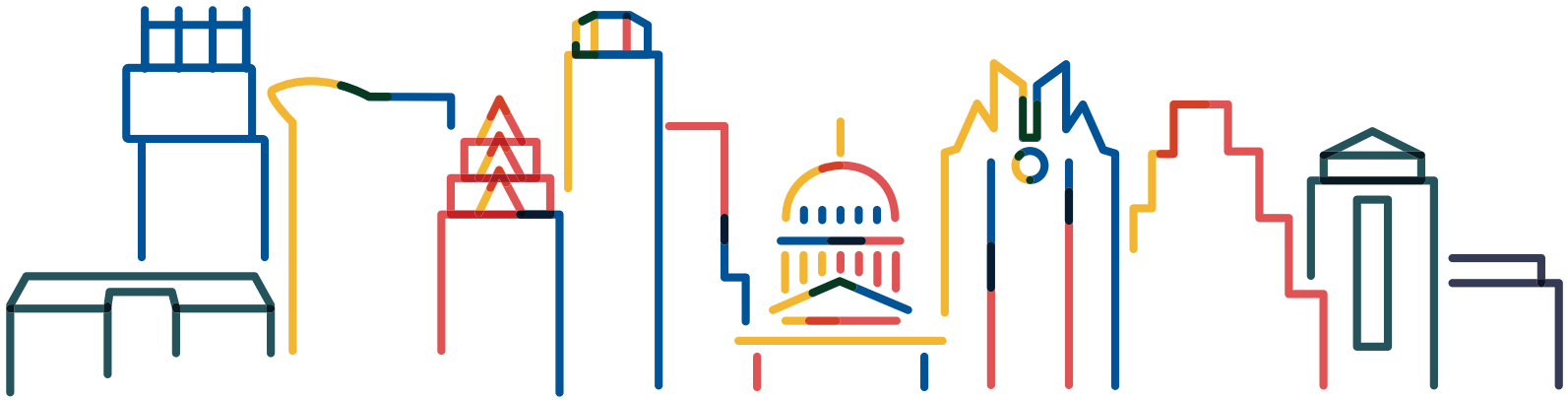
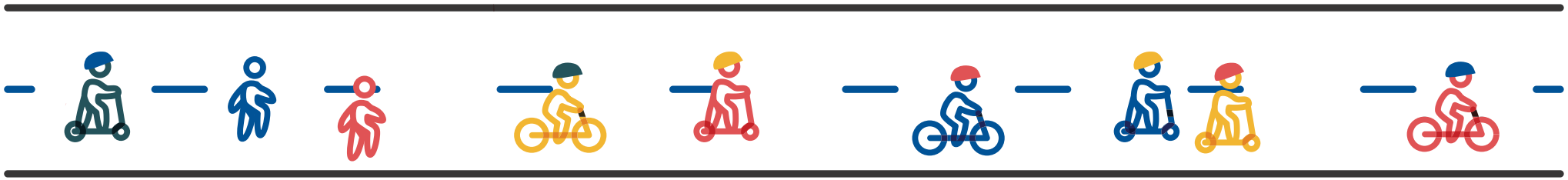


Austin's Healthy Streets Initiative



Bicycle Advisory Council Briefing

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City Council Direction:

May 7th, 2020

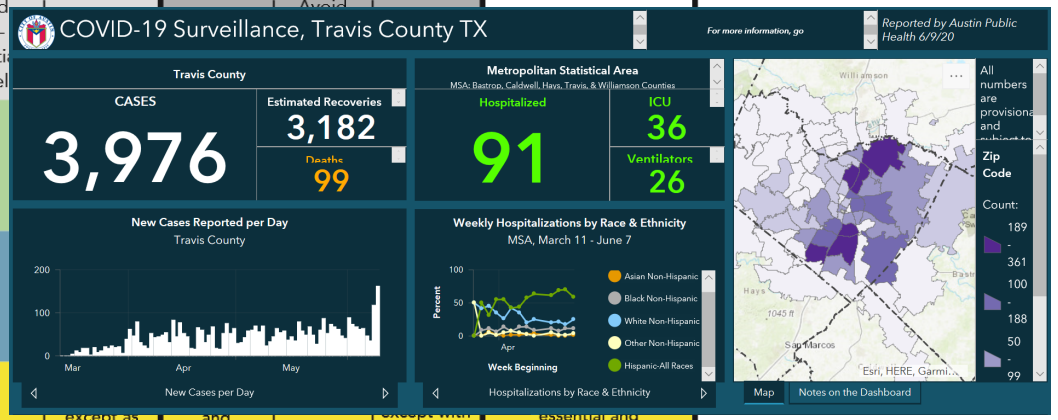
Item 62. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to create a Healthy Streets program that will facilitate safe, socially distanced outdoor exercise and active transportation on neighborhood streets during the COVID-19 pandemic while still allowing local traffic.

