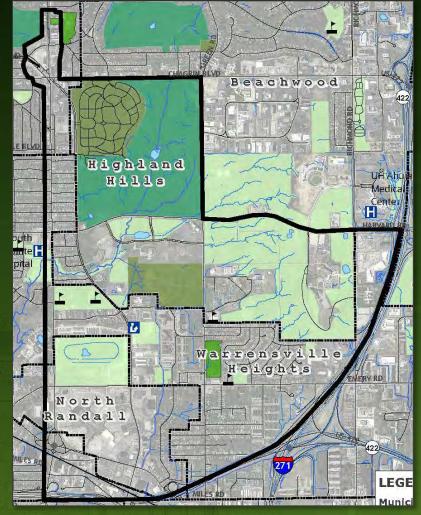


Northfield-Warrensville Multi-Modal Connectivity Plan
Community Meeting

# Northfield-Warrensville Center Corridor Multi-Modal Connectivity Plan



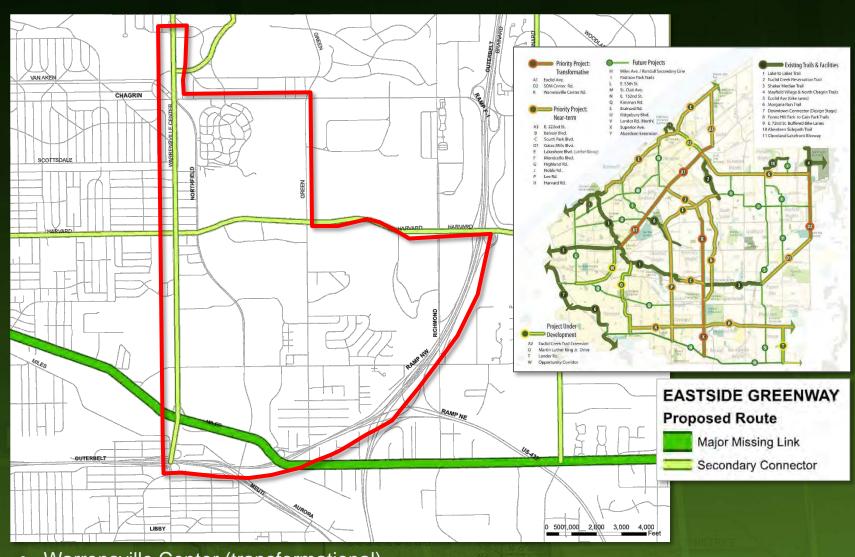




# Why are we here today?

- Understand the project
- Existing conditions overview
- Study area communities
- Online survey
- Community input

# **ESG: Proposed Greenways**



- Warrensville Center (transformational)
- Harvard
- Miles



# **Project Vision & Purpose**

Vision: Develop a multi-modal connectivity plan that connects existing and planned developments, land uses and destinations in the project area and surrounding region, consistent with good environmental stewardship, to facilitate active transportation, economic investment and redevelopment.

**Purpose:** Drive economic development, reinvestment and job creation by improving multimodal access to enhance livability and quality of life throughout the study area and connecting to the surrounding region.









# **Project Elements**

- Pedestrian Accommodations
- Bicycle Facilities
- Social Equity
- Land Use (current & future)
- Greenway Strategy
- Transit Strategy
- Traffic Analysis









# **Project Team**

- Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (CCPC)
- City of Warrensville Heights
- City of Shaker Heights
- Village of North Randall
- Village of Highland Hills
- Office of Marcia L. Fudge
- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA)
- Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
- Consultants (WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff & SmithGroupJJR)



# **Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee works closely with the Project Team in developing ideas, facilitating public outreach and engagement activities, and helps to advance the project within their constituent groups.

- Bike Cleveland
- Cleveland Planning Commission
- Cleveland Clinic (South Pointe Hospital)
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Council representative Highland Hills
- Council representative North Randall
- Council representative Shaker Heights
- Council representative Warrensville Heights
- Cuyahoga County Dept of Public Works
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)(Eastern Campus & Corporate College)
- Developer Pinecrest (Fairmount Properties)
- Developer Randall Park Mall (IRG)

- Developer Van Aken District (RMS Investments)
- Eaton Corporation
- RTA
- Greater Cleveland Trails Leadership Network
- Mill Creek Watershed Council
- NOACA (stormwater management)
- ODOT District 12
- JACK Thistledown Racino
- Warrensville Heights Area Chamber of Commerce (Highland Hills, North Randall, Warrensville Heights)
- University Hospitals
   (Ahuja, Rehabilitation Facility, Customer Service Ctr)
- Warrensville City School District
- Warrensville Heights YMCA



# Schedule

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Phase 1 – Define the Vision  Task 1: Project Initiation  Task 2: Existing Conditions Inventory												
Phase 2 – Concept Development  Task 3: Plan Elements  Task 4: Community Engagement (Survey)  Task 5: Refine Concepts, Assess Feasibility						^^			Ó			
Phase 3 – Deliver the Plan  Task 6: Plan, Recs & Implementation  Task 7: Final Report												

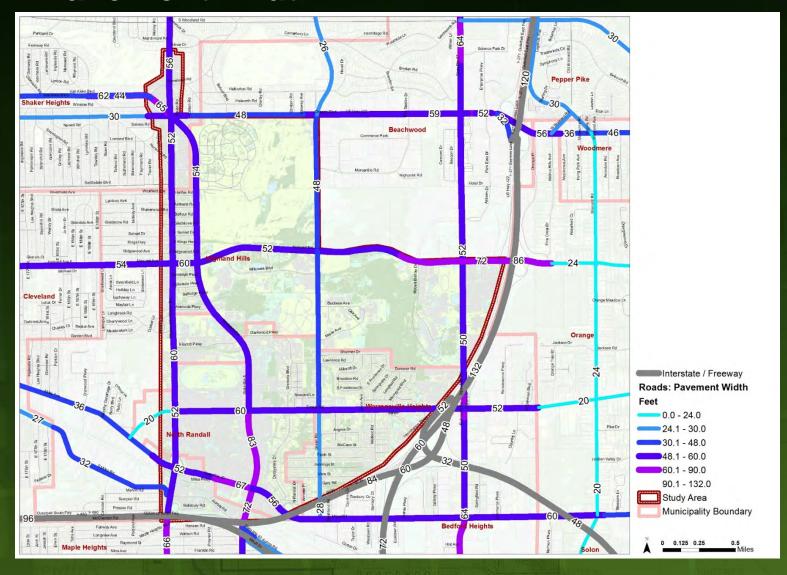
- ▲ Project Team Meeting
- ▲ Steering Committee Meeting
- A Public Meeting



