

Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

January 19, 2016





Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Goals and Schedule
- Plan Updates
- Plan Highlights and Recent Changes
- Public Comment
- Committee Member Updates
- Next Steps



Project Milestones/Tasks





Key Themes from Last Meeting

Engineering Strategies

- Focus on maintenance (trash collection, snow removal)
- Focus on providing more separation from motor vehicles for bicyclists

Program and Policy Strategies

- Education/outreach must target all groups (people who drive, bike and walk)
- Need improved outreach to older adults
- Need additional staff to implement programs, projects and track progress
- Vision Zero strategy should be specific
- Evaluate City Code to address eBikes, eBlades and other non-traditional travel modes



Progress Since Last Meeting

Commission and Board Presentations:

- Planning/Transportation Commissions
- Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Board
- BPAC
- Environmental Policy Commission/Park and Recreation Commission

Public Engagement on draft recommendations

- Farmers Markets, First Thursday

Public Meeting (September 24th)

- ~40 participants
- 5 interactive stations
- Draft strategies, bike network and other content



Key Themes from Public Meeting

- Pedestrian safety must be a central focus of the Plan.
- Reducing motor vehicle speeds is key to improving comfort and safety for everyone.
- Bicycle network needs to provide a continuous experience for riders. Greater separation from motor vehicles is needed.
- Bicyclist behavior – particularly running stop signs – was a repeated community concern.

Pedestrian Program and Policy Strategies (DRAFT)



Below are 12 pedestrian program and policy strategies that will be addressed by the Alexandria Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update. Use dot stickers to indicate the strategies that you think are the most important.

Pursue funding to oversee education and outreach for pedestrian/multimodal transportation safety initiatives citywide.



Conduct construction inspections to ensure safe, convenient and accessible pedestrian accommodations.



Develop an annual report card with information on the performance targets identified in this Plan.



Explore a pilot Open Streets Event to encourage active transportation and lifestyles.



Evaluate use of employee alternative transportation benefits program, and expand promotion efforts.



Pursue funding for high priority pedestrian projects.



Strive for Gold designation in the Walk Friendly Community program.



Partner with Health Department and Schools to identify funding and prioritize programs related to active transportation and lifestyles.

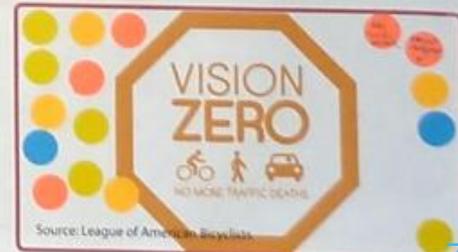


Continue providing training for City staff on national ADA design standards, Complete Streets and other best practices.

Partner with Local Motion and the Alexandria Police Department to build upon the Streets Smarts campaign and other similar efforts.

Continue improving access within and through large properties through partnerships, planning and development review.

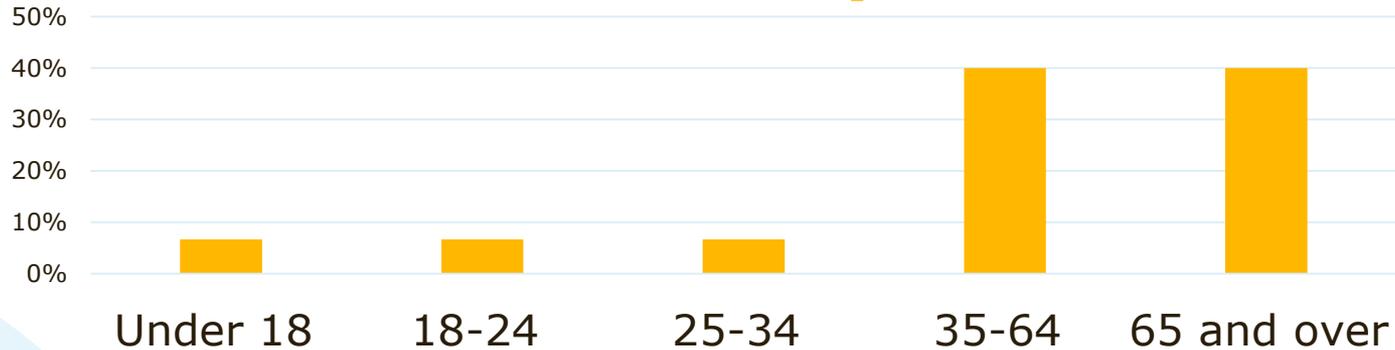
Evaluate traffic fatalities and develop a Vision Zero program outlining framework, budget and staffing needs.



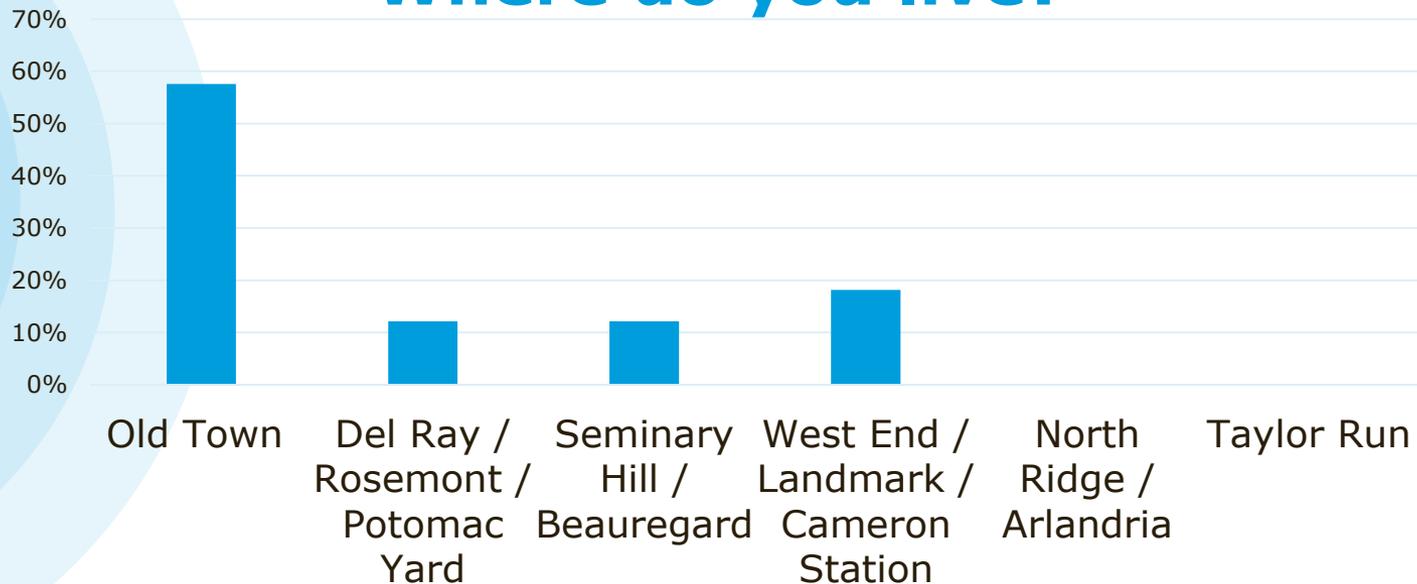


Key Themes from Public Meeting

How old are you?