Approved unanimously, as amended *(amended to consider where to make these installations permanent)*

COVID-19: Risk-Based Guidelines

Recommended thresholds 7-day avg hospital admits		Practice Good Hygiene / Stay Home If Sick / Avoid Sick People	Maintain Social Distancing	Wear Facial Coverings	Higher Risk Individuals (Age over 65, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart, lung and kidney disease, immunocompromised, obesity): Avoid Gatherings	Higher Risk Individuals: Avoid Non-Essential Travel	Lower Risk Individuals (No substantial underlying health conditions): Avoid Gatherings	Lower Risk Individuals: Avoid Non-Essential Travel	Workplaces Open
0	Stage 1	•			greater than 25				
< 5	Stage 2	•	•	•	greater than 10				
5 - 19	Stage 3	•	•	•	social and greater than 10	•	except as essential	and greater than 10	except with precautions / essential and reopened businesses
20 - 70	Stage 4	•	•	•	social and greater than 2	•			
> 70	Stage 5	•	•	•	outside of household	•			

June 10, 2020



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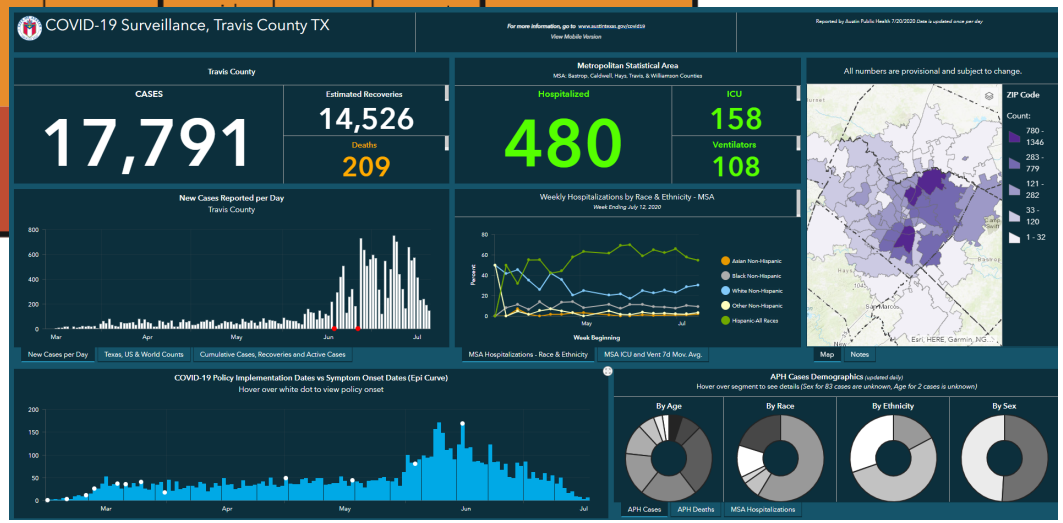

Take a leap of faith, with a team!

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Focus on solving real problems, quickly.

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Try a variety of streets and neighborhoods.

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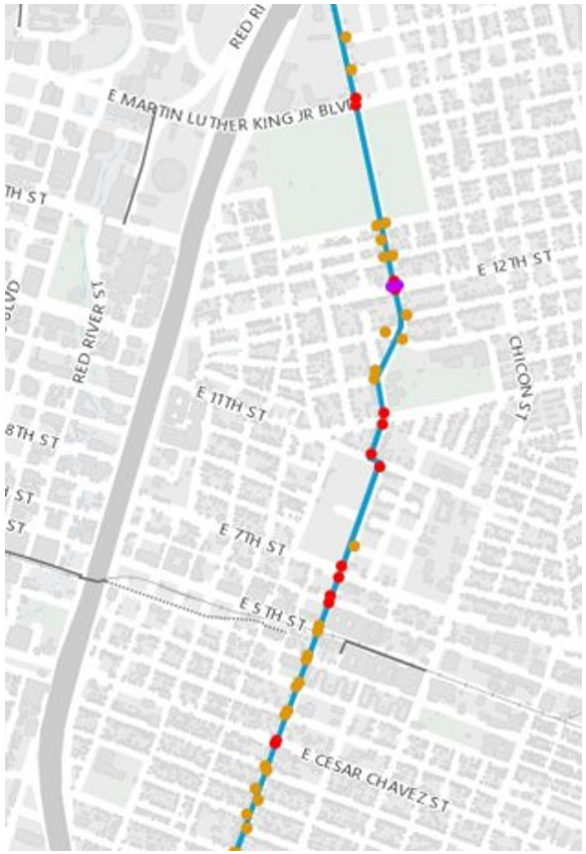
Choose streets with network benefit.



