Bay County BikePed

2025 MASTER PLAN

Bay TPO Local Working Group Meeting- May 28th, 2025, 9:00 am

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview/Purpose
- Project Schedule
- Vision, Goals and Objectives
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Previous and Surrounding Plans
- Public Outreach and Engagement
- Questions and Next Steps
- Adjournment

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Thank you for joining us to discuss the Bay County TPO Bike/Ped/Trail Master Plan Update!



BAY COUNTY TPO

The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization is the local, intergovernmental transportation policy board for Bay County, Florida. The board is comprised of local government officials who make decisions regarding transportation at a regional level. The Bay County TPO is required by state and federal law to establish a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing planning process. The TPO also works to increase safety, security, accessibility, mobility, and connectivity for people and goods.

PLAN OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

TIMELINE
(UPDATED)





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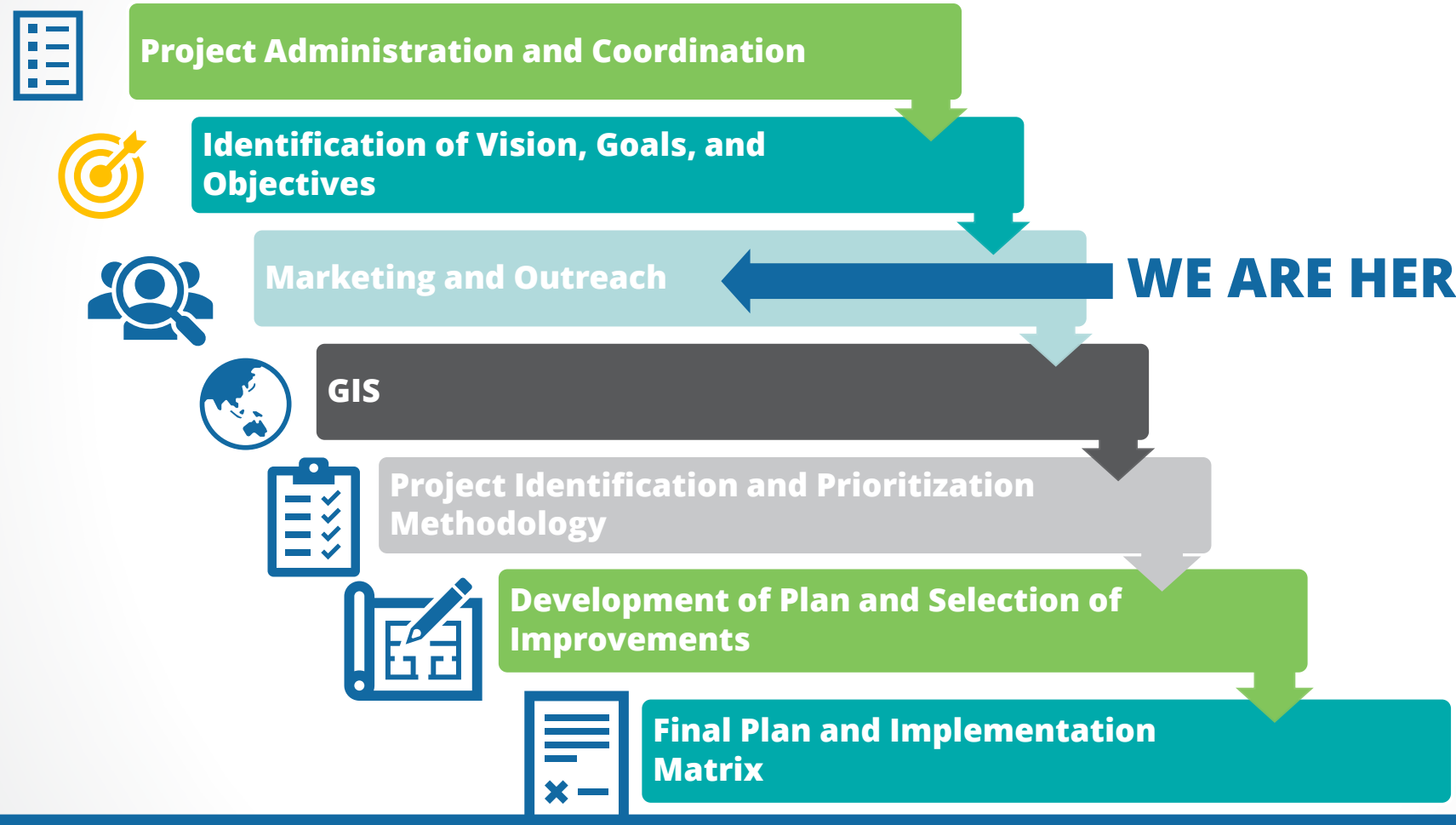
PROJECT SCHEDULE/ PLANNING PROCESS



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

VISION

The **Regional Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan for the Bay County TPO** will guide the development and implementation of the region's walking and bicycling environments for years to come. The foundation for recommendations and implementation strategies are directly informed by this plan's vision statement, goals, objectives, and policies.

