Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

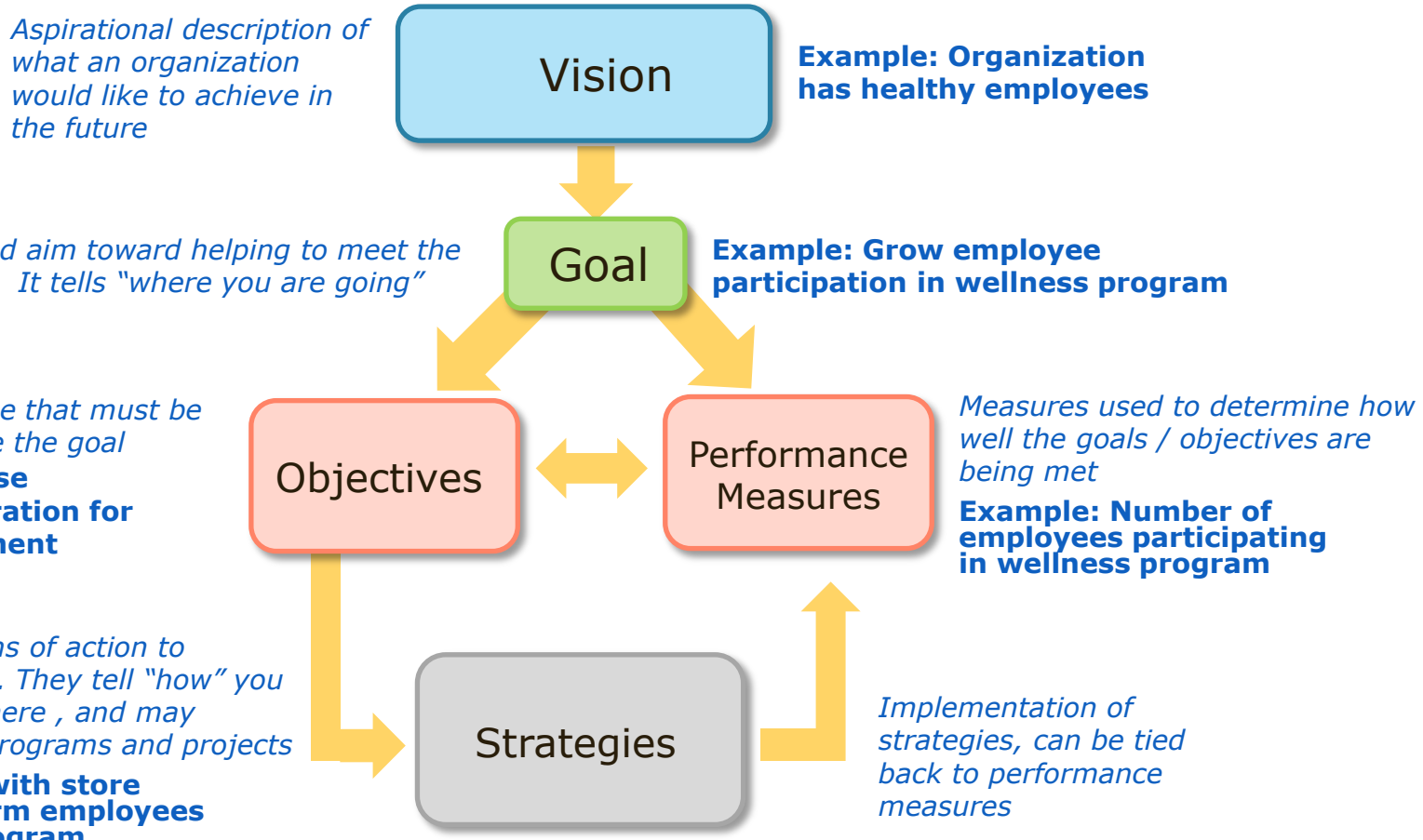
February 4, 2015

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Process / Schedule
3. Vision, Goals & Objectives
4. Pedestrian Focus Areas
5. Public Comments
6. Committee Member Updates
7. Next Steps

