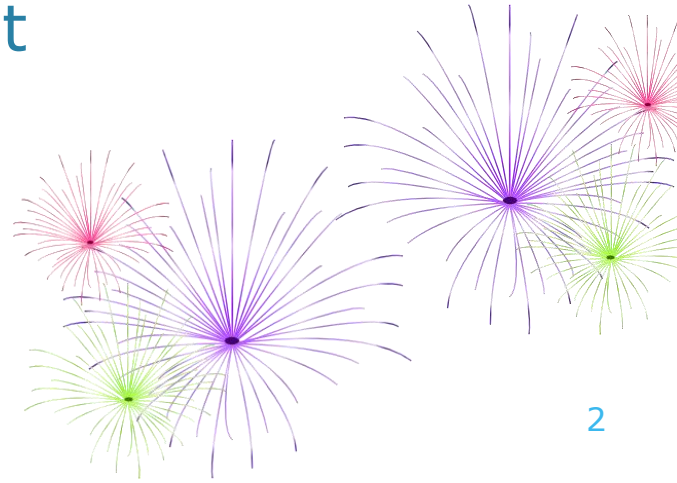
Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

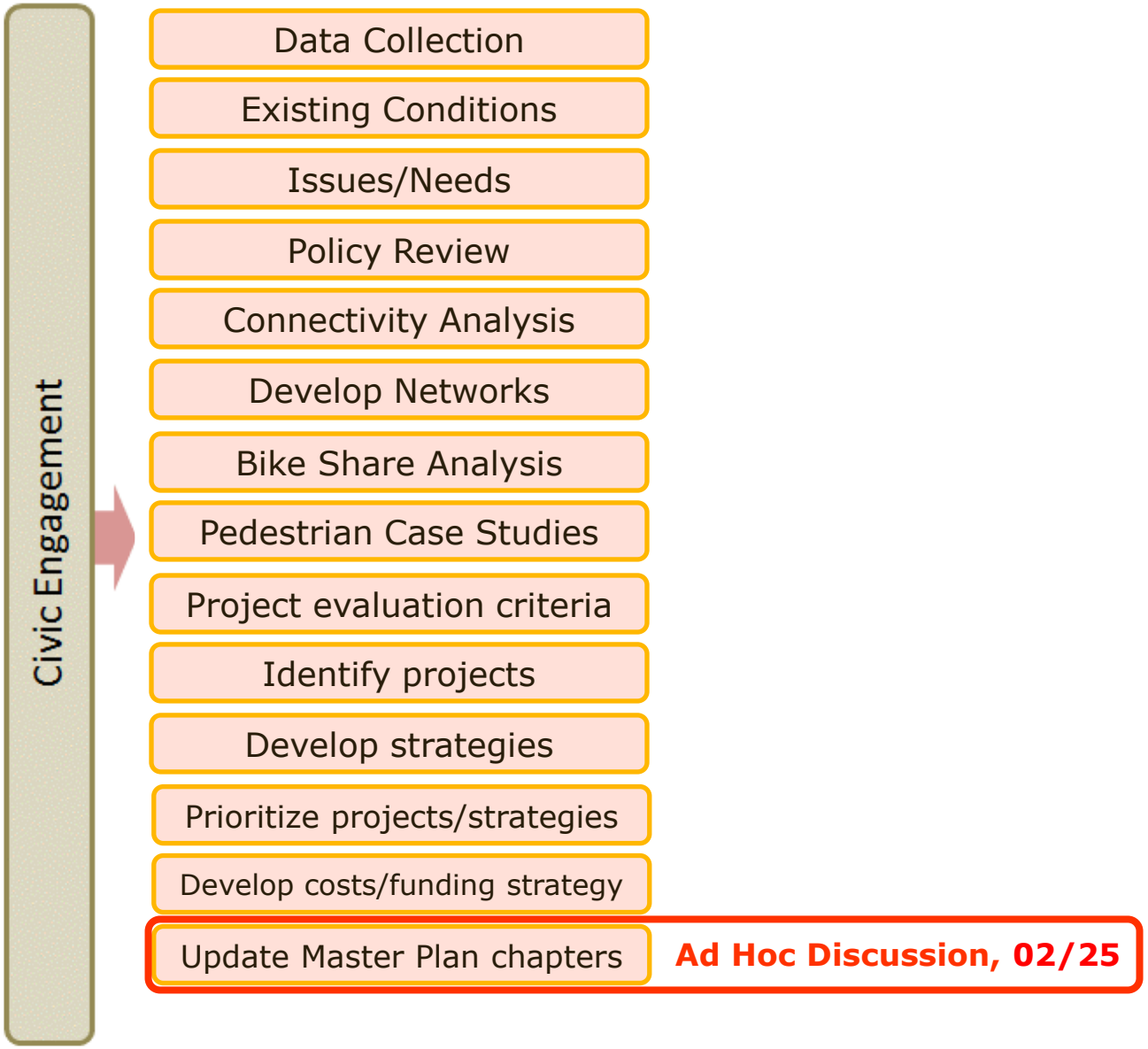
February 25, 2016

Agenda

- Introductions
- Summary of AlexEngage
- Plan Edits Based on Committee / Public Input
- Committee Discussion
- Public Comment
- Consideration for Endorsement
- Committee Member Updates
- Next Steps
- Celebration & Appreciation!!



Project Milestones/Tasks



Key Themes from Last Meeting

- Several committee members and public expressed general support for draft plan

- Areas for improvement:
  - More emphasis on the focus on the west end throughout the process
  - Provide more detail on timing of implementation
  - Elevate Vision Zero
  - Emphasize importance of dedicated and protected bike lanes for serving all types of bicycle riders

ALEX ENGAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Alex Engage Summary

How old are you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
18-24	1.7%	7
25-34	25.5%	106
35-64	60.7%	252
65 and over	10.4%	43
prefer not to respond	1.7%	7

Are you female or male?

