

About the Plan

North Kansas City is undertaking a Bike Master Plan in 2019 to coordinate projects and plan for a comprehensive network that connects and serves all parts of the community. We want to make sure this effort supports safer streets, more inviting public spaces, and better access to North Kansas City destinations for everyone to enjoy.

How is the plan funded?

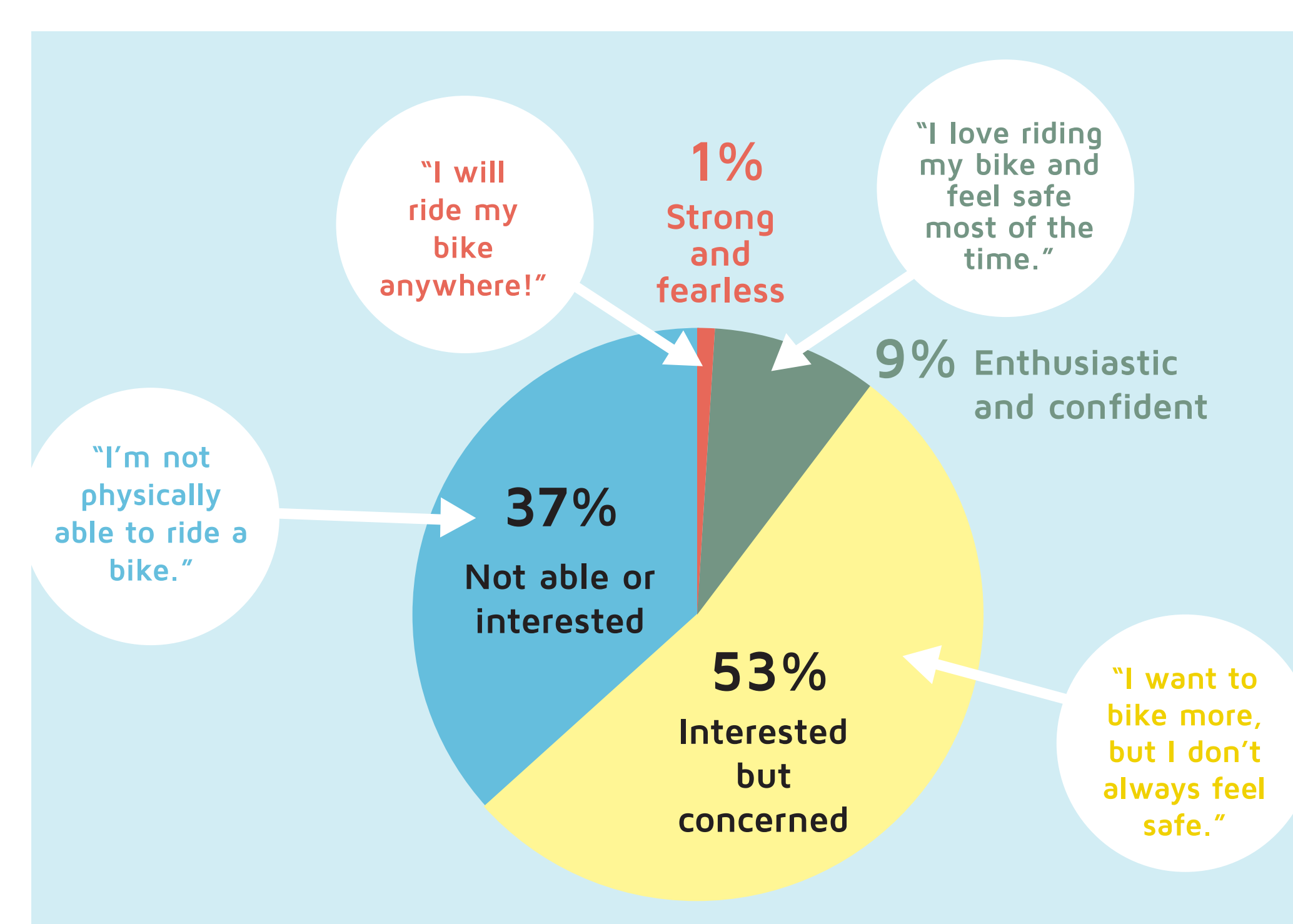
The City of North Kansas City applied for and won competitive funding from a Planning Sustainable Places grant administered through Mid-America Regional Council.

What's in the plan?

The bike master planning process provides engagement and education opportunities, analysis of roadways, a network of North Kansas City streets recommended for bicycle facilities, preliminary design concepts for specific bike facilities, a way to track and measure progress toward plan goals, and cost estimation to guide phasing and future investment.

Streets that Work for Everyone

For many, driving a car is not an option. Everyone needs to get around town, and everyone deserves to be safe when they do so. There are also many who don't bike today, but would choose to do so if it were safer and more comfortable. For these potential cyclists who are interested in biking but concerned about safety, better bike infrastructure will get them out riding, providing benefits for them as individuals, for other users of the street, and for the community as a whole.



Building on the 2016 North Kansas City Master Plan

This plan builds upon North Kansas City's Master Plan Vision and Themes.

The vision for North Kansas City is to support existing places and create unique and sustainable activity centers, with enhanced character that can be branded to grow economic development and support the community.

Theme 1: Grow and attract new and innovative business opportunities to create jobs, support local economy, and increase tax base.

