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**MEETING OF THE CITY OF CONCORD  
BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT  
PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 30, 2015  
5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting  
PERMIT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
1950 Parkside Drive, Bldg. D**

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*Plan Advisory Committee Members*

Laura Hoffmeister, Chair and City Council Representative  
Carlyn Obringer, Planning Commission Representative  
Mark Sinclair, Parks Recreation and Open Space Committee Representative  
Sergio Huerta, At-Large Representative  
Clair Linder, At-Large Representative

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**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADDITIONS/CONTINUANCES/WITHDRAWALS**

**STAFF REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Selection of a Vice-Chair**
- 2. Introduction and Project Overview**

**Staff will provide the Plan Advisory Committee with a brief presentation and overview, including a discussion of the project's purpose and goals. The project timeline will also be discussed.**

- 3. Existing Conditions**

**Staff will discuss the current efforts to establish the City's existing conditions, serving as a baseline for the plan.**

- 4. Upcoming Events**

- Community Workshop, April 8, 2015, 5:30 to 7:30pm  
Willow Pass Center, 2748 E. Olivera Rd.**

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- **Walking Tour, April 18, Details To Be Announced**
  - **Bike to Work Day, May 14, 2015**

**5. Future PAC Meeting Schedule**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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## ***BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO TRANSIT PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM***

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March 25, 2015

**TO:** Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan  
Plan Advisory Committee (PAC)

**FROM:** Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner  
[Andrew.mogensen@cityofconcord.org](mailto:Andrew.mogensen@cityofconcord.org)

**SUBJECT:** Project Overview and Existing Conditions

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The Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safe Routes to Transit Plan will serve as a roadmap to improve the safety and connectivity of Concord's existing transportation network so that walking and bicycling can serve as viable options for commuter and recreational trips.

The project's goals are as follows:

- 1) To improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the BART stations that serve the City;
- 2) To focus on improving connectivity between the regional trails network and downtown--connecting the gaps in the existing infrastructure;
- 3) To guide the City's future investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and programs; and
- 4) To ensure safe and attractive access to the City's regional transit links, Downtown Concord, schools, and other activity centers.

The plan will assess current conditions, identify community needs and priorities, determine Best Management Practices (BMPs), and establish goals and policies for our non-motorized transportation network, resulting in a certified Active Transportation Plan (ATP) that qualifies the City for future infrastructure funding from regional, state, and federal agencies. The plan will also support the City's Capital Improvement Program by identifying a strategy for future investment and funding in our pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

The project team consists of a partnership between the City of Concord, Contra Costa County Health Services' (CCHS) Community Wellness and Prevention Program, and Monument Impact. Staff from CCHS and Monument Impact are assisting the City with policy development and the public outreach program for the project. The City has also contracted with Alta Planning + Design, a firm which specializes in non-motorized transportation planning, to research and prepare the plan. The plan's preparation will also be guided by two

advisory panels, an internal Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and an ad-hoc Plan Advisory Committee (PAC).

### **Technical Advisory Committee**

The Technical Advisory Committee is comprised primarily of City staff and representatives from pertinent agencies such as BART, County Connection, Mt. Diablo School District, and East Bay Regional Parks. The purpose of the TAC is primarily to identify and resolve any technical challenges that may arise through the course of the plan. TAC meetings are routine internal discussions focusing on the review of administrative drafts.

### **Plan Advisory Committee**

To support the project, an ad hoc Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) was created by the City Council to provide direction and insight throughout the plan's development process. The primary role of the PAC will be to provide consensus and guidance on various policy topics related to the plan's development. Meetings will be set on a regular schedule, advertised in advance, and open for public comment. The PAC is expected to meet on a monthly to bi-monthly basis over the course of the project. Due to the scheduling of other boards and commissions, staff is recommending the PAC meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30pm.

Part of the deliberations of the PAC and the development of the Plan will be policy recommendations regarding the creation of a permanent Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee or similar group, as well as its composition, role and function. The City of Concord previously relied upon Contra Costa County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for this role; however the City is no longer able to do so due to the lack of a Concord resident seated on that Committee. This Plan Advisory Committee may provide this temporary role if needed until a permanent committee is formed at a later date.

### **Existing Conditions**

The first task in the preparation of the plan is to pull together resources and information about the City's existing conditions. The project team is currently compiling a basic inventory of existing facilities, including:

- Existing Bicycle Inventory (Exhibit A)
- Existing Bicycle Facilities (Exhibit B)
- Transit Access Locations (Exhibit C)
- Activity Generators (Exhibit D)
- Pedestrian Collisions (Exhibit E)
- Bicycle Collisions (Exhibit F)
- Missing Sidewalks along Major Streets (Exhibit G)

The City will be hosting the first of three community workshops to get feedback from the

public on April 8, 2015 at the Willow Pass Center from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The workshop's focus will be on existing conditions and community needs. The event coincides with the community survey, currently available in English and Spanish online at the project website ([www.cityofconcord.org/bikeandped](http://www.cityofconcord.org/bikeandped)). A bi-lingual and large-font print version has also been provided to various community groups and at the Senior Center (Exhibit H). The survey will continue to be available through April 12<sup>th</sup>. A walking tour, currently in the planning stages, will also be conducted downtown on April 18<sup>th</sup>.



