

### Legend

#### Bicycling Conditions

Evaluated road segments of bicyclists' perceived safety and comfort with respect to motor vehicle traffic. It identifies the quality of service for bicyclists that currently exists within the roadway environment.

- Good** Green: Street reasonably accommodating for all types of bicyclists, except for children under 10.
- Fair** Orange: Street can accommodate experienced and casual bicyclists, and/or may need altering to accommodate youth bicyclists.
- Poor** Red: Experienced bicyclists should use caution, not recommended for casual and youth bicyclists.

#### Bicycle Facilities

Improvements and provisions made by public agencies to accommodate or encourage bicycling.

- Lane** (Blue dashed line): The portion of a roadway designated by striping, signage, and markings located outside of the vehicle lane for the exclusive use of bicyclists. (Minimum 4 feet wide. Recommended 5 feet wide)
- Route** (Red dashed line): A roadway, which is open to both bicycle and motor vehicle travel that has been designated by signage, as a preferred route for bicycle use that meet the minimum lane width requirement. (Minimum 8 feet wide. Recommended 10 to 12 feet wide)
- Multi-Use or Shared-Use Path** (Green dashed line): A multi-use path separated from the roadway by an open space or barrier. Shared-use paths may also be used by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers and other non-motorized users. (Minimum 8 feet wide. Recommended 10 to 12 feet wide)

#### Bicycle Related Features

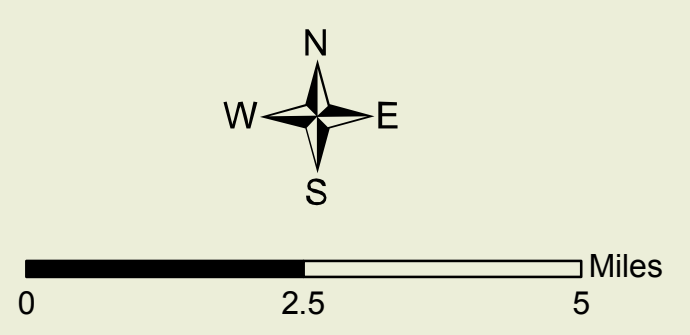
- 4 ft. or Greater Shoulder** (Green dashed line): A roadway, with a striped shoulder in which its width is equal to or greater than 4 feet.
- Linear Creekway or Park Trail** (Green solid line): An official designated path or trail, which is maintained by a government agency. Trail material may vary from concrete, asphalt, pughm to gravel. Trails may at times only be identified through a network of markers.
- Future Creekway Trail** (Green dashed line):