Theme 2: Attract new residents and increase homeownership rates that support sustainable economic and social benefits.

Theme 3: Establish memorable destinations to create authentic and diverse public spaces, while expanding the range of attractions and economic development opportunities.

Theme 4: Build a safe multimodal network and enhance the pedestrian-scaled environment.

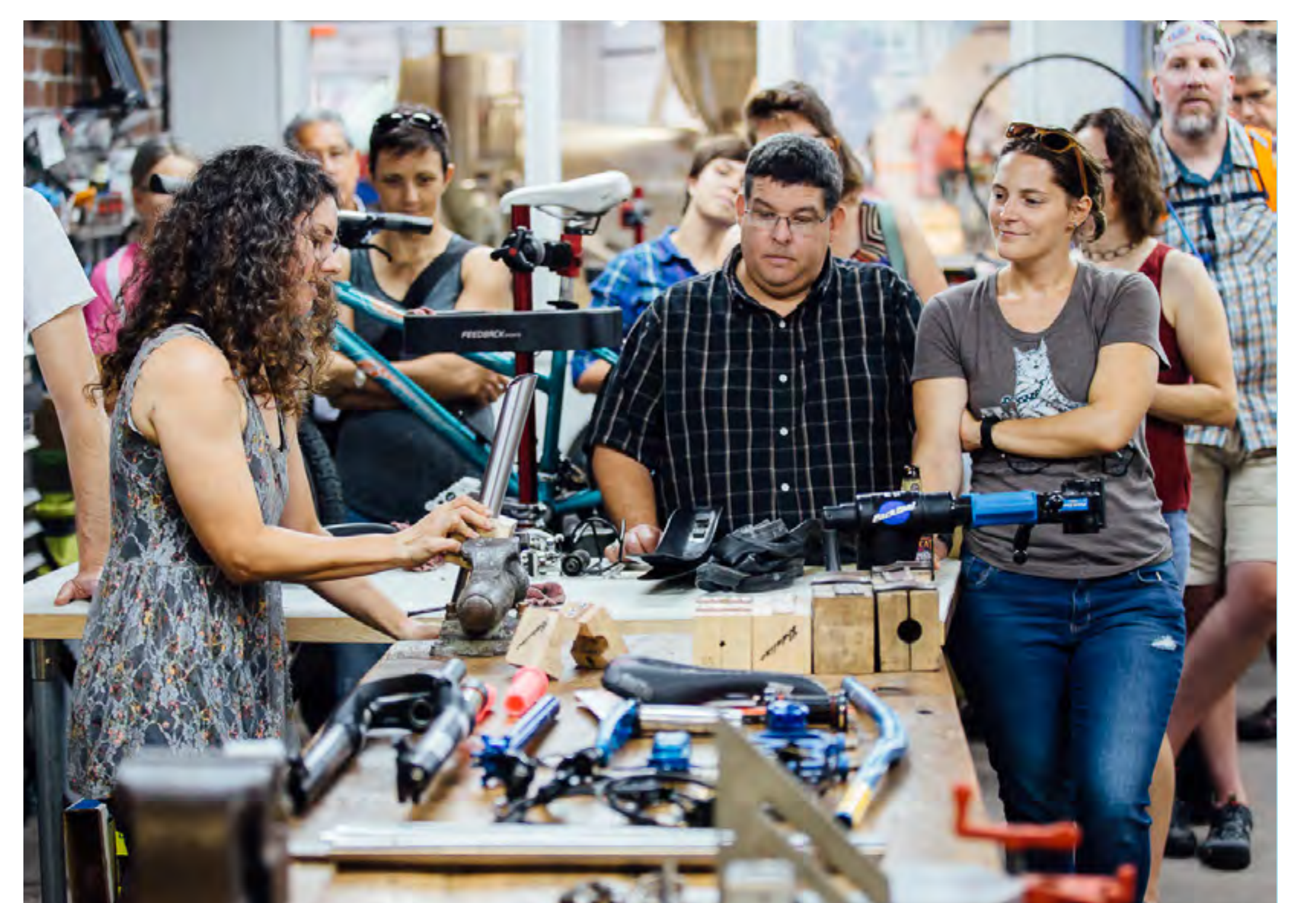
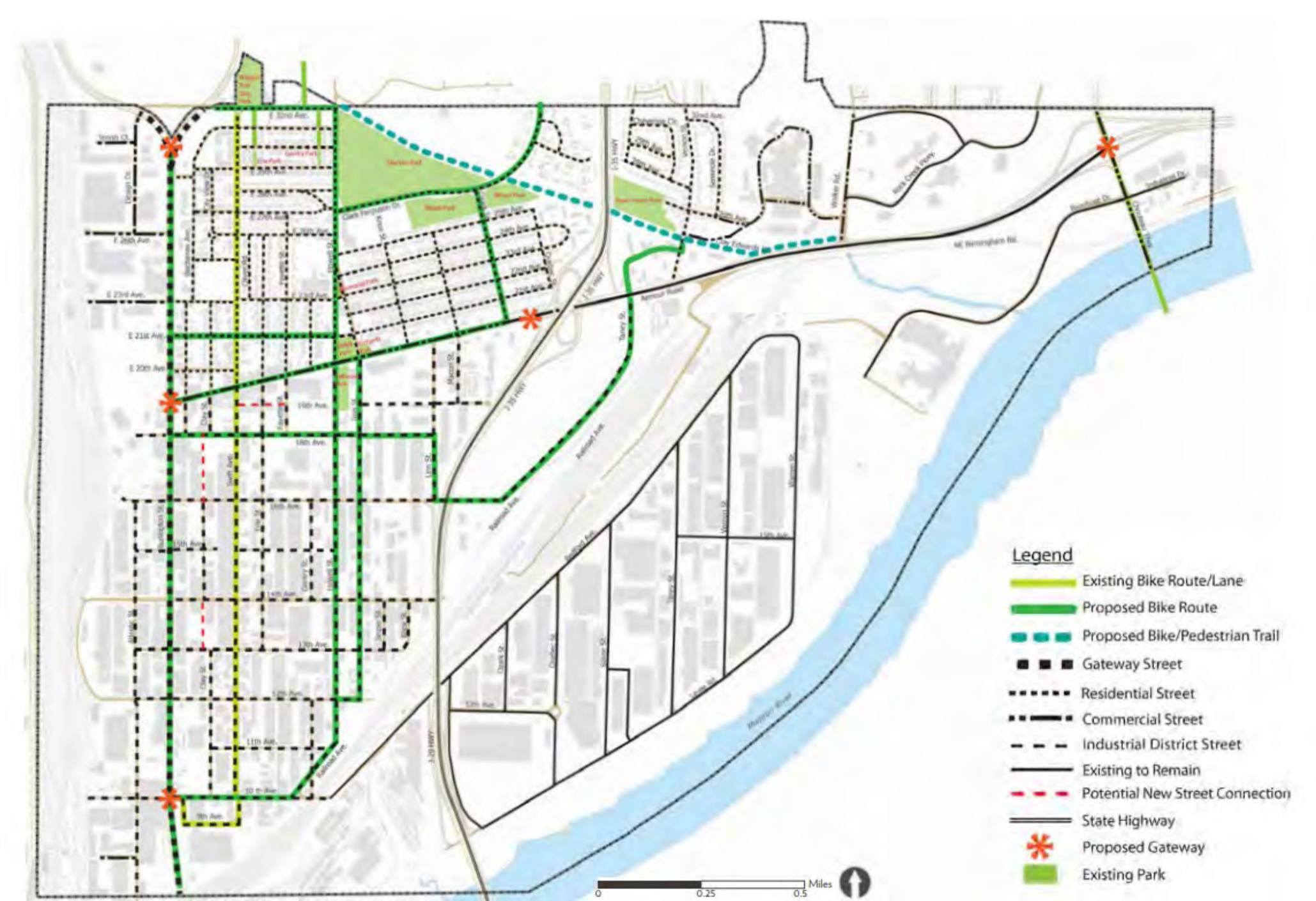
Theme 5: Preserve and enhance the local identity, uniqueness, and arts and culture assets of the North Kansas City community

