



Gray and Taft Reconstruction Project

CIP No. N-210008/ N-2014L-004

PROJECT INFORMATION

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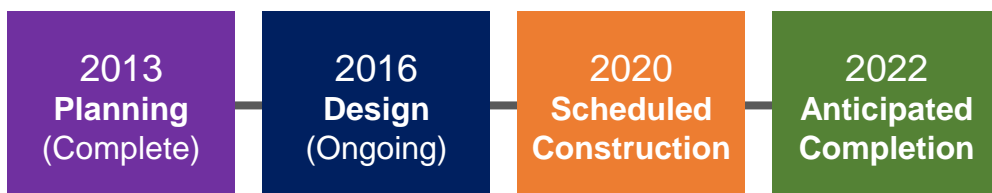
About the Project Area

This Capital Improvement Plan project provides full reconstruction of the roadway to meet current City standards in the Gray and Taft area.

The project area is bounded by: West Gray to the north, Valentine to the east, Welch & Dennis to the south and Taft to the west.

The project is funded and currently in the design phase, with construction planned for the year 2020.

PROJECT TIMELINE



**Timeline subject to change.*

Public Input Meeting held:

April 6, 2016

Meeting Location:
Metropolitan
Multi-Services Center
1475 W. Gray St.
Houston, TX 77019

Presenter:

Rob Lazaro
Rebuild Houston
Executive

Department of
Public Works &
Engineering (PWE)

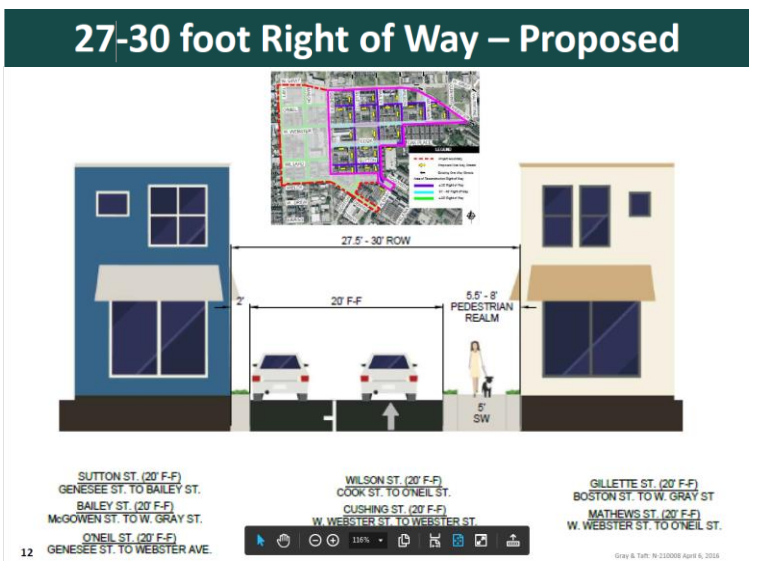
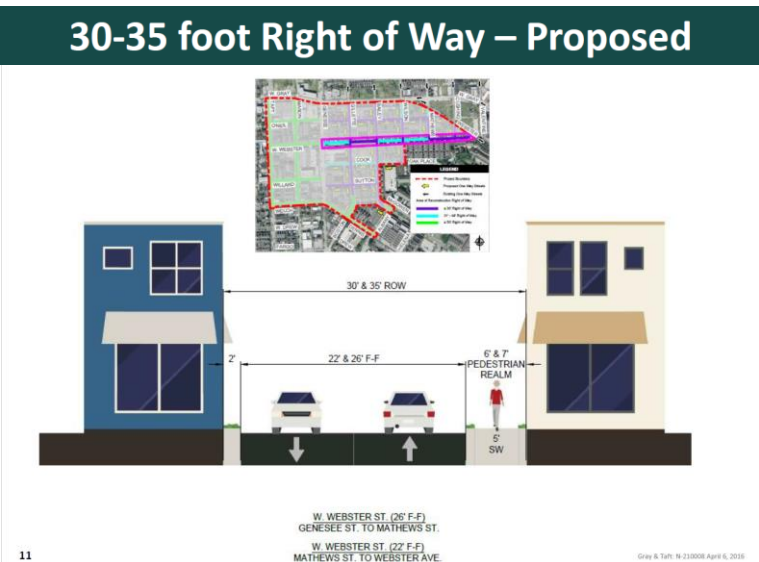
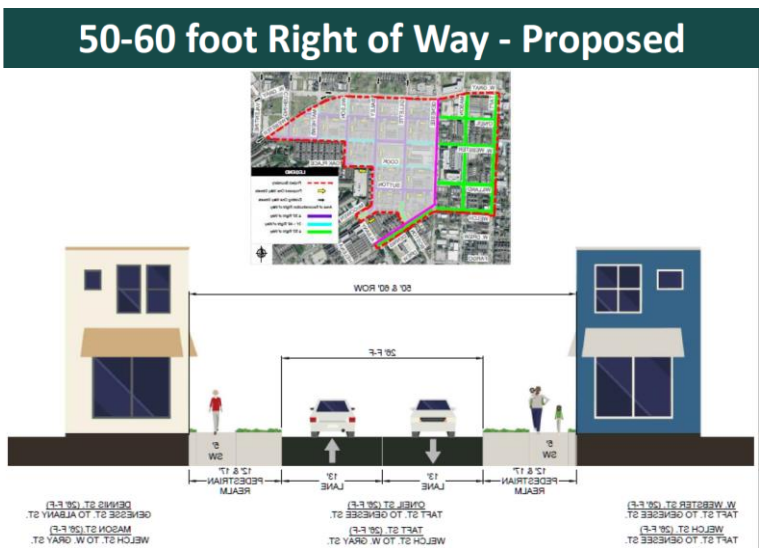
Total # of Attendees:

51

Project Details

Proposed improvements as presented at the public meeting include:

- Reconstruct streets with asphalt
- Convert narrow two-way streets to one-way streets with street-side parking
- Reconstruct sidewalks and ramps to meet ADA requirements
- Replace storm, water and wastewater systems as necessary



Summary of Public Comments

Public Comment or Concern

Taft St. is included in the Houston Bike Plan Draft Network as a programmed dedicated on-street bikeway and this should be included in the project area reconstruction. O'neil St. is included in the Houston Bike Plan Draft Network as a programmed shared on-street bikeway and this should be considered in the reconstruction as well.

PWE Response:

Dedicated on-street bike lanes will be incorporated on Taft St. O'neil St. will remain a two-way street from Taft St. to Genesee St. and one-way street from Genesee St. to Webster Ave; and shared on-street bikeway signs/markings will be added.

Major Categories or Areas of Concern Are:

Bike Lanes

Sidewalks

Pavement

Additional Concerns

Comment Period:

April 6 –
May 6, 2016

of Comments Received:

113



Summary of Public Comments

Public Comment or Concern

Residents feel that most of the sidewalks are currently in poor condition. They would like continued sidewalks through the project area and would prefer them to be wider than 5 ft. or as wide as possible.

PWE Response:

During reconstruction the City will build sidewalks that are a minimum of 5 ft. wide which is consistent with current design standards. However, in the final design phase engineers will review streets on a case-by-case basis to determine if they need sidewalks that are wider than 5 ft.

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Public Comment or Concern

Due to the large volume of heavy truck traffic in the area, some residents are requesting that the City consider the use of high strength concrete during reconstruction.

PWE Response:

Pre-Engineering recommended asphaltic concrete pavement before the revise of Chapter 10 (50-year design). However, this recommendation should be evaluated during final design since some residents requested concrete pavement.

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Summary of Public Comments

Additional PWE Concerns

Related concerns such as drainage, pavement markings, speeding, signage, and a northbound left turn lane at Taft St. and W. Gray St. were discussed.

PWE Response:

These concerns will be considered by PWE during the project design phase with the public being informed at a subsequent public meeting prior to construction.