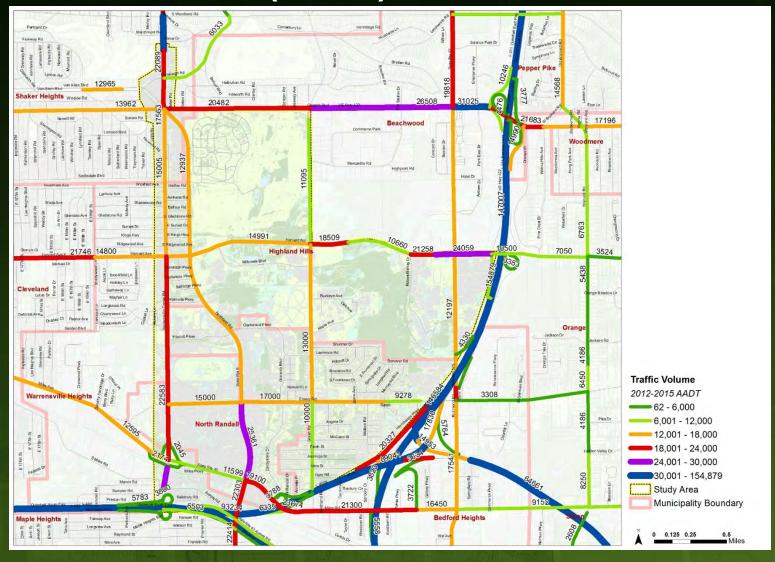
# **Transit – RTA System Map**



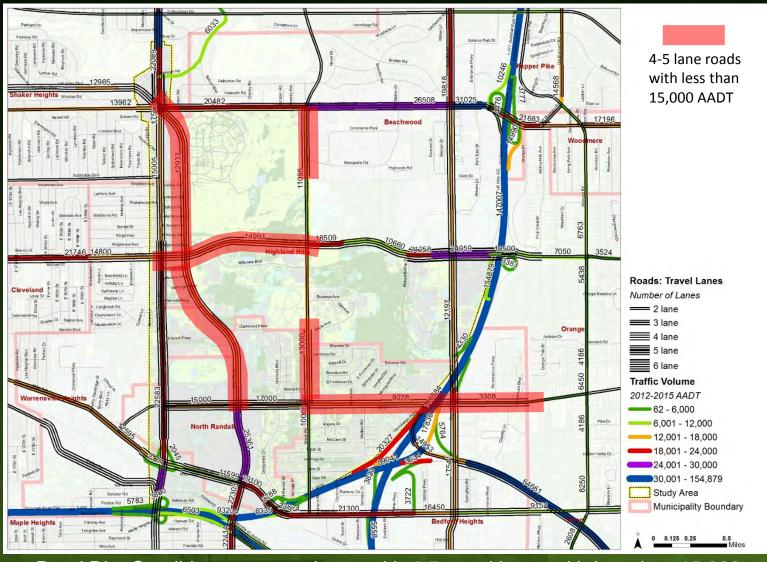
## **Pavement Width**



# Traffic Volume (AADT)



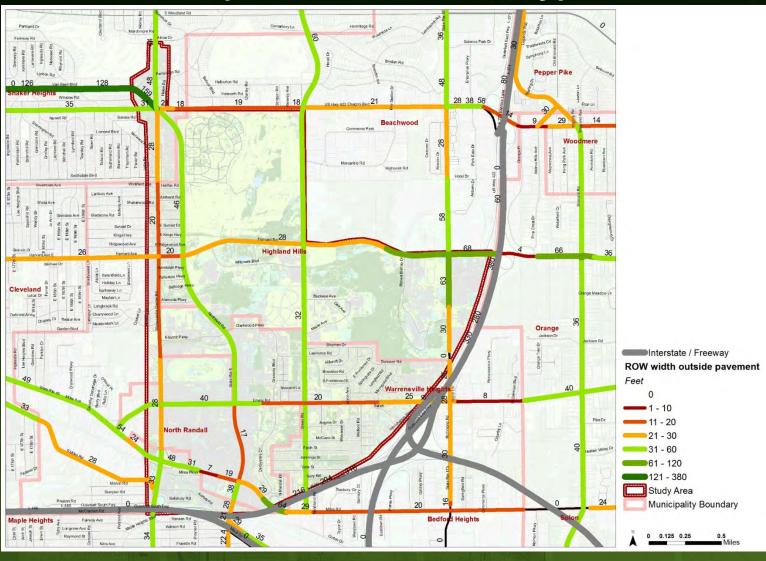
### Lanes vs. Volume



- Road Diet Candidates are roadways with 4-5 travel lanes with less than 15,000 vehicles/day
  Need to consider peak hour volumes



# **ROW Width (outside of roadway)**



- Current ROW width not allocated to vehicle travel lanes Generally want ~15-feet per side (30-feet total) for sidewalks and amenity zone/buffer