4 Build a safe multimodal network and enhance the pedestrian-scaled environment.

- Maximize connectivity and safe pedestrian use of the street grid through direct connections among arterials, collectors and local roads.
- Create new and enhanced bike lanes where suitable to give commuters and the community a sustainable option for travel or leisure.
- Implement a parking management strategy that provides parking and circulation solutions throughout the city.
- Connect parks and open spaces to regional parks and destinations through bike and pedestrian trail systems.
- Improve streetscape character to promote active development uses and pedestrian activity.
- Improve physical connections to Downtown KCMO.
- Maintain safe and effective truck improvement through industrial areas.



2016 North Kansas City Master Plan Open Space and Mobility Map



Plan Priorities & Outcomes

What outcomes of the Bike Master Plan are most important to you?



INCREASE HEALTH & HAPPINESS



EXPAND ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY



GROW LOCAL BUSINESS



INCREASE SAFETY



IMPROVE JOB RETENTION & PERFORMANCE



STRENGTHEN QUALITY OF LIFE



ENHANCE PUBLIC SPACE



SUPPORT TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT

Why undertake a Bike Master Plan?

As the first step of a successful master planning process, we want to understand how investments in cycling infrastructure can provide important benefits for the entire community. The most direct benefits of biking in a community are enjoyed by cyclists themselves. Research shows cyclists are happier and healthier, with more money in their pockets. Businesses benefit from cycling too, with higher sales and more frequent customers. Employers see lower healthcare costs and more productive employees. Biking takes cars off the road, meaning less traffic and more parking for drivers. Everyone benefits from less pollution. For those without access to an automobile, biking can be a lifeline to transit, services, and employment. Around the world, higher rates of biking correlate with decreased traffic injuries and fatalities.

This Bike Master Plan explores biking benefits through the lens of North Kansas City, and seeks to define the opportunity that better bicycle infrastructure holds, based on North Kansas City's demographics, economic opportunities, unique location, and vision for the future.

