City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00pm at the John B. Raia Room, 611 Walker, 6th Floor

For meeting documents, please visit our website

Comments received via email before 5:00pm on July 23 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. Approval of April 2024 Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Vote for Vice Chair
6. Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway Presentation
7. Quarterly Updates
    a. Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date
    b. Bikeway Projects
    c. No Parking in the Bike Lane
8. Open Forum
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Call to Order. Chair Tom Compson called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.

Roll Call:
Tom Compson, Chair (P)
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair (P)
Tracy Alexander (A)
Leah Chambers (A)
Adam J. Williams (A)
Carl B. Salazar (A)
Joe Cutrufo (P)
Lisa Graiff (P)
Trevor Reichman (P)
Yuhayna Mahmud (A)
Nick Hellyar (A)
Ben Drews (P)
Amar Mohite (A)
Mike VanDusen (P)
Robin Holzer (P)
Veon McReynolds (P)

Ex-Officio Members:
Jennifer Ostlind (P)
Ian Hlavacek (A) *Virginia Lynn present for HPW*
Patricc Fortiori (P)

Incoming Planning & Development Director Vonn Tran present.

Item 1: Director's Report. Jennifer Ostlind gave the Director's Report.

Both Strategic Bikeways projects are at 100% design and at final review by the administration. Houston Public Works staff are preparing a bid package for the projects to advertise to contractors when given approval.

Houston BCycle ceased operations this summer. The City is responsible for the bike share equipment. Staff is working to get the equipment to other cities for their bike share programs and will auction off some bikes and equipment to the public.

Introducing the new Planning and Development Department director, Vonn Tran.

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Item 2: Chair's Report. Chair Tom Compson gave the Chair's Report.

Chair Compson recommends the BAC read *Bike Battles: A History of Sharing the American Road* by James Longhurst, which discusses the history of bicycles on our roads and how the struggles and themes around bicycling have not changed much since earlier times. Of note: the final chapter talks of the 1970s and how the energy crisis and oil embargo influenced more adults to ride bicycles.

Item 3: Approval of April 2024 Minutes.

No changes recommended.
Motion: McReynolds **Second:** Cutrufo **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstain:** None

Item 4: Public Comment.

Kevin Strickland spoke regarding the proposed Pat Walsh Bikeway.

Lindsay Aldrich Walsh spoke regarding the proposed Pat Walsh Bikeway.

Item 5: Vote for Vice Chair

Vote in favor of keeping current Vice Chair Alejandro Perez
Motion: Alejandro **Second:** McReynolds **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstain:** None

Table Vice Chair vote for July meeting.

Item 6: Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway Presentation. Brian D. Smith, II presented on the proposed Pat Walsh Bikeway naming, the staff recommended alternative, and opened the 45-day public comment period.

Item 7: Quarterly Updates

7A: Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

- 2024 Fatality Report
  - 3 fatality YTD
  - 234 crashes involving bicyclists

7B: Bikeway Projects. **All projects with designs that incorporate reducing motor vehicle lanes or on-street protected bike facilities are on hold, pending further review by the Mayor's Administration.**

Notable Updates:

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- Confirmed Projects
  - Quitman St (COH, HCPCT2, Greater Northside MD, METRO)
  - Shepherd/Durham Phase 2 (TIRZ 5-MHDA)
- Houston Parks Board:
  - Brays Bayou/Mason Park trail connection under the UPRR bridge (north side) is **complete**.

<u>8C: No Parking in the Bike Lane.</u>

- As of 7/22/24:
  - 310 citations issues (+22)
  - $22,000 in fines collected (+$2,835)
  - 36 completed trainings (+5)
  - 7 new locations since last report
- Top/New Locations
  - Top 3: 9100 Galveston Rd, 2300 Polk St, 900 Bastrop St
  - New Locations (7): 2100 Walker St, 1400 Lamar St, 1900 Heights Blvd, 2300 Elysian St, 2800 Elysian St, 4100 Hardy Rd, 800 Travis St

Item 9: Open Forum

Wilson Calvert is joining the Transportation Team and will assist facilitating BAC meetings.

