HOUSTON BIKEPLAN



Transportation Technology and Infrastructure Committee
February 13, 2017

A transformative opportunity



Our Partners





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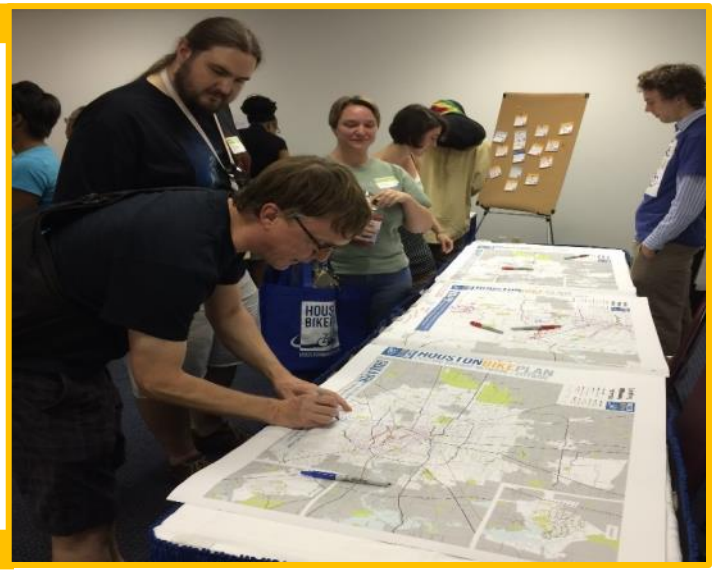
Council Member David Robinson



Schedule

1. **Project Kickoff** — May 2015
2. **Public Engagement: Vision, Goals** — July 2015
3. **Bicycle Toolbox, Develop Draft Plan** — Dec 2015
4. **Brief Commission, Draft Released** — Feb 2016
5. **Public Comment on Draft Plan** — Apr 2016
6. **Finalize Plan** — June 2016
7. **Planning Commission** — Jan/Feb 2017



Major Public Engagement Periods

Additional stakeholder engagement:

- Super Neighborhood Alliance,
- Bike Houston,
- Coalition for Complete Streets, and
- other stakeholders

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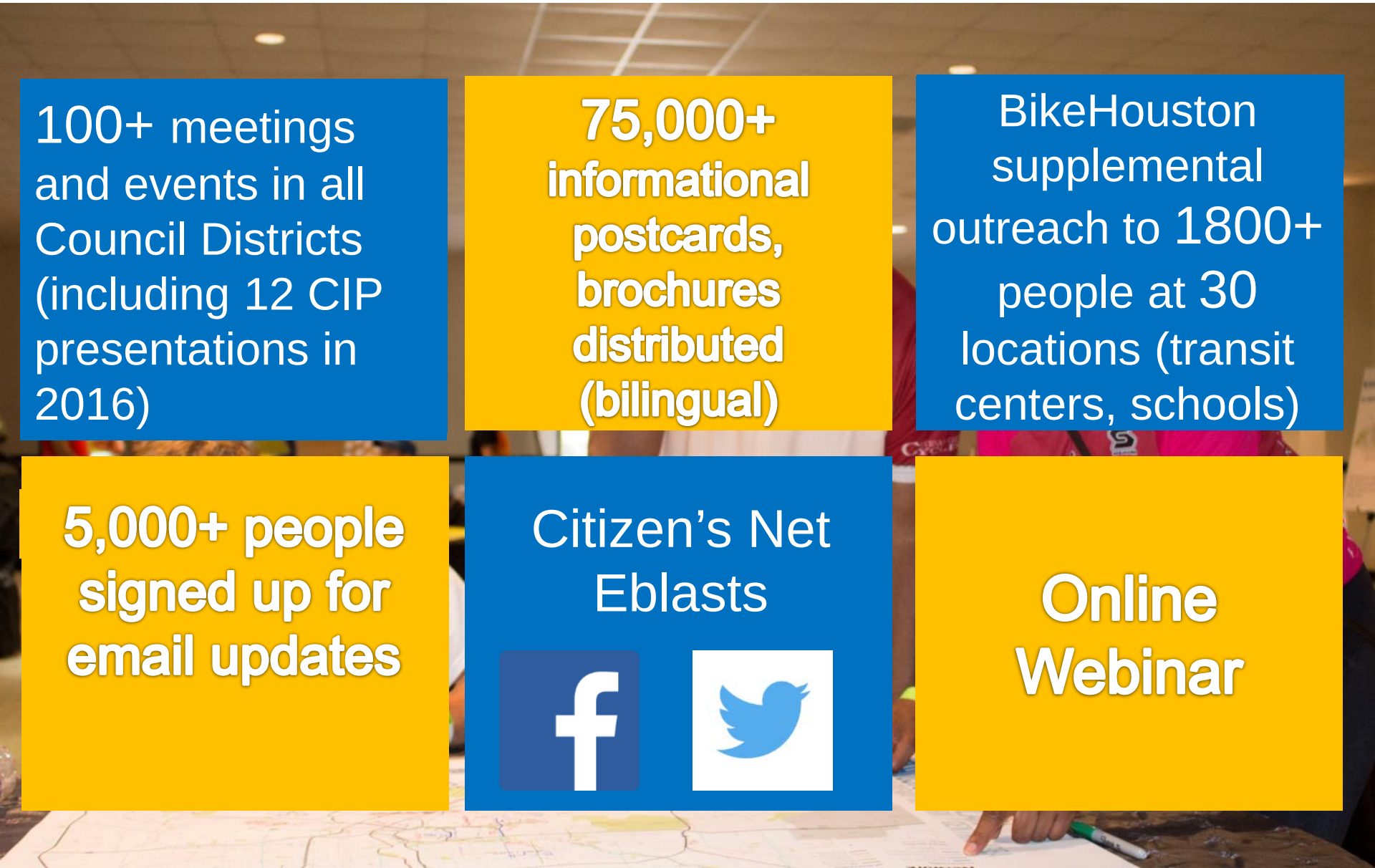
Bicycle Advisory Committee



