City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held BOTH in-person and virtually via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 2:30 – 4:30pm

In-Person: City Hall Annex Council Chambers, 900 Bagby Street, Public Level

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 714 820 151#

Meeting Link:

For meeting documents, please visit our website

Comments received via email before 2:00pm on April 27 will be read into the record during public comment.

The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each at the beginning of the meeting.

Agenda

Discussion Regarding the Following Items:

1. Director's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. State of the Bayou Greenways – Beth White, Houston Parks Board
4. Approval of January Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. Ethics Training – Kim Mickelson, City of Houston Legal Department
7. Open Forum
8. Announcements

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April 27, 2022

Call to Order. Chair Tom Compson called the meeting to order at 2:33pm.

Roll Call:
Tom Compson, Chair (P)
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair (A)
Tracy Alexander (A)
Leah Chambers (P)
Adam J. Williams (P)
Carl B. Salazar (A)
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (P)
Beth Martin (P)
Lisa Graiff (P)
Trevor Reichman (A)
Jessica Wiggins (A)
Yuhayna Mahmud (A)
Nick Hellyar (P)
Judith Villarreal (A)
Amar Mohite (P)
Mike VanDusen (P)
Ana Ramirez Huerta (A)
Nikki Knight (P)
Robin Holzer (P)
Veon McReynolds (A)

Ex-Officio Members:
David Fields (P)
Ian Hlavacek (A)
Juvenal Robles (P)

1) Director's Report. David Fields gave the Director's Report.
   - May is bike month and the City, different agencies and bike partners are hosting bike events across the regions.
   - Will be presenting the state of the bike plan to the Transportation Technology Infrastructure Committee meeting on May 5th.
2) Chair's Report. Chair Compson gave the Chair's Report:
   - Chair Compson is looking forward to the hear the state of the union of the bike plan and hope it will help increase funding bike ways maintenance.

3) State of the Bayou Greenways – Beth White, Houston Parks Board

4) Approval of October Minutes. **Motion:** Compson. **Second:** Holzer. **Vote:** Unanimous.

5) Public Comment:
   - Matthew Tetlow – Wanted to get updated on the Patterson project
     - Director David Fields responded
   - Emmanuel Nunez – spoke about how to get an estimates of installing a bridge near White Oak on Patterson Street project.
     - Staff Brian D. Smith responded

6) Ethics Training – Kim Mickelson, City of Houston Legal Department

7) Open Forum

8) Announcements

- Events:
  - Sidetracked Available on YouTube
    - View the trailer: LINK
    - View the video: LINK
  - Free "Train Your Bike" Adult Bicycle Course
    - For more information and to register: https://www.h-gac.com/pedestrian-bicyclist-planning/bike-safety
  - Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference, April 27-29
    - https://houstonparksboard.org/events/sims-bayou-greenway-ribbon-cutting-and-celebration
  - Third Ward on Tap, May 7
    - https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-ward-on-tap-registration-310151931777
  - Bike to Work Day: May 20, 7:30am
  - Destination Trail Open House, May 31
    - Tuesday, 5/31 at 6:00pm
    - Raul C Martinez Courthouse Annex
    - 3018 Emancipation Ave, Houston 77004

- Next BAC meetings:
  - Infrastructure Subcommittee: May 25, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
  - Education Subcommittee: June 22, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
  - Bicycle Advisory Committee: July 27, 2:30-4:30pm: Council Chambers/Microsoft Teams

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

April 27, 2022

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Mission and Vision

BAC Mission
To advise and make recommendations to the commission and the director on issues related to bicycling in the city including, but not limited to, amendments to the Bike Plan, bicycle safety and education, implementation of the Bike Plan, development of strategies for funding projects related to bicycling, and promoting public participation in bicycling.

BAC Vision
By 2027, the City of Houston will be a Safer, More Accessible, Gold Level Bike-Friendly City

Roll Call

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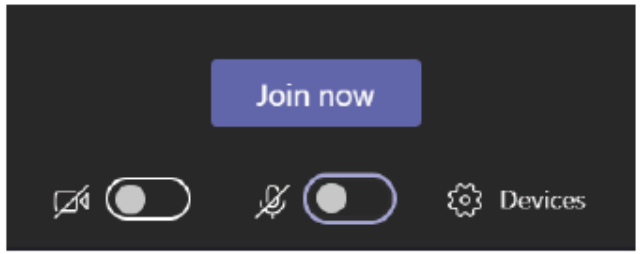

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State of the Bayou Greenways

Beth White
Houston Parks Board

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President & CEO
Houston Parks Board



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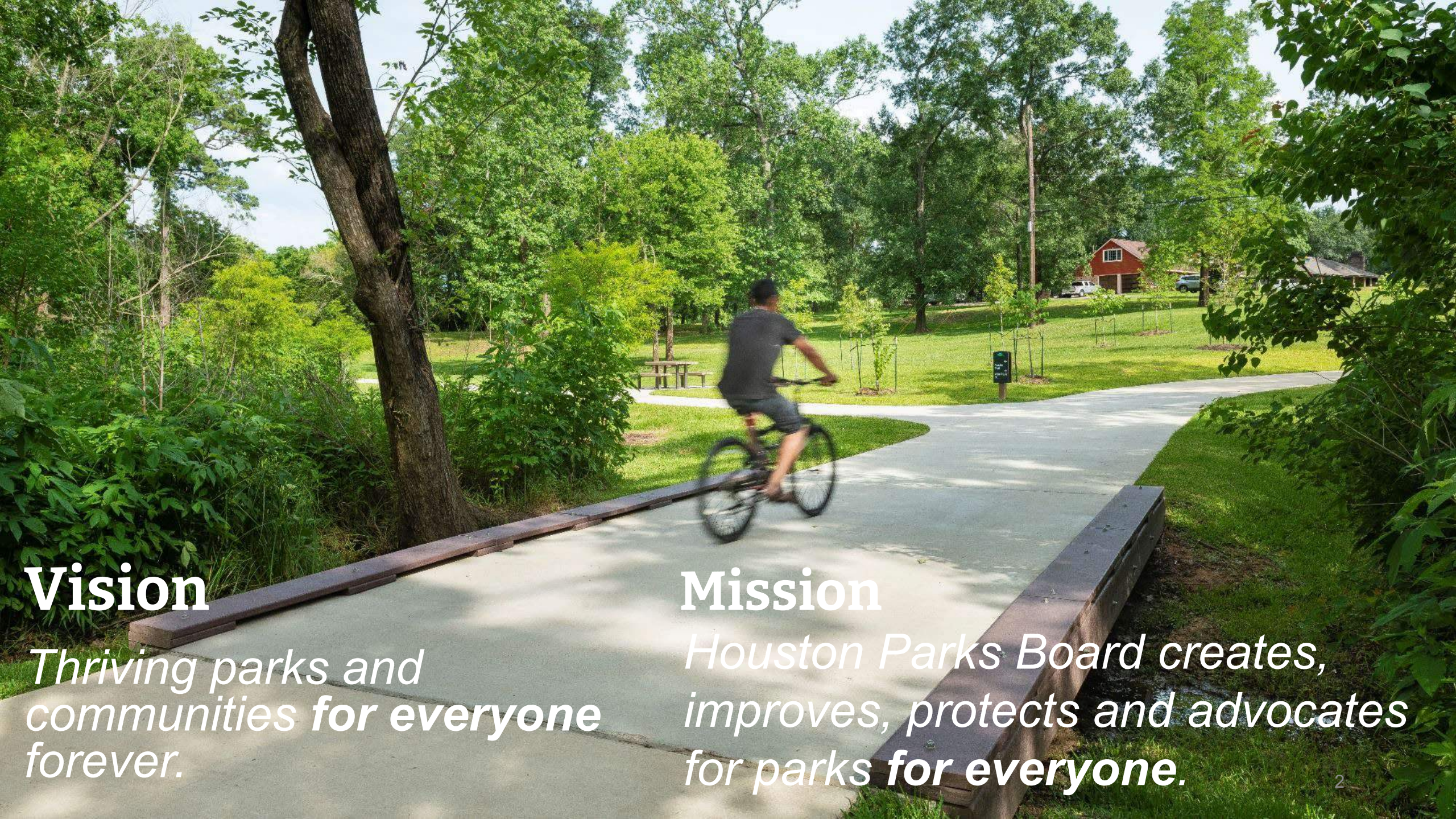


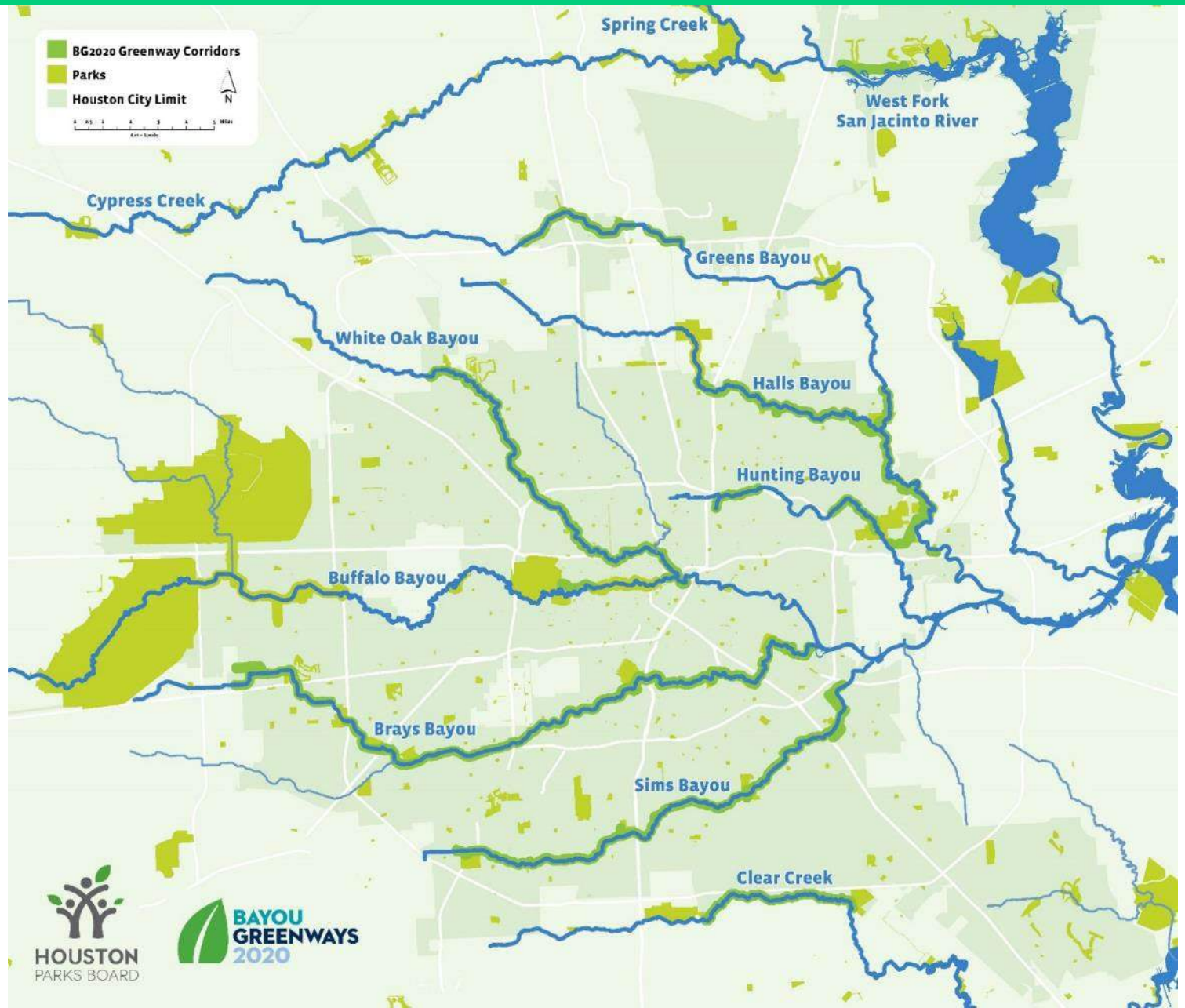
Vision

*Thriving parks and communities **for everyone** forever.*

Mission

*Houston Parks Board creates, improves, protects and advocates for parks **for everyone**.*

BAYOU GREENWAYS



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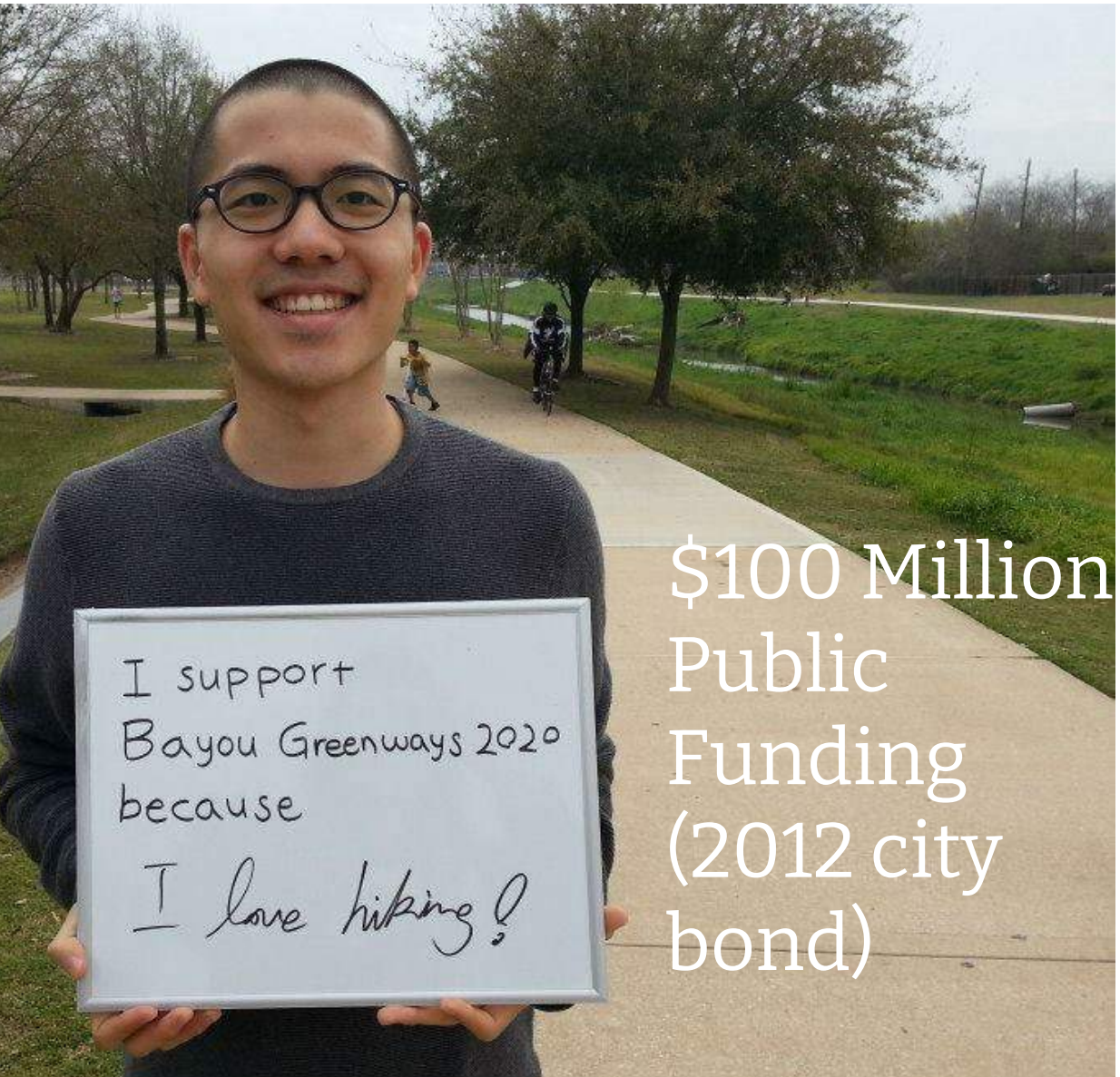
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN $220 MILLION



$100 Million Public Funding (2012 city bond)



Houston Parks Board raised $128 million

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD

PRESERVING GREENSPACE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

- **Wildflower, native grass and wetland plantings**
- **Bird and bat nesting boxes**
- **Invasive vegetation removal**
- **Reforestation**

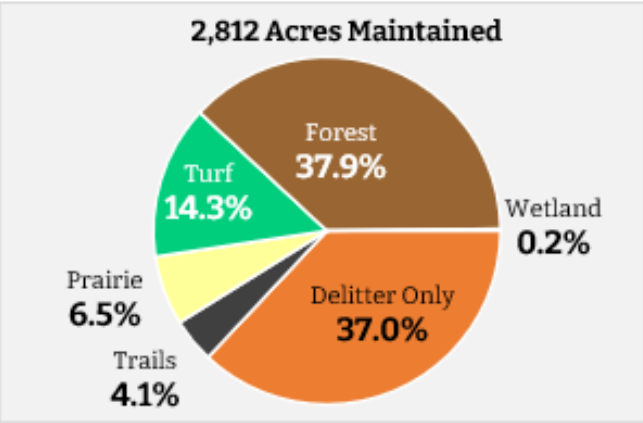


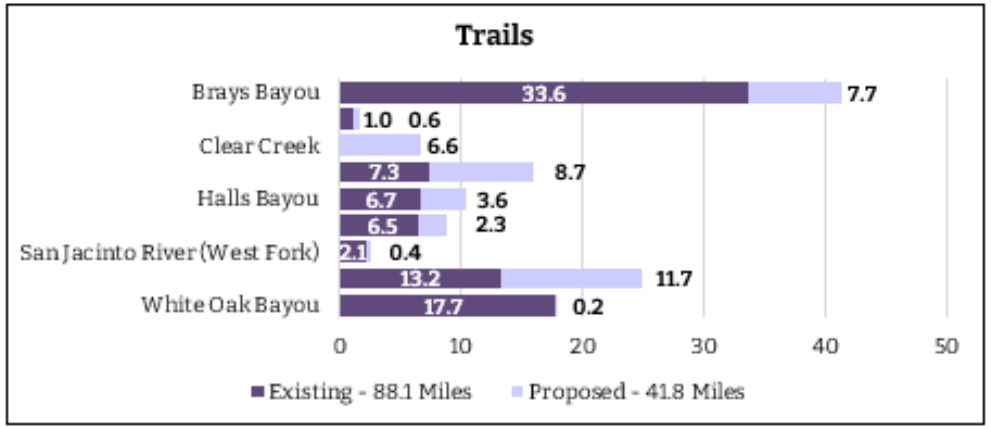




CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE

July 2014 - March 2022





Flood Events
63

Major
8
Flood Events

Flood Cleanup
$3,247,609
Total Spent

Litter and Debris Clean Up
2,151
Dump Truck Loads

Trees
25,350
Inventoried

Operating and Maintenance Reserve
$11,280,000
Current Annual Budget

Flood Related Silt and Debris Removed
3,009
Dump Truck Loads

Conservation
47
Bat/Bird Boxes

Conservation
1,400
Volunteer Hours

Trees
6,000 +
Planted

Graffiti Sites
10,852
Abated

Graffiti Abatement
$312,987
Total Spent

Bridges
7
Repaired

Trails
12
Miles Rebuilt

Pedestrian
56
Bridges

Drinking
13
Fountains

Trash and Recycling
335
Receptacles

Benches and
325
Picnic Tables

Bicycle
13
Fixit Stations

Capital Replacement Projects
$9,341,450
Total Spent

STATUS OF BAYOU GREENWAYS



	Acquired	Transferred	Own	Esmt. or Other
Acres	882	478	367	37
Parcels	334	225	61	48

Existing
128.9
Miles

Proposed
36.4
Total Miles



Existing Primary Miles	Existing Secondary Miles	Proposed Primary Miles	Proposed Secondary Miles
97.6	31.0	31.8	4.6