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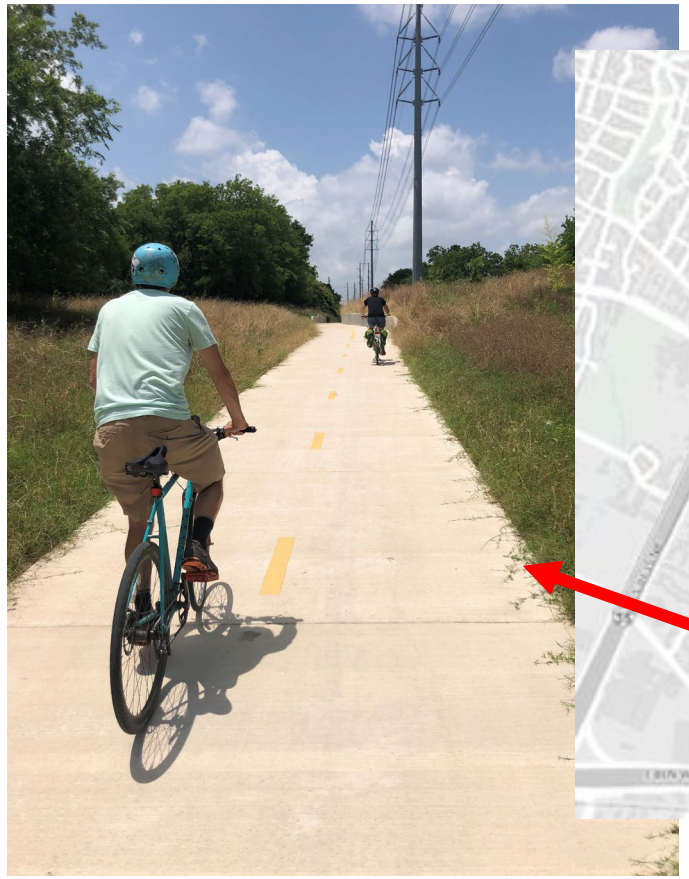
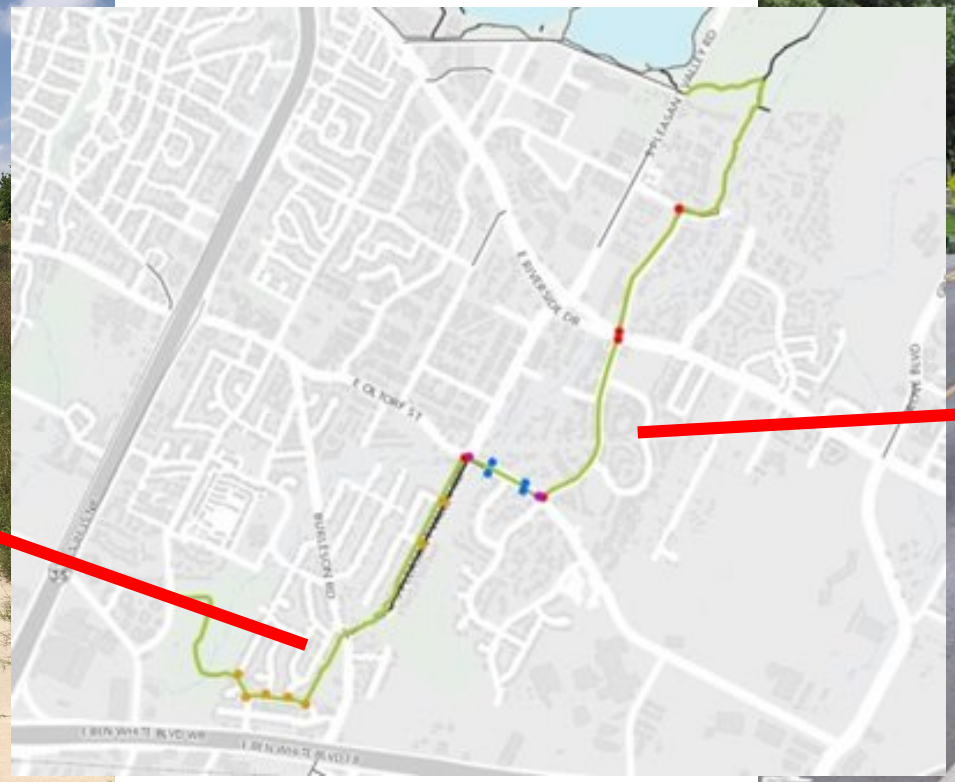
Connect to existing infrastructure