	Response Percent	Response Count
female	43.6%	181
male	52.8%	219
prefer not to respond	3.6%	15

Alex Engage Summary

Which of the following best describes you?	Response Percent	Response Count
I live in Alexandria, but work elsewhere.	48.2%	200
I work in Alexandria, but live elsewhere.	6.7%	28
I both live and work in Alexandria.	35.7%	148
I neither live nor work in Alexandria.	9.4%	39

Where do you live in Alexandria (or work if you don't reside in the city)?	Response Percent	Response Count
Old Town	25.3%	105
Del Ray / Rosemont / Potomac Yard	23.6%	98
Seminary Hill / Beauregard	7.0%	29
West End / Landmark / Cameron Station	19.0%	79
North Ridge / Arlandria	7.2%	30
Taylor Run	7.5%	31
I do not live (or work) in Alexandria	10.4%	43

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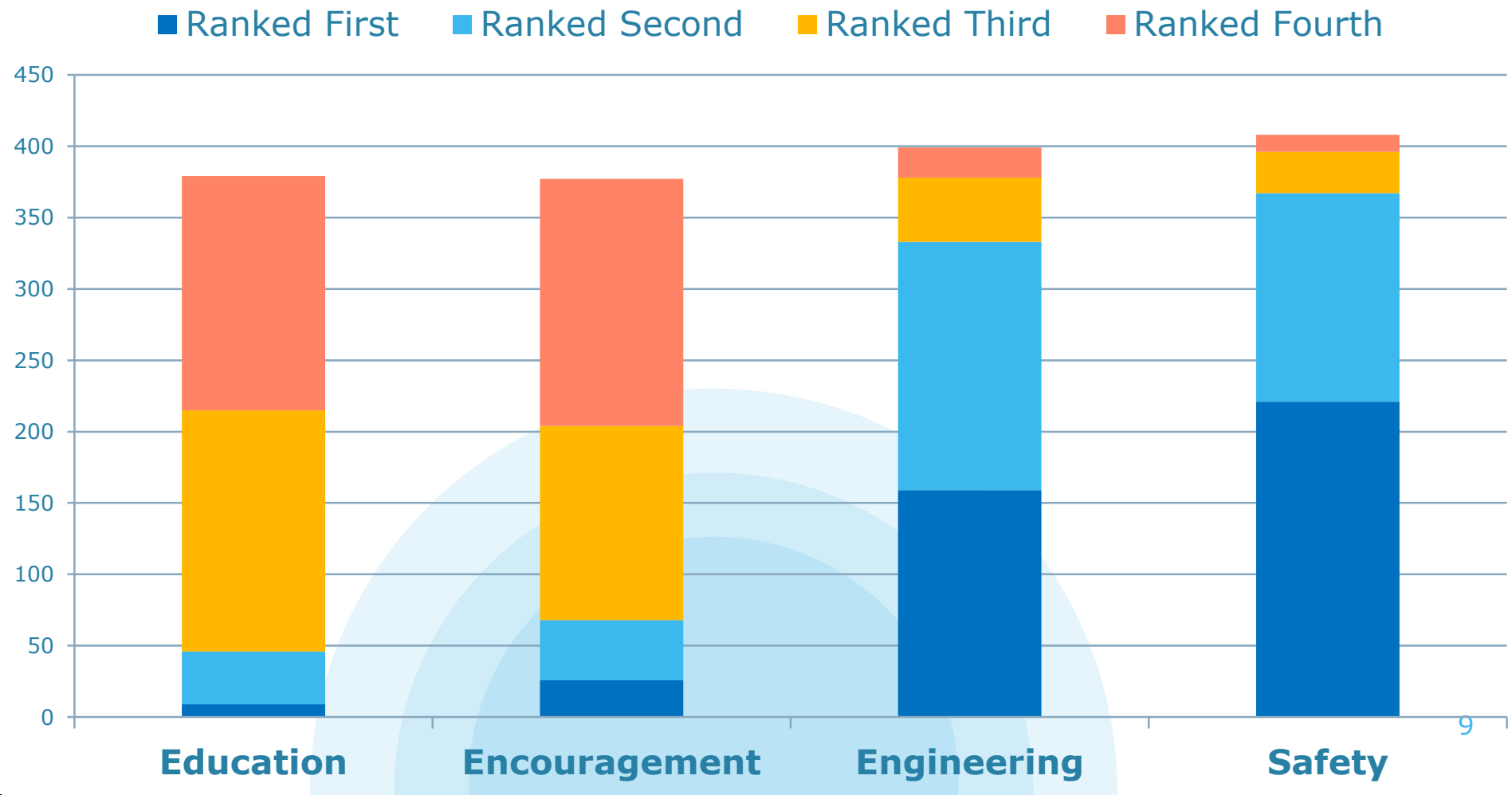
To support the City's "Vision for Walking in Alexandria," the Plan includes four pedestrian goals. Rank the goals below in terms of importance.