Engaging the community



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

Citizen's Net Eblasts

Online Webinar

Community Feedback

1000+ written comments received (maps, email, letters)

4,000+ online survey responses

632 comments received on interactive online maps

300+ comment cards received at events & meetings



600+ letters of support

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Vision & Goals

By 2027, 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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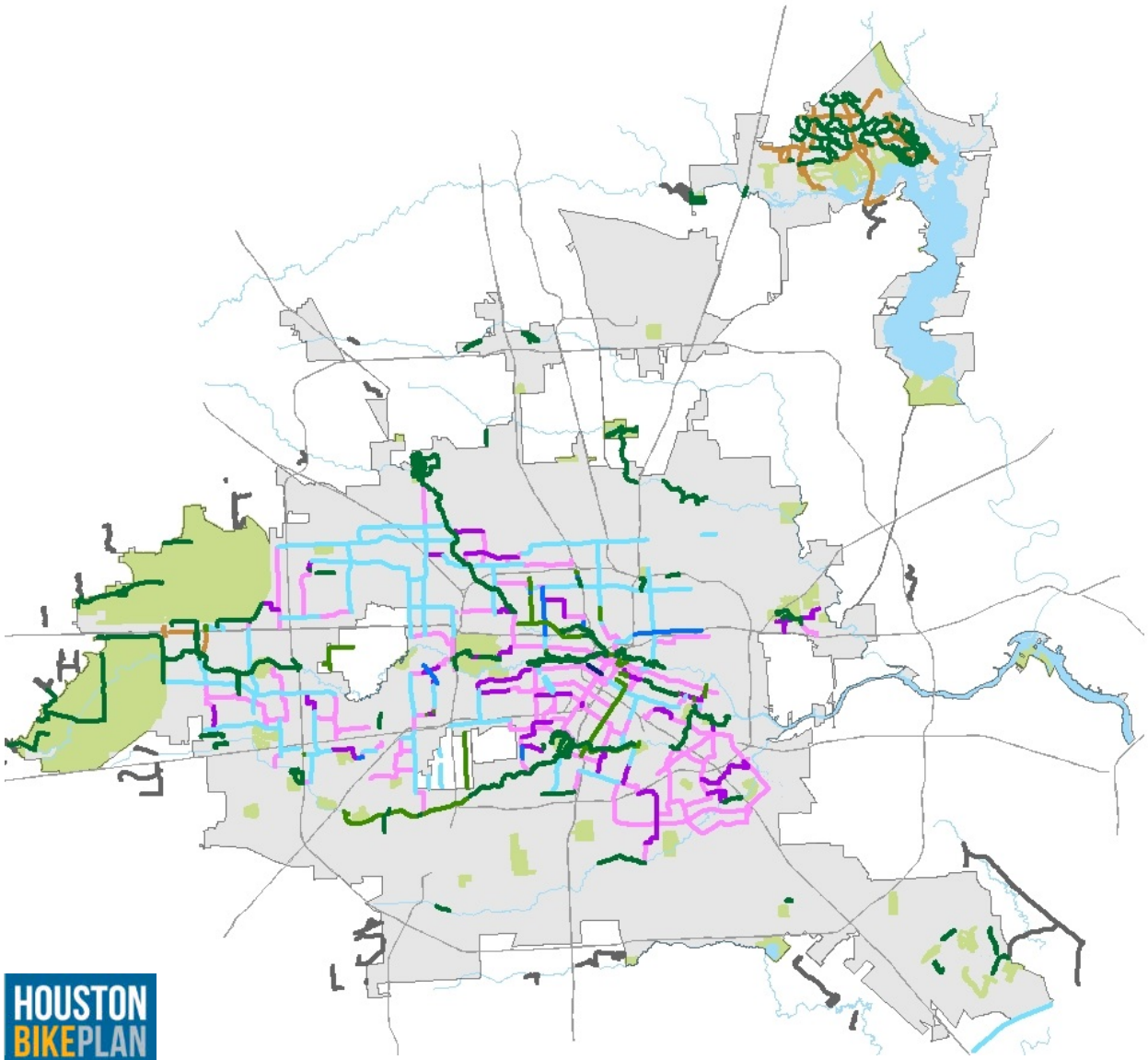
Building the Network