#### Icons

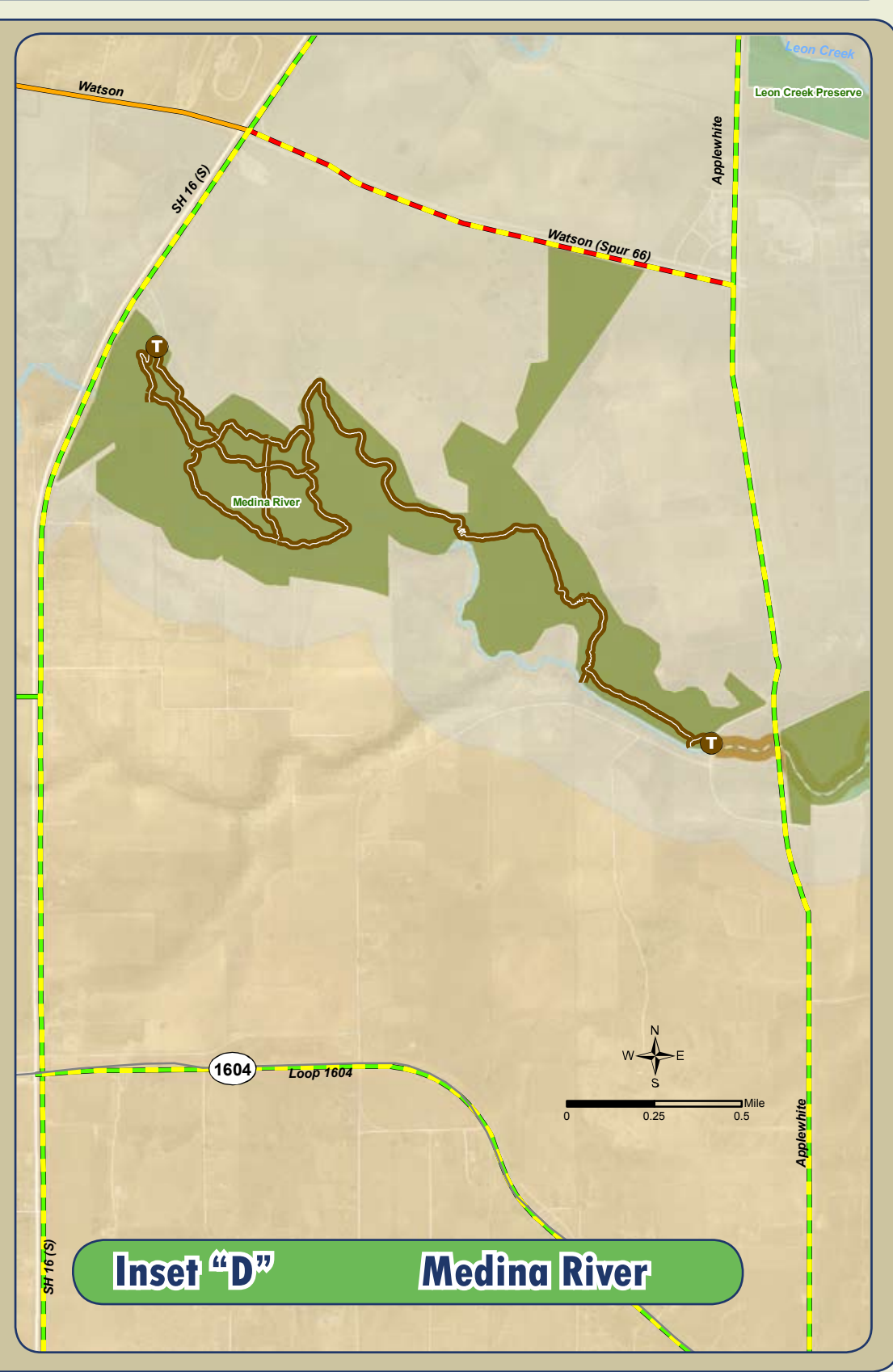
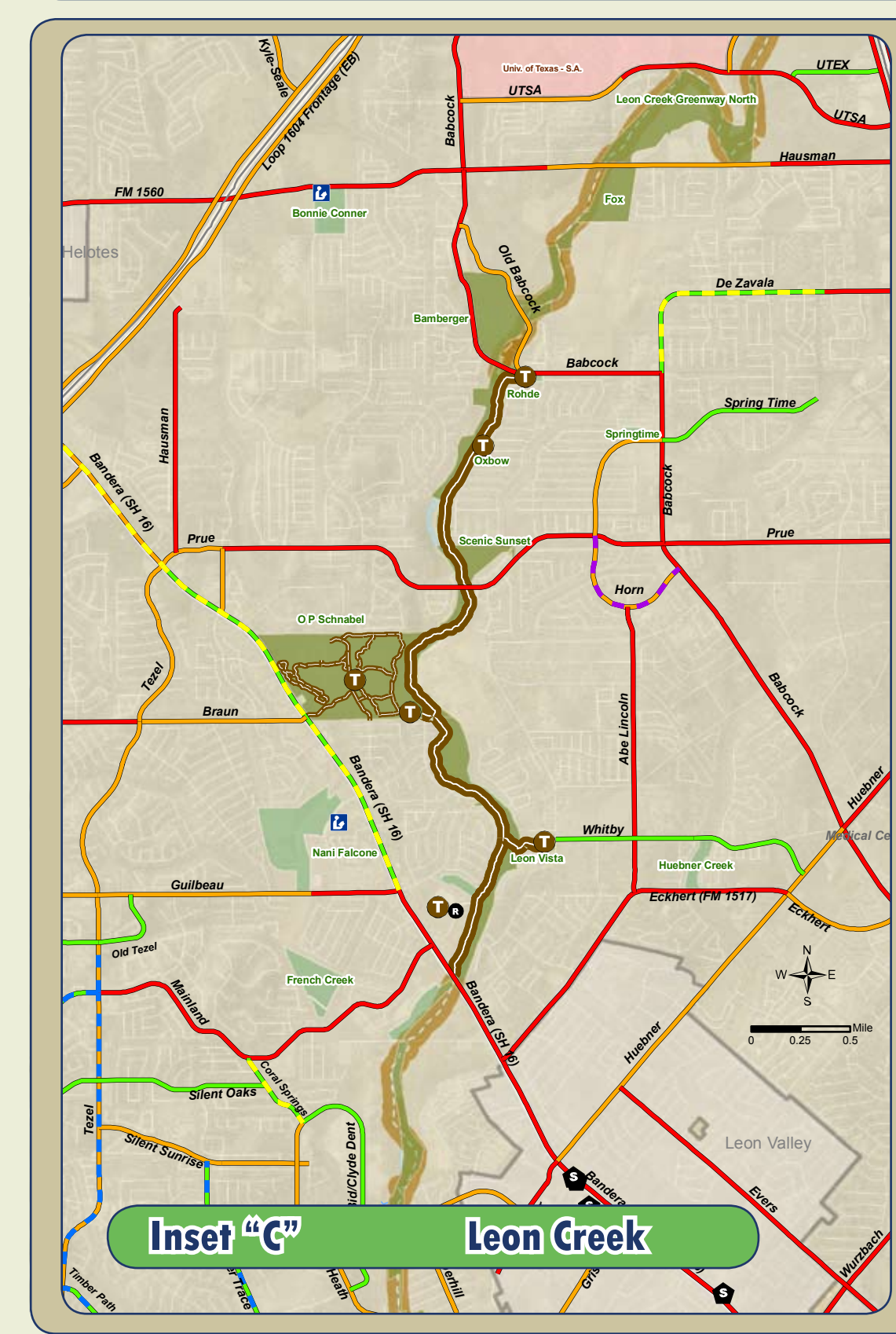
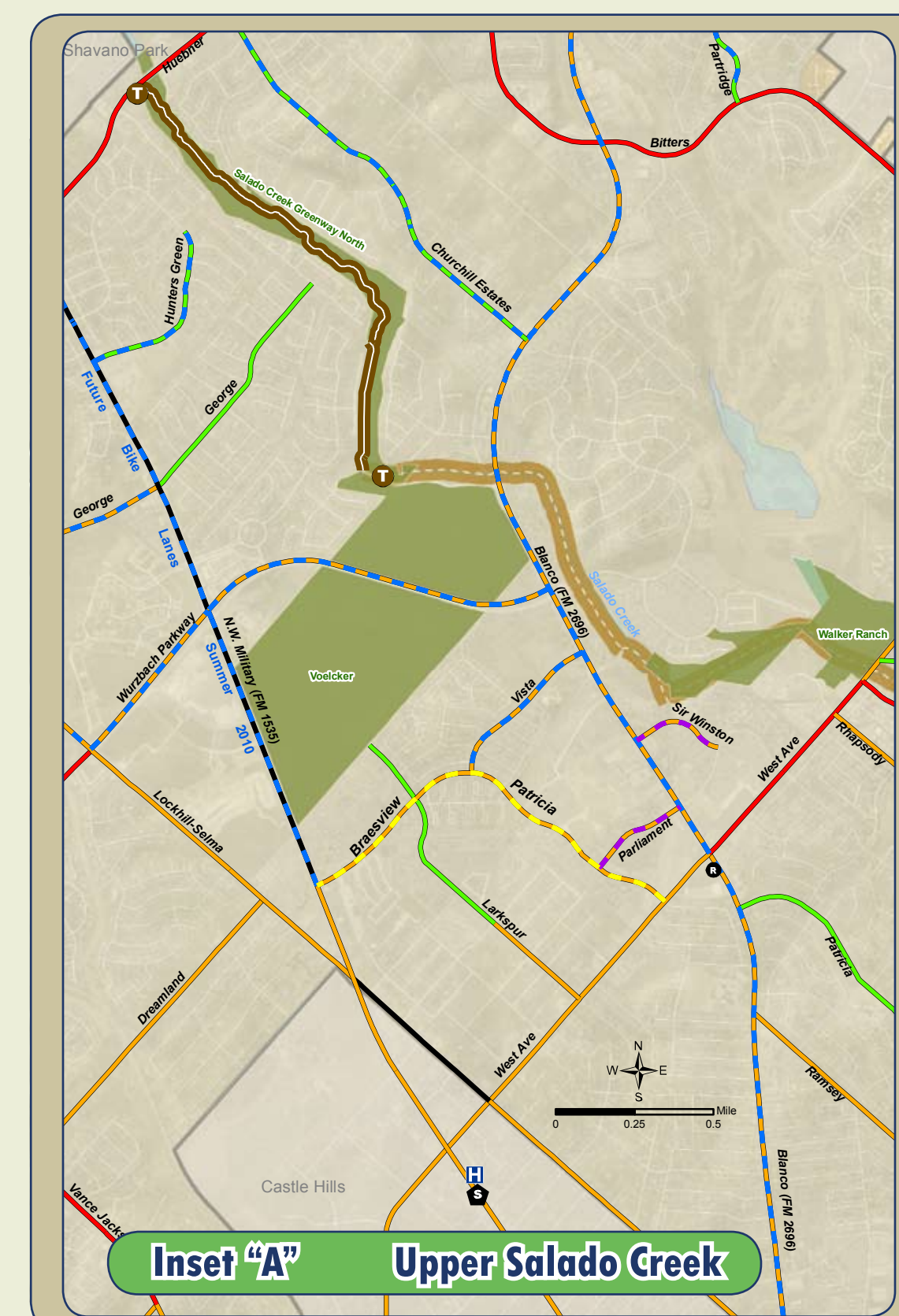
- Trailhead, Bicycle Shop, Bicycle Rack
- VIA Park & Ride, Mission, Library
- Hospital, Museum, Restroom
- Park, University, Roadway Under Construction

