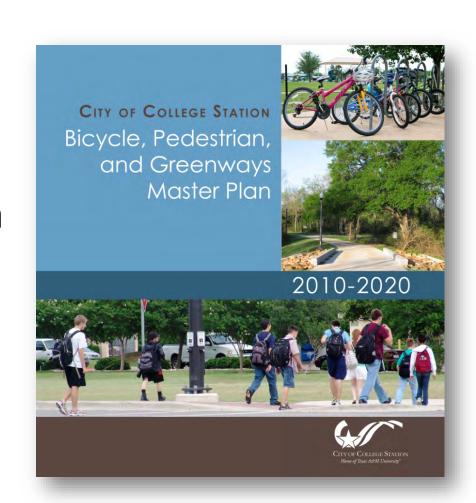


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## Agenda

- Master Plan Overview
- Progress since adoption
- Next Steps
- Open House



- Adopted in January 2010
- Framework to implement the community's desire for a bikeable, walkable and environmentally aware city
- Previous Plans
  - Sidewalk Master Plan (1994)
  - Greenways Master Plan (1999)
  - Bikeway & Pedestrian Master Plan (2002)



#### Goals

- Improve Connectivity and Accessibility
- Increase Safety
- Increase Bicycling and Walking Outdoors
- Encourage Environmental Stewardship



- Facilities
  - Biking Bike lanes and routes
  - Walking Sidewalks
  - Greenways and trails



#### Greenways

#### Defined

- Protected linear open spaces
- Corridors
  - Natural rivers, open space
  - Manmade utility, railroad

#### Purpose

- Conservation
  - Natural, Historical or Cultural
- Connect People and Places
  - Greenway Trails/Multi-use Paths



## Greenway Trails/Multi-use Paths

- A wider sidewalk (10-12) for biking and walking along a creek, utility corridor or road
- Accessible and all-weather for recreation, health and fitness and transportation



- Existing
  - **17** miles
- Funded
  - 1 mile
- Proposed
  - **45** miles

#### **Bike Facilities – Bike Lanes**

 A designated part of the roadway that is striped, signed, and has pavement markings to be used exclusively by bicycles



- Existing
  - **48** miles
- Funded
  - 6 miles
- Proposed
  - **110** miles

#### Bike Facilities – Bike Routes

Roadway shared by both bicyclists and motor vehicles



- Existing
  - **28** miles
- Proposed
  - **88** miles

#### **Pedestrian Facilities - Sidewalks**

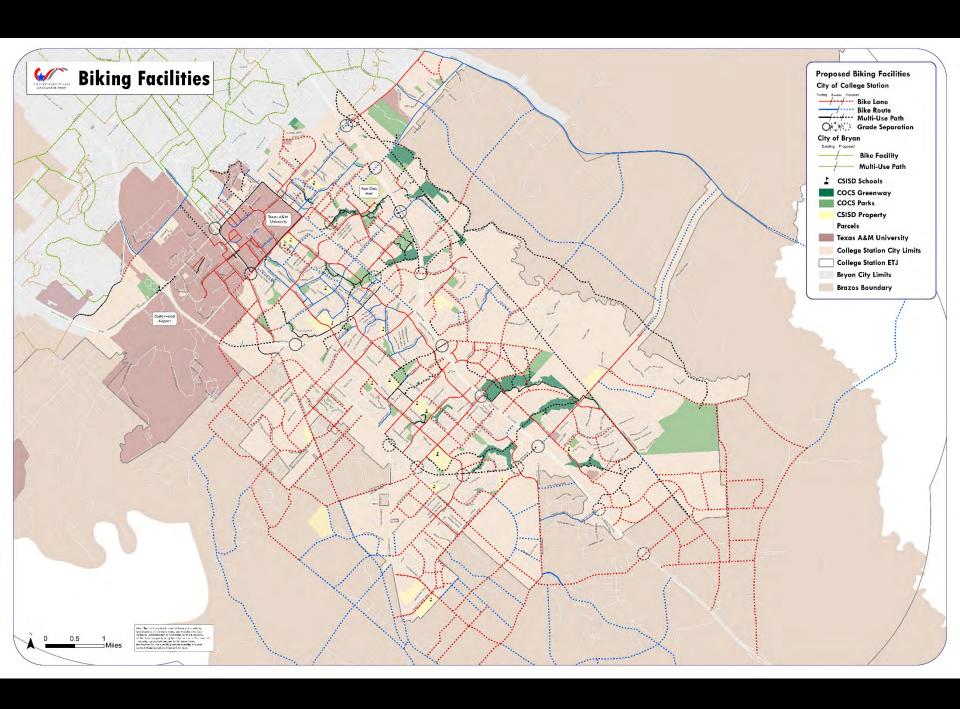
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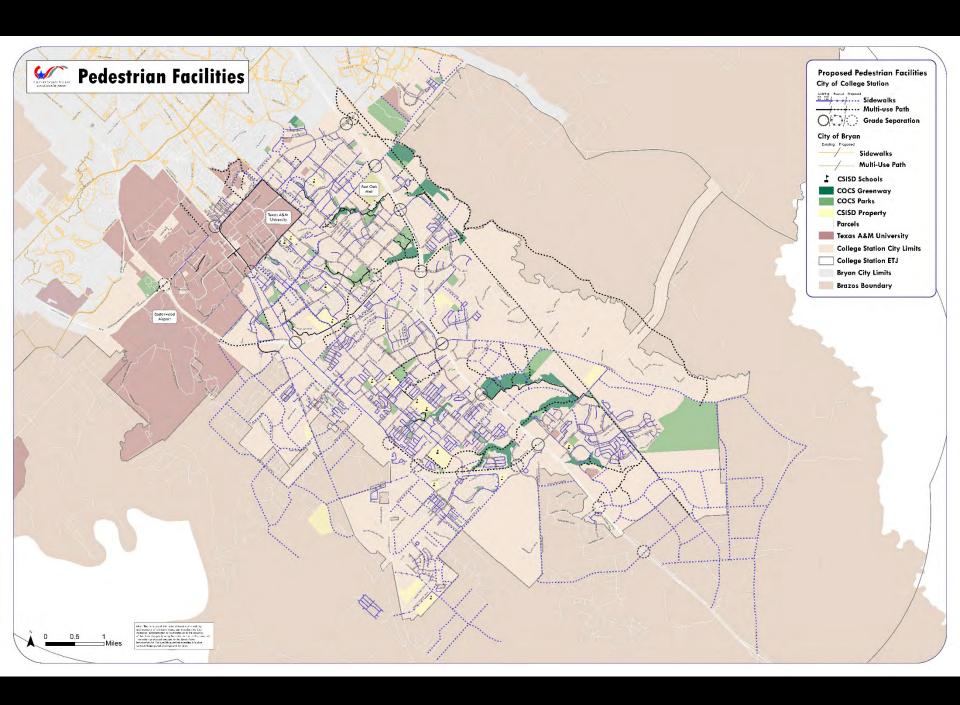


