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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #5

September 26, 2016

Where Are We?

Phase		Timeline
1	Existing Conditions and Opportunities	May 2015
2	Define Goals	July 2015
3	Bicycle Toolbox	
4	Develop Draft Plan	Feb 2016
5	Public Comment on draft Plan	April 2016
6	Finalize Plan	June 2016
7	Plan adoption	now



Major Public Engagement Periods

Engaging the community



Public Engagement Summary

100+ meetings and events in all Council Districts (including 12 CIP presentations in 2016)

75,000+ informational postcards, brochures distributed (bilingual)

BikeHouston supplemental outreach to 1800+ people at 30 locations (transit centers, schools)

5,000+ people signed up for email updates

Citizens Net Eblasts





Online Webinar

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Public Comment Summary

968 written comments received (maps, email, letters)

4,000+ online survey responses (1,240 in 2016)

632 comments received on interactive online maps

300+ comment cards received at events & meetings



299 letters of support

Changes to Draft Plan

Public comment period Feb.19 through April 11

133 miles of facilities added

≈ 60 changes made to map

Increased ½ mile network access to 87,000 people



Greater detail on Bayou Access & Neighborhood Planning

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Vision & Goals

By 2026, the City of Houston will be a Safer, More Accessible, Gold Level Bike-Friendly City



Improve Safety



Increase Ridership



Increase Access



Develop & Maintain Facilities

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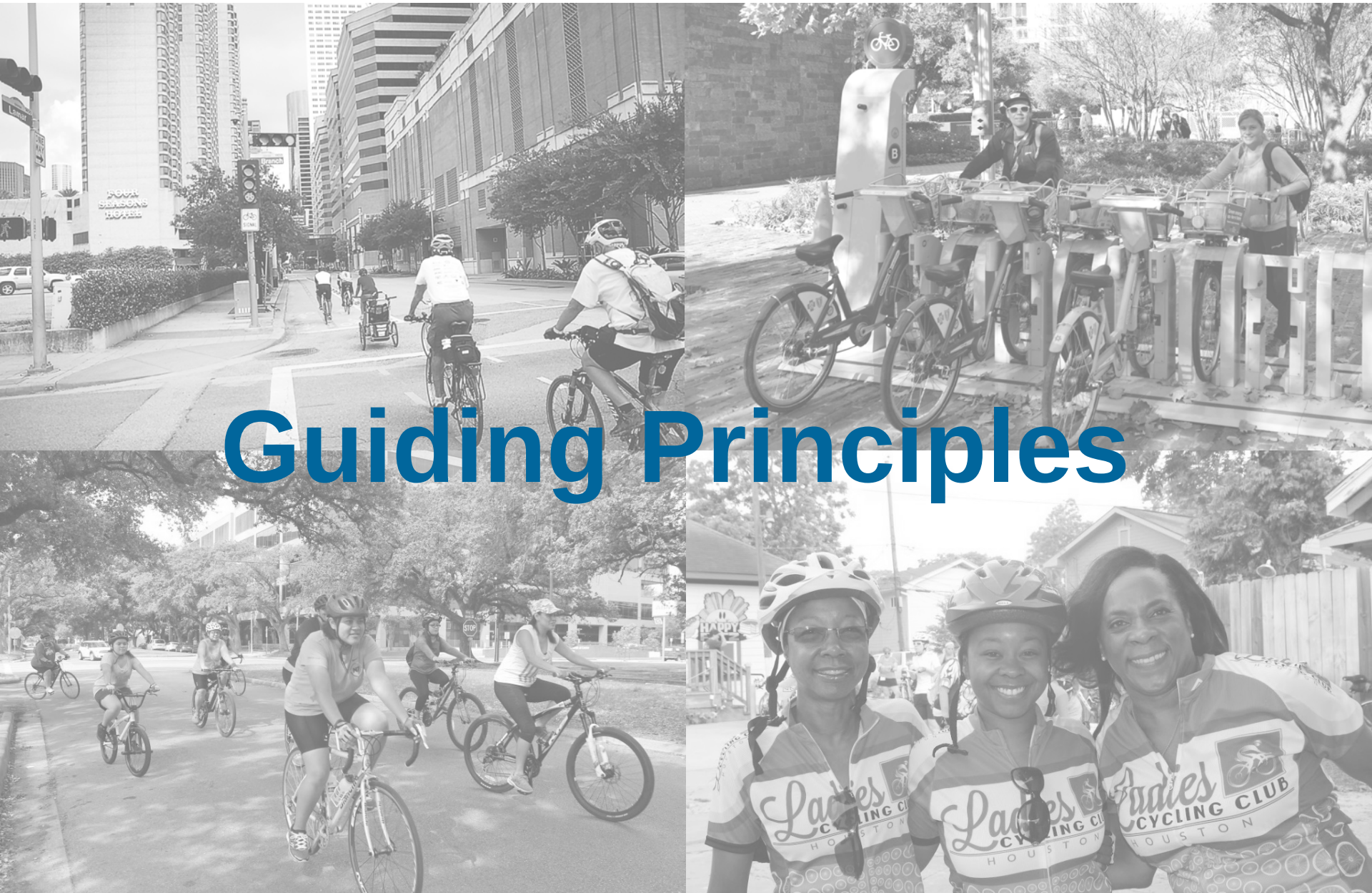