- A vision statement is a broad inspirational statement for the desired future environment.
- Goals are general statements of what the plan hopes to achieve over time.
- Objectives are more specific statements that mark progress toward the goal.

Vision Statement

- **The vision statement for this master plan is as follows:**

The TPO Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan will improve the quality of life for all communities within the TPO planning area by providing education, engineering, enforcement, and encouragement of multi-modal transportation choices.

PURPOSE

The purpose and goal of the Bay TPO Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Trail Master Plan is to:

- Develop a shared vision for all communities.
- Promote active transportation, enhancing safety, and improving connectivity.
- Set specific goals, such as increasing bicycle, pedestrian, trail infrastructure, promoting health, and reducing traffic congestion.
- Develop strategies that support the integration of safe and well-connected pedestrian and bicycle networks into the overall transportation system.
- Identify and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects, as well as trail projects included on the SUN Trail network and the Florida Greenways and Trails Priority network.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Goal 1 : To create safe, convenient, and connected routes to all destinations and between land uses for bicyclists and walkers**
  - ***Objective 1.1** - All jurisdictions within the Bay County TPO area should have incorporated the relevant policies and projects from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan into their Comprehensive Plan (including CIP/TIP) and land development regulations by October 2007.
  - **Objective 1.2** - To integrate bicycle/pedestrian facilities into design of all transportation projects.
  - **Objective 1.3** - To provide bicycle/pedestrian networks which safely serve major attractors such as schools, shopping malls, residential subdivisions, retirement areas, and recreational facilities.
  - **Objective 1.4** - To provide multi-modal linkages to increase the range and choice of trips. To provide bicyclists and pedestrians the support facilities necessary to connect with other modes of travel.
  - **Objective 1.5** - To provide safe and convenient bicycle parking at destinations.
  - **Objective 1.6** - To provide maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian facilities as part of the regular transportation maintenance program.
  - **Objective 1.7** - Regional roadway projects will support the creation of “complete streets.”

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

- **Goal 2 : To encourage bicycle and pedestrian travel as viable transportation modes.**
  - ***Objective 2.1**-To support the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to the TPO.
  - **Objective 2.2** -To support sponsorship of Bicycle and Pedestrian Public Service Announcements (PSAs) by local corporations, organizations, and governments.
  - **Objective 2.3** -To support employers who encourage/reward employees using alternate transportation.
  - **Objective 2.4** -To make information on local bicycling and walking facilities available to the public.
- **Goal 3 : To reduce bicycle/pedestrian crashes through education and enforcement.**
  - **Objective 3.1-** To train bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists to safely coexist.
  - **Objective 3.2-** To train law enforcement professionals in the specific bicycle and pedestrian related skills and knowledge required to perform their duties effectively and efficiently.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (CONT.)

- **Goal 4 : To maintain a current Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.**
  - **Objective 4.1-** To have a data base available to transportation planners for evaluating the bicycle and pedestrian systems safely meeting the travel needs of the community.
- **Goal 5 : To reach a point with no increase in vehicle miles of travel (VMT) within the TPO area even with increasing population.**
  - **Objective 5.1-** To support and encourage regional development and redevelopment using mixed land uses and traditional street patterns to maximize the number of trips that can be made by alternative modes such as walking and bicycling.

2006 Bay County TPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Goals and Objectives3

While the 2025 and 2011 update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan does not have specific goals and objectives associated with it, these 2006 previously adopted goals and objectives should remain, with two minor changes noted:

1) the specific date associated with objective 1.1 is no longer appropriate, and
2) the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee referenced in Objective 2.1 has been merged into the TPO's Citizens Advisory Committee.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Challenges**
  - Are there any unexpected obstacles that have emerged since the last update?
  - How can we address concerns related to safety for cyclists and pedestrians?
  - How can we overcome the resistance or lack of awareness from community members regarding biking and walking safety initiatives?
- **Opportunities**
  - Where do we see the biggest opportunities for expanding bike and pedestrian networks within the county?
  - How can we leverage new technologies or innovations to improve bike and pedestrian experiences?