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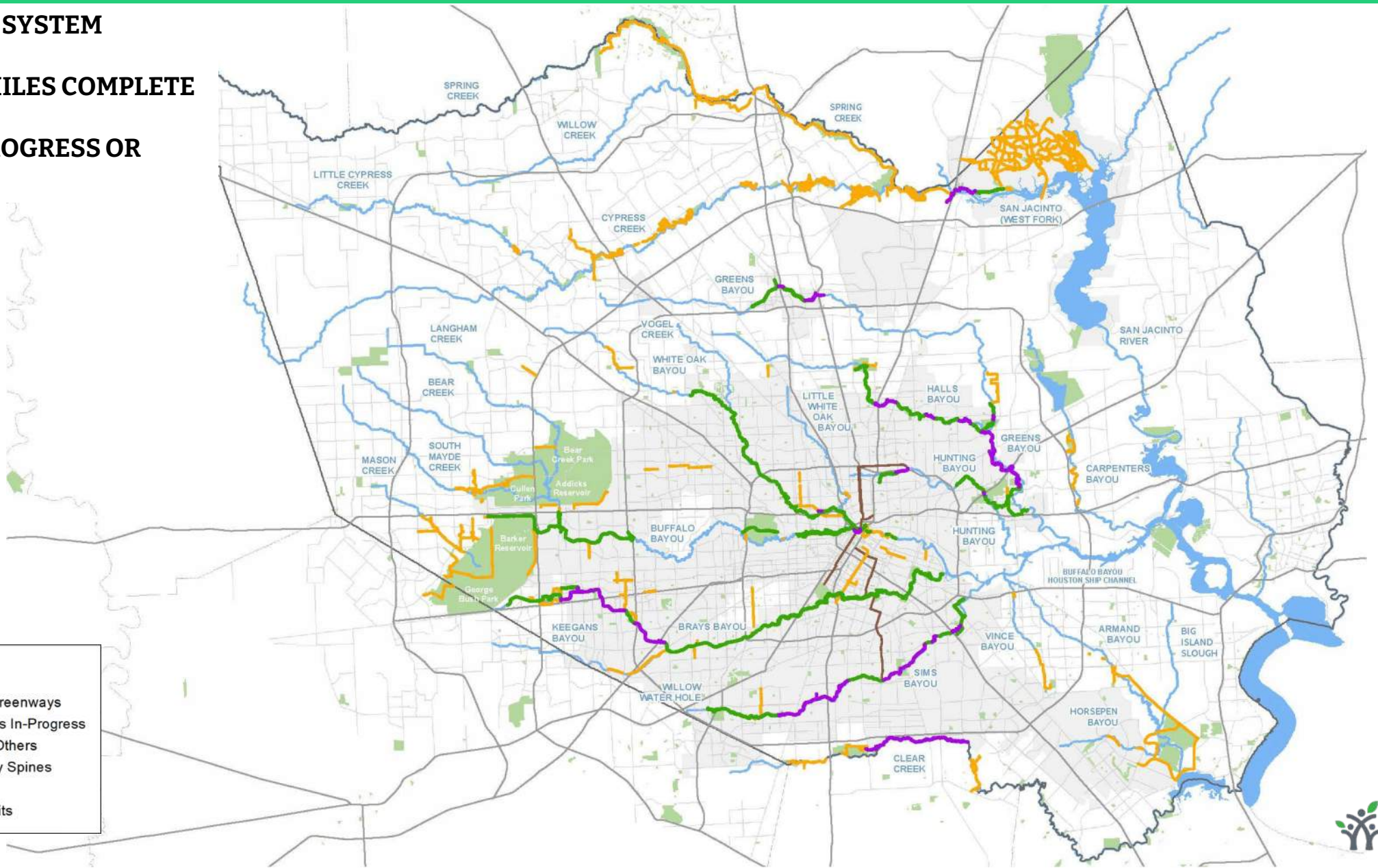
STATUS OF BAYOU GREENWAYS

Completed and In-Progress/Future Segments

GOAL = 150 MILE SYSTEM

NOW = 129=8.9 MILES COMPLETE

36+ MILES IN-PROGRESS OR FUTURE



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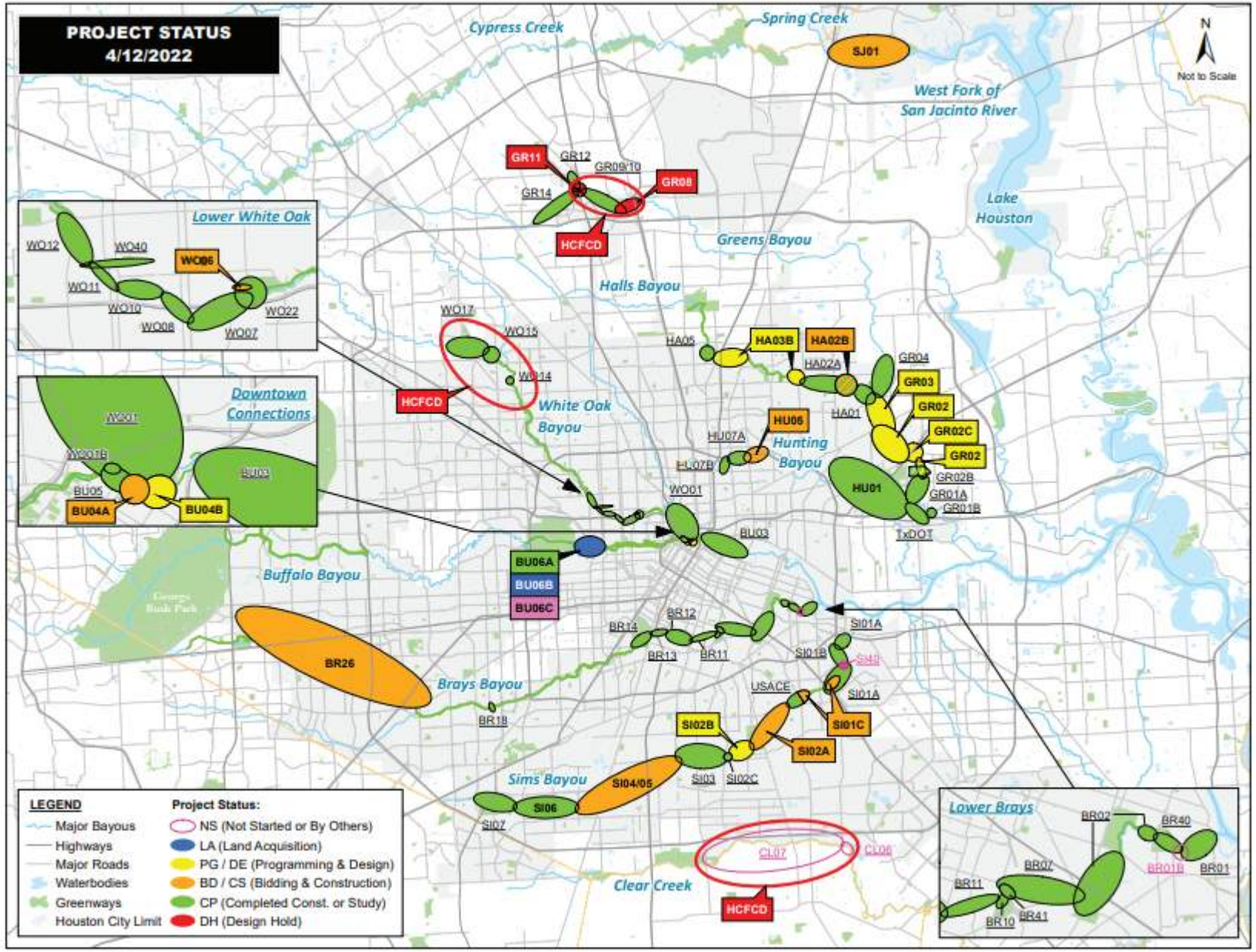


BAYOU GREENWAYS AND BEYOND THE BAYOUS

Current Trail Projects

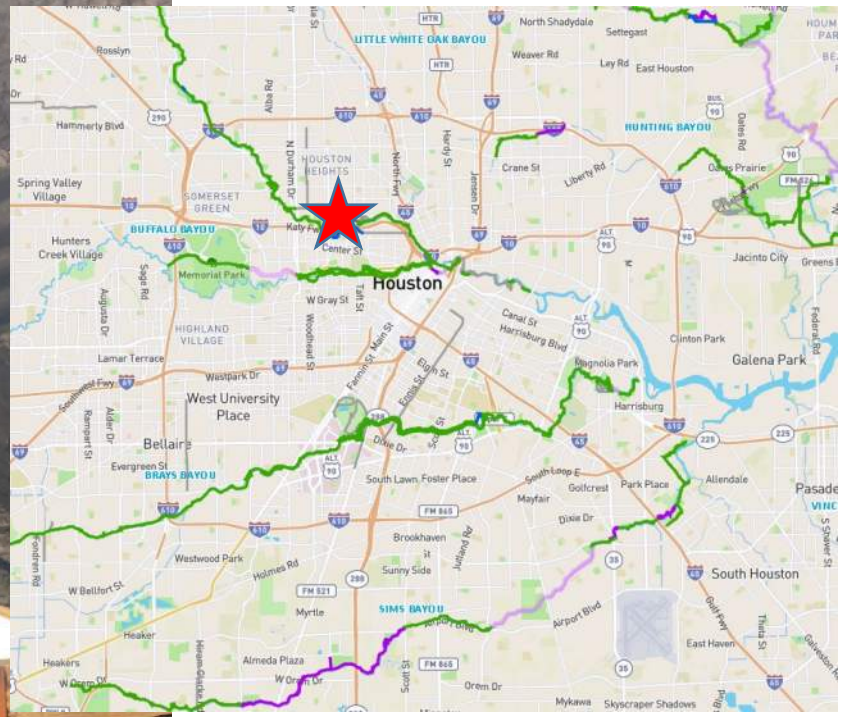
Houston Parks Board / Bayous — **Updated: 4/25/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design	Permitting	Construction	Notes
Buffalo Bayou					
US 59 to Fannin	0.5	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Hunting Bayou					
Maxey Rd to Manitou	4.0	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Partial substantial completion, under US90 pending TxDOT - COH agreement.
Sims Bayou					
Buffalo Spdwy to Scott St	6.0	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Glenbrook Park to Telephone Rd	1.4	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Stuart Park to FM Law Park	3.4	Complete	In Progress		
FM Law Park to MLK	1.2	Complete	In Progress		
Brays Bayou					
Mason Park under UPRR bridge (north sides)	0.3	Complete	In Progress		
Mason Park under UPRR bridge (south sides)	0.3	In Progress			
Holcombe to Stella Link (south side)	3.7	Complete	In Progress		
Stella Link to S. Rice (south side	1.1	Complete	In Progress		
S. Rice to Braeburn Glen (south side)	3.3				in planning (pre-design)
Chimmney Rock to Hillcroft (north side)	1.0	Complete	In Progress		
Braeburn Glen to Eldridge	7.8	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Out to bid, bids due in November
Halls Bayou					
Talton St to Lake Forest Park	0.4	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Tidwell to Bretshire/Hirsh to Jensen	2.4	Complete	In Progress		
Mesa Dr to Banting St	1.1	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Talton to Lake Forest completes the gaps in this connection
San Jacinto Bayou					
Woodland Hills to Ross Rd	2.6	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Partial substantial completion. Riverview Townhomes pending HPARD acquisition expected by the end of the year.
White Oak Bayou					
MKT Connection	0.2	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Preconstruction meeting next week
Extension to Jones Rd (HCFCD Project)		Complete	Complete	In Progress	Construction began fall 2020, expected to be complete by spring of 2022
Utility Corridors and Other					
Spring Branch - Wirt to Blalock		Complete	Complete	Complete	2.4 miles for Spring Branch Mgmt District
Spring Branch - Gessner to Shadowdale Drive	0.6	Complete	In Progress		for Spring Branch Mgmt District
Sharpstown - Sands Point to Beechnut	1.8	Complete	Complete		for TIRZ 20 - on hold awaiting federal earmark funding
Scott Street Greenway - Bessie Swindle Way to Swingle Road	1.0	Complete	In Progress		for Precinct One - on hold awaiting federal earmark funding
Scott Street Greenway - Bessie Swindle Way to Airport Blvd	0.6	In Progress			for Precinct One
TOTAL MILEAGE	**44.7**				

MKT (HEIGHTS) BRIDGE UPDATE







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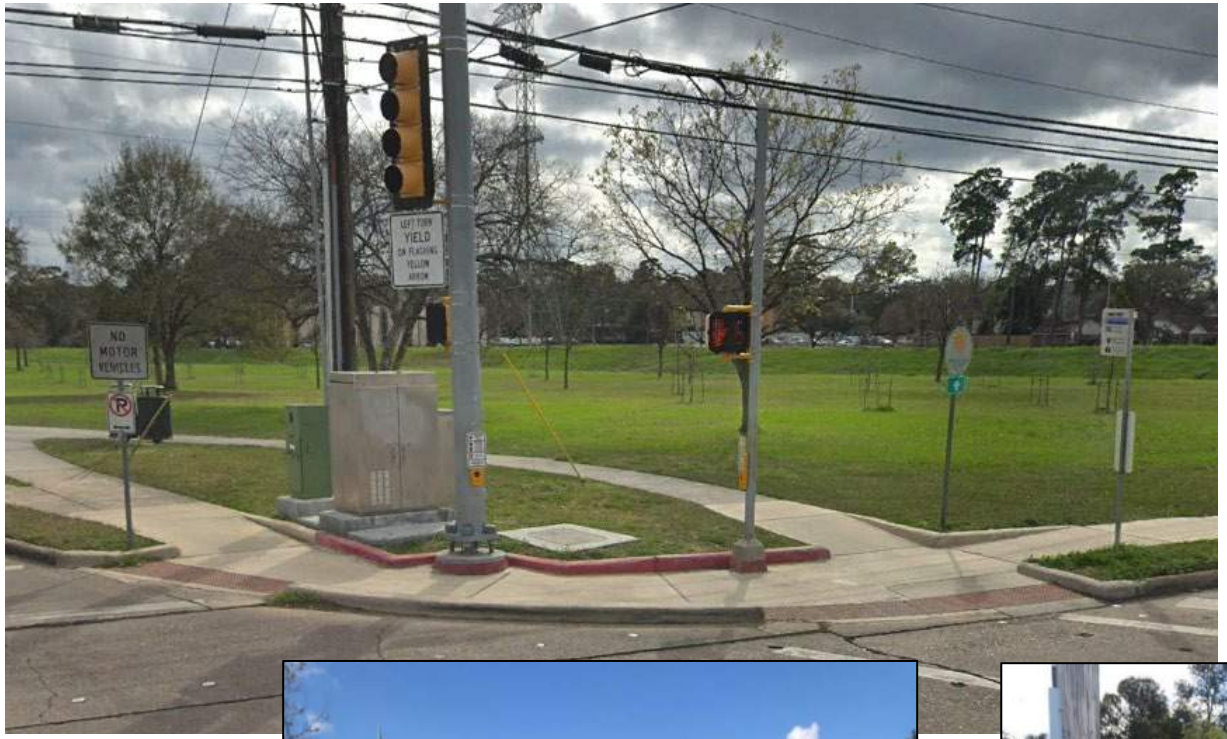
TRAIL SAFETY AUDIT

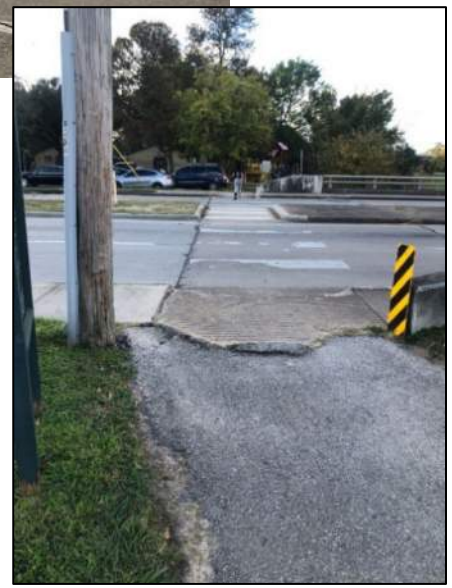


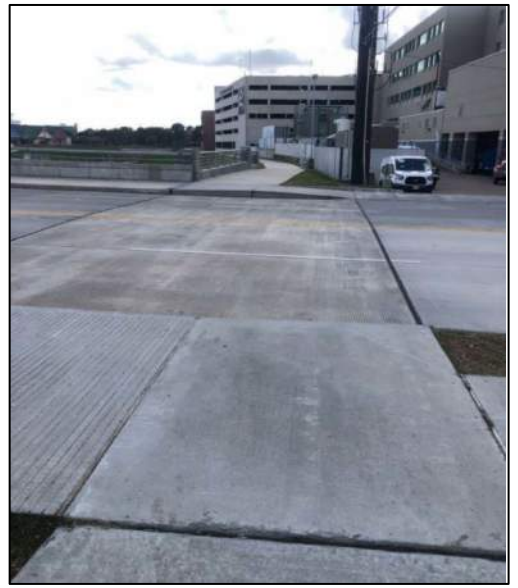
Completed site visits/data collection along all the Bayou Greenway segments in November.

HPB received DRAFT memo in April outlining major findings and best practices:

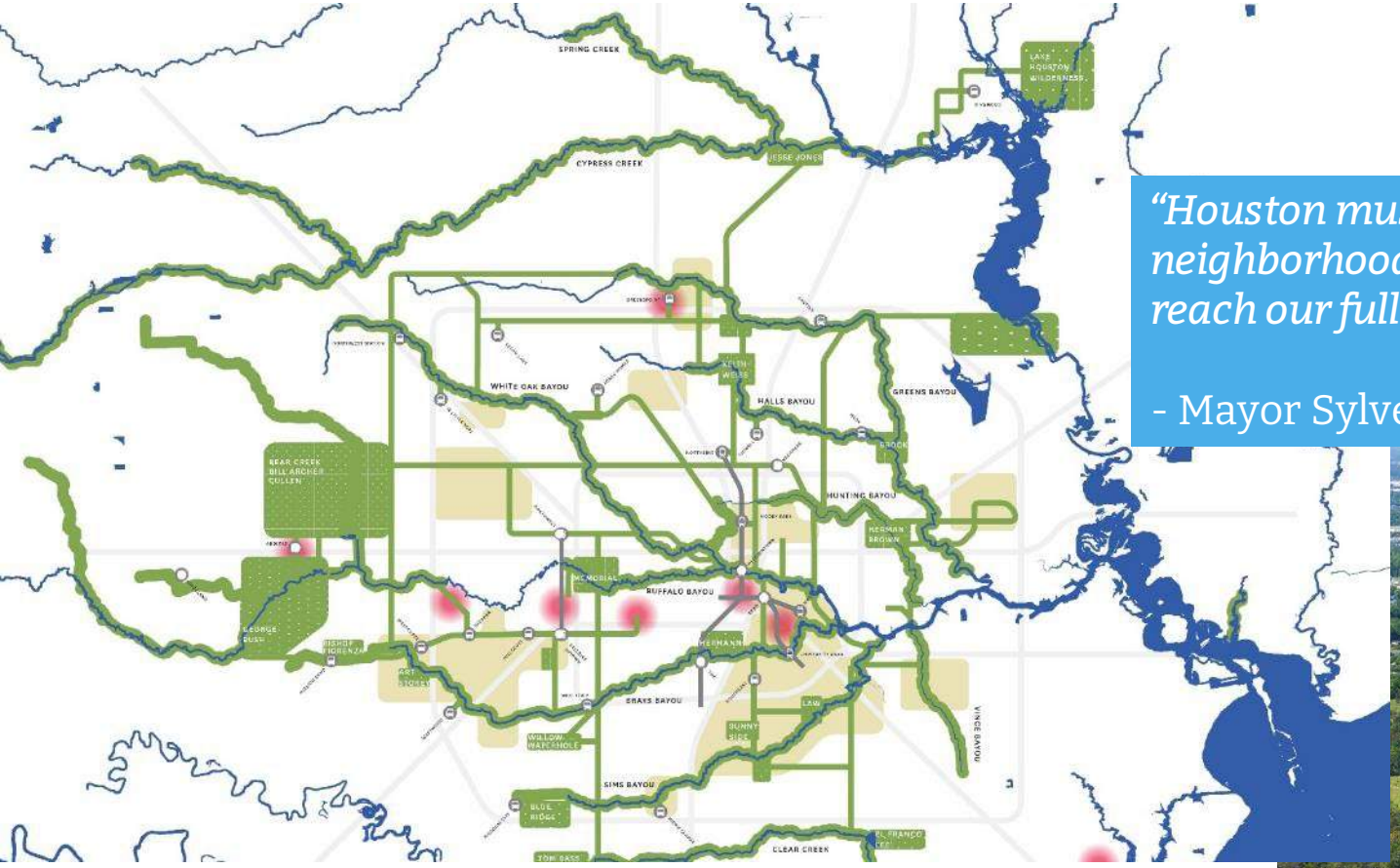
- Crossings/Intersections
- Blind Spots
- Encroachment
- Flooding
- Access Points
- ADA Compliance
- Signage
- Pavement Markings
- Bollards