Project Process / Schedule

Planning Process



Project Deliverables

1) Pedestrian and Bicycle Chapters of Transportation Master Plan

- Vision, Goals and Objectives
- Strategies
- Project Prioritization Criteria

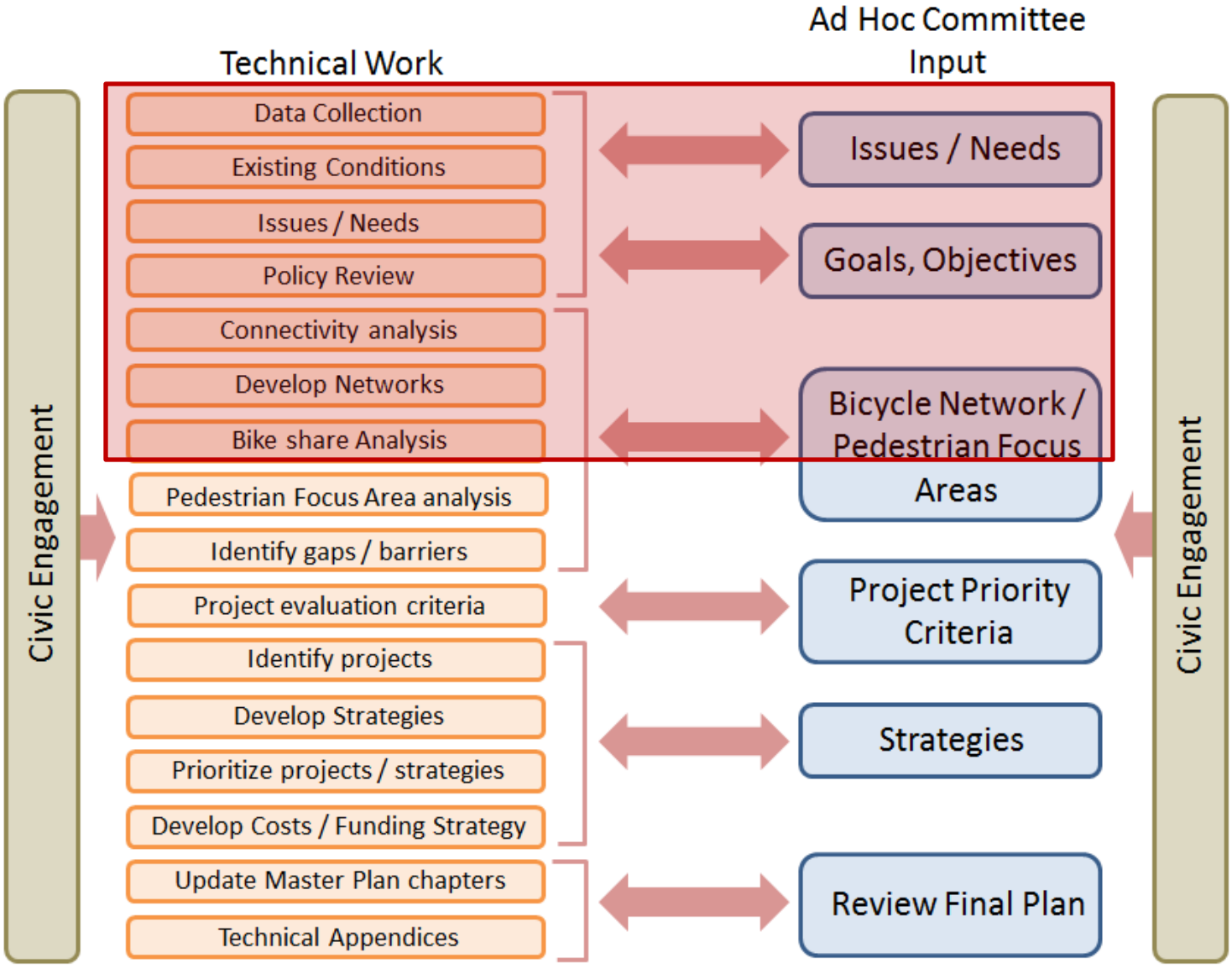
2) Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Appendices

- Existing Conditions, Issues, Needs
- Bike and Pedestrian projects
- Implementation (Project phasing, costs, funding)

3) Complete Streets Design Guidelines

- Reference for staff, developers, and community

Ad Hoc Committee Input



Vision, Goals and Objectives

How Comments Were Addressed

- New Objectives
  - Maintenance added to safety objectives
  - Platinum level Walk Friendly Community and Platinum level Bike Friendly Community added to encouragement objectives
- Strengthened Performance Measures
  - Added percentage of children biking to school
  - Changed specific measurements
  - Added policy to have targets approved annually
- Specific projects and strategies to be included in the plan

