



NCTCOG TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

BACHMAN LAKE AREA PLANNING STUDY

Virtual Public Meeting | 3.25.2021

About NCTCOG

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

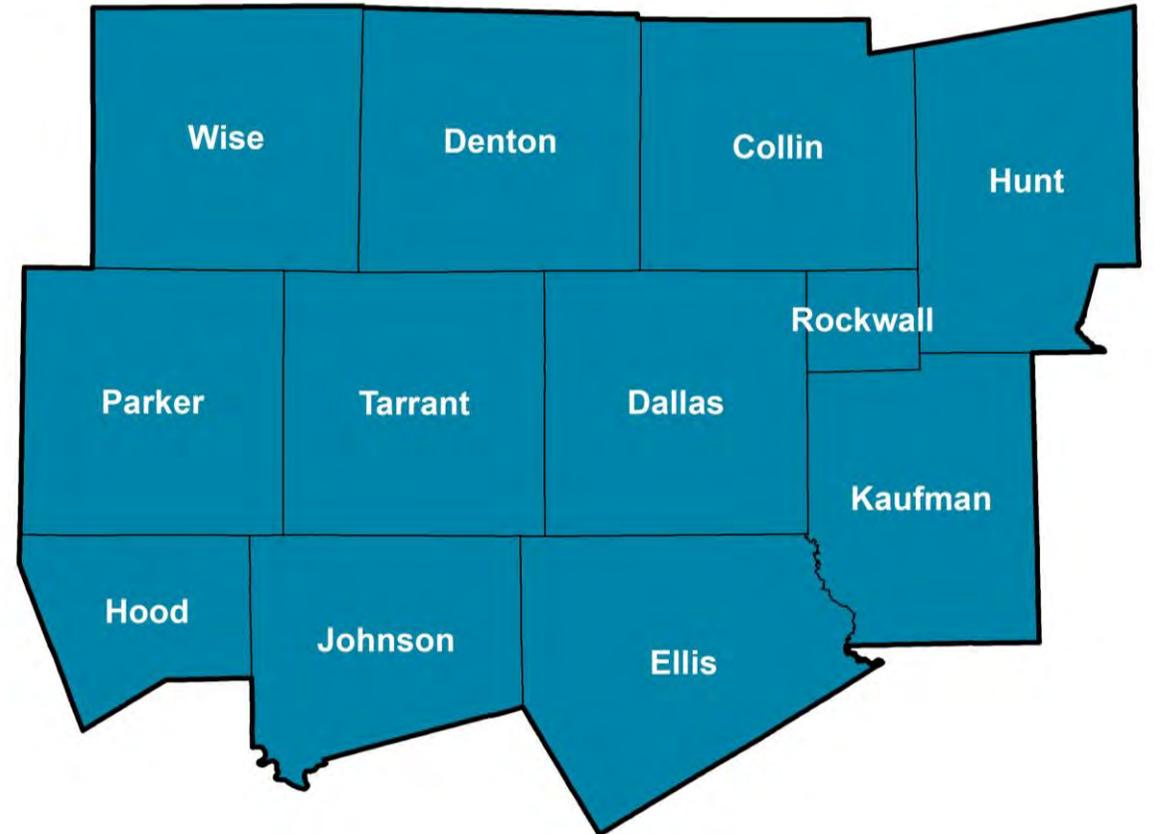
Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth region

Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

Transportation actions
Effectiveness and Equity
Funding of “Projects and Programs”

Dallas Representation on RTC

City Council – 4
Citizen Representatives – 2
Dallas County – 2



Background

August 2020

Regional Transportation Council allocates \$1 million in planning funds

June 2020

Dallas Council Members request NCTCOG Assistance

October 2020

10/1 Orientation meeting
10/12 Friends of Bachman Lake meeting (English and Spanish)

November 2020

Online community survey on transportation needs opened

Public engagement feedback form opened

February 2021

2/28 Online community survey closed

Meeting Agenda

Recent transportation needs
community survey results

Transportation analysis and
project coordination updates

Public engagement feedback
and opportunities

Discussion and comments



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Study Clarification

Will be addressed:

- ✓ Community input on transportation needs, priorities, and goals
- ✓ Analysis of pedestrians, bicycles, transit access
- ✓ Identify possible transportation safety improvements
- ✓ Opportunities for economic development with transportation improvements
- ✓ Preliminary ideas for modifying Northwest Highway between Inwood Road and Interstate 35E

NOT Addressed:

- ✗ Does not determine location of proposed Alternative Entry to Love Field
- ✗ Does not start construction or provide construction funds but can make recommendations for future funding priorities
- ✗ Does not change law or city policy, only recommendations
- ✗ Does not extend or modify TxDOT's current Northwest Highway Feasibility Study scope (east of Inwood Road)



Community Survey Results

Community Survey Summary



Designed and launched with **National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program** and **City of Dallas**

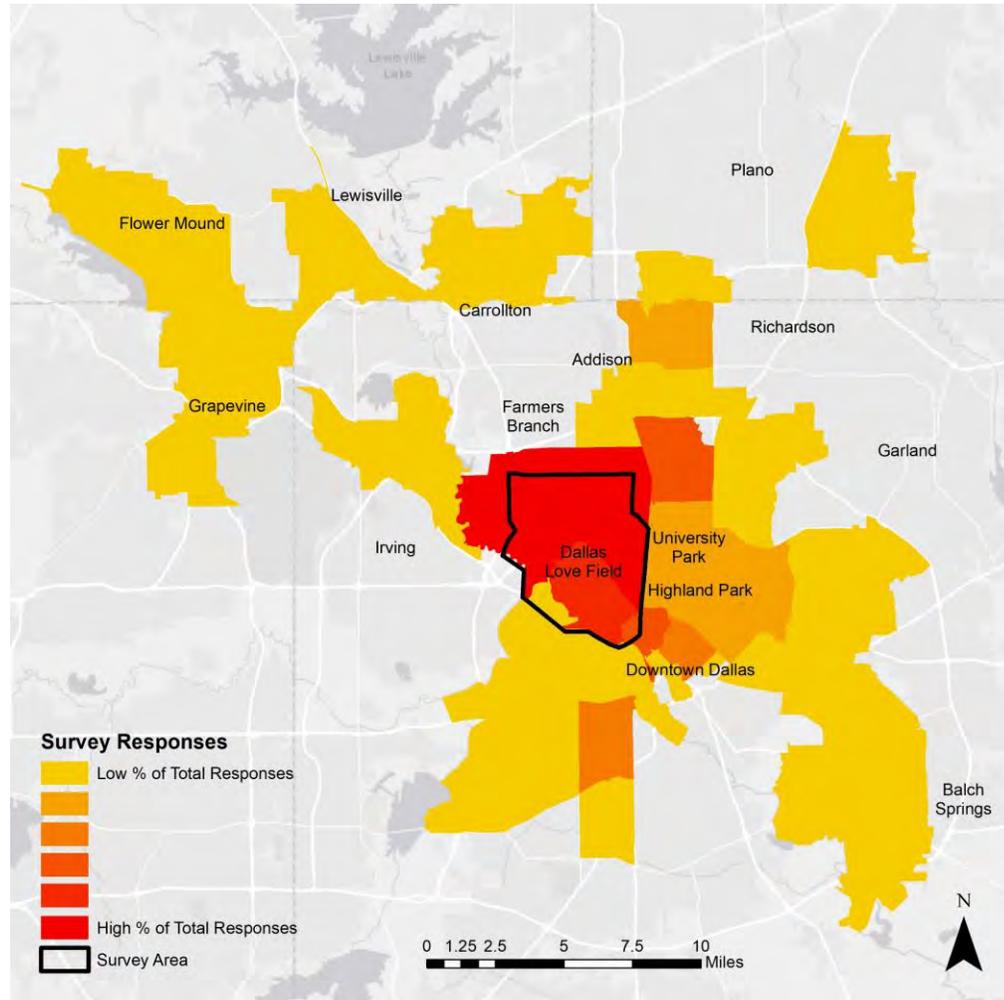
Collected responses online from November 2020 – February 2021