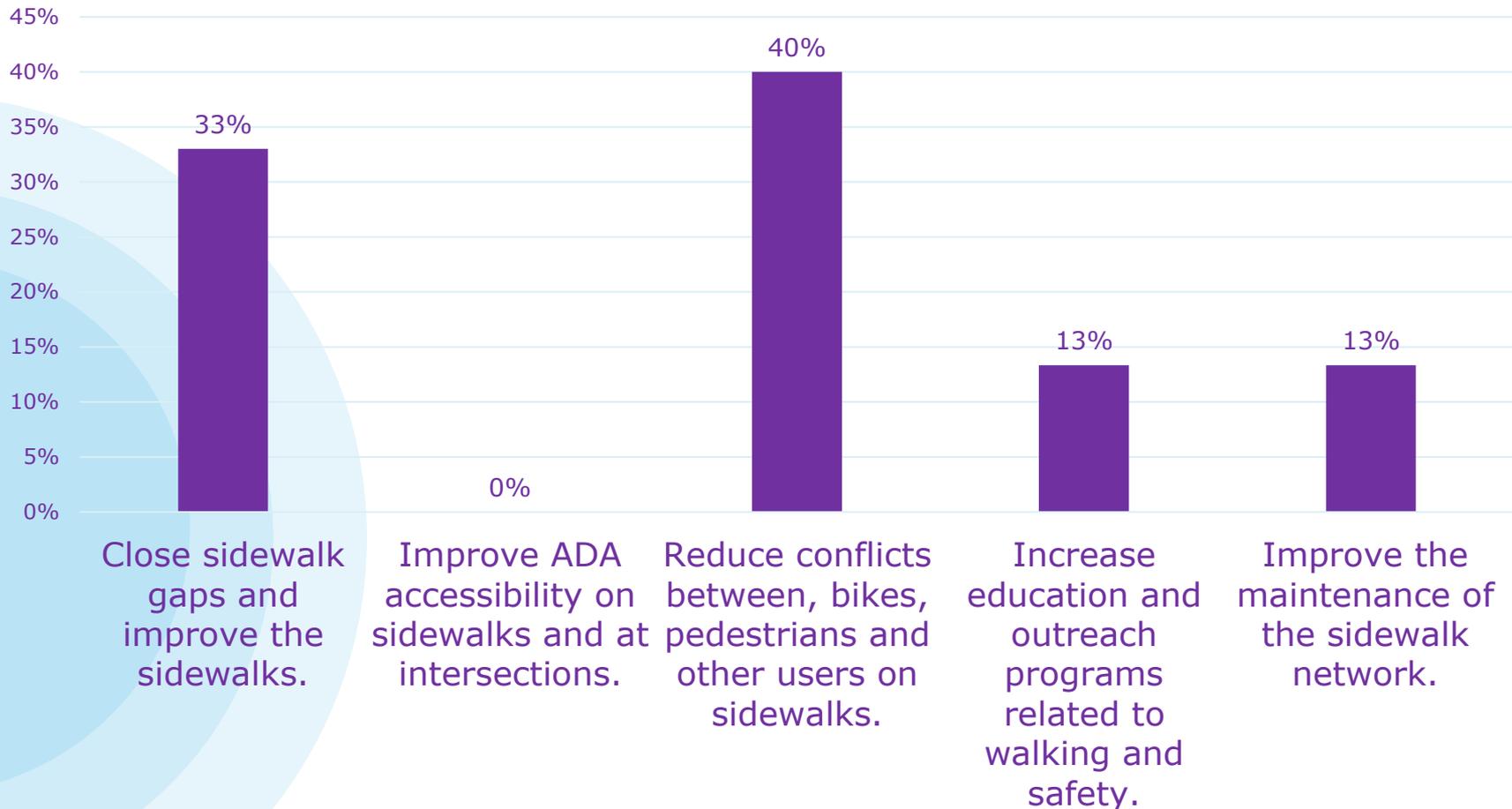
Where do you live?



Key Themes from Public Meeting



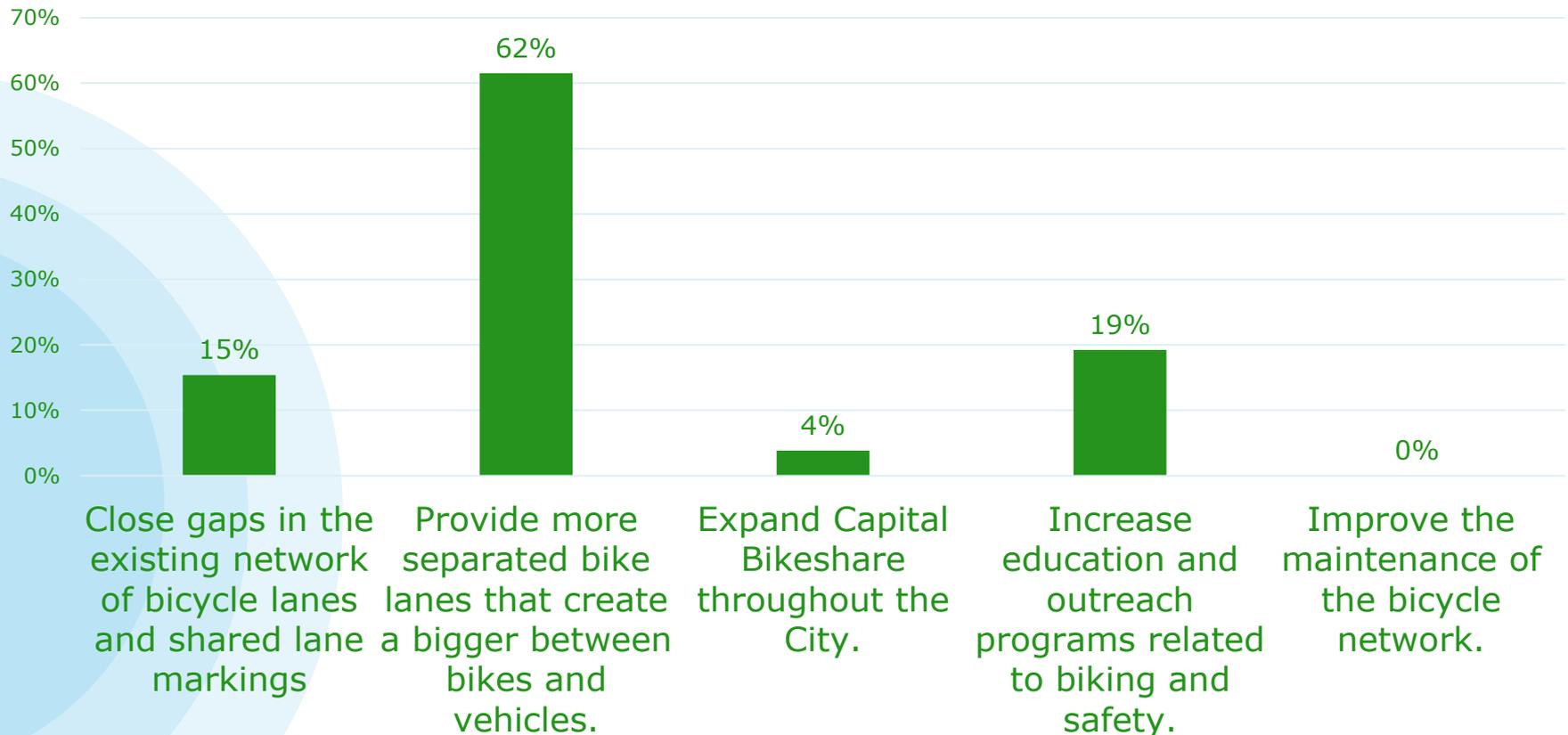
What is your highest priority for walking?



