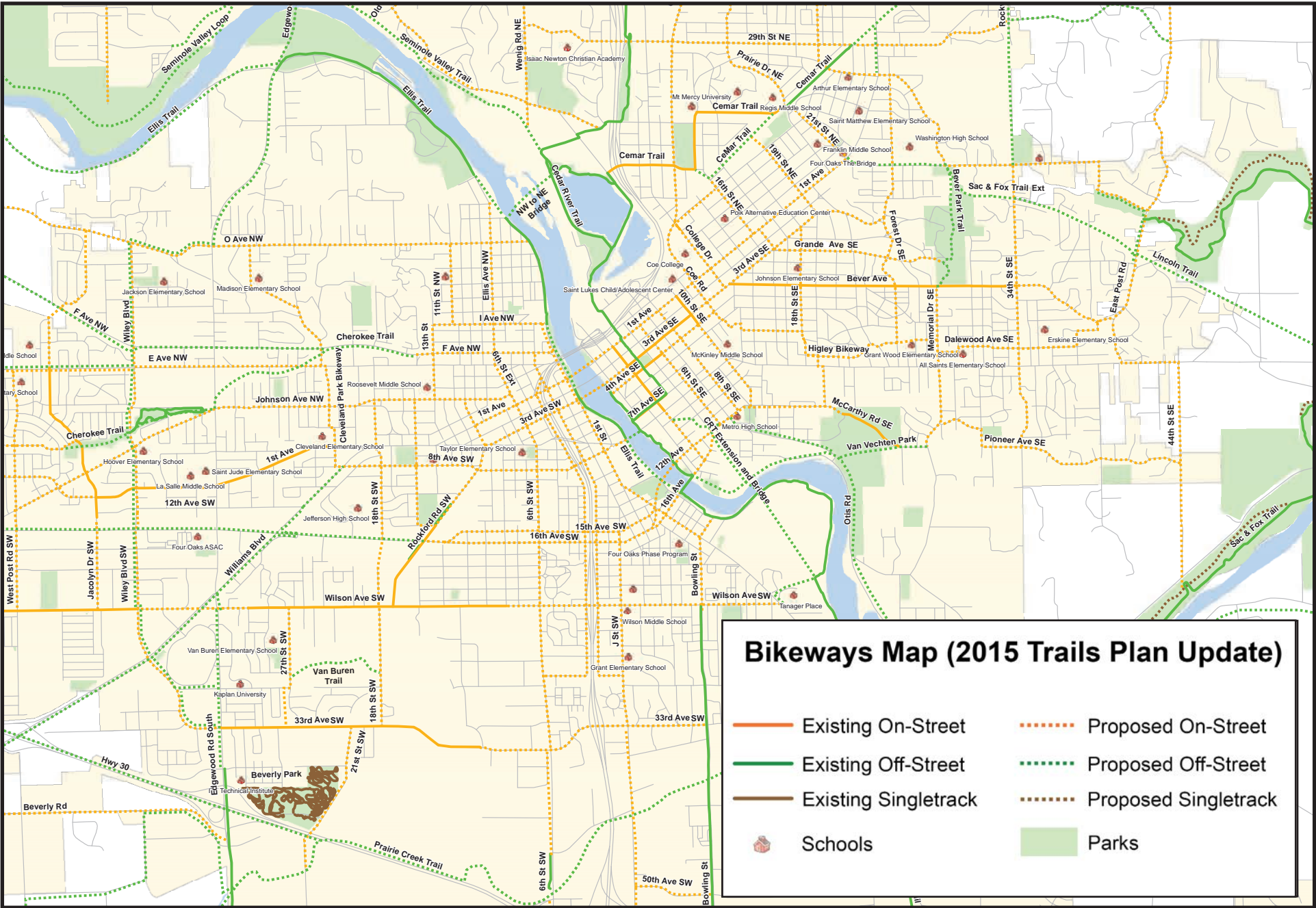


Highlights nearby jurisdictions



Includes flexible facility typologies





Bikeways Map (2015 Trails Plan Update)

| | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | Existing On-Street | | Proposed On-Street |
| | Existing Off-Street | | Proposed Off-Street |
| | Existing Singletrack | | Proposed Singletrack |
| | Schools | | Parks |