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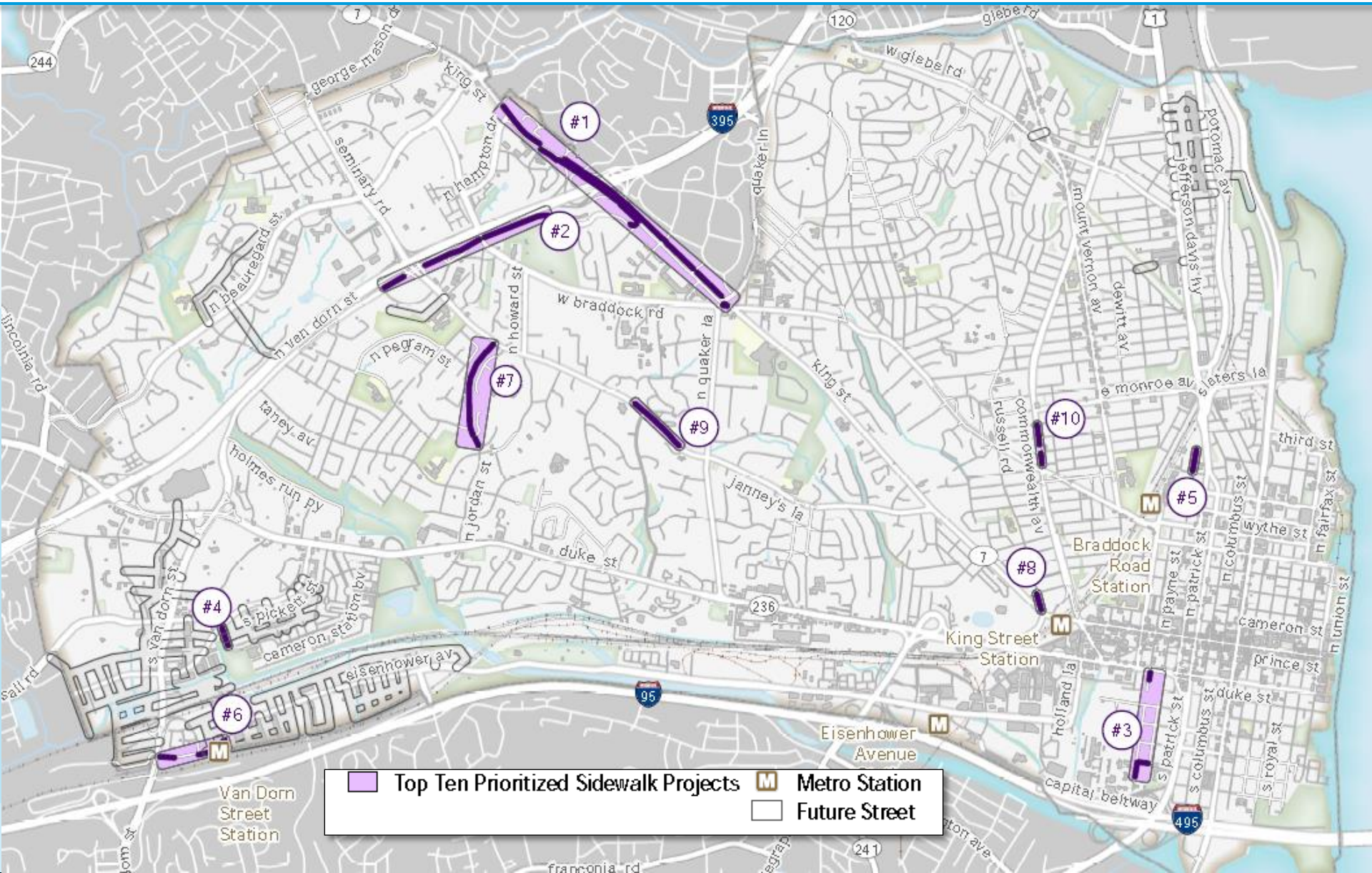
The Plan's "pedestrian engineering strategies" are interventions that relate to the sidewalks and other physical characteristics of the built environment relevant to walking. You've got 20 coins to spend. How would you spend them on the Plan's pedestrian engineering strategies?

Prioritized Sidewalk Projects



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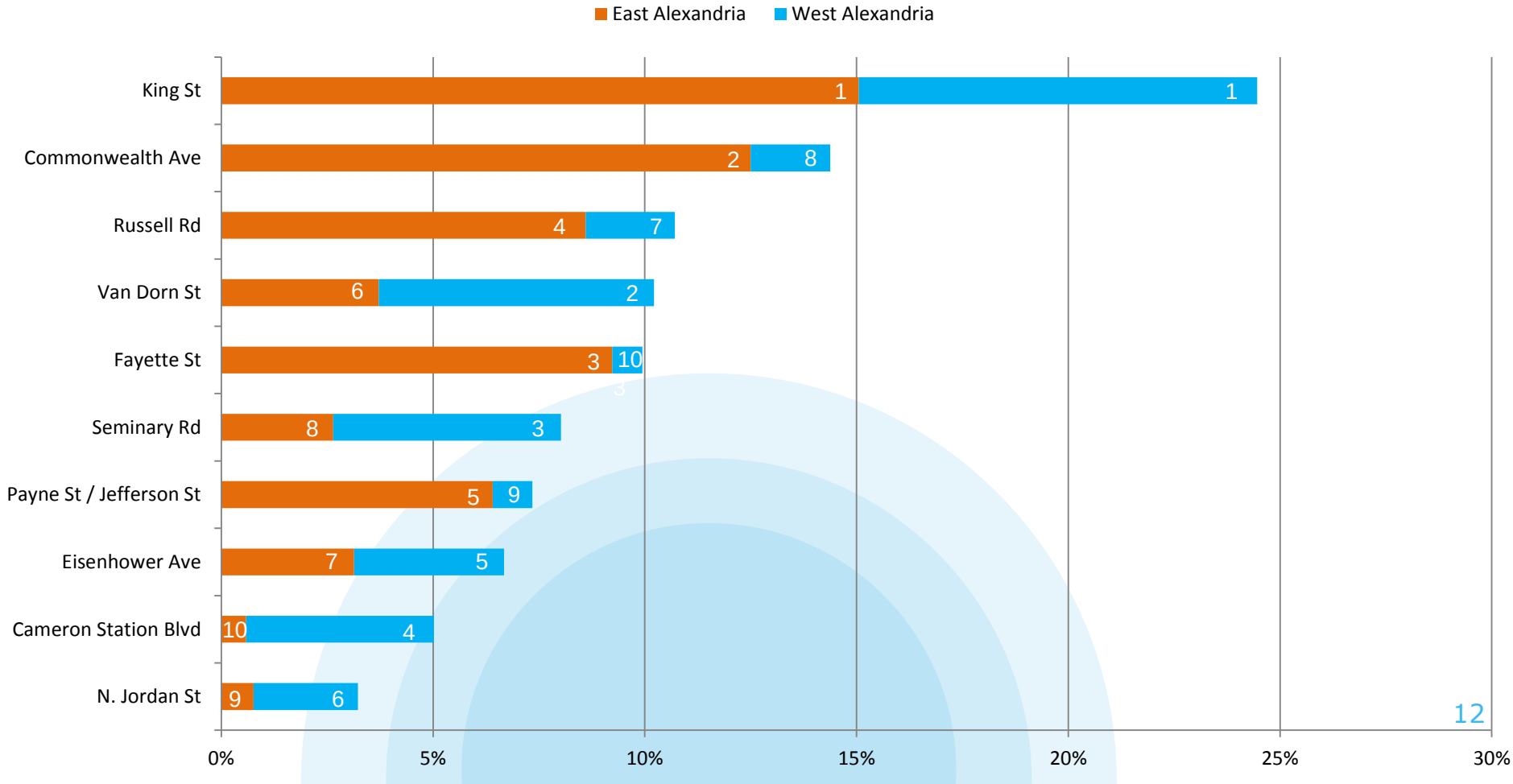
Priority Sidewalk Project Preferences as a Percentage of Total Preference Responses