Examples of possible combinations of features on map:

- Example A:** Roadway segment with good bicycling conditions and a bike lane
- Example B:** Roadway segment with fair bicycling conditions and a 4 ft. shoulder or greater
- Example C:** Roadway segment with poor bicycling conditions and a 4 ft. shoulder or greater



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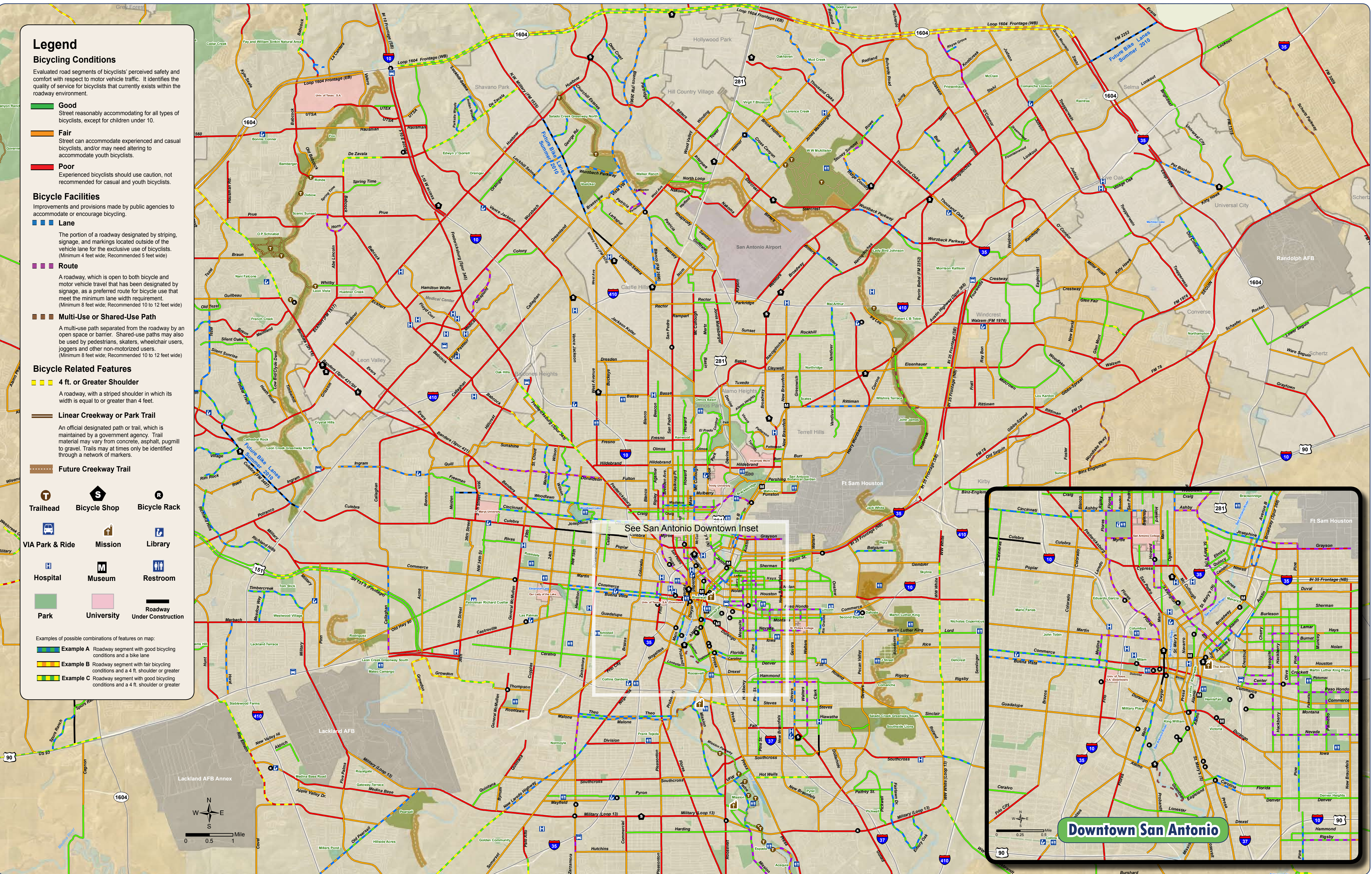


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[www.sametropolitan.org](http://www.sametropolitan.org)  
 click **Committees** then  
 click the **BMAC** page for  
 interactive bicycle related  
 maps.

## Bicycle Safety Tips


Riding a bicycle in traffic can be done safely if you follow the suggestions below. Riding so that drivers can see you and predict your movements is a key component of bike safety.

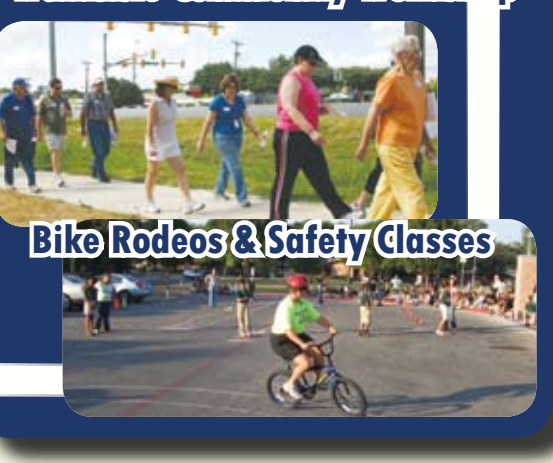
<b>Use Hand Signals</b>	<b>Make Eye Contact With Drivers</b>	<b>Never Ride with Headphones; Always Wear a Helmet</b>	<b>Never Ride Against Traffic</b>	<b>Ride in Middle of Lane in Slow Traffic</b>
<b>Scan the Road Behind</b>	<b>Avoid Road Hazards</b>	<b>Obey Signals</b>	<b>Choose the Best Way to Turn Left</b>	<b>Lights Required at Night</b>
<b>Don't Weave Between Traffic</b>	<b>Follow Lane Markings</b>	<b>Don't Pass on the Right</b>	<b>Dress Appropriately</b>	<b>Keep Bike in Good Repair</b>



### MPO Programs

**The Walk & Roll and Walkable Community Program** support safe cycling and encourage area residents to walk, bike, or wheel instead of driving in a motorized vehicle. For more information please visit: [www.sametoplan.org](http://www.sametoplan.org)


**Walk & Roll Rally**  


**Walkable Community Workshop**  




**Bike Map**  
 Metropolitan Planning Organization  
 San Antonio-Bexar County

### VIA Bike & Ride



Combine the convenience of riding the bus with the fun of riding your bike. All VIA buses are equipped with bike racks capable of carrying two bikes. Pedal to the nearest bus stop or transit center and let VIA do the driving.

