

# Tucson, AZ

## Proposition 407 Parks & Connections

### » TUCSON DELIVERS: Strong Connections

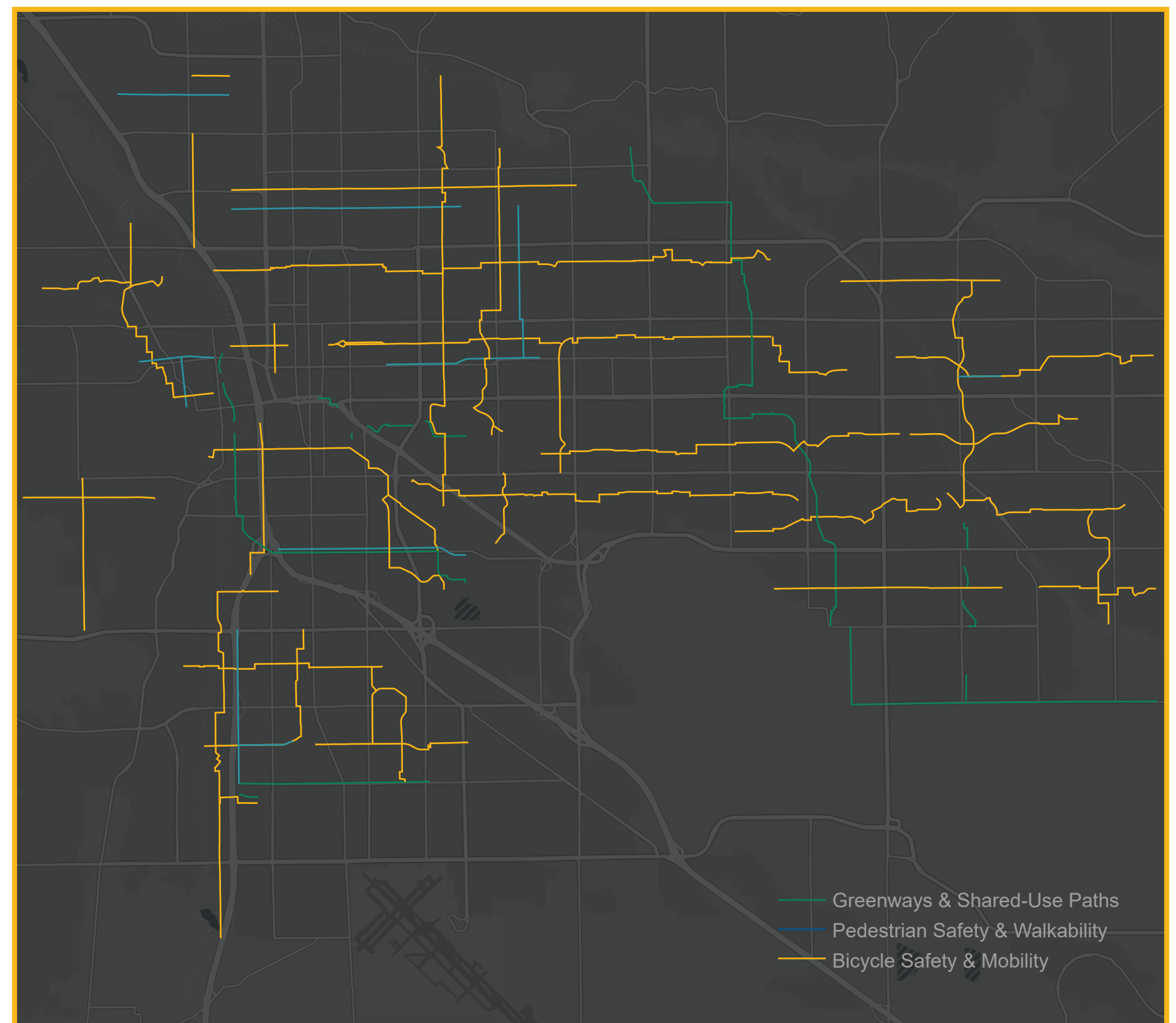


In November 2018, City of Tucson voters approved Proposition 407, a \$225 million bond package to improve City parks and active transportation connections to parks.

Active transportation projects funded through the program connect Tucsonans to parks, schools, transit, and shopping centers throughout Tucson.

Projects include new sidewalks and shared use paths with shade trees, lighting, and crossing improvements of major streets; bicycle boulevards; and protected bike lanes.

Connections Projects fall into three main categories:



The Tucson Delivers Strong Connections program includes 18 miles of Greenway and Shared-Use Path projects, 14 miles of Pedestrian Safety & Walkability projects, and 100 miles of Bicycle Safety & Mobility projects. Voters approved Connections Projects together with City park improvement projects.

## Connecting with the Public

After the Bond was approved, the City developed a public outreach process to make the public aware of upcoming projects in their neighborhood and invite them to weigh in on the proposed design.

In addition to conventional outreach via Neighborhood Associations, mailers, news releases, and social media posts, we partner with a local non-profit focused on Livable Streets to plan fun outdoor events designed to attract a diverse set of neighbors that may not come to a meeting at City Hall.

Typical events include:

- Pop-Up Cafes in the Park
- Ice Cream Socials, and
- Bike-In Movies

We also offer free bike repair at all our events. We've found that these informal family-friendly events tend to bring out a wider range of people than traditional public meetings, and we've received valuable feedback from neighbors that has improved our designs.



Our public engagement process for making the public aware of upcoming projects and getting feedback on proposed designs includes fun family-friendly outdoor events. This is a scene from an Ice Cream Social and Bike-In Movie with free bike repair at one of Tucson's parks. We invited the public to weigh in on design concepts for the Blacklidge Bicycle Boulevard project, which is adjacent to this park.