PREVIOUS AND SURROUNDING PLANS

BAY COUNTY PLANS

- Bay County Land Development Regulations
- City of Panama City LDC
- City of Panama City Beach LDC
- City of Callaway Land Development Regulations
- City of Springfield Land Development Regulations
- City of Parker Land Development
- City of Mexico Beach Land Development Regulations

BAY COUNTY PLANS

- **Long Range Transportation Plan**
- **Congestion Management Process**
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

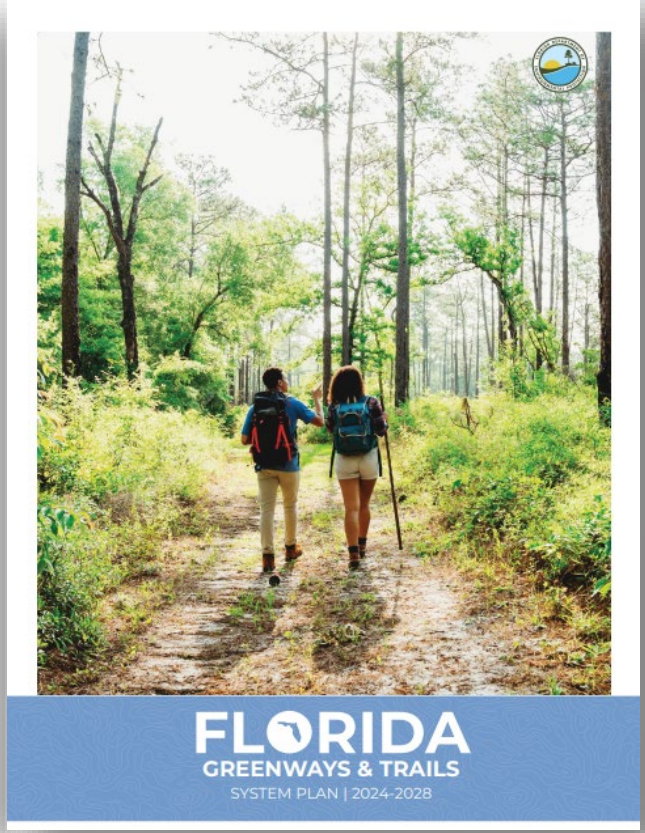


IDENTIFY PLANNED PROJECTS AND NEEDS

- **Regional Rural Transportation Plan**
- **Florida Greenways & Trails System Plan**