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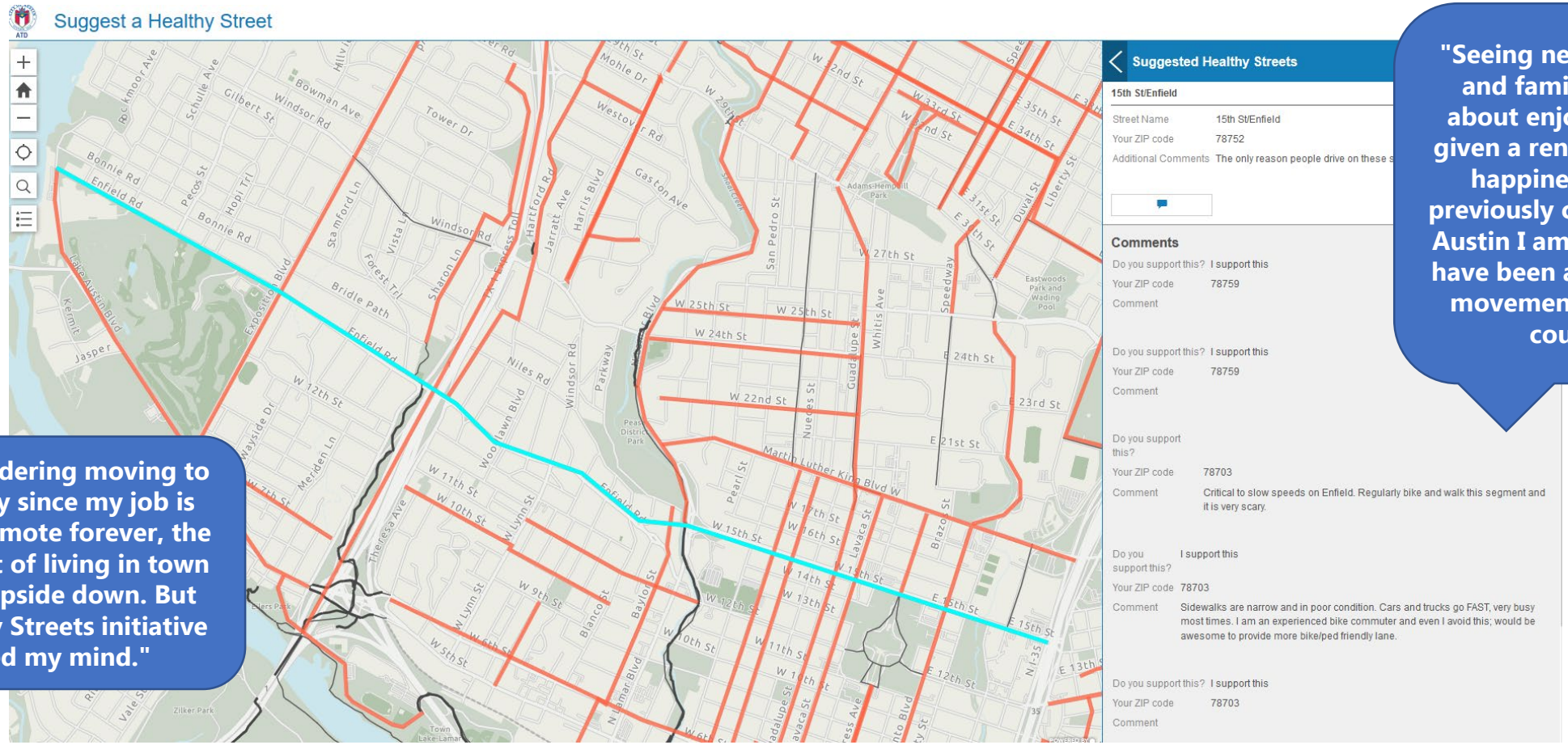
Develop tools for collecting feedback.



"Seeing neighbors, kids, and families out and about enjoying life has given a renewed sense of happiness with our previously congested city. Austin I am so happy you have been a leader in this movement around the country."

"I was considering moving to the country since my job is now fully remote forever, the cost/benefit of living in town has gone upside down. But this Healthy Streets initiative changed my mind."