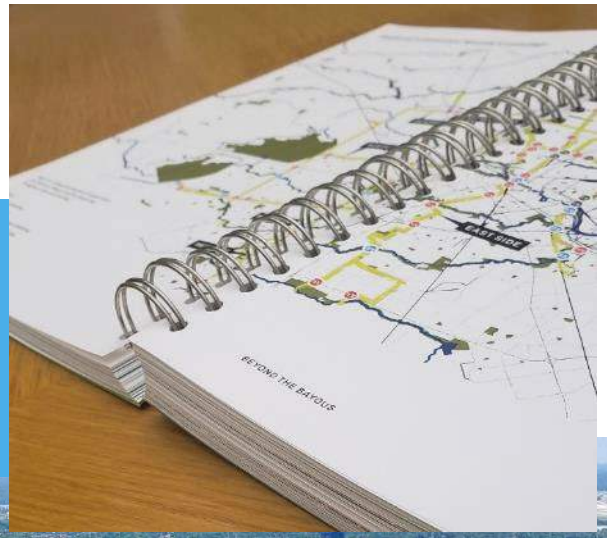


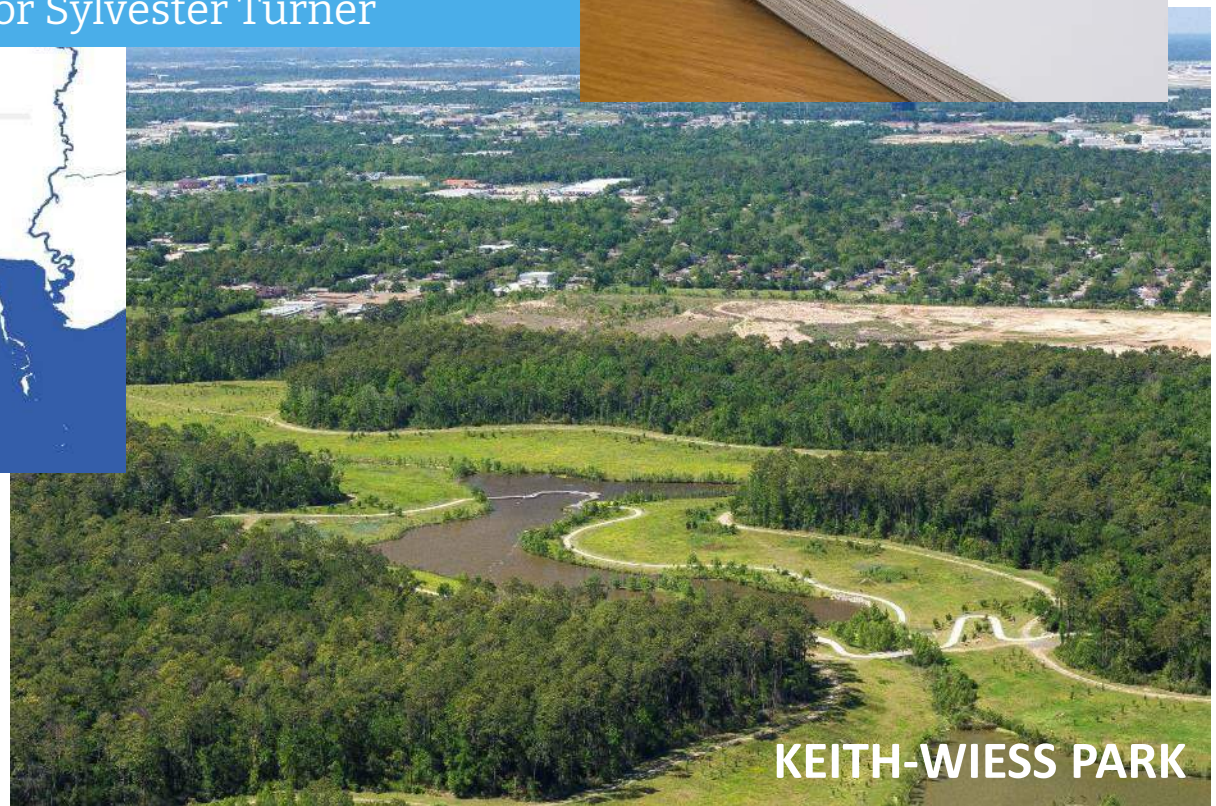
MOVING BEYOND THE BAYOUS



"Houston must have thriving neighborhoods citywide for us to reach our full potential"

- Mayor Sylvester Turner





A vision for expanding greater Houston's public

Objectives:

- Equity
- Access
- Natural Resources

WHAT IS BEYOND THE BAYOUS?

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD



Beyond the Bayous is a region-wide plan to create an interconnected system of parks and trails to build a more resilient and equitable Houston.



RESILIENCY



EQUITY



ACCESS



CONSERVATION



PLACEMAKING



PARKS AND TRAILS

This system will focus on Expanded Bayou Greenways, Regional and Neighborhood Connectors, Hub Parks, and Neighborhood Parks.



Expanded Bayou Greenways



Regional Connectors



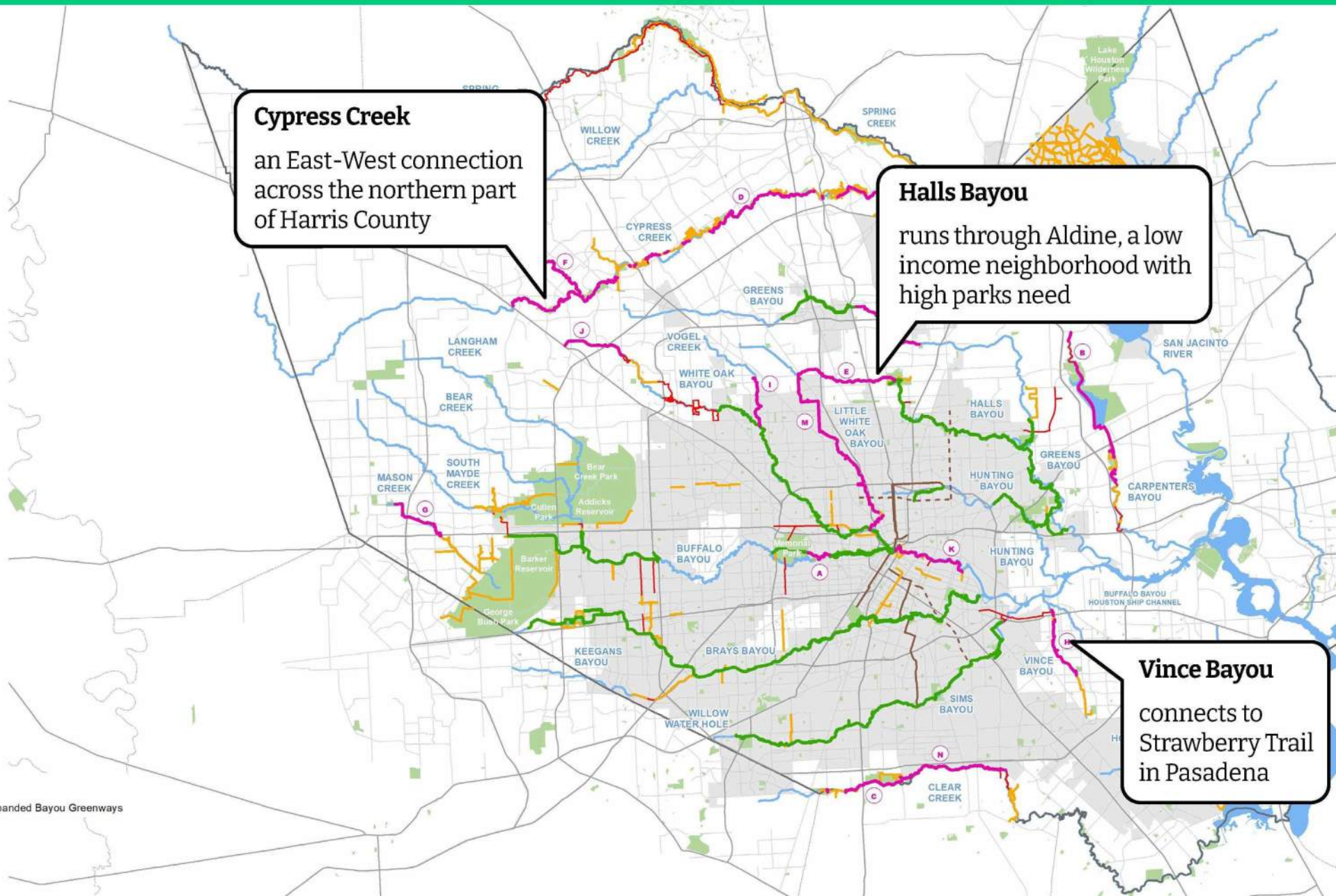
Hub Parks



Neighborhood Parks

BAYOU GREENWAYS

Examples



BAYOU GREENWAYS + CONNECTORS

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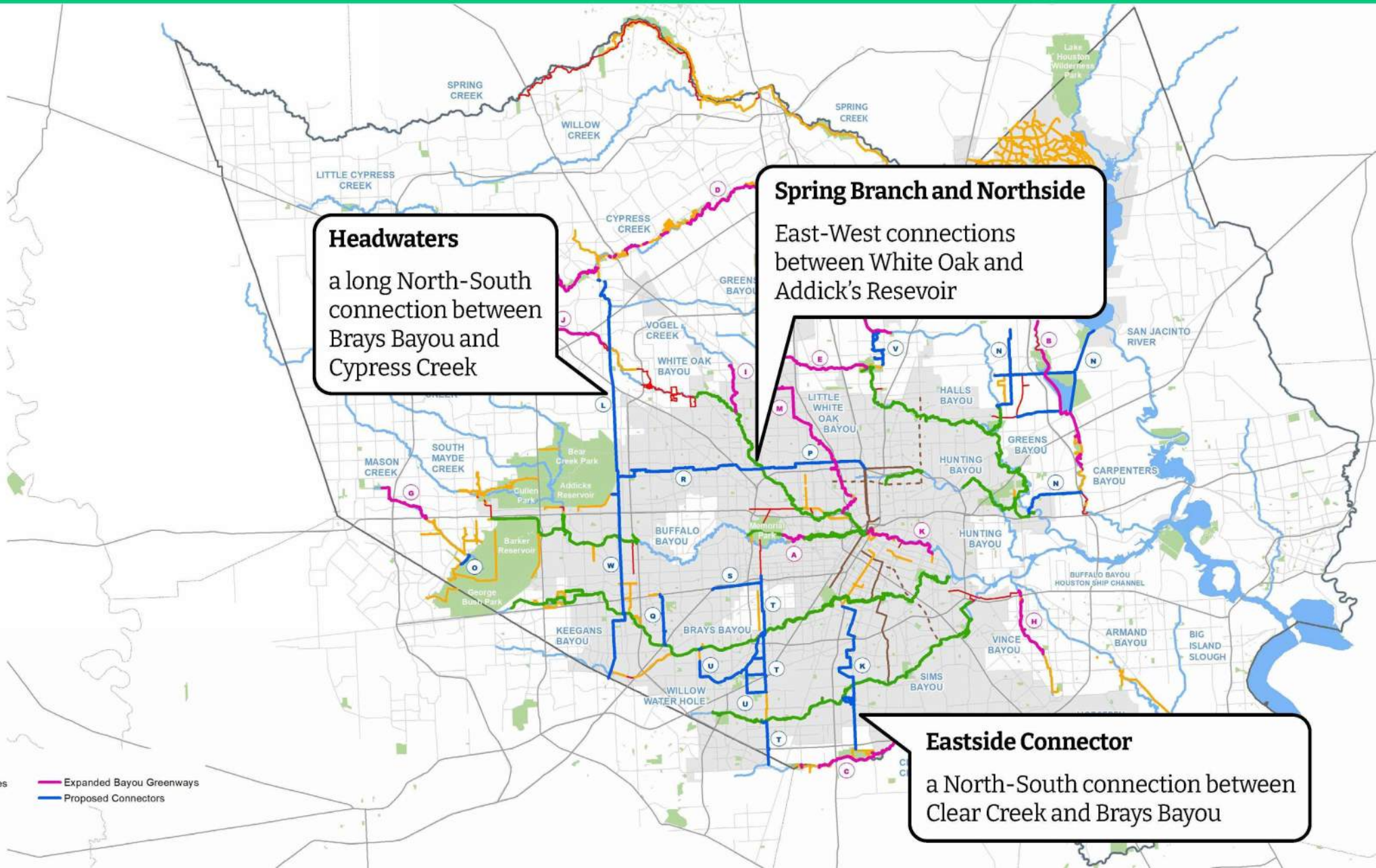


Headwaters

a long North-South connection between Brays Bayou and Cypress Creek

Spring Branch and Northside

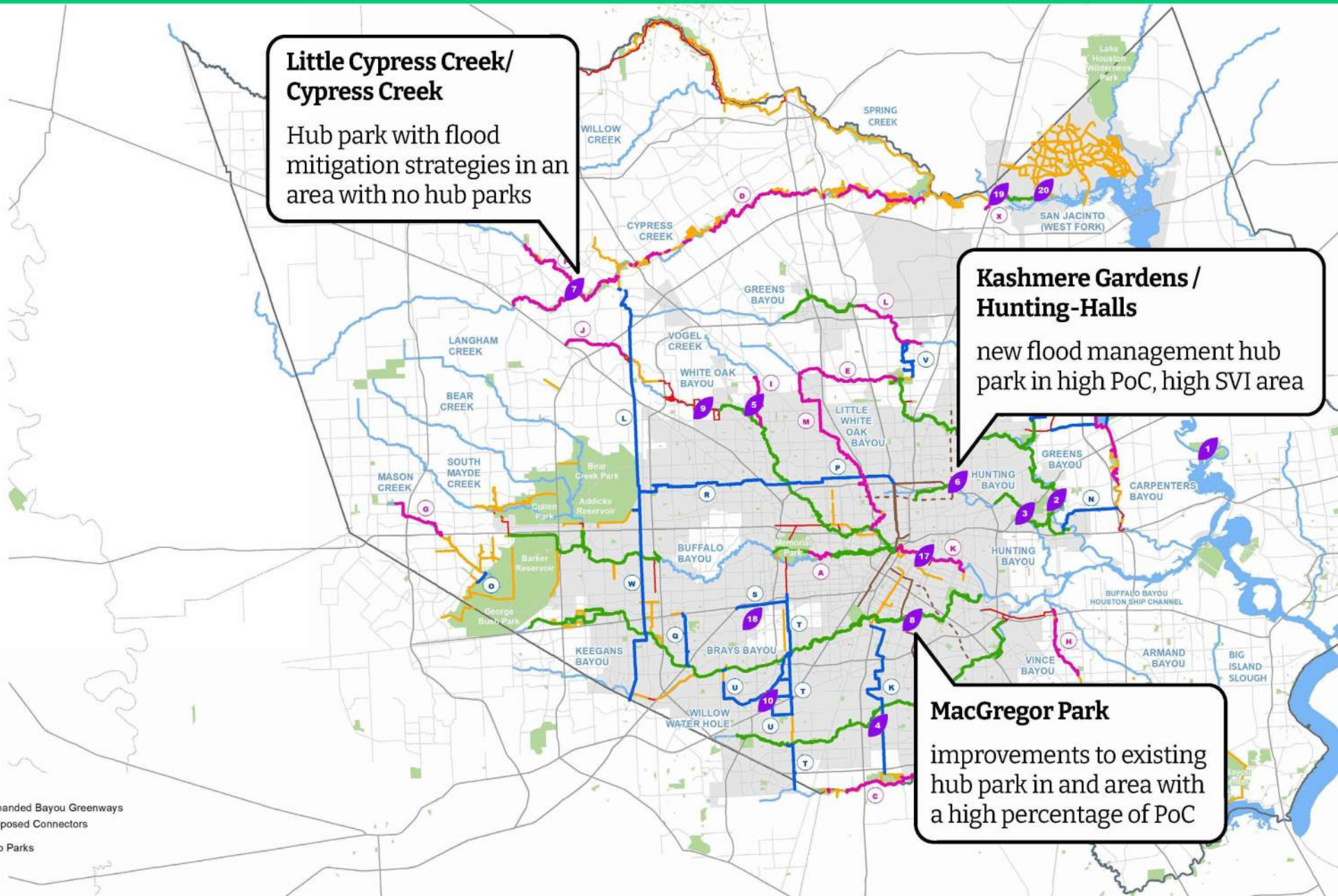
East-West connections between White Oak and Addick's Resevoir

Eastside Connector

a North-South connection between Clear Creek and Brays Bayou

BAYOU GREENWAYS + CONNECTORS + HUB PARKS

Examples



BAYOU GREENWAYS + CONNECTORS + HUB PARKS + NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

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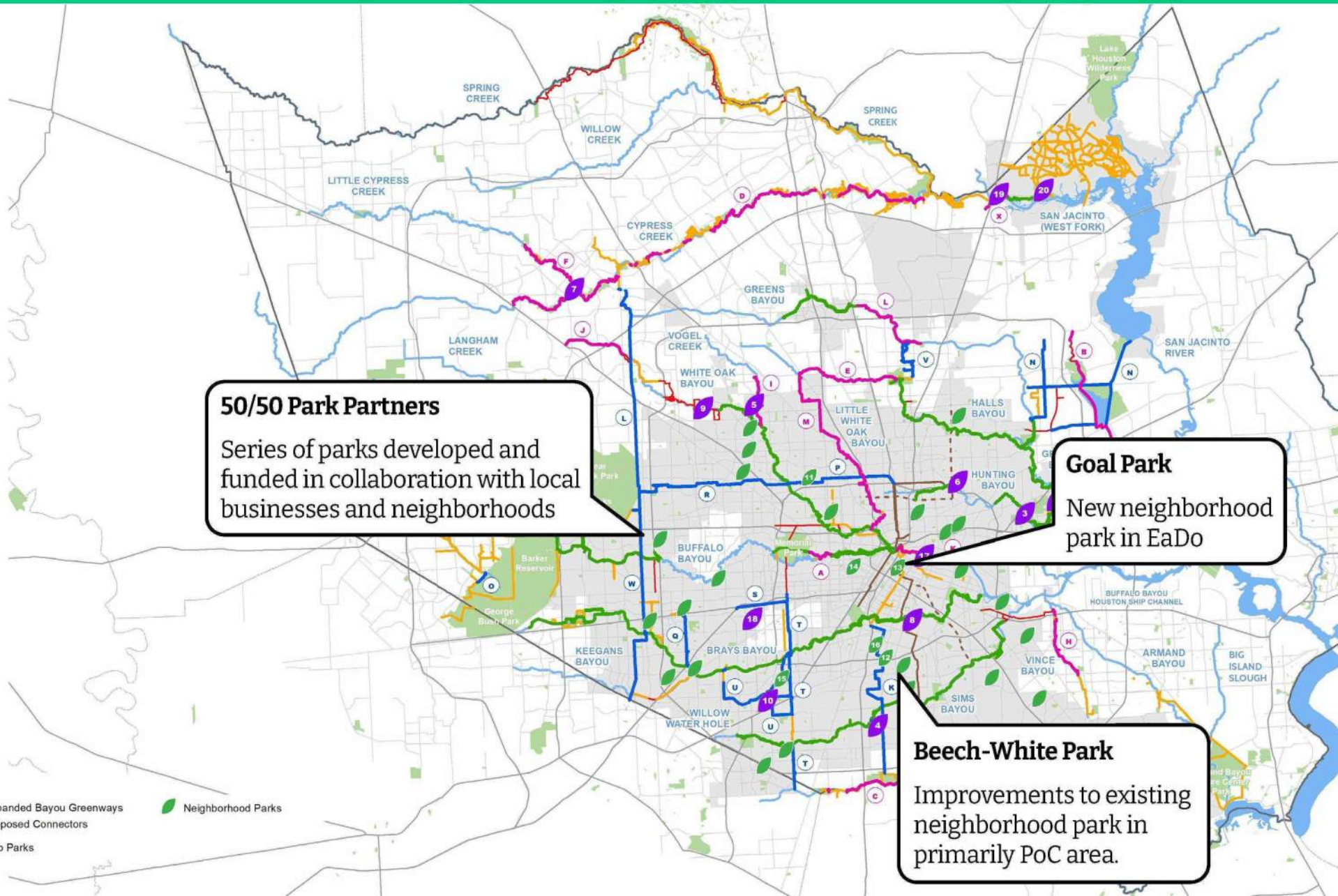


50/50 Park Partners

Series of parks developed and funded in collaboration with local businesses and neighborhoods

Goal Park

New neighborhood park in EaDo

Beech-White Park

Improvements to existing neighborhood park in primarily PoC area.