All Existing Facilities



LEGEND

- High Comfort Shared-Use Paths
- Shared-Use Paths
- Separated Bike Lane
- Bike Lanes
- Low Comfort Bike Lanes
- Neighborhood Bikeways
- Shared Lanes/Signed Bike Routes
- Shared Sidewalks
- Outside COH
- City of Houston

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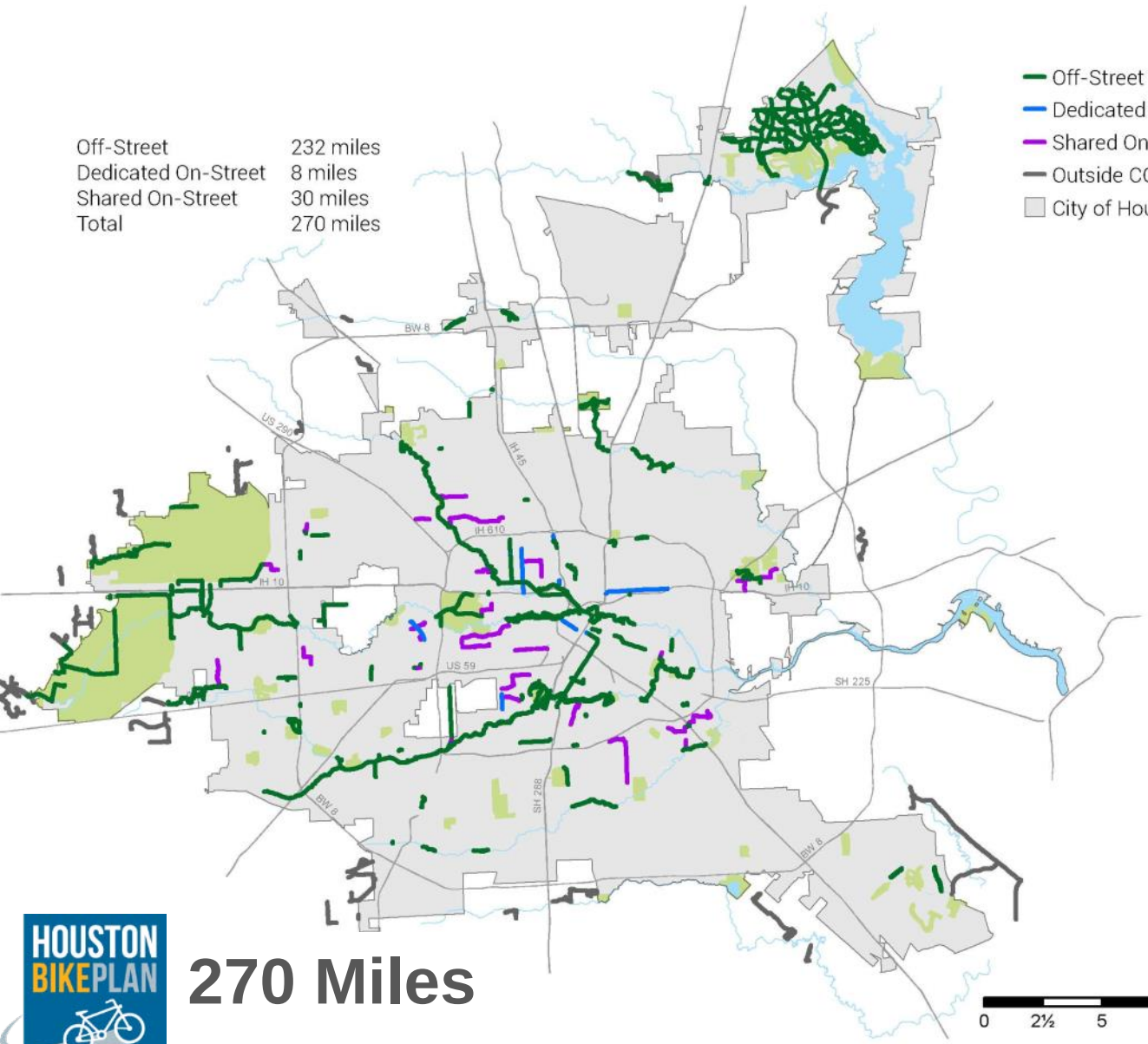
Starting Point