- Existing
  - **185** miles
- Funded
  - 8 miles
- Proposed
  - 102 miles

- Study Area
  - City of College Station
  - Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) unincorporated area outside city limits







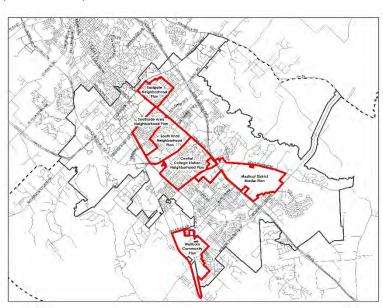
- What the plan is...
  - Identifies gaps in service Is a new facility needed?
- What the plan isn't...
  - Doesn't evaluate the condition or level of improvements needed on an existing facility

- Planning Horizon
  - 10 years
  - Living document
  - Update as needed
- Why update?
  - College Station continues to grow
  - New areas of growth and change need to be evaluated

## **Progress since Adoption**

## **Plan Updates**

- Comprehensive Plan Amendments
  - Thoroughfare Plan Chapter
- Small Area Plans
  - Central College Station NP (2010)
  - Eastgate NP (2011)
  - Southside Area NP (2012)
  - Medical District MP (2012)
  - Wellborn CP (2013)
  - South Knoll Area NP (2013)



## Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board

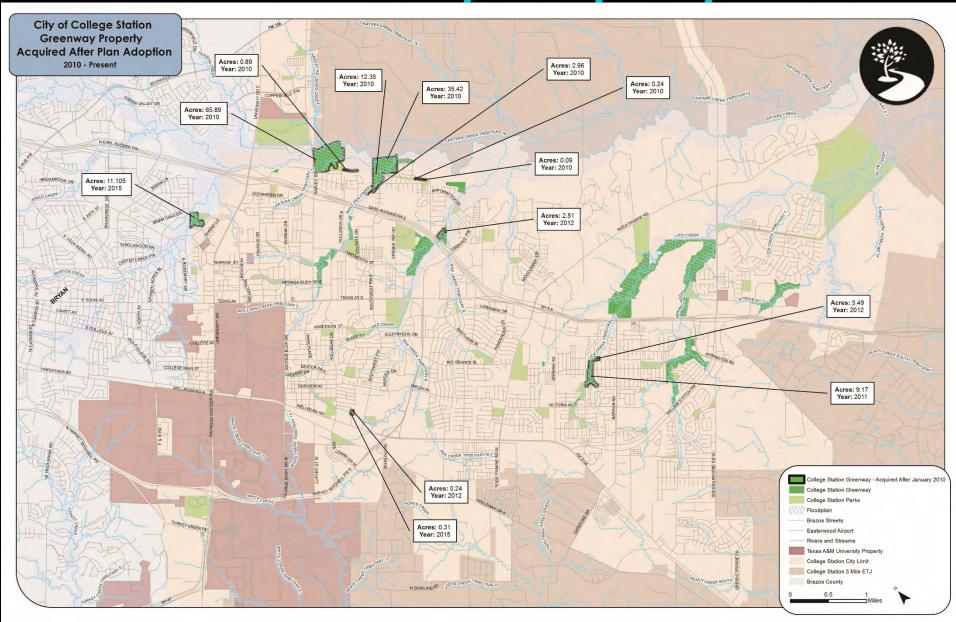
- 7 members appointed by City Council
- Help implement the Master Plan
- Role includes recommendations on
  - Comprehensive Plan Amendments
  - Text Amendments to our regulations
  - Project Priorities