Available in English, Spanish, and Korean

18 questions

391 responses

Community Survey: Who We Heard From



70% of respondents live in the study area

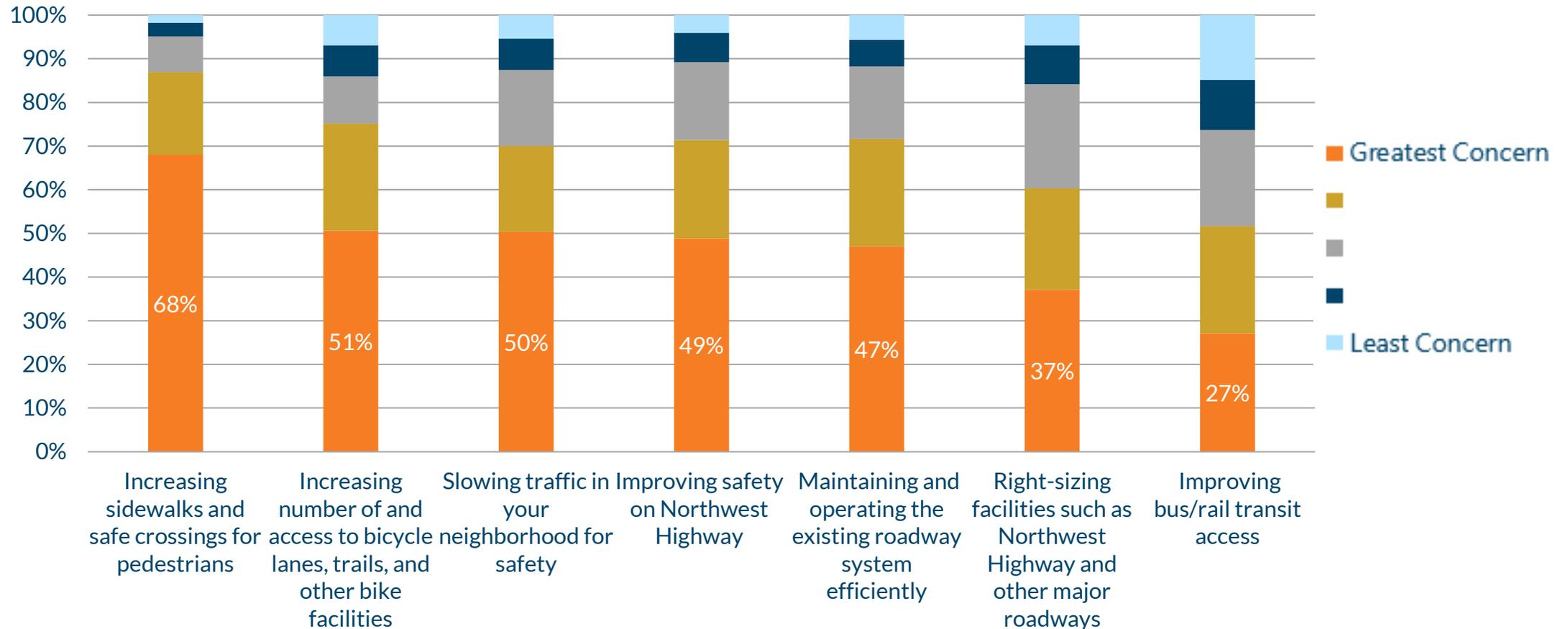
6% of respondents commute to the study area

21% of respondents are visitors to:

- Bachman Lake
- Dallas Love Field
- The Area/Other

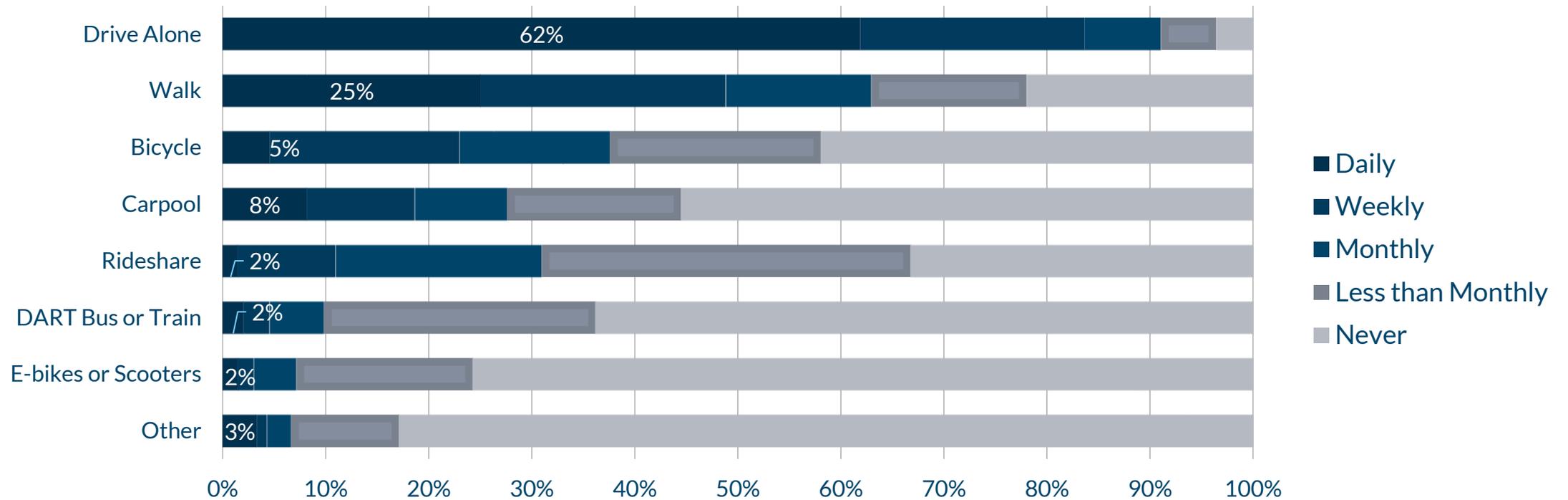
2/3rds of respondents were over the age of 40

Most Important Transportation Issues



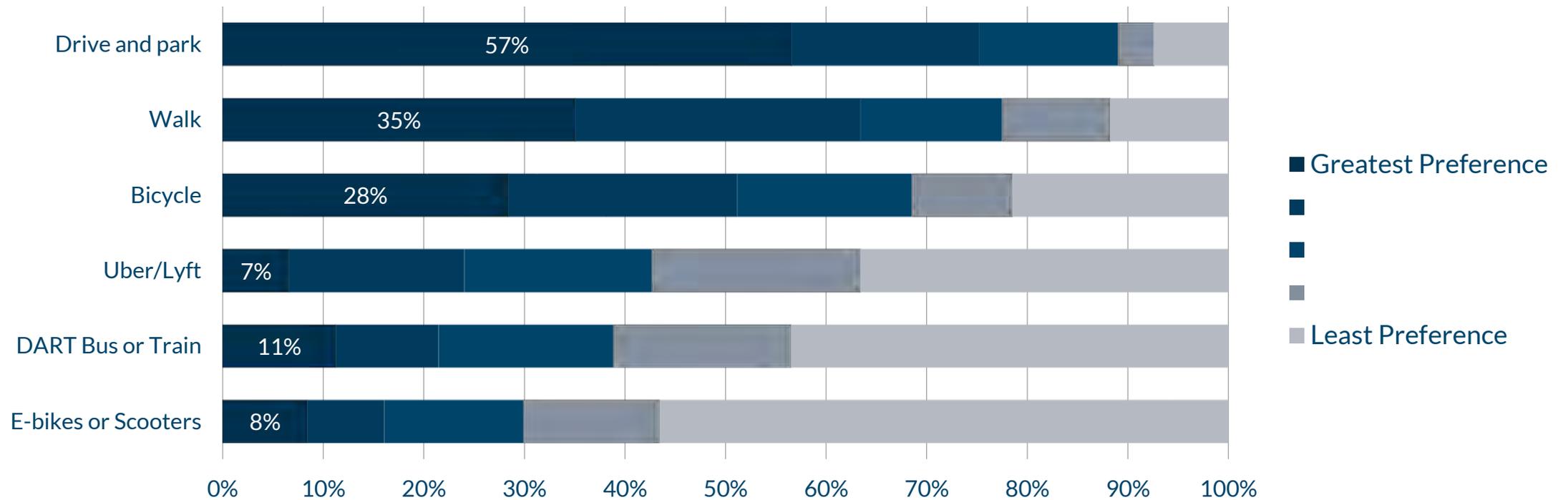
Transportation Use - Current

HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU USE THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION METHODS IN AND AROUND THE NORTHWEST DALLAS/BACHMAN LAKE/LOVE FIELD AREA?