SEATTLE, WA

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

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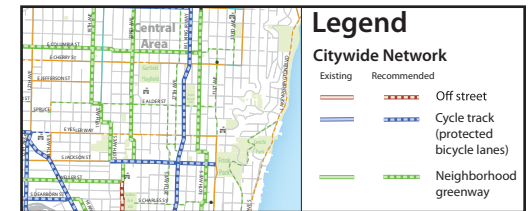
Unique symbology for proposed facilities

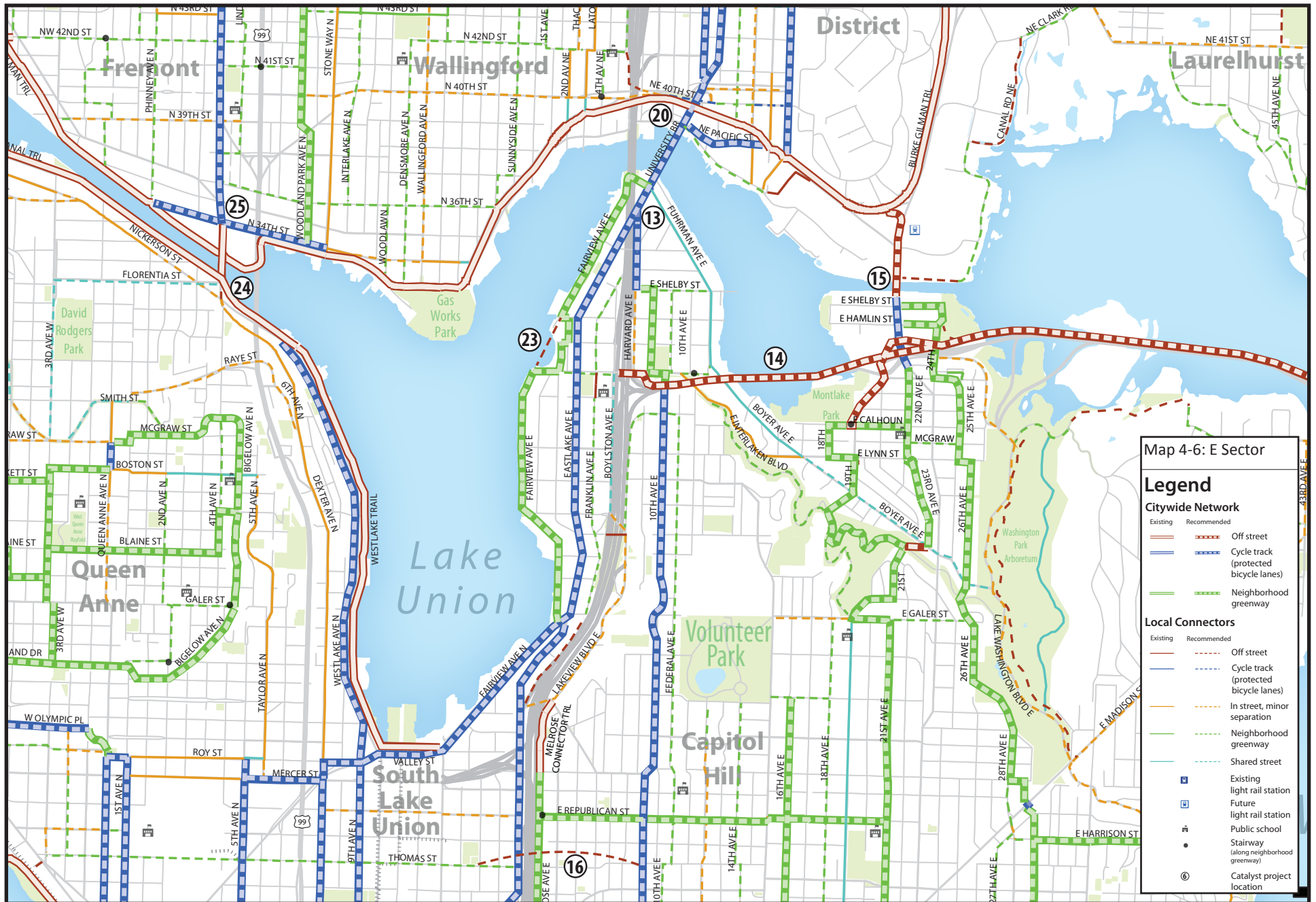


Recommendation hierarchy delineated by line weight



Neighborhood names highlighted to orient users



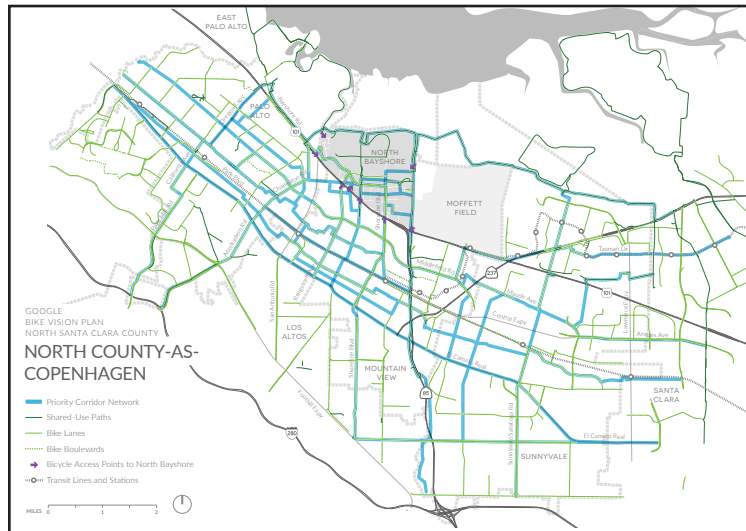


NORTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CA

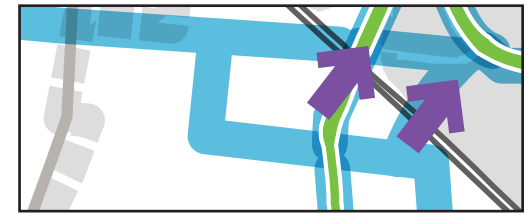
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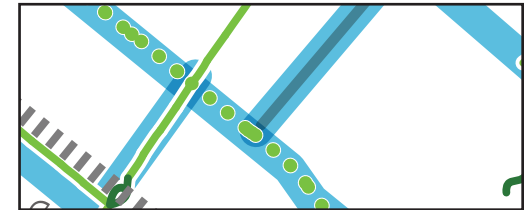
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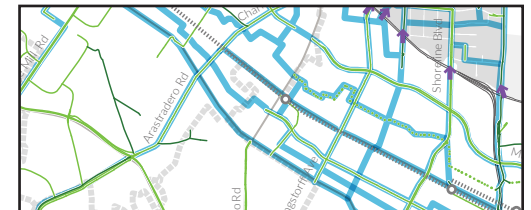
Identifies bike access points to Google's North Bayshore campus

