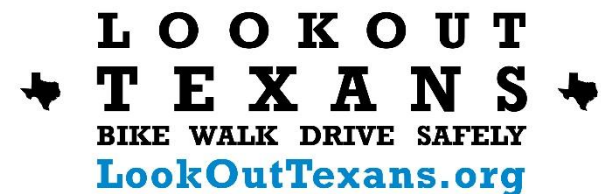


REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PRESENTATION

REGIONAL BICYCLE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

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Purpose of the Safety Plan

- 🚲 Supports the **Metropolitan Transportation Plan** (Mobility 2050)
- 🚲 **Goals and policies** in support of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and Texas Transportation Commission safety positions.
- 🚲 Provides a **toolbox of safety countermeasures** to address bicyclist safety issues.
- 🚲 Identifies **strategic locations to guide the selection of future projects and programs** offering the greatest return on investment for **safety** and **network connectivity**.



Planning Process

🚲 Robust, grass roots engagement (February – November 2025)

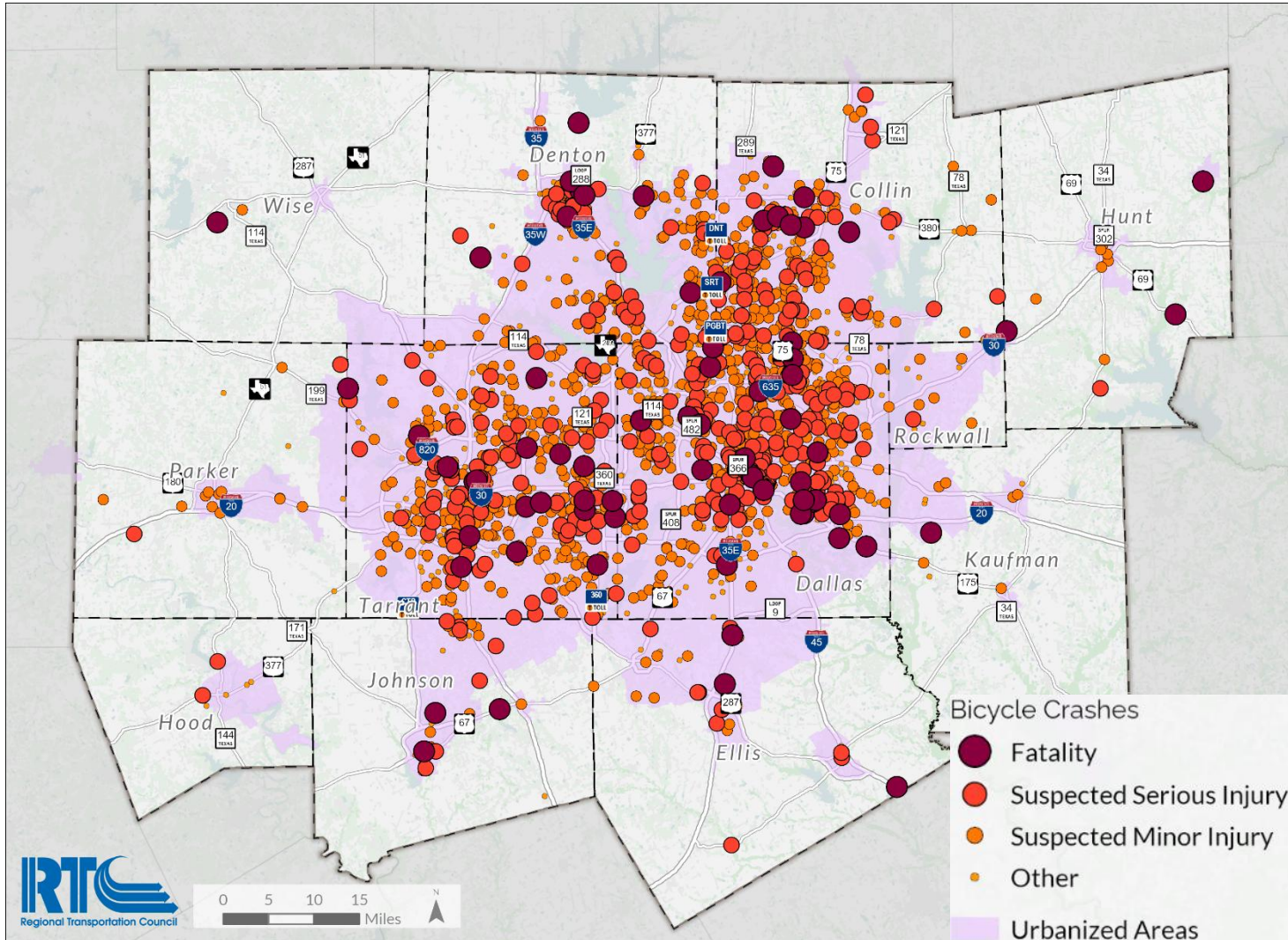
- Stakeholder workgroup
- Bike group and committee meetings
- Outreach events