# Project Schedule

	2015											2016			
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>Task 1. Project Initiation and Management</b>															
Project Management															
<b>Task 2. Existing Environment</b>															
Existing Documents and Conditions															
<b>Task 3. Public Outreach</b>															
Capacity Building Workshops															
Public Workshops															
Bike and Walking Tour															
<b>Task 4. Needs Analysis</b>															
Community Survey															
Needs Analysis															
<b>Task 5. Best Practice Review</b>															
Best Practices Review															
<b>Task 6. Draft Recommendations</b>															
Goals, Policies, and Programs															
Project Evaluation Criteria															
Recommended Projects															
Corridor Intersections Conceptual Design Plans															
<b>Task 7. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes to Transit Plan</b>															
Admin. Draft Plan															
Draft Plan															
Final Plan															

## Class I Shared-Use Path



## Class IV Cycle Track or Protected Bikeway

### One-Way Cycle Track



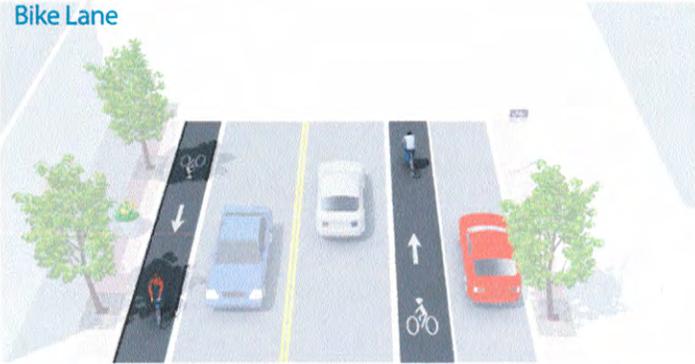
### Two-Way Cycle Track



*Class IV Cycle Track design guidance is currently being developed by Caltrans*

## Class II Bike Lane

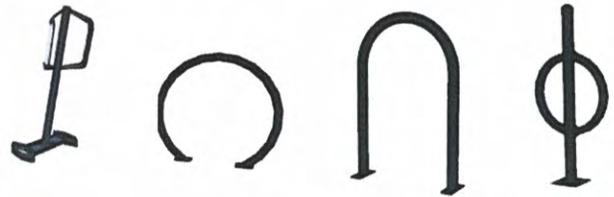
### Bike Lane



### Buffered Bike Lane



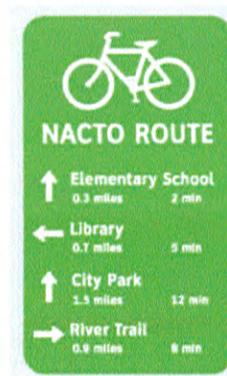
## Bike Parking

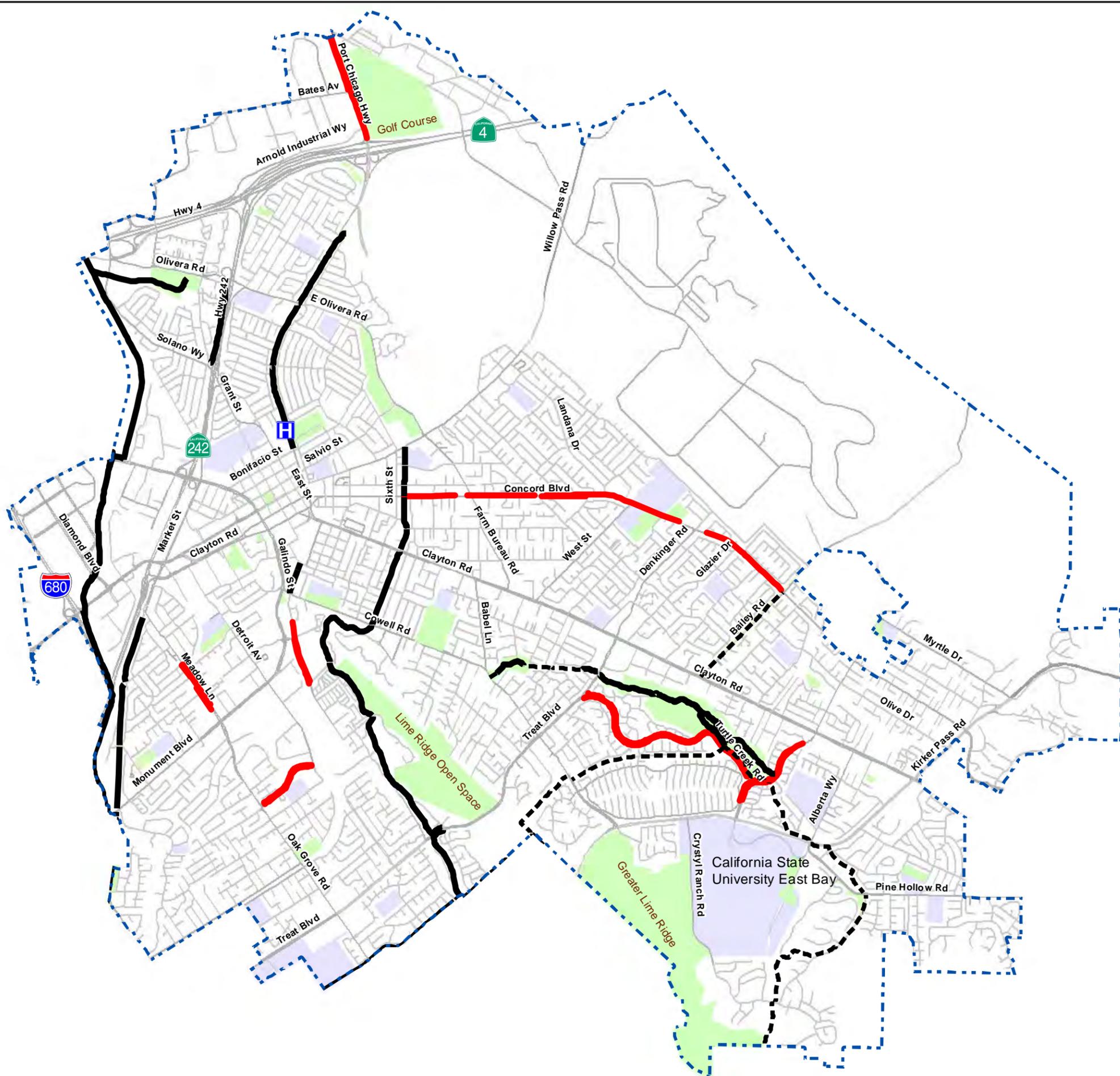


## Class III Bike Route



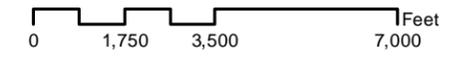
## Wayfinding





**Legend**

-  Paved Trail
-  Unpaved Trail
-  Dedicated Bike Lane
-  City Limit



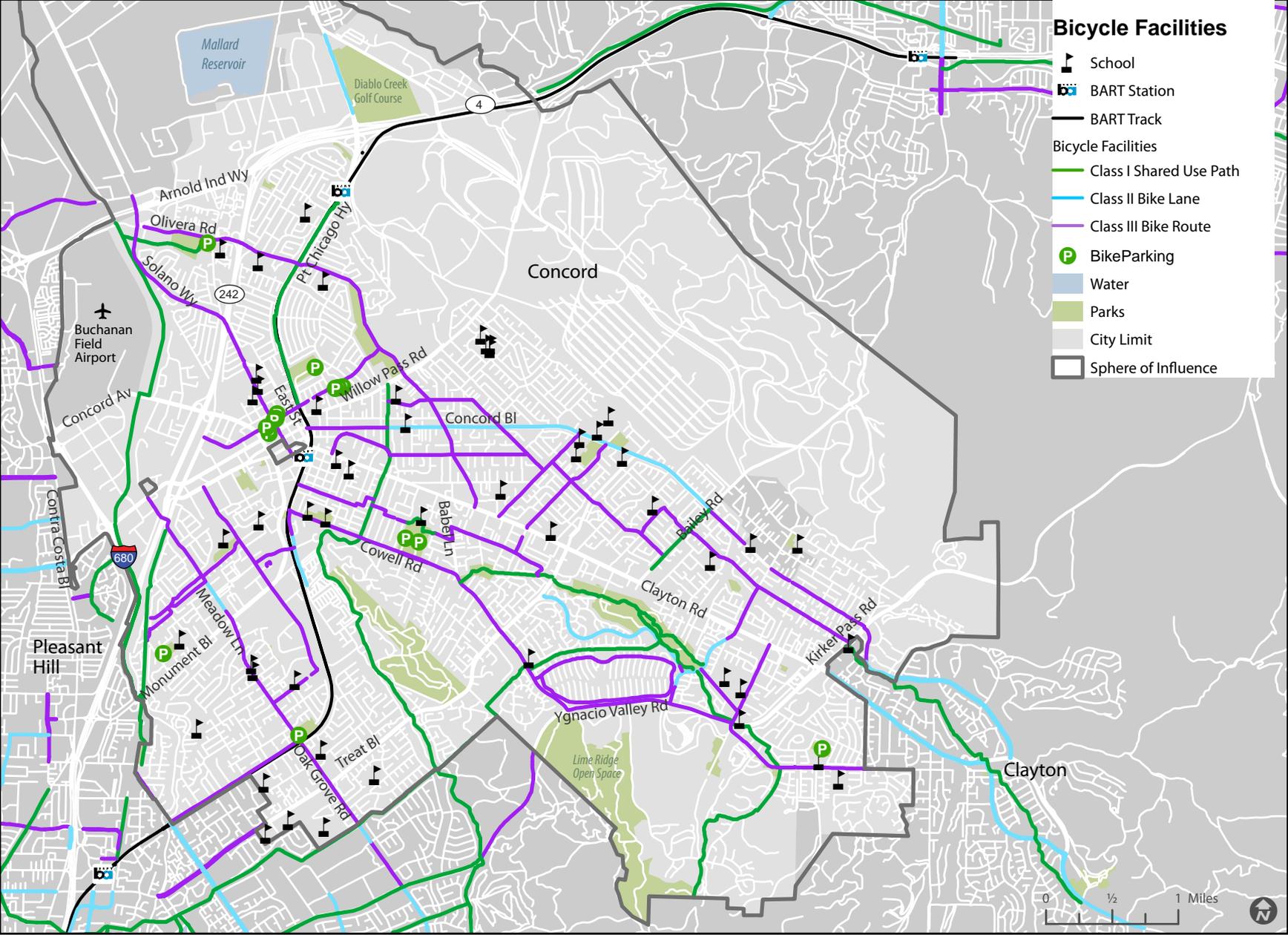
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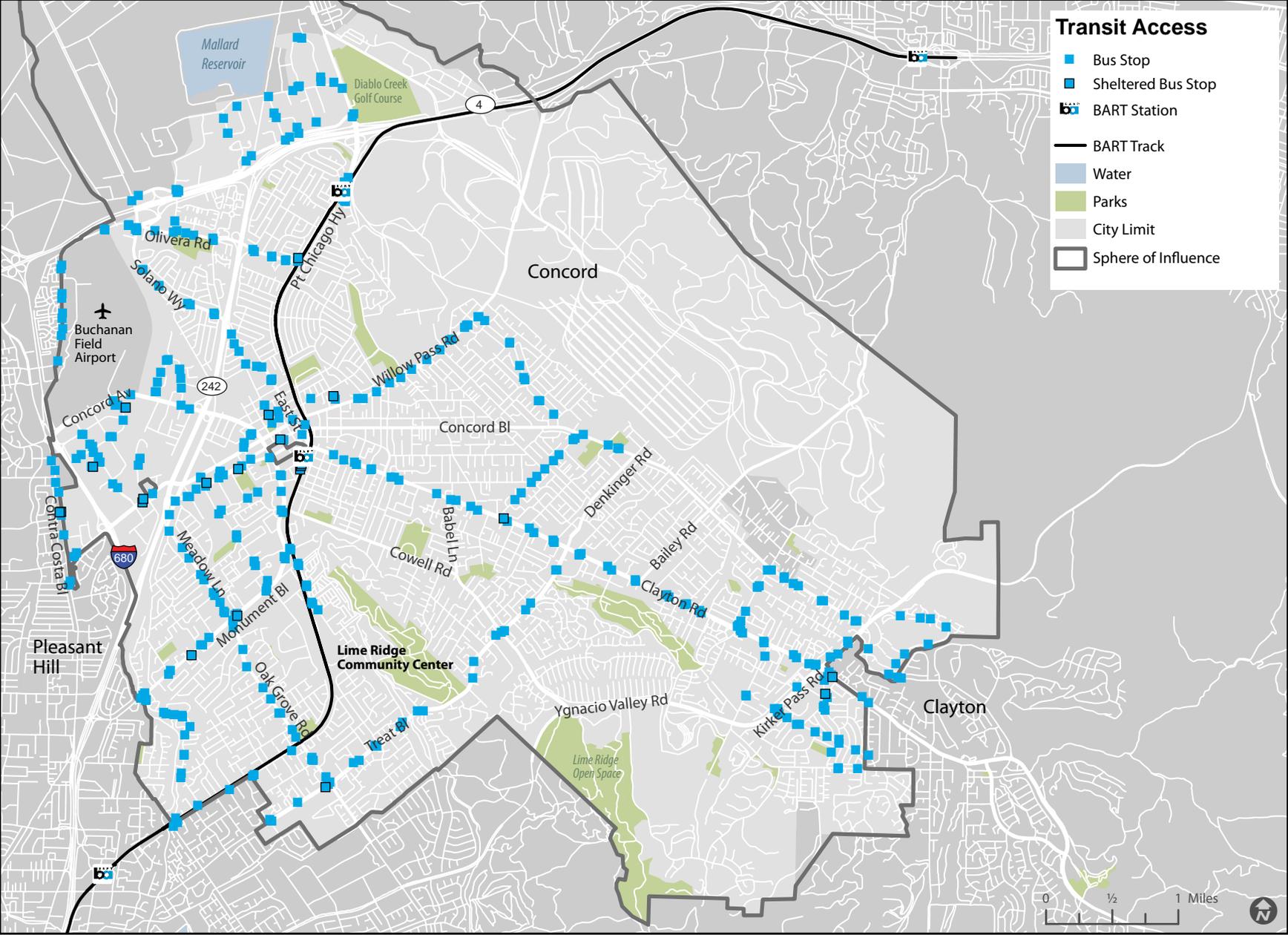