Existing High Comfort Bike Network



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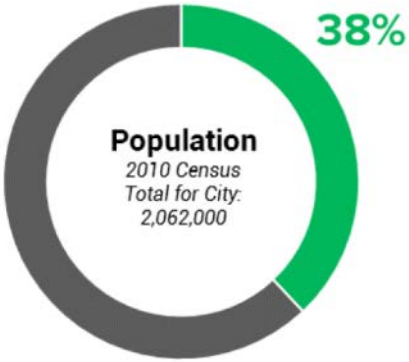
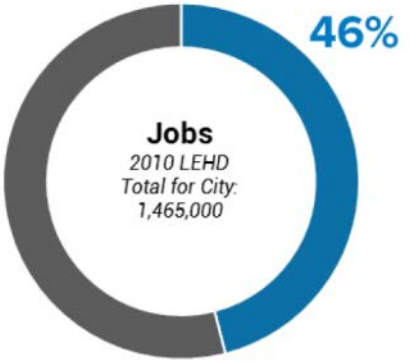
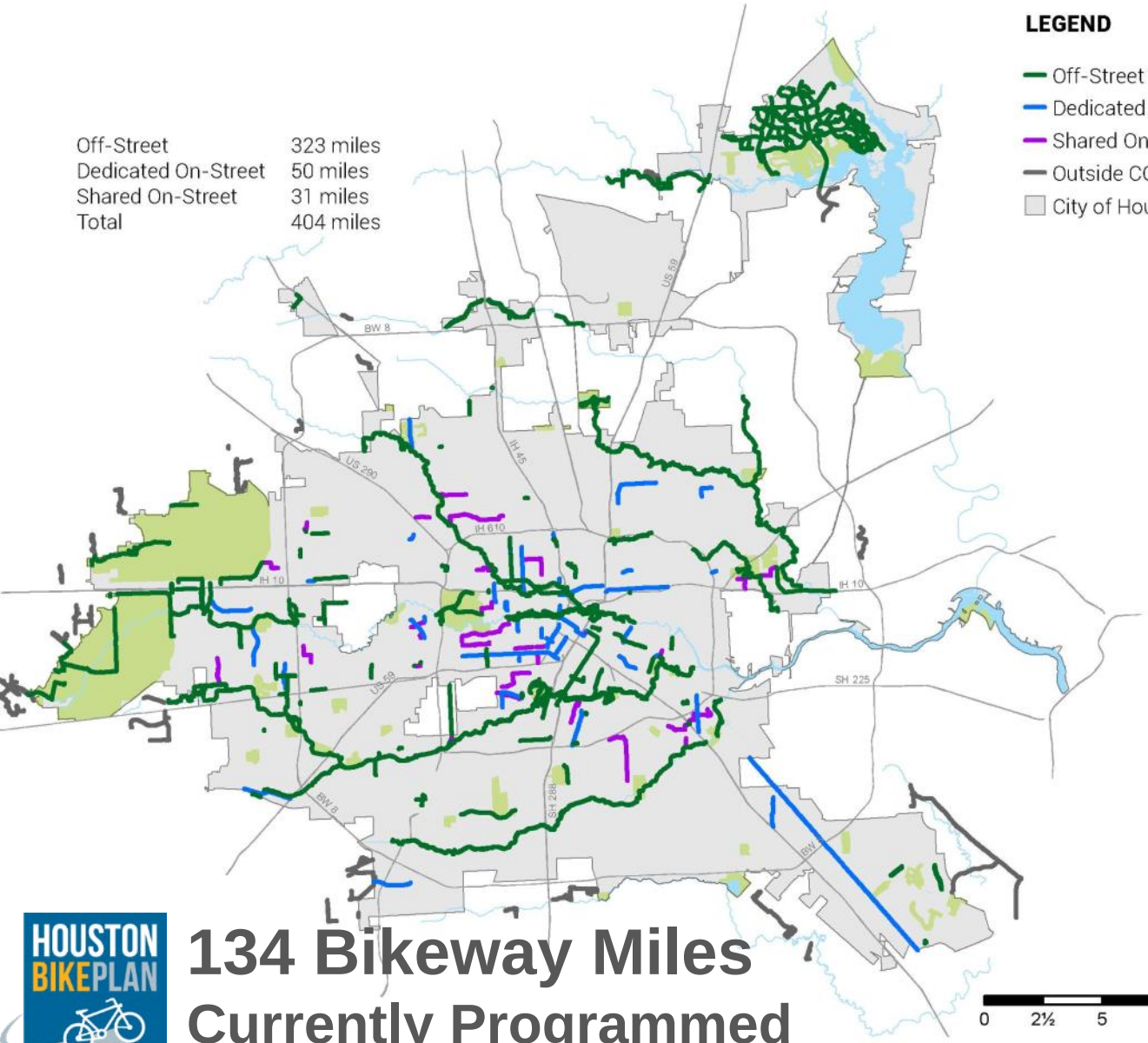




270 Miles

Continued progress

Programmed Projects



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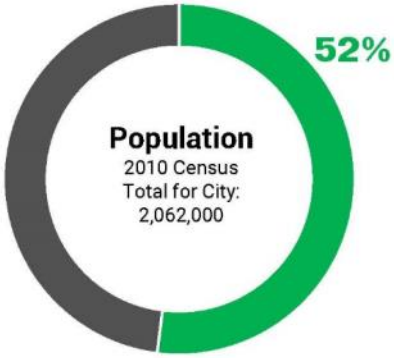