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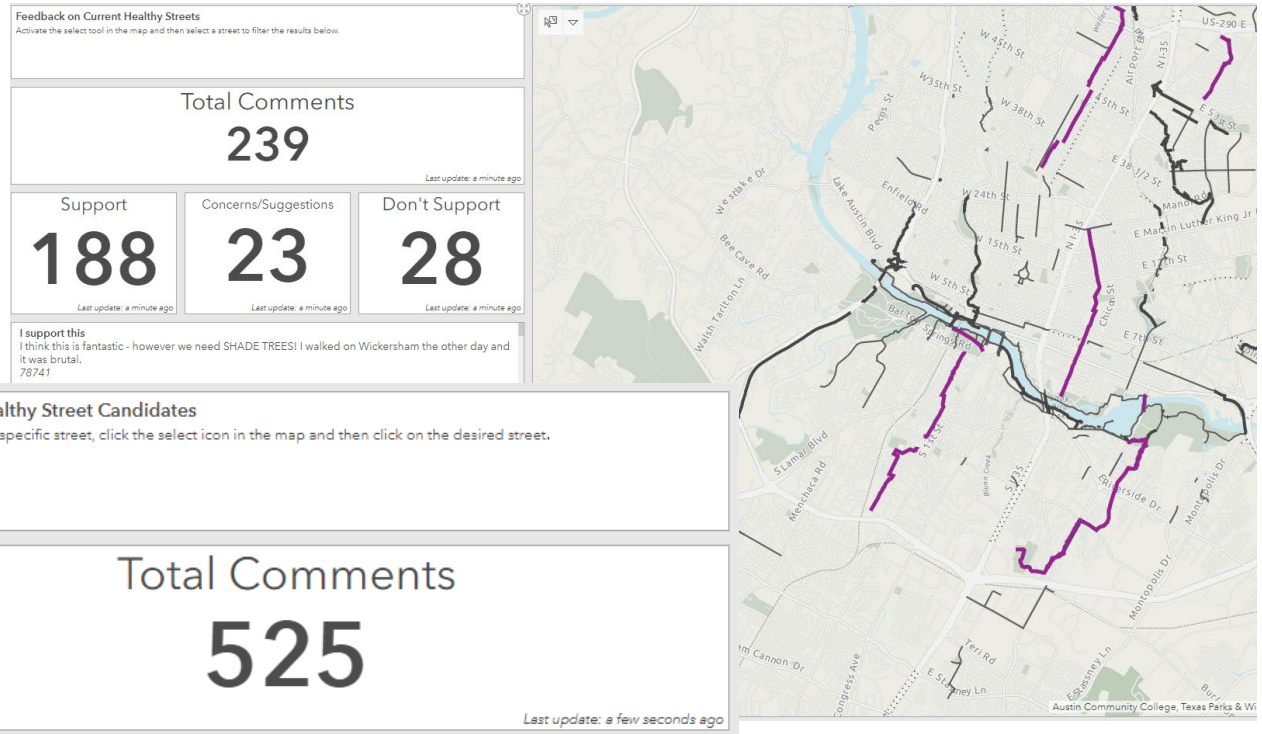
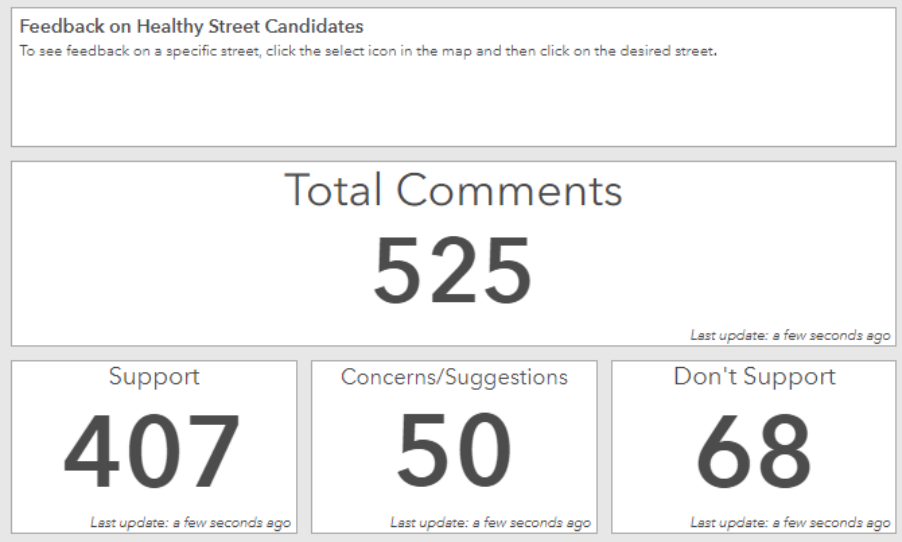
Feedback has been relatively high and positive.