LEGEND

- Bayou Greenways
- Existing Trail by Others
- Proposed Trail by Others
- Regional Bikeway Spines
- Parks
- Houston City Limits
- Expanded Bayou Greenways
- Proposed Connectors
- Hub Parks
- Neighborhood Parks

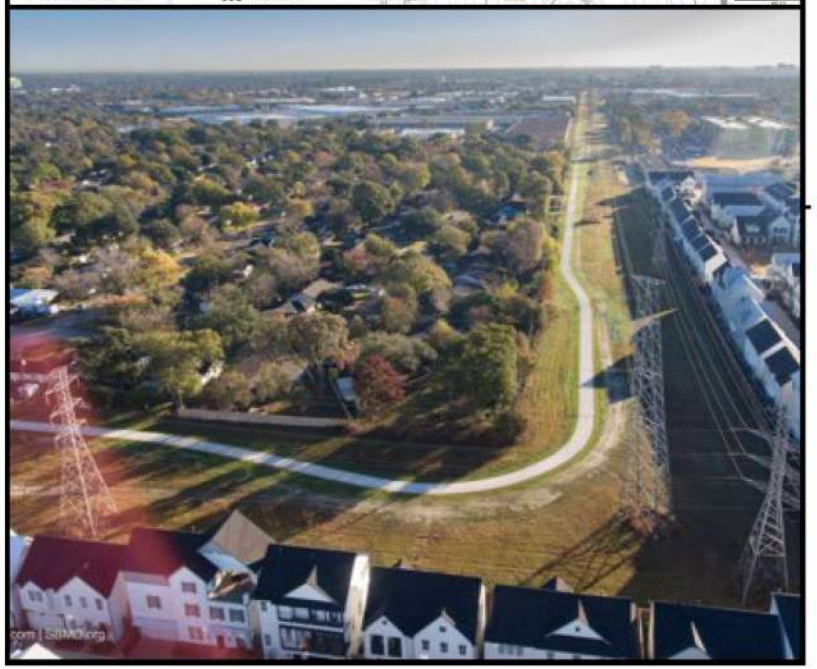
SPRING BRANCH TRAIL

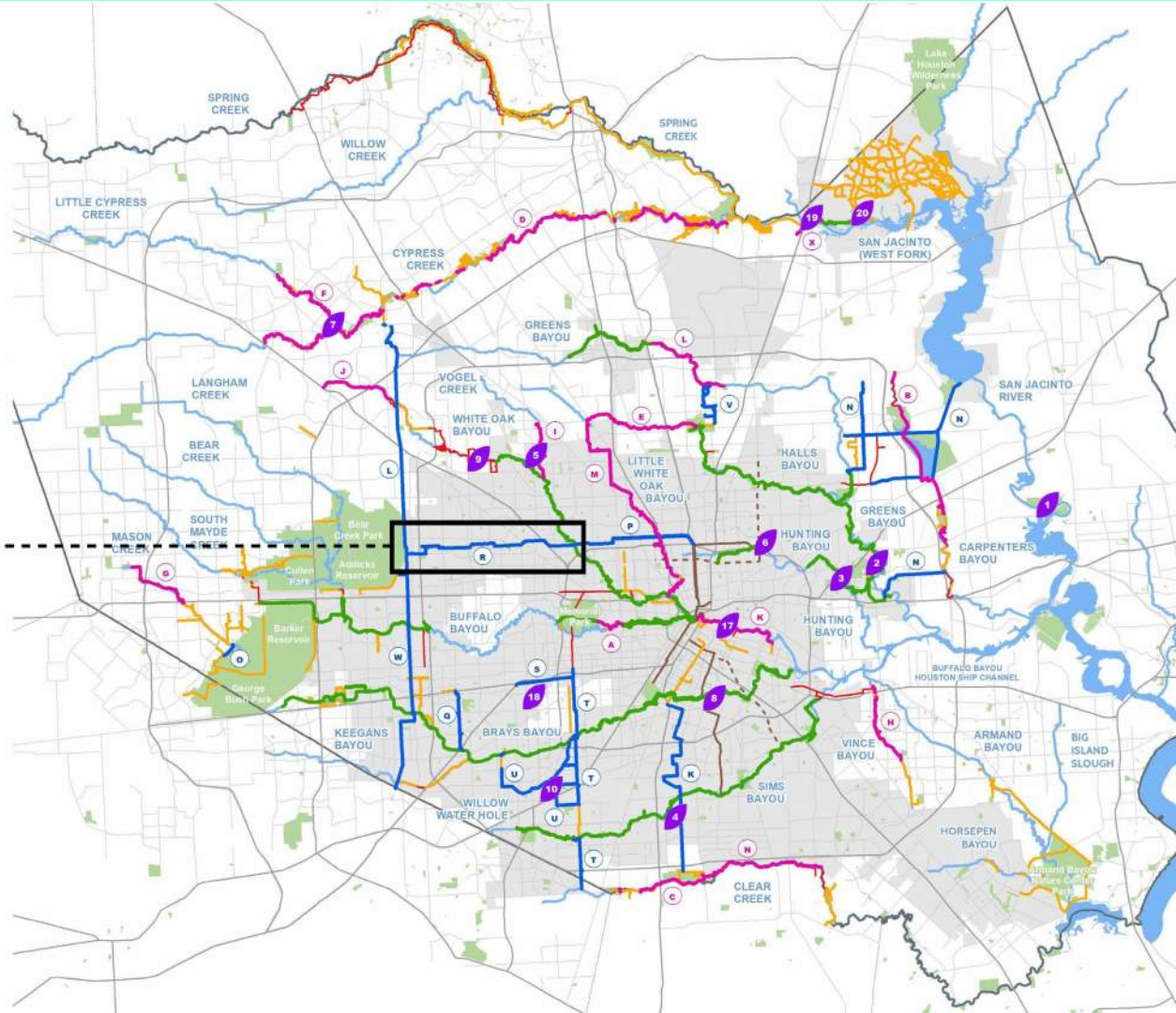
Partners: Spring Branch Management District, CenterPoint, HPARD, COH

New Regional Connector

Spring Branch Trail is a proposed 11-mile trail that, when complete, will connect Addicks Reservoir to White Oak Bayou Greenway. Located primarily in a CenterPoint Energy utility corridor, the trail will connect homes to several parks, schools, and retail centers. The first phase of the project opened in December 2020. Phase Two is in the permitting phase and Phase Three is starting design. Spring Branch Management District is funding and maintaining the first three phases which are the portion of the trail within their district boundaries.





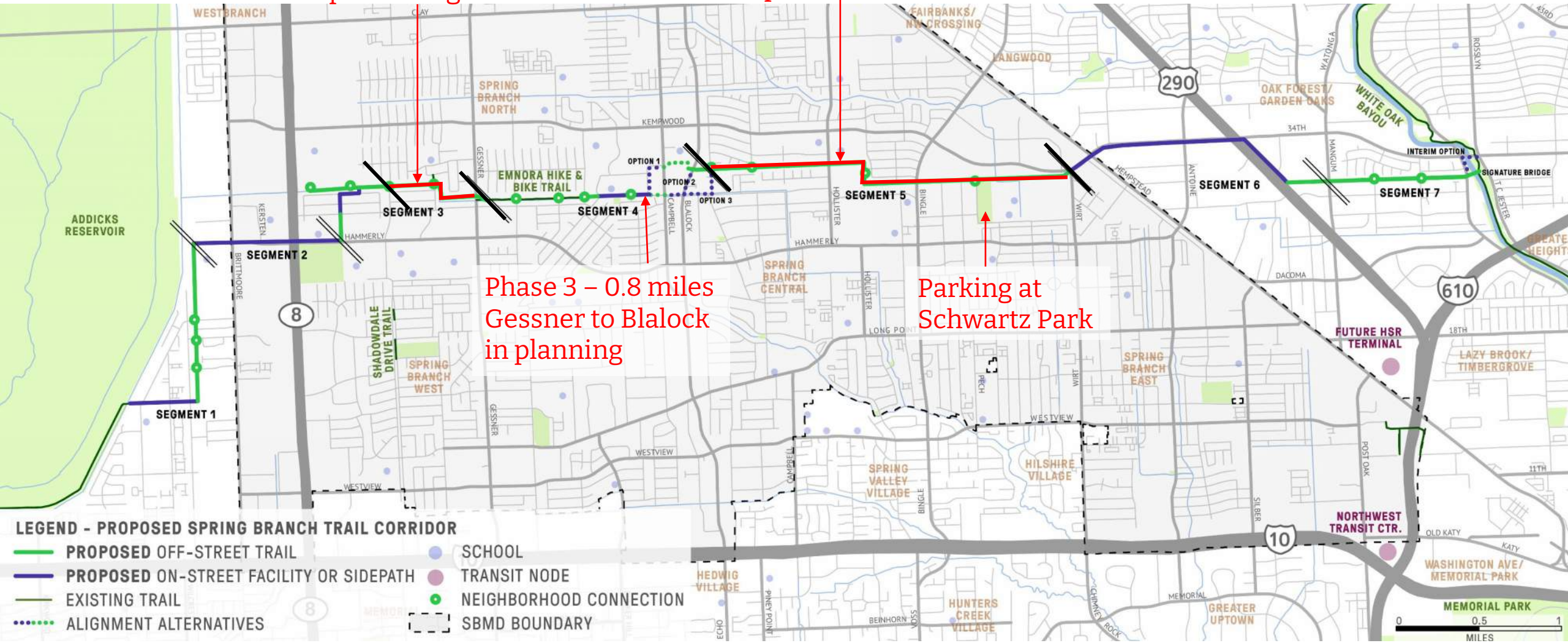


SPRING BRANCH TRAIL

New Regional Connector Example

Phase 2 – 0.6 miles
Gessner west
in permitting

Phase 1 – 2.4 miles
Blalock to Wirt
completed Dec 2020



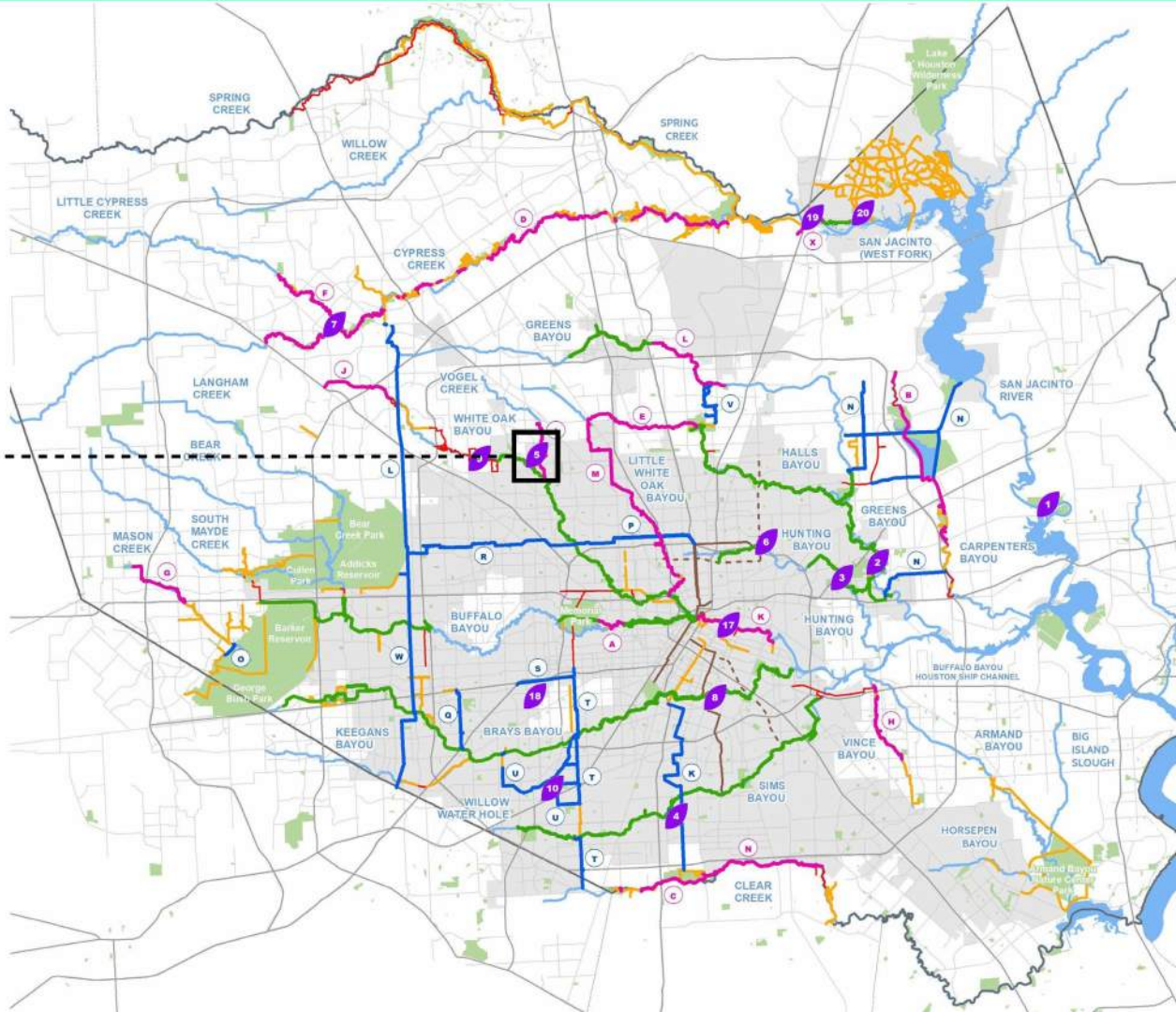
INWOOD RECREATION

Partners: COH, Harris County Precinct One, HCFCD, NNMD

The Inwood Recreation Project adds trails, landscaping, and recreation elements to Harris County Flood Control District's Inwood Detention Project. The detention project converts the former Inwood Forest golf course, owned by the City of Houston, into twelve interconnected stormwater detention basins that will reduce the potential for flooding in the area. The first phase of the Inwood Recreation Project includes a one-mile greenway and four small parks along Vogel Creek.

New Flood Management Hub Park



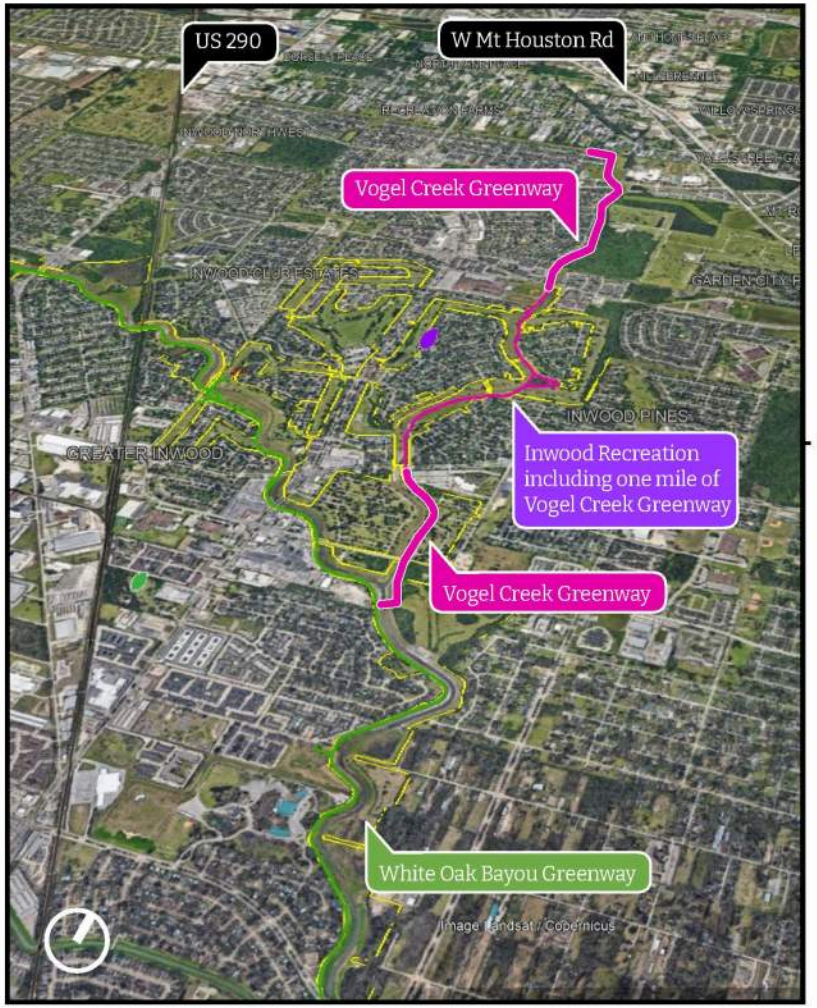


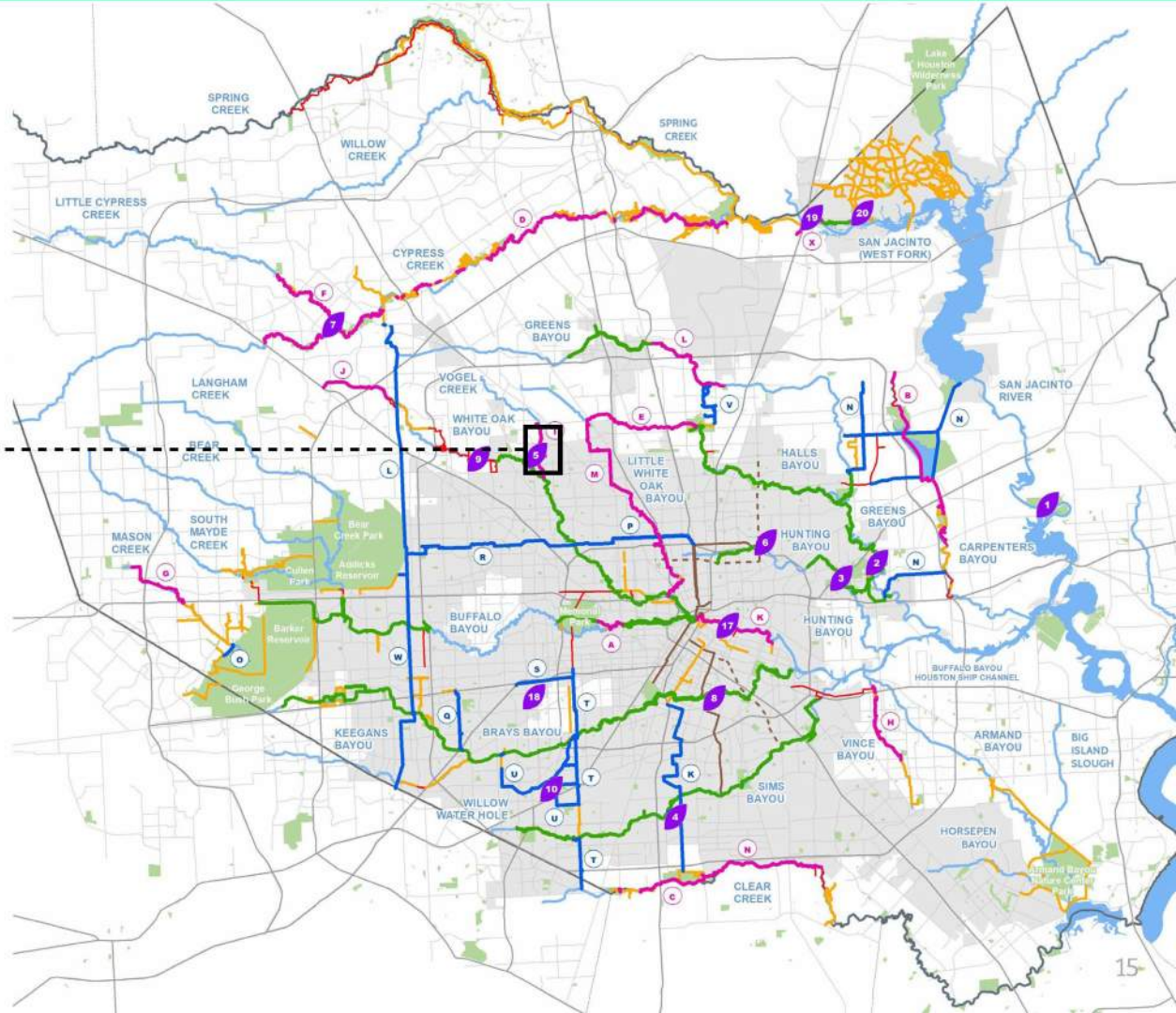
VOGEL CREEK GREENWAY

City of Houston, Harris County Precinct One

Vogel Creek is a tributary to White Oak Bayou. Creating this 3.2-mile greenway would connect Inwood and Acres Home area residents into the Bayou Greenways system. The first phase of the Inwood Recreation Project includes a one-mile greenway and four small parks along Vogel Creek and is a fully funded $6M project. This additional 2.21 miles of greenway would connect the Inwood Phase One Greenway to White Oak Bayou Greenway as well as to communities north of Inwood.

