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VISION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:





Vision Statement

El Paso will be one of the most bicycle friendly cities in the country by implementing and evaluating its goals, promoting bicycling as a viable, safe, everyday activity and transportation choice, leading El Paso to become the least car-dependent city in the Southwest.





Goal 1: The City of El Paso will be a Silver Level bicycle-friendly community.

- 1. Develop a strategy to acquire designation as a Bicycle-Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.
- 2. Foster a greater sense of community and neighborhood by improving the visibility of Pedestrians and Bicyclists.





Goal 2: El Paso's land use and planning policies and practices will contribute to and enhance the city's bicycle friendliness.

- Integrate the bicycling and transit networks and improve El Paso residents' ability to link bicycling and transit trips Update regional Google "trip planner" to include a multimodal search with links to bike and bus express routes for time competitive travel.
- 2. Increase the number and quality of places to ride in the City and its environs
- 3. Create complete, standardized networks of multimodal streets with ample shaded sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and (frequent on-street parking). That onstreet parking be clearly defined from the bicycle lane to include door zones.
- 4. Encourage development along existing or planned bicycle networks where additional segments and secure bicycle storage can be added to the network.
- 5. Transform existing streets, both large and small, using traffic calming that is built into the design of the street, in order to restore balance to their design so that pedestrians and bicyclists feel safe and comfortable.



Goals & Objectives – Goal 2 (Cont.)

Goal 2: El Paso's land use and planning policies and practices will contribute to and enhance the city's bicycle friendliness.

- 6. The City of El Paso will improve its thoroughfares and wide arterial roads over time as opportunities are found to increase transit service and improve connectivity, walkability, bike-ability, and economic benefits to surrounding areas
- 7. Update bicycle parking requirements to include short- and long-term parking facilities and standards through a city-wide bicycle parking plan
- 8. Provide an adequate amount of secure properly positioned bicycle parking at key trip attractors and generators throughout the community
- Update bicycle parking requirements with refined bicycle parking ratios and graphic standards that depict bicycle parking type, placement, and location standards
 - Require major commercial and residential developments to provide suitable areas for bus stops with bicycle storage
 - Encourage employers to remove subsidies for parking and provide financial incentives to cycling, transit, and walking as a commuting alternative
 - Encourage the inclusion of showers, lockers, and changing areas at places of employment

Goal 3: Work closely and coordinate planning, design, implementation, and maintenance of bicycle improvements with all City departments, El Paso County, MPO, TxDOT, Fort Bliss, Dona Ana County, Ciudad Juarez, and other adjacent communities and regional partners in order to enhance the regional comprehensive transportation system and make the bicycle network as cohesive and seamless as possible. Objectives:

- 1. Utilize the principles described in Plan El Paso to plan, design, and implement bicycle infrastructure in conjunction with other City plans and projects.
- 2. Include bicycle facilities in the City's capital projects, and coordinate with El Paso County, other municipalities, and the MPO to ensure bicycle infrastructure is included in their capital improvement plans.
- 3. Create cross-border multimodal transportation choices.
- 4. Work with Parks and Recreation Department, and TxDOT (where appropriate), to increase pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity across natural and man-made barriers such as freeways, ravines, river beds, canyons, and arroyos Additionally, work with Water District, Gas Utilities, State Parks and Wildlife, Franklin Mountain, Hueco Tanks, U.S. Boundary and Water Commission, Texas Commission (where appropriate).
- 5. Provide shorter and more convenient routes for non-motorized traffic across barriers.
- Ensure that there is seamless coordination between all City departments that could possibly be involved in improving or affecting the bicycle network.



Goal 4: El Paso will have a complete network of bicycle-friendly infrastructure suitable for all abilities, ages, and user types (families, children, elderly, women, minorities) throughout the City.