#### Coordination

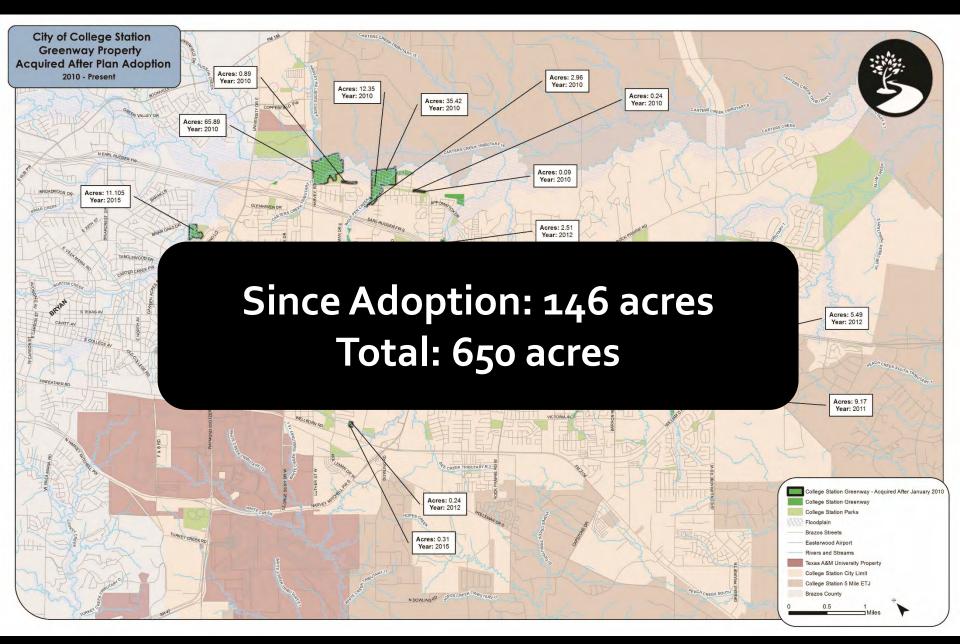
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
  Active Transportation Advisory Panel (ATAP)
  - Regional connectivity
  - City of College Station, City of Bryan, Texas A&M University, Brazos County, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Transportation Institute, Citizen representatives, among others
  - Funding policy 5% minimum to bike/ped only projects

## Projects

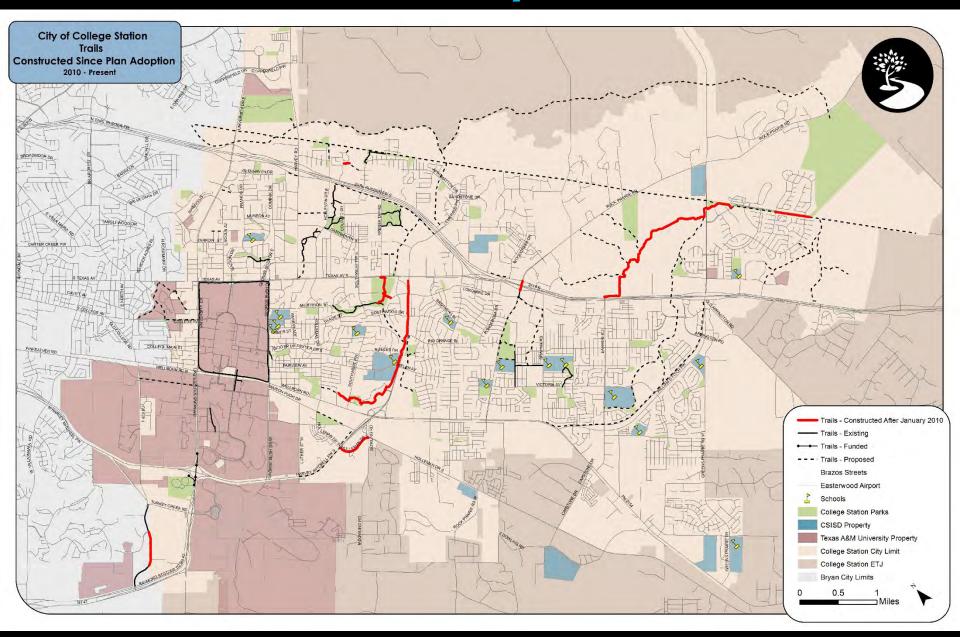
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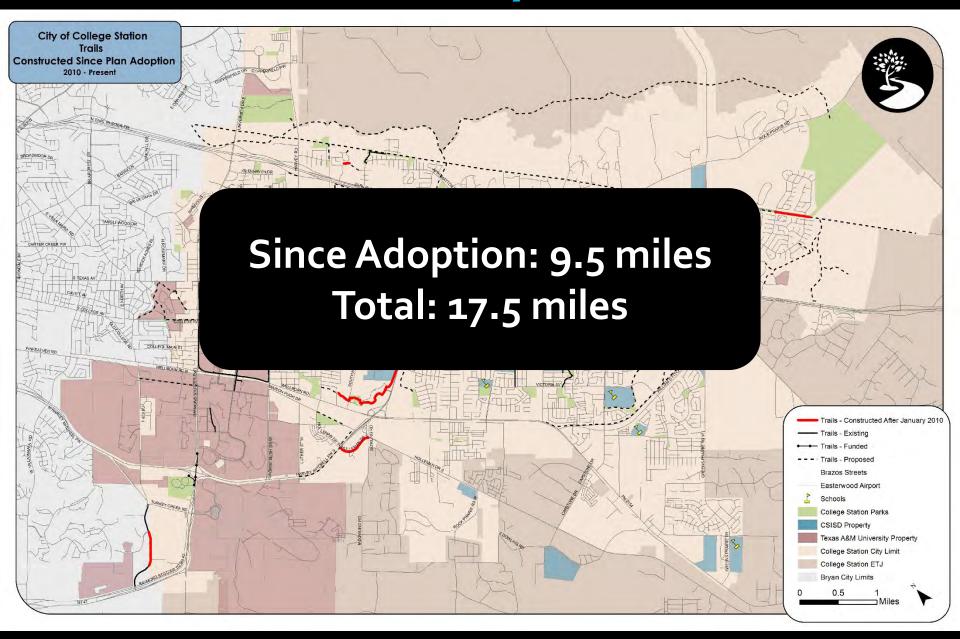
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## **Greenway Trails**