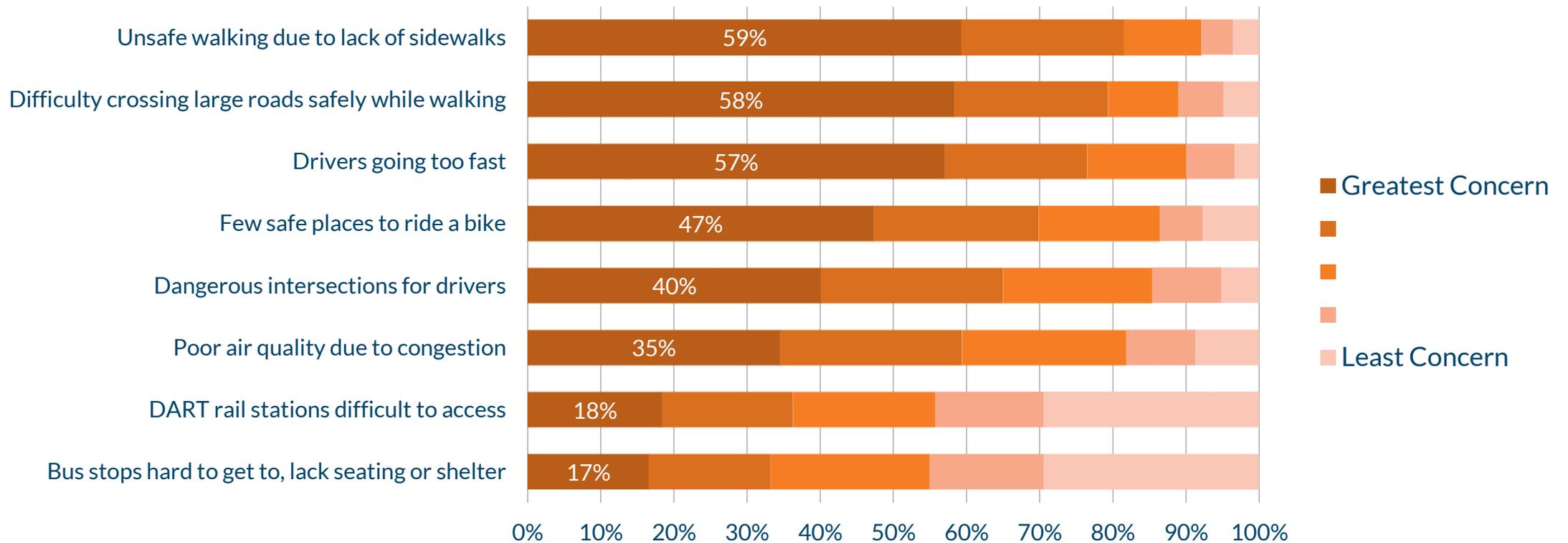
Transportation Use - Preference

HOW WOULD YOU MOST PREFER TO TRAVEL WHEN ACCESSING BUSINESSES, RESTAURANTS, TRAILS, AND PARKS IN THE NORTHWEST DALLAS/BACHMAN LAKE/LOVE FIELD AREA?



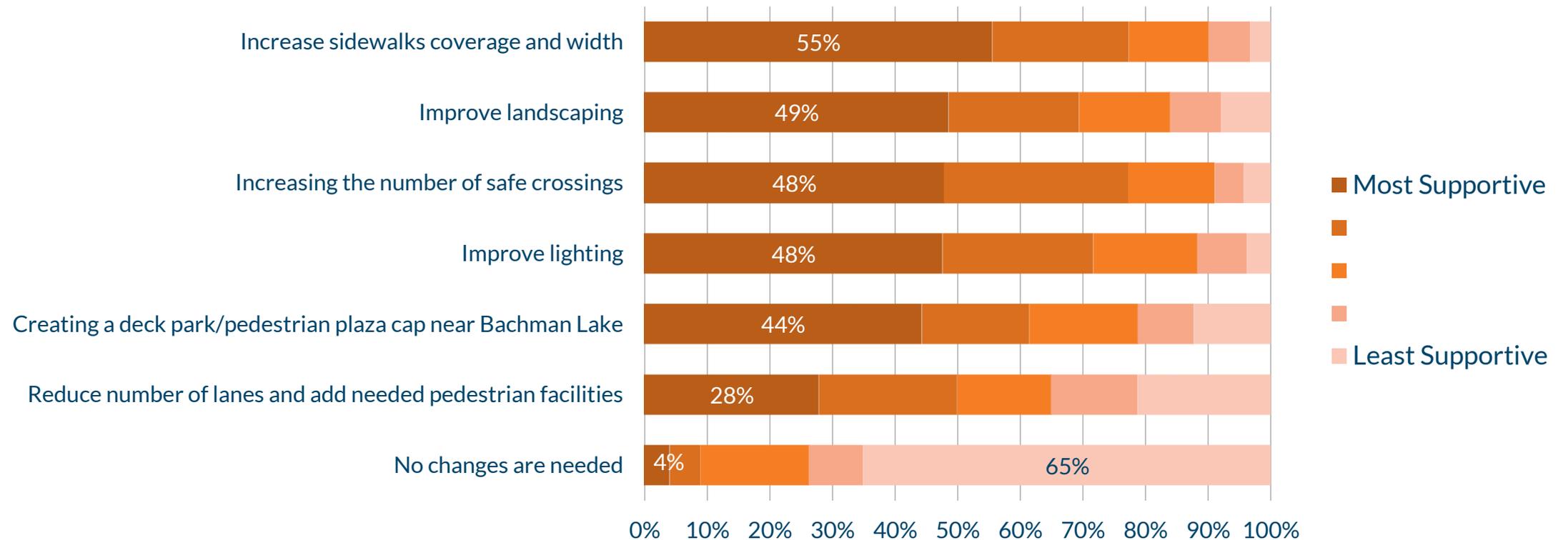
Mobility & Safety Concerns

WHICH MOBILITY AND SAFETY CONCERNS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?



Design Changes to Northwest Hwy

WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU SUPPORT TO THE DESIGN OF NORTHWEST HIGHWAY/LOOP 12?



Love Field Loop Trail: Key Destinations



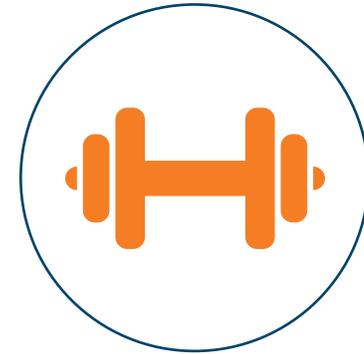
Bachman Lake

Most important, on average
Rated as most important by
82% of respondents



Restaurants, Retail, etc.

2nd most important, on
average
Rated as most important
by 53% of respondents



Bachman Rec Center

3rd most important, on average
Rated as most important by
45% of respondents

Love Field Loop Trail: Key Features



Trees and natural buffers

Tied for most important, on average

Rated as most important by 74% of respondents



Safe Crossing

Tied for most important, on average

Rated as most important by 73% of respondents



Connections to trails

3rd most important, on average

Rated as most important by 45% of respondents

Community Survey Takeaways

Increasing sidewalk coverage and safe pedestrian crossing locations is most important; lack of sidewalks, difficulty crossing big roads, and fast drivers are most concerning mobility and safety issues.

Driving is the most popular and preferred transportation mode followed by walking.

Majority of respondents agree that something needs to be changed on Northwest Highway.

Safety, connections to recreation/other trails, and increasing the tree canopy are the most important issues related to the Love Field Loop Trail.