(does not include preferences for those who neither reside nor work in Alexandria)



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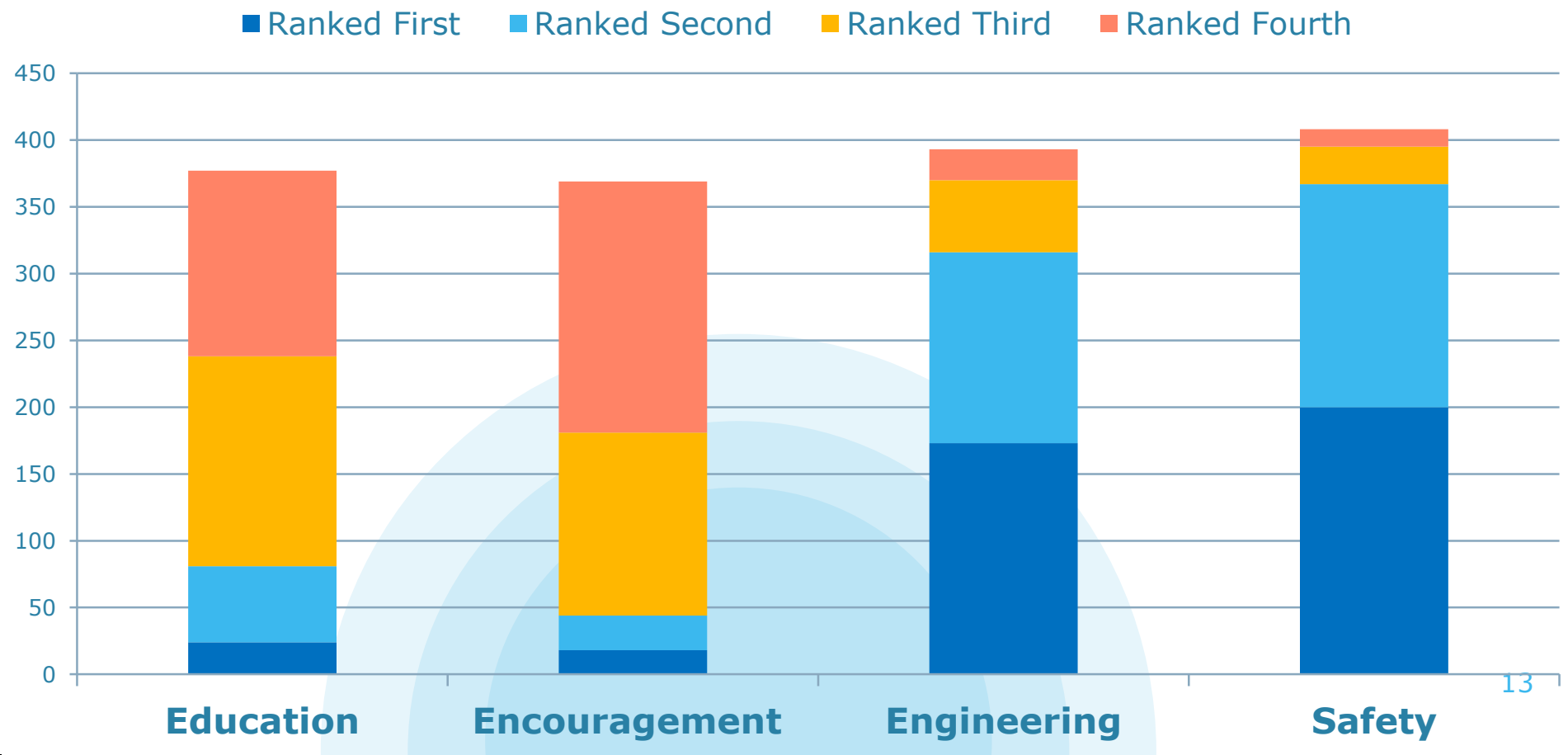
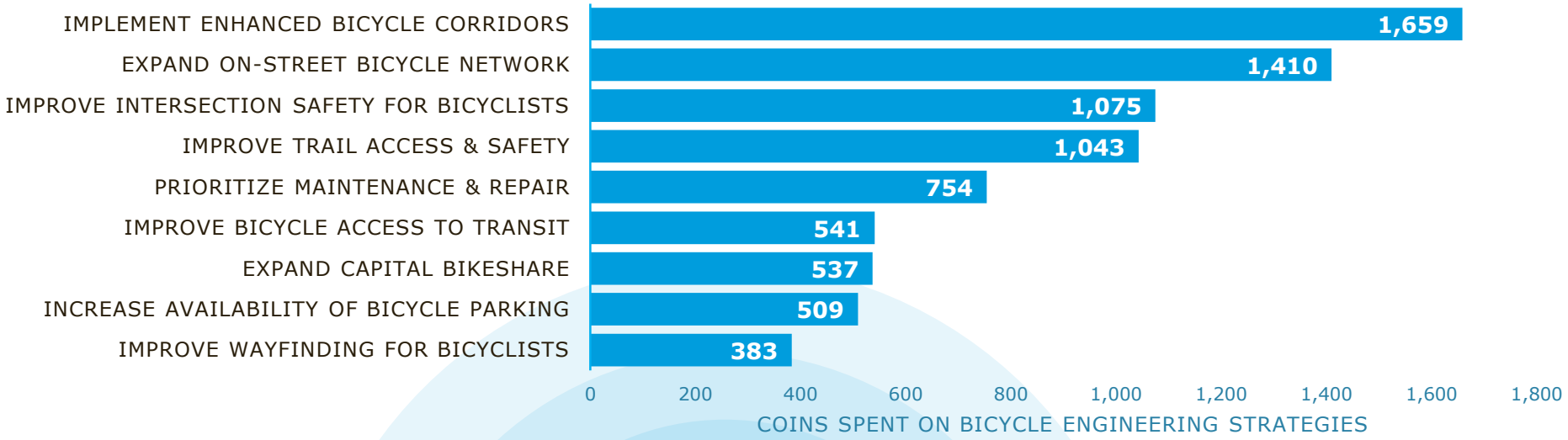
To support the City's "Vision for Bicycling in Alexandria," the Plan includes four bicycling goals. Rank the goals below in terms of importance.