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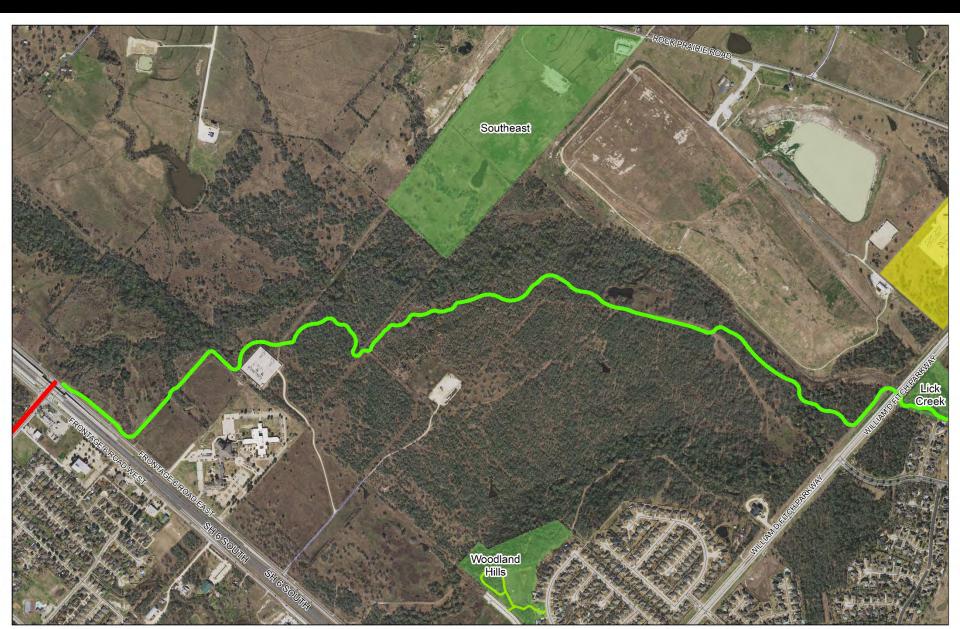
