SURVEY REPORT MEMO ONLINE – Ready Early April 2021: www.NCTCOG.org/BachmanArea

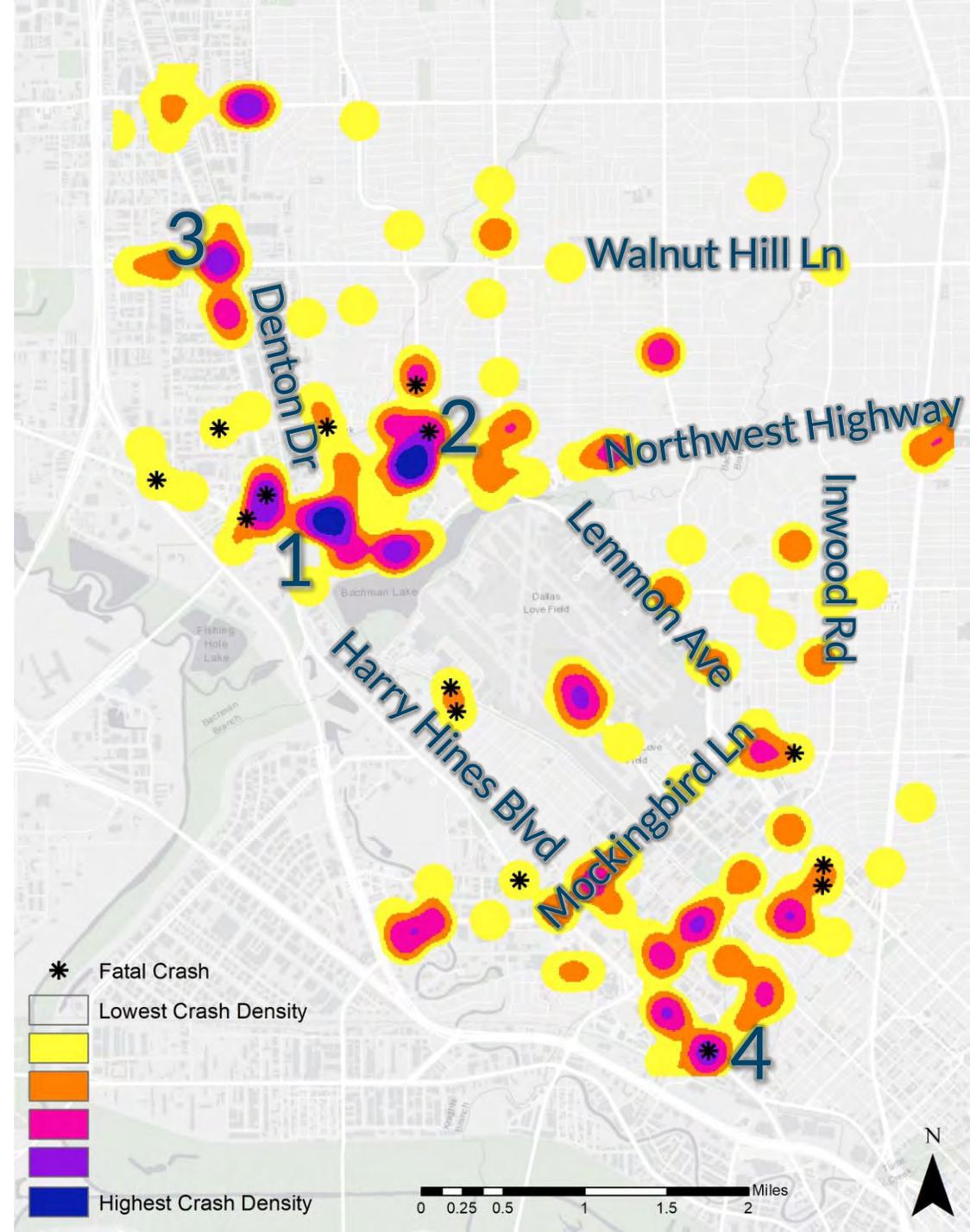


Transportation Projects and Analysis

Pedestrian Crashes

209 pedestrian-vehicle crashes from 2015-2019

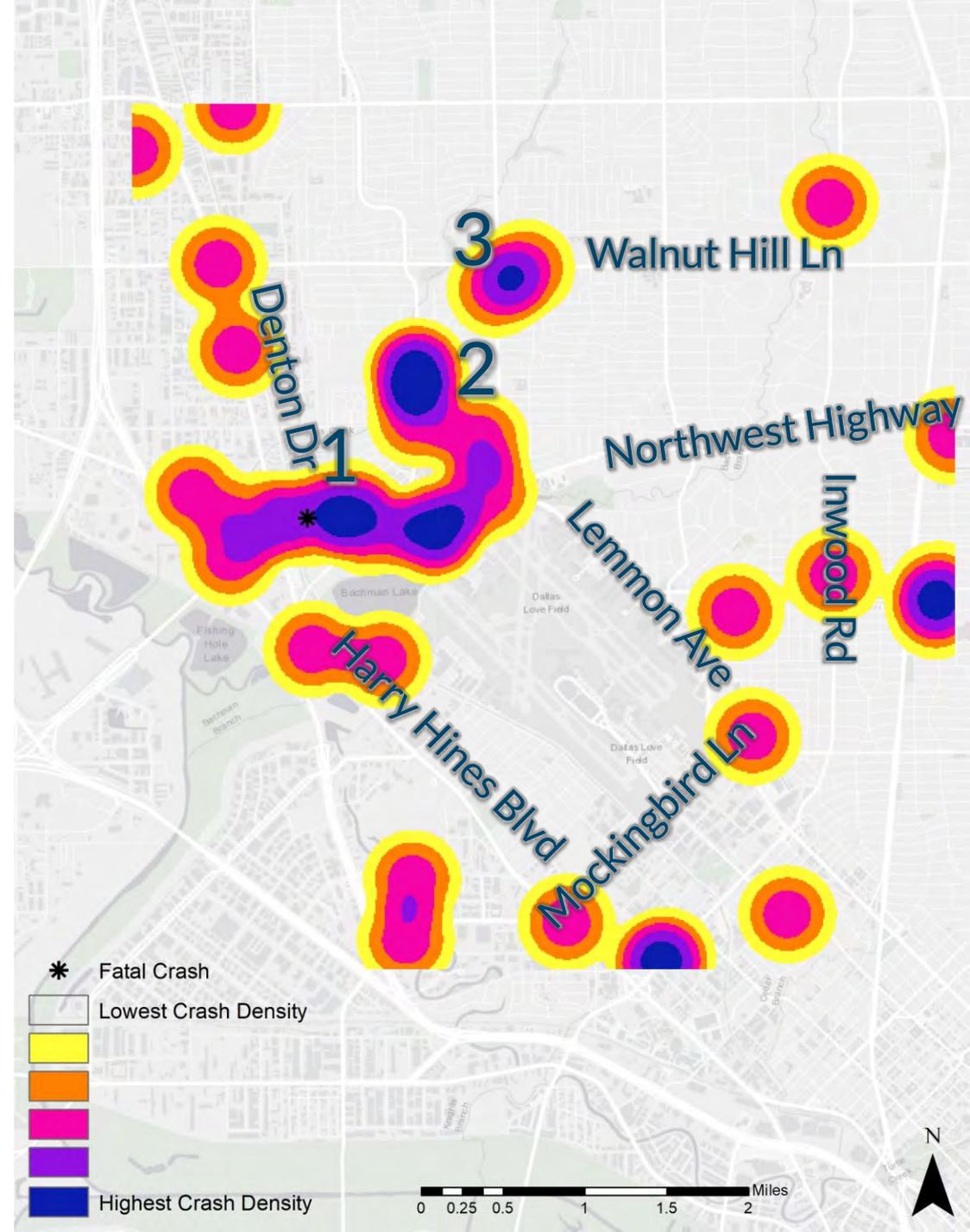
1. Northwest Highway and Harry Hines Blvd from Lakefield Blvd to Willowbrook Rd (26 crashes)
2. Webb Chapel Ext-Community/Larga Dr (7 crashes)
3. Harry Hines Blvd-Walnut Hill Ln Intersection (4 crashes)
4. Medical District Dr-Harry Hines Blvd (4 crashes)