🚲 Regional Opinion Survey

- 87% of respondents are interested in bicycling more than they do now.
- 52% of respondents cited safety concerns as their primary reason for not bicycling more often.



Bicyclist Crashes in the MPA (2019 – 2023)



2,471

**TOTAL BICYCLE
CRASHES IN the MPA from
2019-2023**

Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS)
for MPA region from 2019-2023

73

**TOTAL BICYCLIST
FATALITIES OCCURRED
REGION WIDE from
2019-2023**

Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS)
for MPA region from 2019-2023

86%

**of All Fatal &
Serious Injuries
Involved**

MALES

Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS)
for MPA region from 2019-2023



81% of bicyclists
killed were not wearing
HELMETS.

Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS)
for MPA region from 2019-2023

74%

**of all bicycle crashes
occurred at**

INTERSECTIONS

Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS)
for MPA region from 2019-2023

90%

**of bicyclist
crashes
occur within**

**1 MILE
of a school**



Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS)
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Goals



Eliminate all serious injury and fatal bicyclist crashes across the region by 2050



Address critical bicycle safety needs in priority locations



Enhance safe connections to daily destinations

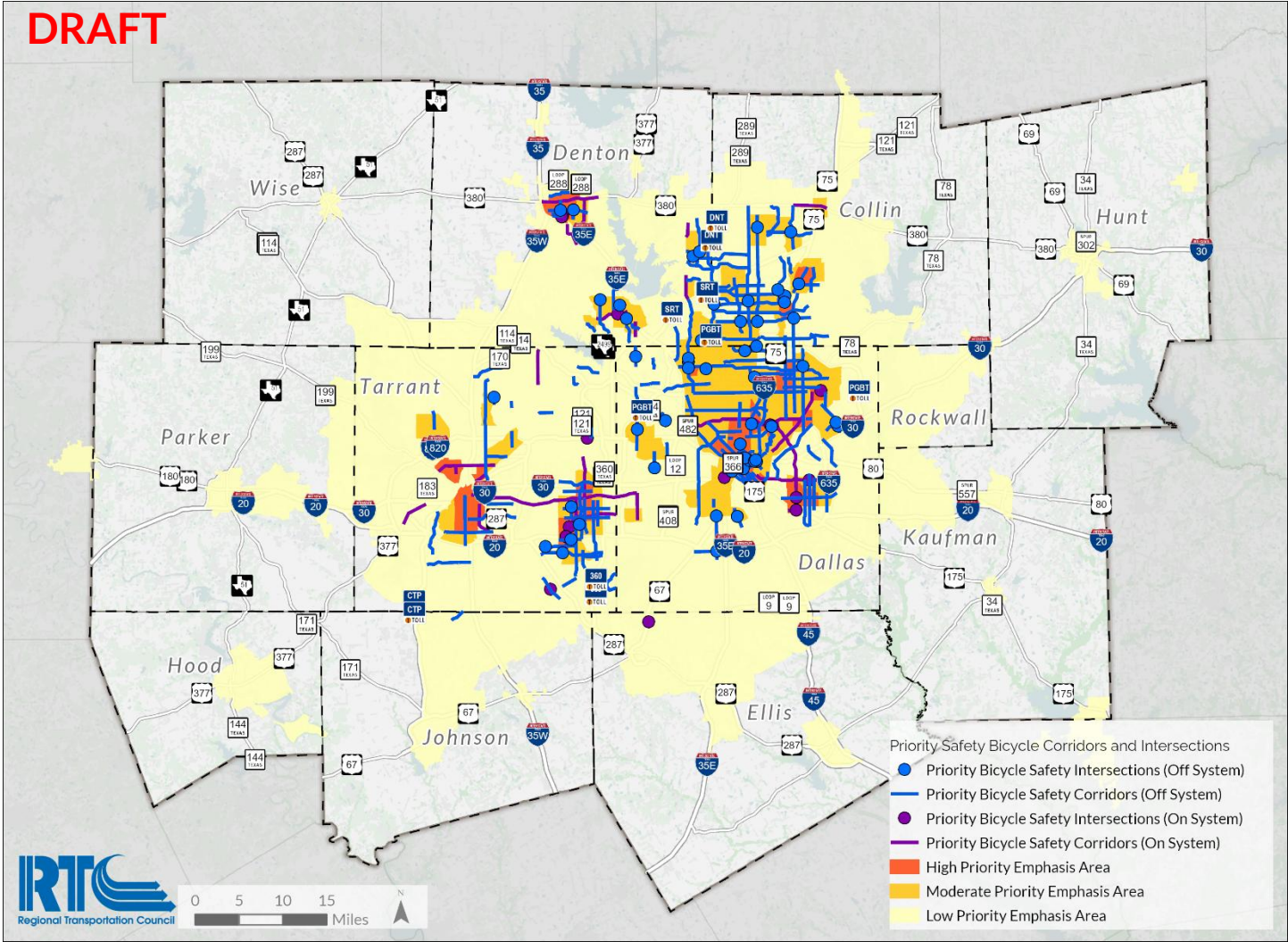


Balance the safety and needs of all roadway users