New Bayou Greenways



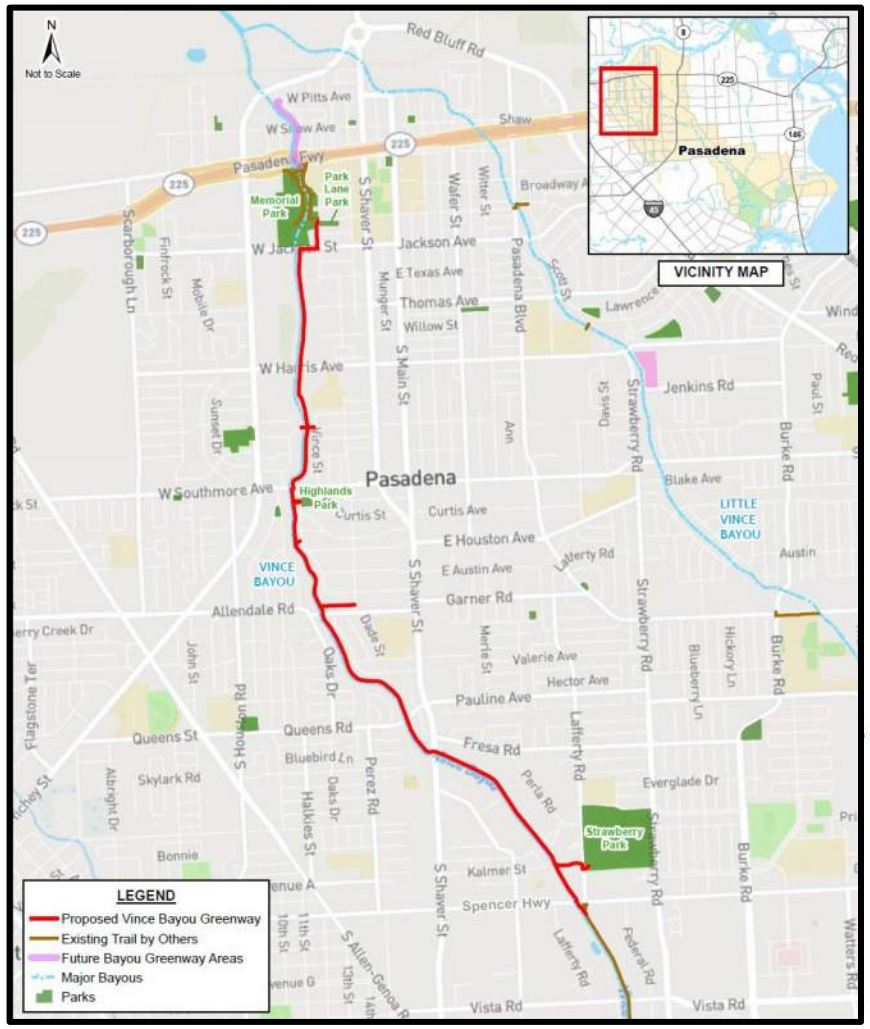


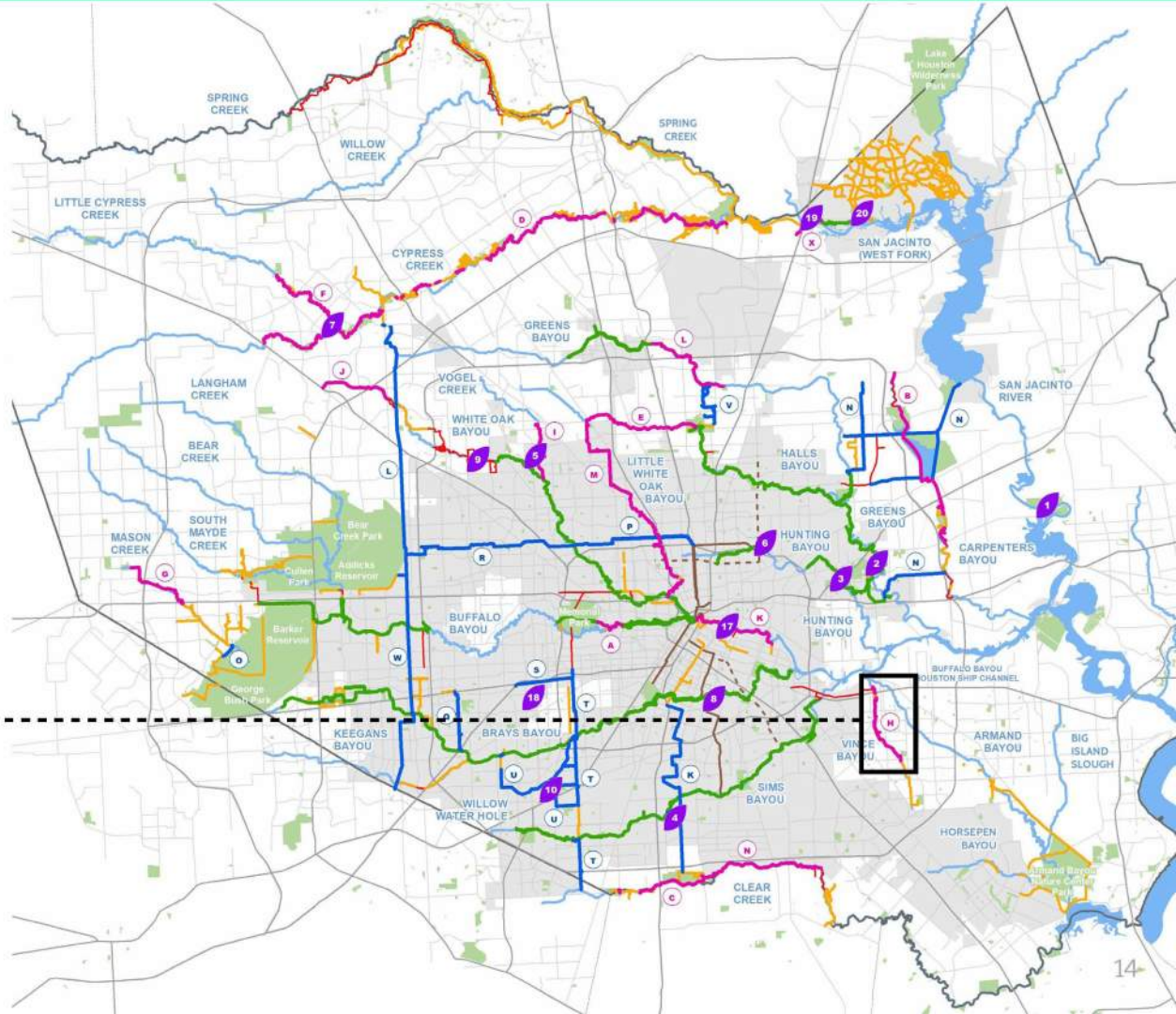
VINCE BAYOU GREENWAY

Pasadena Economic Development Corporation,
Pasadena Parks and Recreation Department

New Bayou Greenways

Vince Bayou Greenway was identified as a key project in multiple plans and studies including the Pasadena Healthy Parks Plan. This trail along Vince Bayou from Pasadena's Memorial Park to Strawberry Park would create a safe connection for pedestrians and cyclists between parks, homes, schools, and businesses in the area. It would also connect to the existing Strawberry Trail, a 3-mile concrete trail that runs along Vince Bayou from Strawberry Park south to Burke Crenshaw Park. Pasadena Economic Development Corporation is funding the first phase of design with Houston Parks Board as Manager.



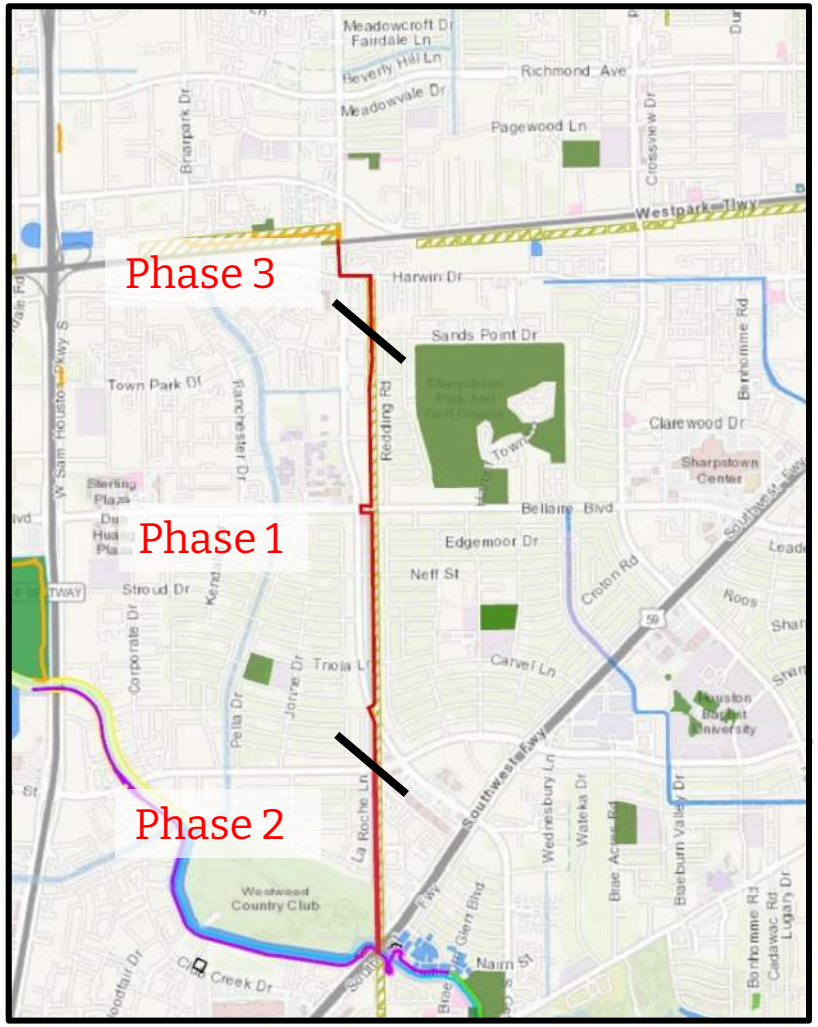


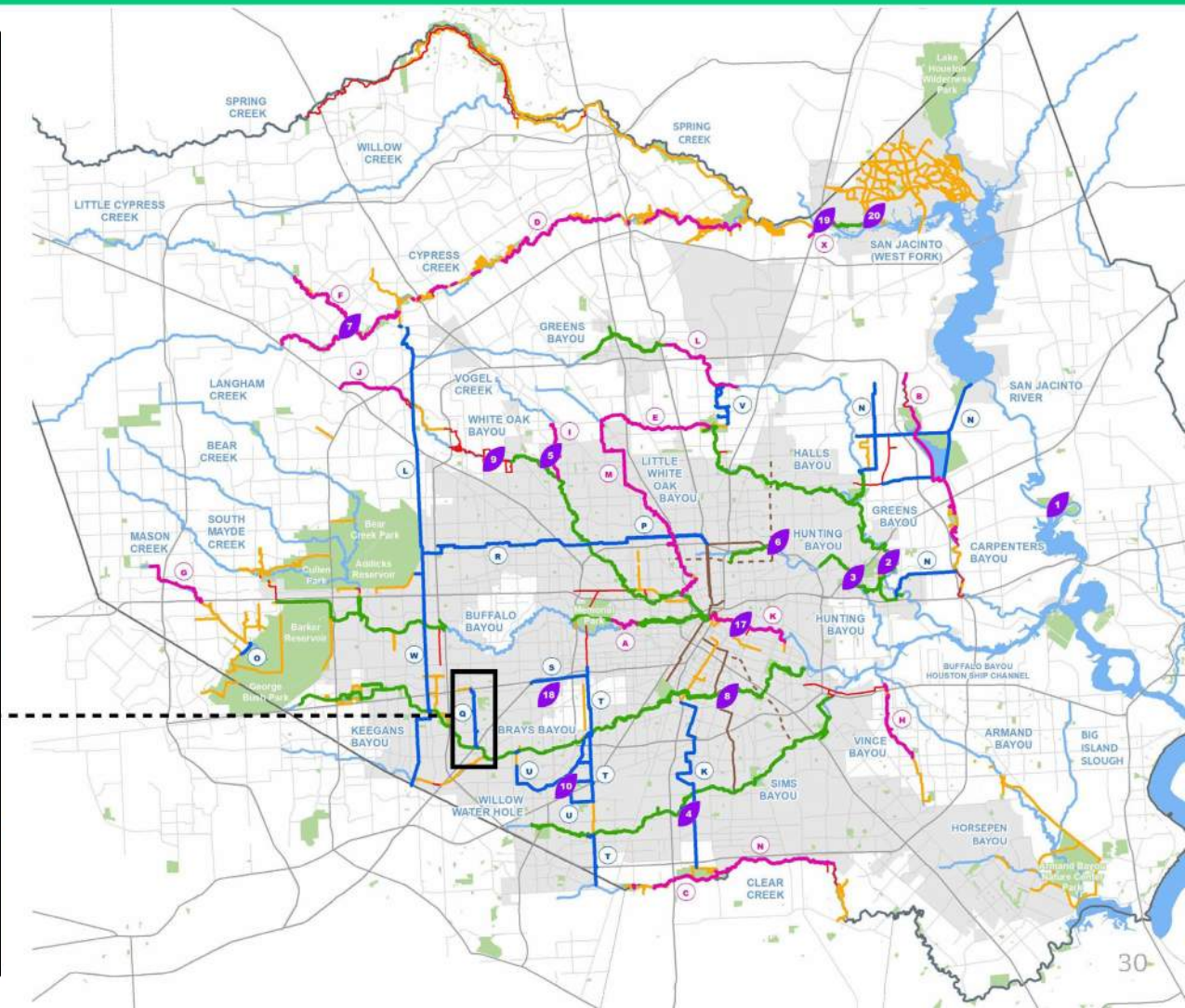
SHARPSTOWN TRAIL

Tax Income Reinvestment Zone 20 and
Southwest Management District

New Connector

Sharpstown Trail is a priority project for TIRZ 20 and the Southwest Management District. This CenterPoint easement trail is planned to eventually connect from the Westchase Trails in the north to Brays Bayou Greenway in the south. The Sharpstown Civic Association was also a big supporter of the trail recognizing it's potential to add needed recreation space in Sharpstown. Phase one of the trail is about to start construction.

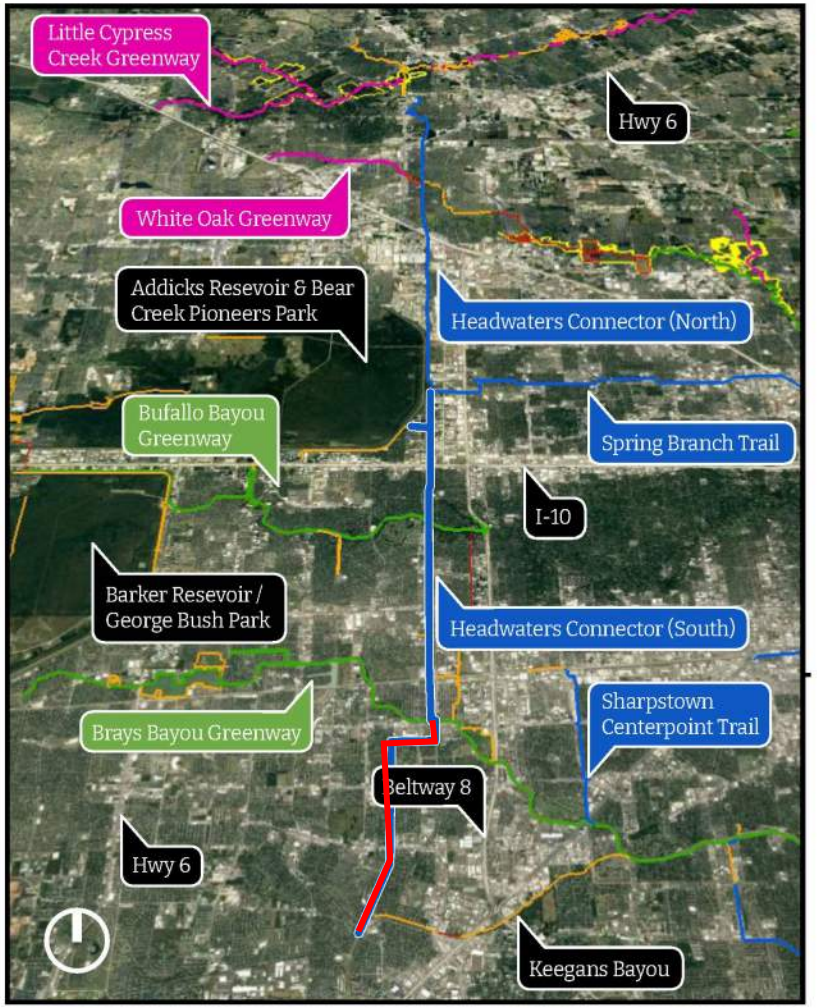


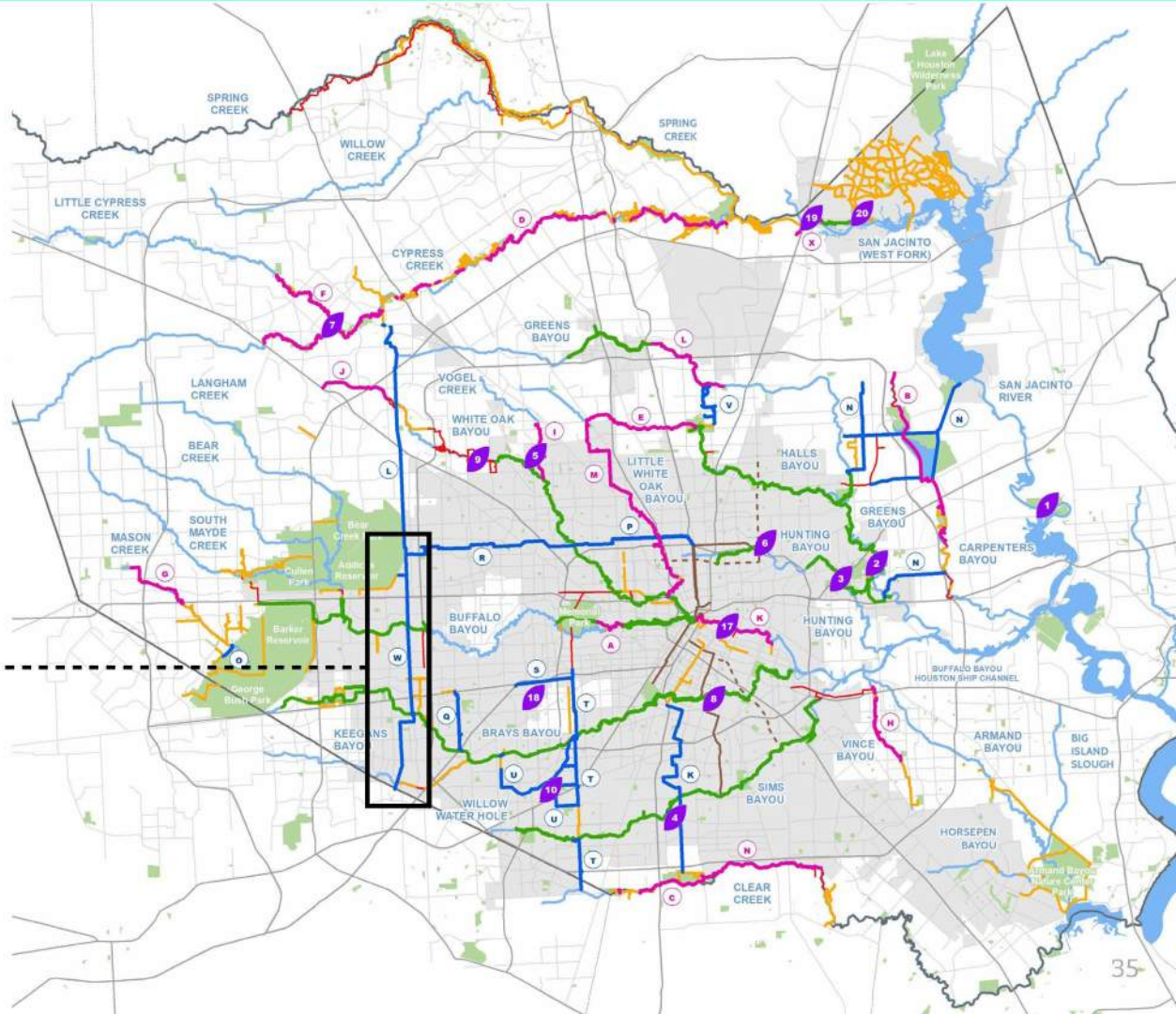


HEADWATERS (SOUTH)

New Regional Connector

The Headwaters Connector would run from Keegans Bayou in the south to Cypress Creek in the north across Brays, Buffalo, and White Oak Bayous. It would provide a north-south connection from Spring Branch Trail . The International Management District is interested in moving the portion south of Brays Bayou within their district boundary forward. Houston Parks Board did a study for Precinct One on the southernmost mile long segment, but after redistricting that area is no longer in Precinct One.