Bicycle Crashes

34 bicycle-vehicle crashes from 2015-2019

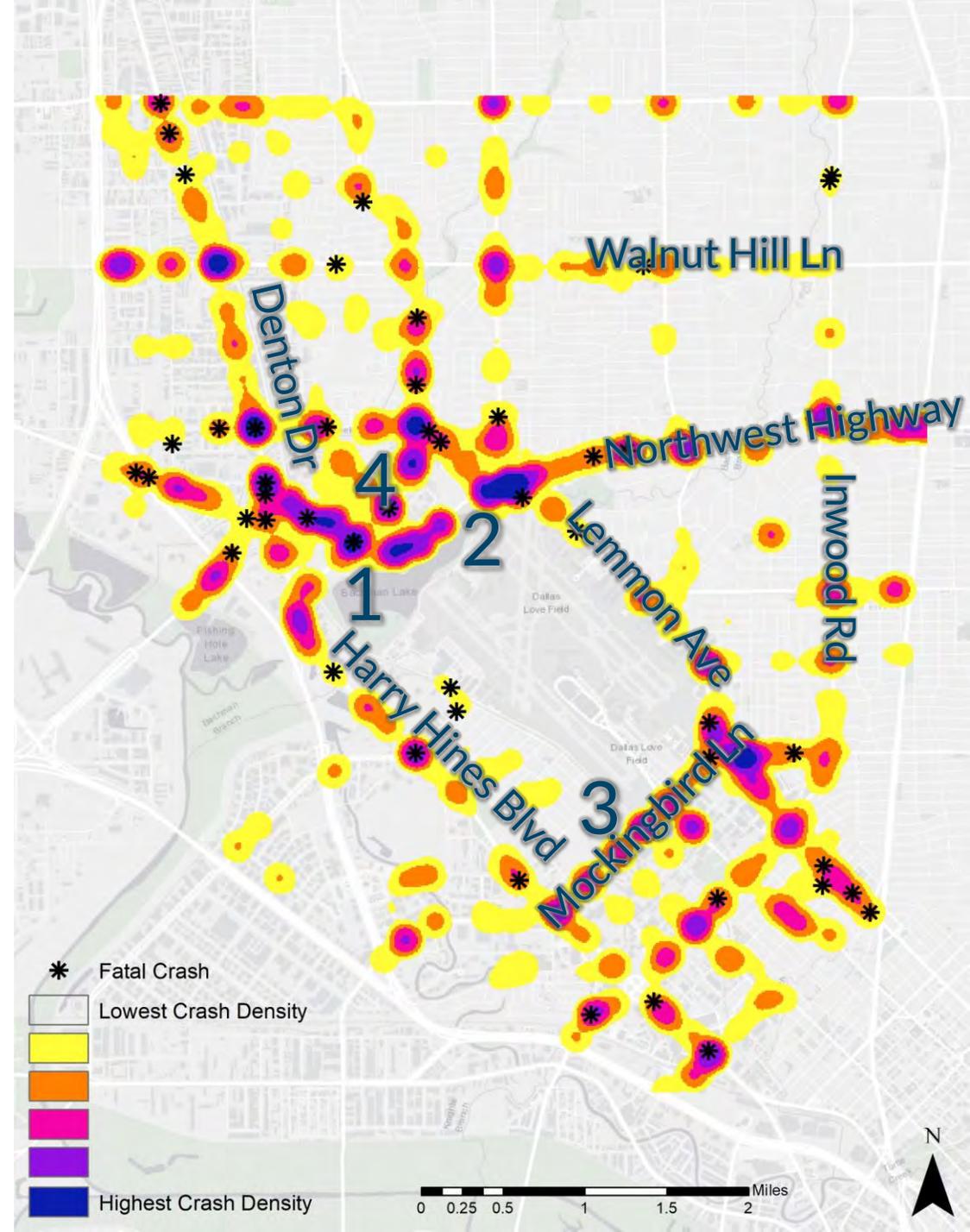
1. Northwest Highway from Lemmon Ave to Harry Hines Blvd (5 crashes)
2. Webb Chapel Rd (3 crashes)
3. Marsh Ln-Walnut Hill Ln Intersection (2 crashes)



Vehicle Crashes

2,008 vehicle-vehicle crashes from 2015-2019
(Injury or worse)

1. Northwest Highway and Harry Hines Blvd from Lakefield Blvd to Willowbrook Rd (148 crashes)
2. Mockingbird Ln from Harry Hines to Lemmon Ave (133 crashes)
3. Webb Chapel Ext from Northwest Highway to Lombardy Ln (88 crashes)
4. Northwest Highway from Lemmon Ave to Webb Chapel Rd (50 crashes)



City of Dallas Plans Reviewed

AREA-SPECIFIC PLANS AND CONCEPTS

- Urban Land Institute Walnut Hill/Denton TAP (2020)
 - Dallas Love Field CIP Master Plan (2015)
 - Bachman Lake/West Northwest Highway Needs Assessment Study (2005)
 - Northwest Highway Urban Design Study (1999)
- Bicycles, Pedestrian, Transit, Streets
- Pedestrian bridge across NW Hwy
 - Trail connections
 - Streetscape improvements to major roadways
- Land Use / Development
- Identify catalytic development, economic tools, redevelopment opportunities
 - Zoning updates
- Placemaking
- Street topper signs
 - Gateway improvements
 - Bilingual wayfinding

CITY-WIDE PLANS

10 Plans Reviewed

Examples:

- Connect Dallas- Strategic Mobility Plan (Draft 2021)
- Comprehensive Environment & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) (2020)
- Resilient Dallas Strategy (2018)

City Bond Projects and County Projects

42 projects funded through 2012 bond

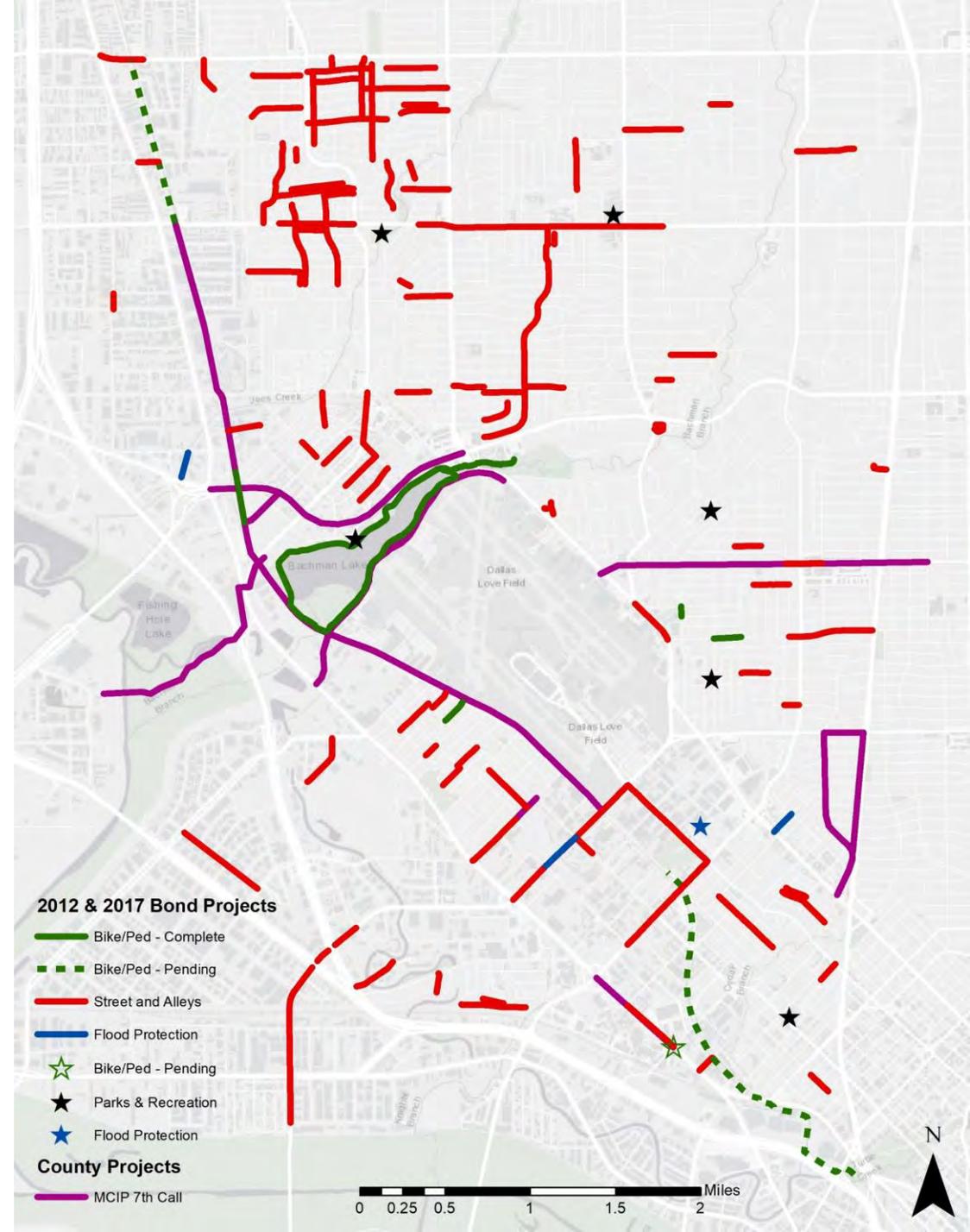
- 5 projects included bike/ped elements (2 not completed)

81 projects funded through 2017 bond

- 3 projects included bike/ped elements (1 not completed)

9 projects funded through Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP) 7th Call for Projects