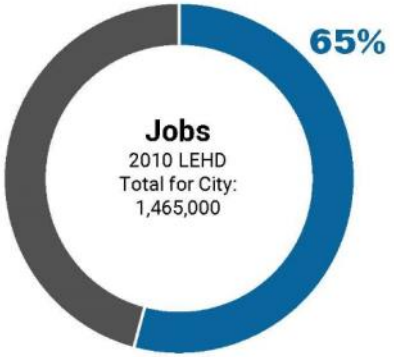

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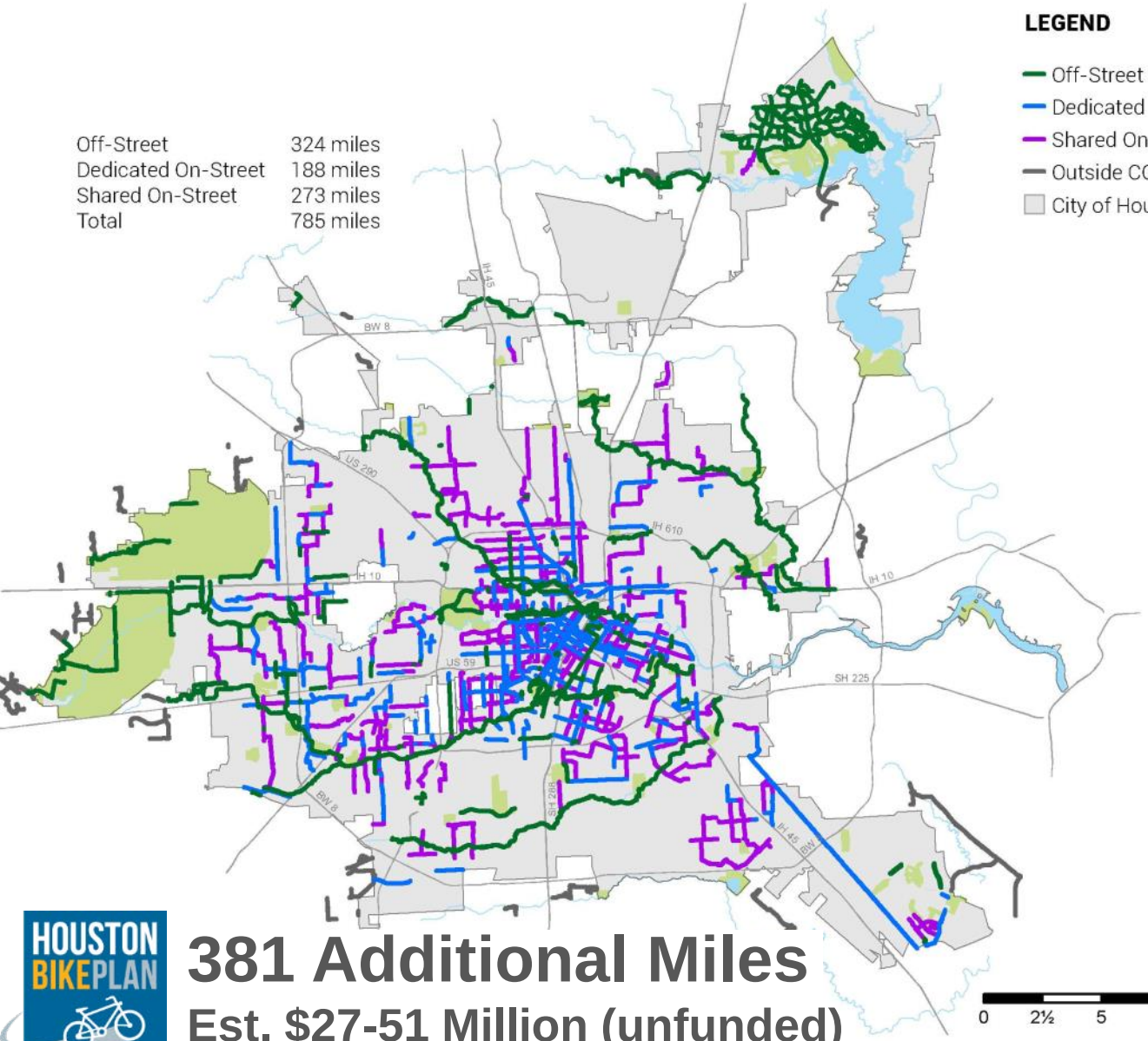
134 Bikeway Miles

Currently Programmed

Target expansion
Potential Short Term Opportunities



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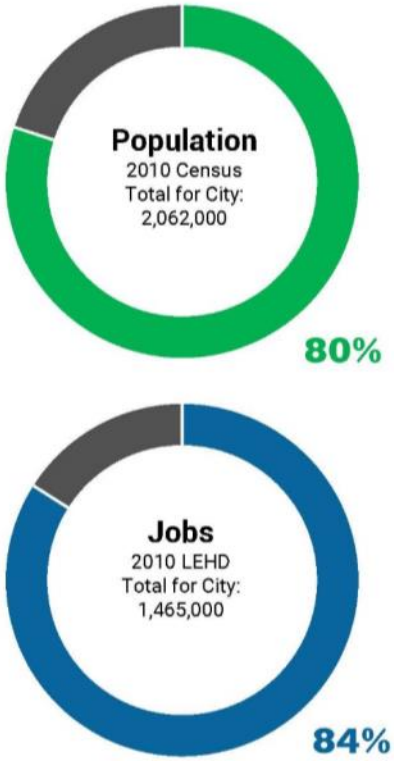