Guiding Principles

Focus on High Comfort Facilities





The Toolbox

OFF-STREET

4.1 Off-Street Bike Path...4.23

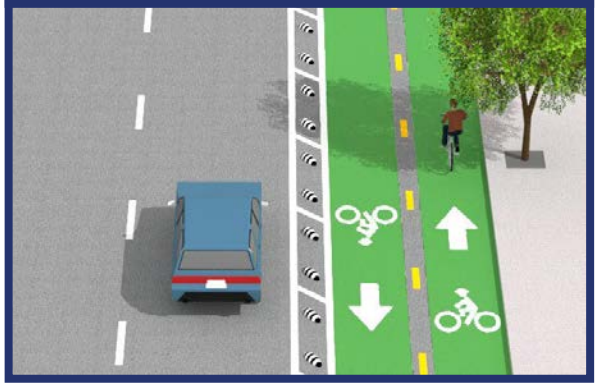


4.2 Side Path.....4.25

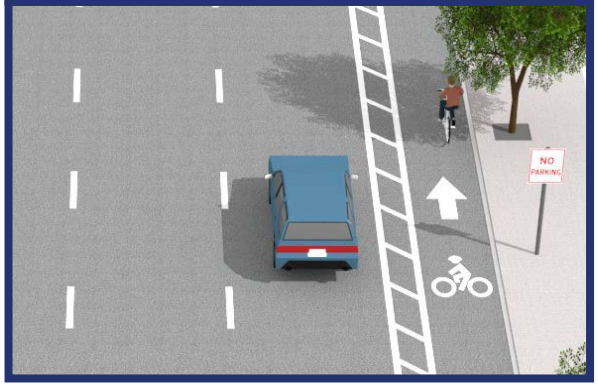


DEDICATED ON-STREET

4.3 Separated Bike Lane....4.9

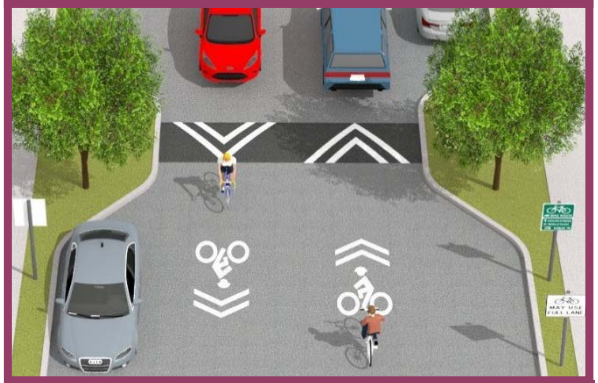


4.4 Bike Lane.....4.13

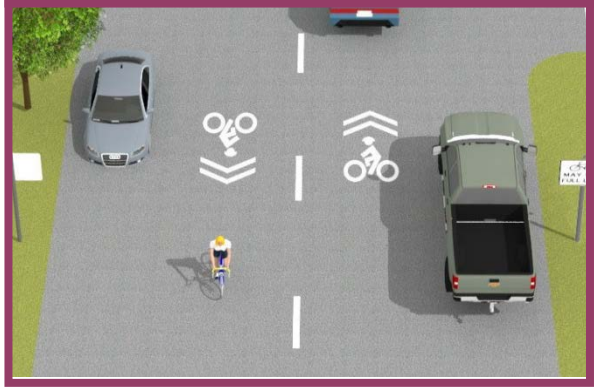


SHARED ON-STREET