Key Themes from Public Meeting



What is your highest priority for biking?





PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

How did we get here...



BY THE NUMBERS

- 2** Public Meetings
- 3** Summer Outreach Events
- 6** Agencies and Committees Reached
- 10** Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- 9** Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Meetings
- 800** Interactive Map Comments
- 1,100** Alexandria Residents Involved

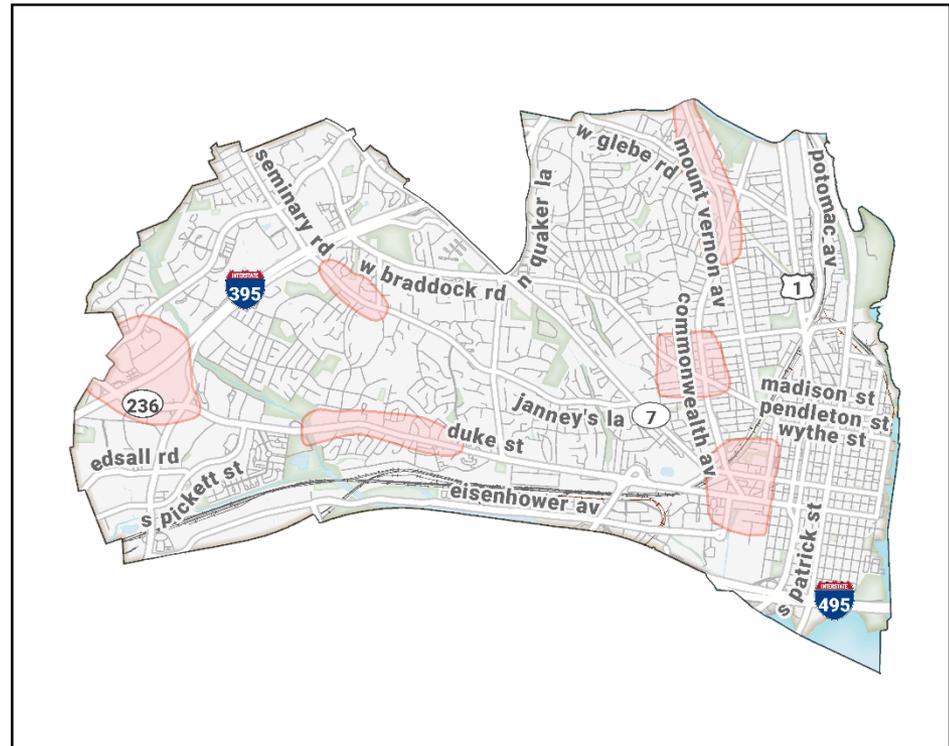


SUMMARY - Pedestrian Recommendations

Over 500 Facility Recommendations in Six Study Areas

Ten prioritized new sidewalk projects distributed throughout the City

- Nearly 4 miles of new priority sidewalks



SUMMARY - Bicycle Recommendations



Over 88 miles of NEW Bicycle Facilities

- 44 miles of Enhanced Bicycle Corridors
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Continuous Connections to Major Destinations

- Mark Center
- Potomac Yard
- Mount Vernon Trail
- Old Town
- Van Dorn/ Eisenhower Metro
- Landmark Mall
- Beauregard / West End
- Shirlington



RECENT CHANGES

Case Study Areas

Added Commonwealth and Braddock Road

Key themes:

- Accessibility issues on curb ramps and sidewalks
- Need for new and improved crosswalks
- New sidewalk recommendation on Commonwealth Ave. and in other locations



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| ● A. Remove Obstruction | ● I. Install Pedestrian Scale Lighting |
| ● B. Install New Curb Ramp | ● J. Improve Bus Stop Access |
| ● C. Replace/Upgrade Existing Curb Ramp | ● M. Adjust Parking to Improve Sightlines |
| ● D. Install New Crosswalk | ● O. Install Bicycle Spot Improvement |
| ● E. Repair/Upgrade Existing Crosswalk | ● P. Reconfigure Roadway/Intersection |
| ● G. Modify/Repair Existing Pedestrian Signal | — Install New Sidewalk |
| | — Repair/Upgrade Sidewalk |



Strategies

Ped Strategy #5 – Crossing Conditions

Revised to focus on ~~maintaining~~ **minimizing the impact on** vehicle throughput, and to specifically mention leading pedestrian intervals and elimination of right-turn-on-red.

Ped Strategy #8 – Conflicts between bikes, pedestrians and other users on sidewalks

A new sub-bullet (b) was added to address the potential revision to the City code to address these other types of users.

Ped Strategy #11 – Vision Zero

Revised to add serious injuries. Program details will be developed as a subsequent step and will include both existing and new efforts.



Strategies

Ped/Bike Strategy #6 – Maintenance

Revised to note that the maintenance practices both within the City and external would be developed, and also include debris other than snow.