Thanks to Virginia Lynn for her contributions to the City of Houston during her tenure at Houston Public Works.

Item 10: Announcements

Next Meetings

- Infrastructure Subcommittee: August 28, 2:00pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/MS Teams
- Education Subcommittee: September 25, 2:00pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/MS Teams
- Bicycle Advisory Committee: October 23, 2:00pm; Council Chambers ***in-person only***

Meeting Adjourned at 3:53pm.

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Bicycle Advisory Committee

July 24, 2024

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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

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Director's Report

Jennifer Ostlind, AICP
Interim Director
Planning and Development

Chair's Report

Tom Compson
Community Advocate
Chair, BAC

Approval of April 2024 BAC Minutes

Public Comment

Send **written comments** to bac@houstontx.gov by 5:00pm the day before BAC meetings. Comments will be read aloud by staff during the meeting.

The public is invited to give comments in person at the beginning of the meeting. Please submit a comment card if you intend to speak.

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Vote for Vice Chair

Vote for Vice Chair, Subcommittee Chairs

Vice Chair: Alejandro Perez

Roles and Responsibilities

Perform all duties of the chair when the chair is absent or unable to perform such duties

- Collaborate with staff on planning agendas (***all non-staff presentations*** must be approved by the Chair or Vice Chair)

*Chair is Appointed by Mayor

Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

Brian D. Smith, II
Planning & Development

Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

Applicant Request: Name the following corridors of existing and future bicycle facilities after past Planning & Development Director Patrick "Pat" Walsh

Applicant Justification: Acknowledge Pat Walsh's service to the City of Houston and his dedication to active transportation.

- Planning Director from 2014-2018

- Led adoption of City's first general plan (Plan Houston) and the **Houston Bike Plan**, the first update to the bicycle master plan in 24 years

Support:

- 2x presentations to BAC

- 25+ letters of support from residents and agencies



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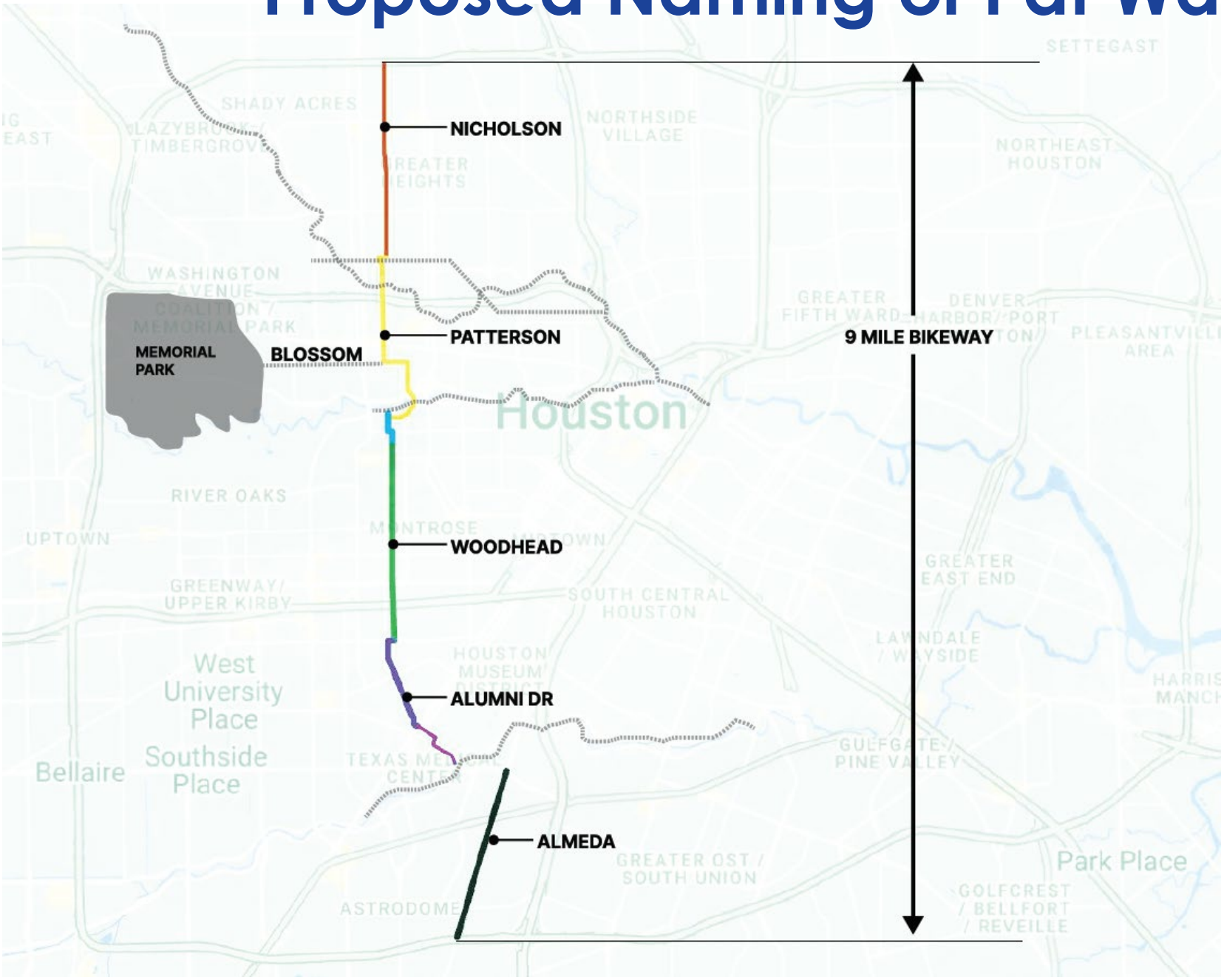