OTHER PRIORITIES

Routes and Destinations

We asked:

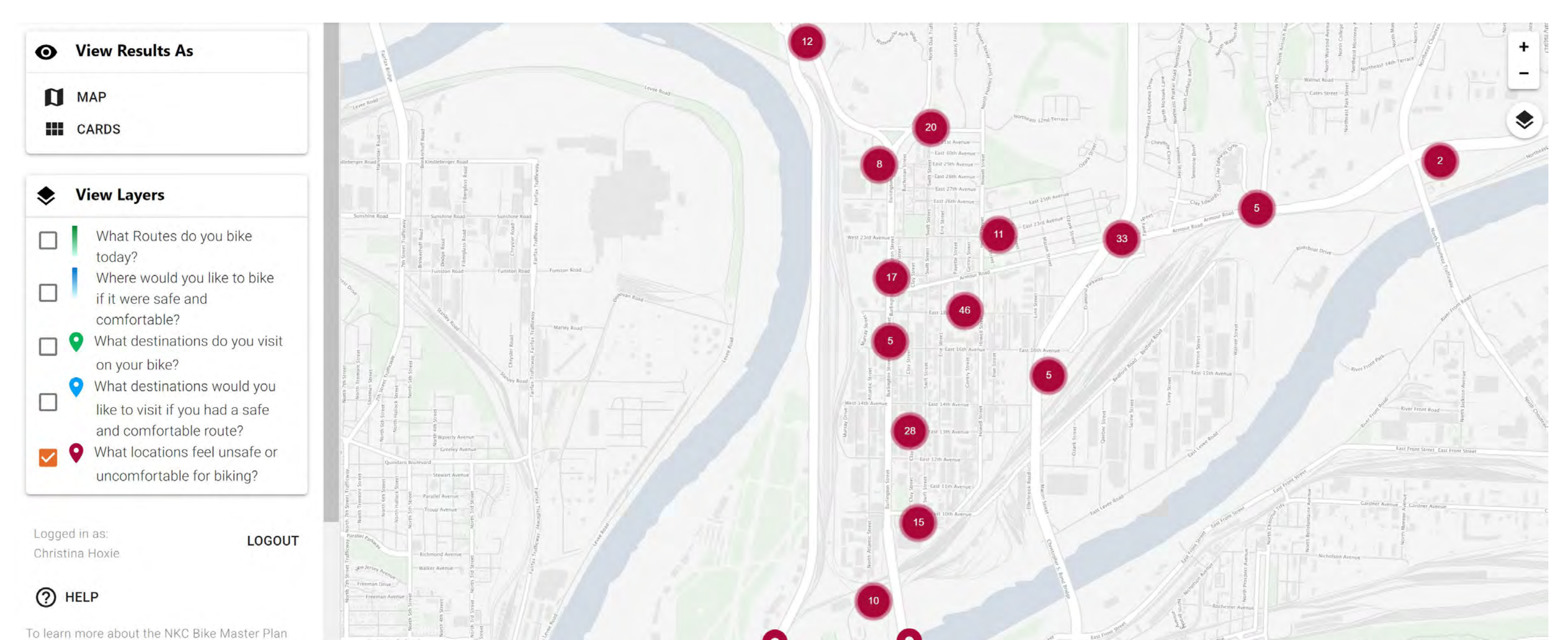
