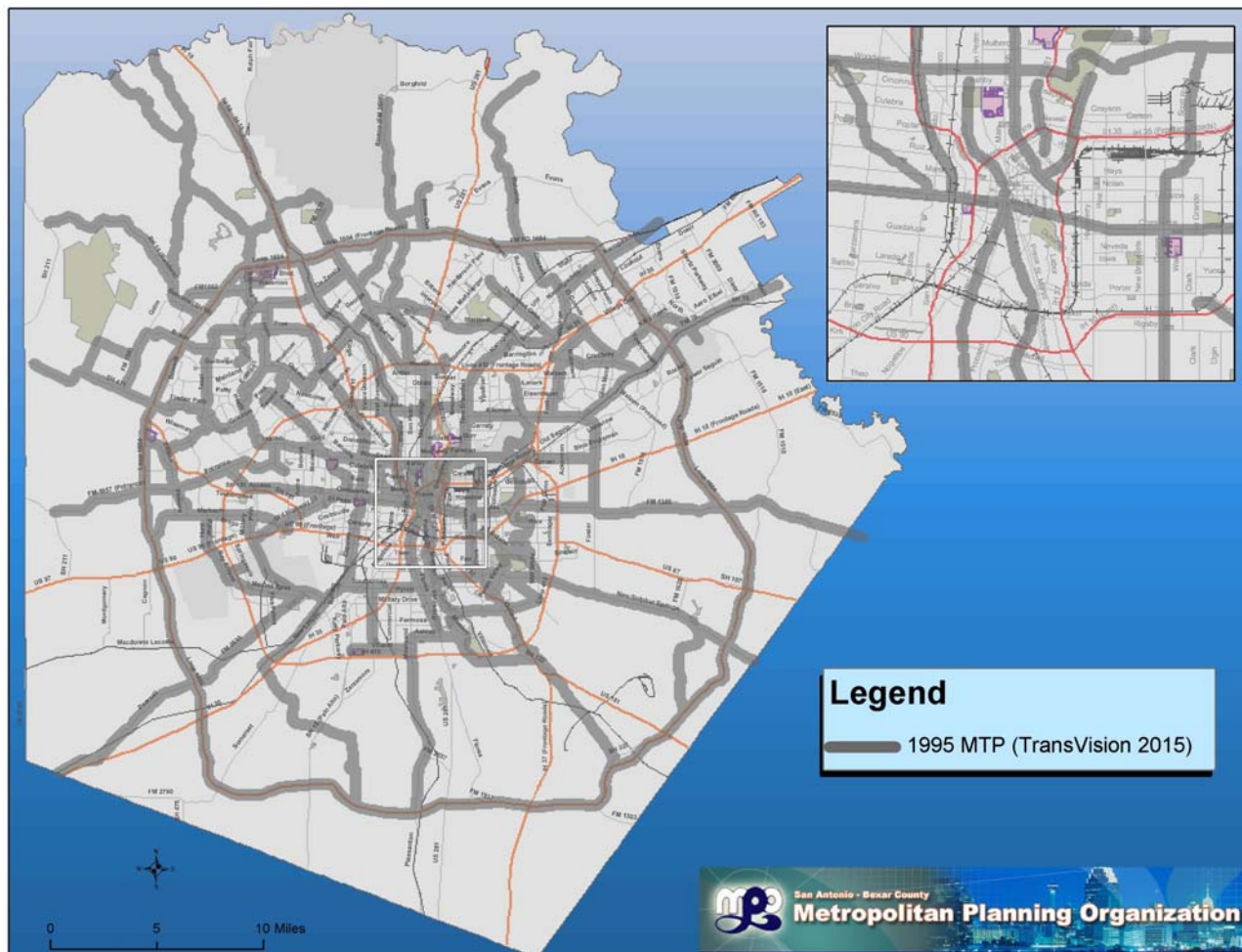


VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT

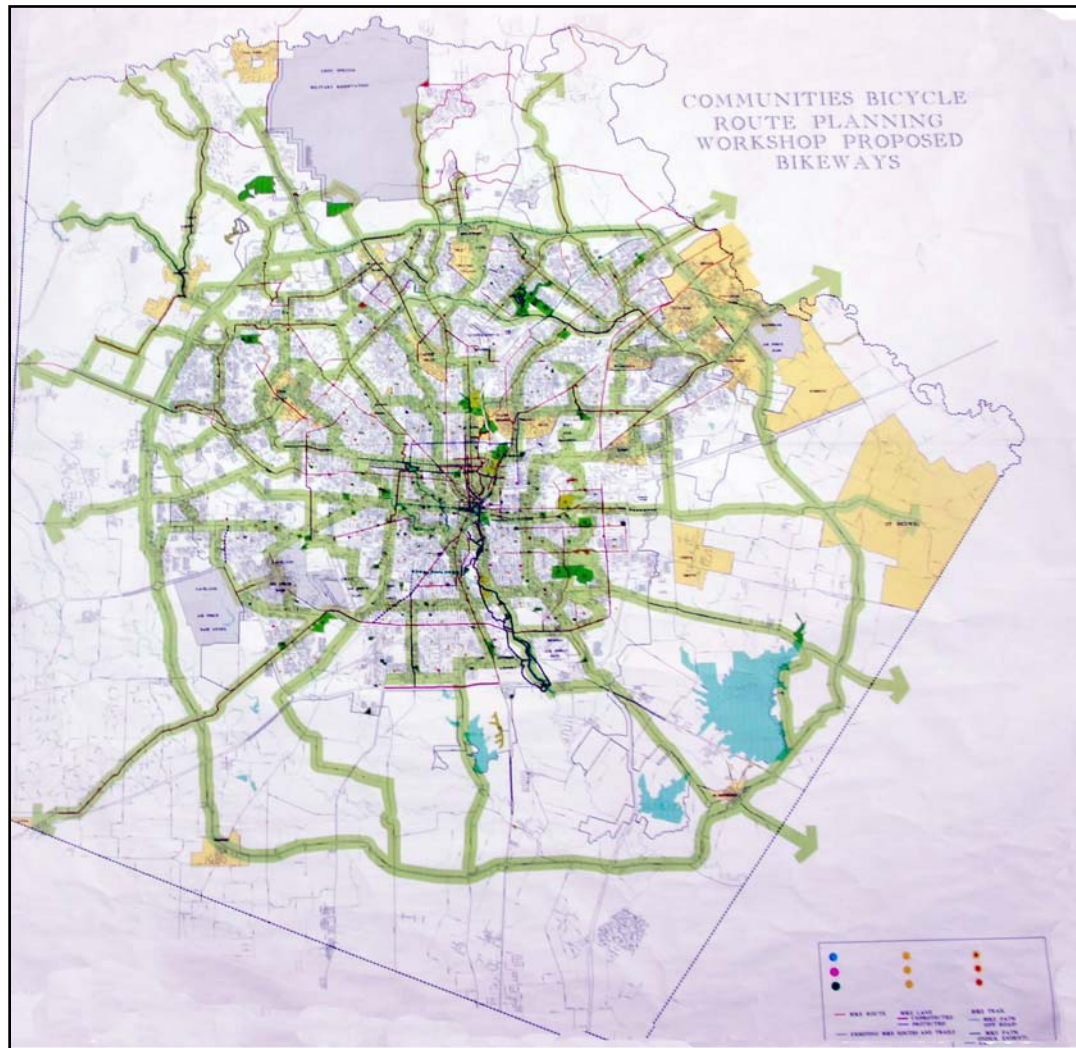
A. MPO Bicycle Mobility Plan (1994)

In December 1994 the San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TransVision 2015) which contained a Bicycle Mobility Plan. Goals of the 1994 Bicycle Mobility Plan were to 1) double bicycle ridership by 2005, 2) decrease the bicycle accident rate by 15% by 2005 and 3) increase the awareness of bicycling as a valid form of transportation throughout the community. The Bicycle Mobility Plan called for the creation of the MPO's Bicycle Mobility Task Force as well as identification of bicycling funding and the appointment of full-time bicycle coordinators within the City and County.