- Almeda Rd (Holly Hall St to Herman Park/Brays Bayou

- Alumni Dr/Kent St from Rice U. to Bissonnet St

- Woodhead St from Bissonnet St to W. Clay St

- Jackson Hill St/Blossom St/Patterson St from Buffalo Bayou to White Oak Bayou

- Nicholson St from MKT Trail to 26th St

Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

Staff Process: Evaluate the proposal and assess appropriateness in accordance with Executive Order 1-47, *Naming of City Facilities*

Used to rename any City-owned facilities after individuals who made exceptional contributions to the City of Houston. *First request for a facility in the right-of-way*.

Assessment Criteria:

- Geography

- Appropriateness

- Exceptional contributions to the City

- Well-defined connection associated between the individual's contributions and the City facility.

After assessment, appropriate staff will present findings to the Mayor's Office, collect public comment regarding the proposed naming, and provide a recommendation for consideration by the City Council.

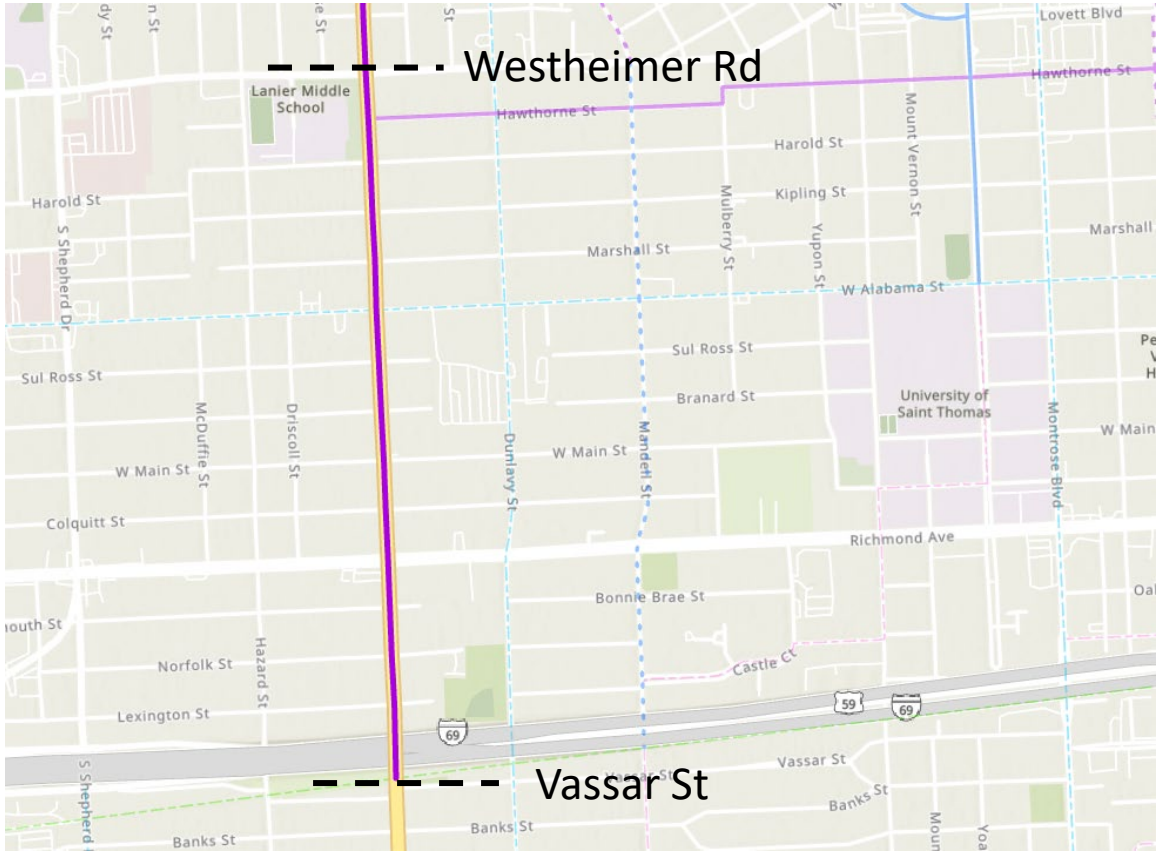
Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

Recommended Staff Alternative: Name the segment of the existing high-comfort bicycle facility on Woodhead St, from Vassar Street to Westheimer Rd the Pat Walsh Bikeway.

Justification for Change:

- The bikeway on Woodhead is an *existing facility*.

- Well-defined connection between Pat Walsh and Montrose, the neighborhood Pat lived in and where his family currently resides.



Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