- Implement standards for the design, planning, construction, and maintenance of infrastructure.
- Implement safe and accessible facilities that are comfortable for all users, especially on major roads where the amount and the speed of traffic would normally deter most people from riding a bike.
- Connect the bike share system to existing and proposed bicycling and walking facilities.
- Provide streetlights that improve safety for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians while complying with the dark sky ordinance and reducing light pollution.
- Provide safe and convenient crossings at intersections and mid-block, where needed.
- Implement a regular bicycle network maintenance program, with priority given to bicycle lanes and primary bicycle routes, in order to encourage people to choose bicycling year round.



Goal 5: El Paso will support programs that educate, increase awareness and safety, promote a healthy and sustainable community, evaluate bicycling impacts, improve tourism opportunities, and foster positive attitudes about bicycling.

- Raise awareness that riding a bicycle is a viable and easy-to-use form of transportation and recreation, helping to eliminate the perception that experienced (fast and fearless) cyclists are the only people who ride bicycles.
- Improve bicyclist and motorist safety by improving infrastructure and educating users about safe bicycle riding and driving skills
- Promote innovative recreational, educational, and cultural programs centered around bicycling
 - Continue to support, fund, and expand Scenic Sundays.
 - The City will continue support of outdoor community health events and work to increase the number, range of kinds, and attendance levels.
 - Close low-traffic roads, especially in downtown, on selected weekend days to provide opportunities for bicyclists and those interested in bicycling to do so in a safe environment.





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- Reduce collisions involving pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles and aspire to reach zero pedestrian and bicyclist deaths
- Implement way finding signing improvements along all current and proposed bikeways in order to enhance the visibility, predictability, utility, and safety of the bicycle network
- Increase awareness of bicycle options and safety through trainings, police, public
 events, public service announcements, educational materials (bicyclists,
 pedestrians, children, and those who are physically impaired), and partnerships





Goal 6: The City of El Paso will encourage and promote bicycling at every department of civic government and encourage the regional government to do the same.

- Maintain bicycles in the city fleet as another means of transportation for staff.
- Encourage bicycling to and from work for government employees by providing incentives, changing areas, showers, and secure parking areas.
- The City will explore the use of alternative funding sources to continue to support transportation options throughout the City.
- Create, fund, and support a bicycle and pedestrian coordinator as the steward of the bicycle master plan and future implementation.
- Train select City staff, partners, community stakeholders, and contractors to understand or participate in bikeway design according to standards adopted by the City.
- The City will develop funding strategies to take advantage of federal, state, and local funds that will make implementation and maintenance of the recommendations and the goals set forth in this plan.





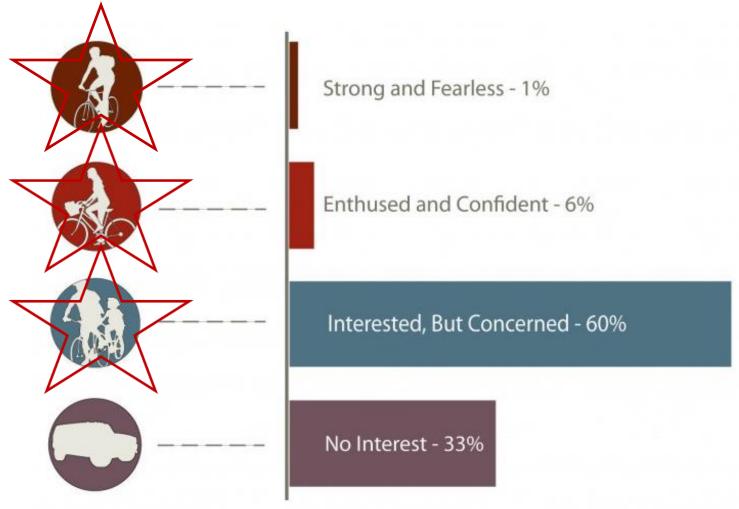
DESIGN USER:





Four Types of Bicyclists













FACILITY SELECTION AND BIKEWAY TYPES:



Bicycle Facility Selection



BICYCLE FACILITY CONTEXTUAL GUIDANCE	AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC (1,000 veh/day or 100 veh/peak hr)										
FACILITY TYPE	STREET CLASS	O	2	4	6	8	10	15+	20+	25+	30+
BICYCLE BOULEVARD Comfortable and attractive bicycling environment without utilizing physical separation; typically employs techniques to prioritize bicycling.	LOCAL										
BIKE ROUTE Marking that is applicable on roadways where speed differential between motorists and bicyclists is low and/or to fill short gaps in the bikeway network.	LOCAL										
BIKE LANE Exclusive space for bicyclists through the use of pavement markings and signage (without buffers or barriers).	COLLECTOR ARTERIAL										
BUFFERED BIKE LANE Traditional bike lane separated by painted buffer to vehicle travel lanes and/or parking lanes.	COLLECTOR ARTERIAL		I								
CYCLE TRACK Physically separated bikeway. Could be one or two way and protected by a variety of techniques	COLLECTOR ARTERIAL										
PATHWAY Completely separated from roadway, typically shared with pedestrians	COLLECTOR ARTERIAL		ı								
		15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60+
LEGEND	POSTED TRAVEL SPEED (mph)										

Minimal Separation Moderate Separation Good Separation High Separation

min VOLUME max
min SPEED max
Acceptable Desired Acceptable

POSTED TRAVEL SPEED (mph)



Sample Treatments



Collector Roads





Sample Treatments



Arterial Road with Curb and Gutter





Sample Treatments



Arterial Road without curb and Gutter





Facility Types Included in the Draft El Paso Bike Plan Network

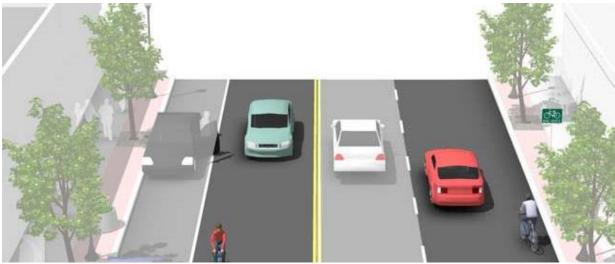


- Signed Shared Roadway
- Marked Shared Roadway (Shared Lane Markings)
- Bicycle Boulevard
- Shoulder Bikeway
- Conventional Bike Lane
- Buffered Bike Lane
- Protected Bike Lane / Cycle Track
- Two-Way Cycle Track
- Off-Street Shared Use Path / Sidepath
- Further Study Needed