- All projects include bike/ped elements
- \$20 million in new funding

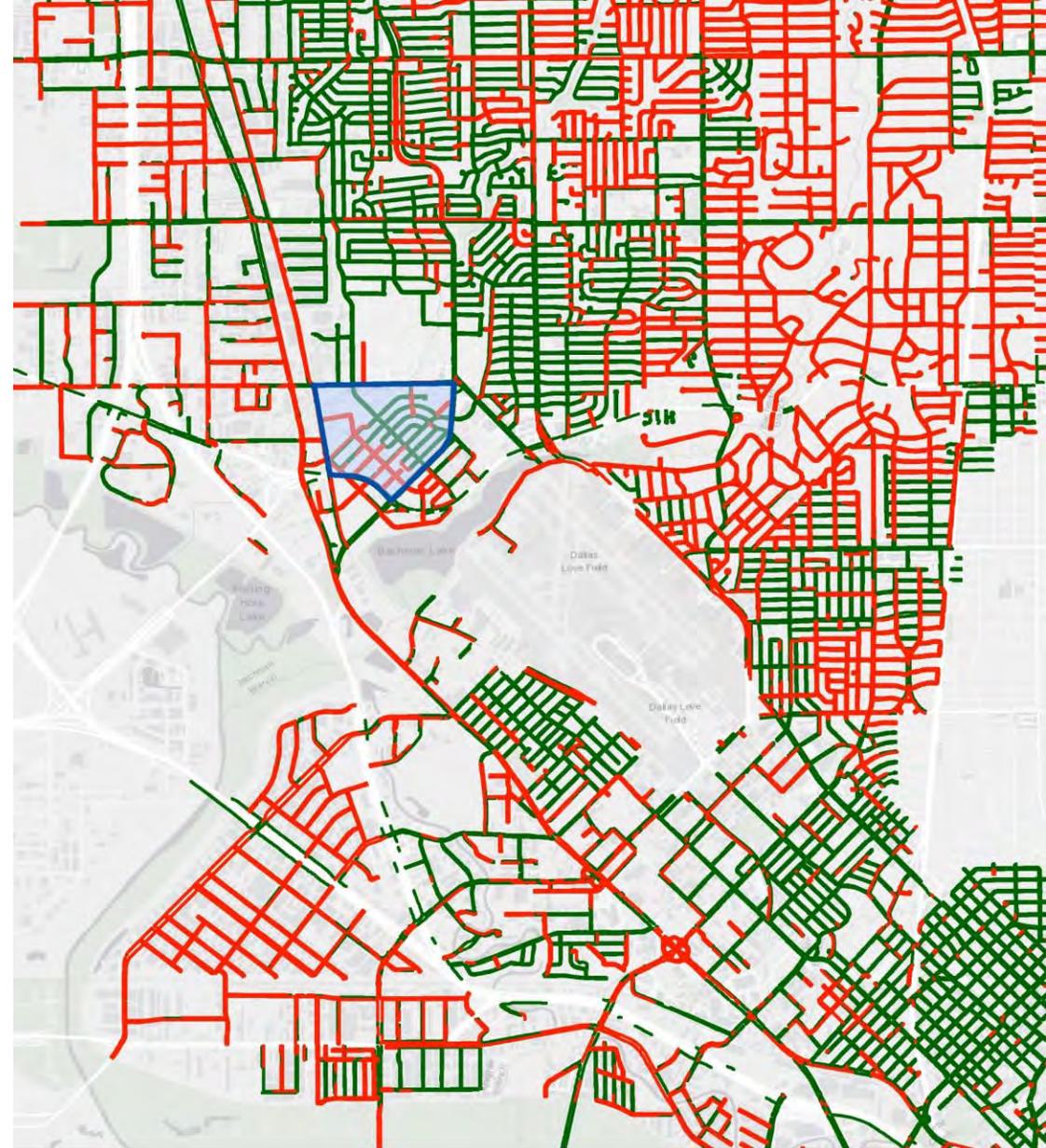


Sidewalks

NCTCOG coordinating with staff on data and updates from City of Dallas Sidewalk Master Plan

www.DallasSidewalk.com

NCTCOG staff to add to/analyze sidewalk presence and needs on major roadways such as Northwest Highway



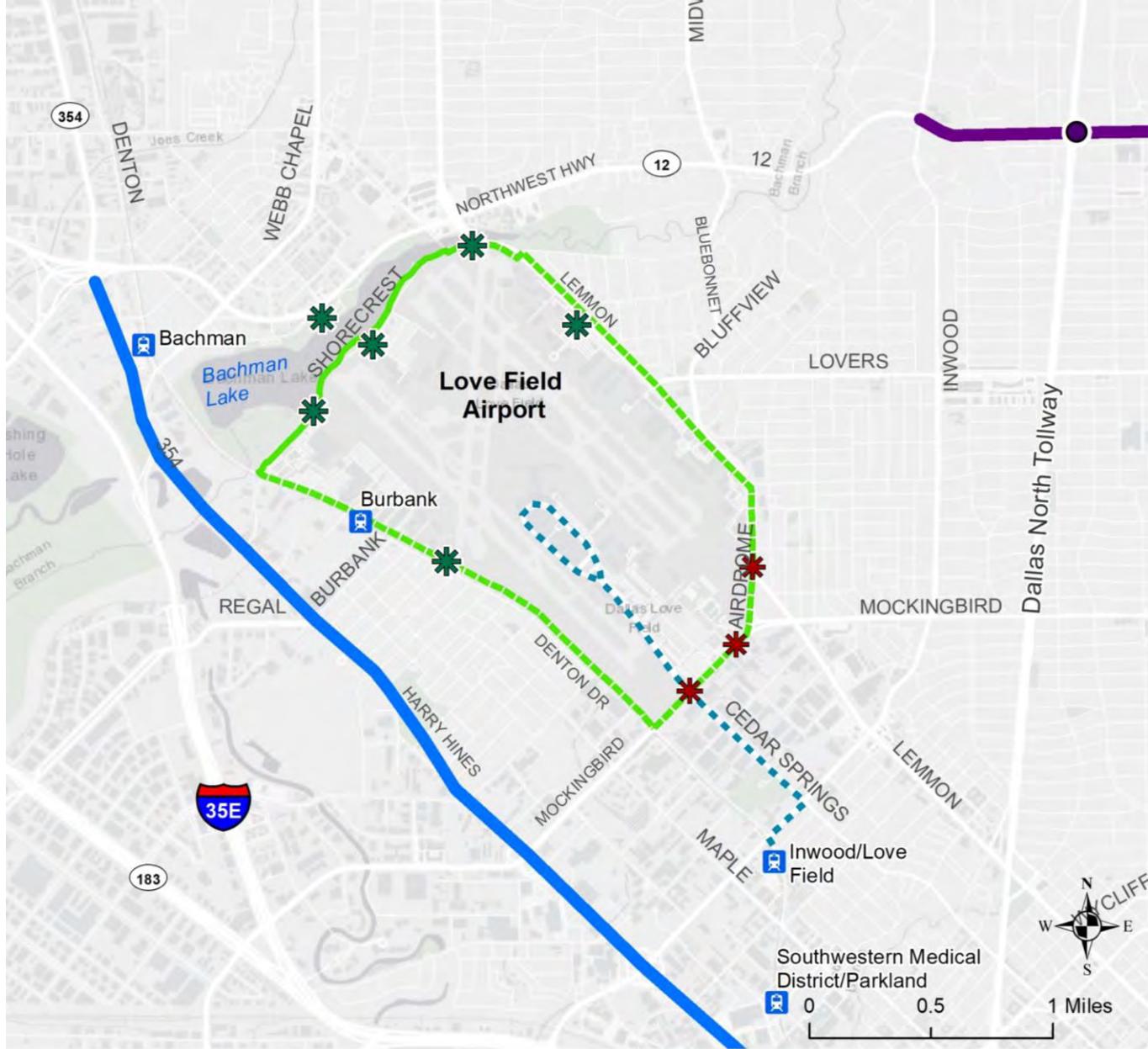
- Existing Sidewalks
- Missing Sidewalks
- City of Dallas Focus Area

0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles



Ongoing Area Transportation Studies

Ongoing staff coordination



-  Love Field Modeled Entries
-  Love Field Spot Improvement Analysis
-  TxDOT Northwest Highway Study <http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/northwesthighway>
-  NCTCOG Harry Hines Transportation Master Plan
-  National Park Service (NPS) Love Field Loop Trail Study
-  DART Automated Bus Pilot to Inwood/Love Field Station

Ongoing Area Studies Updates

HARRY HINES CORRIDOR STUDY

www.NCTCOG.org/trans/HarryHines

Developing a context sensitive re-design of Harry Hines Boulevard from Northwest Highway to Woodall Rodgers Freeway

- Major Deliverables: Final report and conceptual (5%) design
- Scheduled completion: December 2021

LOVE FIELD AIRPORT PROJECTS

<https://www.dallas-lovefield.com/airport-info/airport-projects>

NCTCOG coordinating with Love Field staff and consultant team through technical assistance providing travel demand modeling data and analysis on alternative entries into the airport.

[Good Neighbor Program Quarterly Meeting – 4/13/2021 | 6 PM \(register online\)](#)

- Lemmon Avenue Streetscape Enhancements, Lemmon Avenue/Bluffview Intersection, Entry road Enhancement project (Herb Kelleher Way), Runway 13R-31L Reconstruction, Love Field Loop Trail and other projects.