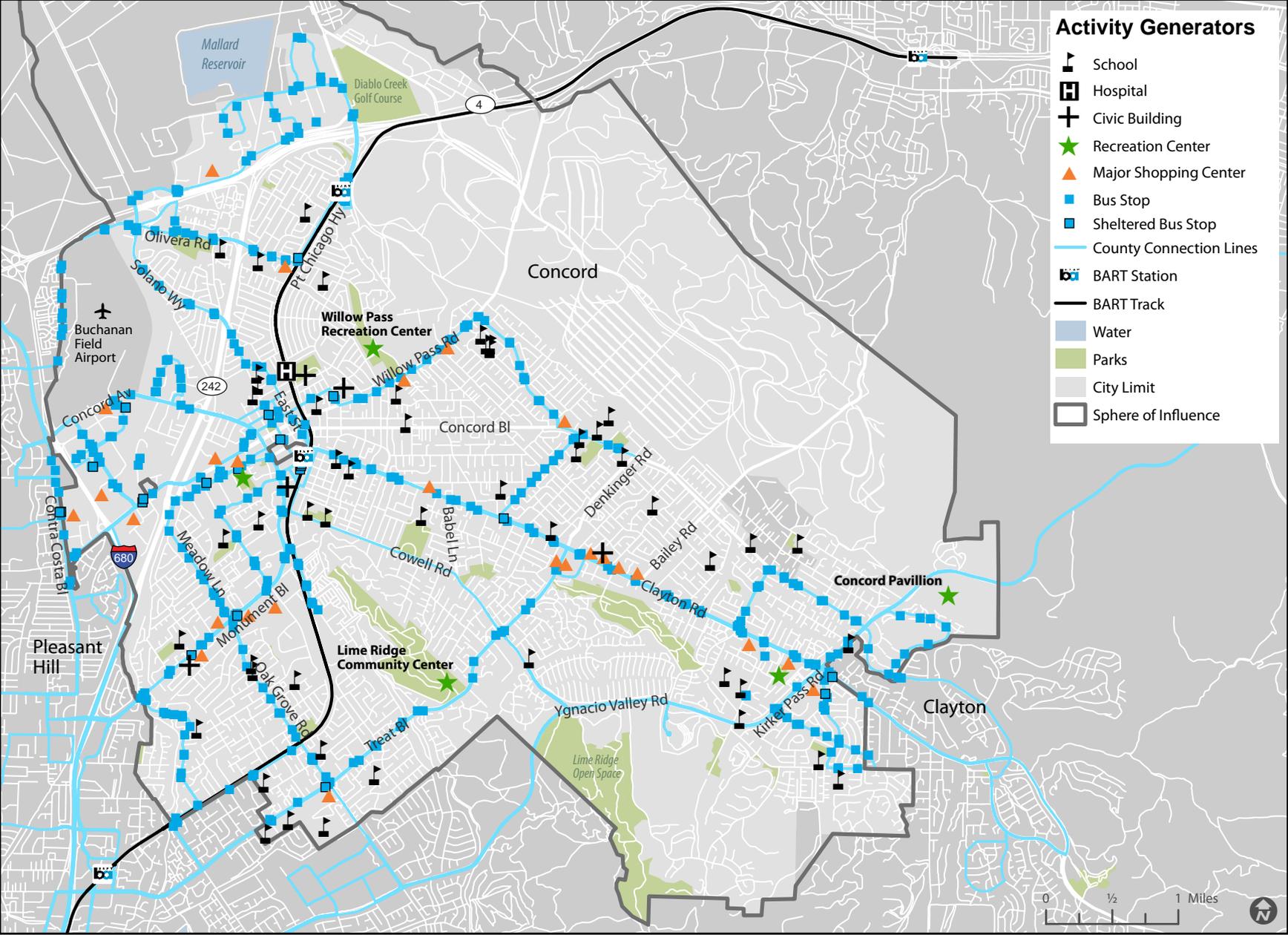
**City of Concord  
 Trail and Bikeway Map**