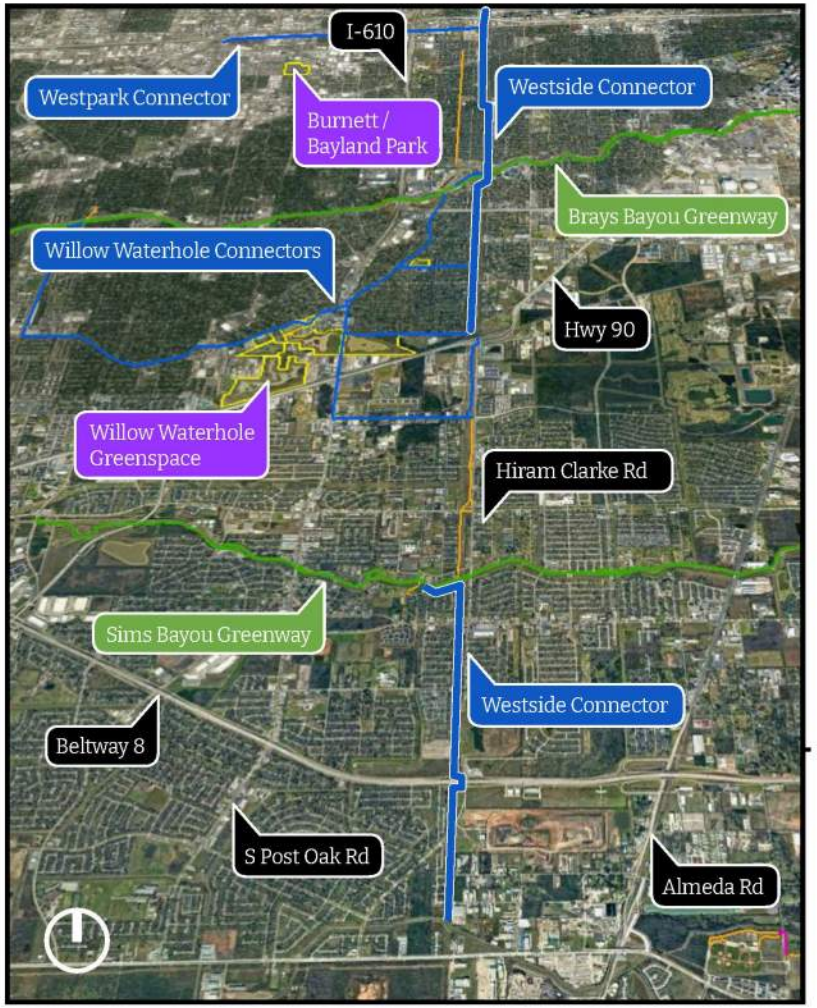


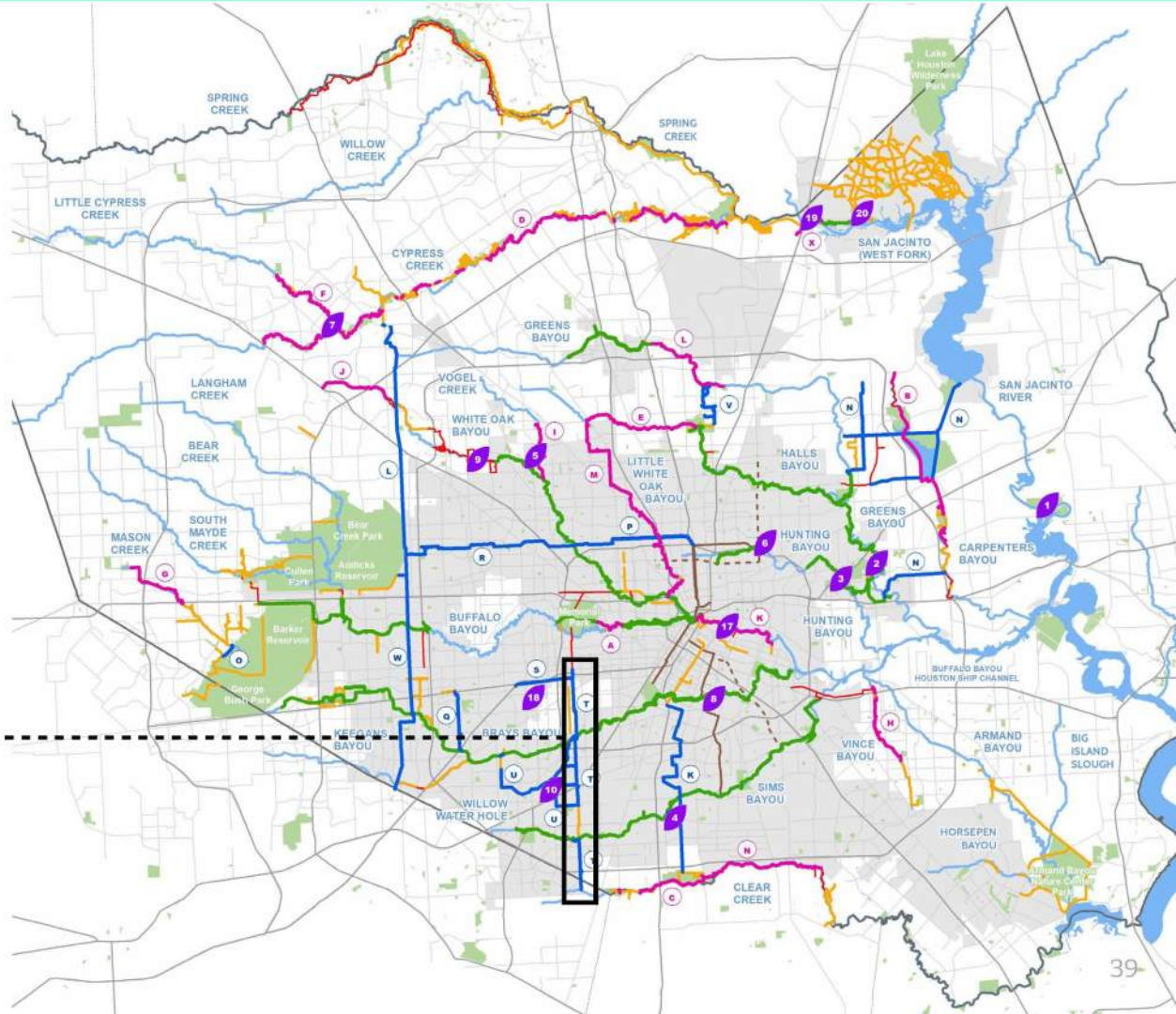


WESTSIDE (ALL)

New Regional Connector

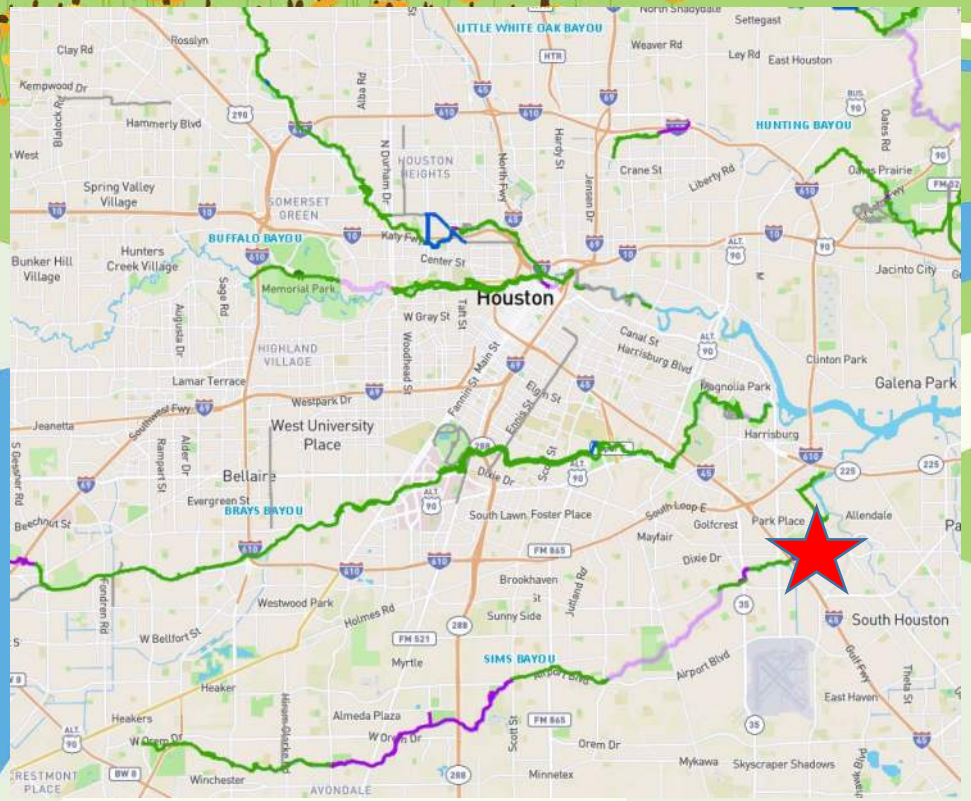
This connector trail is primarily located within a CenterPoint easement. It would connect Memorial Park to the community to the south and is therefore highly desired by the public. It builds from the existing Sims Bayou easement trail completed by Houston Parks Board in 2019 and connects across multiple Bayou Greenways. It would include a connection across to Willow Waterhole where there is currently an effort to build additional trails and facilities.





SIMS BAYOU GREENWAY

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION



11 AM – 1 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

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Public Comment

Send **written comments** to bac@houstontx.gov by 2:00pm the day of a BAC meeting. Comments will be read aloud by staff during the meeting.

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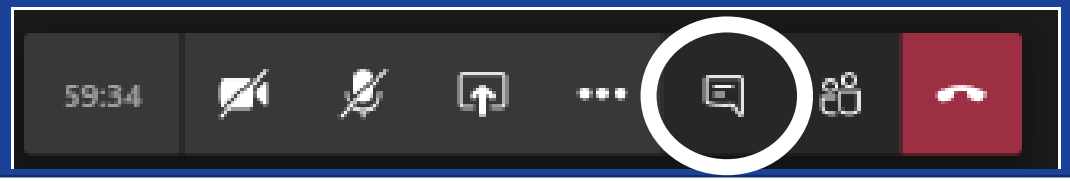
Comment via **Microsoft Teams**: Type your name and that you would like to comment



Ethics and Open Meetings Training

Kim Mickelson
City of Houston Legal Department

Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee

Procedures and Ethics Training

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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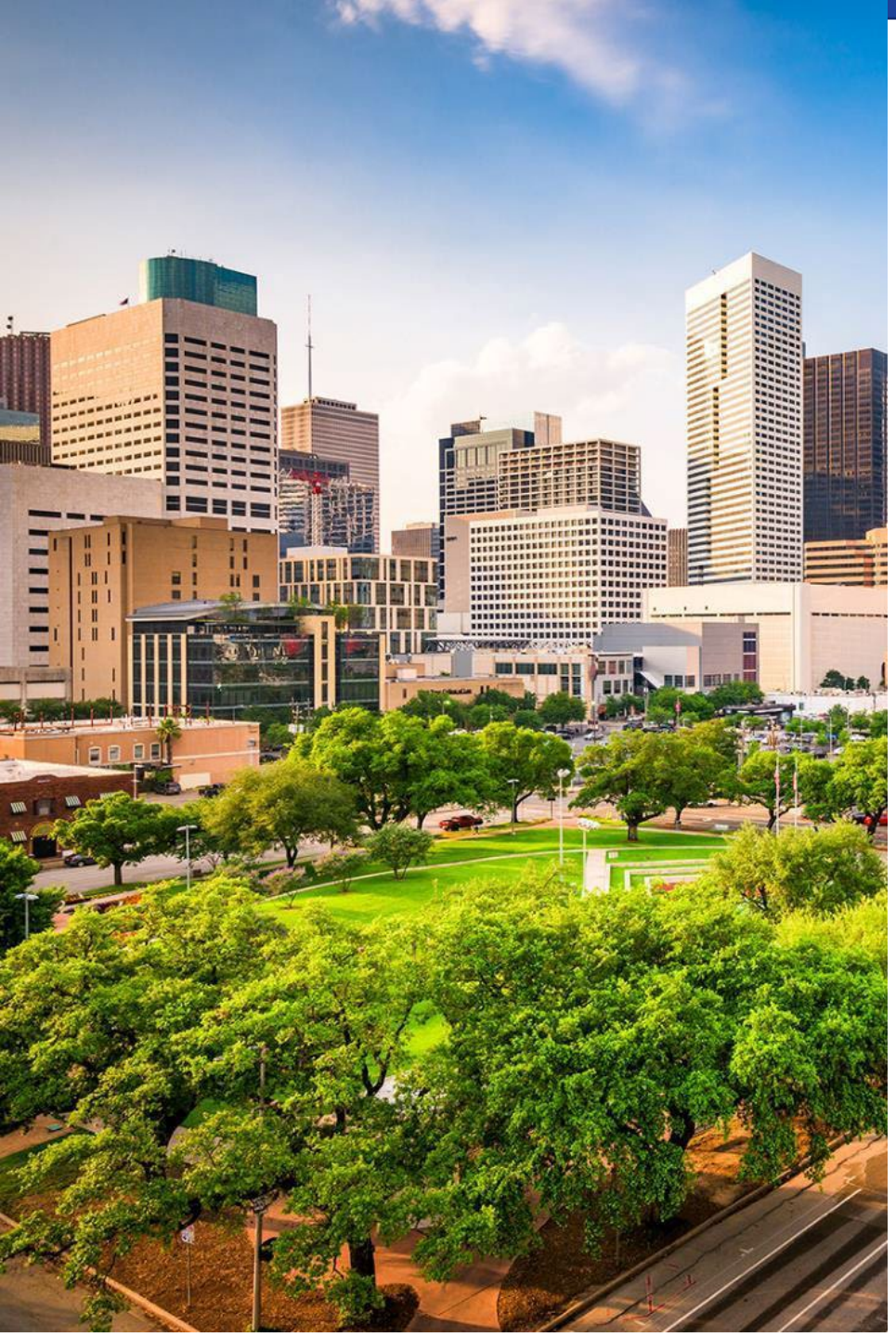


Legal Issues

Open Government requirements.

Ordinance regulates private property.

Planning is well within the City's police powers.

Constitutional considerations:

- Due process
- Equal Protection

Enforcement issues.

Meeting issues—rules of procedure.

- Motions, amendments, voting, abstentions
- Deferrals
- Designing from the dais
- Site visits

Ethics for City Boards and Commissions

Prepared by City of Houston Legal Department

Updated 3/22/22



Ethics is defined as:

A set of principles of right or good behavior;

A theory or a system of moral values;

The rules or standards of a person or

The members of a profession

A board or commission member is?

"Public Servant"

A person elected, selected, appointed, employed, or otherwise designated as one of the following, even if he has not yet qualified for office or assumed his duties: an officer, employee, or agent of government. *Texas Penal Code Section 1.07*

"Local Public Official"

- A member of governmental body or another officer appointed that exercises duties beyond that of being advisory in nature.
- Some board or commission members are local public officials, by virtue of the function of their board or commission (known as "officer" boards). *Texas Local Government Code Chapter 171*

"City Officer"

Some board or commission members are "officers" if they perform sovereign functions for the City for the benefit of the public largely independent of the control of others. *Aldine Ind. Sch. Dist. v. Standley,* 154 Tex. 547 (1955).

This means you!

“Local Government Officer”
Local Government Code
Chapter 176

Board or commission members are local government officers as members of a governing body of a local governmental entity (i.e., board to which members are appointed by the Mayor or city Council)

“City Official”
City of Houston Code of Ordinances
Chapter 18

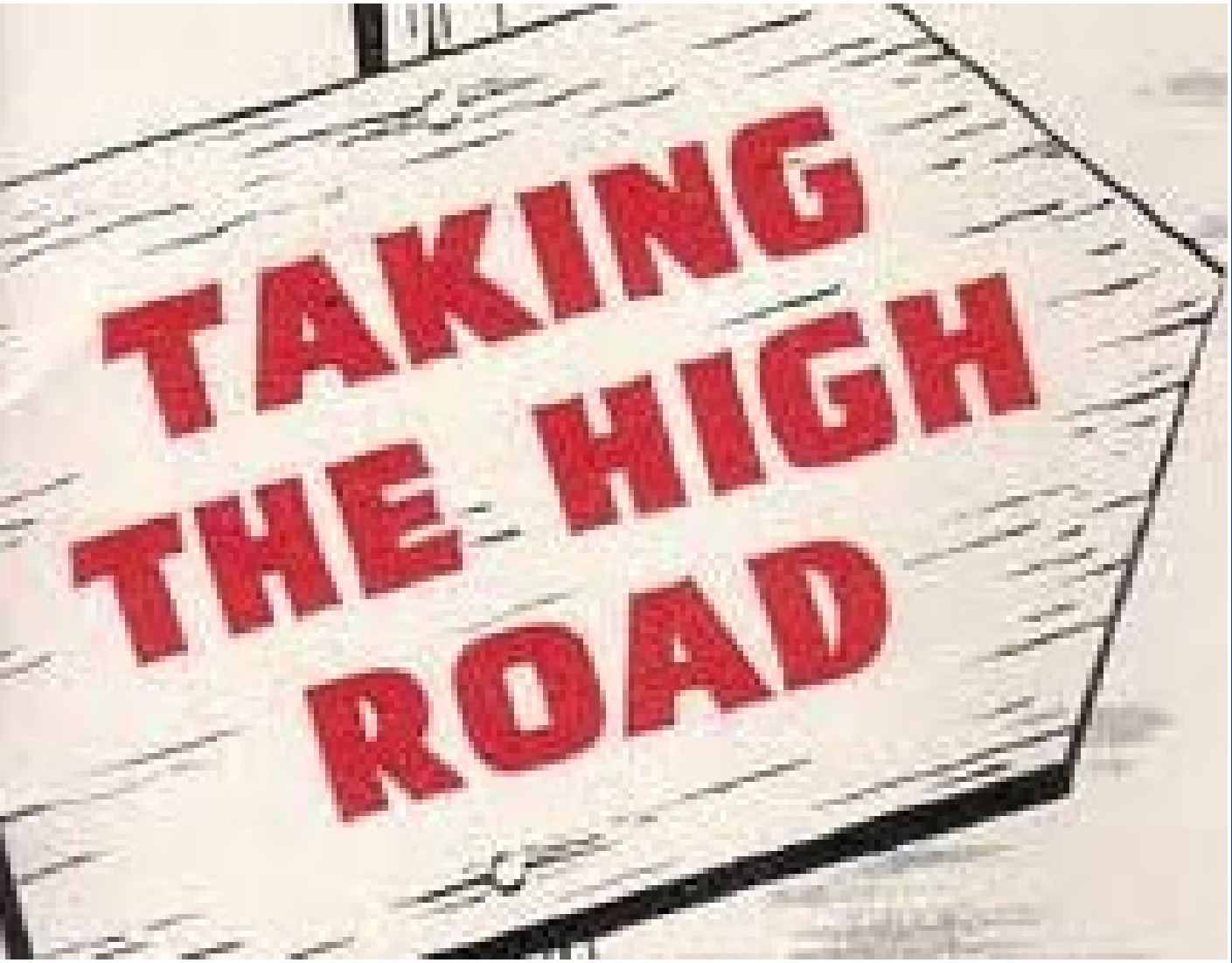
All board and commission members are city “officials,” as defined in Section 18-2 of the Code of Ordinances.’



