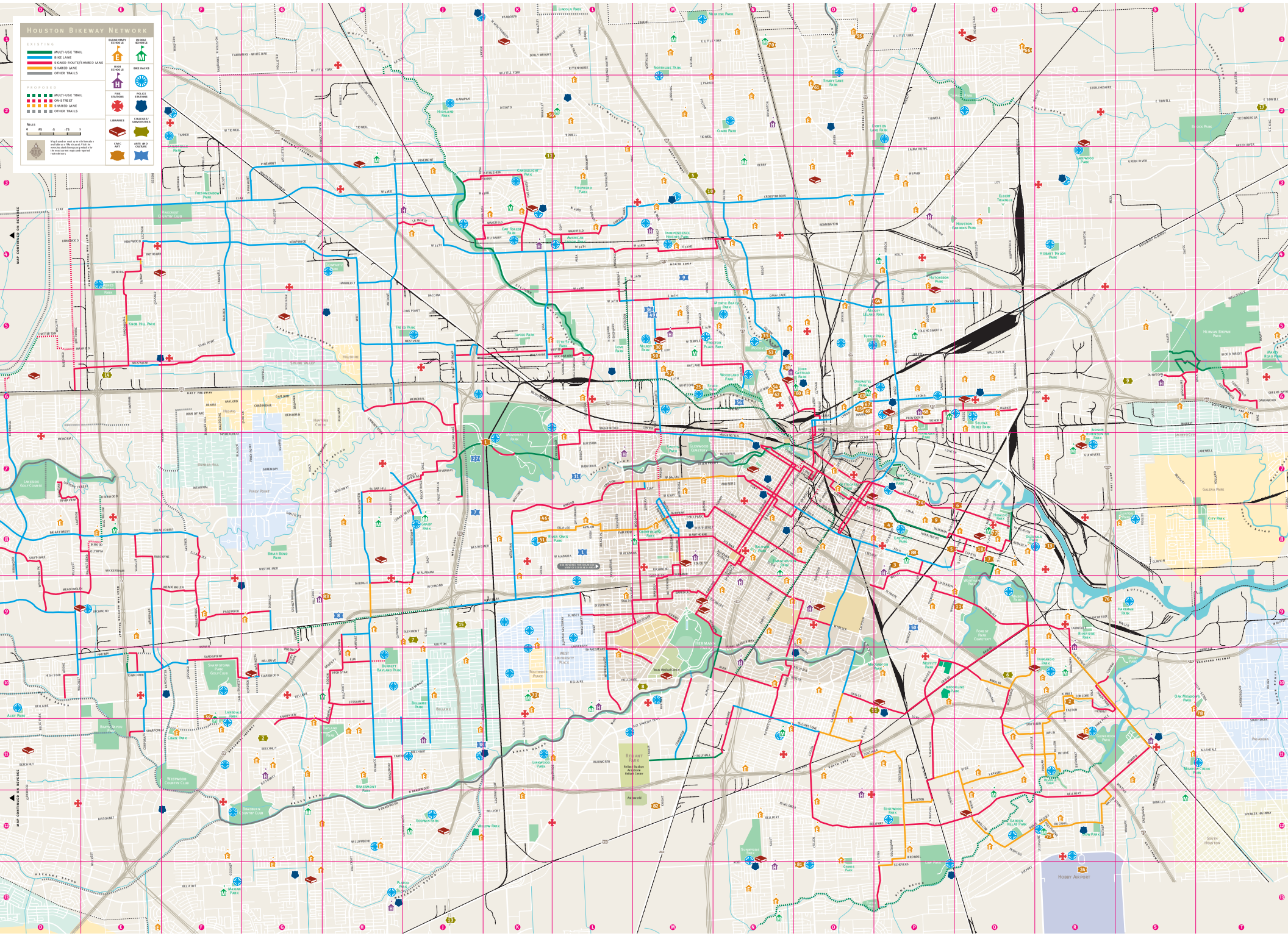
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Map is based on street, trail, and other data collected and data as of May 2010, as well. It is not the exact data, but it is a good approximation. For the most accurate map, use the most recent data available.
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Houston is a great city of opportunity, and one of our best opportunities is to get out on our bicycles and explore hundreds of miles of bikeways and trails for pretty much 12 months of the year.