# Bicycle Facilities

-  School
-  BART Station
-  BART Track
- Bicycle Facilities**
-  Class I Shared Use Path
-  Class II Bike Lane
-  Class III Bike Route
-  Bike Parking
-  Water
-  Parks
-  City Limit
-  Sphere of Influence







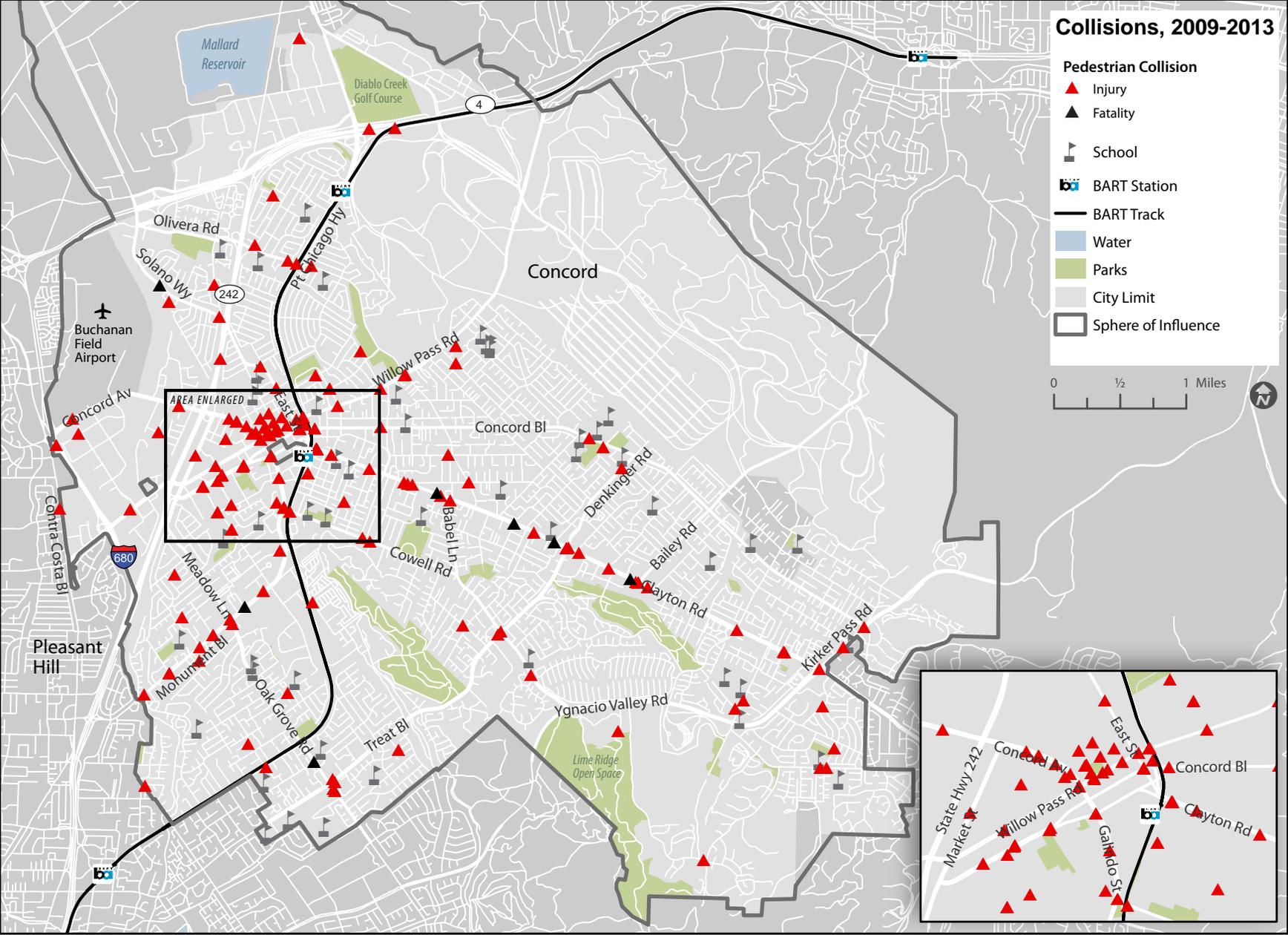
### Activity Generators

-  School
-  Hospital
-  Civic Building
-  Recreation Center
-  Major Shopping Center
-  Bus Stop
-  Sheltered Bus Stop
-  County Connection Lines
-  BART Station
-  BART Track
-  Water
-  Parks
-  City Limit