Develop a culture of safety

Priority Bicycle Safety Areas, Corridors, and Intersections



Located in 37 cities across the region.

- Priority Safety Bicycle Corridors and Intersections
- Priority Bicycle Safety Intersections (Off System)
 - Priority Bicycle Safety Corridors (Off System)
 - Priority Bicycle Safety Intersections (On System)
 - Priority Bicycle Safety Corridors (On System)
- Priority Emphasis Areas
- High Priority
 - Moderate Priority

Priority Emphasis Area	% of Urbanized Areas	% of Crashes	Mi. of Planned Bikeways
High	2.6%	21%	315
Moderate	9.0%	34%	810
Total	11.6%	55%	1,125

Action Plan for Projects and Programs

Over **thirty action items** consisting of strategies, projects, programs, and policies. Each action item identifies the responsible parties and magnitude of cost.

#	Action Item (examples)	Action Item Type
O-1	Provide training for transportation design professionals about bicycle facility design best practices and how bicyclists operate on the roadway.	Education
O-7	Prioritize enforcement of traffic laws such as speed limits, impaired driving, safe driving practices, traffic control device compliance.	Enforcement
O-8	Conduct road safety audits for Priority Bicycle Safety Corridors and Priority Bicycle Safety Intersections.	Engineering
ST-15	Provide adequate roadway lighting along bikeway corridors, especially at conflict locations such as intersections and driveways.	Engineering