Signed Shared Roadway









Marked Shared Roadway







Bicycle Boulevard



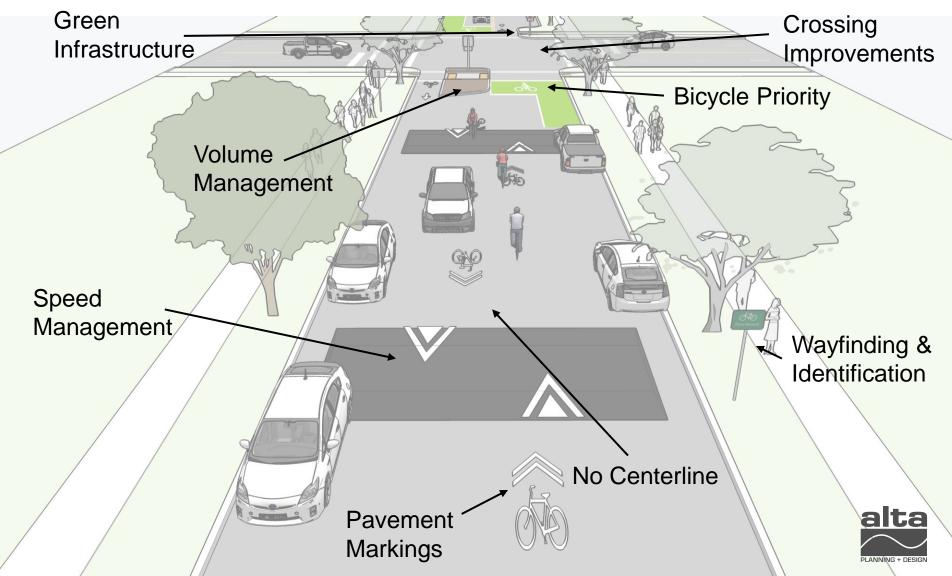






Bicycle Boulevard





Shoulder Bikeway

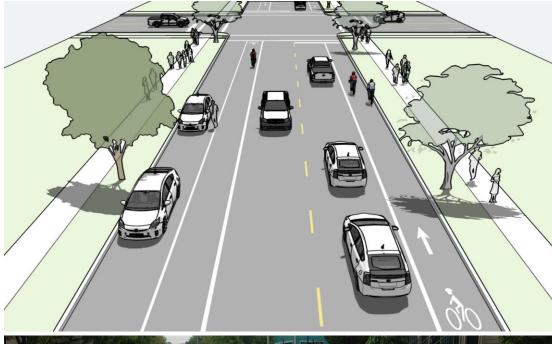




Conventional Bike Lane







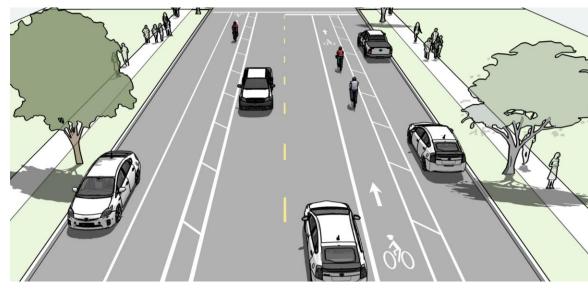




Buffered Bike Lane







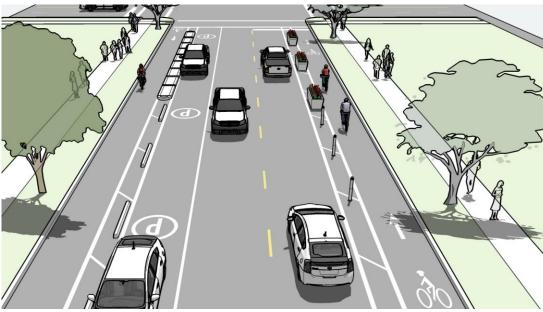




Protected Bike Lane / Cycle Track







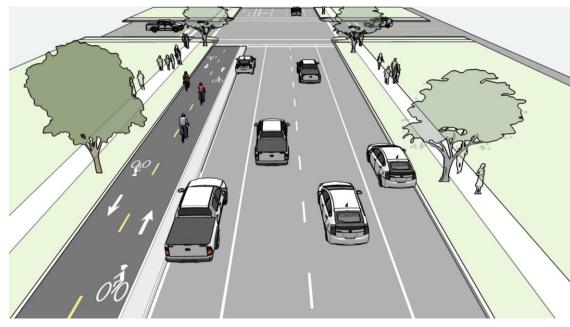