Feedback on Existing Streets:





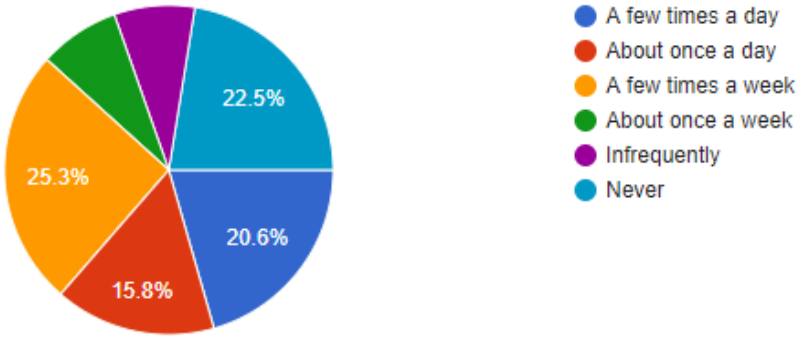
Feedback on Proposed Healthy Streets

Do you support the Austin Healthy Streets Initiative?

579 responses

How often do you use Healthy Streets?

530 responses



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Listen, adjust, iterate, modify…

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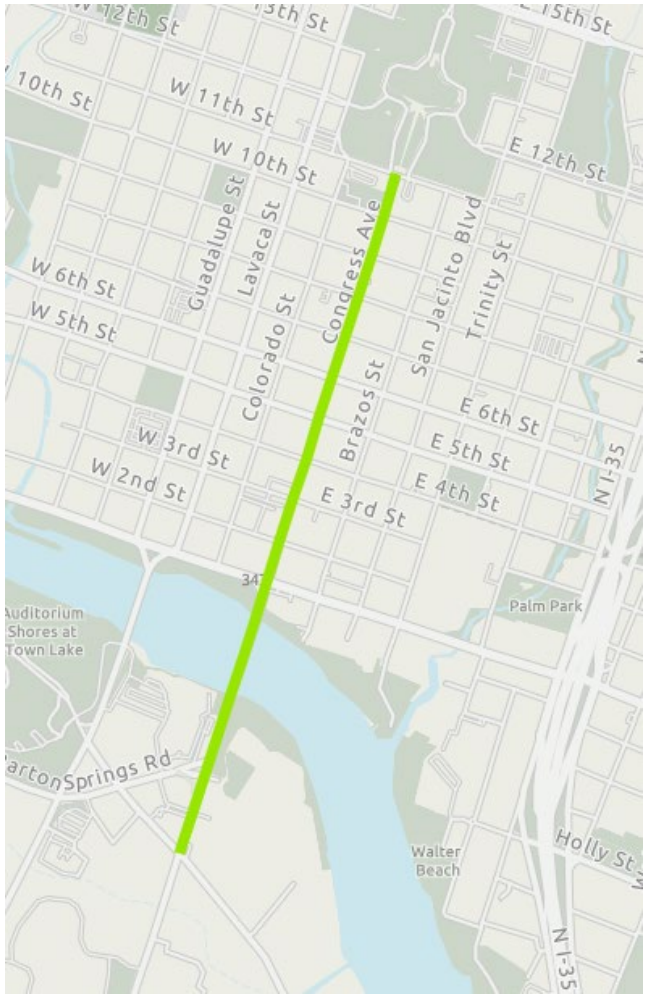