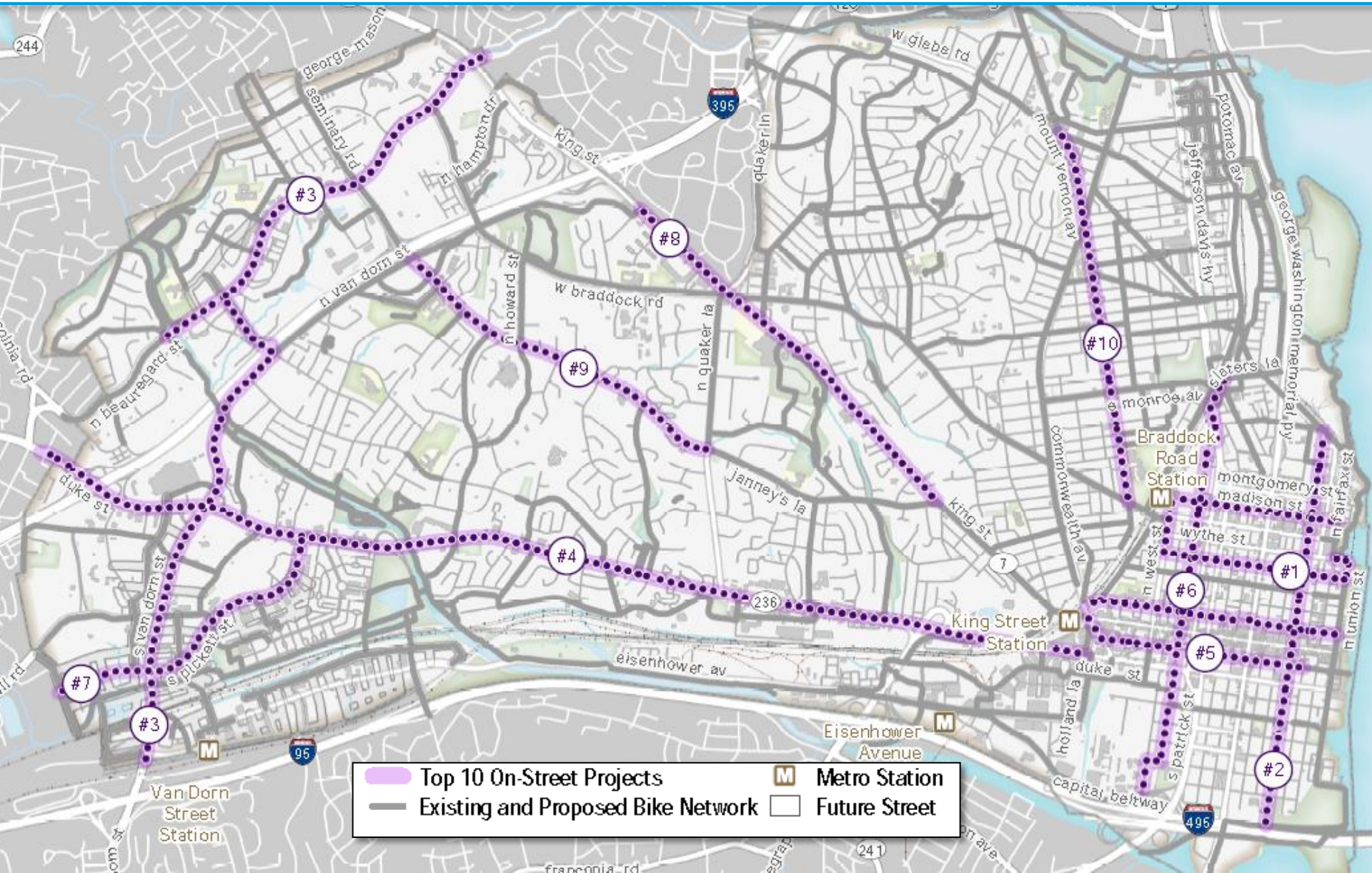


Alex Engage Summary

The Plan's "bicycle engineering strategies" are interventions that relate to on-street bicycle facilities, trails, and other physical characteristics of the built environment relevant to bicycling. You've got 20 coins to spend. How would you spend them on the Plan's bicycle engineering strategies?



Prioritized On-Street Bicycle Projects



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Priority On-Street Bicycle Project Preferences as a Percentage of Total Preference Responses