Two-Way Cycle Track











Off-Street Shared Use Path











Further Study Needed



- Constrained conditions
- May require additional right-of-way acquisition

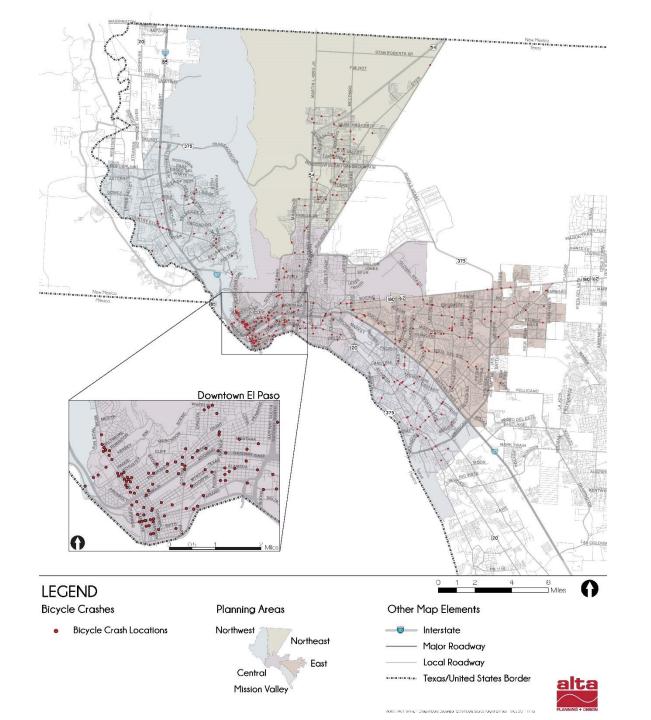




BIKEWAY NETWORK:

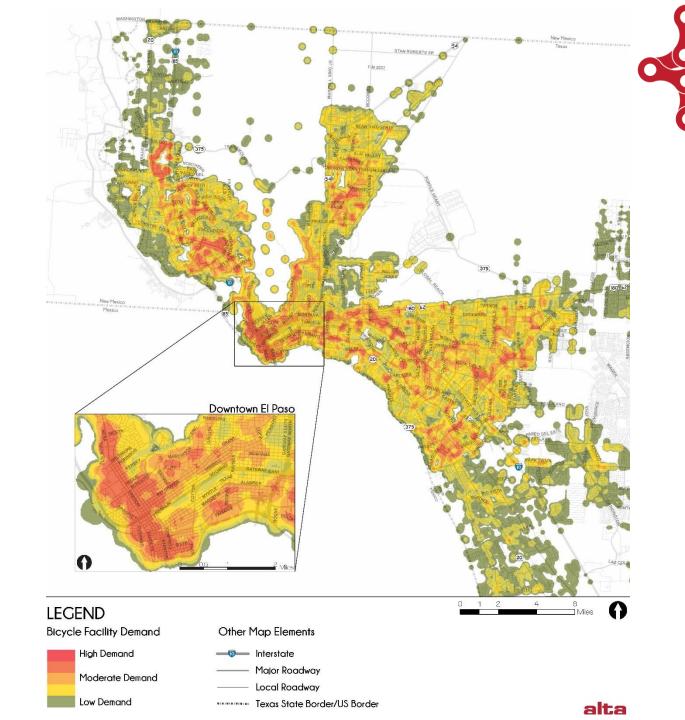


Bicycle Crash Locations



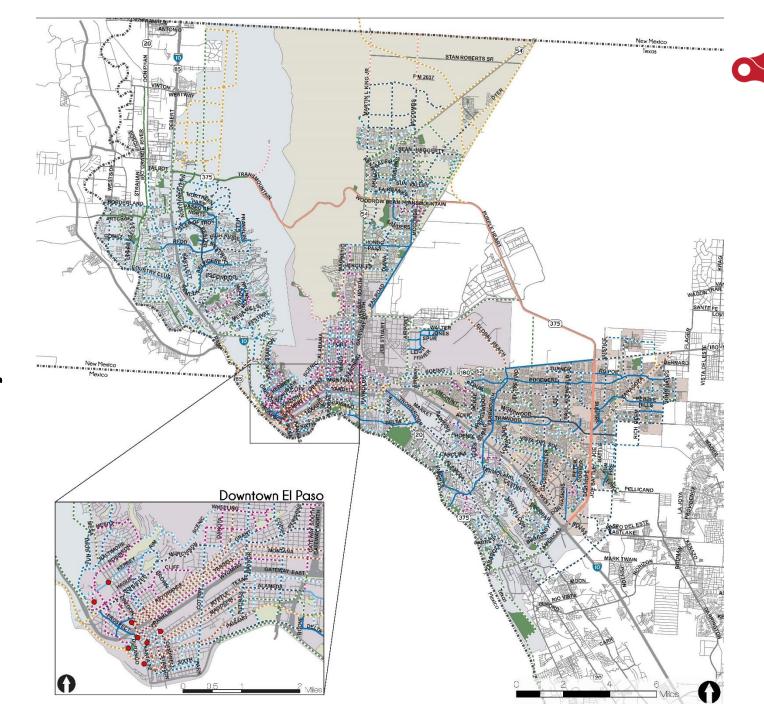


Bikeway Network Demand





Draft Bikeway Network







PROGRAMS





Why not bike today?