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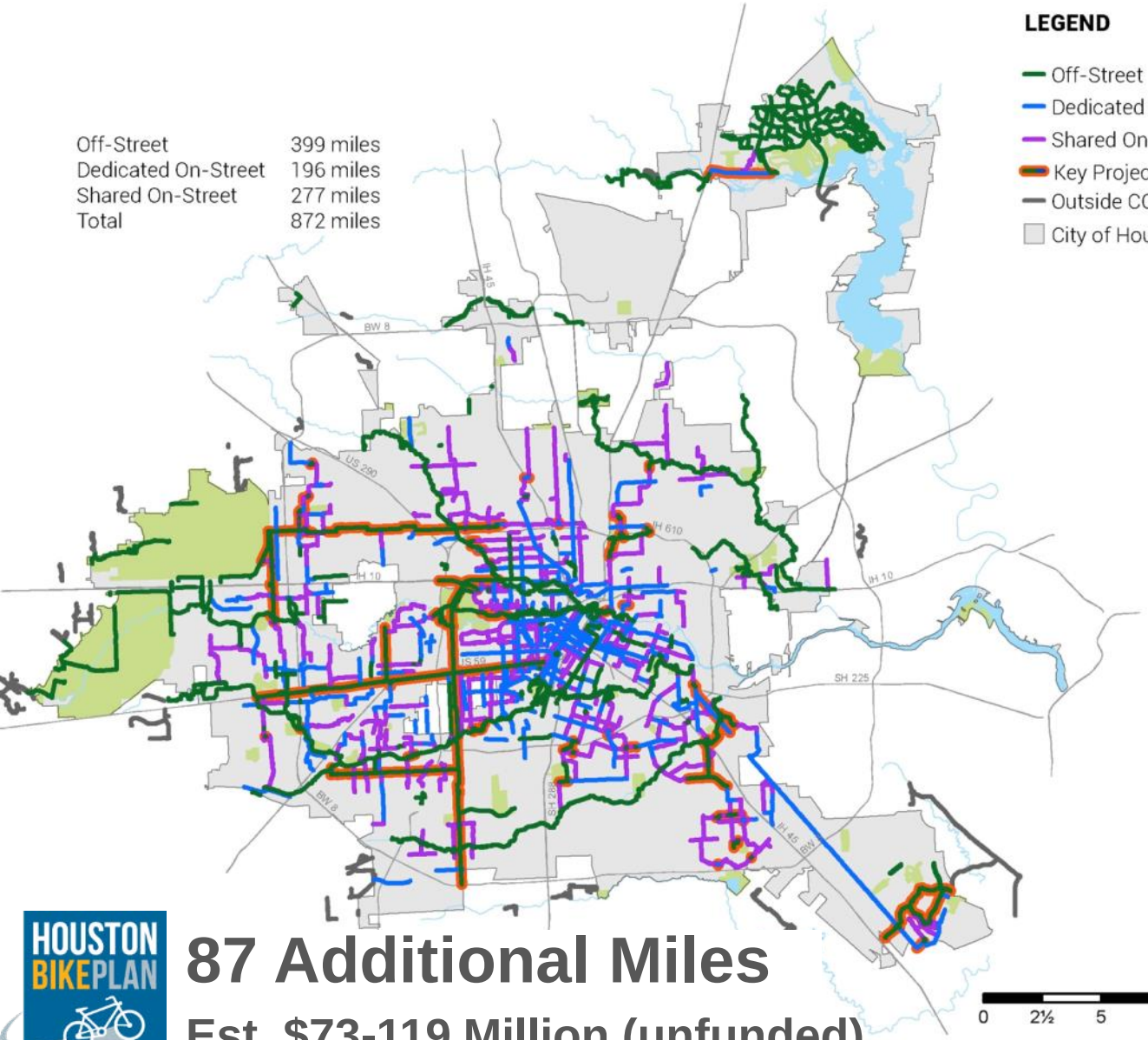
381 Additional Miles
Est. $27-51 Million (unfunded)