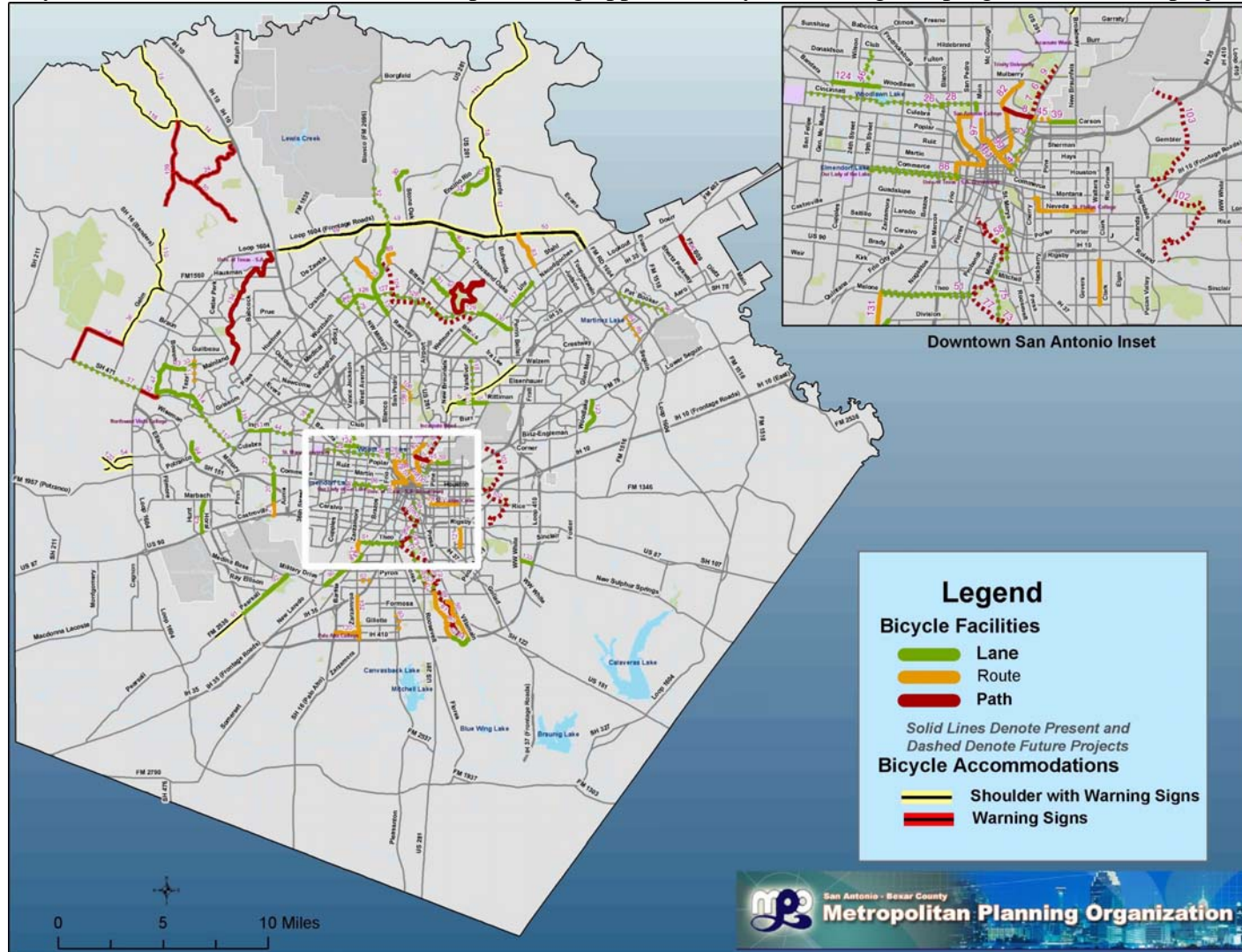
B. Community-Based Bicycle Planning Study (1997)

Throughout 1996 and 1997, the MPO funded the Community Based Bicycle Planning Study that built on the Bicycle Mobility Plan and recommended over 150 bicycle routes totaling 463 miles. Additionally it recommended adding 13 new bicycle corridors to the 1994 Bicycle Mobility Plan network.