4.5 Neighborhood Bikeway...4.17



4.5 Neighborhood Shared Street.....4.19



Using the right tools





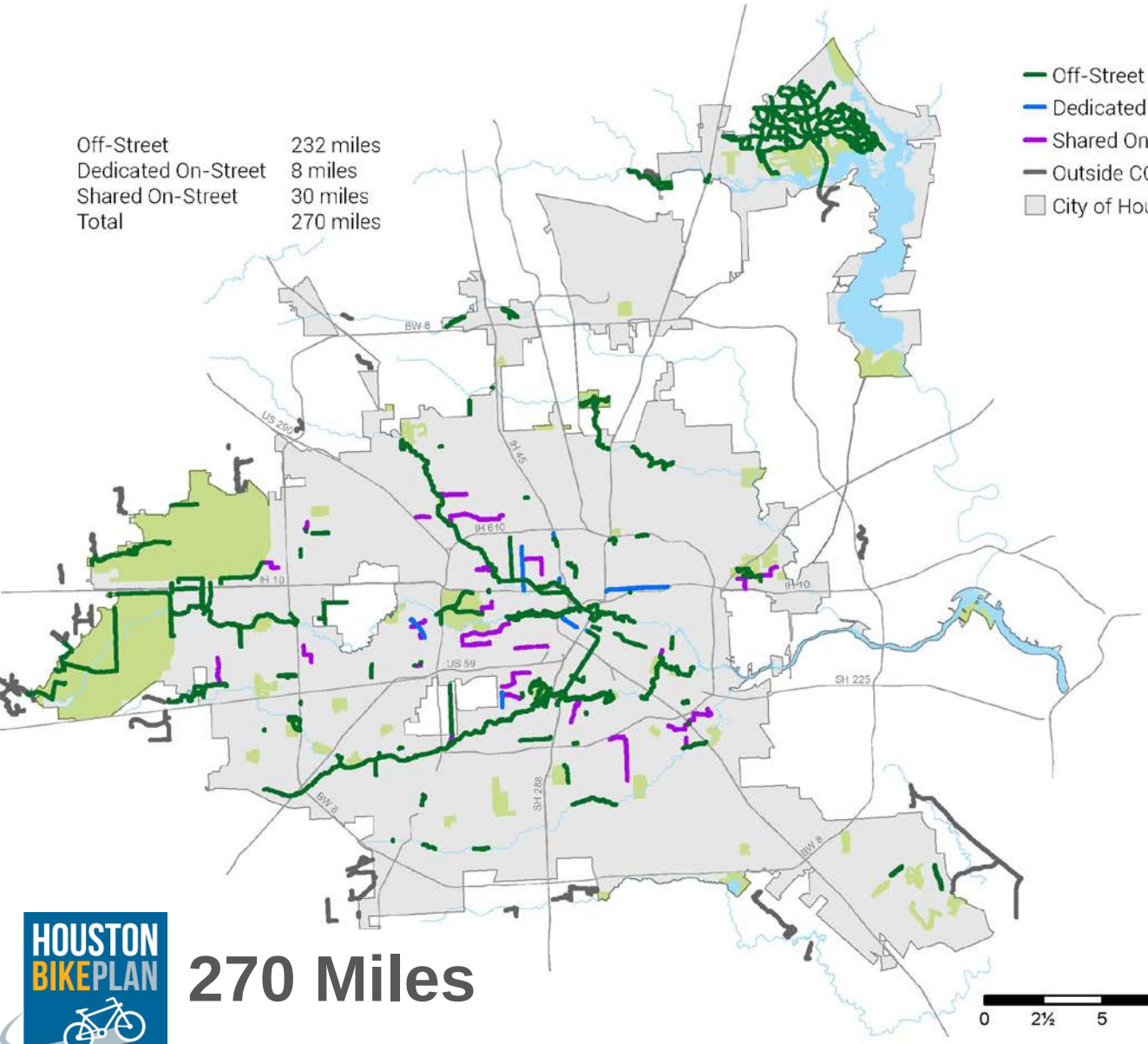




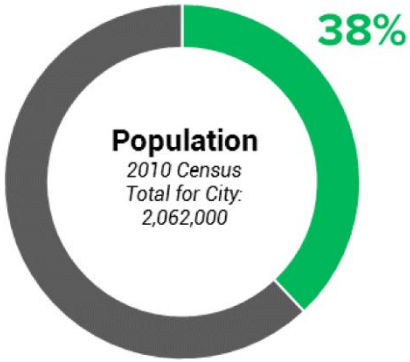
Building the Network

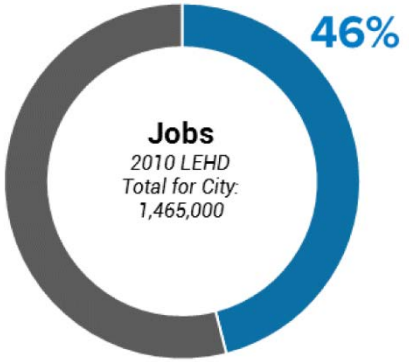


Existing High Comfort Bike Network



1/2 Mile Access





270 Miles

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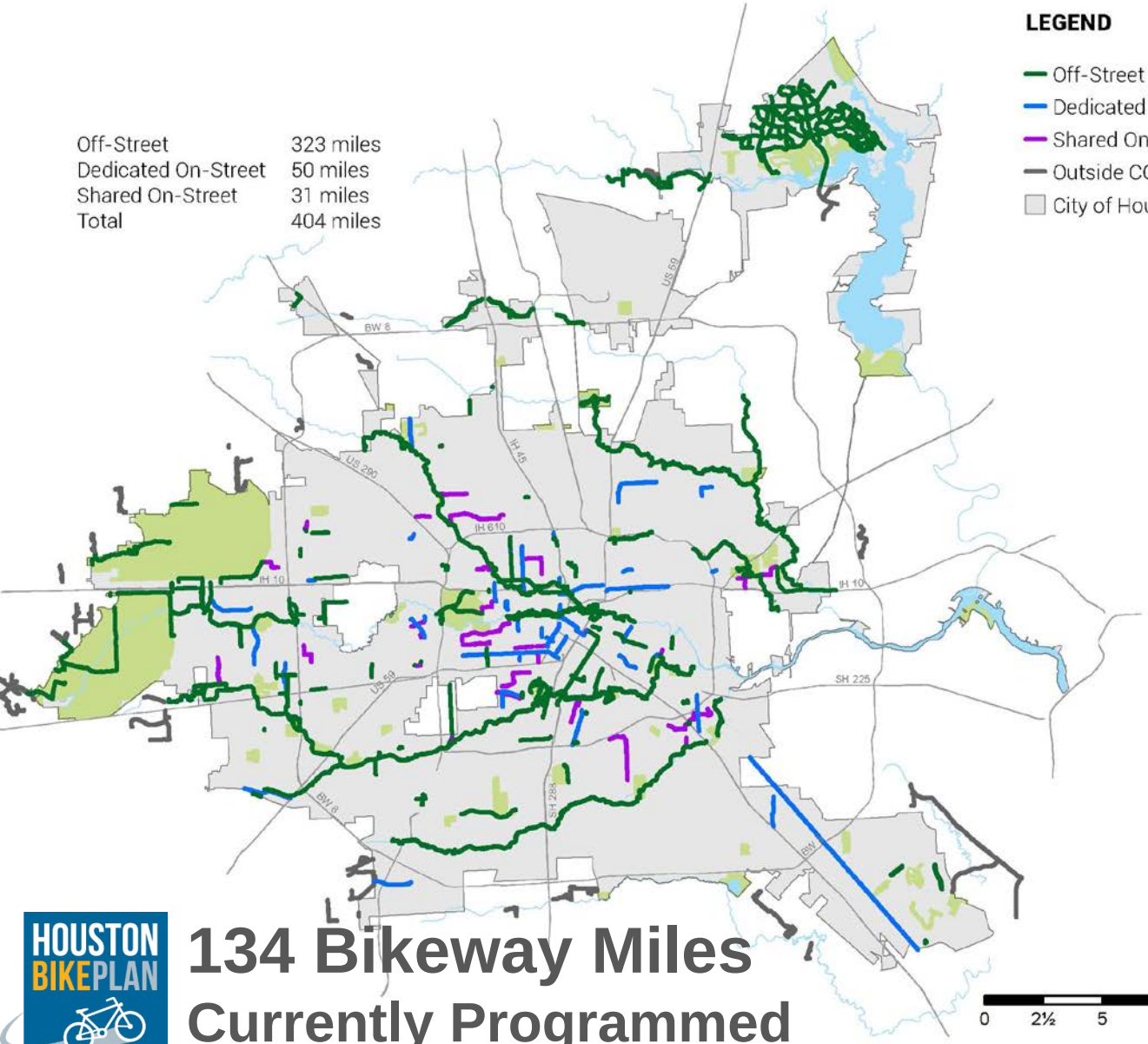
Continued progress