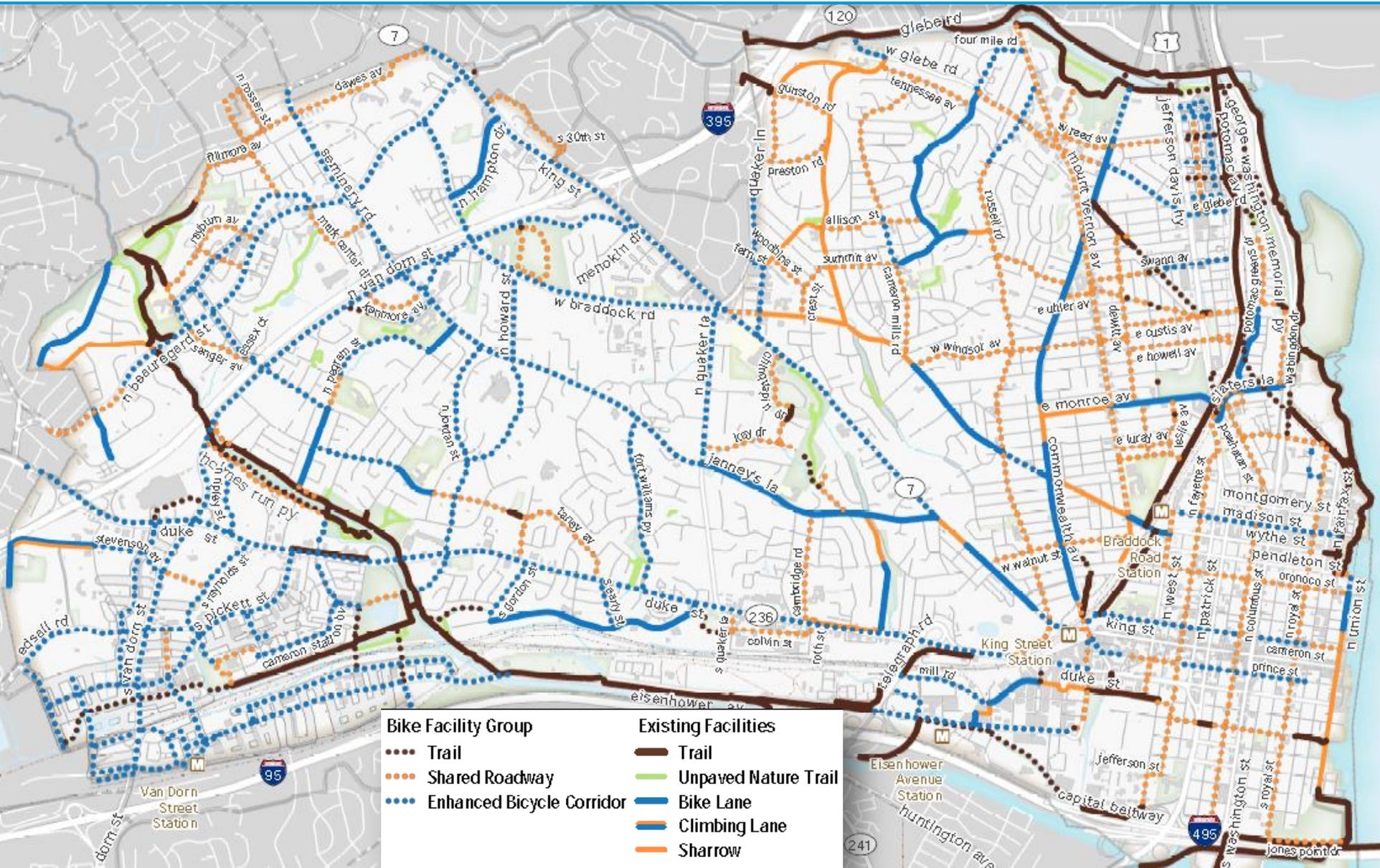
Bike Strategy #12 – Partner to support education, outreach and promotion amongst under-represented groups

Revised to include senior citizens as an under-represented group.

Bike Strategy #14 - Endorse NACTO Urban Street Design Guide and Urban Bikeway Design Guide

Done! This strategy was removed because the City (Director of T&ES) sent a letter to NACTO endorsing the NACTO Design Guides.