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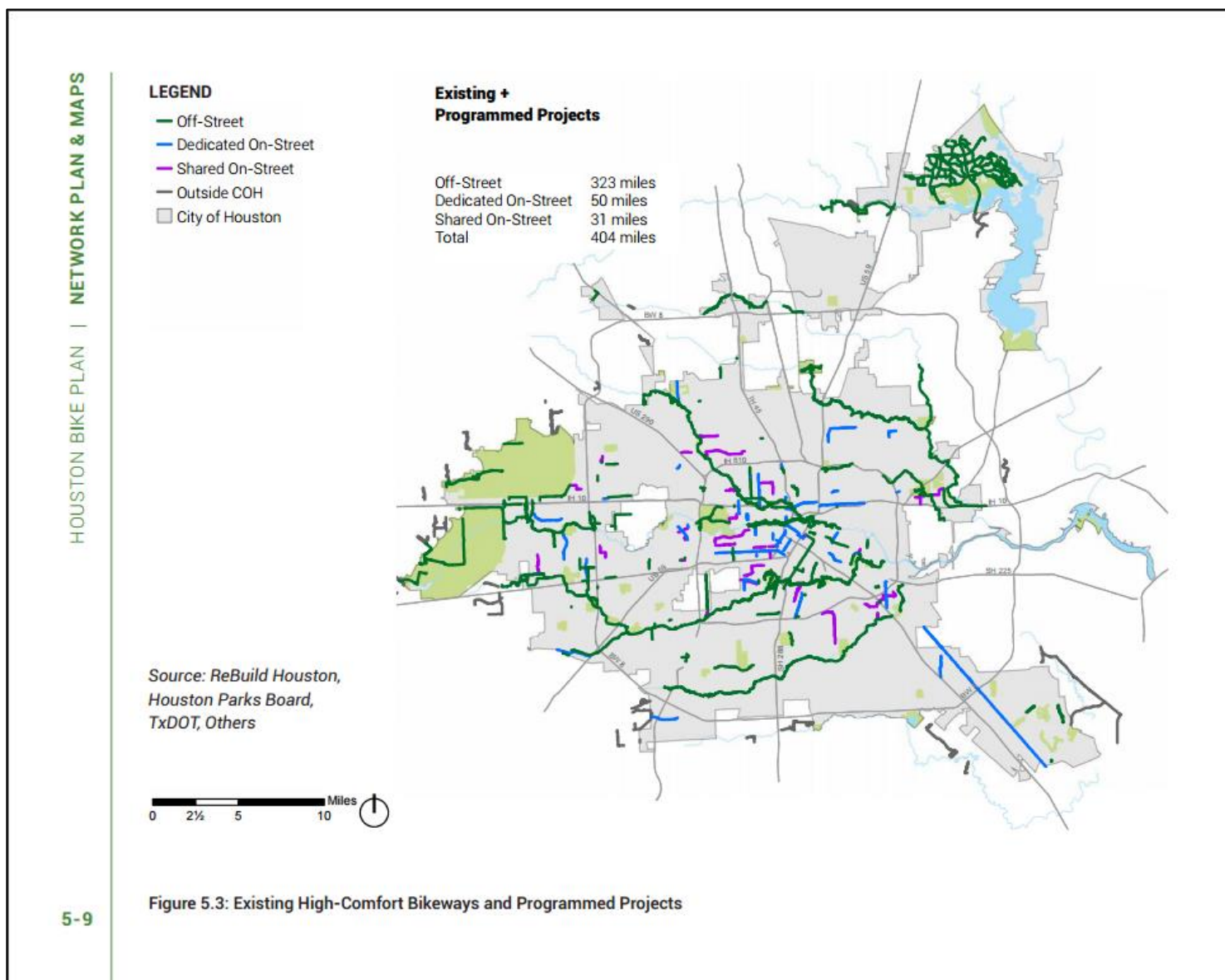
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About the Houston Bike Plan

The City of Houston developed the Houston Bike Plan through a 12-month planning effort to update the City's Comprehensive Bikeway Plan originally adopted in 1993. The City and the Houston region have made great strides in improving people's ability to bike to more destinations, earning a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community award from the League of American Bicyclist in 2013. New trails are being built along our bayous, new protected bikeways have been installed, and more people are riding all over the city.

For more information, please visit:

<http://houstonbikeplan.org/about-the-houston-bike-plan>



About Complete Streets and Rebuild Houston

ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS

Houston Complete Streets and Transportation Plan (Executive Order 1-15) guides the development of mobility planning and design of the City of Houston street and drainage projects. This Executive Order identifies goals and steps to move the city toward the achievement of Complete Streets through the planning, designing, budgeting, constructing, and reconstructing of all transportation improvements. The Executive Order recognizes that all streets are not the same and that reconstruction of the public right-of-way (ROW) should strongly utilize context sensitive design, incorporating local development context, and also take into account the role a particular corridor plays in the region's multimodal transportation networks. The introduction of these programs, as well as other initiatives that address multimodal safety on the region's roadways, requires rethinking existing planning and design. Evaluating existing approaches ensures that projects developed and constructed by the City of Houston meet these objectives.

ABOUT REBUILD HOUSTON

The reconstruction of the City's street and drainage infrastructure following the guidelines of the Complete Street and Transportation Plan is made possible through resources provided by the ReBuild Houston Program. ReBuild Houston is a voter-initiated and voter-approved, Pay-As-You-Go program to address the City of Houston's street and drainage infrastructure needs in a systematic, prioritized and objective manner. ReBuild Houston is a part of the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the 10-Year plan for Streets & Drainage. Street & Drainage improvement projects are separated into three phases of planning, design, and construction which allows for a much more detailed and objective planning process that complements the City's established Capital Improvement Plan.

To learn more about the ReBuild Houston and Street & Drainage infrastructure improvement process visit www.rebuildhouston.org.