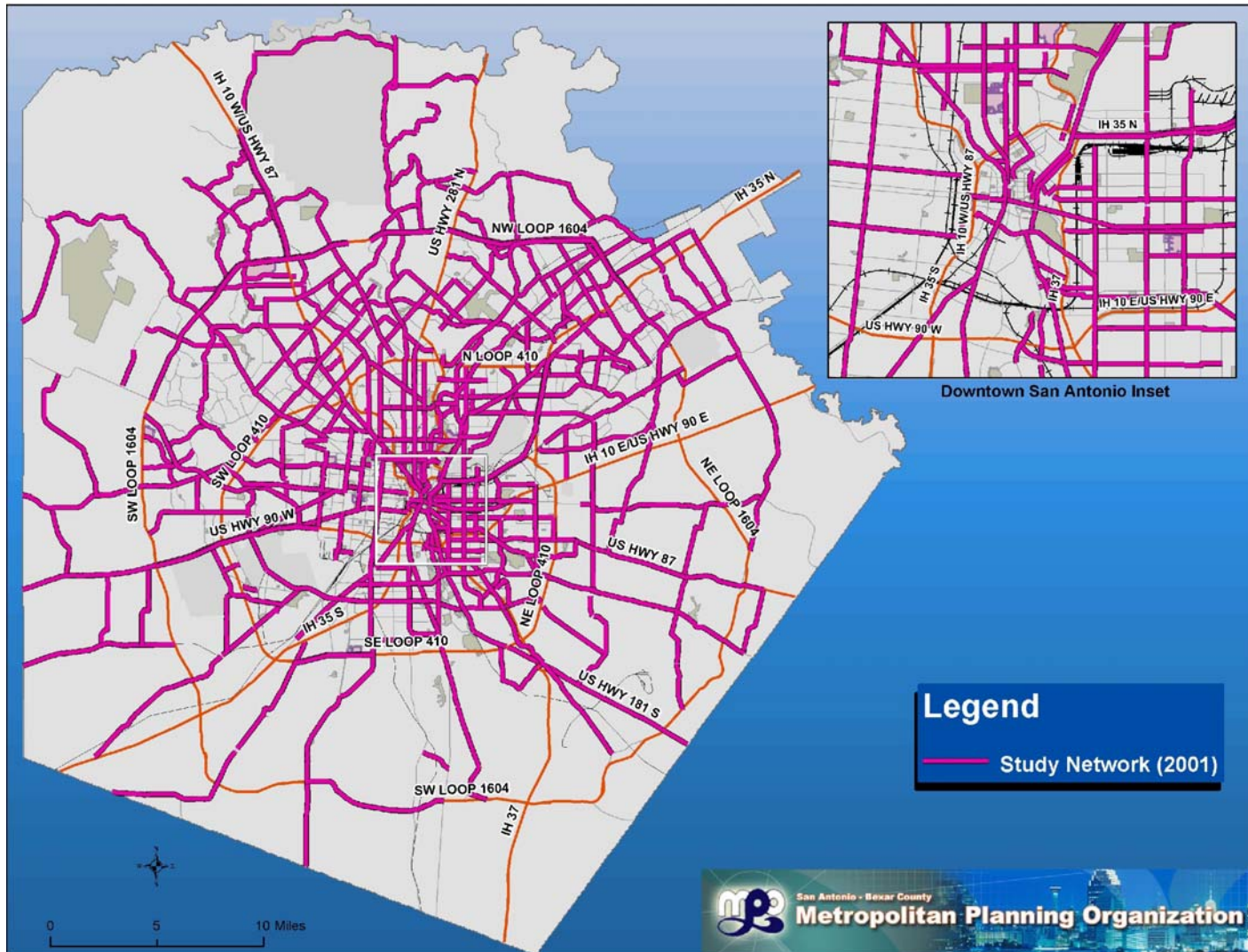
C. Existing and Funded On-Road and Off-Road Bicycle Facilities

As of January 2004, the existing and programmed (i.e., funded) on-road bicycle network consists of approximately 190 miles of bicycle facilities and accommodations representing approximately 70 existing and programmed future projects.