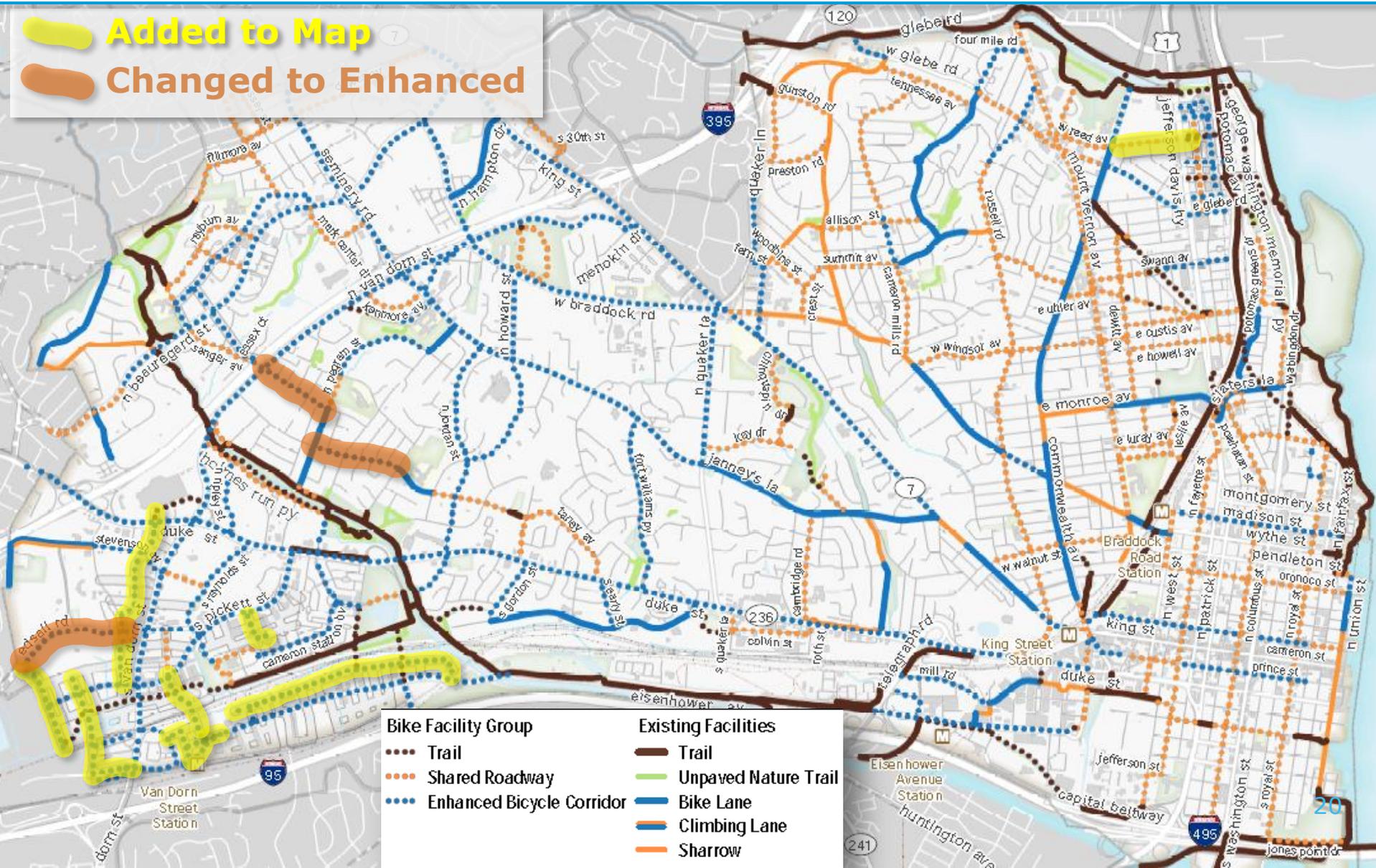
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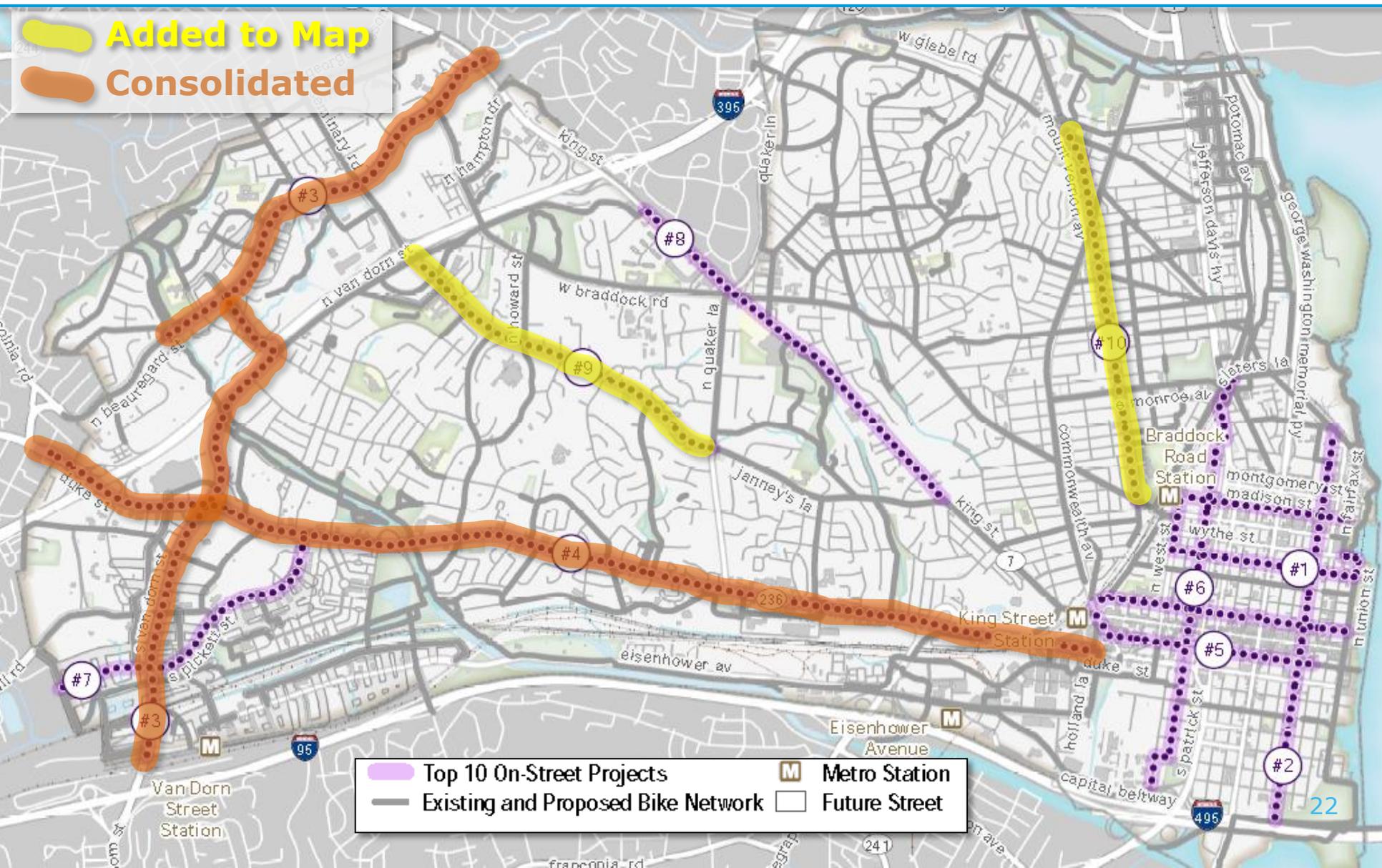