- **System Plan 2019-2023**



- **System Plan 2024-2028**

ADDITIONAL GUIDES AND TOOLS

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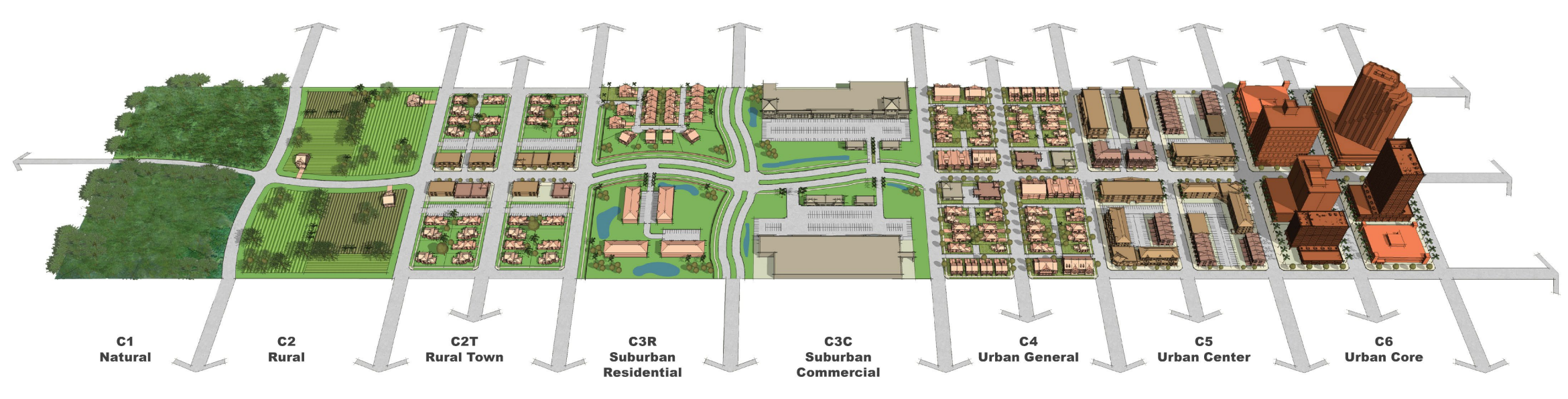
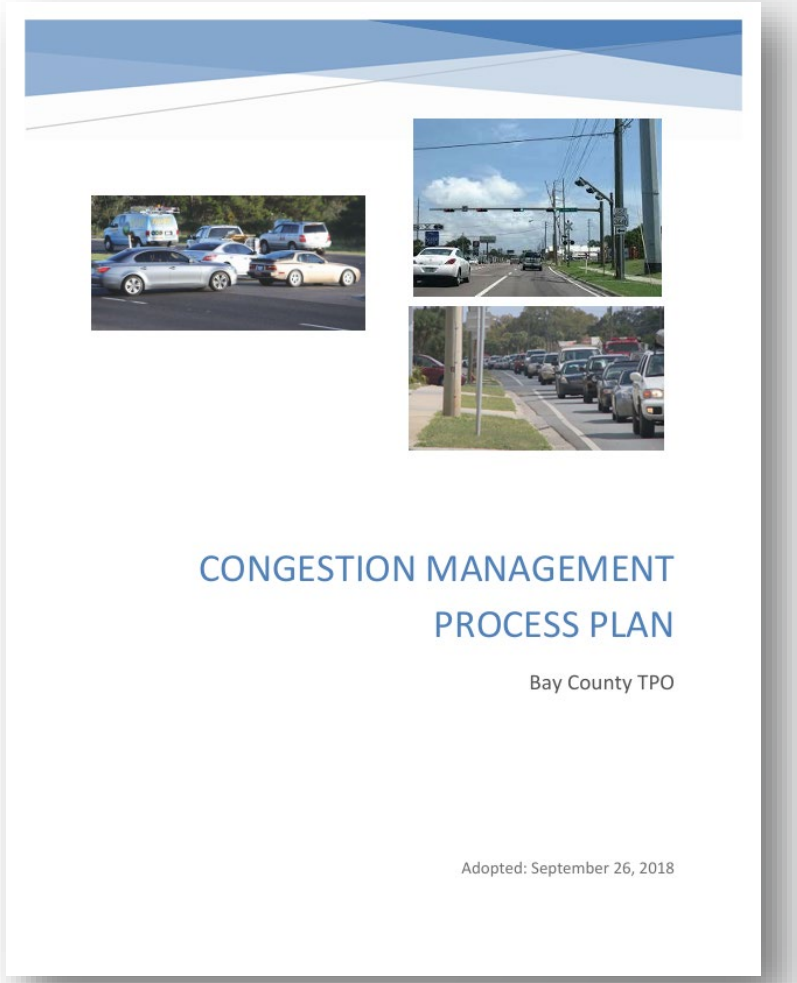


TPO'S CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

- **Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)**
  - Congestion Management Process Plan
  - Adopted: September 26, 2018



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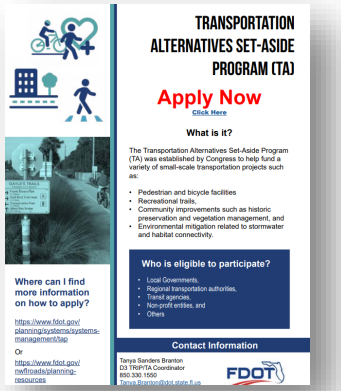
- TRIP
- Safe Streets For All (SS4A)
- NACTO
- AASHTO
- FDOT



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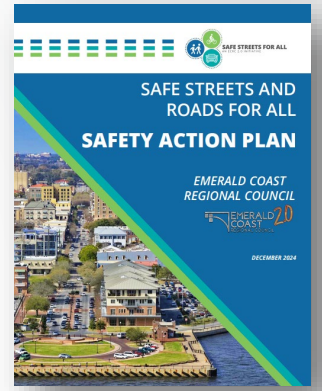