City of Houston (COH) Code of Ordinances

- Sec. 2-316 imposes residency requirements, unless the specific adopting ordinance provides otherwise

- **Division 3, Chapter 33, Code of Ordinances creates Bicycle Master Plan and Bicycle Advisory Committee:** creation, membership, qualifications, duties, etc.
- BAC makes recommendations on bicycle safety and plans to Planning Commission and City Council.



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Best and Recommended Practices

Know and Follow the Rules!

Texas Penal Code

Texas Government Code

Texas Local Government Code

City Charter

Code of Ordinances

Open Government



Open Meetings Act:

Compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act is required for boards or commissions that make final decisions, issue permits or licenses, or adopt rules regarding public business.

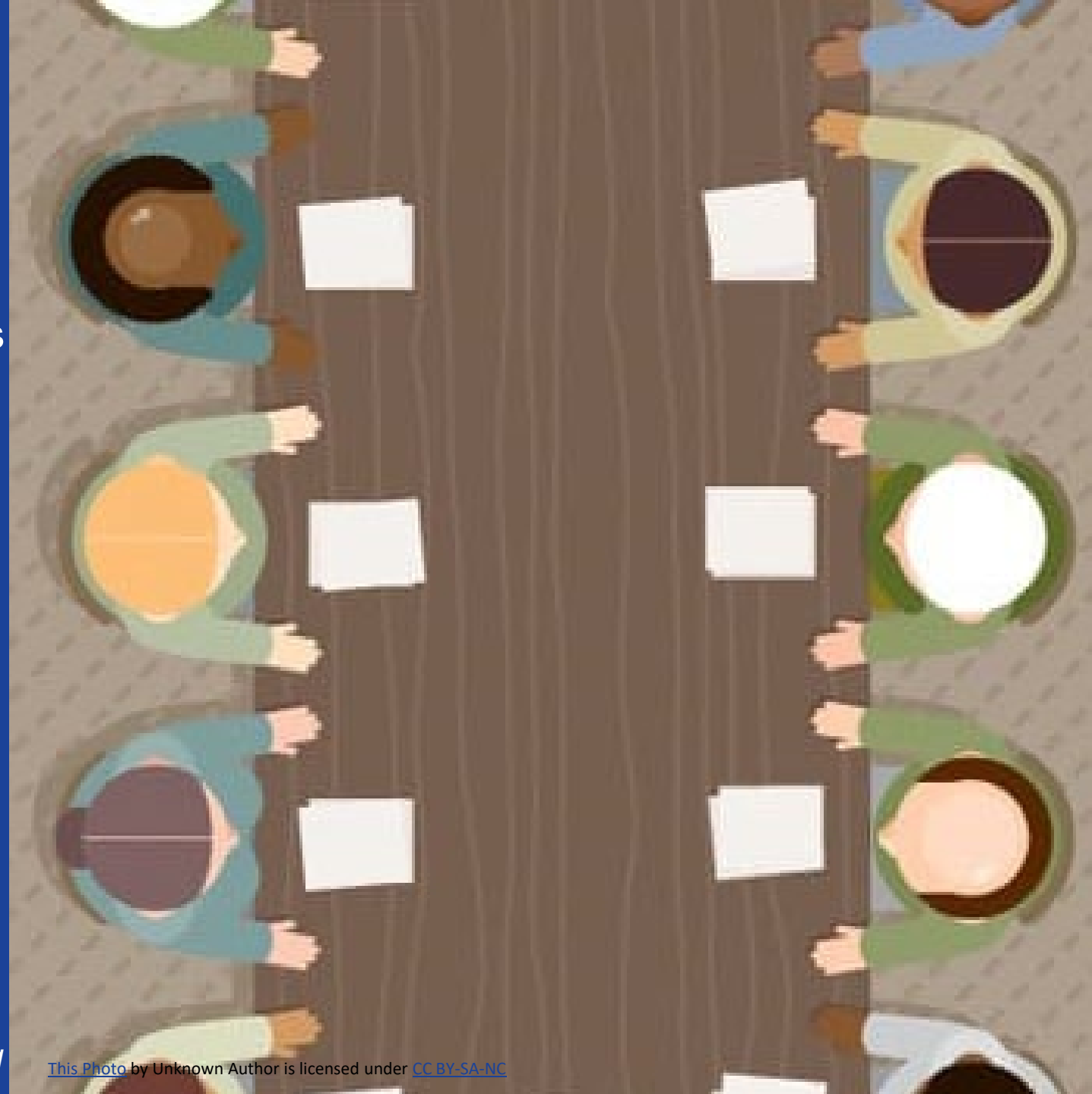
Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Open Government

Open Meetings Act

- If your board or commission typically posts its agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting and otherwise complies with the Act, be consistent and make sure you comply every meeting.
- Board and commission members must have a minimum of one hour of open meetings training.
- Training is free, online and may be completed by accessing the Texas Attorney General's website at

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/oma-training



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Allowed cities located in three or more counties *Chair must be present in the room.

Room must be open to the public

Hybrid Meetings

Public may also attend via audio/visual link;

Members may attend in Person or via a/v link and must be visible, and audible when speaking or voting. If you need to take a call or step away, announce it.

Must maintain a visible quorum

Meetings and Ex Parte Contacts

Meeting is a quorum of more of members

OR

Less than a quorum if done to avoid public discussion

Don't "reply all" to emails

Don't talk to, text, email, or telepathically discuss items with other members

Advise not to speak to applicants or opponents

Everyone should hear the same information







Open Government

Texas Public Information Act

- Boards and commission members are required to receive training about the Texas Public Information Act within 90 days of appointment. *Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.*
- You are encouraged to repeat it, but do not have to take it again on reappointment.
- The training is free, and online and may be completed by accessing the Texas Attorney General's website at:

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/pia-training

Open Government

Texas Public Information Act

Just because you are not required to receive training, the laws still apply to you.

So, your records during your service on a board or commission may be public, if they were prepared and maintained in performing your duties as board/commission members.

Be careful with email!!



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LIKE IT WILL BE READ IN COURT ONE DAY

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Texas Penal Code

Bribery & Corrupt Influence

A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly offers, confers, or agrees to confer on another, or solicits, accepts or agrees to accept from another any “benefit” in exchange for the recipient’s decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion.

Texas Penal Code, Chapter 36

What is a “benefit?”

A pecuniary gain or advantage (money or in-kind gift) to you or to someone else whose welfare is of interest to you (like a family member).

Texas Penal Code - Honorarium

1

A public servant commits an offense if the public servant solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept an honorarium in consideration for services that the public servant would not have been requested to provide but for the public servant's official position or duties.

Penal Code, Section 36.07.

2

Translation: if the invitation is because of your public office, you cannot accept.

3

EXCEPTION:

You may accept transportation or lodging expenses and meals in connection with public servant rendering services (addressing the audience or engaging in a seminar).



Texas Penal Code
Gifts

Recommendation:

Don’t ask for ‘em, don’t take ‘em

With some exceptions

but be *very* careful!

Most applicable laws and regulations carry ***criminal*** penalties for violations

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Texas Penal Code – Exceptions, Gifts Allowed

A gift/benefit may be accepted if:

It is a gift or benefit from a personal/professional relationship independent of your status as a board/ commission member;

A political contribution under the Election Code;

An item with a value of less than $50, EXCLUDING cash or a negotiable instrument (*i.e., checks, etc.); or

It is food, entertainment, or travel accept as a guest.

**Host/Donor must be present with the public official at the time the gift is used*



Texas Law on Ethics

Conflicts of Interest

If a member of a board or commission has a "substantial interest" in a business entity or real property, before a vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity or real property, that member must file an affidavit describing that interest, and abstain from further participation in the matter.

Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 171.

Conflicts of Interest

- **A person has a substantial interest in a business entity or real property if he or she:**
  - Owns 10 percent or more of stock in the business entity or 10 percent or more or $15,000 or more of the fair market value (FMV) of the business entity;
  - Receives funds from business entity > 10 percent of the person's gross income for the previous year; or
  - Has equitable or legal ownership in real property with FMV of $2,500 or more.
- **A local public official is also considered to have a substantial interest if the official or a person related to the official in the first degree of consanguinity or affinity has a substantial interest.**



Disclosure of Vendor Conflicts

Local Government Code Chapter 176

Local government officer must file a "conflicts disclosure statement" with City Secretary to disclose information relating to vendors or potential vendors with whom the officer or family member of the officer has:

1. An employment or business relationship that results in taxable income of more than $2,500 in a 12-month period;
2. A family relationship; or
3. Received gifts that total more than $100 in a 12-month period.

"Family Member"

Person within first degree by consanguinity or affinity

"Family Relationship"

Relationship within 3rd degree by consanguinity or 2nd degree by affinity

Disclosure of Interest in Property

Government Code Section 553.002

"Public Servant"

"Public servant" who has a legal or equitable interest in property that is to be acquired with public funds must file disclosure affidavit with the county clerk "within 10 days before the date on which the property is to be acquired by purchase or condemnation."

"Public Servant"

"Public servant" means a person who is elected, appointed, employed, or designated, even if not yet qualified for or having assumed the duties of office as an *officer* of government.

"Officer"

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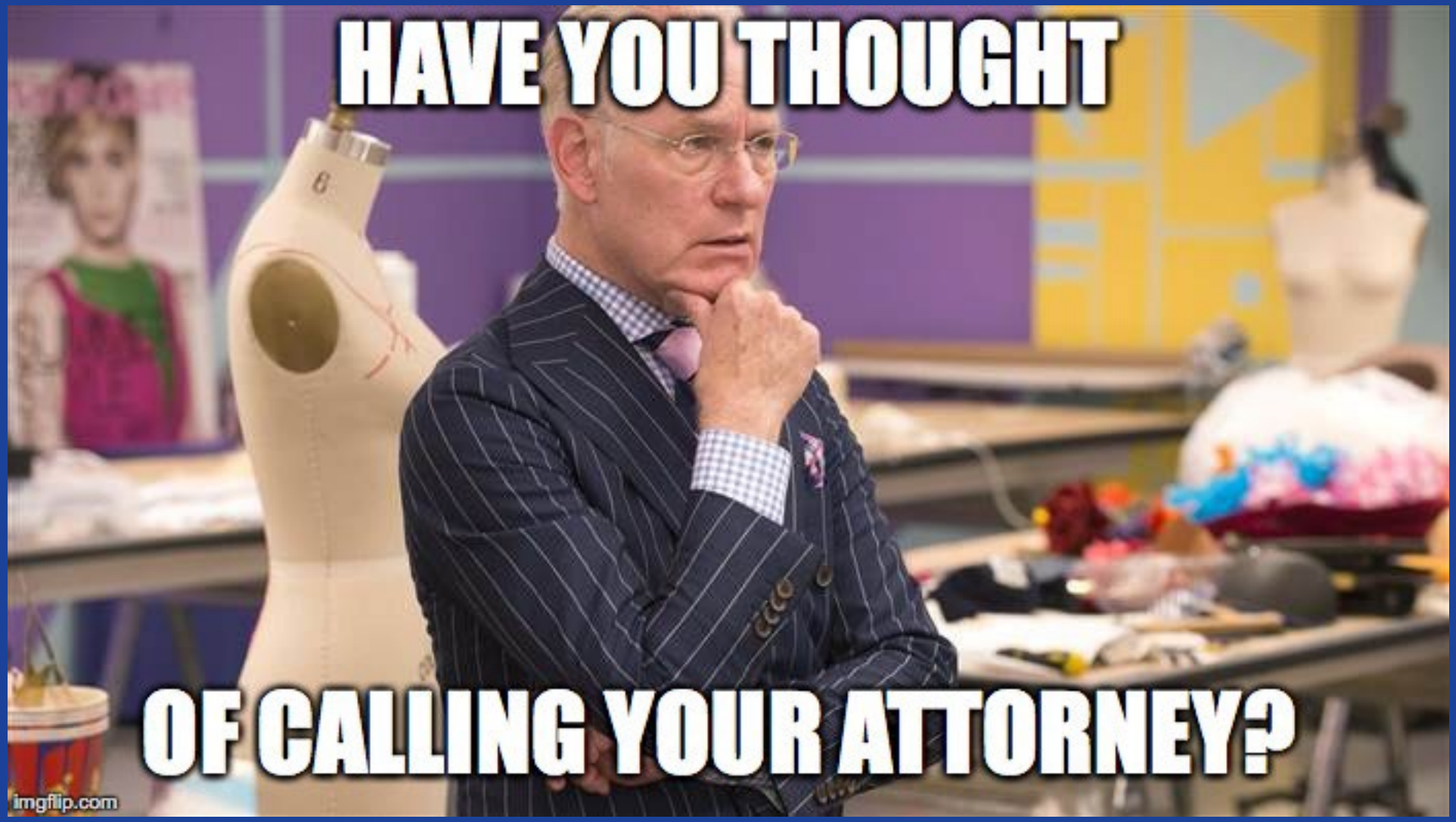
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City Charter

Financial Interest in City Contracts

No member of City Council or any officer* of the City of Houston, shall have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in: (1) any contract let by the city; (2) any work done by the city; or (3) any matter wherein the rights or liabilities of the City of Houston are or may be involved. ***Charter, Art. VII, Sec. 4.***

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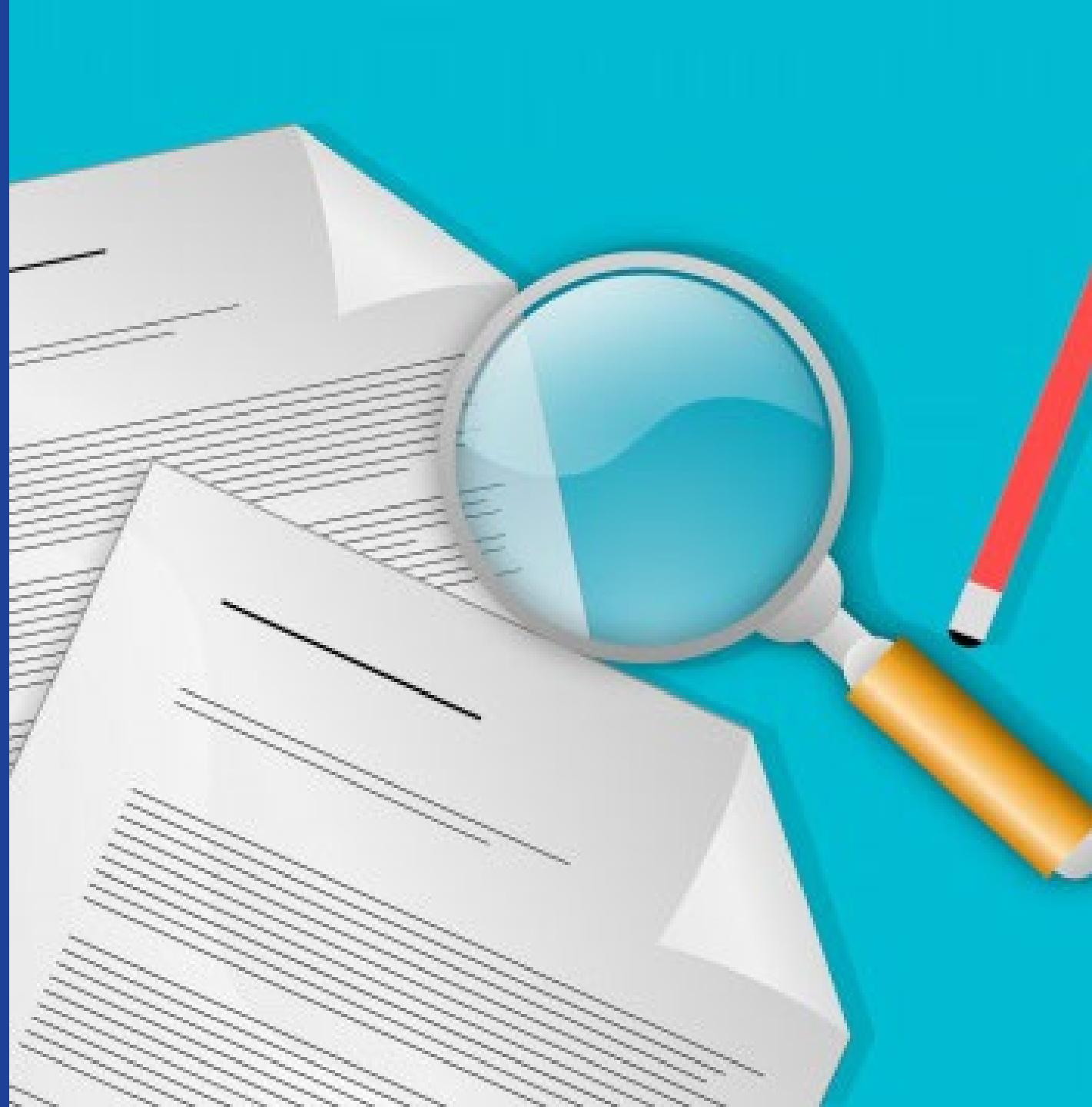
City Charter

Financial Interest in City contracts

If violated, “then the said contract or work, purchase or sale, shall be null and void and shall be discontinued, and new arrangements shall be entered into as in case of the incipiency of the contract of work, purchase or sale.” *Charter, Art. VII, Sec. 4*



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In no case shall the City Council or any member of the City Council, or any other officer of the City of Houston…hold any position, office or employment who is an arrears, or due and owing to the City any sum of money for taxes or otherwise.

Charter, Art. III, Sec. 2.





Code of Ordinances – Residence Requirement:

Section 2-316(a)
of the Houston Code of Ordinances requires a person appointed to aboard or commission to maintain his or her residence within the city limits, during his or her term of service:

<u>Exception:</u>

- the ordinance designating the composition of a board or commission specifically provides otherwise; or
- the person is a full-time salaried city employee.

A person who moves outside the city limits during his or her appointment term is automatically disqualified from continuing to serve.

Code of Ordinances
Chapter 18 – Standards of Conduct

1

(Don't) Use your official capacity to gain future employment opportunities.

2

(Don't) Represent an individual or interest in front of the body of which you are a member.

3

(Don't) Use the official's position to harass or discriminate against any person.

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Campaign Season Reminders



Limitation on solicitations and contributions

Candidates for elected city office may not accept campaign contributions that are solicited by:

- a member of the ethics commission;
- a member of the planning commission;
- a member of the sports authority board appointed by the city;
- a member of the port authority board appointed by the city; or
- a member of the metropolitan transit authority board appointed by the city.

NOTE: This does NOT mean members of these boards or commissions cannot make contributions themselves.



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Thank You

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Agenda

1. Director’s Report
2. Chair’s Report
3. State of the Bayou Greenways
4. Approval of January Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. Ethics Training
7. Open Forum
8. Announcements

The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each at the beginning of the meeting.