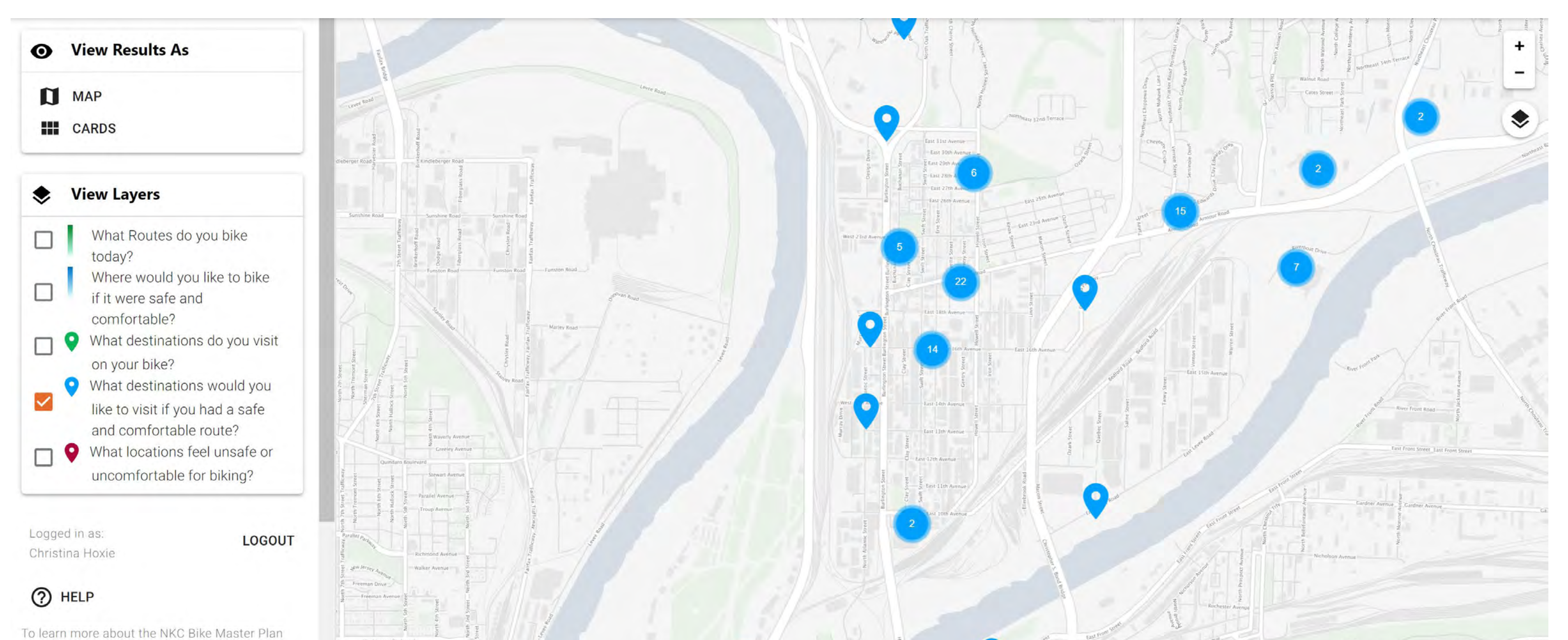
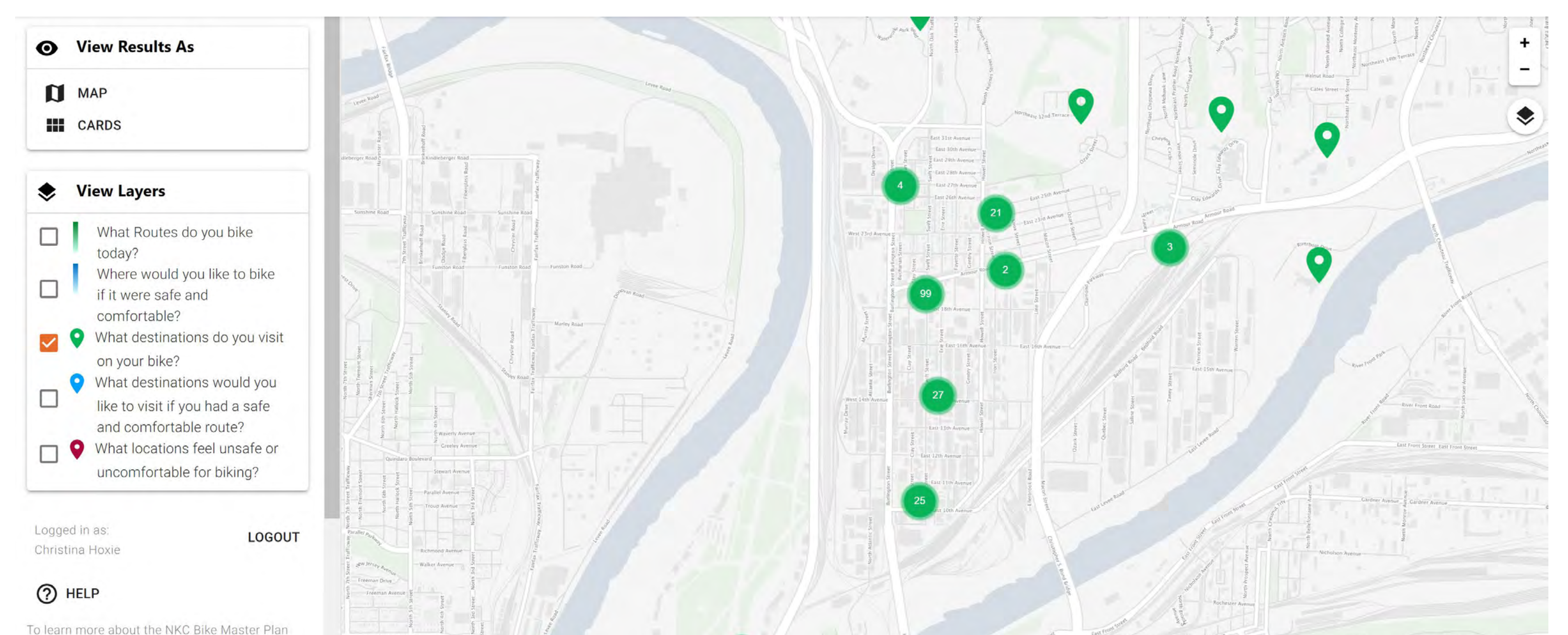