-  Sphere of Influence

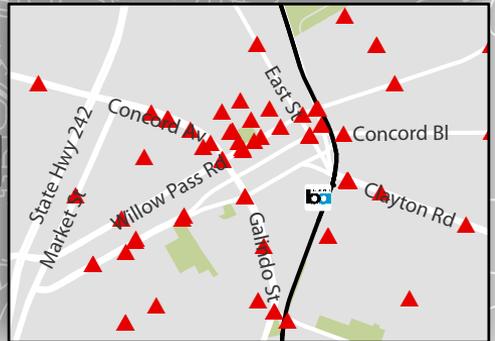


# Collisions, 2009-2013

- Pedestrian Collision**
  - Injury (Red Triangle)
  - Fatality (Black Triangle)
- School (Schoolhouse Icon)
- BART Station (BART Logo)
- BART Track (Thick Black Line)
- Water (Blue Area)
- Parks (Green Area)
- City Limit (Thin Grey Line)
- Sphere of Influence (Thick Grey Line)



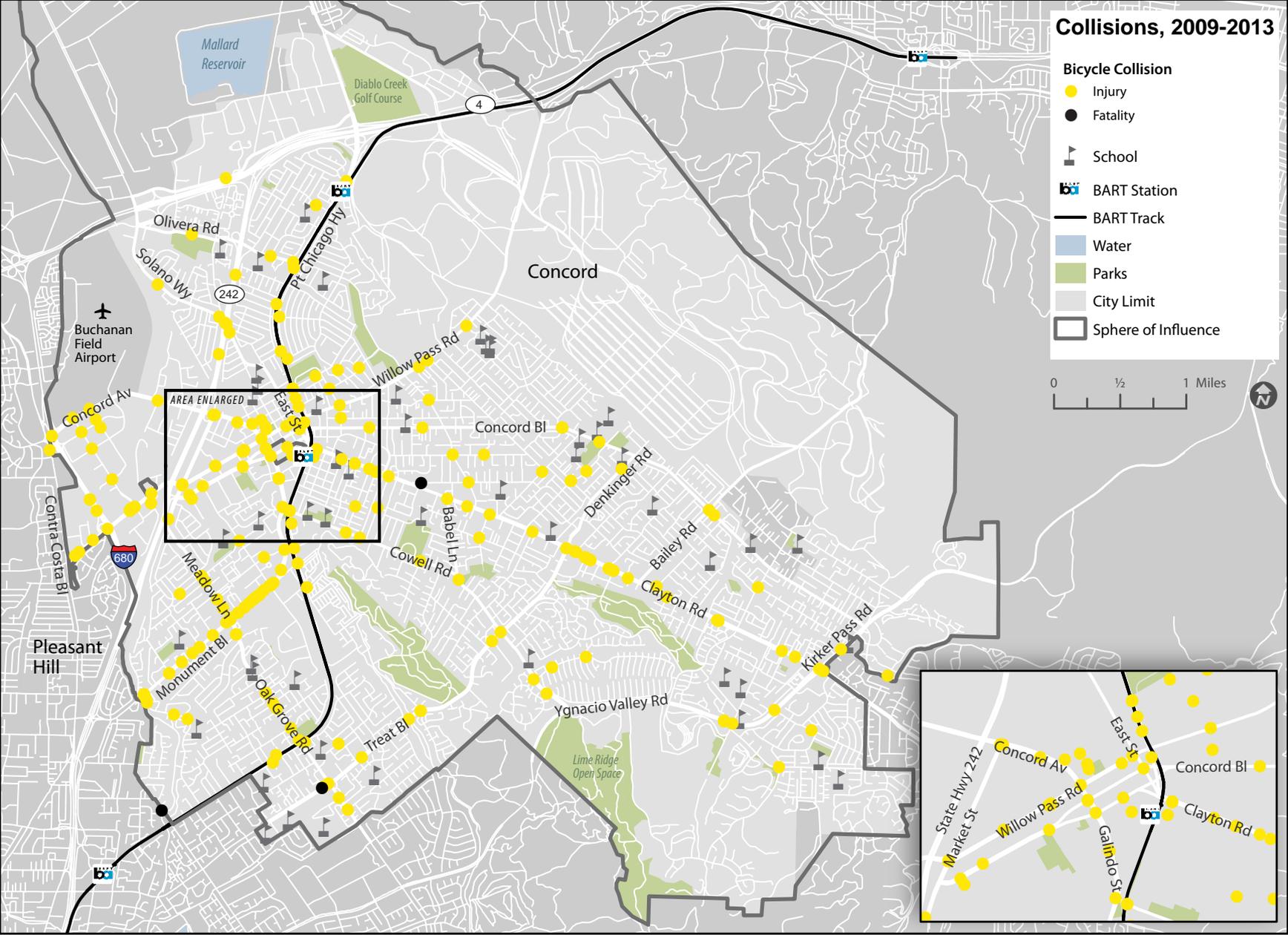
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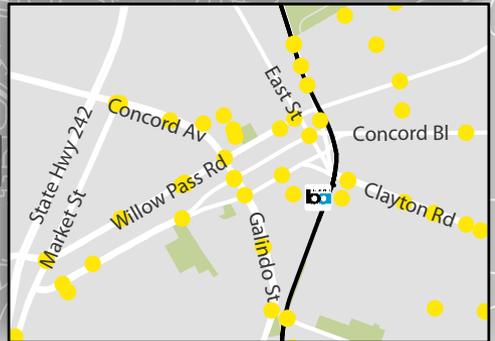
# Collisions, 2009-2013