How Comments Were Addressed

- Balanced pedestrian and bicycle goals and objectives
- Safety goal as highest priority
- Maintenance added to safety goal
- Will develop definitions in a glossary, including definitions of:
  - Accessibility
  - Comfortable
  - Low Stress
  - Facilities

Group Discussion

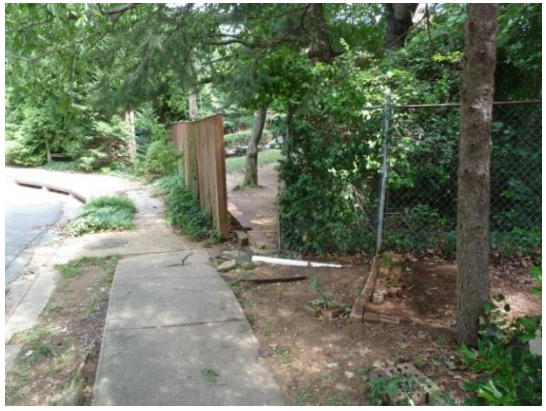
Pedestrian Focus Areas

Pedestrian Focus Areas

- A finite number of intersections or short corridors that will be the focus of project field work

- Places with a combination of:
  - High demand
  - High public interest/concern

- Avoid places where recent or ongoing plans/studies address pedestrian issues



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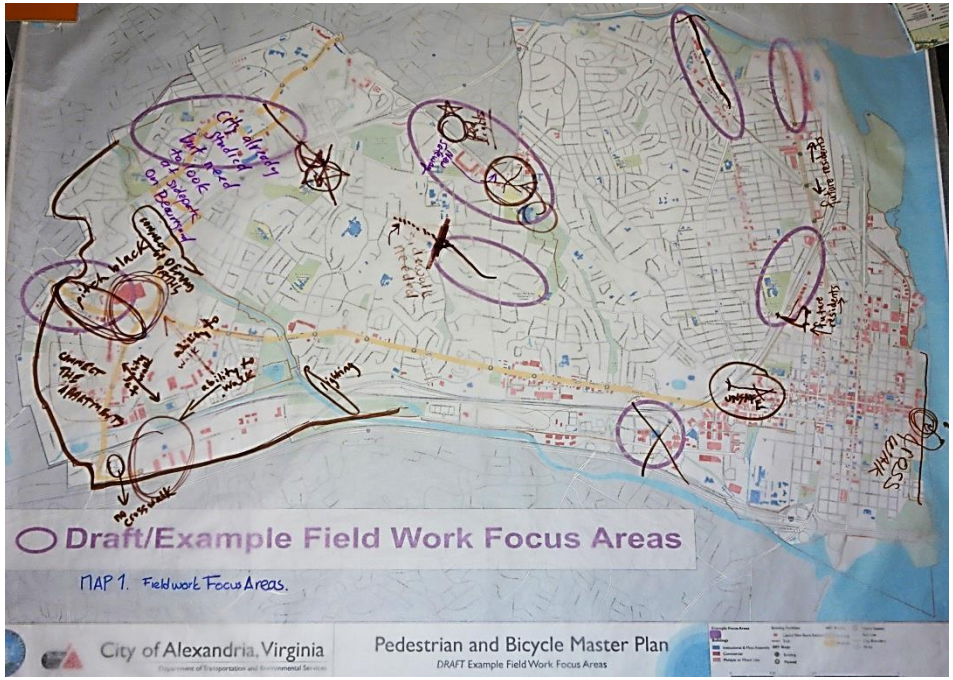
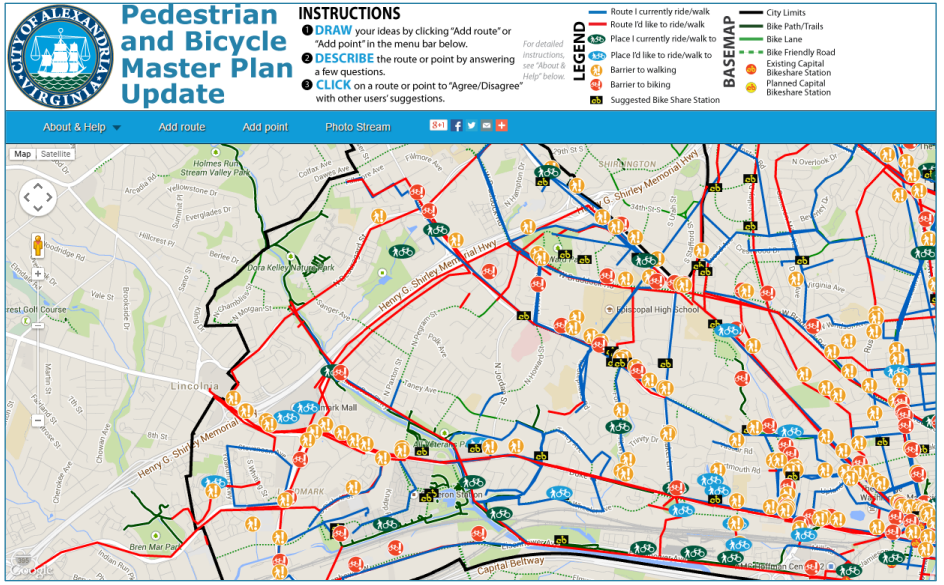
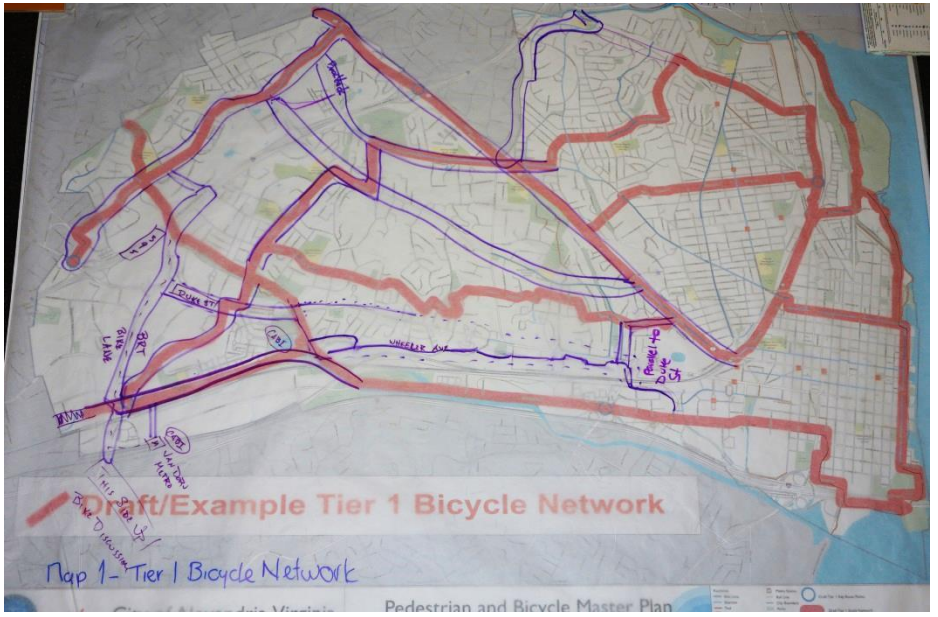