Added to Map
Changed to Enhanced



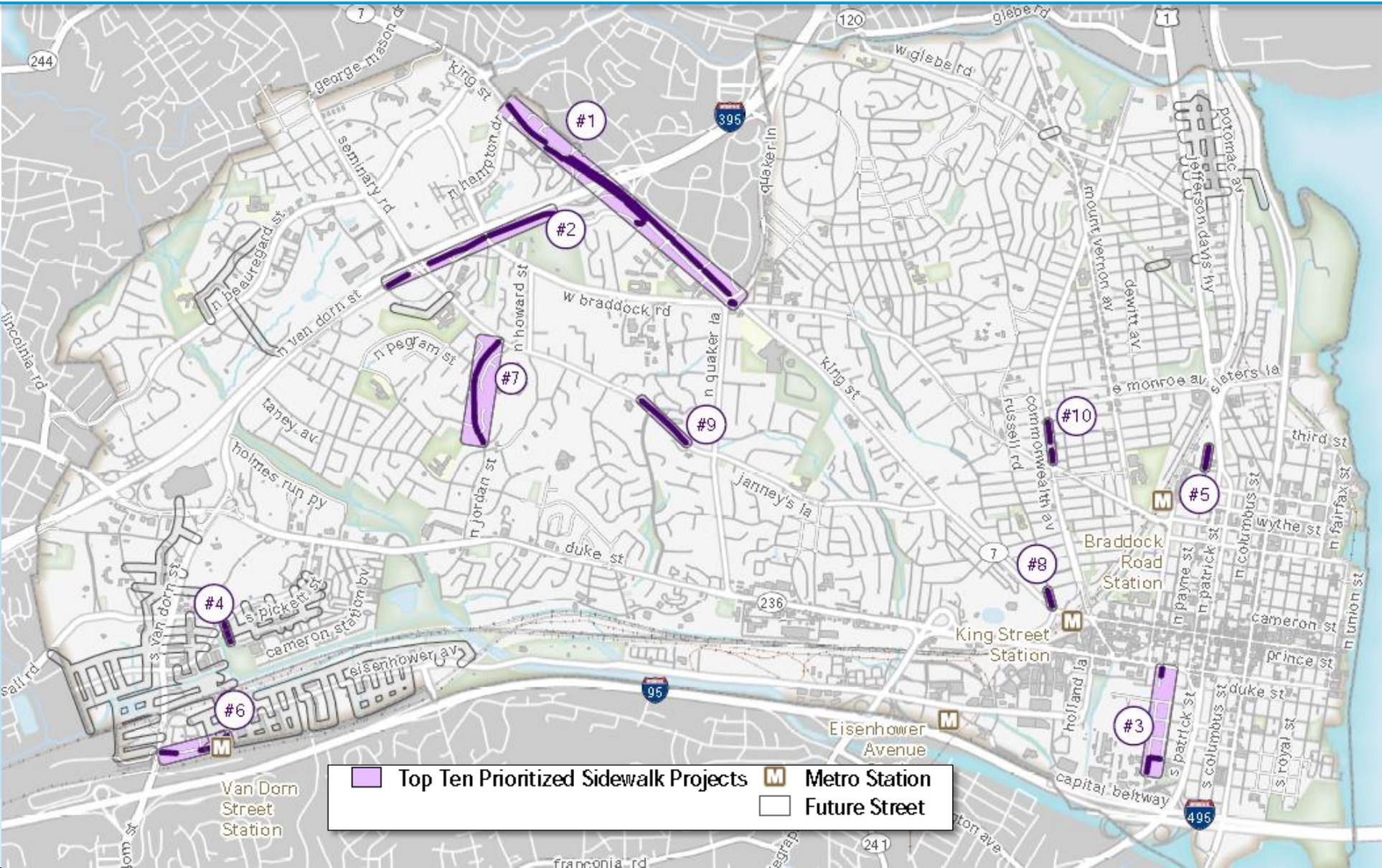


Prioritized On-Street Bicycle Projects





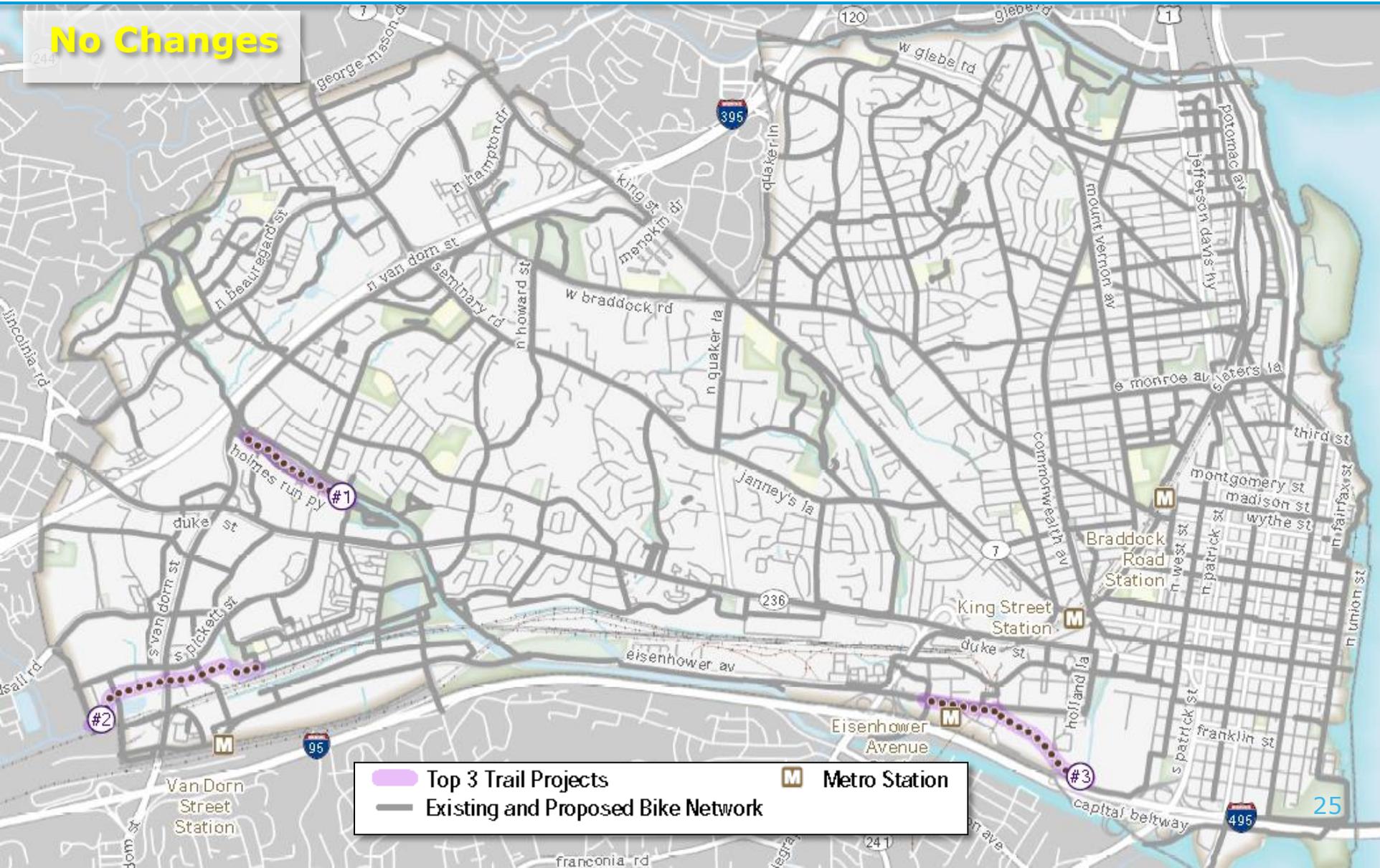
Prioritized Sidewalk Projects



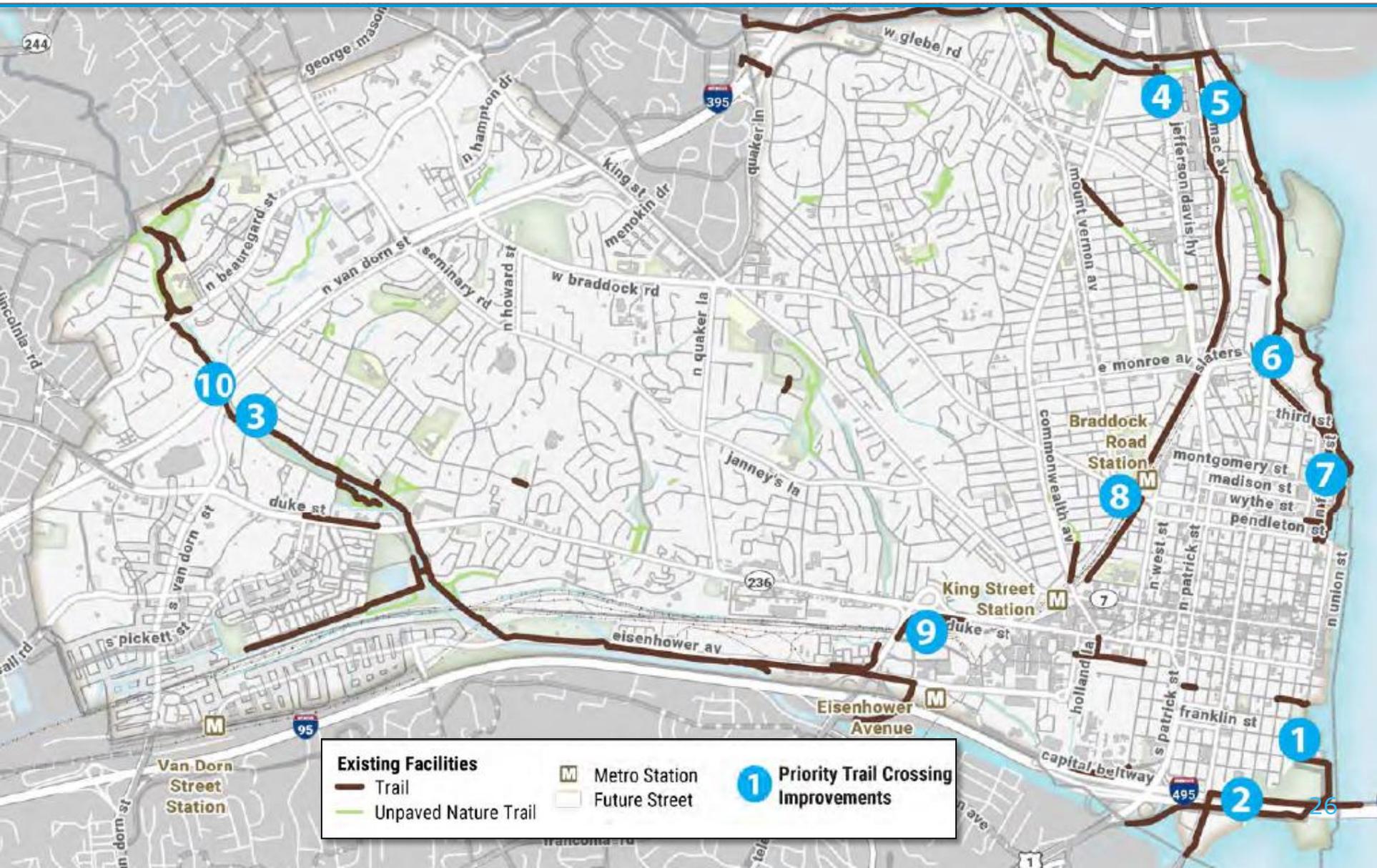


Prioritized Trail Projects

No Changes



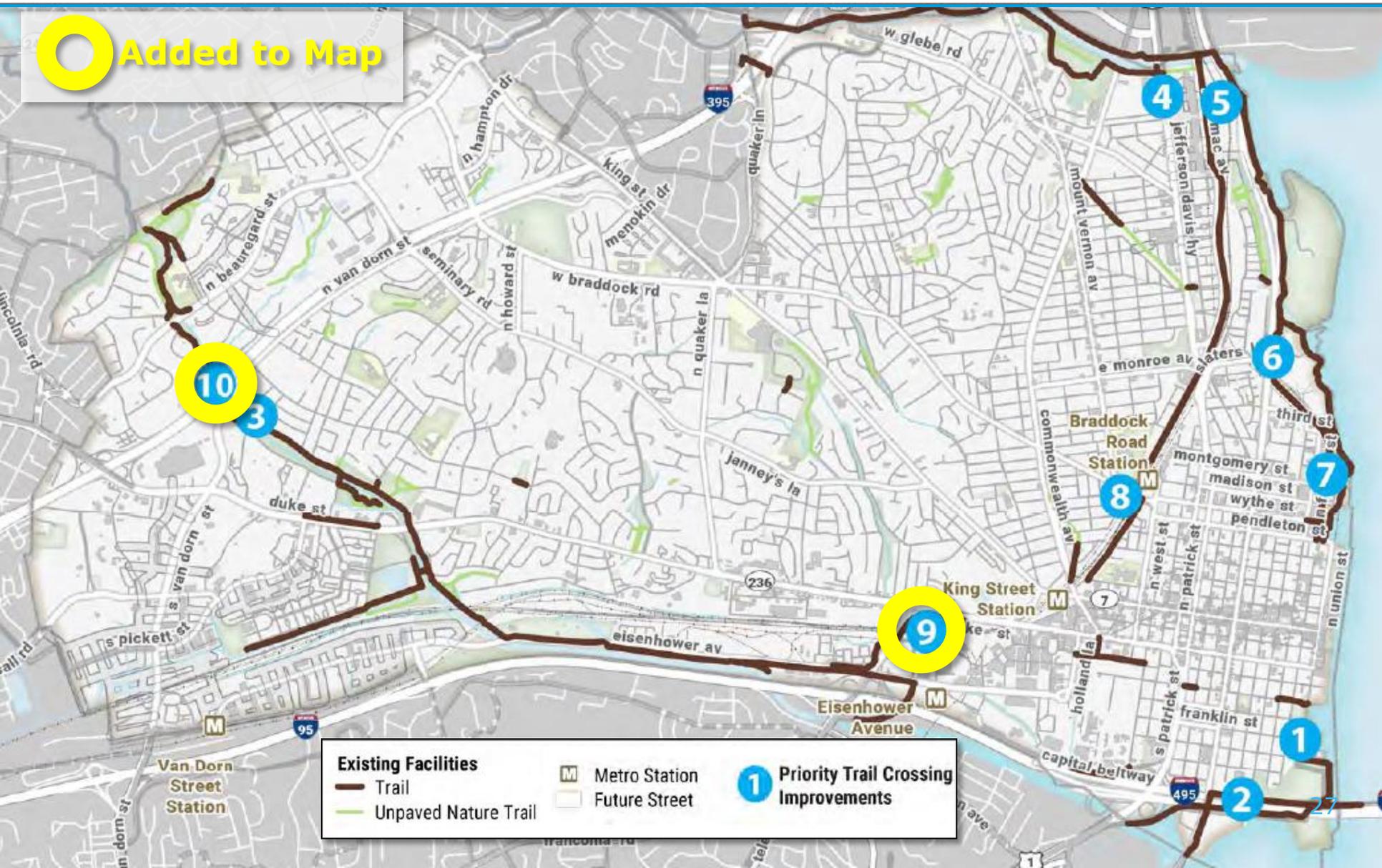
Priority Trail Crossing Improvements



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 Added to Map



Existing Facilities	 Metro Station	 Priority Trail Crossing Improvements
 Trail	 Future Street	
 Unpaved Nature Trail		



Next Steps

- Public Review of Draft Plan (Alex Engage)
- Refinement of Plan
- Ad Hoc Committee Meeting #10 - February (Plan Endorsement)