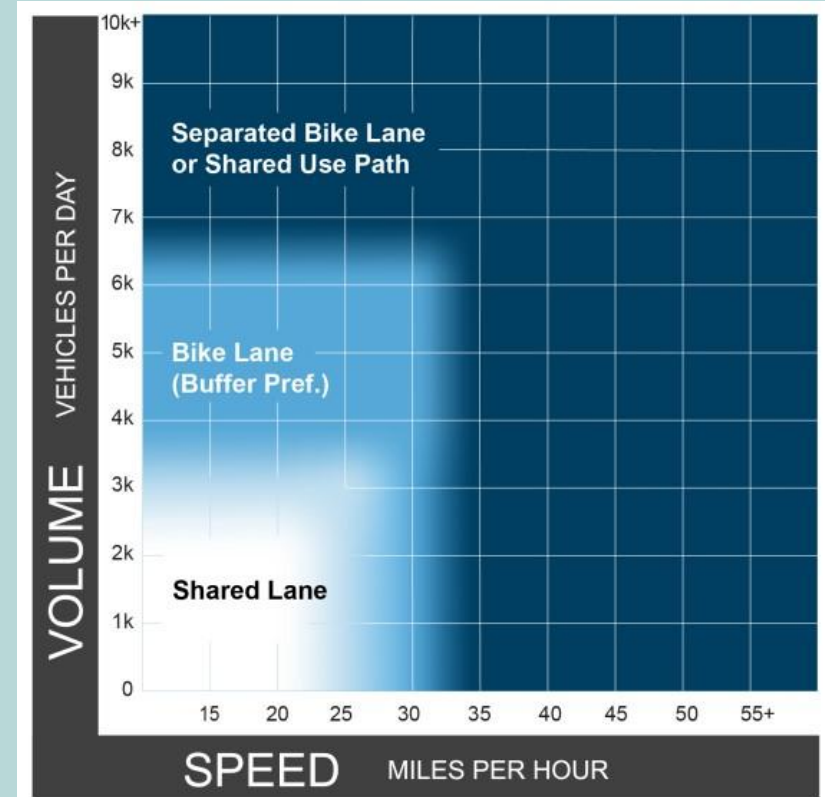
October 08, 2026: Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan

Bicyclist Safety on US Roadways: Crash Risks and Countermeasures
Safety Research Report: NTSB/SS-19/01, Adopted November 5, 2019

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) reports that separated bike lanes are associated with fewer crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries.

Recommended Bicycle Facility Selection

Source: Federal Highway Administration, Texas Roadway Design Manual



Action Plan: Education

Examples of LookOut Texans Safety Campaign Messaging for Bicyclists

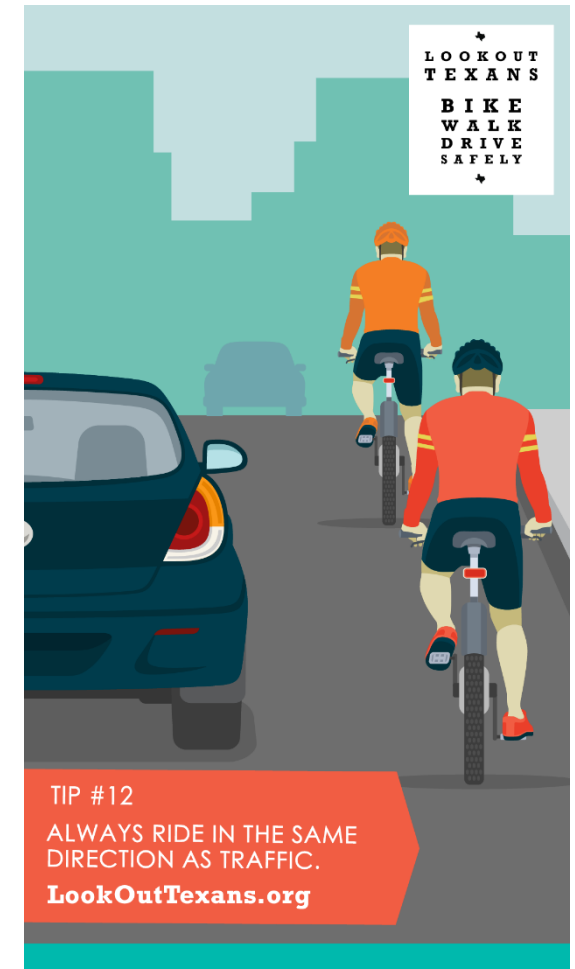
Traffic Laws



Visibility



Operation on the Roadway

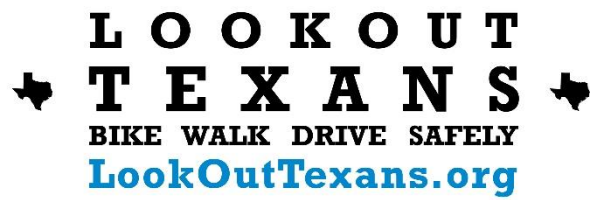


REQUESTED ACTION:

Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan

RTC approval to:

- Adopt the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan.
- Direct staff to implement the recommendations of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan as consistent with the programs and policies of the existing Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Mobility 2050) and incorporate the recommendations of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan into future metropolitan transportation plans.



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