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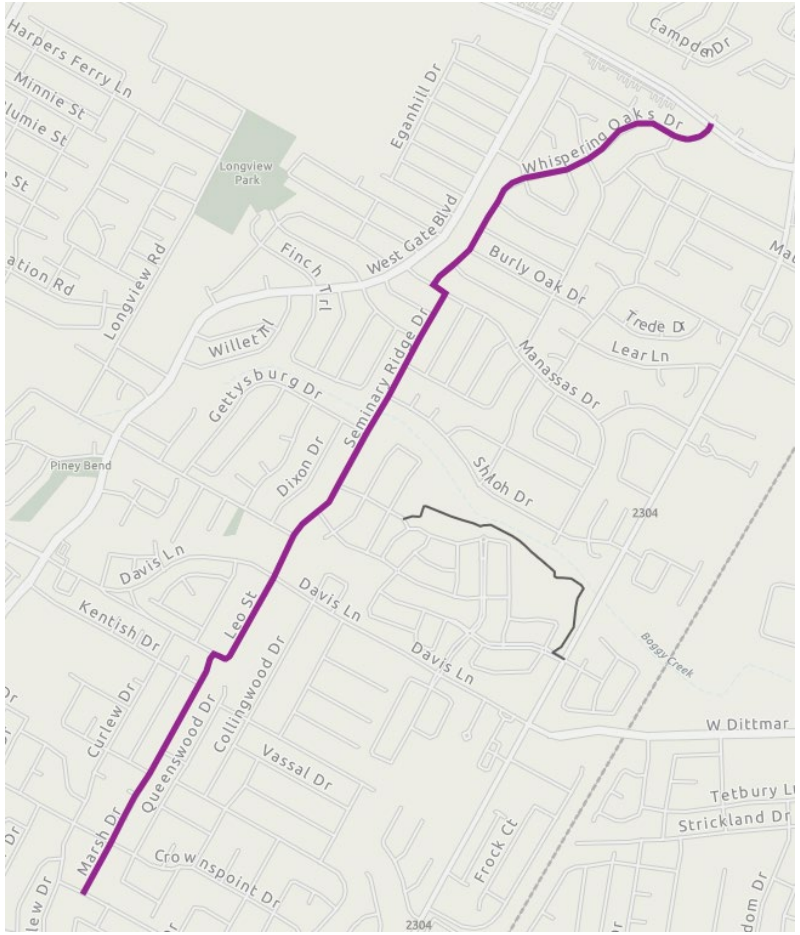
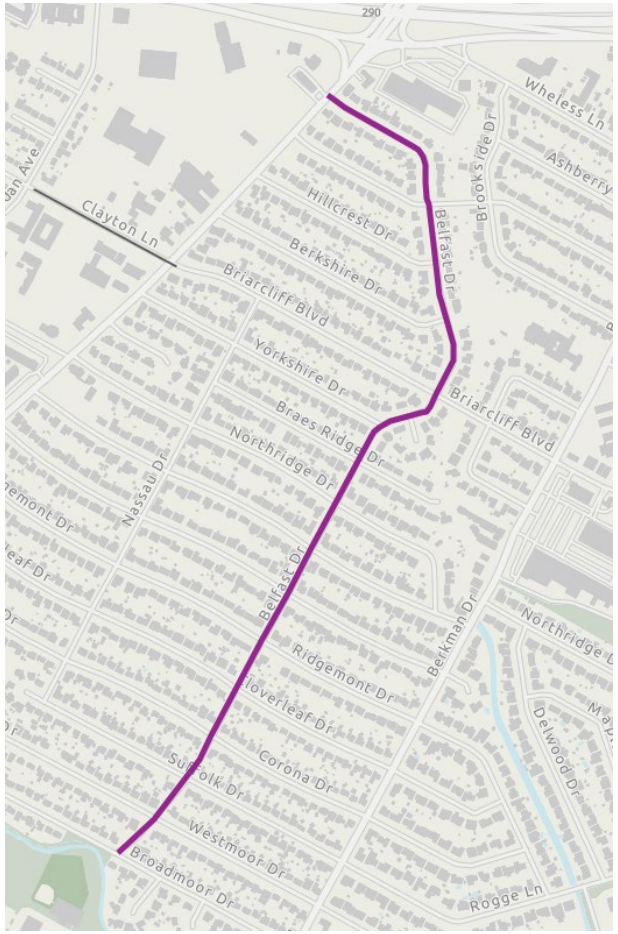
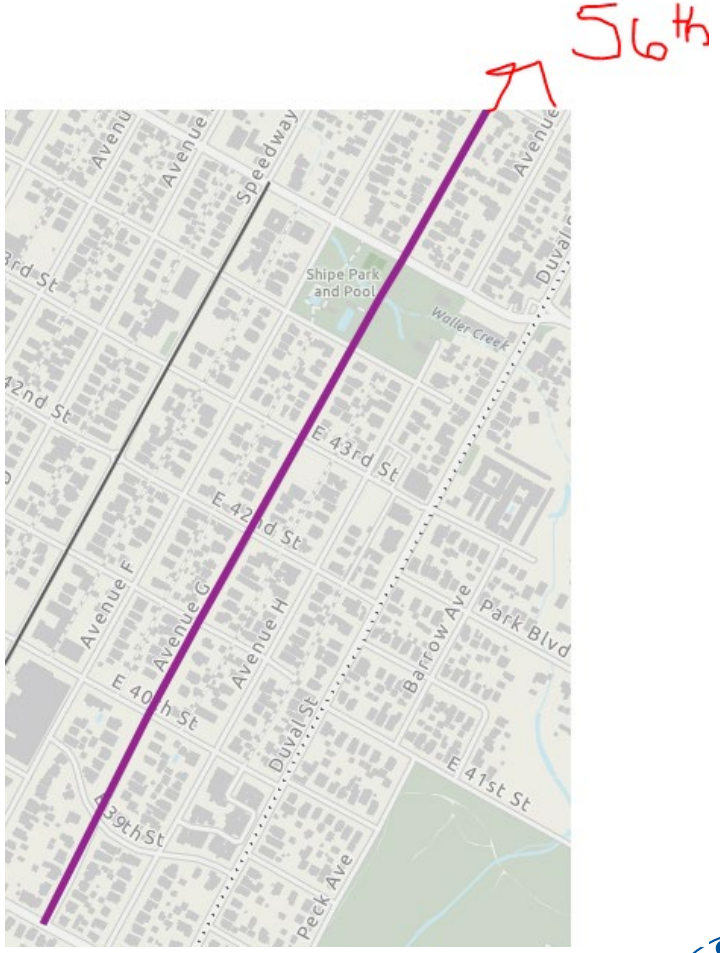
Another 5 Miles of Healthy Streets on Deck