- Lack of confidence
- Lack of information
- Lack of support

- It's not about "why"
- 2. Infrastructure can't fix this!

What shifts trips to bike?



- Infrastructure (separation, completeness)
- Traffic operations (minimizing delay)
- Making car use harder/more expensive
- Laws & enforcement
- Bike parking (short-term, high-capacity, residential)
- Policy and funding
- Transit integration, regional connections
- Bikesharing
- Encouragement: Outreach, education, and media campaigns



Program Elements of the El Paso Bike Plan



- Promoting bicycling as a fun, healthy, and positive activity
- Law Enforcement training and education programs
- City Staff, programs, and policy
- Programs that promote safety



Framing



- Goal: Normalize bicycling, create empathy, not favor one mode over another
- Language: Mode-neutral, person-centric
 - "Person Biking" vs:
 - "Person on a bike"
 - "Resident traveling by bicycle"
 - "Neighbor who chooses to use a bike"
- Images: "Normal" people, diversity, non-scary setting



Encouragement Strategy



- Broaden the base (8 80/AAA, full range of residents)
- Normalizing cycling & image of "cyclist"
- Anticipate questions/concerns
- Help people change habits
- Positive peer pressure



Promoting bicycling - "I Ride" Campaign







Community Cycling Center

Ride with us



Ride with us

Promoting bicycling



- Open Streets
- Individualized Marketing
- Infrastructure Rollout Campaigns
- Cross-cultural Outreach
- 8-80 Outreach
- Tourism & Identity



Infrastructure Campaigns







Education Programs



- Law Enforcement
- Elected Officials
- Planners
- Engineers

City Staff, Programs and **Education**





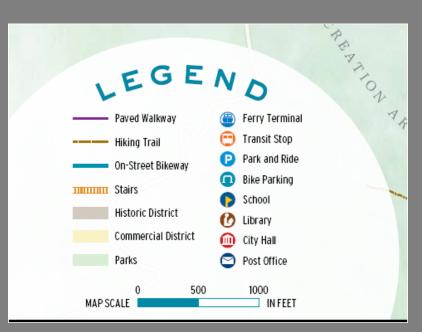
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@ "Saffy's Fountain"



Plaza Vina del Har
 Off El Portal and Bridgeway
 Named for Sousofito's sister city in Chile

- @ "Hermandad" (Sergio Castillo)
- Gabrielson Park Gift from the artist from Sausalito's Sister City, Vina del Mar, Chile G Fire Station
- © City Hall 420 Litho St., 415-289-4100 **@** Sausalito Library 420 Litho St., 415-289-4121

@ "Bolinar" (Ion Libberton)

O "Art Car" (Heather Wilcozini

- 10 Liberty Ship Way, 415-331-7262
- Mosak" (Jean "Yanko" Varda) Sausalito Art Festival Fair Grounds, Marinship Park



- (B "Mermaid" (Jennie Wasser) Shell Station on Bridgeway just south of Gate Five Road The Bay Model (B) Harin City Library 164 Donahue St., 415-332-6158
- Bay Model Visitors Center