Our bikeways pass through some of our most fascinating and historic neighborhoods. They provide us with an escape to some of the most lush and beautiful natural scenery in this part of the world. They provide us with the free feeling of the open road, as well as the close-up connection to the urban landscape.

No matter what your ability on the bike, there's a lot of fun, a little bit of adventure and, oh yes, a good measure of fitness to be had on Houston's bikeways.

Houston is a bike-friendly city and we're working hard every day to make it more so. Our bikeways extend across a 500-square mile area with a total of 300 existing miles of bike lanes, bike routes, shared lanes, bayou trails, rails-to-trails and other urban trails as well. We've added new bike parking, provide a quarterly newsletter and bring opportunities to learn about bike safety through partnerships with various community organizations. And we even have our own annual Tour de Houston bike ride that helps us raise money for parks and gets thousands of Houstonians out for a great tour of their city by bike. What could be better than that?

**Bill White, Mayor**

*To learn more about the Houston Bikeway Program visit www.houstonbikeways.org*

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The City of Houston Bikeway Program has produced this map to assist cyclists and pedestrians in planning recreational and commute trips. The Houston Bikeway Network consists of over 345 miles of both on-street and off-street paths. To date, over 300 miles have been completed and 45 miles of trails are in development. The Houston Bikeway Network offers designated bikeways throughout the city. This network allows users to cycle or walk along bikeways that have been marked for bike and pedestrian travel.

The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her own safety. Conditions may vary and steps must be taken to evaluate bikeways and traffic conditions. Use the bikeways appropriate to your skill level. We recommend parents determine when their children are capable of riding on the street bikeways. It is recommended that all cyclists and skaters use a helmet. All children 17 years and under must wear a helmet.

This map was produced with the most current information available as of March 2006.

Thanks to the members of the Houston Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee for their help field-checking Houston's bikeways.

**The City of Houston provides four types of bikeways on the bikeway network. Become familiar with these four types of bikeways to understand what is expected of you as a cyclist, motorist or pedestrian.**

### Bike Lanes

A designated, striped bicycle lane with special pavement markings and signs along the road. They are generally found to the right of a traffic lane and can be used only by bicycles. There is no parking allowed on this lane unless otherwise indicated.

### Bike Route

A designated wide bike and motor vehicle shared roadway. Cars and bicycles ride side-by-side using this lane. Bike routes are generally found to the right of the traffic lane. Parking may be allowed on this route and cyclists will ride to the left and around the parked car.

### Shared Lane

A shared lane is designated for bicycle OR motor vehicle use. The shared lane is not for simultaneous use of both vehicles. Motor vehicles traveling at a greater speed than cyclists can pass bikes as any other slow moving vehicle, using the left lane. There are special pavement markings and signs along this lane to remind both cyclists and motorists they are traveling on shared lanes.

### Bike Trail

A trail along a linear park. This can be a bayou trail, a converted rail to trail, or a trail along a green space. Trails in the Houston Bikeway Network are multi-use trails. Bike riders, walkers, and joggers use them. Courtesy is important. Verbal signals allow fellow trail users to travel safely on the same path.

### Traveling on the Road

While traveling on street bikeways, a cyclist is considered a vehicle too, therefore, cyclists must observe traffic law, signal to other vehicles and pedestrians, and maintain common driver etiquette. Arm signals and verbal communication, as well as the use of a horn or bell will inform other users of your intentions. Be a predictable rider and avoid hazardous riding. Keep in mind that pedestrians have the right of way.