- Racks carry only 2 standard bikes. (Tricycles, recumbents, and gasoline powered bikes are not allowed.)
- Rack space is first-come, first-served. If the rack is full, you will need to wait for the next bus. Please plan accordingly.
- Always approach the bike rack from the curbside; and place your bike in the open position nearest to the bus.
- Remove any items from your bike that may interfere with bus operations, such as backpacks, or water bottles.
- You are responsible for loading and unloading your bicycle. For safety reasons, the operator cannot leave the bus to assist you.
- Load and unload as quickly as possible. Let the operator know where you will exit.
- If no other bikes are on the rack, close the rack after unloading.
- If the bike rack is damaged or not functional, please notify the operator.

For bus schedule or route information please call (210) 362-2020 or visit [www.viainfo.net](http://www.viainfo.net).  
 VIA also provides bicycle parking at most transit centers with more coming soon at our busiest stop locations.

### For additional information contact:

**SA-BC MPO**  
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 (210) 227-8651

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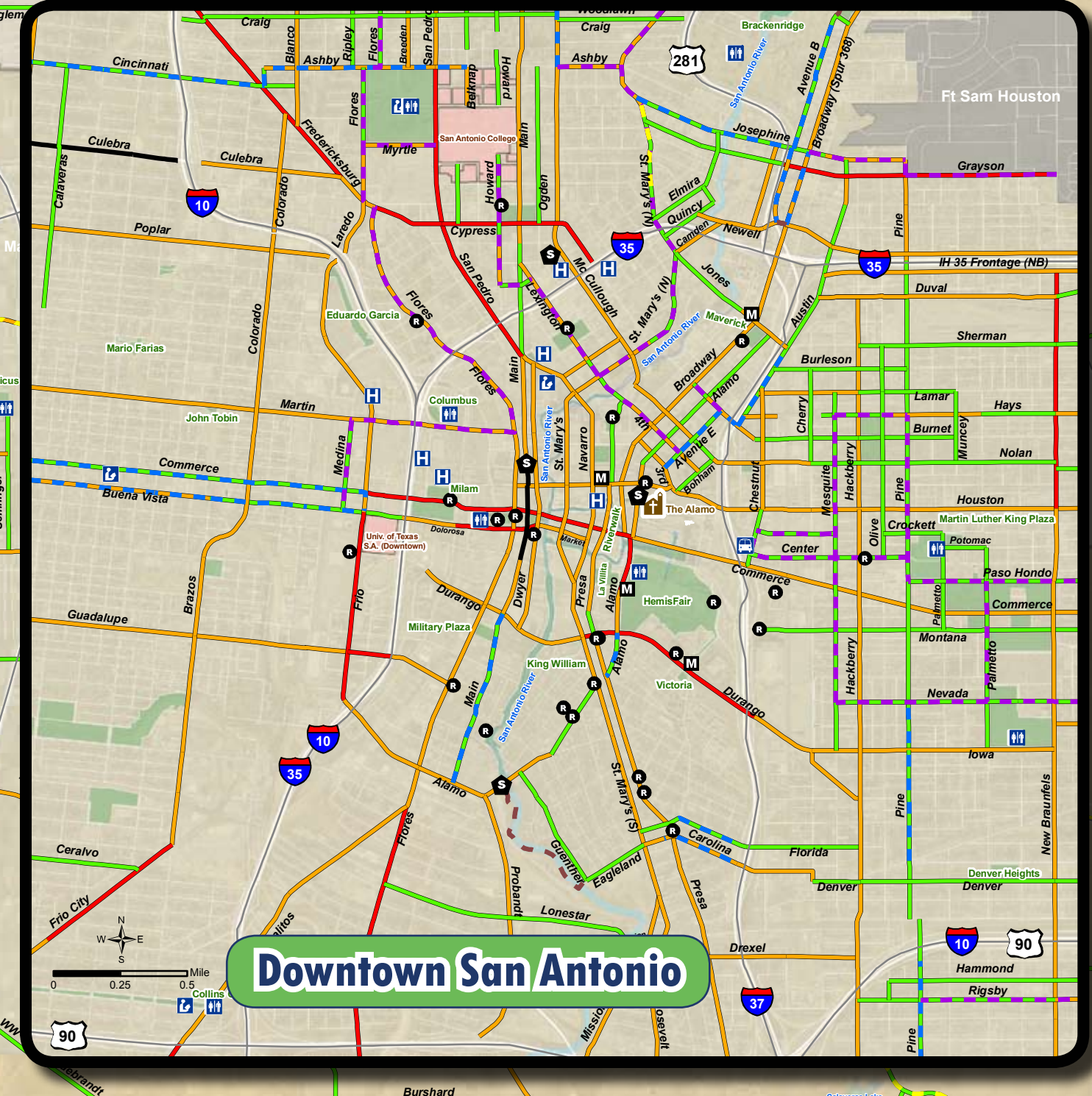
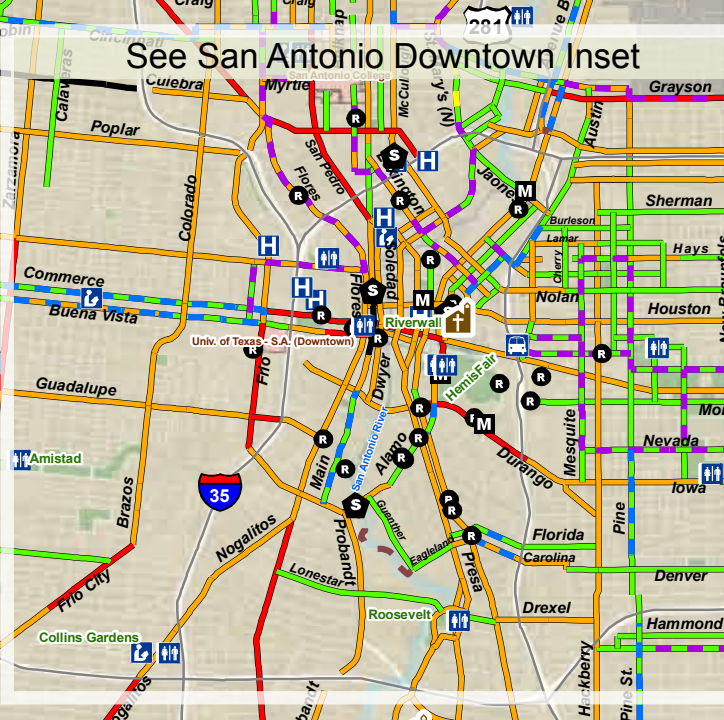
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**Steps to a Healthier San Antonio**