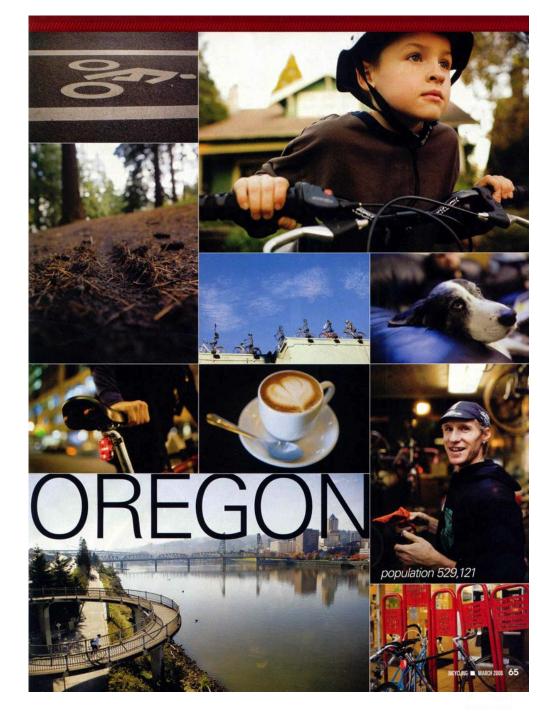


150 Harbor Dr., 415-332-0227 Call of the Sea 400 Harbor Dr., Suite C, 415-331-3214 Public sails on the schooner Seaward

B Post Office

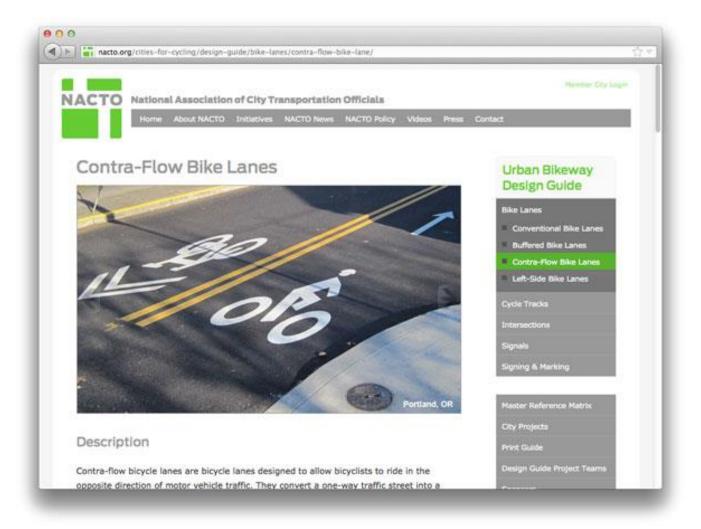
2100 Bridgeway, 415-332-3871 3D hydraulic model of SF Bay and Delta