Northwest Highway Land Bridge Concept

Ongoing coordination with City and TxDOT on initial feasibility

61% are “Somewhat supportive” of this in community needs survey

Similar examples:

San Antonio, TX - Phil Hardberger Park

Houston, TX - Memorial Park (“Land Bridge and Prairie” Project)





Public Engagement Opportunities

Public Engagement: Feedback Form Results

Recommended tools and strategies for informing the public about this project:

- Libraries
- Community & Rec centers
- HOA/NA newsletters
- Static tools for those without access to the internet
- Social media
 - Facebook | Instagram | Nextdoor
- Virtual meetings
 - Zoom
- Spanish media outlets

Public Engagement: Feedback Form Results

Barriers making it hard for community members to attend public meetings (in-person or virtually):

Language barriers

- Spanish project materials/ Spanish speaking representative for project

Internet access

Inability to attend in-person meetings due to COVID

- “Many people work late hours and are now having to home school, so 'live' events are a challenge”

Lack of community awareness on topics

Public Engagement: Next Steps



Mapping where you think improvement is needed? Identify locations where you have a safety concern or think streets and public spaces could be better.

Two options:

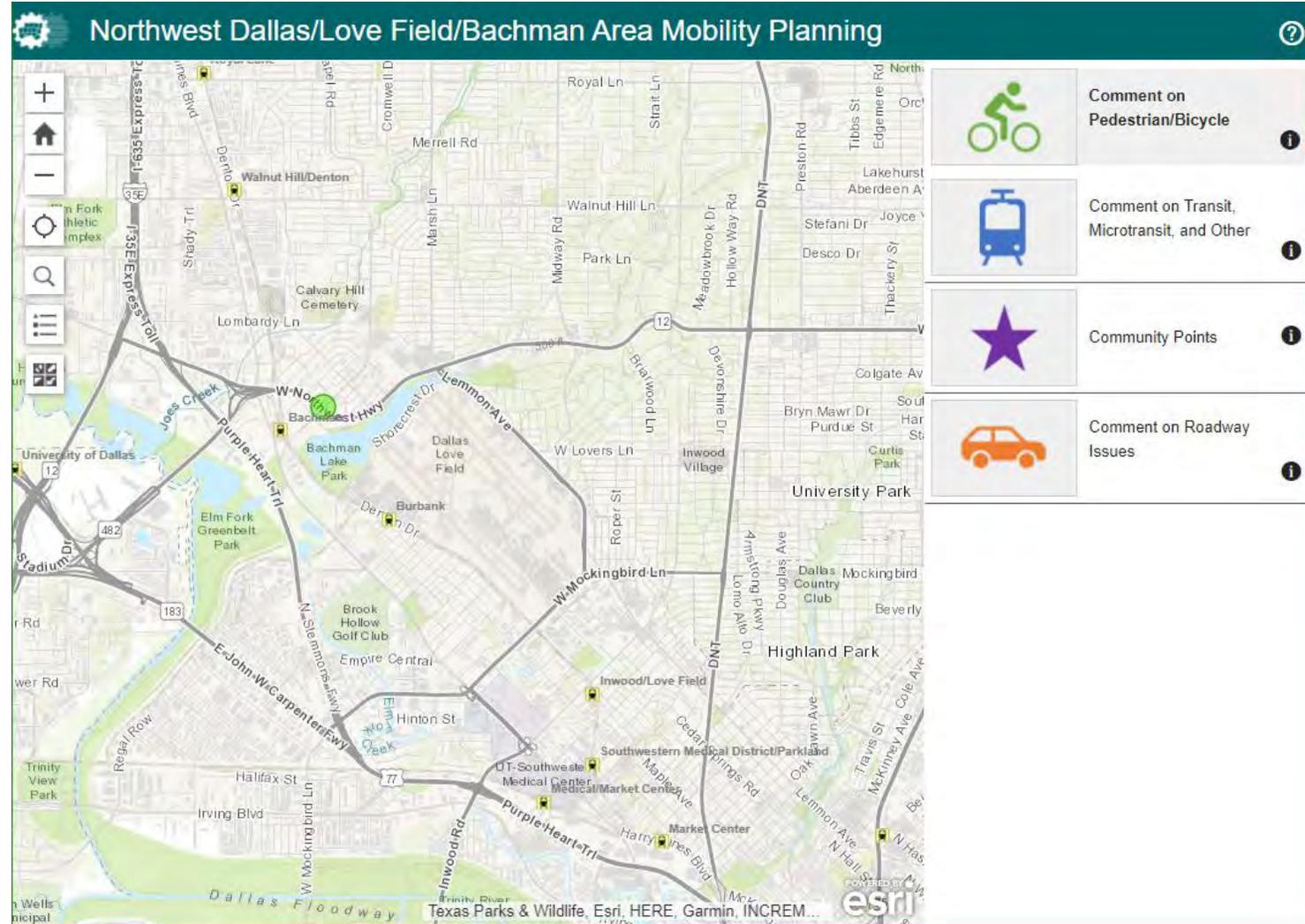
1. Virtual interactive map available online
2. Non-Virtual paper mapping packet available by pick up and drop off through community organization locations

Will be provided in English and Spanish

This feedback will be important identifying possible improvement recommendations.

Virtual Mapping

1. Go online to www.NCTCOG.org/BachmanArea and click on “Virtual Map Comments” **(LIVE NOW!)**
2. Click to add locations for needed improvements and type out comments
3. Log comments by May 14, 2021



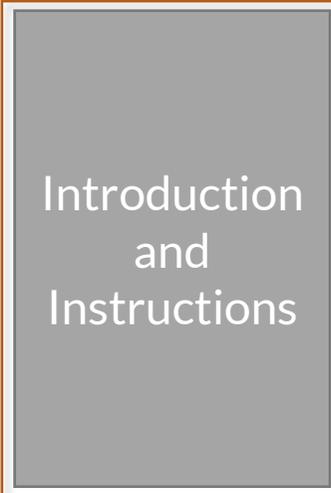
Paper Mapping



MAP FOR YOUR
MARK UP

Map Side

Text Side



Introduction
and
Instructions



YOUR
WRITTEN
COMMENTS
HERE

1. Make appointment then pick up a packet at a community partner location. (Map and text, stickers, pen) – **After Tuesday April 6**

Grauwyler Park Branch Library

214-671-1447

grauwylerpark@dallaslibrary.org

Bachman Lake Branch Library

214-670-6376

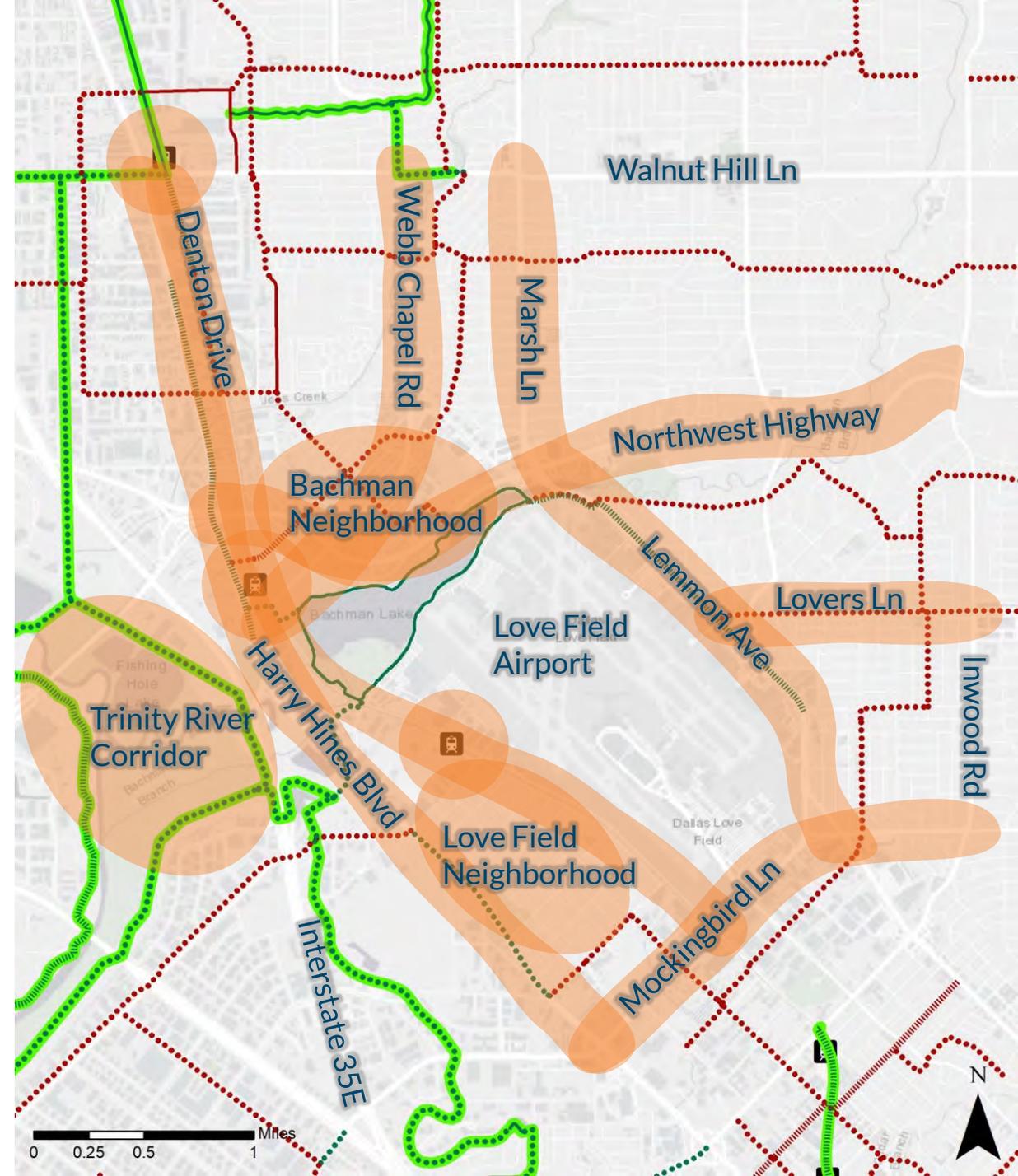
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More partners are welcome to participate. Please contact NCTCOG staff.