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### Linear Creekways

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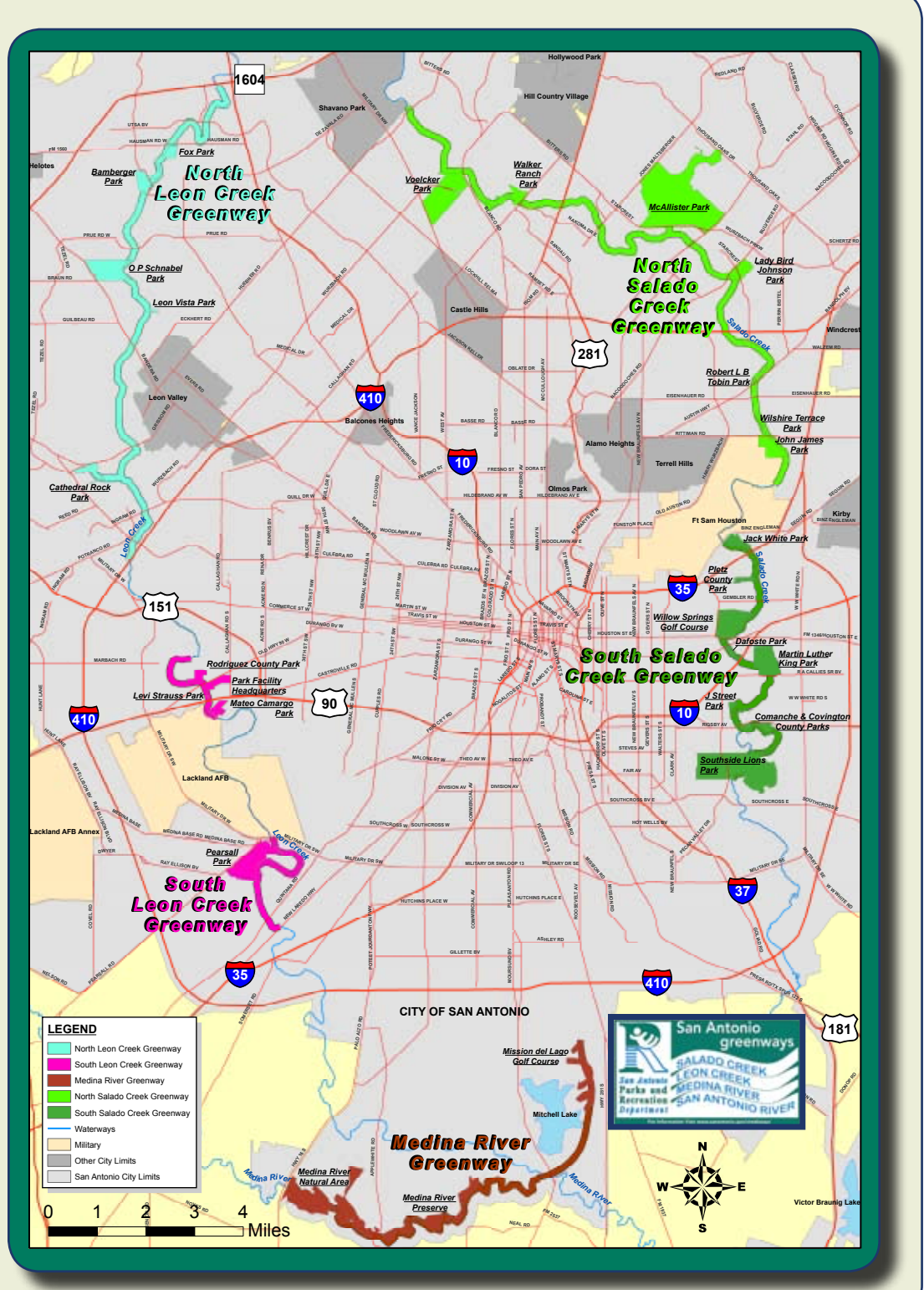
Creeks used for stormwater conveyance are being converted to 10' multi-use pathways for cyclists and pedestrians. These "linear parks" run through the city and in many instances connect to existing parks and trail systems, providing a verdant oasis for recreational riders and potential corridors for commuters.