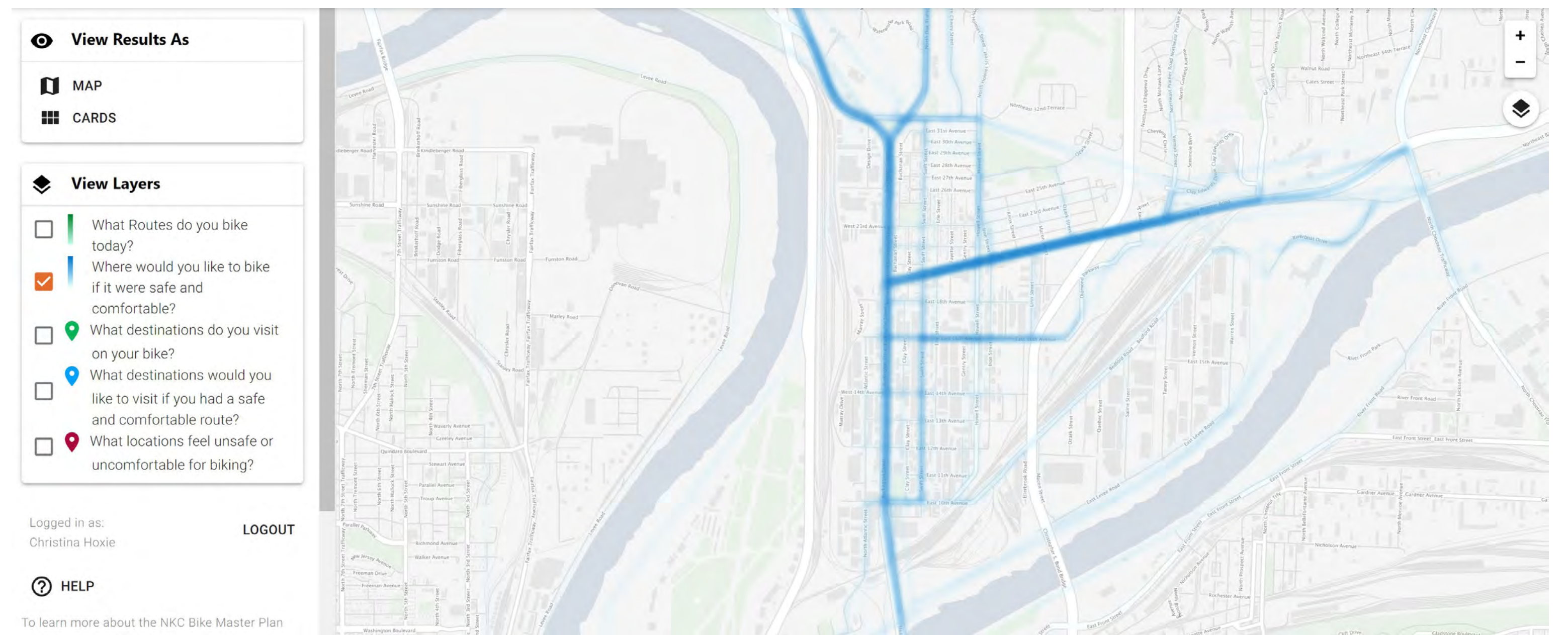
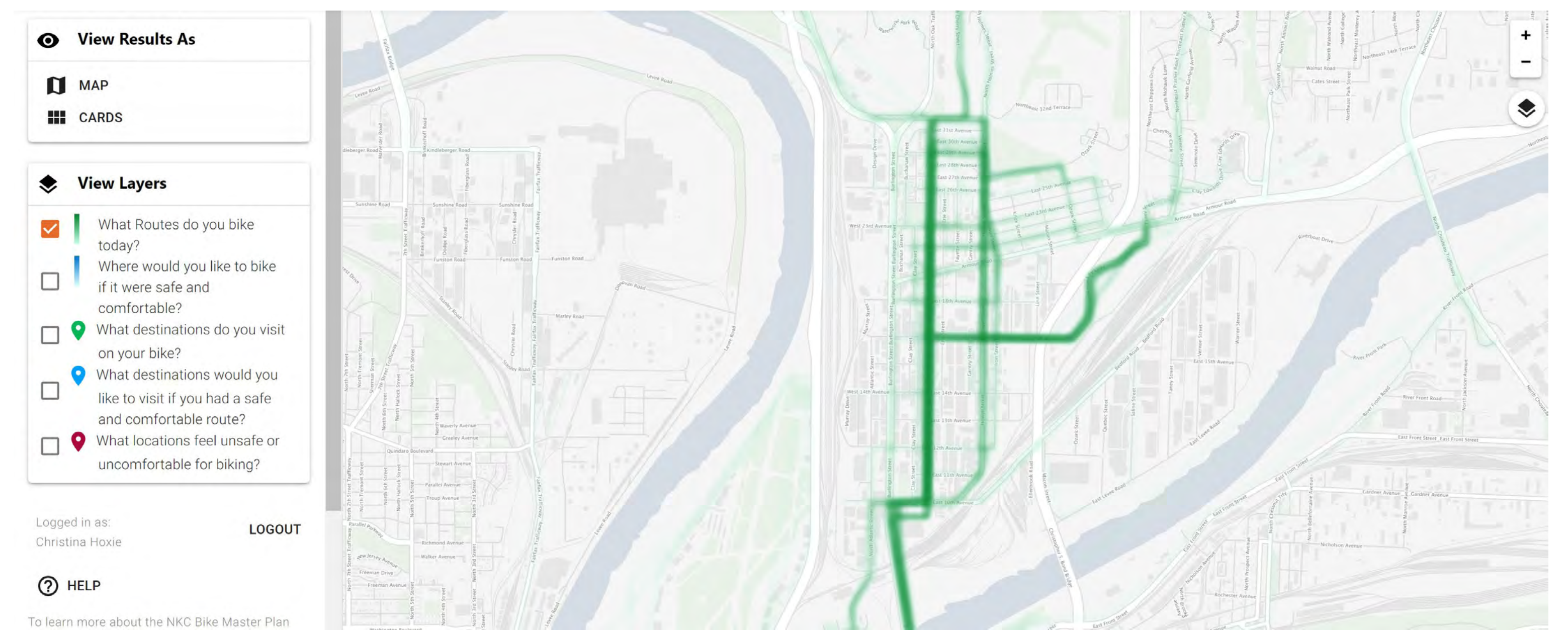
What routes do you bike today?