# Traffic Study / Complete Streets

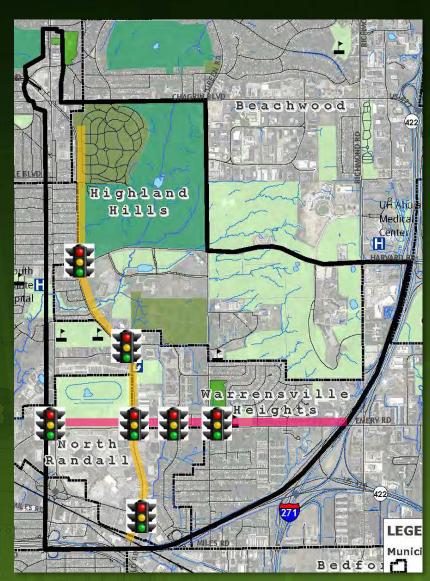
# Traffic analysis

#### Northfield

- Harvard
- Ellacott-Clarkwood
- Emery
- Miles

### Emery

- Warrensville Center
- Northfield
- Granada-Derbyshire
- Green





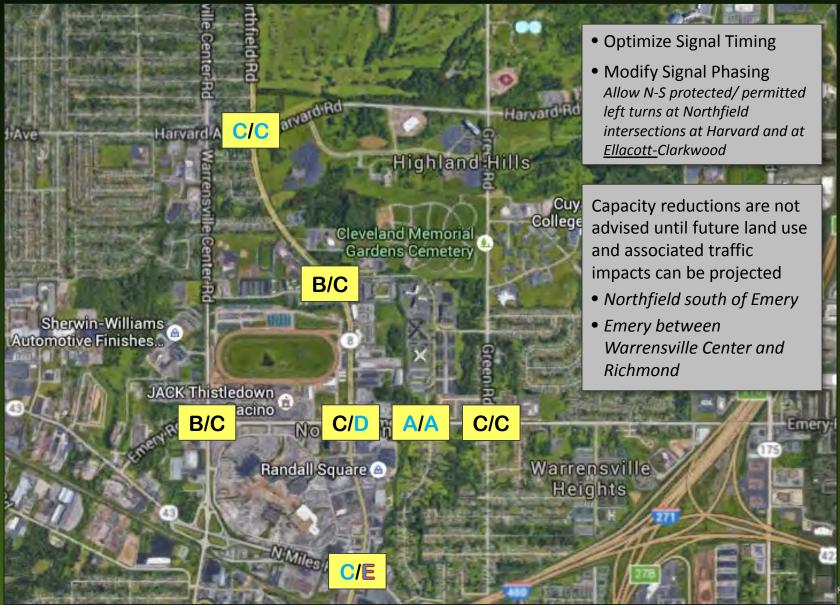


# Traffic Analysis – Existing Conditions (AM/PM)

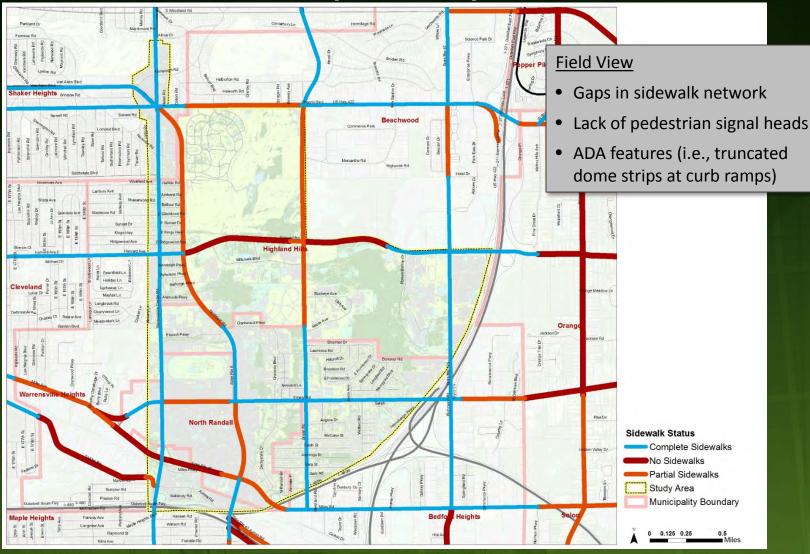


# Traffic Analysis – Existing Conditions

(optimized timing & phasing)



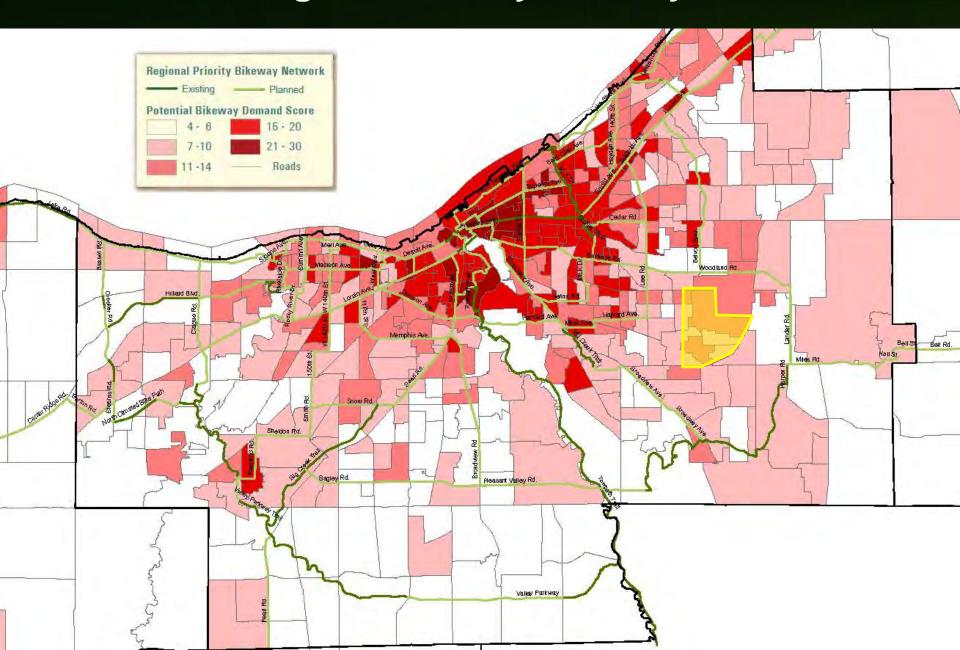
# Sidewalk Network (NOACA)



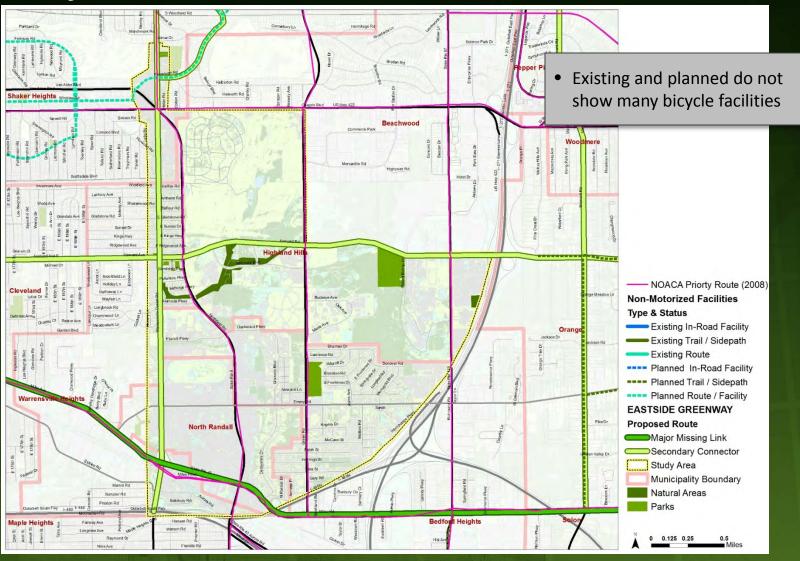
- Critical gaps: Harvard and Miles
- Partial sidewalks (gaps and/or one side): Northfield, Green, Chagrin, Emery