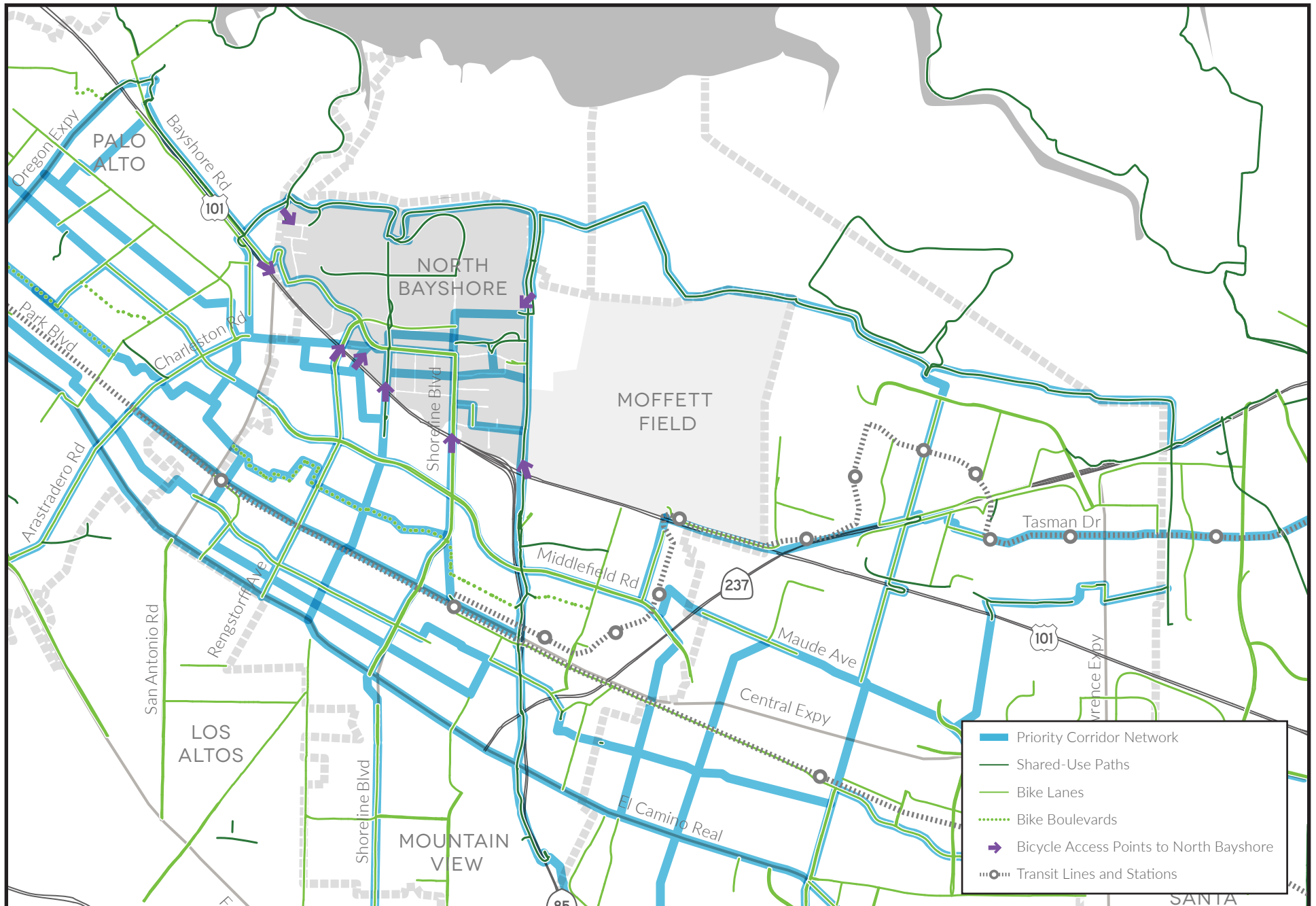


Different line weights allow for layered information



Clear color scheme and organization



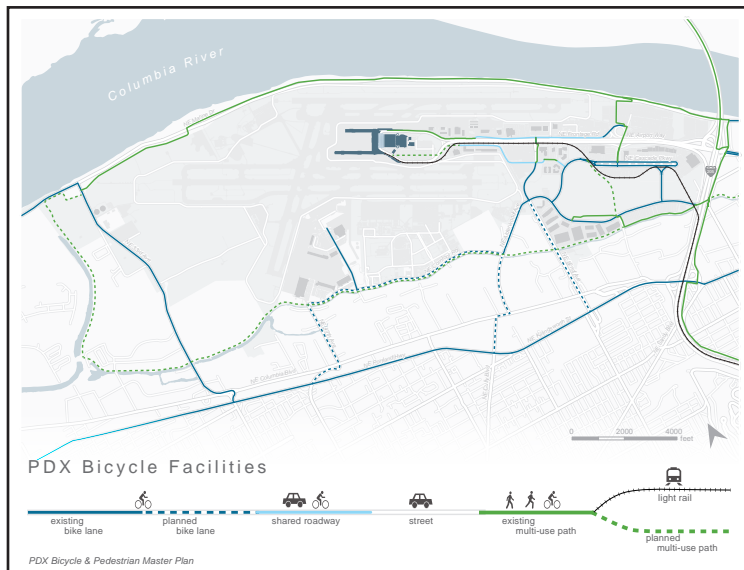


PORT OF PORTLAND, OR

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

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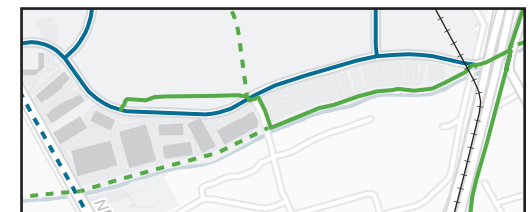
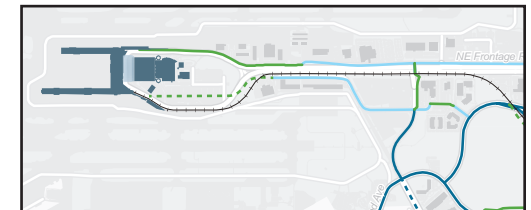
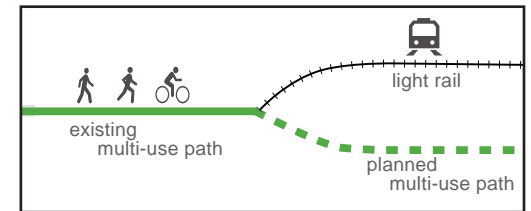
Legend integrates facility types with user types