## Lick Creek Trail



SH 6 Frontage Rd & Barron Rd



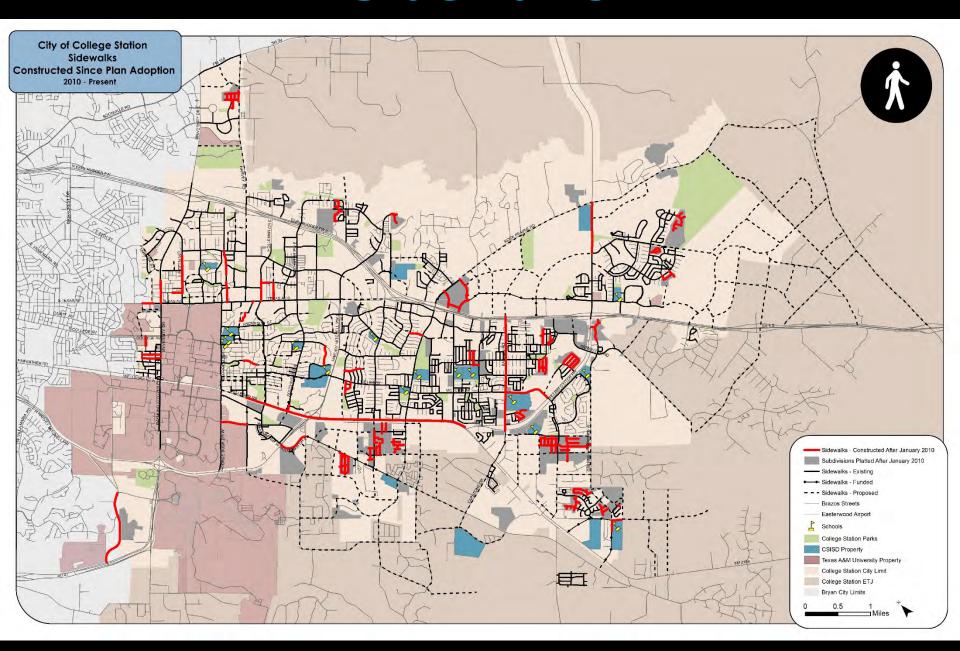
## Lick Creek Trail



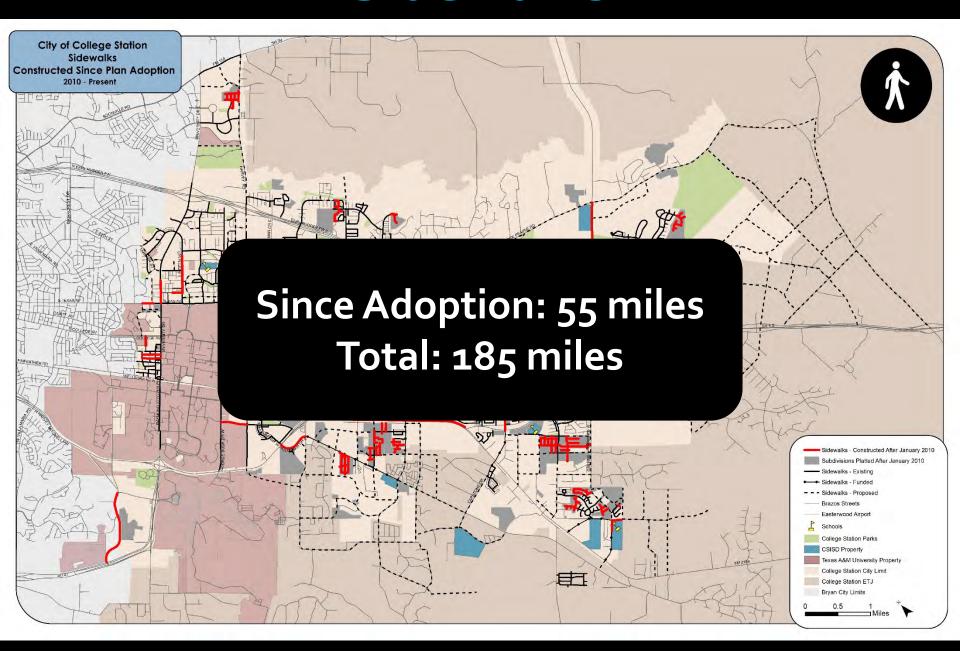


Under William D. Fitch Parkway

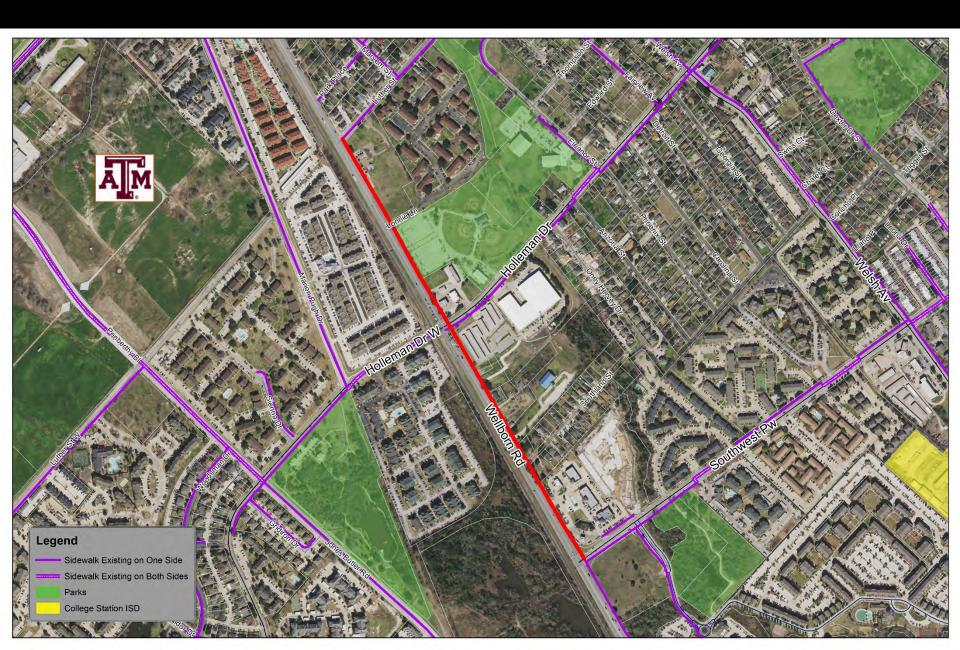