Next Steps:

- 7/24: Open Public Comment Period
  Provide comments via July and Aug BAC Meetings, Let's Talk Houston, and department email addresses (mobility.planning@houstontx.gov, bikeways@houstontx.gov, bac@houstontx.gov)

- 9/8: Close Public Comment Period

- 9/9-10/22: Staff review of Public Comments; publish final report

- 10/23: Present public engagement summary and final report at BAC meeting. No vote required.

- TBD: Mayor and City Council consideration on naming

Quarterly Updates

Brian D. Smith, II
Planning & Development

Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date

Decedent Type	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	2022-2024 % Change	2023-2024 % Change
Bicyclist	9	10	3	-67%	-70%
E-Bike	0	1	1	100%	0%

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(incl e-bike)

2024 FATALITY REPORT

(AS OF, 7/18/24)

Division	#	Major	Minor	FATAL*	DWI	FSRA	FSGI
Downtown	10	8	2	0	0	3	0
Central	47	35	12	0	1	6	3
North	19	15	4	0	0	6	2
Northwest	13	10	3	0	0	3	1
Northeast	19	17	2	1	0	3	0
Kingwood	10	7	3	0	0	1	1
South Central	17	12	5	0	0	2	1
Eastside	12	8	4	0	0	5	0
Clear Lake	5	4	1	0	0	1	1
Southeast	12	10	2	1	0	4	0
Southwest	14	11	3	0	1	1	1
South Gessner	11	9	2	0	0	4	0
Midwest	14	12	2	1	1	4	0
Westside	28	21	8	0	0	8	3
North Belt	2	2	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	**234**	**181**	**54**	**2**	**3**	**52**	**13**

- YTD stats (as of 7/18/24)
- 234 total crashes involving a pedalcyclist as one of the units
- Intersections with multiple crashes = 1