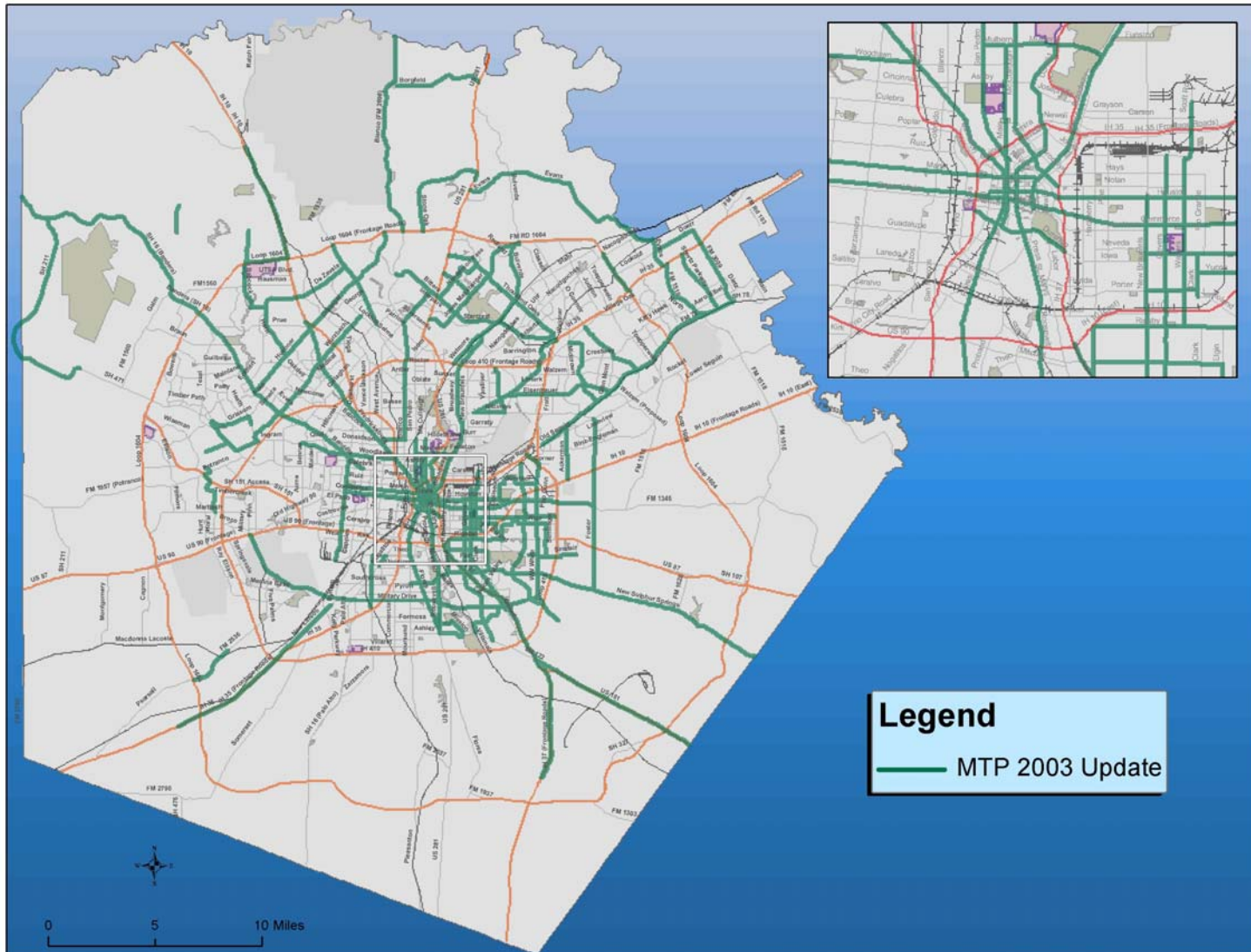
D. Bicycle Route Suitability Study

During 2000 and 2001, the MPO funded a Bicycle Route Suitability Study. The purpose of the study was to collect data on 1,000 miles of regional roadways and identify those routes most suitable for a regional bicycle network. The data was processed through a Bicycle Level of Suitability Model resulting in identifying 700 miles of potentially usable roadways within the region.