## **Sidewalks**



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## Wellborn Road



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## **Guadalupe Drive**

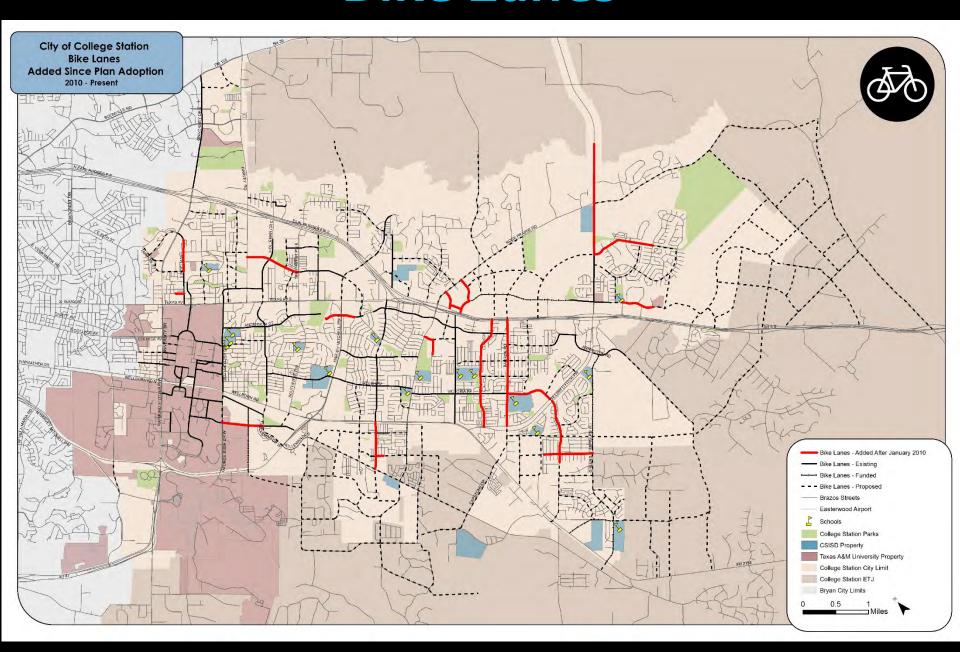


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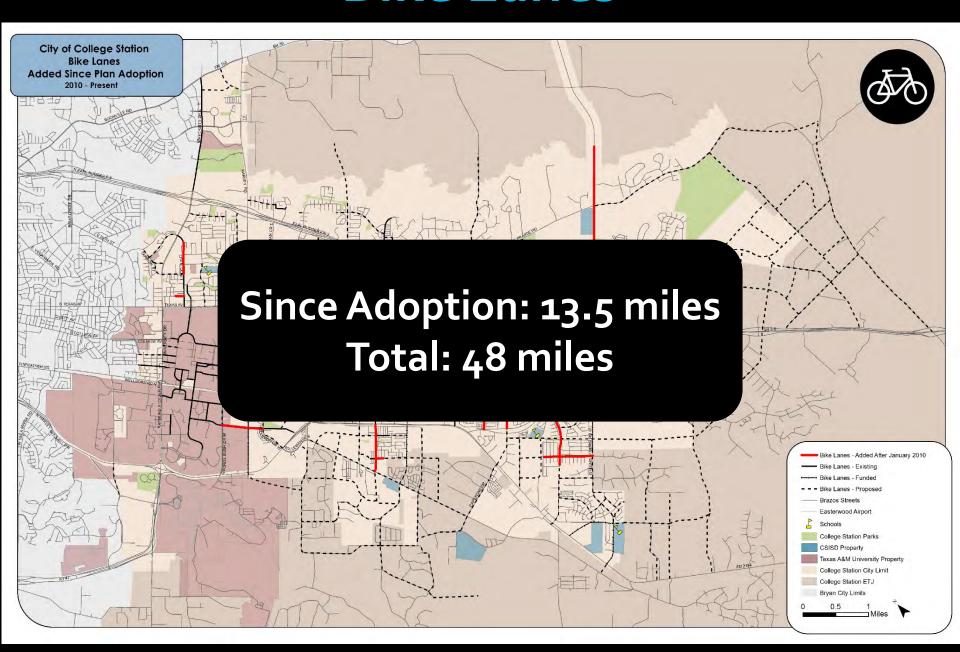