Programmed Projects



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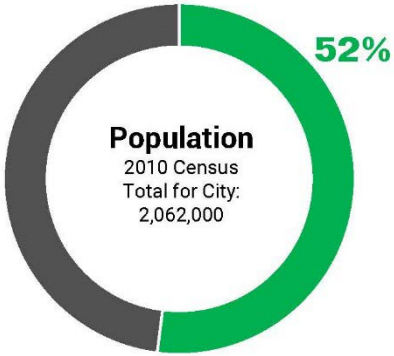
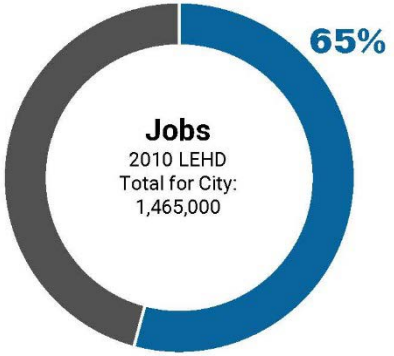


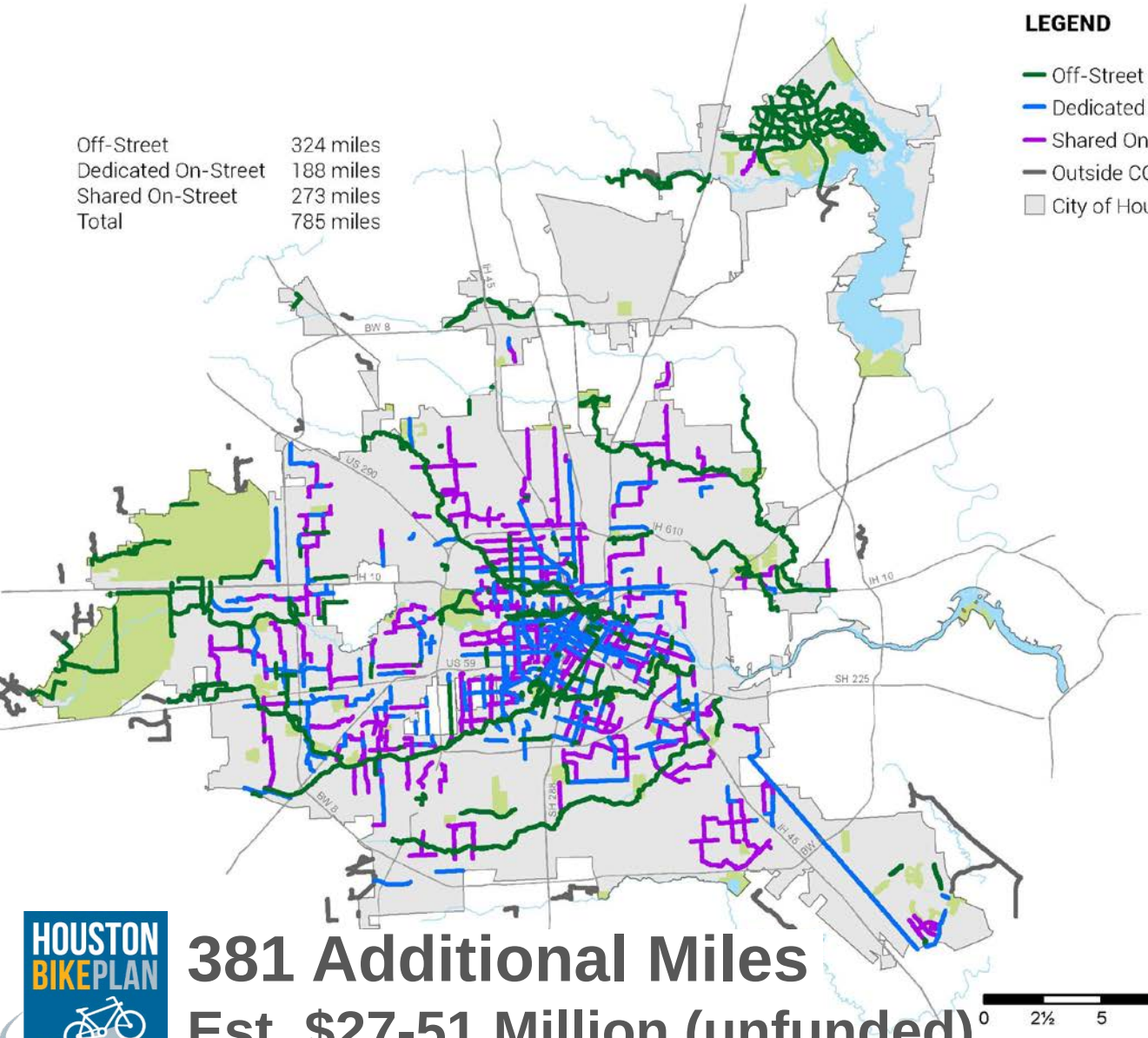


134 Bikeway Miles

Currently Programmed

Target expansion

Potential Short Term Opportunities



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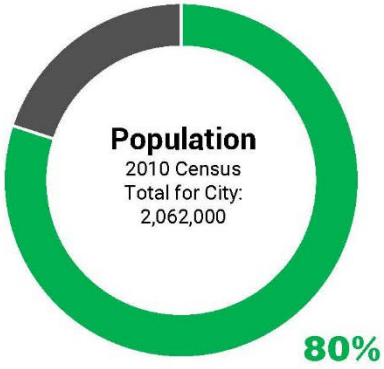