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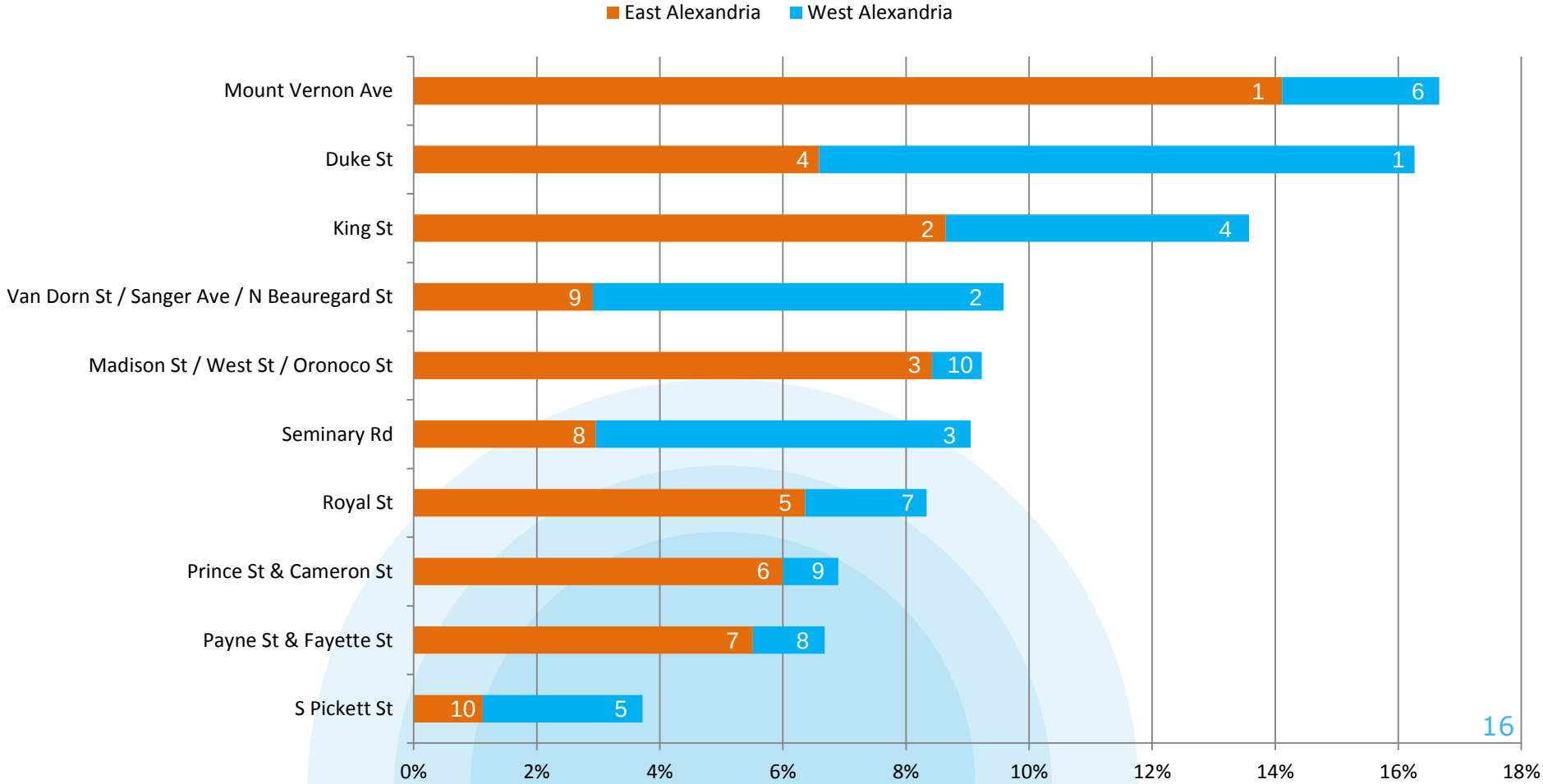
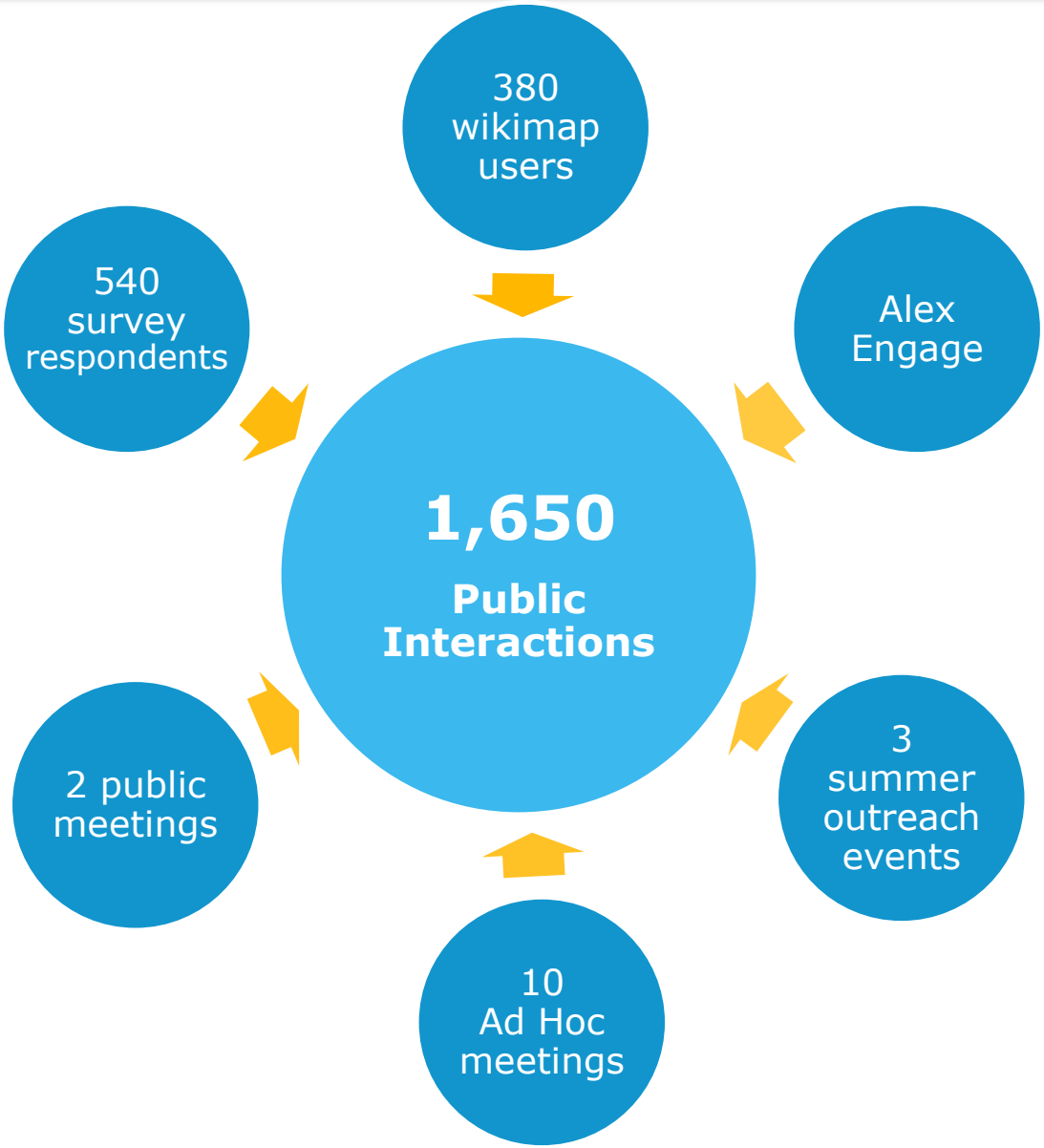


PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

How did we get here...