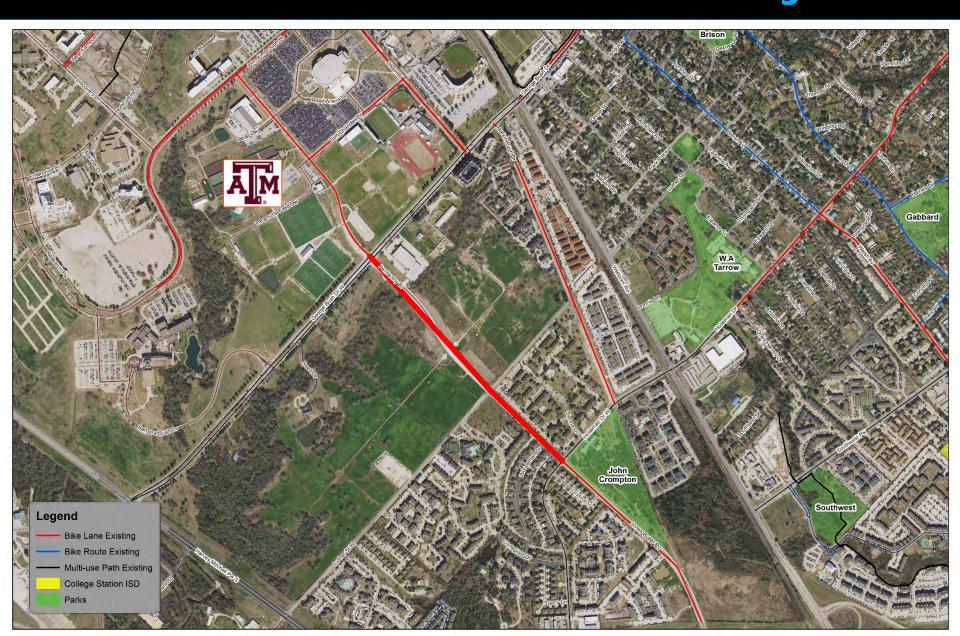
## **Bike Lanes**



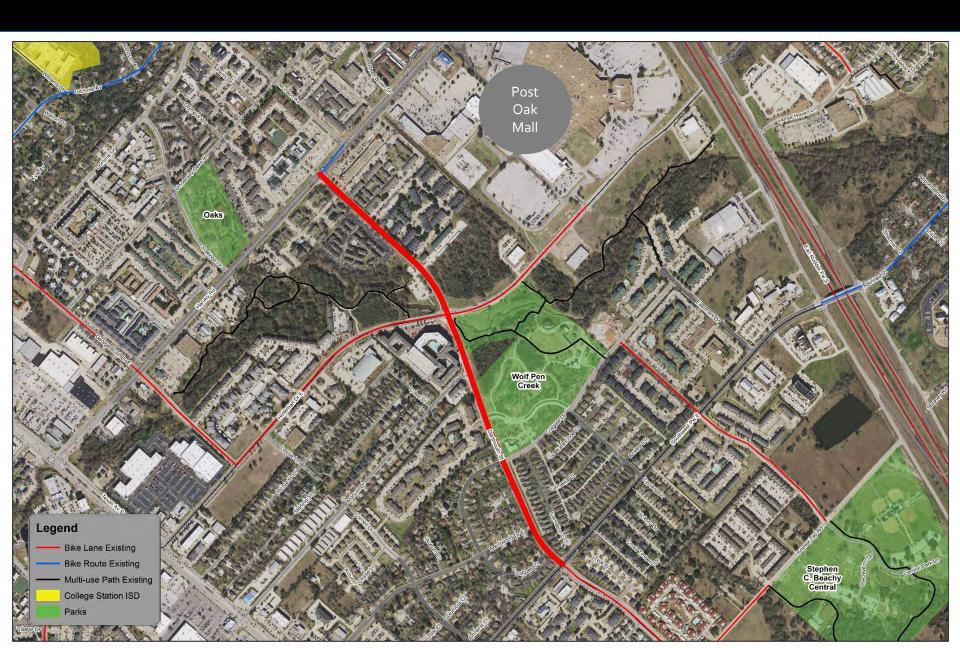
#### **Bike Lanes**



# Jones Butler/Penberthy



## **Dartmouth Street**



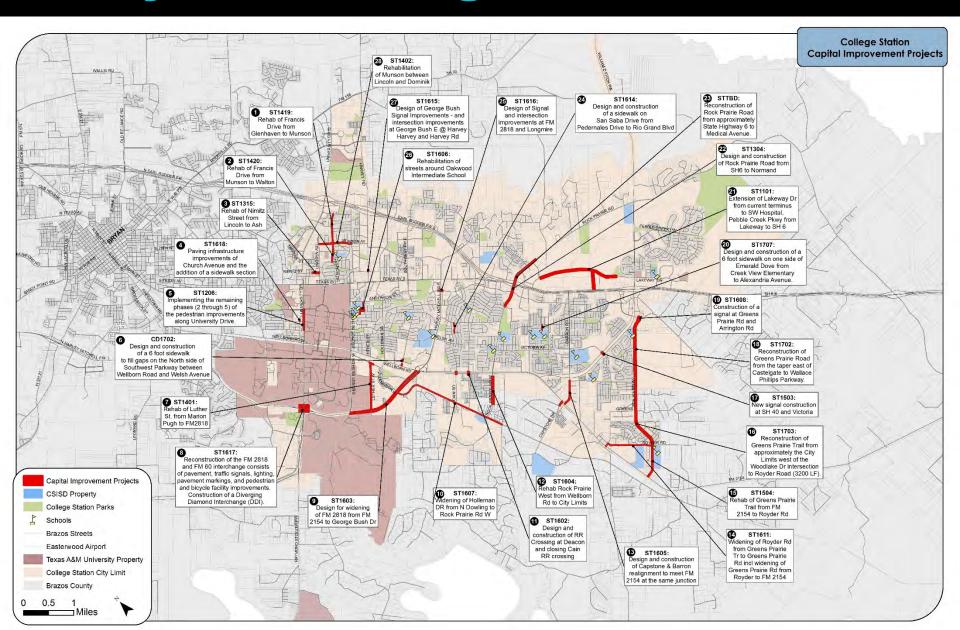
#### **Buffered Bike Lanes**

 A bike lane with painted buffer space that provides greater separation between bicyclists and motorists