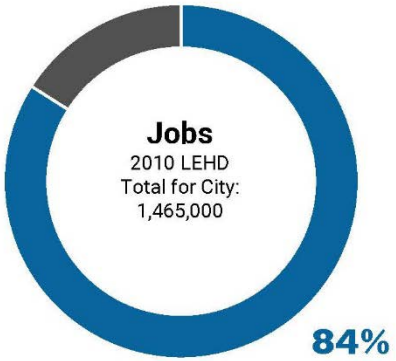

381 Additional Miles

Est. $27-51 Million (unfunded)

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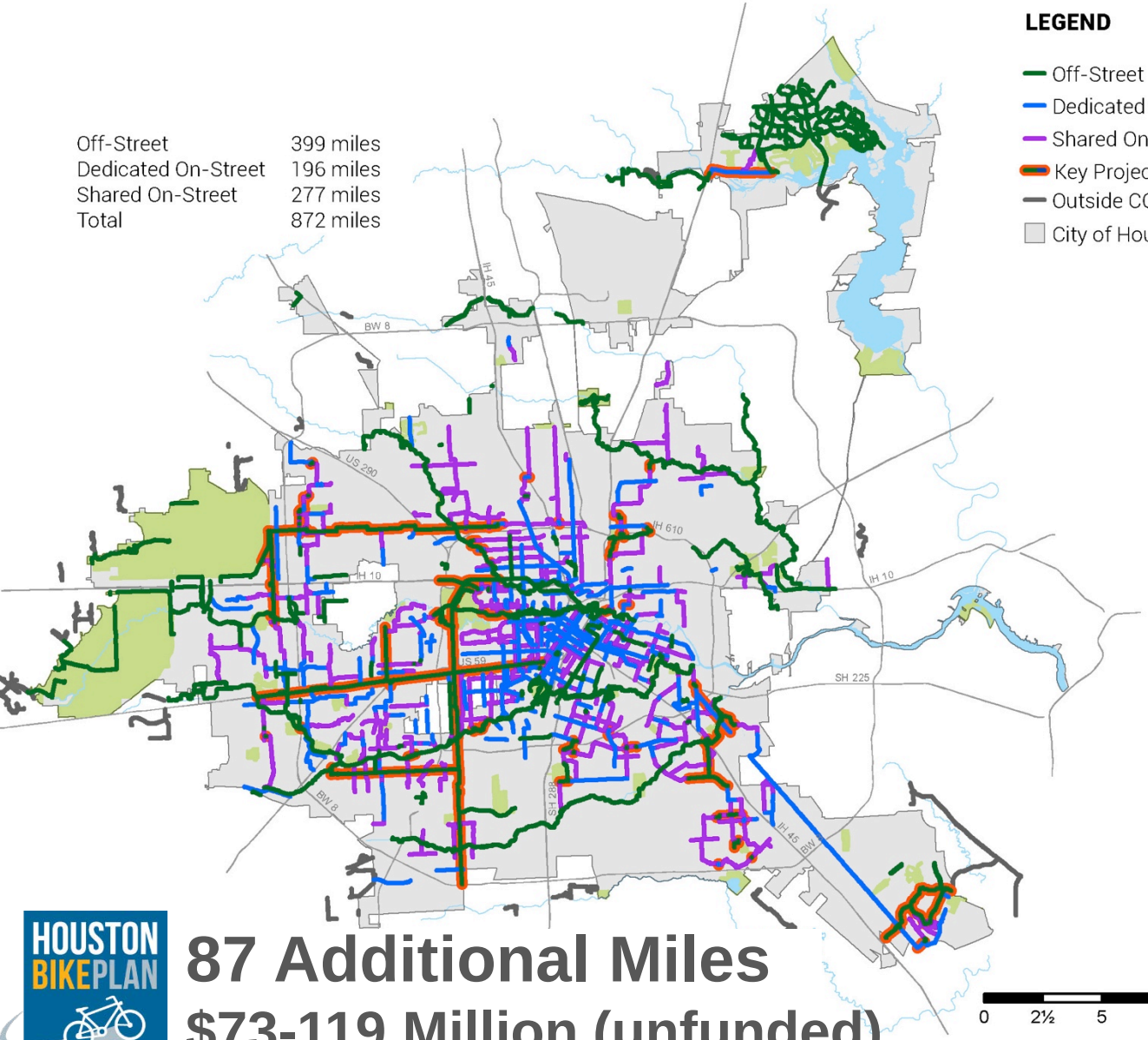
Example Short Term Opportunity: Kelley Street – Kashmere Gardens

Connect the City

Add Key Connections



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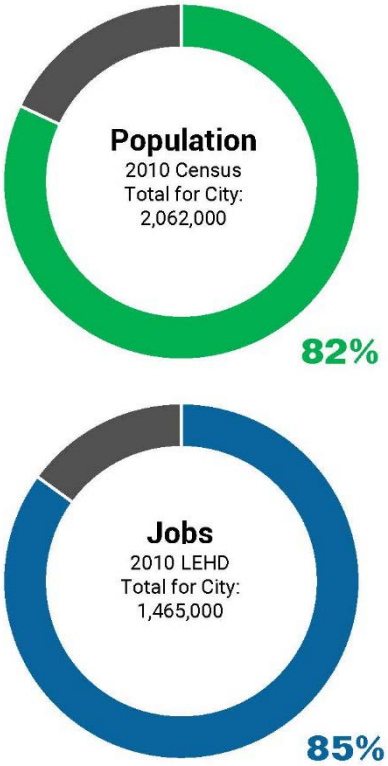

87 Additional Miles

$73-119 Million (unfunded)