What routes would you bike if it was safe and comfortable?

What destinations do you visit on your bike?

What destinations would you like to visit if you had a safe and comfortable route?

What locations feel unsafe or uncomfortable for biking?



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Public Comments: Routes

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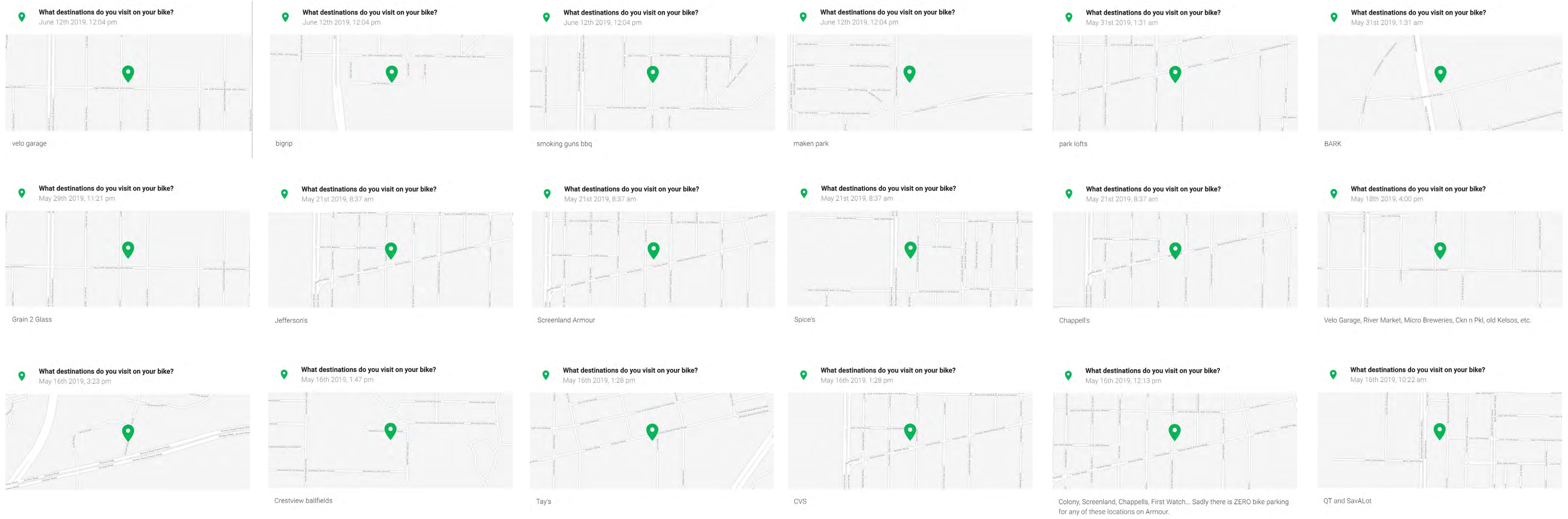
<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 21st 2019, 8:37 am</p> <p>We ride to NKC almost every weekend to eat. We live right next to the Line Creek Trail north of Barry Road</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 22nd 2019, 11:26 am</p> <p>This is the route my wife and I take to go to restaurants and bars in NKC</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 29th 2019, 11:21 pm</p> <p>Great existing route, but could be improved along Swift and 16th in NKC.</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? June 13th 2019, 10:43 am</p> <p>From home to get to Line Creek trail. Scary short ride on Route 9 past 169 on/off ramps to get there!</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? June 13th 2019, 10:43 am</p> <p>Home to Parkville. Same problem with short ride on Route 9 - after Argosy it's smooth sailing, mostly.</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? June 13th 2019, 10:43 am</p> <p>From our home to City Market. Safe and fun.</p>
<p>What Routes do you bike today? June 12th 2019, 12:04 pm</p> <p>Ride to avoid Armour and highway, to get to hospital</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? June 12th 2019, 12:04 pm</p> <p>Ride over to downtown airport to do some loops</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? June 12th 2019, 12:04 pm</p> <p>Ride down swift all the time to visit BigRip, Velo Garage, and Armour Theatre</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 22nd 2019, 11:26 am</p> <p>This is the route I take to go to the Grocery store</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 18th 2019, 1:40 pm</p> <p>Need connector from here to Burlington St via Armour Rd</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 16th 2019, 11:01 am</p> <p>Bike Howell and Iron frequently.</p>
<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 15th 2019, 4:35 pm</p> <p>This is the route I take to North Kansas City today. The bike lanes on Southwest Boulevard and Grand are OK, but would prefer more protection. The HOA bridge/cyclistack is great, and Swift is low enough traffic volume that it feels safe.</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 15th 2019, 2:00 pm</p> <p>Intersection of Iron/Howell is tricky, but doesn't require time on Armour.</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 15th 2019, 2:00 pm</p> <p>Route to and from work. Feels mostly safe with wide streets, but biking in between parking and traffic can get tricky.</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 15th 2019, 12:51 pm</p> <p>This is the route I use when biking to work at Cerner HQ</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 15th 2019, 11:30 am</p> <p>My current work commute</p>	<p>What Routes do you bike today? May 15th 2019, 11:16 am</p> <p>I ride this route to and from work daily</p>

What routes would you bike if it was safe and comfortable?