CRASHES (PEDALCYCLIST) YTD 2024

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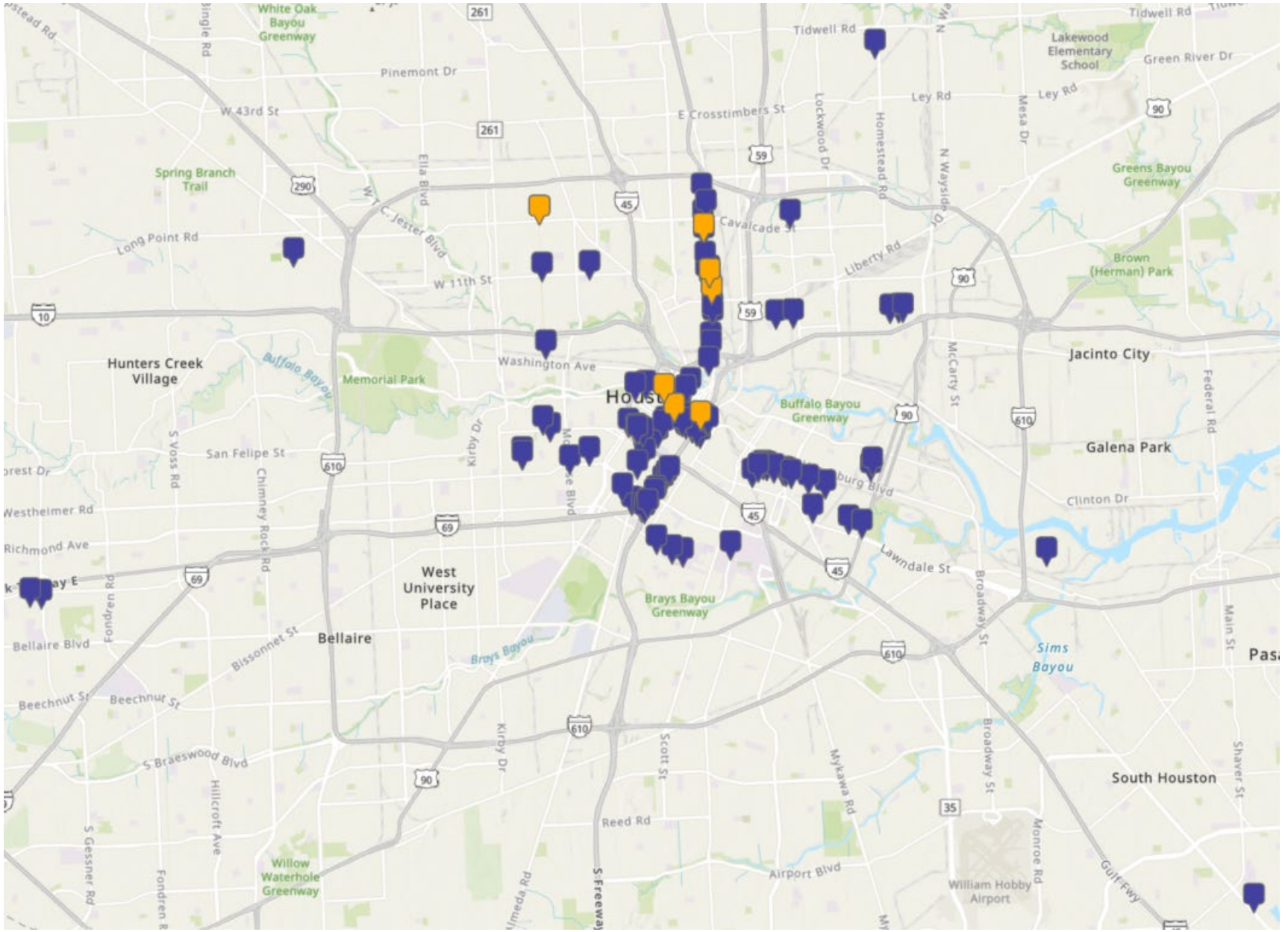

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