Connect the City
Add Key Connections



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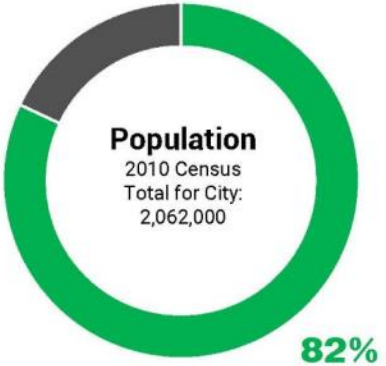
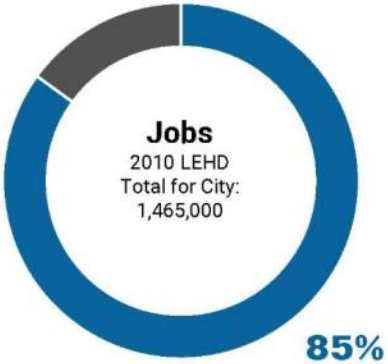
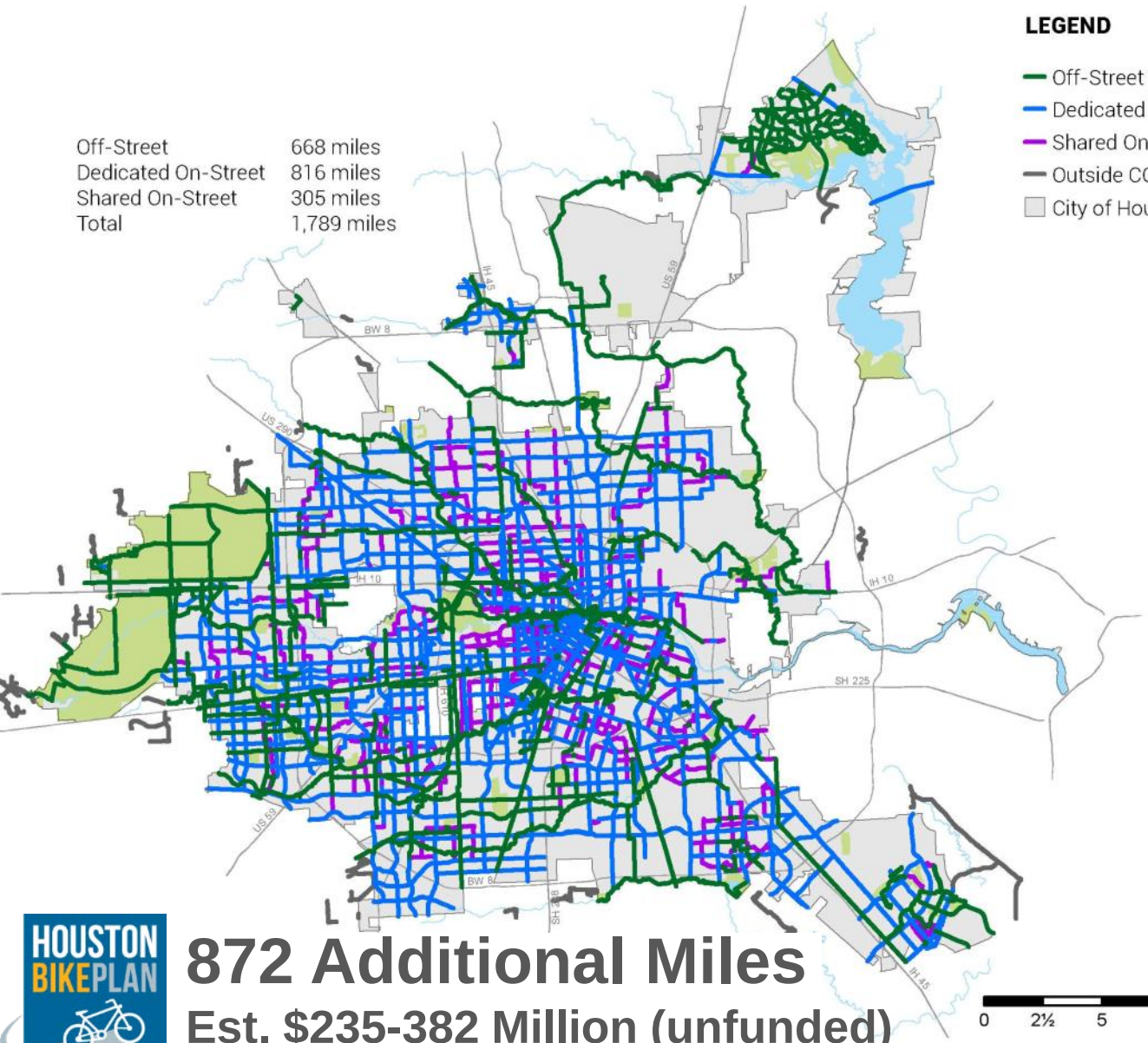




87 Additional Miles

Est. $73-119 Million (unfunded)

Long Term Vision



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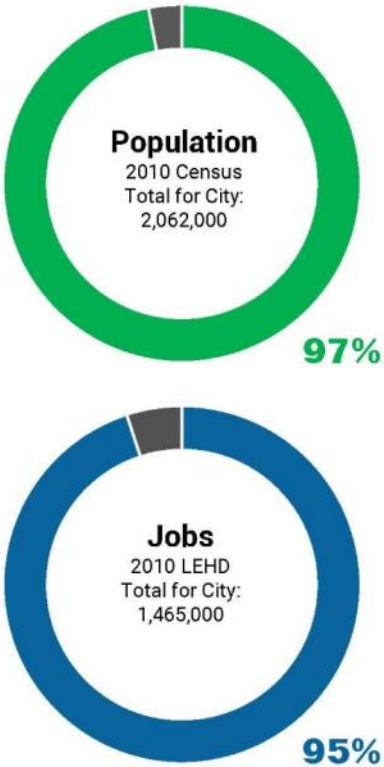

872 Additional Miles

Est. $235-382 Million (unfunded)

Changes to Draft Plan: Mid 2016

Public comment period Feb.19 through April 11 2016

133 miles of proposed 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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Changes to Final Draft: Feb. 2017

- Dialogue with BAC members:
  - Super Neighborhood Alliance
  - Bike Houston
  - Houston Coalition for Complete Streets



Changes to Final Draft: Feb. 2017

- **Clarify that Bike Plan is not regulatory**
  - The Plan is a master plan and makes recommendations
- **Add map notation**
  - Additional analysis and public engagement needed for project design
  - Map notation included on large format maps and in text
- **Emphasize preference for high-comfort bikeways**
  - High bikeways preferred, low LOC discouraged
- **Role of Bicycle Advisory Committee**
  - Develop recommendations for bikeway maintenance
  - Annual Report
  - Achieving 10 year vision and interim targets
- **Strengthened public engagement process**
  - Public engagement process included as Key Recommendation 9.1
  - Public engagement begins no later than preliminary engineering

Identified Thoroughfare/Collector Reconstruction – CIP Projects

Community Engagement Process



- Public opportunity to provide input on projects during annual CIP town hall meeting.
- Public input solicited on the conceptual design before the project moves into final design and engineering.
- Public meeting format allows input via online public comments and the design is updated and released to the public.
- Final public meeting held prior to project construction.