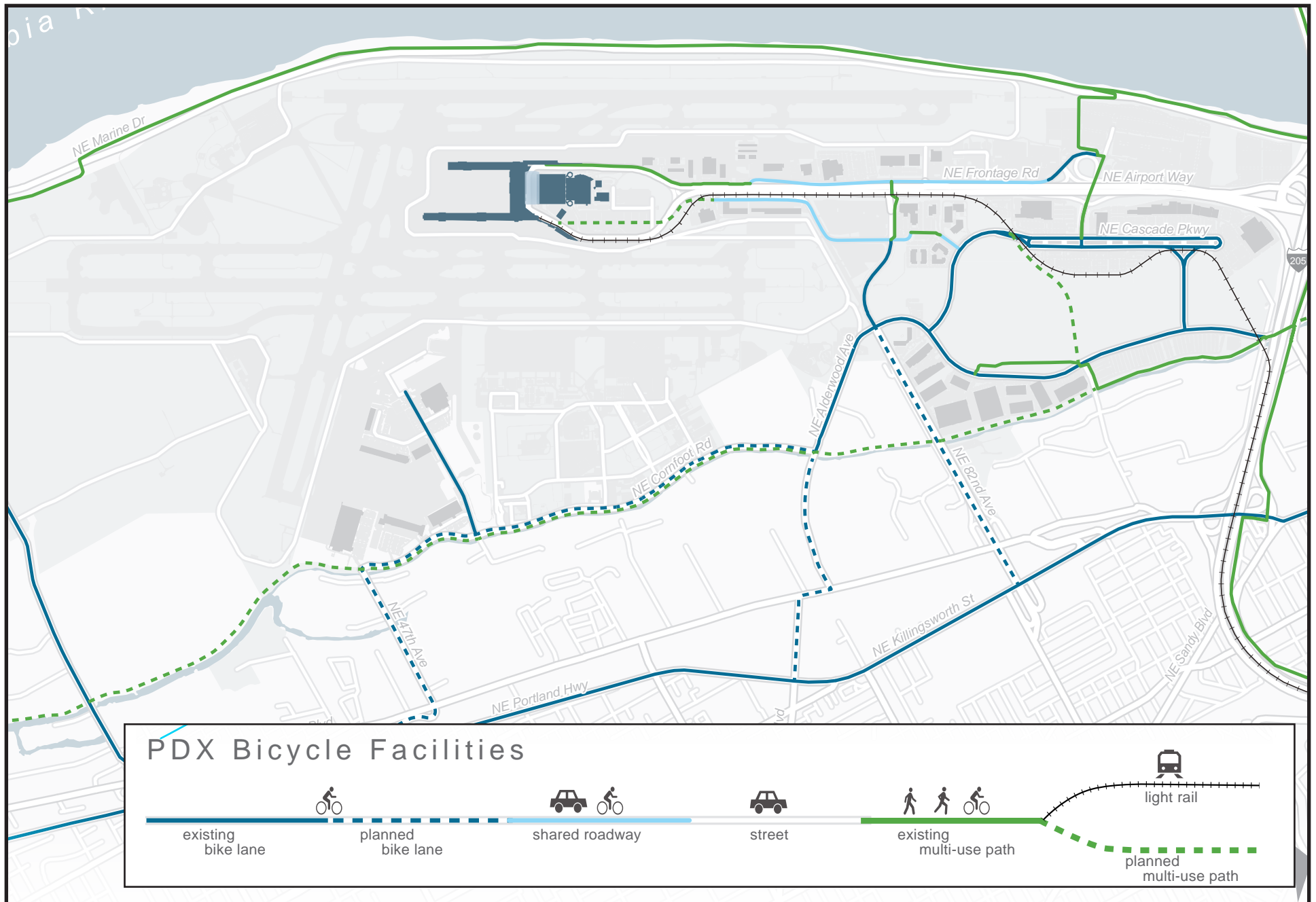


Simple color palette and contextual background layers including buildings and waterways