Tourism



City as the Best Source of Information

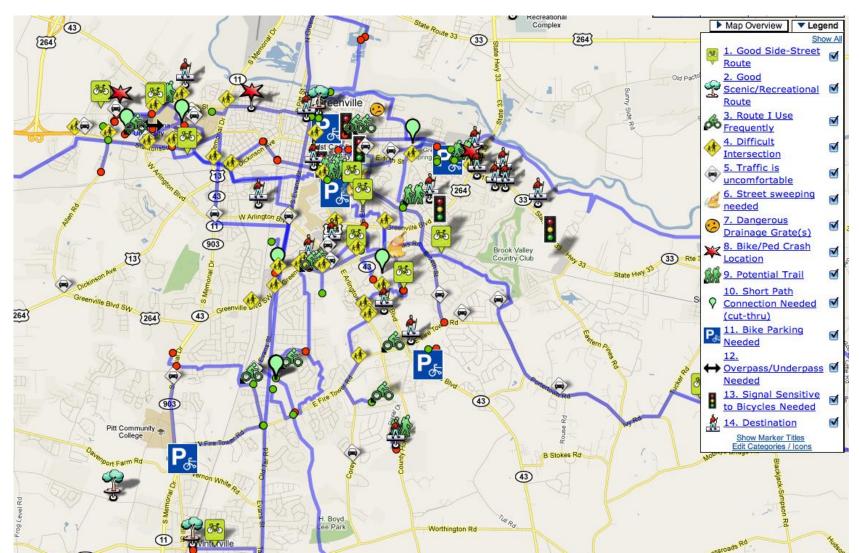






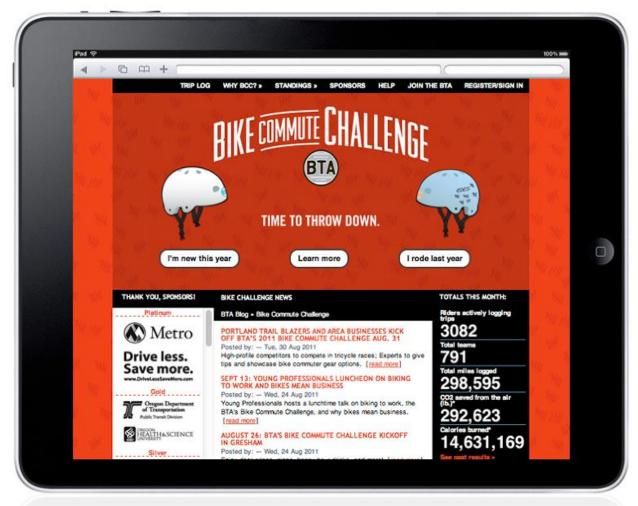
Feedback from Public





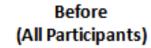
Everything Mobile

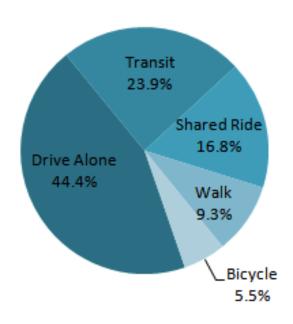




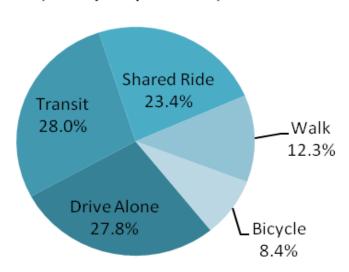
Evaluation







After (Survey Respondents)





Cross-Cultural Outreach





Safety Programs at School













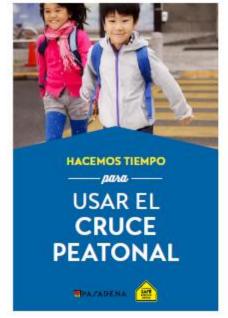


















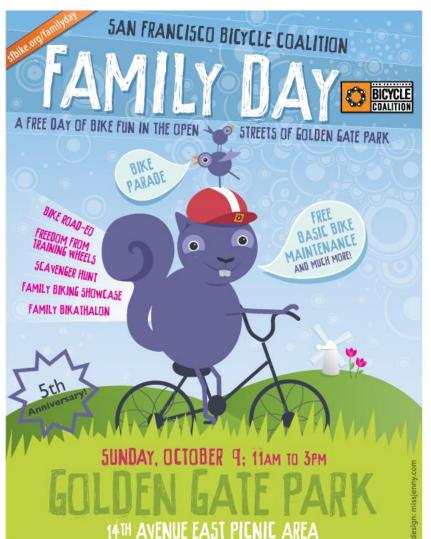


8-80: Families & Kids



- Family Day, Biking w/ Kids classes (SF)
- Kidical Mass
- CCC Bike Camp & Bike Club





8-80: Teens







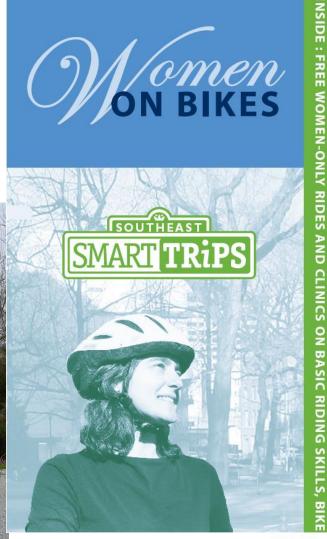


8-80: Women









8-80: Seniors

- 3-wheeled bikes
- Brought to parks & senior centers
- Guided ride
- Classes consistently full
- EPA "Active Aging" award









VIDEO

Infrastructure Campaign for Resler





NEXT STEPS





COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS?