# **NOACA** Regional Priority Bikeway Network



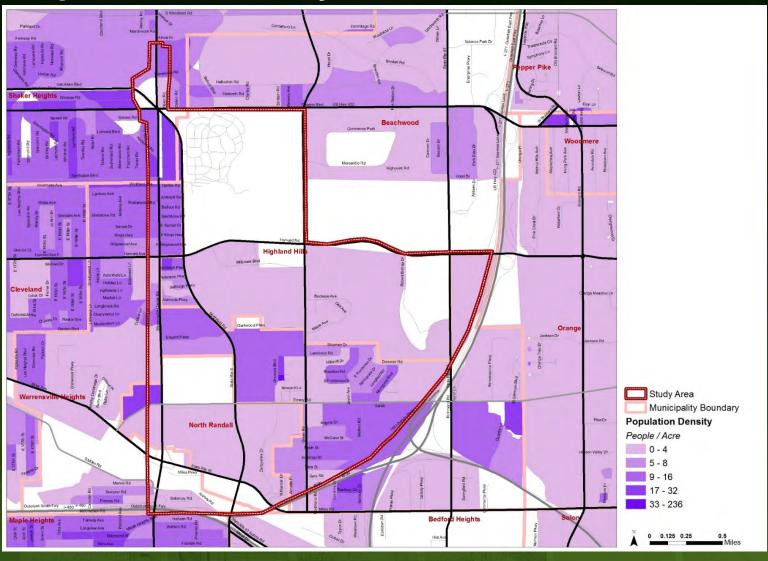
# **Bicycle & Multi-use Facilities**



- There are some planned routes near the study area (Van Aken) & Orange Side Paths
- NOACA Priority Routes: Northfield, Miles, Chagrin, and Green
- Eastside Greenway routes: Miles, Warrensville Center, and Harvard

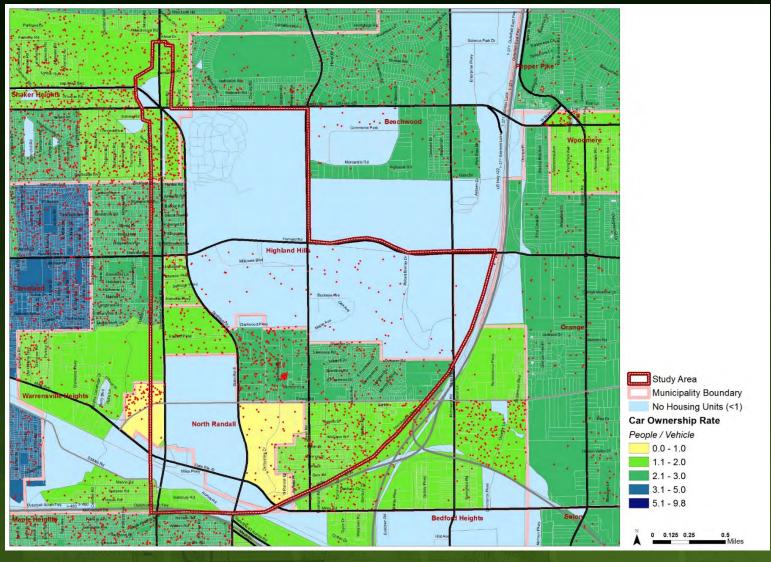


# **Population Density**



- Relatively low population density
- 2010 Census: ~15,000 people in study area (~58,000 in map area)

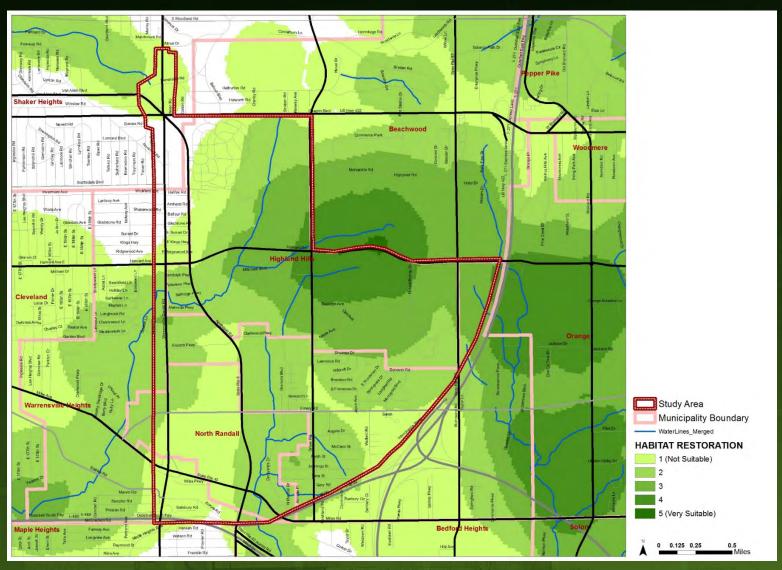
# **Car Ownership Rates**



- 1 Dot = ~10 people
- Factor in possible demand for transit and non-motorized facilities



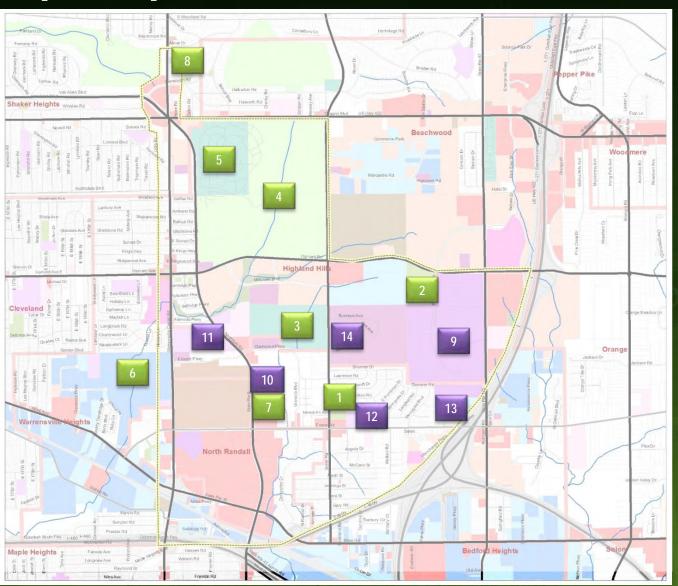
# **Land Cover**



 Indicates degree of potential connectivity to natural areas for either preservation or restoration efforts.



# **Open Space & Schools/Libraries**



#### Open Space & Recreational



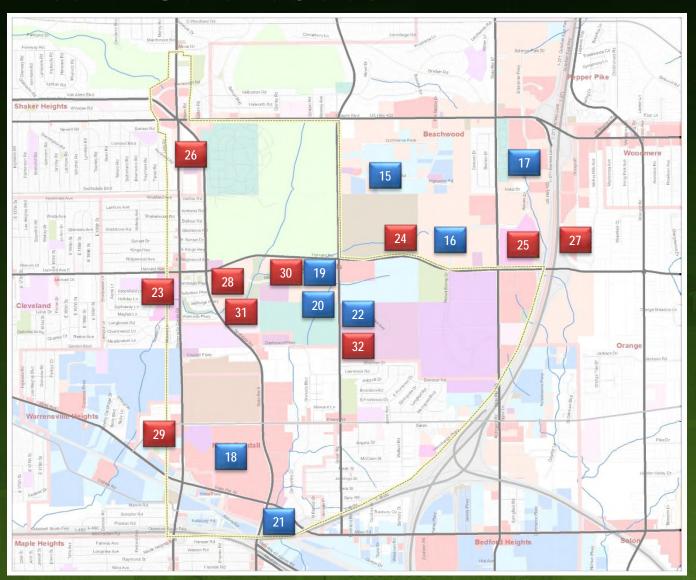
- 1. Green Road Park
- 2. Camp George Forbes
- 3. Cleveland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
- 4. Highland Park Golf Course
- Highland Park Cemetery
- 6. Mill Creek
- 7. Warrenville Heights YMCA
- 8. Thornton Park

