# City of Austin 2014 Bike Plan Update

Maximizing the contribution of bicycling to Austin's quality of life...

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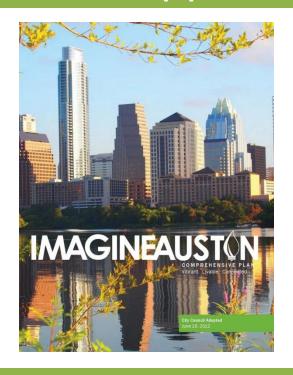
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City of Austin Bicycle Program





## Bicycling and Active Transportation Support the Imagine Austin Plan



Priority Program #1: Invest in Compact

Priority Program #8: Align Code

Priority Program #3: Workforce Development

Priority Program #5: Creative Economy Priority Program #2: Sustainable Water

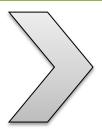
Priority Program #4: Green Infrastructure

Priority Program #6: Household Affordability

Priority Program #7: Healthy Austin

#### A Shift in Focus:

"To Create and Promote the best environment for the friendly coexistence of bicycle riders and other transportation users in Austin"



"To maximize the contribution of bicycling to Austin's quality of life"



## Four Types of Transportation Cyclists in Austin By Proportion of Population



Strong & Fearless 2%

More than 55% of Austinites will ride in protected bicycle lanes

Interested but Concerned 39%

No Way No How 44%

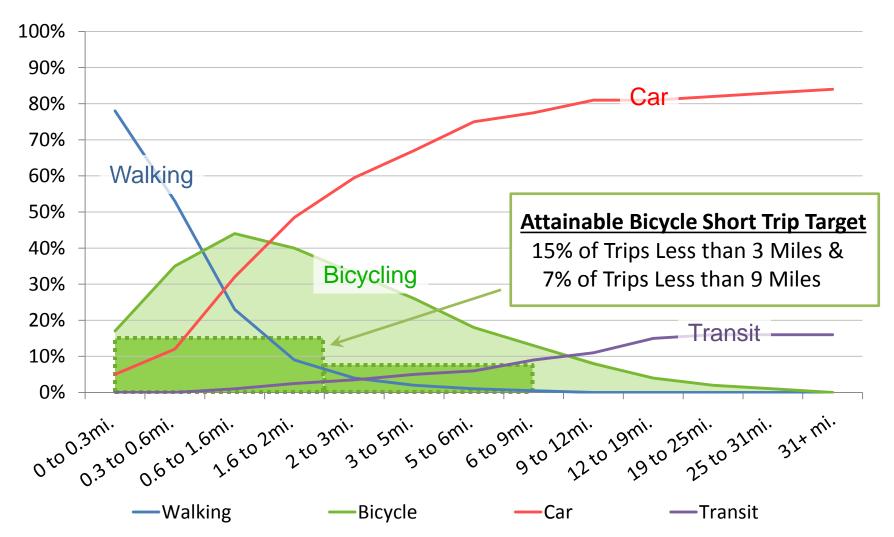


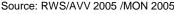
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#### Capture Short Trips by Bicycle





## Creating a Network:

On-Street











Cycle Tracks

**Quiet Streets** 

Intersection Treatments

Urban Trails

All Ages and Abilities
Network



#### The 8 to 80 Test:

An **8 year old** traveling with an **80 year old** should be able to traverse the city **comfortable and safely**.

On-Street Facilities	<u>Urban Trails</u>
\$50k - \$500k / mi*	\$1.5 - \$2 million / mi*
*For comparison: 6- lane freeway approximately \$51M/ mi 4-lane arterial roadway approximately \$22M /mi (Source: CAMPO 2035 Plan)	
Timeline: 6 months - 2 years per project	3-8 years per project

### Bicycle Network Priorities

#### Long-Term Recommendations

- Based on Speed and Volume Criteria
- Decades Long Build-out

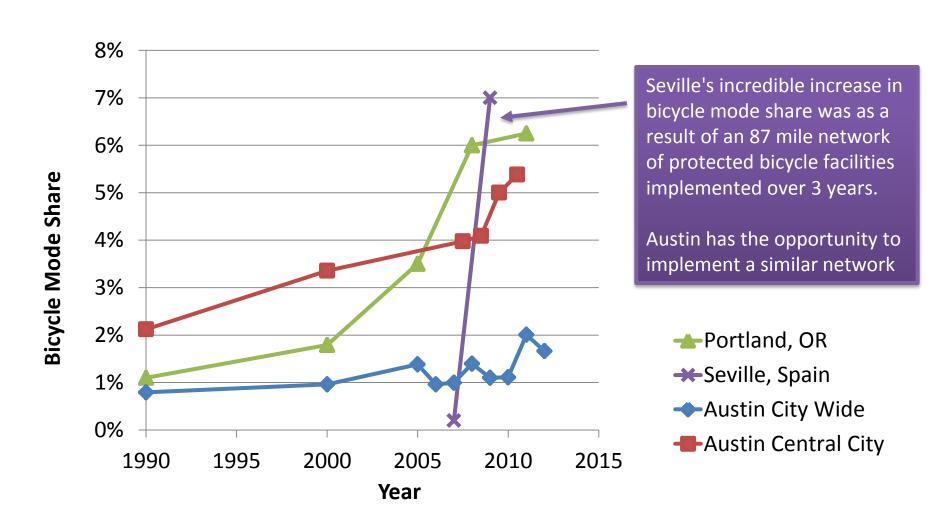
#### Recommended Short-Term Network

- Highest Return on Investment
- Target Short Trips
  - The central city
  - To major transit stations
  - Key feeder routes to the central city
  - To schools and PARKS
  - Supporting Imagine Austin Centers





# Rise of Cycling in Over Time in Portland, Seville, and Austin





## Benefits: Connecting Parks and Greenbelts











### Benefits: Activating Parks Spaces