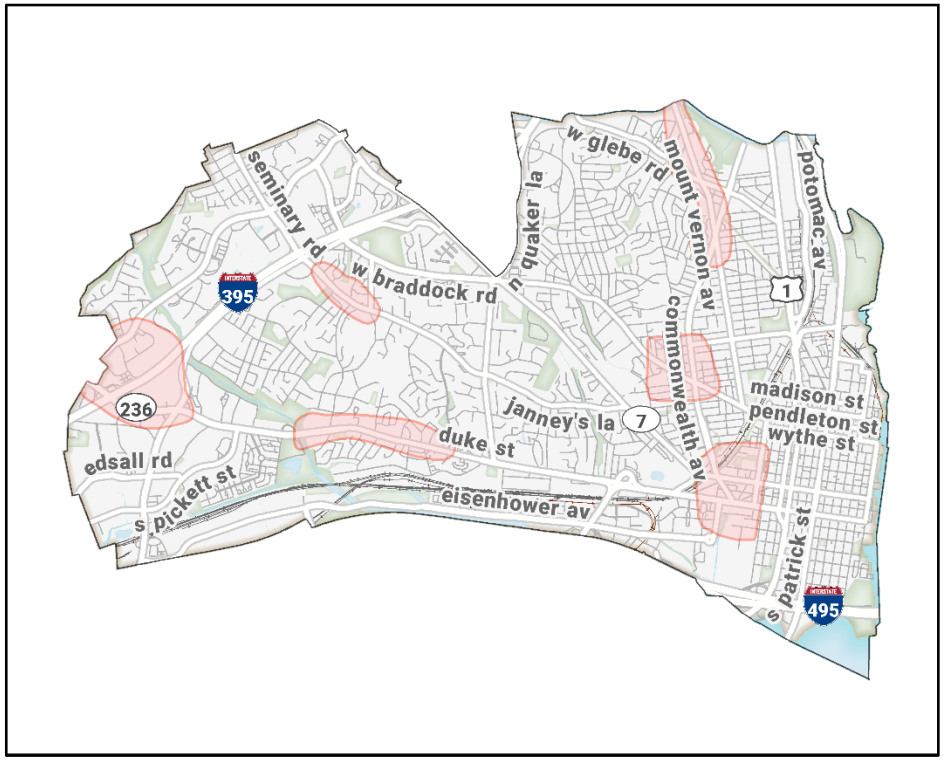


SUMMARY - Pedestrian Recommendations

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
- 36 miles of Shared Roadways
- 8 miles of New Trails

Continuous Connections to Major Destinations

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

CHANGES SINCE LAST MEETING

Text Changes

New content about implementation within the first five years:

- Staff will work to implement many recommendations from case study areas
- Leverage repaving and development opportunities to implement pedestrian-focused improvements in areas not covered by the Case Studies
- Pursue funding from grants and through the City's budget process to begin implementation of the priority projects
- Immediately begin to develop a Vision Zero Program

Text Changes

- New content to emphasize the focus on the west end (page 9):

  "One particular area of focus for this Plan is an effort to ensure that people throughout the entire city have access to comfortable, safe places to walk and bike. This led to a consistent effort throughout the planning process to **ensure that recommendations and priority projects serve the west side of the City**, which has historically had fewer on-street bicycle facilities and pedestrian-friendly areas."

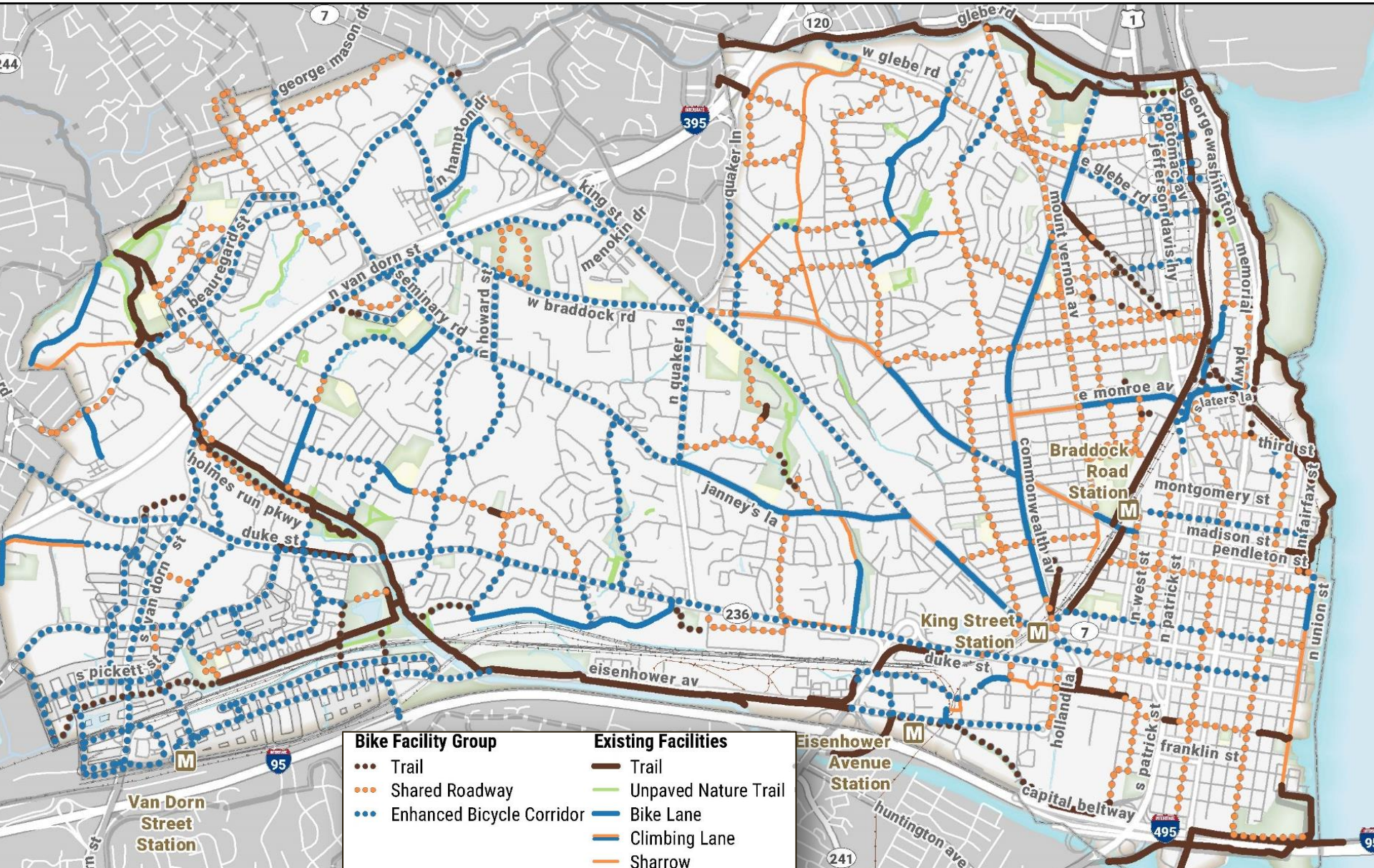
- New content to further emphasize importance of low-stress bike facilities (page 48):