#### Schools/Libraries



- Cuyahoga Community
   College (Eastern
   Campus)
- Cuyahoga County
   Library (Warrensville Heights)
- 11. Warrensville Heights High School
- 12. John Dewey Elementary
- 13. Corporate College
- 14. Cuyahoga Hills Boys School

# **Health Care & Jobs**



#### Office / Industrial



- 15. Commerce Park
- 16. Eaton Headquarters
- 17. Enterprise Park
- Former Randall Park Mall site
- Metropolitan Plaza (Titan Insurance)
- 20. PNC Bank
- 21. East Ohio Gas Services
- Green Road National Guard Armory

#### **Health Care**



- 23. Cleveland Clinic
  South Pointe Hospital
- 24. University Hospital Rehab
- 25. University Hospital Ahuja Medical Center
- 26. University Hospital Administrative Offices
- 27. University Hospital Medical Offices
- 28. University Hospital Customer Service
- 29. Suburban Pavilion Nursing Home
- 30. Highland Hills

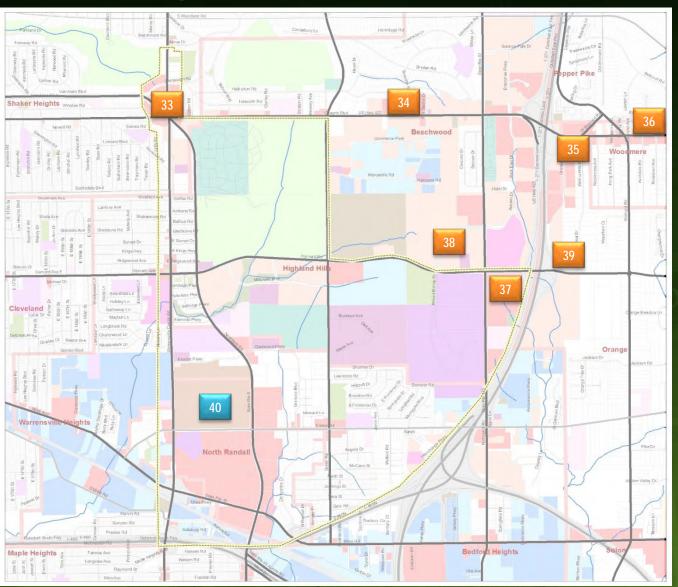
  Behavioral Health

  Hospital
- 31. Brehn Family Center
- 32. Green Road

  Development Center



# **Shopping & Entertainment**



### Shopping & Mixed -Use Districts



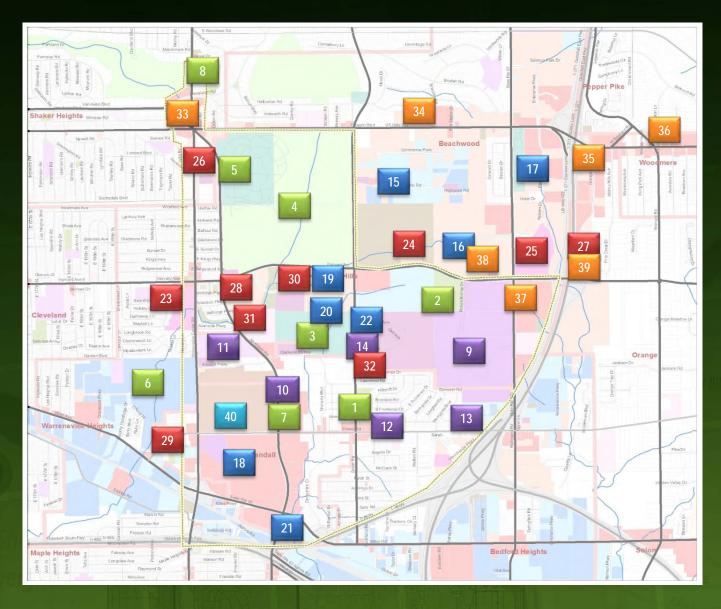
- 33. Van Aken District
- 34. Pavilion Shopping Center
- 35. Village Square
- 36. Shops of Eton
- 37. Harvard Park
- 38. Chagrin Highlands
- 39. Pinecrest Development

#### **Entertainment**

40. JACK Thistledown Racino



# **Destinations Combined**



### **Eastside Health Corridors**

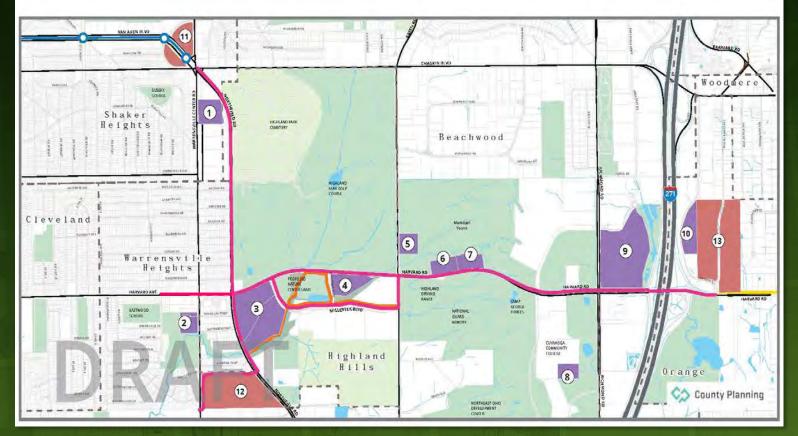
#### Legend

- Eastside Health Corridor DRAFT (Northfield and Harvard Rds)
   Previously Proposed Trails
- Proposed Orange Village Trails
   RTA Blue Line
- Municipal Boundaries
   Open Space

- Health-Related Facilities
- 1 UH Management Service Center
- 2 CCF South Pointe Hospital
- 3 UH Harvard Road Customer Service Center
- 4 Highland Springs Behavioral Health Hospital
- 3 Beachwood Commons Assisted Living
- 6 Windsor Heights Alzheimer's Special Care Center
- ① UH Rehabilitation Facility
- 8 Tri-C Nursing School
- 9 UH Ahuja Medical Center
- 10 UH Chagrin Highlands Health Center