## Bicycle Collision

- Injury
- Fatality
- 🏫 School
- 🚇 BART Station
- BART Track
- 💧 Water
- 🌳 Parks
- ⬜ City Limit
- ◻ Sphere of Influence



AREA ENLARGED



# Sidewalk Inventory

— Missing Sidewalk

🏫 School

🚇 BART Station

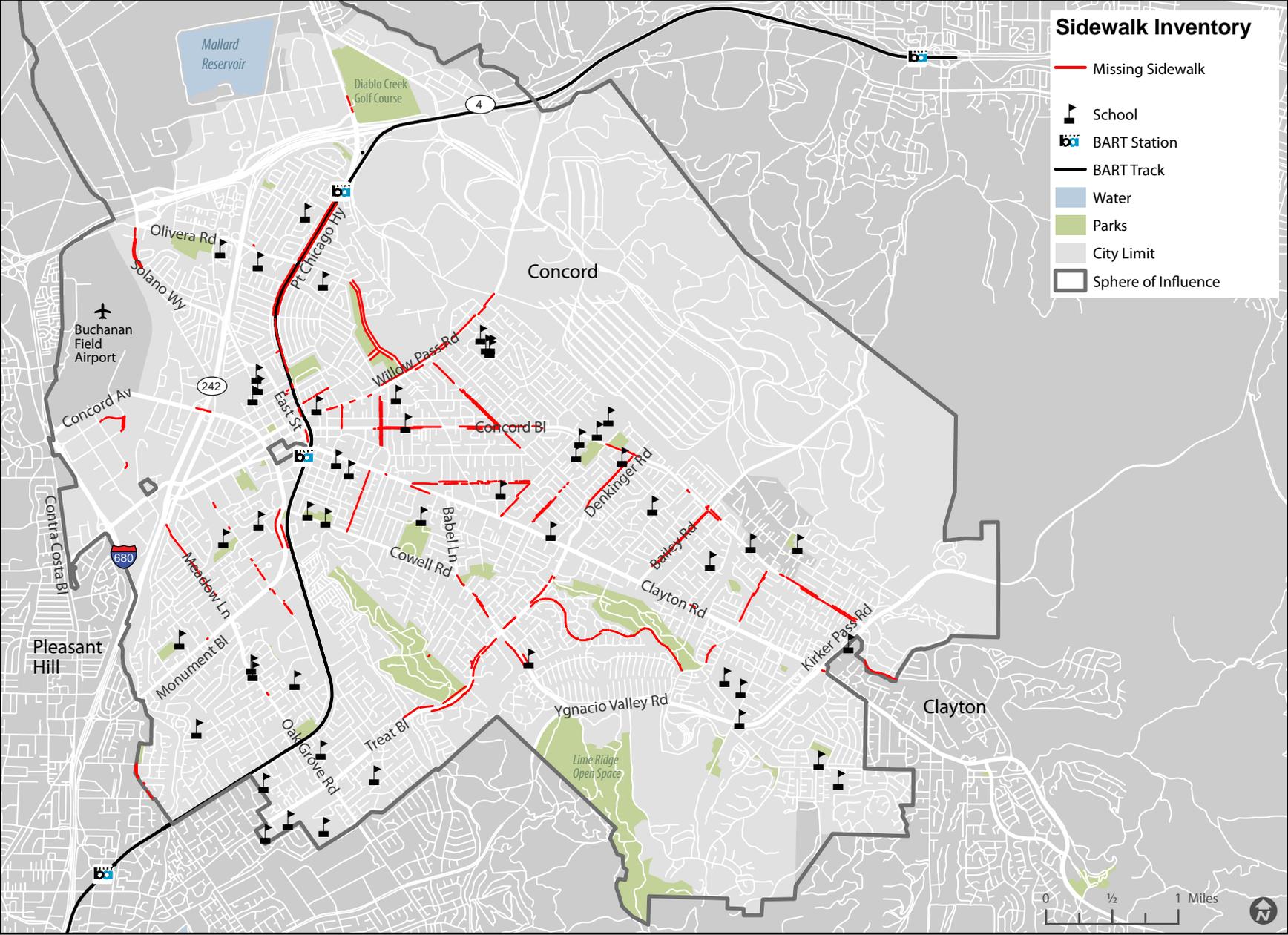
— BART Track

💧 Water

🌳 Parks

⬜ City Limit

⬜ Sphere of Influence



# Concord Bicycle, Pedestrian & Safe Routes to Transit Plan Community Survey



The City of Concord is seeking input on community needs surrounding walking, bicycling and transit access. The information gathered from this survey will be used to plan and guide investment in sidewalks, street crossings, bikeways, and other pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

Please take a moment to complete the following survey by **April 12, 2015**. Please submit only one survey per person.