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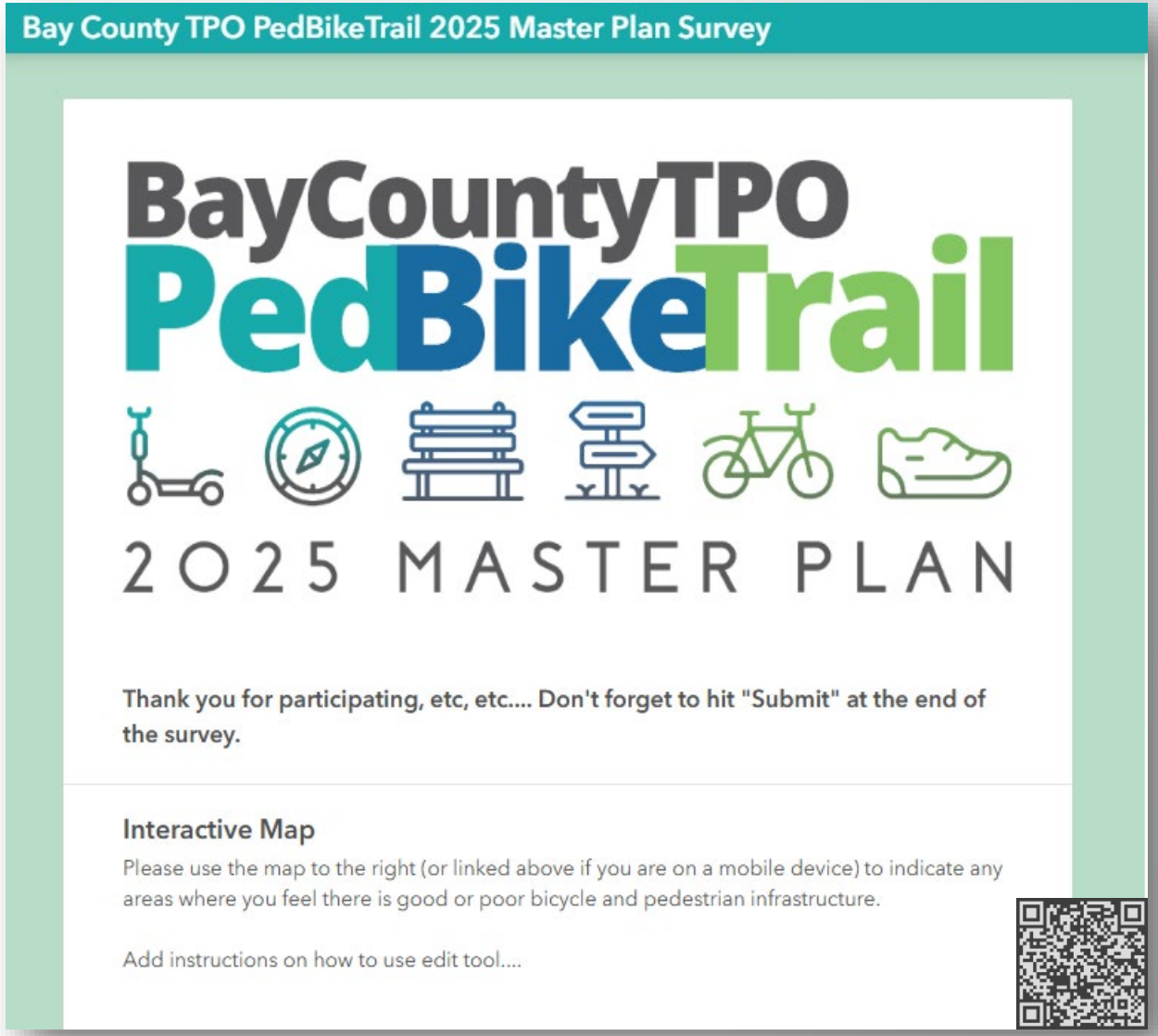
PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

SURVEY

- **HOW CAN YOU BE AMBASSADORS FOR THE SURVEY?**
- **HOW CAN THE SURVEY BE SHARED?**
  - QR code
  - Email
  - Survey Link
- **WHERE CAN THE SURVEY CAN BE SHARED?**
- **HOW MANY DAYS WOULD YOU PREFER THE SURVEY TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC 30 OR 45 DAYS?**



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QUESTIONS

NEXT STEPS

PROJECT SCHEDULE/ PLANNING PROCESS



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DELIVERABLES NEEDED

- GIS analysis of sidewalk and bike lane gaps
- Identify demand for sidewalks and bike facilities (trails) through a demographic GIS analysis of zero car households
- Needs assessment
- Summary of major bicycle, pedestrian, and trail trends, needs, constraints, and opportunities within the TPO area
- Summary of feedback
- Project identification from Cost Feasible and other relevant plans plus new projects
- Technical memorandum describing the identification of possible project prioritization methodology



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