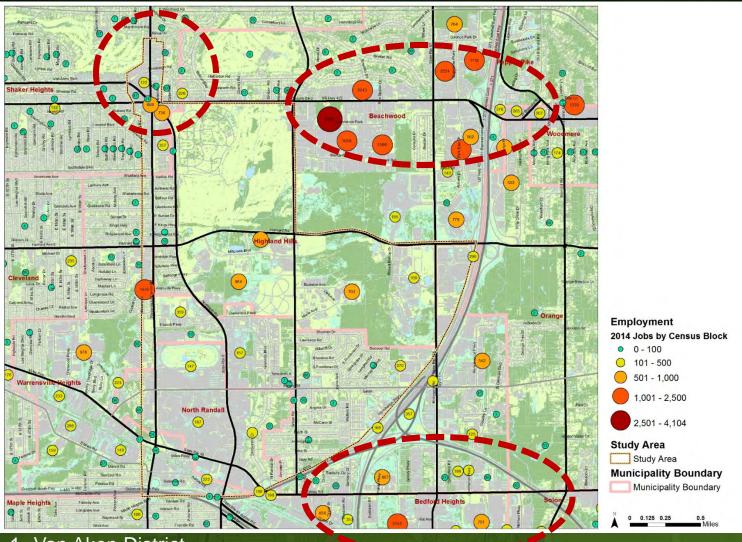
#### Other Activity Centers

- 11 Van Aken District
- (2) Warrensville High School
- (3) Pinecrest Development



Source: Trails Leadership Network, 2014

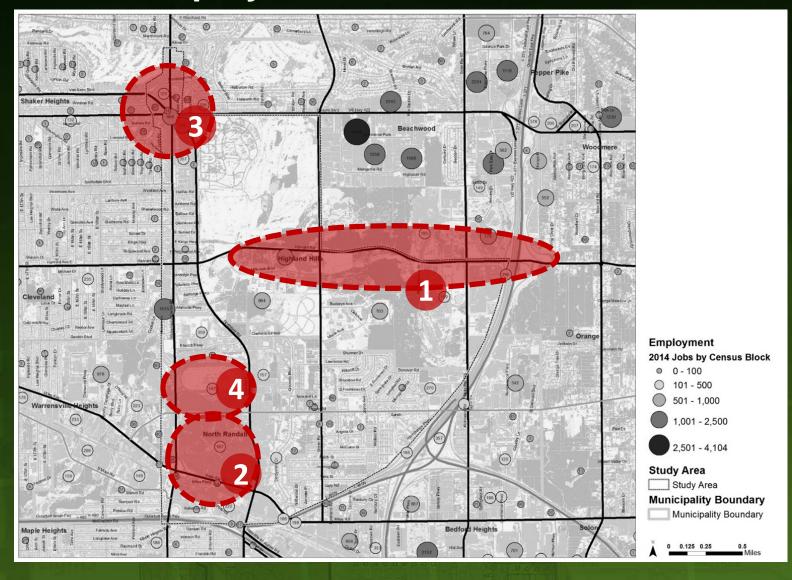
# **Employment Centers** (2014)



- 1. Van Aken District
- 2. Beachwood Commerce Park & Enterprise Place Business Park
- 3. Miles Road Business Corridor & Industrial Parks
- 4. Eastside Health Corridor (growing economic center)



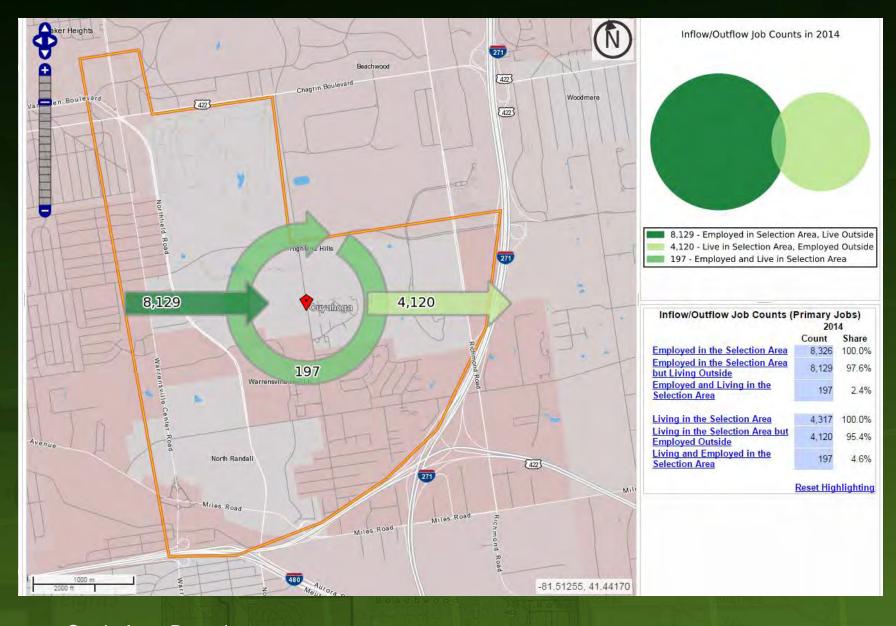
# **Future Employment Centers**



- 1. Eastside Health Corridor
- 2. Former Randall Park Mall Site (industrial)
- 3. Van Aken District developments
- 1. JACK Thistledown Racino

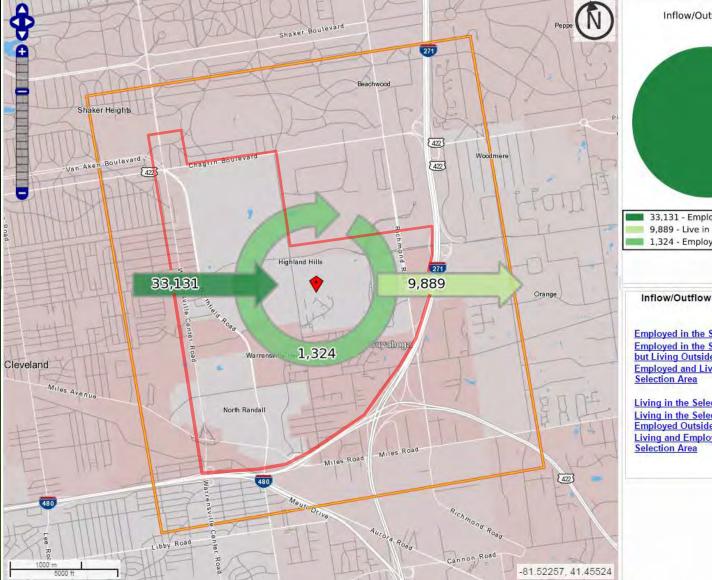




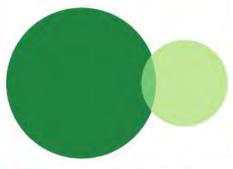


Study Area Boundary





Inflow/Outflow Job Counts in 2014



33,131 - Employed in Selection Area, Live Outside 9,889 - Live in Selection Area, Employed Outside