Identified Short Term Opportunities – Bike Plan Projects

Community Engagement Process (Proposed)



- District Council Member(s) Coordination
- Stakeholder/agency coordination
- Initial community engagement
- Develop design alternatives
- Stakeholder/community meeting(s)
- District Council Member(s) coordination
- Stakeholder & community notification/meeting

Community Engagement

- Incorporate in PWE Manuals
  - Planning & Design of Mobility Projects to Incorporate Complete Streets Policies (already incorporated)
  - Capital Improvement Plan Process Manual for Infrastructure Program
- Initiated conversations with PWE to investigate codification of community engagement for ReBuild Houston / major capital projects

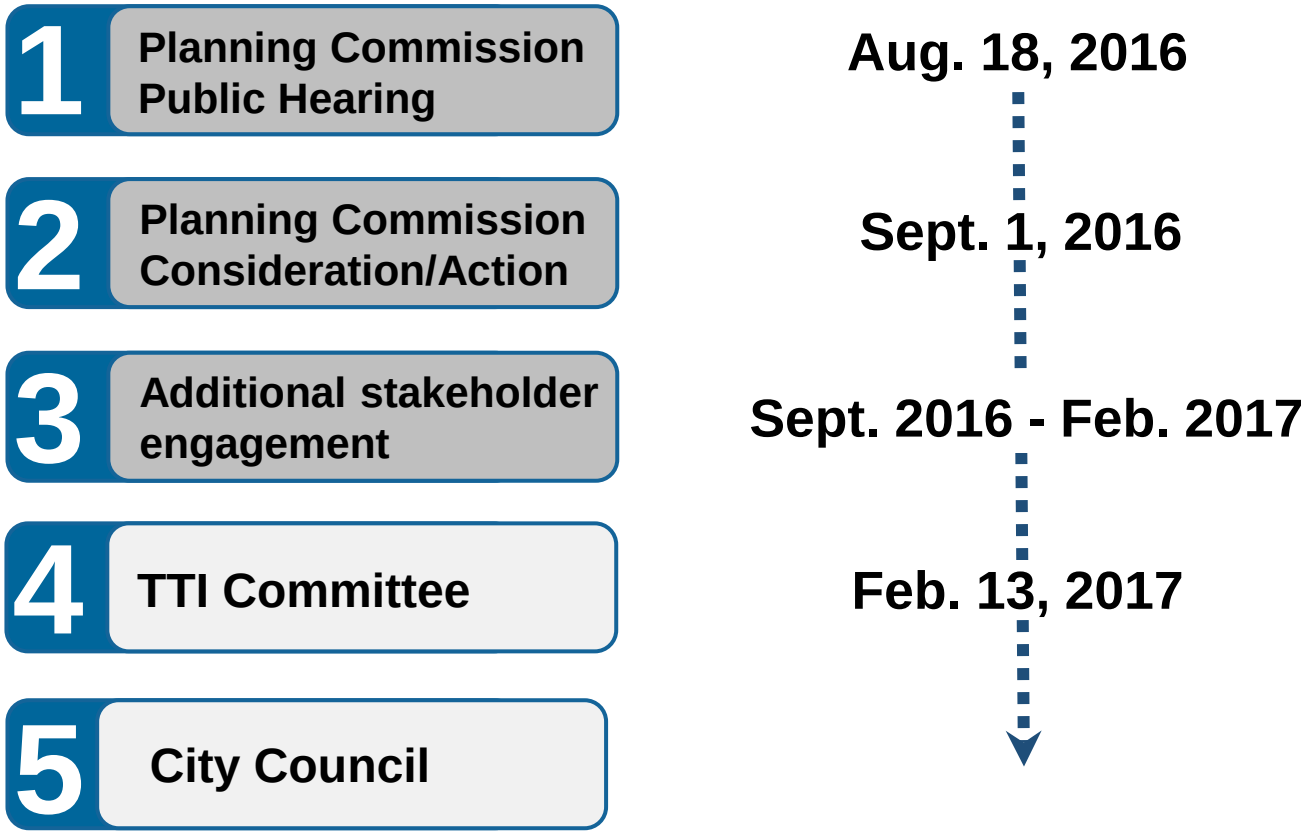
Chapter 33 Amendments

- Keep Bike Plan up to date
- Clarify roles of:
  - Planning Director
  - City Departments
  - Planning Commission
  - City Council
  - Community

What do Ch. 33 amendments do?

- Require that City adopt a Bike Plan
- Require biennial review of Bike Plan
- Establish process to amend Bike Plan
- Establish process for public comment
- City Council has authority to adopt & amend

Ch. 33 Amendments Timeline



QUESTIONS



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