  "With this in mind, **the future bike network will incorporate low-stress facilities** like separated bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, and Neighborhood Bikeways whenever possible and appropriate (these facilities are defined on the following pages)."

Text Changes

- Moved Vision Zero to first Pedestrian Program and Policy Strategy and added a text box with more details.
- Added more terms to glossary.
- Other minor corrections to text, appendices and footnotes.

Proposed Bicycle Network



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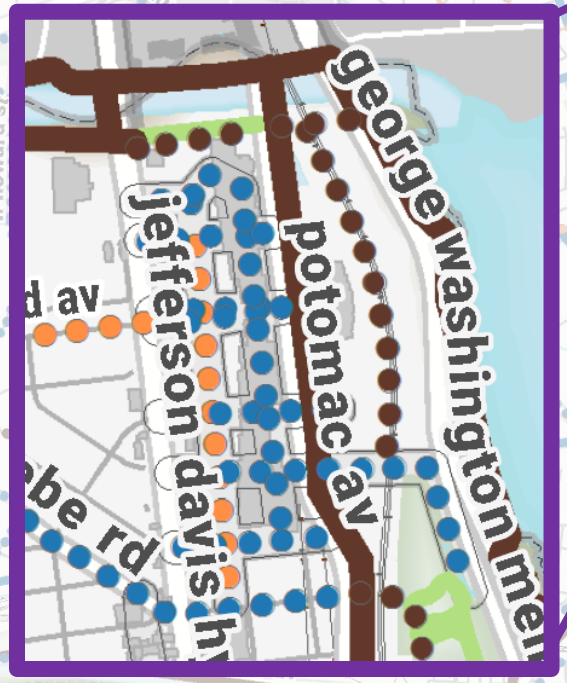
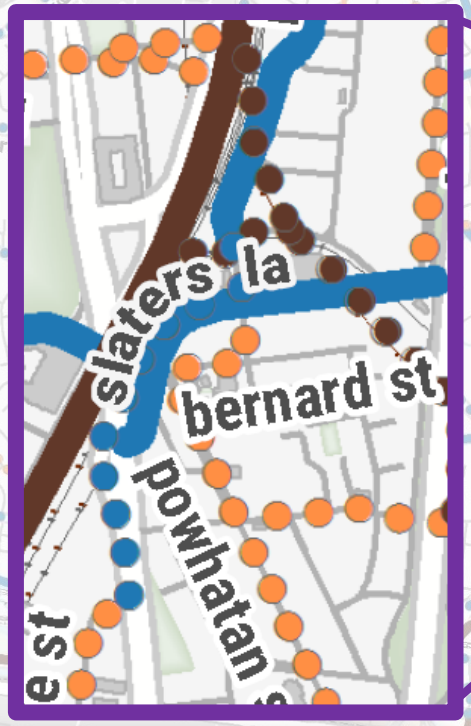
Corrections for consistency with the Potomac Yards Small Area Plan (changed some streets from proposed trails to proposed enhanced corridors)



Bike Facility Group	Existing Facilities
Trail	Trail
Shared Roadway	Unpaved Nature Trail
Enhanced Bicycle Corridor	Bike Lane
	Climbing Lane
	Sharrow

Proposed Bicycle Network

- Added proposed over/underpass of RR tracks near Slaters Ln/Monroe bridge
- Changed Slaters Ln under Monroe bridge to enhanced corridor



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THANK YOU
Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Jennifer Hovis, *Committee Chair*
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COMMITTEE QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSEMENT

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Next Steps

- Transportation Commission – March 16
- Planning Commission – April 5
- Council Hearing – April 16
- Council – Amendment / Approval - May

Schedule

- Late May 2014: **Project Launch**
- June - Sept: **Existing Conditions Analysis, Public Meeting #1**
- Sept - Dec: **Needs Assessment, Goals & Objectives**
- Jan – June 2015: **Strategies, Network, Focus Areas**
- Spring 2015: **Ad Hoc Meetings #5 and #6**
- Summer 2015: **Ad Hoc Meeting #7 / #8**
- Early Fall 2015: **Public Meeting #2**
- Winter 2015: **Draft Plan and Guidelines**
- Winter 2015: **Ad Hoc Meeting #9**
- Winter 2016: **Ad Hoc Meeting #10**
- Spring 2016: **Completion**

Thank You!

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