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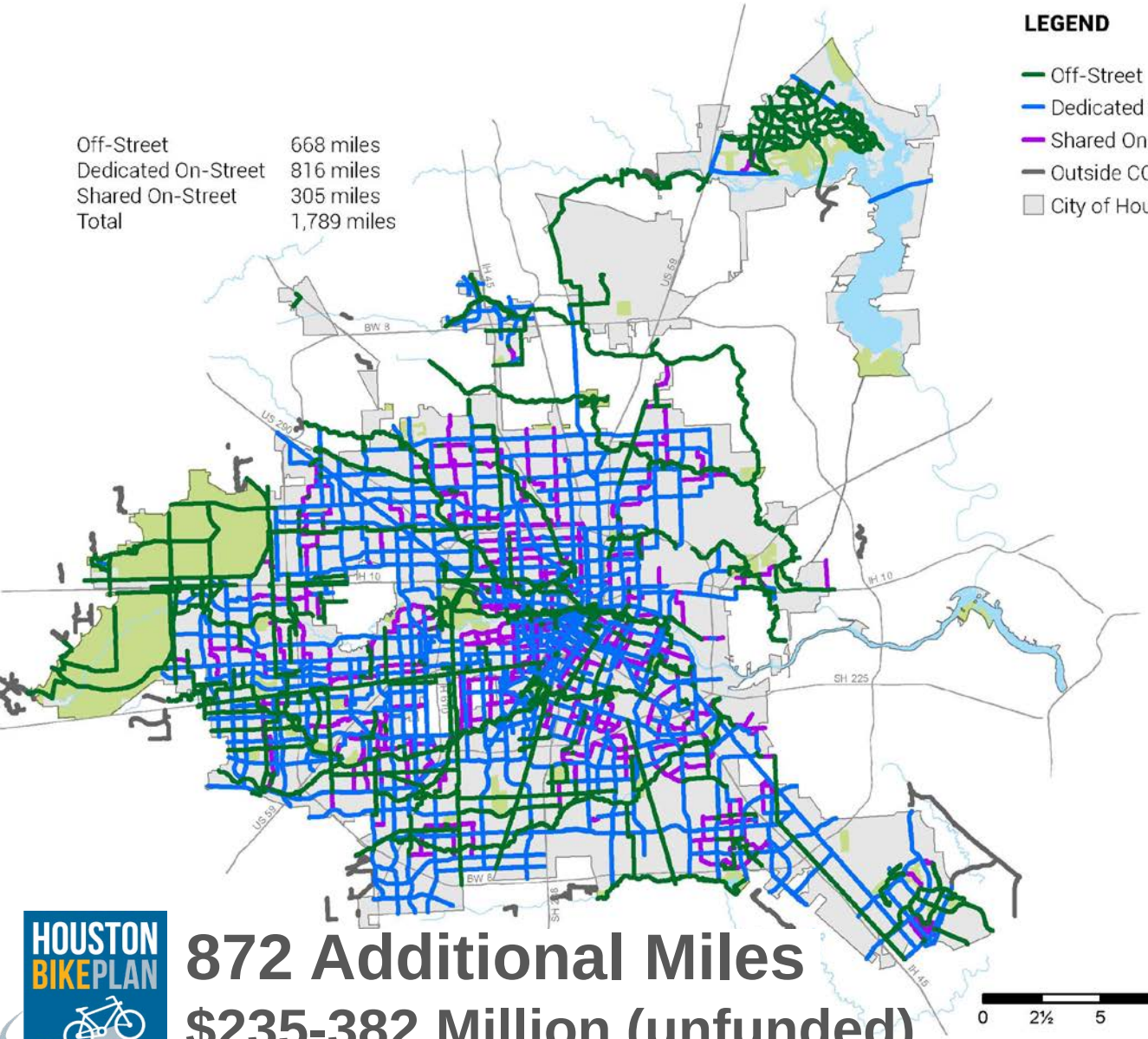
Long Term Vision



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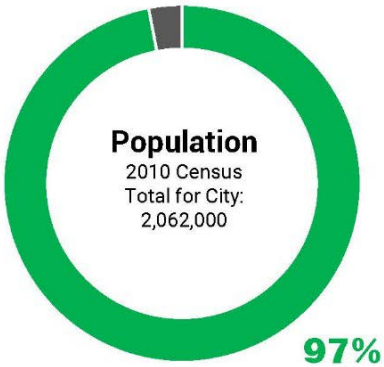

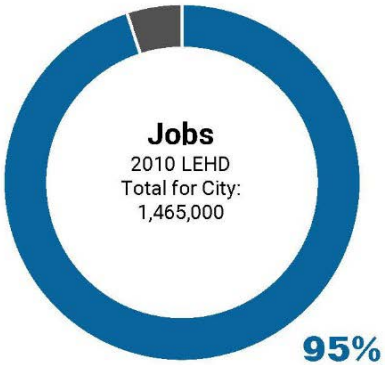

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872 Additional Miles

$235-382 Million (unfunded)