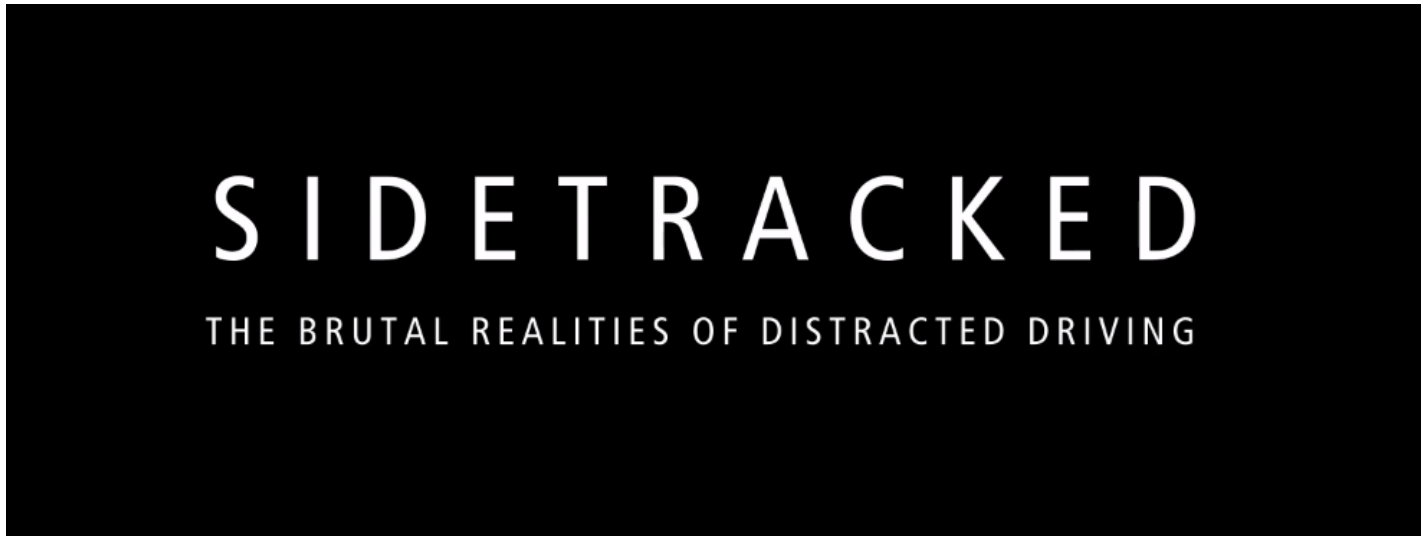
Open Forum

Announcements and Events

Announcements

Sidetracked Available on YouTube

- Vision Zero Houston hosted the premiere of ‘Sidetracked”, a documentary on the consequences of distracted driving in Houston, in March
- Video is now available on YouTube
- View the trailer: LINK
- View the video: LINK



Announcements

Free “Train Your Bike” Adult Bicycle Course

- H-GAC is hosting a course on how to anticipate road conditions and challenges to boost confidence and enhance the riding experience.
- Multiple locations, classes held on weekends from April-June.
- For more information and to register: https://www.h-gac.com/pedestrian-bicyclist-planning/bike-safety

Announcements

Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference, April 27-29

- Hosted by Bike Texas
- Virtual Conference to bring together those involved with bicycle, pedestrian, and other active transportation and recreation modes from Texas and beyond.
- Registration and more info: https://ttatconference.org/

TTAT CONFERENCE 2022



Announcements

Sims Bayou Greenway Ribbon Cutting, April 30

- Houston Parks Board is celebrating a new segment of the Sims Bayou Greenway
- Sat Apr 30, 11:00am-1:00pm
- Glenbrook Park, 8201 N Bayou Dr, Houston, 77017
- More info and registration at https://houstonparksboard.org/events/sims-bayou-greenway-ribbon-cutting-and-celebration



Announcements

Third Ward on Tap, May 7

- Houston Parks Board is hosting 3rd Ward on Tap, a block party along Velasco Street and the Columbia Tap Trail from Holman to Elgin Street
- Saturday 5/7
- Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-ward-on-tap-registration-310151931777

HOUSTON PARKS BOARD

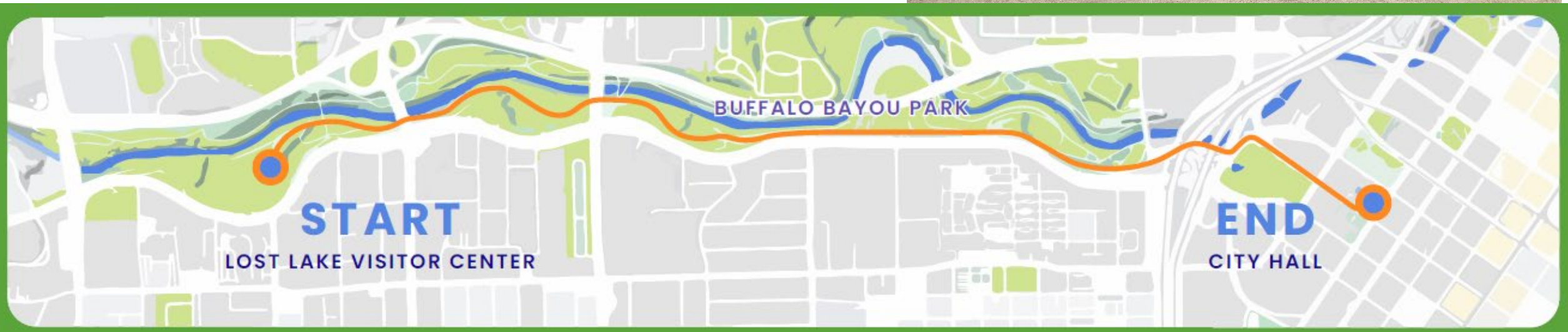


Bike to Work Day

Bike to Work Day: May 20, 7:30am

- Ride: Lost Lake Visitor Center to City Hall (Buffalo Bayou)





Announcements

Destination Trail Open House, May 31

- Harris County and the Harris County Toll Road Authority are starting engagement on The Destination Trail proposal, a 31-mile trail connecting Houston, South Houston, and Webster
- The open house will focus on Segment 1 (Emancipation Park to Mason Park)
- Tuesday, 5/31 at 6:00pm
- Raul C Martinez Courthouse Annex
  - 3018 Emancipation Ave, Houston 77004





Announcements

Next Meetings

- Infrastructure Subcommittee: May 25, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
- Education Subcommittee: June 22, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
- Bicycle Advisory Committee: July 27, 2:30-4:30pm: Council Chambers/Microsoft Teams

Thank You

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Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date

Commander Kristine Anthony-Miller
Houston Police Department
BAC

Decedent Type	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2022	2020-2022 % Change	2021-2022 % Change
Bicyclist	1	3	4	300%	33%

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2022 FATALITY REPORT

(AS OF 4/18/22)

Division	#	Major	Minor	DWI	FATAL	FSRA	FSGI
Downtown	5	3	2				0
Central	5	3	2				0
North	7	6	1				0
Northwest	6	4	2			2	0
Northeast	4	3	1			1	0
Kingwood	3	1	2		1		0
South Central	7	6	1			1	0
Eastside	7	6	1			3	0
Clear Lake	1	1	0				0
Southeast	9	8	1	1	1	4	0
Southwest	9	7	2			3	1
South Gessner	3	2	1				0
Midwest	10	8	2	1	1	2	0
Westside	9	6	3	1	1	3	0
North Belt	2	1	1			1	1
Totals	**87**	**65**	**22**	**3**	**4**	**20**	**3**

- YTD stats (as of 3/31/22)
- 87 total crashes involving a pedalcyclist as one of the units
- Intersections with multiple crashes = ZERO

CRASHES (PEDALCYCLIST) YTD 2022

2022 BICYCLE FATALITIES

- Chung Chieh Ko(2/7)
- Jose Gutierrez Prieto (2/19)
- Luz Francisco Beltran (2/20)
- Trejo Bernardo (3/23)



Bikeway Project Updates

Brian D. Smith II
Planning & Development

Bikeway Updates

City of Houston CIP

CIP **Updated: 4/26/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design	Construction	Notes
*North Main - Boundary to Cottage	0.7	95% Design		Awaiting permit from TxDOT; construction starts in May 2022
11th St	1.5	90% Design		90% Design review; construction starts Summer 2022
Michaux	0.4	-	-	Shared on-street bikeway part of 11th St corridor
Patterson St	0.9	90% Design		90% Design review; awaiting permit from TxDOT; construction starts this summer
Shepherd/Durham	1.8	95% Design		
High Star Dr	0.2			Phase 3
Hillcroft Ave	0.9	Complete	In Progress	Construction almost complete
Antoine	2.5	Concept		
Lawndale St	1.5	Complete		Notices to residents mailed; construction starts Jan 17
Westpark	0.9	Complete		
Fulton - Quitman to Hogan	0.5	30% Design		
Egbert St	0.2	90% Design		
Larkin	0.5			
Lockwood Dr	0.7	90% Design		
Westward St	0.4			
West Little York	3.4	Concept Complete		Submitted for TxDOT HSIP funding.
Quitman	0.3	In Progress		
Fondren - Braeswood to Airport	1.5	In Progress		
Parker Rd	0.5	90% Design		Designing Fulton to Exeter; working with Trees for Houston to incorporate trees into design

TOTAL MILEAGE **19.3**

Bikeway Updates

PCT 1

Harris County PCT 1 — **Updated: 4/26/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design	Construction	Notes
Future Precinct 1				
Southeast/MLK	5.2	Concept Complete		Segment 1 - Calhoun Street at 90% design; Segment 2 & 3 - Design Scoping
Cavalcade/Homestead	9.0	Design Ongoing		Segment 1 - 60%; Segment 2 & 3 30% - Design Complete
Hillcroft	3.6	Concept Complete		Feasibility Study Complete
Almeda Shared Use Path	0.9	Complete		**100% Design; Bid Phase**
El Rio - El Camino	0.5	Complete		**100% Design; Bid Phase**
Trail Fondren Diversion Channel	0.7	Complete		**100% Design; Bid Phase**
Preston Bikeway	1.0	Concept Ongoing		Feasibility Study Complete
CE King Trail	2.3	Design Ongoing		**Tree Survey Complete; Awaiting update to 30% concept**
Fannin/San Jacinto	5.3	Concept Ongoing		**Conceptual Design Study Ongoing**
Cullen Blvd - UH	2.1	Complete	In Progress	Partnership with COH and UH
Blodgett/Tierwester	1.0	Complete		Phase 1 (Ennis to Scott and Tierwester) Awaiting Construction kick-off
W. Mount Houston - W. Montgomery - TC Jester	2.6	Complete	In Progress	Under Construction
Trail to Keegans Bayou	0.3	Complete	Complete	**Complete**
Deussen Parkway	1.5	Complete	Complete	**Complete**
Funding Partnership Projects				
Montrose Bikeway & Sidewalk	9.7	Ongoing	In Progress	Feasiblity Completed on 9.7 miles; Waugh Commonwealth - Construction; Hawthorne - Woodhead 90% design
Midtown - Tuam Bikeway	0.5	Design Ongoing		Partnership with Midtown TIRZ and COH Waterline Project
18 Miles - 2018-2021 Projects				
Lyons		Complete	Complete	
Hardy-Elysian		Complete	Complete	
Kelley		Complete	Complete	
Austin/LaBranch/Crawford		Complete	Complete	
Hutchins-Cleburne		Complete	Complete	
Gray		Complete	Complete	
Polk		Complete	Complete	
Cullen		Complete	Complete	
Austin/LaBranch - HCC Realignment		90%		Coordinating Agreement with HCC & COH
TOTAL MILEAGE	**46.2**			

Bikeway Updates

PCT 2

Harris County PCT 2 — **Updated: 4/26/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design	Construction	Notes
Visit projects.hcp2.com for more info				
*Vickery St. (Aldine)	1	Complete	Complete	Construction Complete
*Kowis St. (Aldine)	0.5	Complete	In Progress	In construction. Envision certification upcoming
*Freeport St. (Cloverleaf)	2.4	Complete		100% Design
*Carpenter's Bayou Trail (Channelview)	0.8	Complete	In Progress	In construction.
Armand Bayou Trail (Pasadena)	2	In Progress		30% Design
*Fairmont Pkwy Trail (Pasadena)	0.5	In Progress		30% Design
Partnership Projects				
*Market St (Baytown)	2.3	In Progress		Partnership with City of Baytown. 30% design
*Quitman St.	1.4	Complete		Partnership with GNMD, COH, METRO. 100% Design
Buffalo Bend - Hidalgo Greenway	0.4	In Progress		Partnership with BBP, COH. 0% Design
Navigation Blvd (BBP)	1	In Progress		Partnership with BBP. 0% design
Pinckney St . Trail	0.15	Complete		Partnership with TIRZ 21. 100% Design
Completed Projects				
Hardy-Elysian		Complete	Complete	Partnership with Pct. 1
Main St. Trail (Galena Park)		Complete	Complete	Partnership with Port Houston and Galena Park
Bay Area Hike and Bike Segment 1 Phase 1		Complete	Complete	
Bay Area Hike and Bike Segment 1 Phase 2		Complete	Complete	
Bay Area Hike and Bike Segment 3		Complete	Complete	
Exploration Green		Complete	Complete	Partnership with CLWA
East End Bike Plan	-	Complete	Complete	Partnership with EED

TOTAL MILEAGE **12.4**

Bikeway Updates HPB

Houston Parks Board / Bayous **Updated: 4/26/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design	Permitting	Construction	Notes
Buffalo Bayou					
US 59 to Fannin	0.5	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Hunting Bayou					
Maxey Rd to Manitou	4.0	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Partial substantial completion, under US90 pending TxDOT - COH agreement.
Sims Bayou					
Buffalo Spdwy to Scott St	6.0	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Glenbrook Park to Telephone Rd	1.4	Complete	Complete	In Progress	
Stuart Park to FM Law Park	3.4	Complete	In Progress		
FM Law Park to MLK	1.2	Complete	In Progress		
Brays Bayou					
*Mason Park under UPRR bridge (north sides)	0.3	Complete	In Progress		
*Mason Park under UPRR bridge (south sides)	0.3	In Progress			
Holcombe to Stella Link (south side)	3.7	Complete	In Progress		
Stella Link to S. Rice (south side	1.1	Complete	In Progress		
*S. Rice to Braeburn Glen (south side)	3.3				In planning (pre-design)
*Chimney Rock to Hillcroft (north side)	1.0	Complete	In Progress		
*Braeburn Glen to Eldridge	7.8	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Out to bid, bids due in November
Halls Bayou					
*Talton St to Lake Forest Park	0.4	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Finalizing construction contract
Tidwell to Bretshire/Hirsh to Jensen	2.4	Complete	In Progress		
*Mesa Dr to Banting St	1.1	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Talton to Lake Forest completes the gaps in this connection
San Jacinto Bayou					
Woodland Hills to Ross Rd	2.6	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Partial substantial completion. Riverview Townhomes pending HPARD acquisition expected by the end of the year.
White Oak Bayou					
MKT Connection	0.2	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Preconstruction meeting next week
Extension to Jones Rd (HCFCD Project)		Complete	Complete	In Progress	Construction began fall 2020, expected to be complete by spring of 2022
Utility Corridors					
Spring Branch - Wirt to Blalock	2.4	Complete	Complete	Complete	2.4 miles for Spring Branch Management District
*Spring Branch - Gessner to Shadowdale Drive	0.6	Complete	In Progress		for Spring Branch Management District
*Sharpstown - Sands Point to Beechnut	1.8	Complete	Complete		For TIRZ 20 - on hold awaiting federal earmark funding
*Scott Street Greenway - Bessie Swindle Way to Swingle Road	1.0	Complete	In Progress		for Precinct 1 - on hold awaiting fedaral earmark funding
*Scott Street Greenway - Bessie Swindle Way to Airport Blvd	0.6	In Progress			for Precinct 1
TOTAL MILEAGE	**47.1**				

Bikeway Updates

METRO

METRO **Updated: 4/26/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design Status	Construction Status	Notes
Cavalcade Phase 2	0.6	Complete	Substantially complete	Construction began in February 2021
Leeland		Complete	Complete	Accepted by the COH on October 19, 2021
Quitman	1.4	50% Complete		Partnership with COH, Harris County Pct 2. Interlocal Agreement with partners approved by METRO Board in June 2021. METRO, GNMD and Harris County Pct. 2 contributing funds. HC Pct 2 leading design and construction bid. GNMD leading maintenance.
McGowen Bikeway	1.8	95% Complete		Main St to Scott St; Part of 54 Scott BOOST project which is a METRONext project. Dedicated on-street
Mainer	1.0	60% Complete		In partnership with Precinct 1. Scott St. to Ardmore (Holly Hall Trail). Dedicated on-street.
TOTAL MILEAGE	**4.8**			

Bikeway Updates

Management Districts

Management Districts **Updated: 4/26/22**

Corridor	Mileage	Design Status	Construction Status	Notes
Westchase MD				
Walnut Bend Ln	1.2	Complete	In Progress	Currently adding striping and paint
Elmside/Richmond/Woodchase		Complete	Complete	
TOTAL MILEAGE	**1.2**			

Bikeway Updates

TIRZ

TIRZ **4/13/2022**

Corridor	Mileage	Design Status	Construction Status	Notes
TIRZ 5 (MHRA)				
Shepherd Dr/Durham Dr Ph 1 (15th to I-610)	2.4	Complete	NTP Issued 4/18 Waiting for Centerpoint	
Shepherd Dr/Durham Dr Ph 2 (15th to I-10)	2.8	In Progress		Expected construction Q4 FY 2023
MKT Improvements (Houston Ave to Termination)	0.1	Complete	Construction started 3/28	
Heights (Center to IH-10)	0.4	Complete	Construction started 3/28	Also includes intersection improvements at Washington/Waugh and Washington/Center; Expected construction Q3 FY 2022
W Dallas (Dunlavy to Waugh)	0.3	Complete	Construction started 3/28	
W Dallas (Tirrel to Dunlavy)	0.1	90% Design		Expected construction Q1-Q2 FY 2023 Developer Reimbursement Project
W Dallas (Shepherd to Tirrel)	0.3	Complete	In construction	
WOB Trail to Memorial (Moy St to Kansas St)	0.1	Complete	Construction started 3/28	
Downtown TIRZ				
Bagby/Dallas	0.7			
TIRZ 27 (Montrose)				
Waugh/Yoakum/Commonwealth/Lovett	2.2	Complete	In Progress	
Hawthorne/Woodhead		In Progress		
Dallas Bikeway		In Progress		Expected construction start FY 2023
Welch Stanford		In Progress		Expected construction start FY 2024
Mandell		In Progress		Expected construction start FY 2024/2025
TIRZ 17				
Briar Branch Trail	1.0	Complete	In Progress	
TIRZ 15 (EDRA)				
Bastrop Trail (McKinney to Polk)		Complete	Complete	
Bastrop Trail (Polk to Bell)	0.1	In Progress		Expected construction late FY 2022/ FY 2023
Columbia Tap (Emancipation to St. Emanuel)		In Progress		Expected construction late FY 2022/ FY 2023
Walker (Emancipation to St Emanuel)		In Progress		
TIRZ 13 (OSWRA)				
Sawyer (Washington to Memorial/Buffalo Bayou Park)	0.2	In Progress		Expected construction FY 2022
Edwards (Silver to Sawyer)	0.3	In Progress		Expected construction FY 2023
Clear Lake Water Authority				
Clear Lake Trails	3.1			
TOTAL MILEAGE	**14.1**			

Bikeway Updates

TxDOT

TxDOT **4/13/2022**

Corridor	Mileage	Design Status	Construction Status	Notes
*I-610 Feeder (12th to NW Transit Center)	0.5			Design start forthcoming; funding move to FY 2024
Trail Connection (MKT to WOB Trail)		Complete	Awaiting construction	Projected award date: Jul 28
*I-10 (Cohn to Westcott)	0.4	Awaiting Permit		Design/documentation submitted for permit to construct under the railroad; funding late FY 2023
East Fwy/Federal/Maxey	2.2	Complete	Complete	Complete

TOTAL MILEAGE **3.1**

No Parking in the Bike Lane Updates

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No Parking in the Bike Lane

As of April 19, 2022:

- 120 citations issued (+39)
- $6,505 collected (+$495)
- 10 completed trainings (+1)

No Parking in the Bike Lane

Top 3 Locations:

- 9100 Galveston Rd (30)
- 900 Bastrop St (24)
- 200 N Cesar Chavez Blvd (7)

New Locations

- 9100 Galveston Rd
- 1600 Polk St
- 2000 Waugh Dr
- 1200 Crawford St
- 6600 Westview Dr
- 800 Austin St