1,324 - Employed and Live in Selection Area

Inflow/Outflow Job	Counts (Primary Jobs)
	2014

	Count	Share
Employed in the Selection Area	34,455	100.0%
Employed in the Selection Area but Living Outside	33,131	96.2%
Employed and Living in the Selection Area	1,324	3.8%
Living in the Selection Area	11,213	100.0%
Living in the Selection Area but Employed Outside	9,889	88.2%
Living and Employed in the Selection Area	1,324	11.8%

Reset Highlighting

Expanded Area Boundary



# Warrensville Heights

### **Active Projects**

- Heinen's (60 KSF food production facility)
- Lifebanc (20.8 KSF addition to existing facility)
- Allen Renzi/ORG Mgt (20 KSF new gymnastics academy)
- JACK Thistledown Racino (15 KSF horse barn)
- Residential projects (Cinema Park, Chateaux of Emery Woods)
- Demolition of car dealership (Bass Chevrolet)







# Warrensville Heights

#### **Planned initiatives**

- New Town Center (by YMCA and library)
- Warrensville Heights School District changes
  - Consolidate schools
  - Build new flagship High School
  - Build new Elementary School (Pre-K to Grade 5)
  - Reconstruct existing High School as new Middle School





### **North Randall**

- 1. JACK Thistledown Racino (ongoing development)
- 2. Randall Park Mall site (redevelopment opportunities)
- 3. Power Sports Institute, Ohio Technical College







# **Highland Hills**

- 1. Highland Park Golf Course
- 2. Highland Park Cemetery
- 3. Office park development along Harvard & Green











## **Shaker Heights**

Van Aken District, RMS redevelopment











### Cleveland

- 1. Camp George Forbes
- 2. Cleveland House of Corrections
- 3. Cleveland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
- 4. Highland Park Golf Course
- 5. Chagrin Highlands



# Key Stakeholders

## ... and What We Learned

- City of Beachwood
- City of Cleveland
- City of Warrensville Heights
- Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital
- Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)
- Developer Chagrin Highlands (Jacobs Group)
- Developer Van Aken District (RMS Investments)
- Eaton Corporation
- GCRTA
- JACK Thistledown Racino
- Power Sports Institute (with City of North Randall)
- University Hospitals
- Warrensville Heights Area Chamber of Commerce
- Warrensville Heights School District

Land Use
Employees
Transportation
Future Plans
Connectivity
Access/Circulation



## **City of Beachwood**

- 1. Chagrin Highlands
- 2. Eaton Corporation
- 3. Proposed connector road

  (Commerce Park to Harvard)

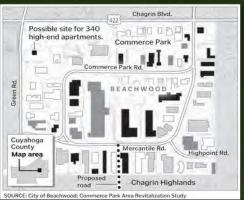
  Beachwood purchased 23456 Mercantile Road in

  Commerce Park to build a new road

#### 4. Connector Trail

Beachwood promoting complete and green streets Proposed trail connection at 24950 Chagrin, owned by First Catholic Slovak Ladies



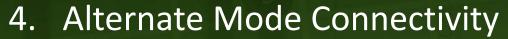




## **Eaton Corporation**

- 1. 53 acres in Chagrin Highlands
- 2. 900 staff on site
- 3. Sustainability

Sustainable facility with sustainable initiatives, focus on safety, employee life style, amenities



- a) Limited transit service; non-auto travel is not common
- b) Desired destinations:
  - Blue Line & Van Aken District
  - Chagrin Highlands/Highland Park
  - Pinecrest and Eton shopping district



### **Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA)**

- 1. Primary transit routes: #5, 15, 34, 41/41 F
  - Limited extensions of #19, 94
- 2. Severely financially constrained
  - Funding decreased 80% within past 20 years
  - Ohio is one of worst funded transit in nation
- 3. Proposed service cuts include stopping #34 at Green Road Station.
- 4. No current plans for new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) or other new service in project area
  - RTA understands transit potential but lacks funding for new service
  - Long-range planning shows Warrensville Center
     Road is a priority corridor

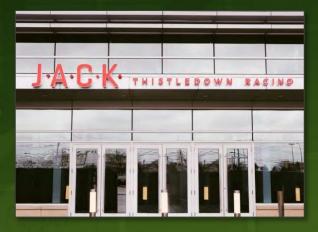




#### **JACK Thistledown Racino**

- 1. 750 employees at JACK Thistledown Racino
  - 7000 employees in JACK Entertainment
- 2. Plans to invest \$70 million in next 5 years
  - New parking structure
  - Updated building façade
  - Primary entrance off Warrensville Center with new jumbotron
  - Potential new Starbucks
  - Potential new hotel
- Alternate modes transportation is desired for staff (improves employee access) as well as guests





# Chagrin Highlands Jacobs Group and City of Cleveland

- 1. Master Agreement guided development from early 1990s
- 2. 600+ acres located in Orange, Beachwood, Highland Hills, Warrensville Heights
- 3. Managed by Jacobs Group
- 4. Development land use & size
  - Driven by end-users
  - Unknowns are a challenge to this project,
     notably impacts to transportation network



## **Chagrin Highlands**



source: www.jresgroup.com

## **Tri-C Eastern Campus**

#### 1. 200 acre campus

- Desire to connect to other Tri-C campuses
- Partnerships with other colleges (Hiram),
   Warrensville Heights High School, Ahuja

#### 2. Transportation

- RTA bus primary student access
- Desire to increase RTA service

#### 3. Future development (2014 Master Plan)

- Beyond education: work-heal-learn-shop-play
- Walkable, accessible, trail network
- Community resource (amphitheater, athletic facilities, programming, concerts, etc.)
- On-campus housing for non-local students
- Connect to jobs and medical centers in area





## Warrensville Heights Area Chamber of Commerce

- Business owners in Warrensville Heights, North Randall and Highland Hills
- 2. Approximately 600-700 businesses
- 3. Chamber focus areas
  - Workforce development, job creation and livability (residential quality of life)
- 4. Study area connectivity impacts businesses
  - Want to engage hotels to improve transportation access for employees
- 5. Randall Park Mall redevelopment will influence business and worker access
  - Workers are biking long distances to get to jobs (from Maple Heights and Cleveland neighborhoods)



# South Pointe Hospital (Cleveland Clinic)

- 1. 173-bed acute care, teaching hospital
  - Serving southeast neighborhoods since 1957
  - 1,200 employees

#### 2. Patients

- Admit ~600 in-patients per month
- Approximately 50-100 appointments cancelled per week because of transportation related issues
- Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
  - Opened Medical School Extension, July 2015
  - Many non-local students would benefit from nearby housing and alternate mode mobility



## **University Hospitals (UH)**

- 1. Multiple facilities in/ near project area
  - Ahuja Medical Center, Beachwood
  - Management Services Center (MSC),
     Shaker Heights
  - Customer Service Center, Highland Hills
  - Harvard corridor
- 2. Step Up to University Hospital program
  - Works with community partners to prepare area residents for jobs with UH
- 3. Transit limitations hamper staff and patient access to/between UH facilities and other nearby destinations