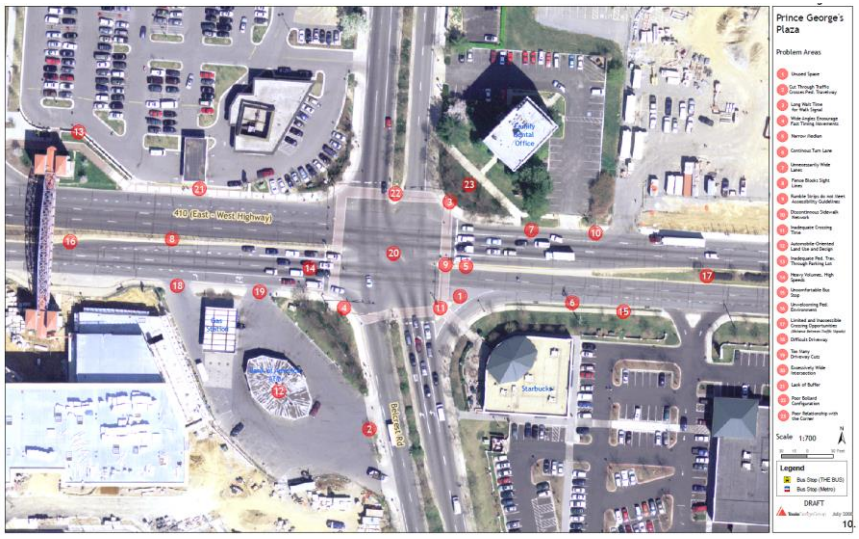


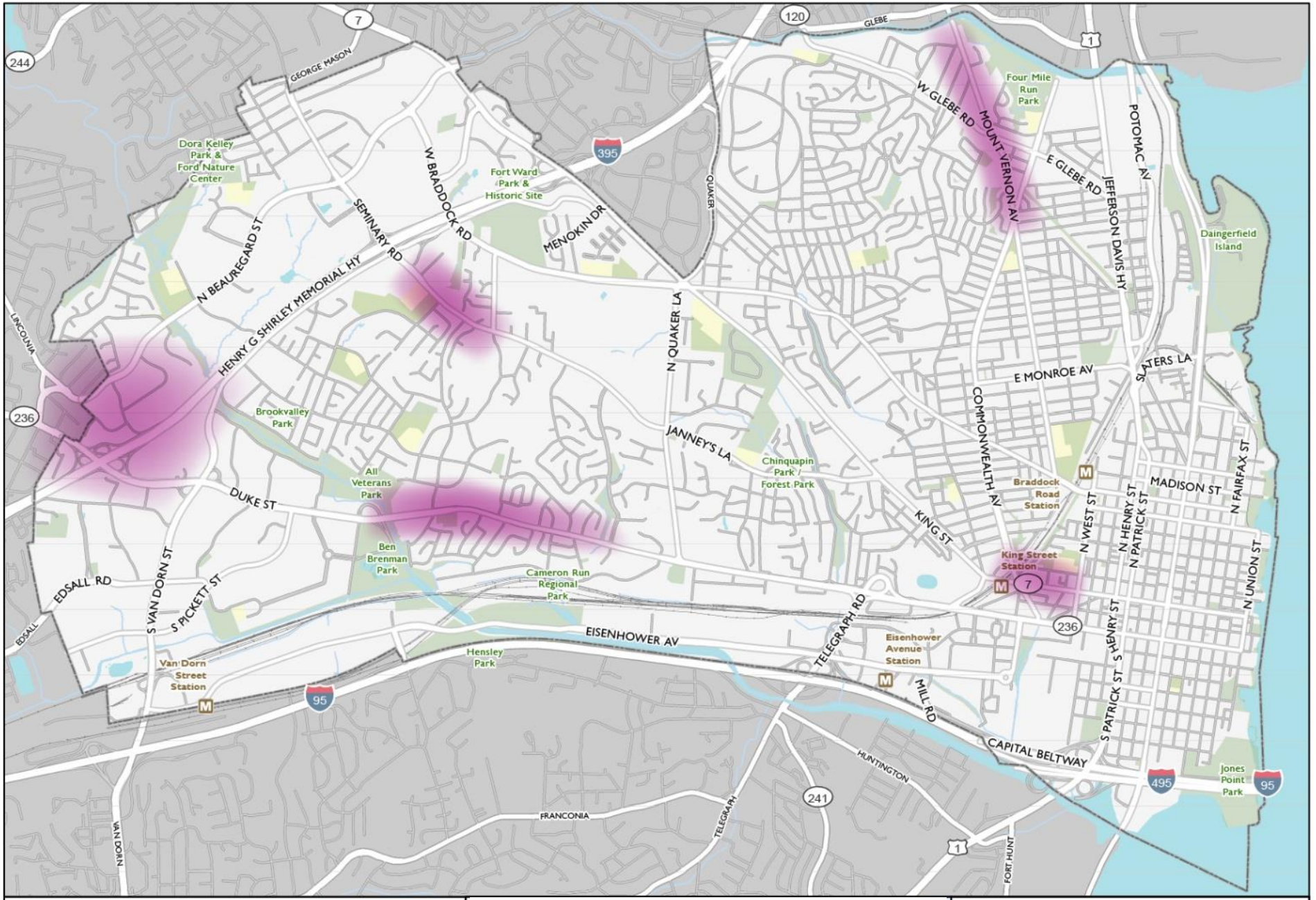
General Themes

- Freeway Interchanges/Major Barriers
- Schools and Neighborhoods
- Transit Access and Integration
- Neighborhood Main Streets
- Suburban Commercial Connectors
- Trail/Roadway Transitions