Highlights connections to citywide bike network and other multimodal options



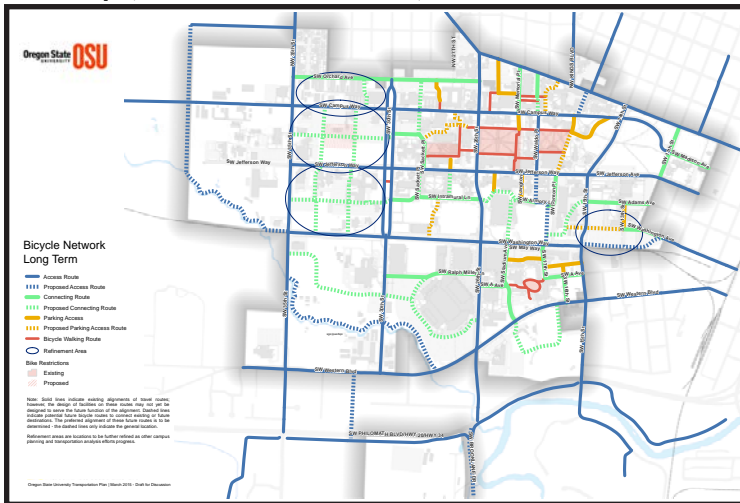


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| CORVALLIS, OR | 2015 | OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN | OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY |

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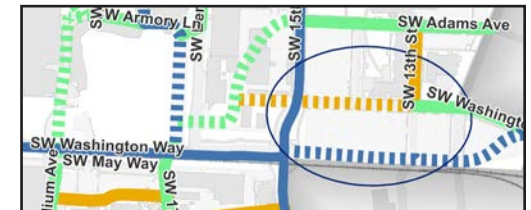
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Highlights dismount zones



Identifies areas for further refinement



Highlights bicycle parking access routes



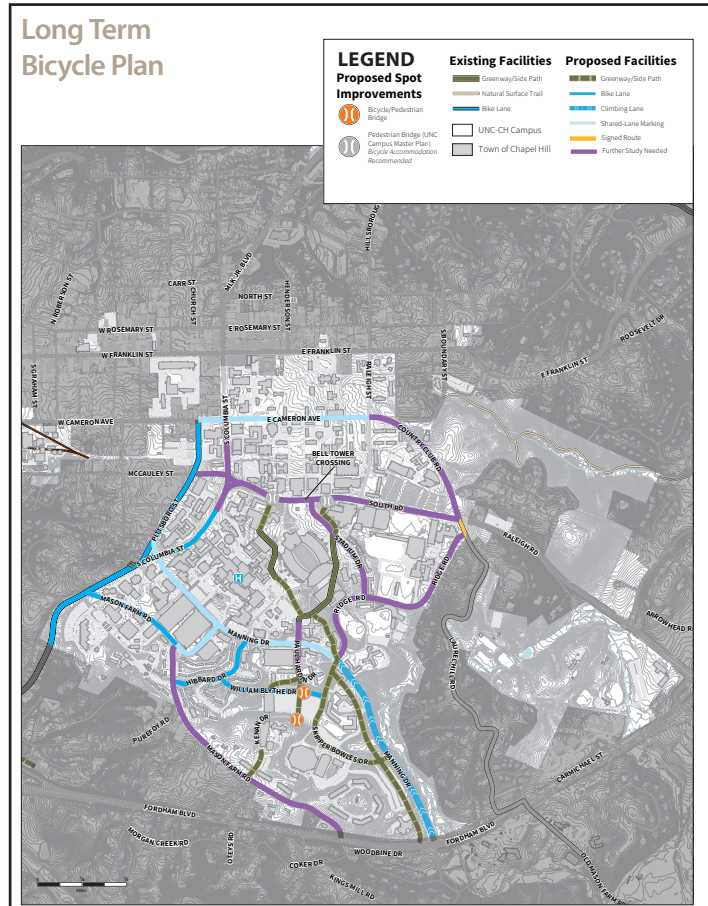


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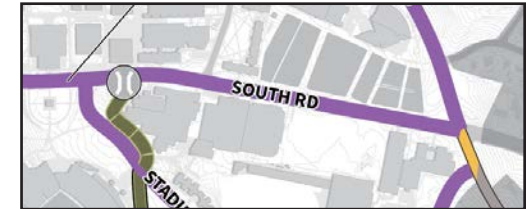
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| CHAPEL HILL, NC | 2014 | UNC CHAPEL HILL BIKE MASTER PLAN | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA |

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Shows recommended bridges with clean icons

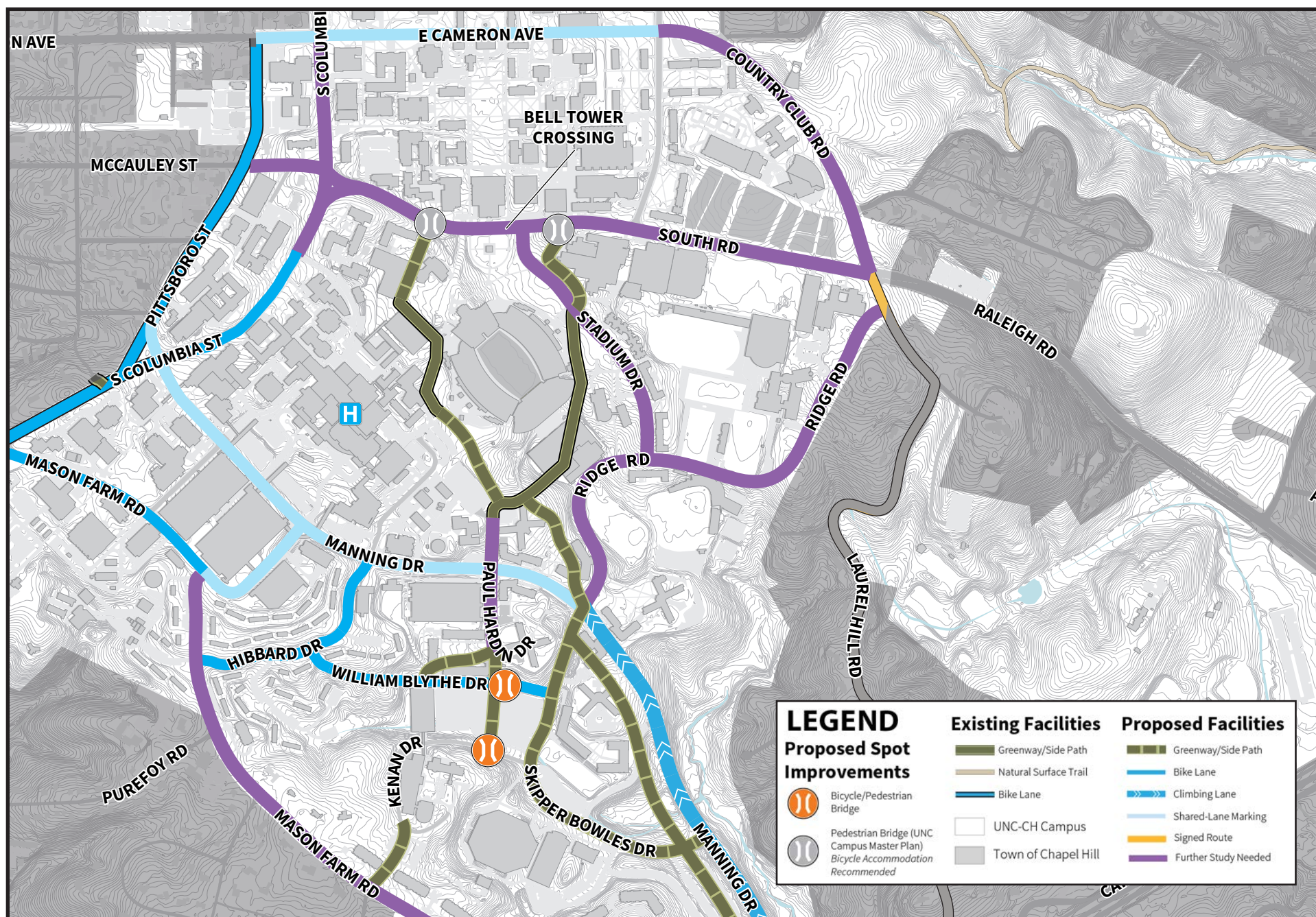


Clever symbology for climbing lanes



Shows greenways





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.