2. Mark your locations for needed improvements on the paper map and write out comments.
3. Return to partner location and NCTCOG staff will collect after May 14, 2021.

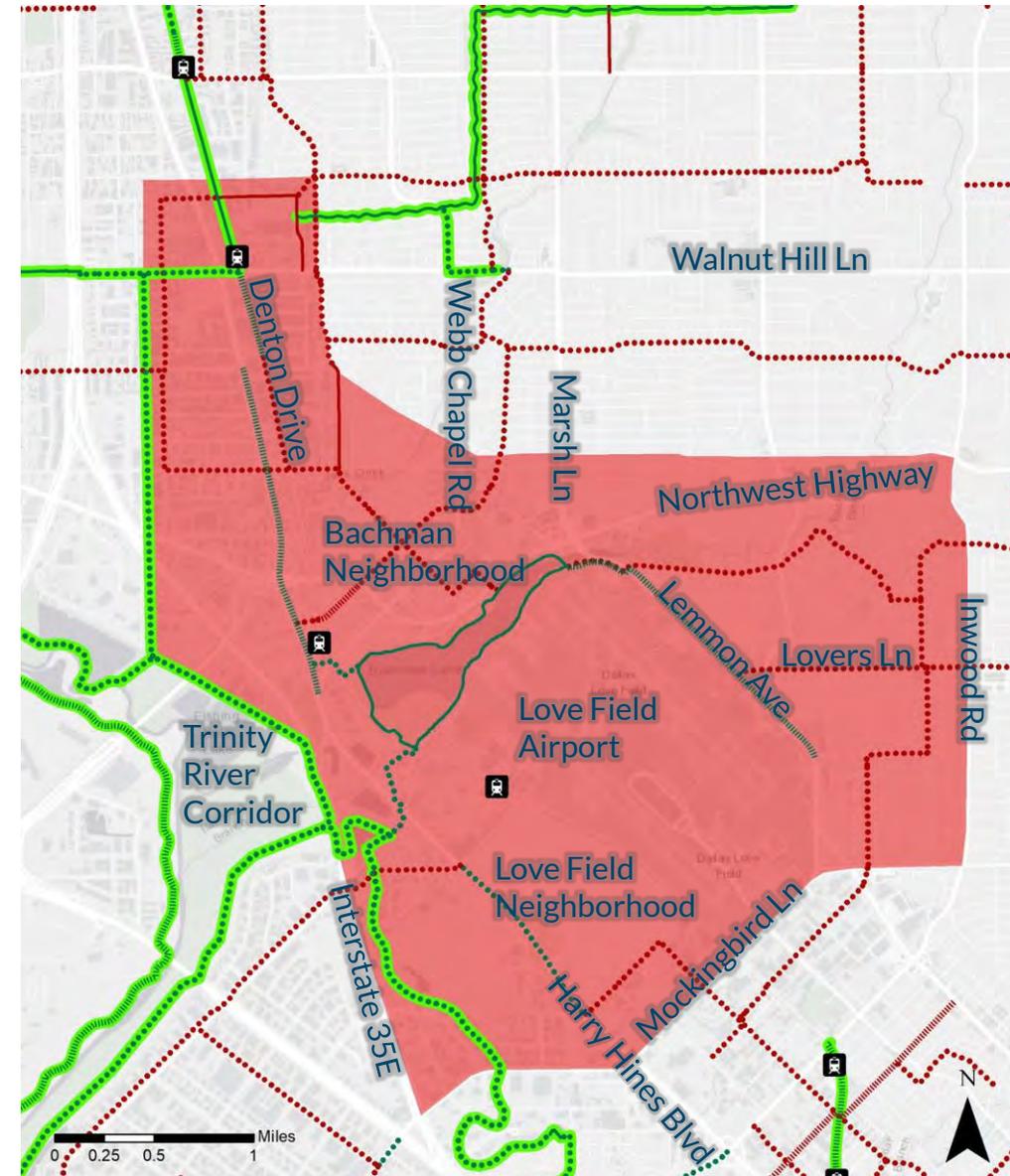
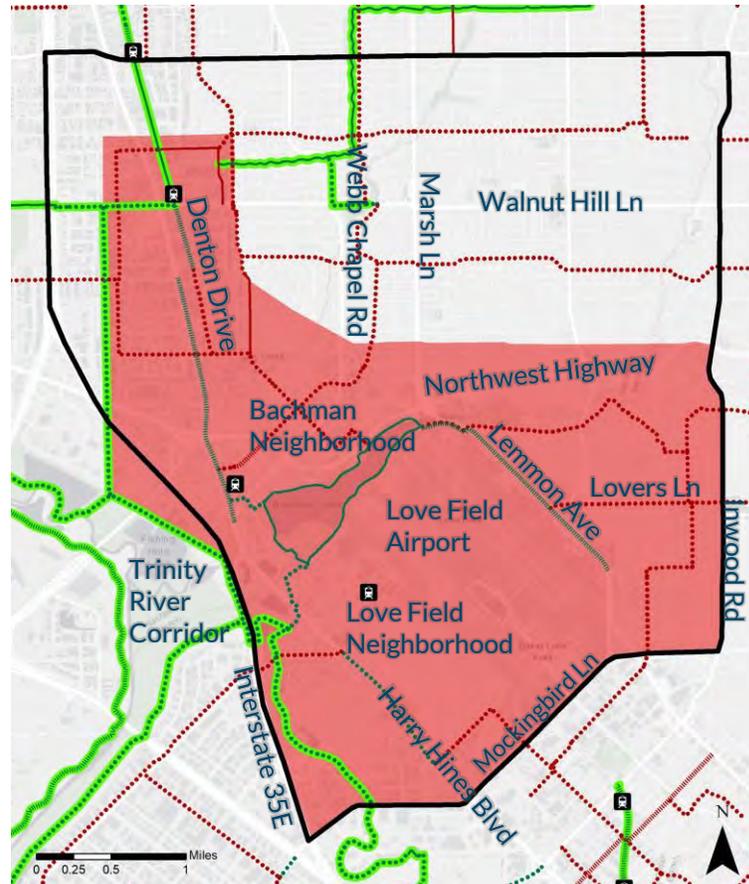
Focus Locations

1. Bachman neighborhood
2. Northwest Highway
3. Love Field neighborhood
4. DART Stations
5. Major roadways
6. Trinity River Corridor



Boundary

- General Boundary
- Previous Boundary
- Train Stations
- Off-street, Existing Trail
- Off-Street, Funded Trail
- Off-Street, Planned Trail
- On-Street, Existing Bikeway
- On-Street, Funded Bikeway
- On-Street, Planned Bikeway
- Regional Veloweb



Next Steps

April - May

Public comments through maps (online and paper) due May 14

June

Technical staff analysis and coordination on draft recommendations

Summer 2021

Public meeting on draft recommendations (In-person TBD) with comment period following

Fall 2021

Final improvement recommendations presented

Today's Discussion

Comments or questions on information presented today?

Priority locations to review/study transportation improvements?



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