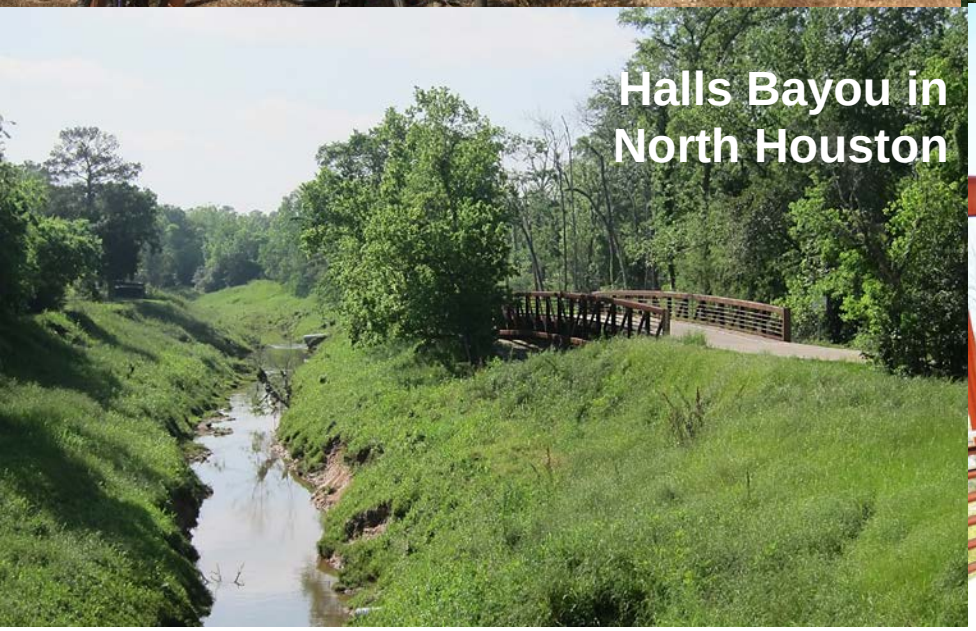
Bayou Access Plan



Buffalo Bayou in the East End



Brays Bayou near Mason Park in Southeast Houston



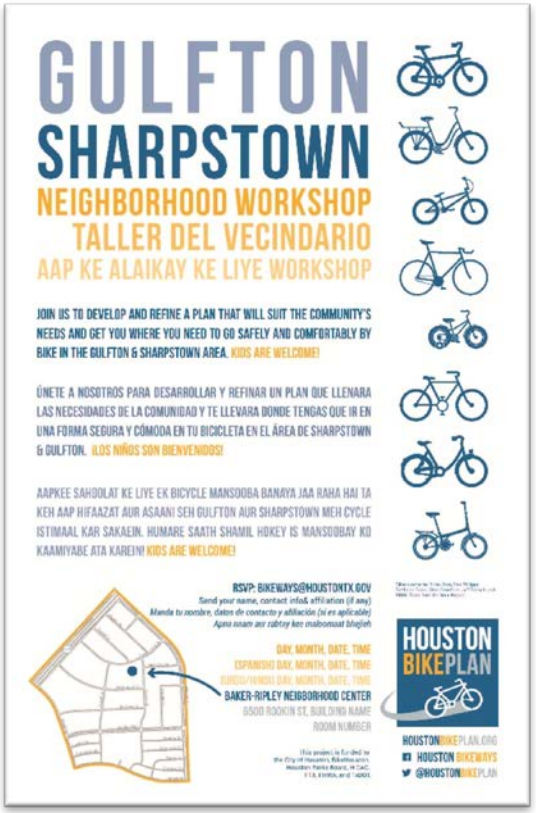
Halls Bayou in North Houston

New White Oak Bayou Bridge in Northwest Houston



Neighborhood Plan Guide

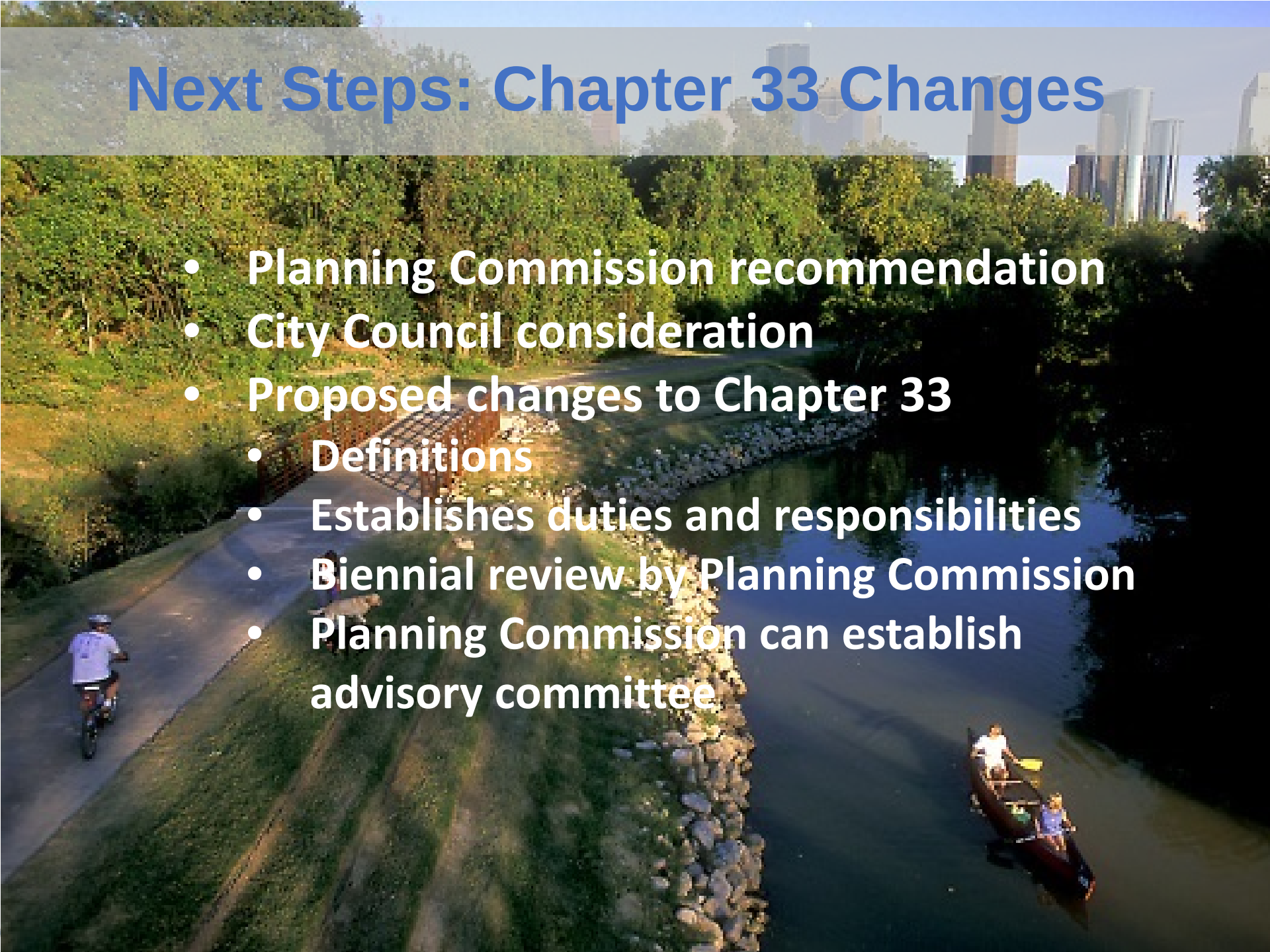
Pilot: Gulfton/Sharpstown





Gulfton-Sharpstown
Neighborhood Study Area

Next Steps: Chapter 33 Changes



- Planning Commission recommendation
- City Council consideration
- Proposed changes to Chapter 33
  - Definitions
  - Establishes duties and responsibilities
  - Biennial review by Planning Commission
  - Planning Commission can establish advisory committee

Next Steps: Plan Adoption



- Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation
- City Council adoption
- How can you help?
  - Social media and email blasts
  - Engage your constituency
  - Provide letters of support
  - Speak in front of City Council

Next Steps: Implementation



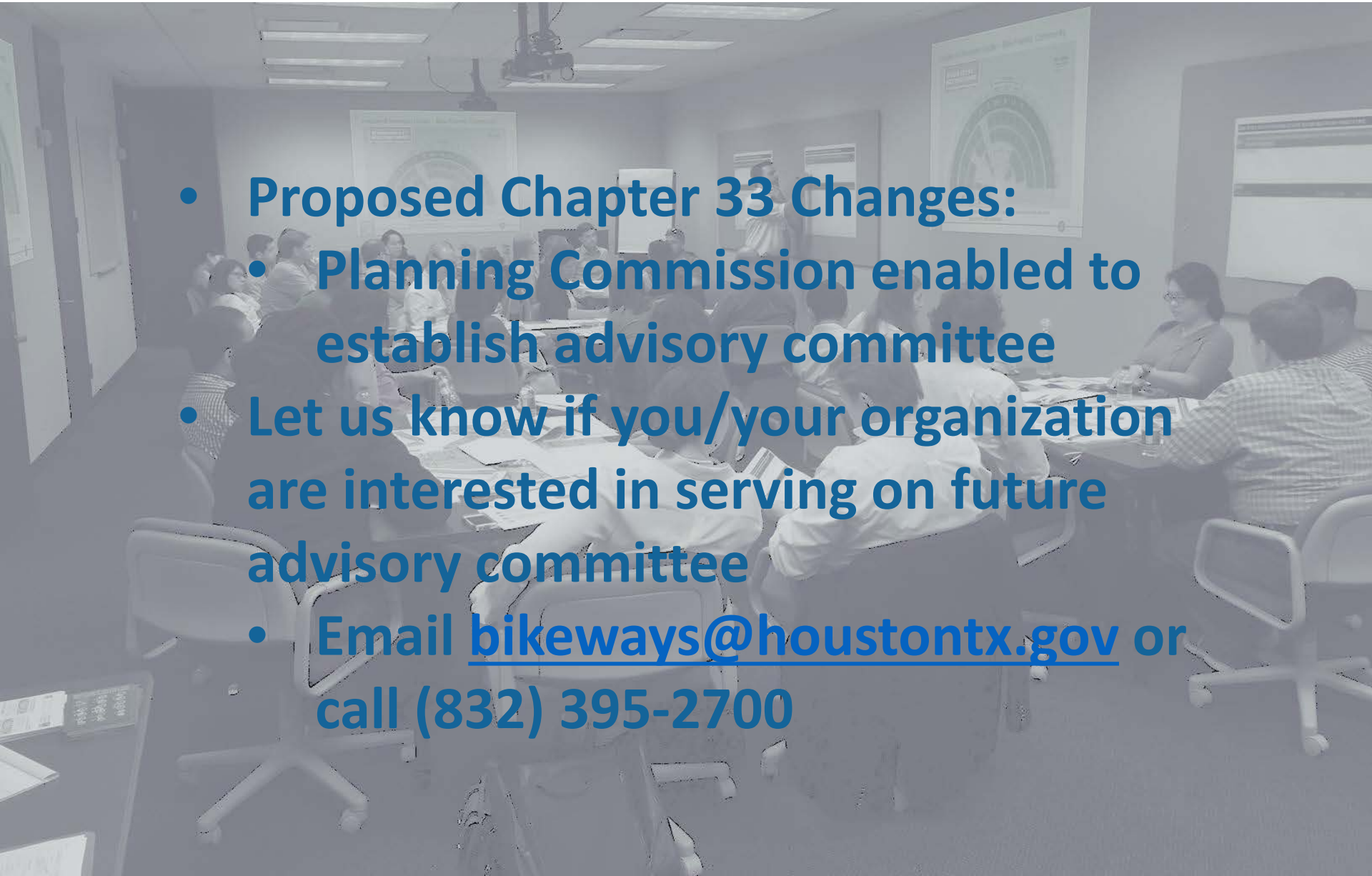
Develop projects and seek funding

- Grants
- Partnerships

Collaborate on policies and programs

Continued community engagement

Bicycle Advisory Committee



- Proposed Chapter 33 Changes:
  - Planning Commission enabled to establish advisory committee
- Let us know if you/your organization are interested in serving on future advisory committee
  - Email bikeways@houstontx.gov or call (832) 395-2700

Frequently Asked Questions
Questions & Discussion