Pebble Creek Parkway

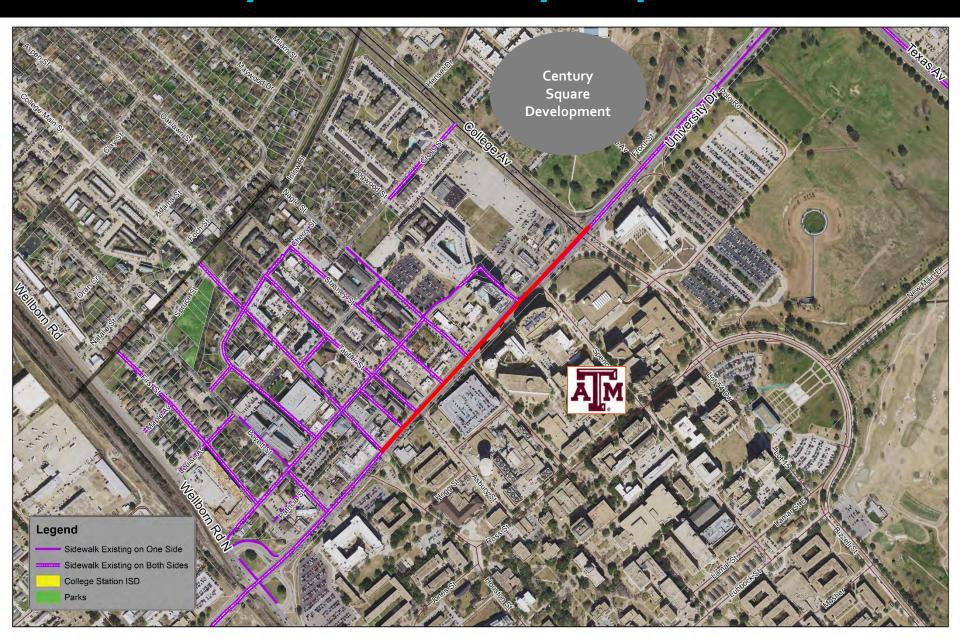
## **Projects in Design or Construction**



# Southside Safety Improvements



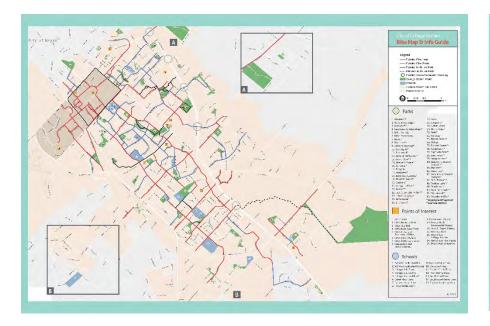
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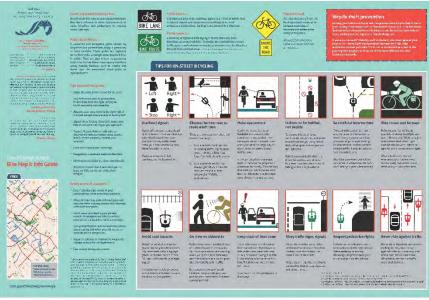


# **Programs**

## FREE Bike Maps

- Paper and web versions
- Bicycle facilities, Parks and Schools
- Safety tips





#### FREE Bike Classes

- For Adults
- For Children





CSTX.GOV/BIKEPEDGREENWAYS

979.764.3674

## Adopt-a-Greenway Program

- To clean our greenways and parks
- 2 year commitment
- Currently -18 Organizations participating
- Since 2012...
  - 841 volunteers
  - 1500 volunteer hours
  - 5 tons of litter



## **Next Steps**

#### **Next Steps**

- Public Input Tonight and Online
- Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board
  - Recommended Changes
  - Summer Comment Period online
  - Public Hearing
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- City Council

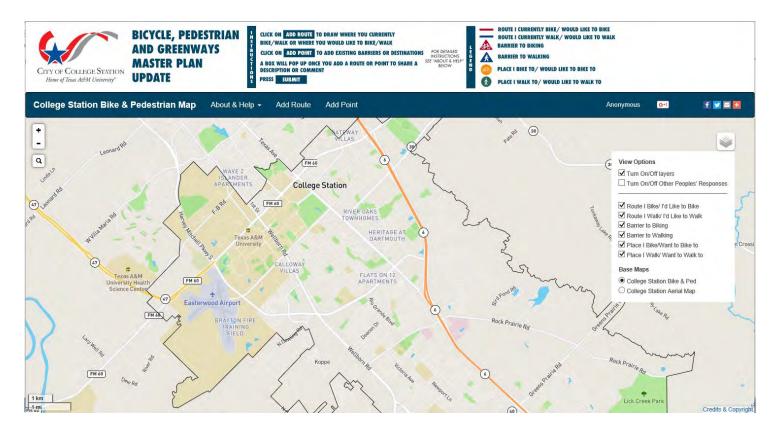
#### **Next Steps**

- Visit our website : cstx.gov/bikepedgreenways
- Online Survey: February 7<sup>th</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup>

# Survey – cstx.gov/bikepedgreenways

- Survey Questions
  - Link

- Map Input
  - Link



#### Separated Bike Lanes

- Safety and comfort
- Physical Separation from motor vehicle traffic with a vertical element
  - Raised median
  - Plastic posts
  - Large bumps



## **Separated Bike Lanes**

- Raised Bike Lane
- Elevated above the street level with a mountable curb or flush with the sidewalk



# Open House

#### **Open House**

- Staff available for comments and questions
  - Walking
  - Biking
  - Greenways and Trails
- Additional info
  - Giveaways
  - Where do you live? MAP
  - Provide email address to receive future notifications