The Linear Park Development Program for Salado Creek, Leon Creek, Medina River and the San Antonio River is funded through sales tax approved by voters in 2000 and 2005. Approximately 980 acres of property along San Antonio Creekways have been acquired for the program, with another 200 acres planned for acquisition. Various segments of the trail are still under construction. The system will be complete in 2013. For maps of completed segments, go to <http://www.sanantonio.gov/creekways>.

**Leon Creek**  
 When Complete: approximately 16 miles

**Salado Creek**  
 When Complete: approximately 22 miles

**Medina River**  
 When Complete: approximately 12 miles



### Mission Trail

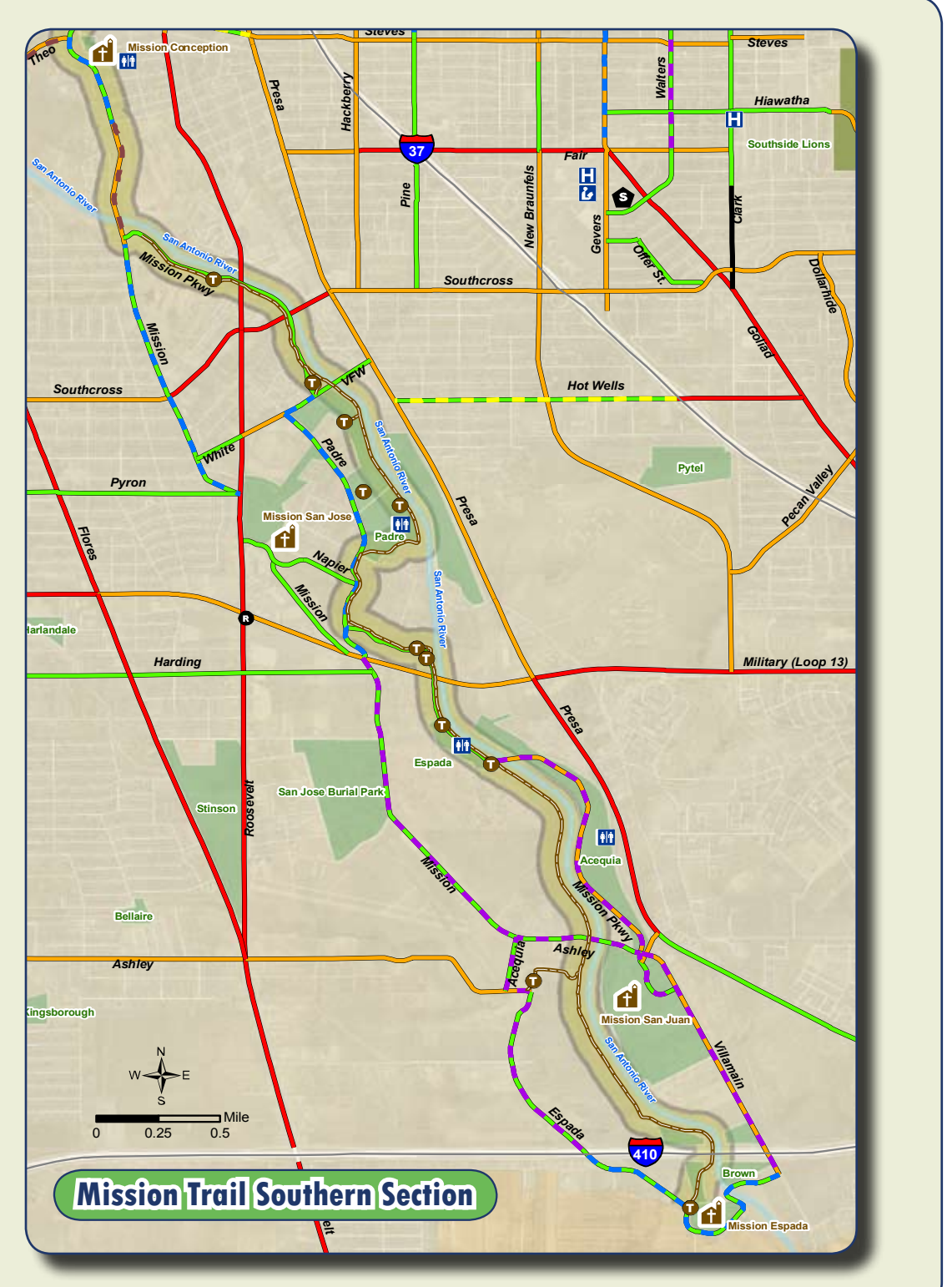
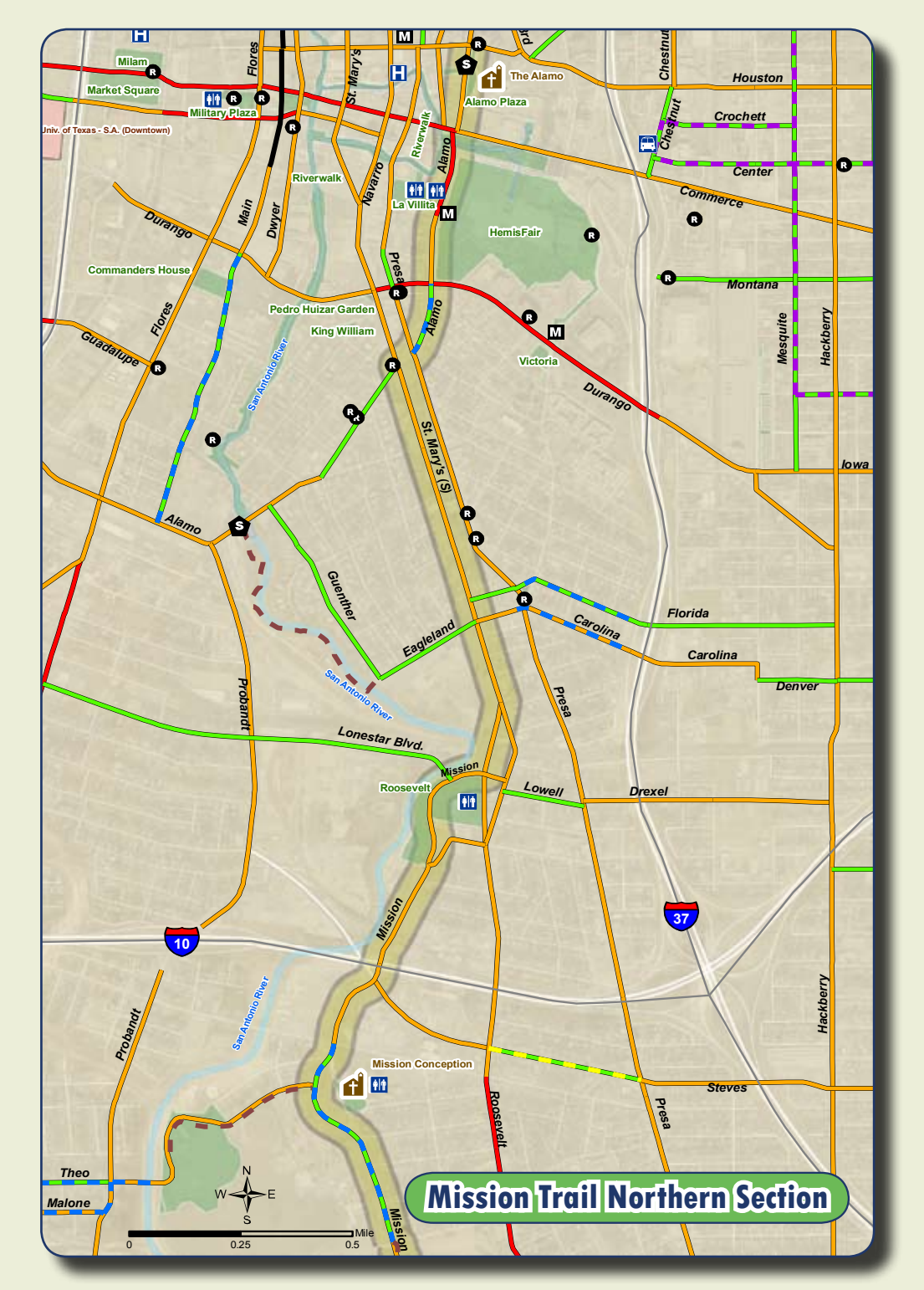