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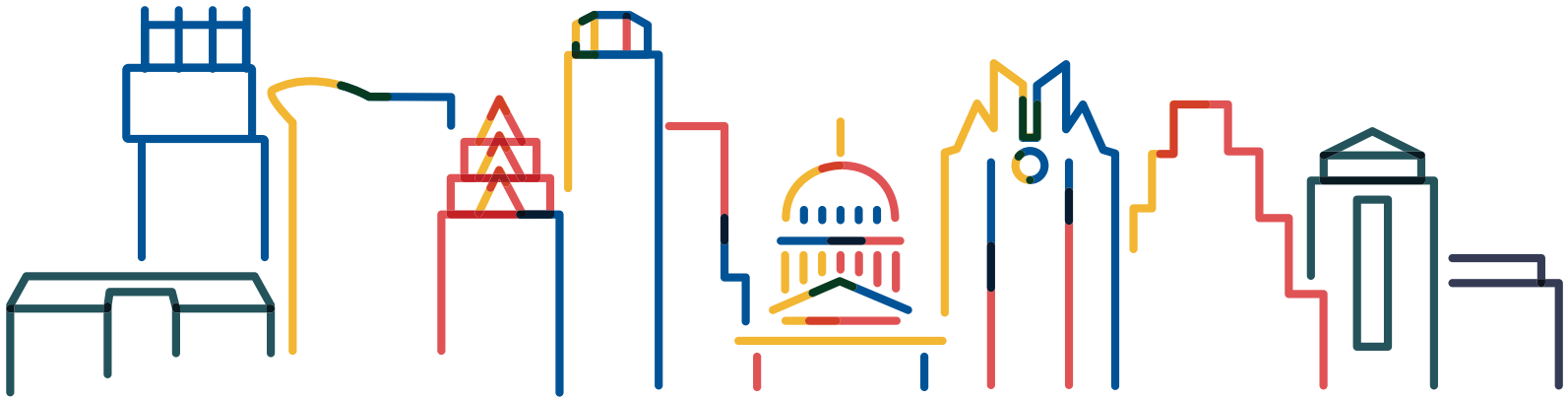

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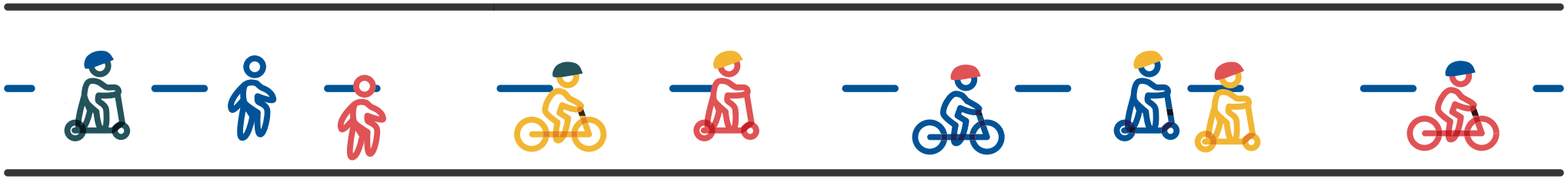

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