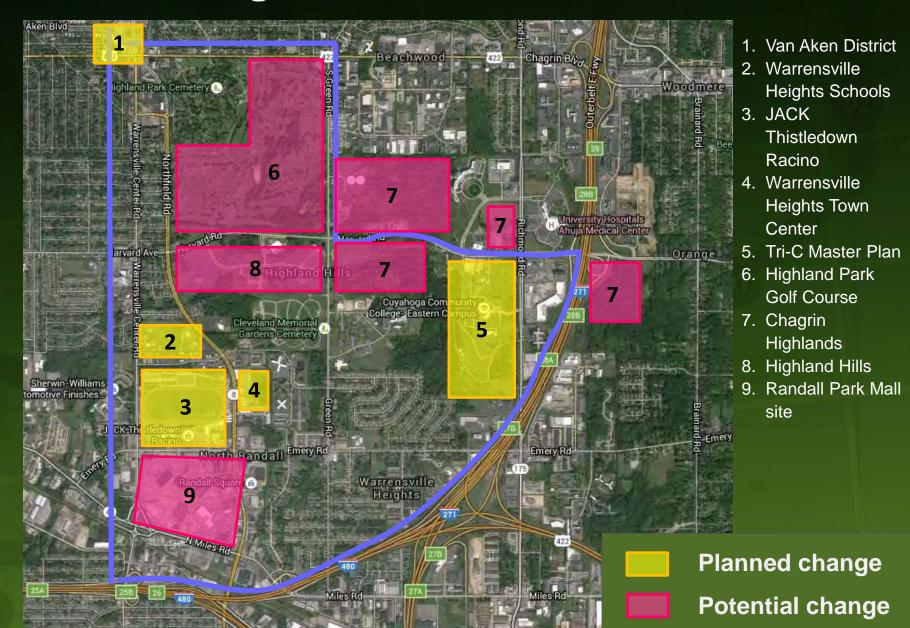






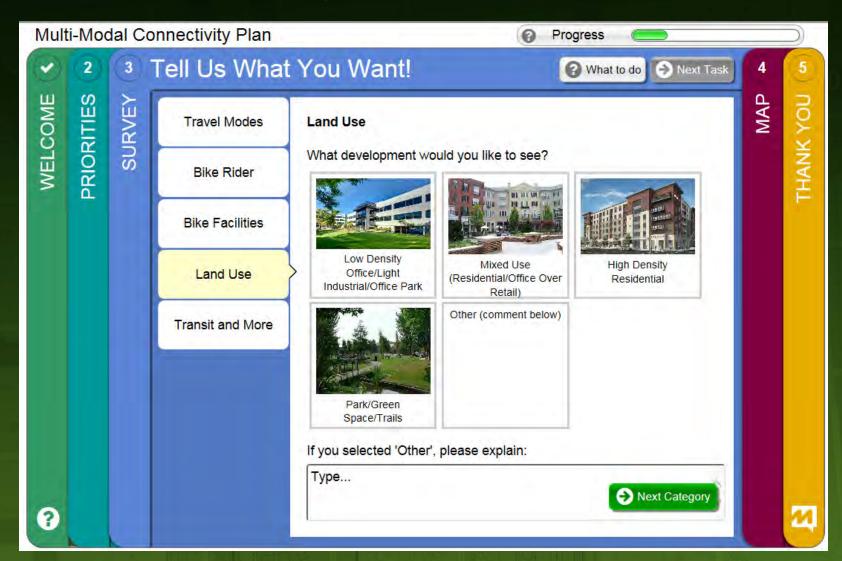


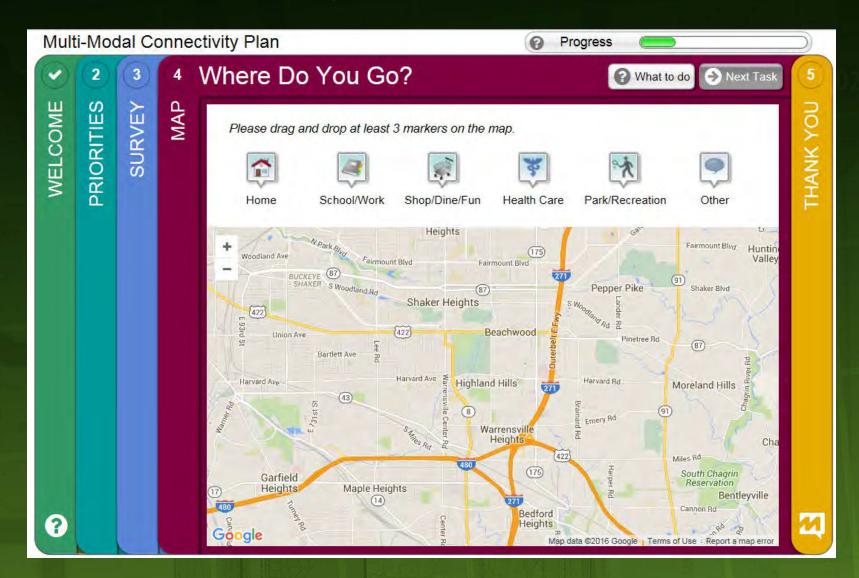
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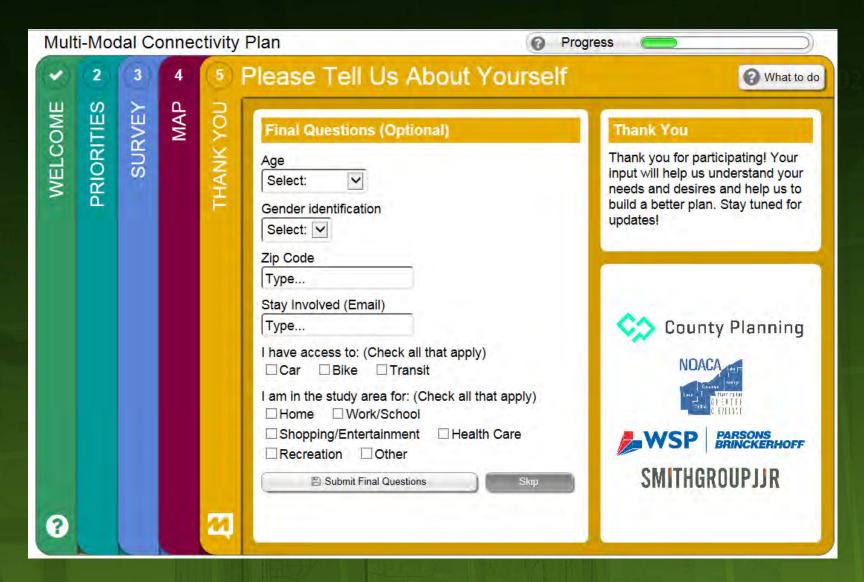












Now it's time to ...

# Take the survey!