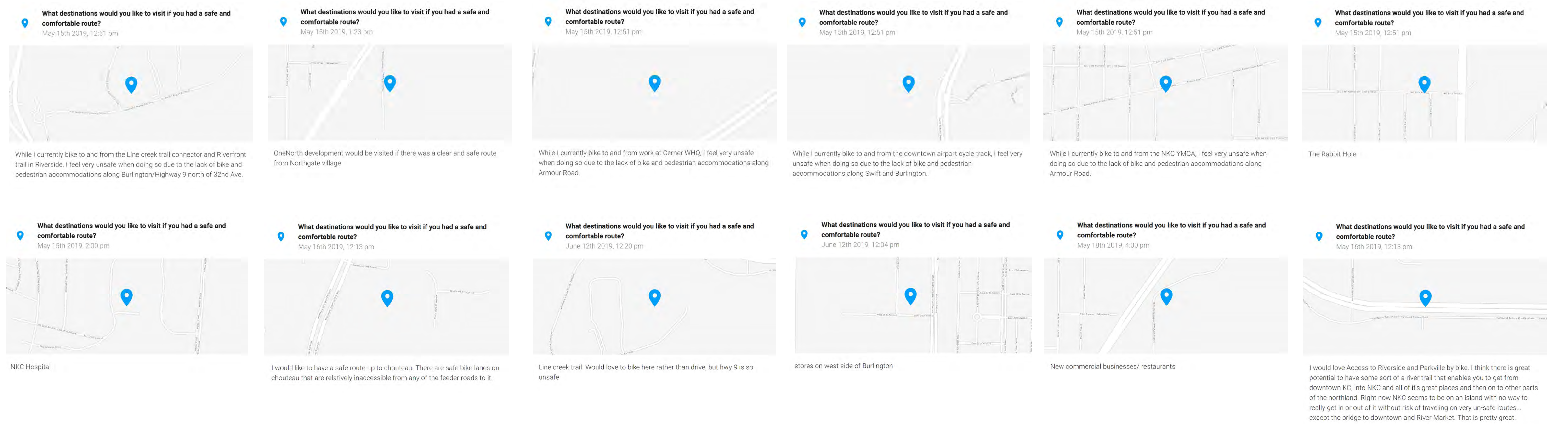
<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 11:16 am</p> <p>All along Armour and downtown shops</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 9:18 am</p> <p>I would love to see a Missouri River Levee loop that connects both sides of the river.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 9:18 am</p> <p>NKC needs a better regional connection to Briarcliff / Parkville / Riverside</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 12:51 pm</p> <p>While I currently bike along 16th Ave, I feel unsafe when doing so due to the lack of bike and pedestrian accommodations along 16th Ave. This is the primary bike and pedestrian route for cyclist coming from Diamond Parkway and when walking to locations nearby: 16th like ROKC, Callaghan Brewing and upcoming Iron District at 16th and Iron.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 12:49 pm</p> <p>There is already a bike path through from the casino to before lane. Connecting diamond parkway connects nkc without riding on the highway.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 1:23 pm</p> <p>River Market Trips</p>
<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 1:23 pm</p> <p>Visiting friends & family in hospital</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 2:51 pm</p> <p>Burlington feels safe once on the bridge where there are barriers between cars and bikes.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 2:00 pm</p> <p>The route I'd go to the YMCA if Armour felt safe.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 4:35 pm</p> <p>I would love to be able to ride on Burlington and HWY 9 to Parkville and on to Westin, MD. I have ridden on HWY 9 to Parkville before, and it is terrifying! Definitely wouldn't want to do that again.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 4:26 pm</p> <p>Just getting from Cerner to the other side of the Highway would be huge! Lots of traffic and intersections and things.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 5:24 pm</p> <p>Make it easier to get to Briarcliff / Riverside / Parkville</p>
<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 9:23 pm</p> <p>RT 9 underpass of rail bridge. No shoulder. "Bridges of Death"</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 15th 2019, 7:27 pm</p> <p>A multi-use raised trail & light rail from river market to Cerner on North Oak would be fantastic. With stops in Northtown.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 16th 2019, 9:11 am</p> <p>use the levy for a bike route for a safe path off street to Diamond Parkway, expand the tunnel under I-35 as a low water path</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 16th 2019, 9:11 am</p> <p>would allow people to take the bus and then bike to the industrial district, east of I-35 without going all the way to Burlington. Would connect hotel north of Armour to the casino.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 16th 2019, 9:10 am</p> <p>It would be nice to be able to bike to the city market area. While the Heart of America bridge has a divided bike lane I don't feel comfortable biking along Burlington</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 16th 2019, 9:10 am</p> <p>I don't feel comfortable biking under I-35 to access the businesses east of the highway. This stretch of Armour has lots of traffic and no protected bike lanes</p>
<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 16th 2019, 12:13 pm</p> <p>I think Parvin is a completely under-utilized road. This could easily be developed to include a bike/pedestrian path along it. this would allow you to get pretty far east and toward Liberty!</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 16th 2019, 11:01 am</p> <p>Heading east out of NKC to Chouteau</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? June 7th 2019, 3:20 pm</p> <p>Need a trail/bike path connecting Macken Park to Cerner and Chouteau. Armour has too much traffic especially where the highway divides.</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike if it were safe and comfortable? May 17th 2019, 1:30 pm</p> <p>Making Armour bicycle friendly would connect more of North Kansas City's main street to residents and to the bicycle day trip visitors coming in to visit south Swift.</p>		

Public Feedback: Destinations & Barriers

What destinations do you visit on your bike?



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