Pedestrian Focus Area Fieldwork

- General conditions for walking and biking
- Pedestrian desire lines
- Significant ADA issues
- General sidewalk assessment
  - Gaps
  - Surface condition
  - Obstructions and barriers
  - Driveway design and placement
  - Buffers
- Crossings
  - Crosswalks
  - Pedestrian signals
  - Ramps
- Connections to destinations within area





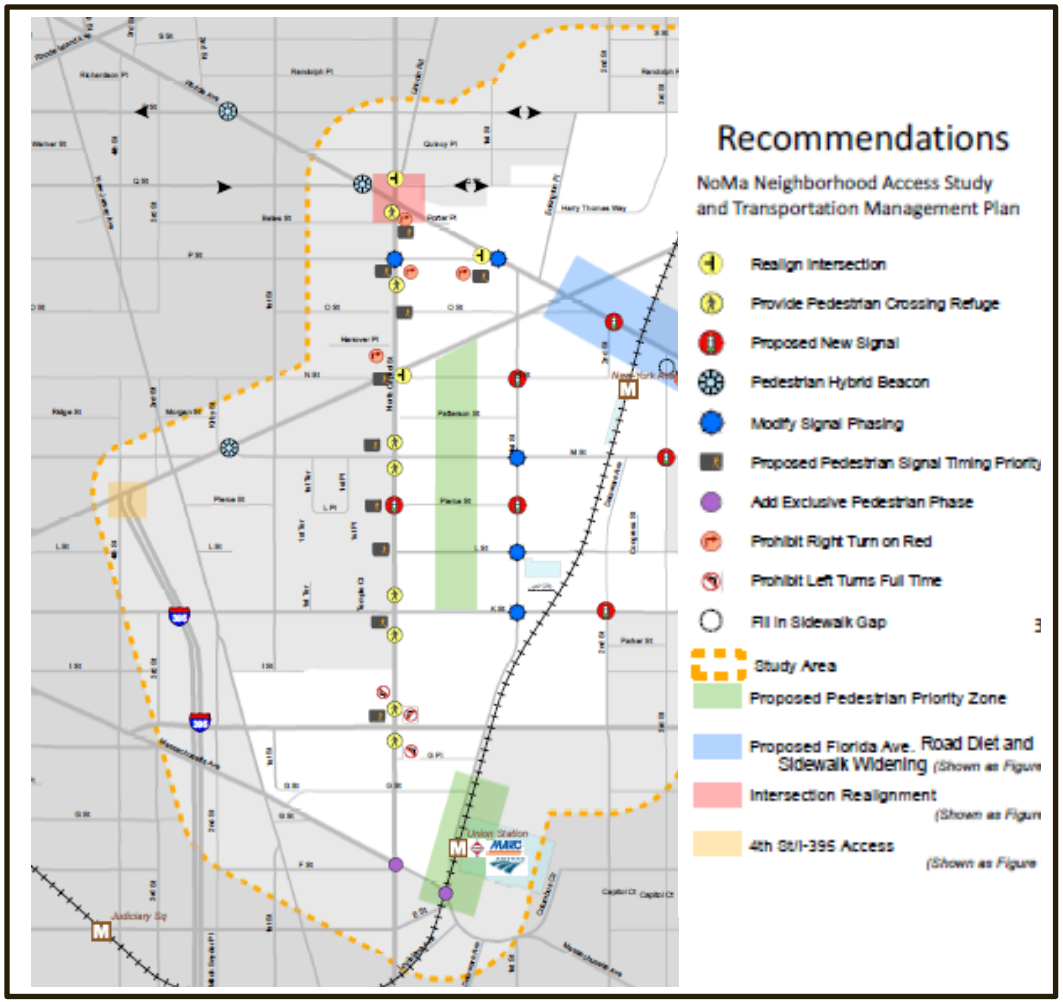
Pedestrian Focus Areas

Focus Areas
City Boundary
Parks

0 750 1,500 3,000 Feet

Types of Recommendations

- Sidewalk gaps
- Consolidate and rebuild driveways
- Reconstruct curb ramps
- Signal improvements
- Crossing improvements
- Bicycle facilities
- Landscaping and buffering