## 1. Where do you live? Street/cross street or zip code.

Street:  
Cross Street:  
Zip Code:

## 2. What age group are you in?

- Under 16       35-44  
 16-17       45-54  
 18-24       55-64  
 25-34       65 and over

## 3. What is your gender?

- Male       Female

## 4. Do you use transit?

- Yes       No

## 5. If yes, which transit service to you use?

- Bus - County Connection  
 Train - BART  
 Elderly or Accessible - LINK Paratransit

## 6. If no, what factors discourage you from using transit? Please select all that apply.

- There is no convenient transit stop near my home  
 The nearest transit stop is not convenient to walk to  
 The nearest transit stop is not convenient to bicycle to  
 It is not convenient to walk to my destination after using transit  
 It is not convenient to bicycle to my destination after using transit  
 Other (Please describe):

## 7. When you make trips less than one mile, how do you typically travel?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Walk	<input type="radio"/>				
Bicycle	<input type="radio"/>				
Transit	<input type="radio"/>				
Drive alone	<input type="radio"/>				
Carpool	<input type="radio"/>				

## 8. When you make trips less than five miles, but more than one mile, how do you typically travel?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Walk	<input type="radio"/>				
Bicycle	<input type="radio"/>				
Transit	<input type="radio"/>				
Drive alone	<input type="radio"/>				
Carpool	<input type="radio"/>				

## Please tell us about walking in Concord

### 9. On a scale of 0 to 4, where 0 is "never" and 4 is "several times per week," how often do you walk?

	0	1	2	3	4
Commuting to work or school	<input type="radio"/>				
Access transit (bus or BART)	<input type="radio"/>				
Personal errands	<input type="radio"/>				
Drop off/pick up someone	<input type="radio"/>				
Exercise/Recreation/Walk the dog	<input type="radio"/>				
Visit a friend or relative	<input type="radio"/>				

### 10. Please tell us about your walking experiences in Concord.

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Not Applicable
I can conveniently walk where I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel safe from cars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough time to cross roads at traffic signals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not concerned about my personal safety (I feel safe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian walkways in retail and commercial areas are well lit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 11. When you walk, how far do you typically travel?

- I don't walk  
 0-1 mile  
 1-2 miles  
 More than 3 miles

### 12. What is the main reason that you choose to walk instead of some other form of transportation?

- I don't walk  
 Walking is cheaper  
 Walking is faster  
 For exercise/recreation  
 I enjoy walking  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. What are your favorite places or streets to walk? Please note specific streets or destinations.

**14. What are your LEAST favorite places or streets to walk? Please note specific streets or destinations.**

**15. What prevents you from walking more often?**

- Concerns about safety
- Sidewalks in poor condition
- Lack of sidewalks
- Not enough time/ Destinations are too far
- Insufficient lighting
- Disability/other health impairment
- Other:

**16. Rate the importance of improving walking access to the following locations:**

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Work	<input type="radio"/>				
School/campus	<input type="radio"/>				
Community centers	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Stores	<input type="radio"/>				
Transit	<input type="radio"/>				

**Please tell us about biking in Concord**

**17. On a scale of 0 to 4, where 0 is "never" and 4 is "several times per week," how often do you bicycle?**

	0	1	2	3	4
Commuting to work or school	<input type="radio"/>				
Access transit (bus or BART)	<input type="radio"/>				
Personal errands	<input type="radio"/>				
Drop off/pick up someone	<input type="radio"/>				
Exercise/Recreation	<input type="radio"/>				
Visit a friend or relative	<input type="radio"/>				

**18. Please tell us about your biking experiences in Concord.**

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Not Applicable
I can conveniently bike where I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel safe from cars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough time to cross roads at traffic signals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not concerned about my personal safety (I feel safe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**19. When you bike, how far do you typically travel?**

- I don't bike
- 0-1 mile
- 1-2 miles
- More than 3 miles

**20. What is the main reason that you choose to bike instead of some other form of transportation?**

- I don't bike
- Biking is cheaper
- Biking is faster
- For exercise/recreation
- I enjoy biking
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**21. What are your favorite places or streets to bike? Please note specific streets or destinations.**

**22. What are your LEAST favorite places or streets to bike? Please note specific streets or destinations.**

**23. What prevents you from biking more often?**

- Concerns about safety
- Lack of dedicated bicycle space (bike lanes, paths)
- Not enough time/ Destinations are too far
- Insufficient lighting
- Disability/other health impairment
- Other:

**24. Rate the importance of improving biking access to the following locations:**

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Work	<input type="radio"/>				
School/campus	<input type="radio"/>				
Community centers	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Stores	<input type="radio"/>				
Transit	<input type="radio"/>				

**Additional information**

**25. Do you have additional comments? Please be as specific as possible.**

**26. The City will be conducting continued outreach for this plan. May we contact you in the future?**

- No
- Yes

Email address:

Phone number:

**Thank you for your time and comments.**