- Council Update - February
- Transportation / Planning Commissions – March/April
- Council Approval – April
- Amendment to Master Plan



Alex Engage

- http://engage.alexandriava.gov/portals/191/Forum_537/Issue_3314
- Specific questions and open response (e.g. “Which of the Plan’s priority sidewalk projects are most important to you?”)
- Promoted via City website, project webpage, social media



ALEX ENGAGE Listen, Learn, Join the Conversation



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Civic Engagement

The Principles of Engagement serve as the foundation for civic engagement, and are the guidelines by which we will "do" civic engagement.

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The diagram shows a central circle labeled 'Principles' surrounded by ten segments: Respect, Inclusiveness & Equity, Early Involvement, Easy Participation, Meaningful Engagement, Mutual Accountability, Transparency, Sustained Collaboration, Evaluation, and Respect.



COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Are there any key engineering, program and policy issues that have not been addressed through the draft plan?



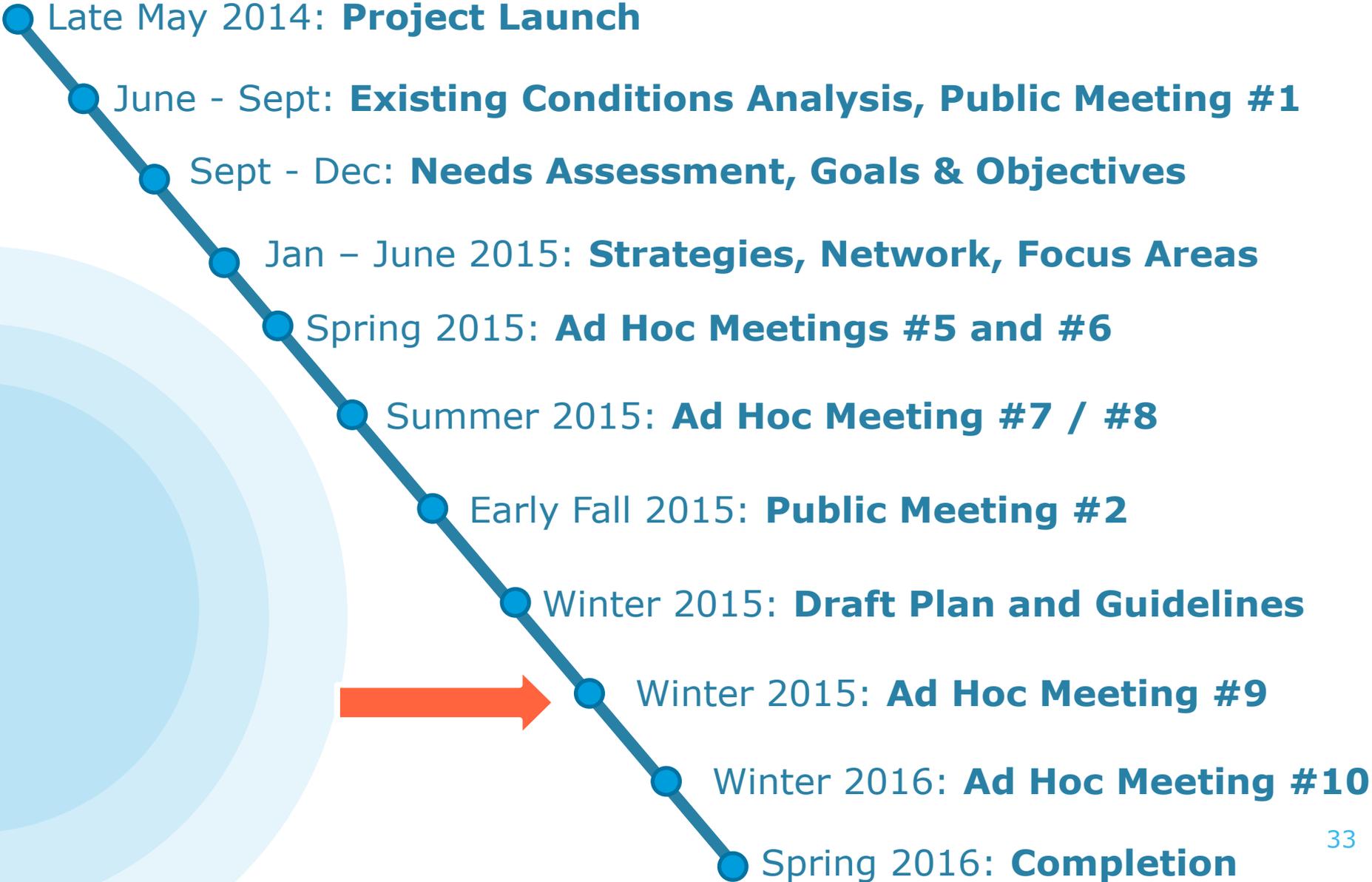
PUBLIC COMMENT



COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES



Schedule





Thank You!

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