When riding your bike, consider these important items. They will make your riding experience safer and more enjoyable:

- Helmet
- Bell (or horn)
- Mirror
- Headlight
- Lock
- Wheel Reflectors (2)
- Fenders
- Pedal Reflectors
- Pant Clip
- Saddlebags
- Rear Rack
- Tail Light
- Bright/White Clothing
- Water Bottle
- Brakes
- Tight Seat and Handle Bars
- Sun Screen

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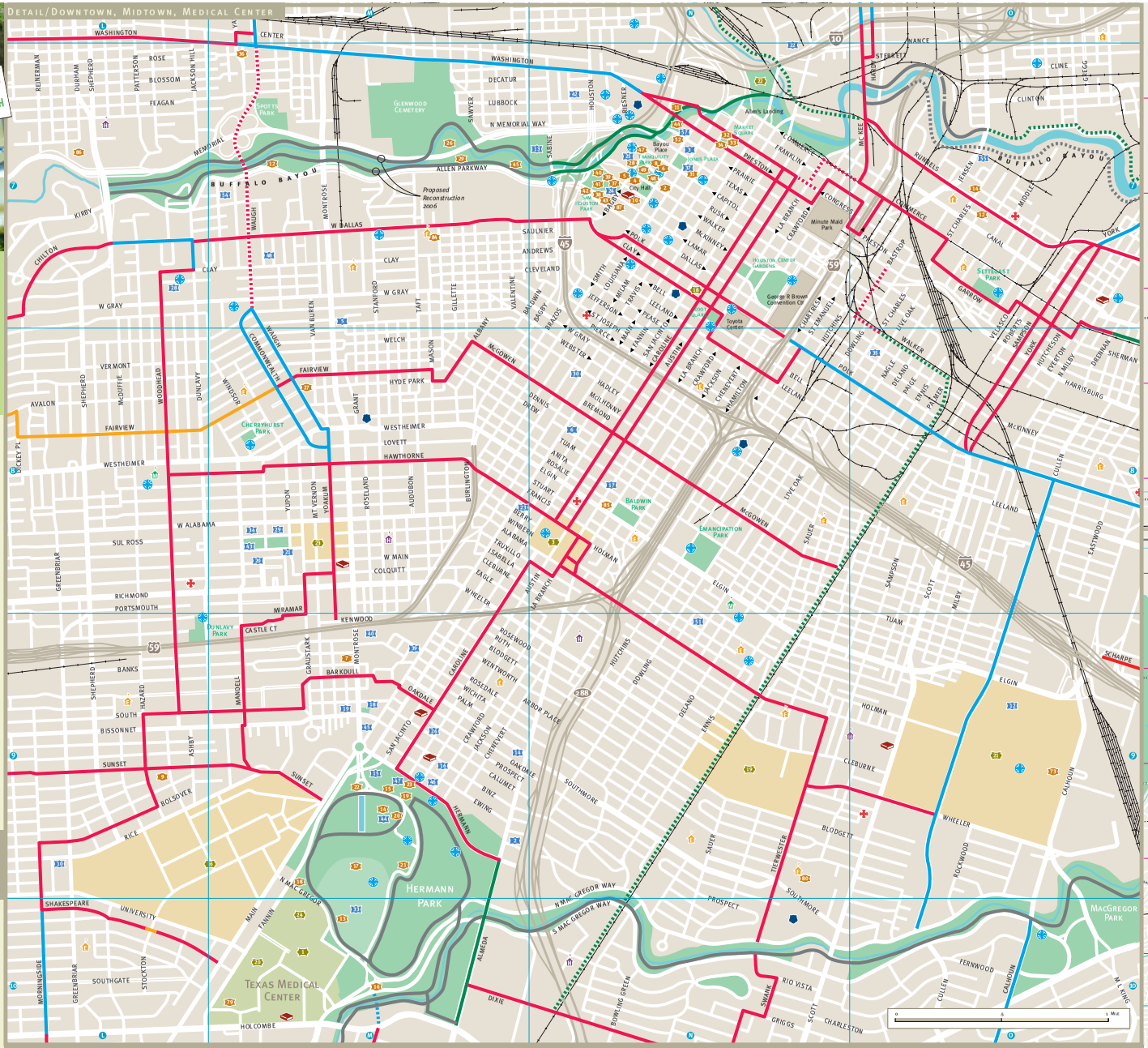


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