Public Comment

Committee Member Updates

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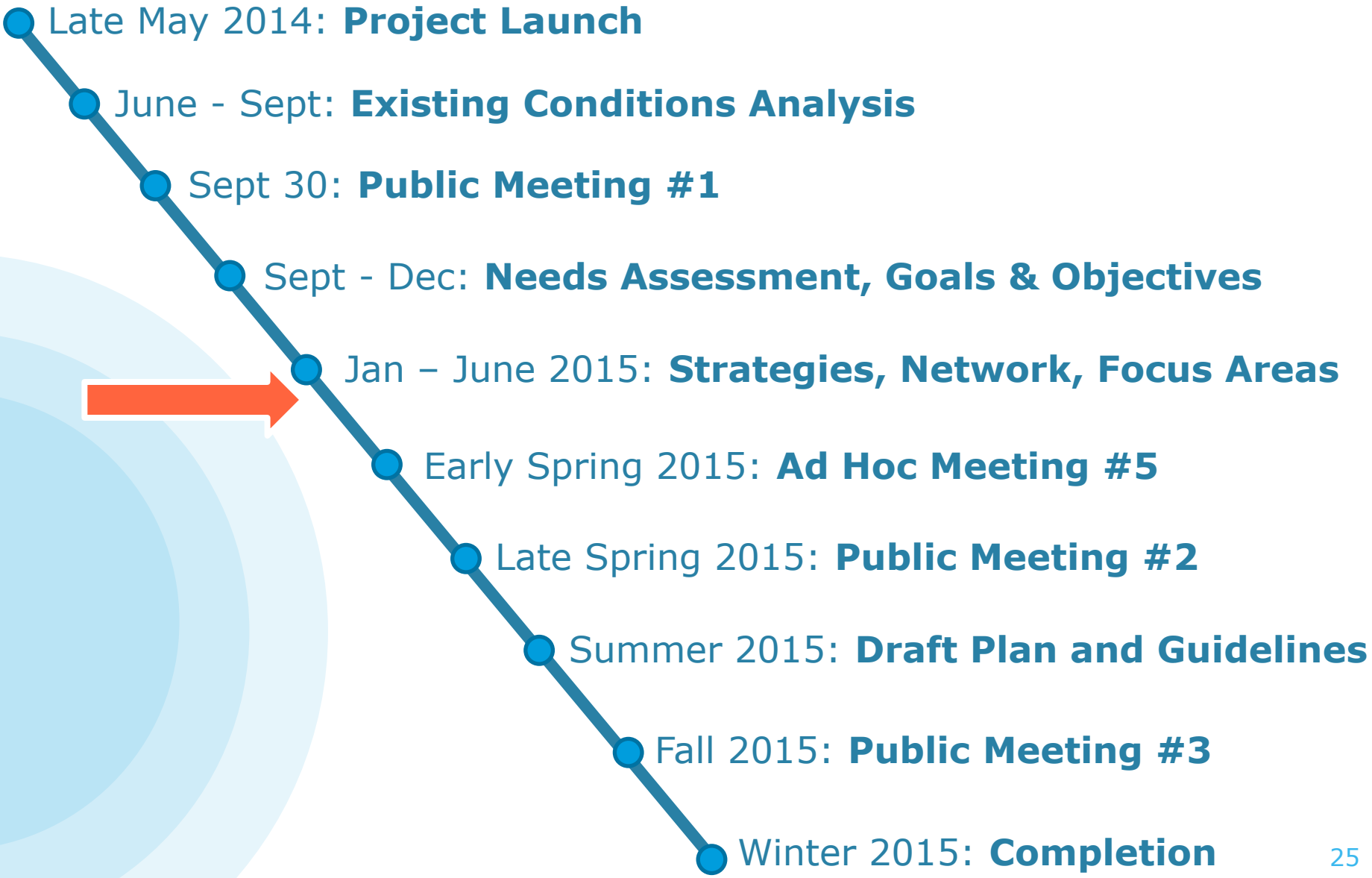
Late May 2014: **Project Launch**
June - Sept: **Existing Conditions Analysis**
Sept 30: **Public Meeting #1**
Sept - Dec: **Needs Assessment, Goals & Objectives**
Jan – June 2015: **Strategies, Network, Focus Areas**
Early Spring 2015: **Ad Hoc Meeting #5**
Late Spring 2015: **Public Meeting #2**
Summer 2015: **Draft Plan and Guidelines**
Fall 2015: **Public Meeting #3**
Winter 2015: **Completion**

Thank You!

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