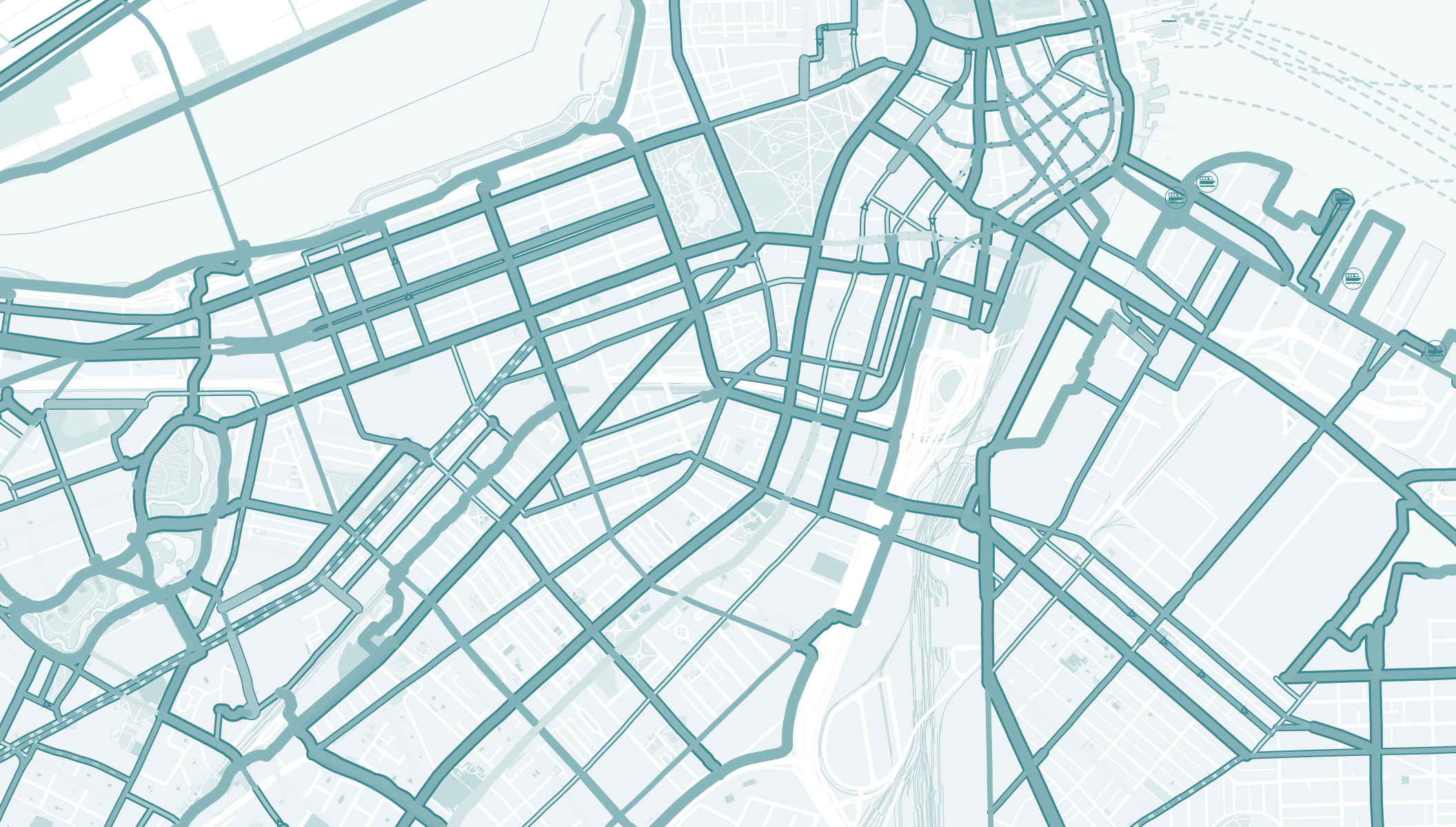
1. Identify a consistent set of bicycle facility types and community destinations that can serve as a baseline for bicycle network planning efforts across jurisdictions and geographic locations. The tables below are intended to inform this conversation.
2. Undertake a significant national push to research, 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 | • Major retail and entertainment | • Government offices |
| • Bus stops | • Parks | • Universities or colleges |
| • Community centers | • Places of worship | • Major tourist destinations |
| • Community colleges | • Public libraries | • Hospitals and other health care facilities |
| • Community service center | • Retirement homes | • Transit centers |
| • High density residential | • Schools | |



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