The Mission Trail links the five 18th-century Spanish missions that laid the foundation for modern-day San Antonio. Each of the five missions on San Antonio's Mission Trail dates back to the days when Spain attempted to extend its reach in the New World by converting Native Americans to Catholicism. The most famous of the Mission Trail missions is Mission San Antonio de Valero - best known as The Alamo.

The Mission Trail stretches nine miles along the San Antonio River, with The Alamo being the northernmost of the missions. Visitors may drive the entire San Antonio Mission Trail or travel along a hike-and-bike trail.

- San Antonio Conventions & Visitors Bureau

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### How to load your bike on the bus



**DISCLAIMER:**  
 VIA is not responsible for personal injury or property damage arising from the use of bicycle equipment.

### State Bicycle Laws

When you ride a bike in traffic you are a driver. You must follow the rules of the road, give signals, obey signs and lights, yield the right-of-way and keep a sharp lookout for danger—just like car drivers do. To help you be a lawful and safe bicyclist the following laws are listed for you to study, learn and obey.

- A cyclist shall never ride against the flow of traffic.
- A cyclist must obey all traffic signs, signals and rules of the road.
- Every bicycle in use at night time shall be equipped with the following: a lamp that emits a white light visible at a distance of at least 500 feet and a type of red reflector on the rear that is approved by the Department of Public Safety.
- Persons riding side by side shall not impede the normal and reasonable flow of traffic on the roadway. Persons riding side by side on a laned roadway must ride in a single lane.
- Bicycles may be ridden on roadway shoulders, except where expressly prohibited by law.

Excerpted from the Texas Drivers Handbook, Texas Department of Public Safety.