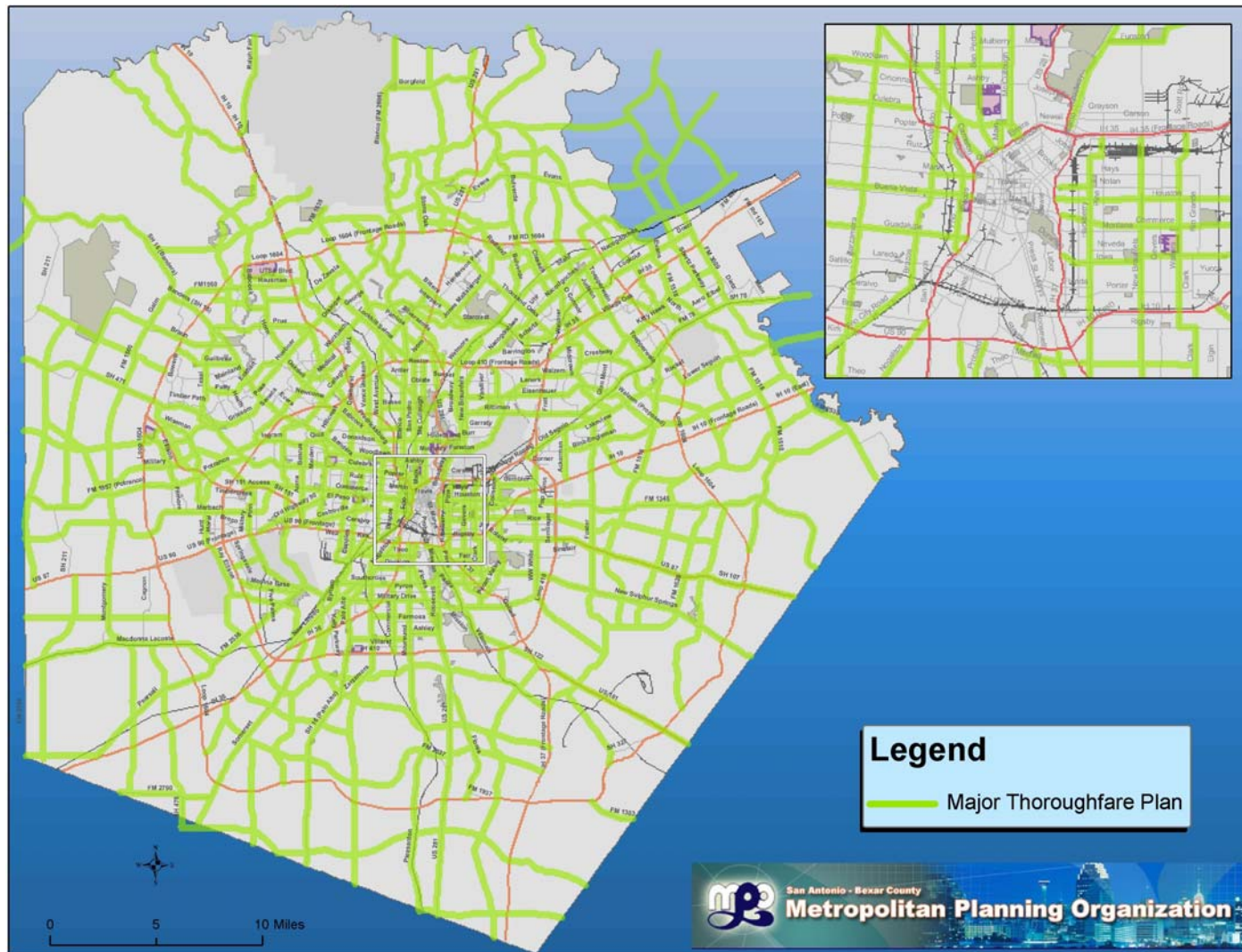
E. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Public Involvement

In October 2003, approximately 150 citizens and agency staff participated in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update process for Mobility 2030. The following bicycle network resulted from these citizen and technical work group sessions.



F. Major Thoroughfare Plan

The City of San Antonio's Major Thoroughfare Plan identifies future roadways that will be required for the city's future growth. The Bicycle Master Plan needs to incorporate the Major Thoroughfare Plan's routes to show where future bicycle facilities will be required.



G. Recommended Bicycle Master Plan Network

The total recommended bicycle network is comprised of existing and programmed bicycle facilities plus the bicycle portions of the previously mentioned plans and studies. It represents 10 years of agency and public input efforts to achieve the citizens' desires as stated in the City of San Antonio's Master Plan.

