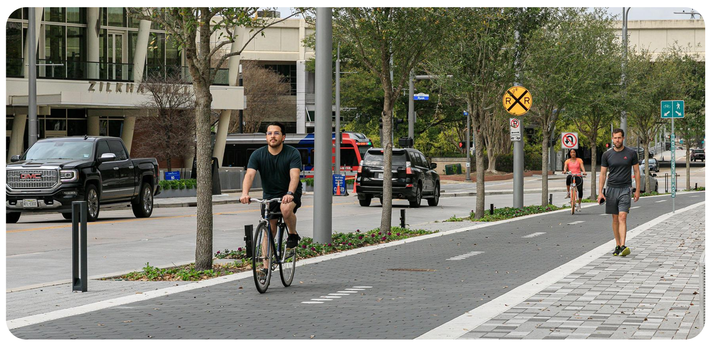
Let’s talk about Downtown.

What is the Downtown Houston Public Realm Action Plan?



THE BIG PICTURE

While Downtown boasts amazing parks, stadiums, food halls, theaters and more — each destination acts as its own oasis. The space between lacks a coherent, consistent public realm to connect these places and make our streets vibrant and inviting. The result is that, despite Downtown’s many assets, its public realm can feel like less than the sum of its parts.

Downtown Houston+, in partnership with Gehl, Agora Partners, and Outside Voices, is working to create a Public Realm Action Plan to address this. By weaving design, programming, and operations together, the Plan will produce an implementation-based vision for the next generation of Downtown — a roadmap to transform the district into a more livable, delightful, connected, and prosperous place.

Help us imagine the future of Downtown Houston’s public realm.

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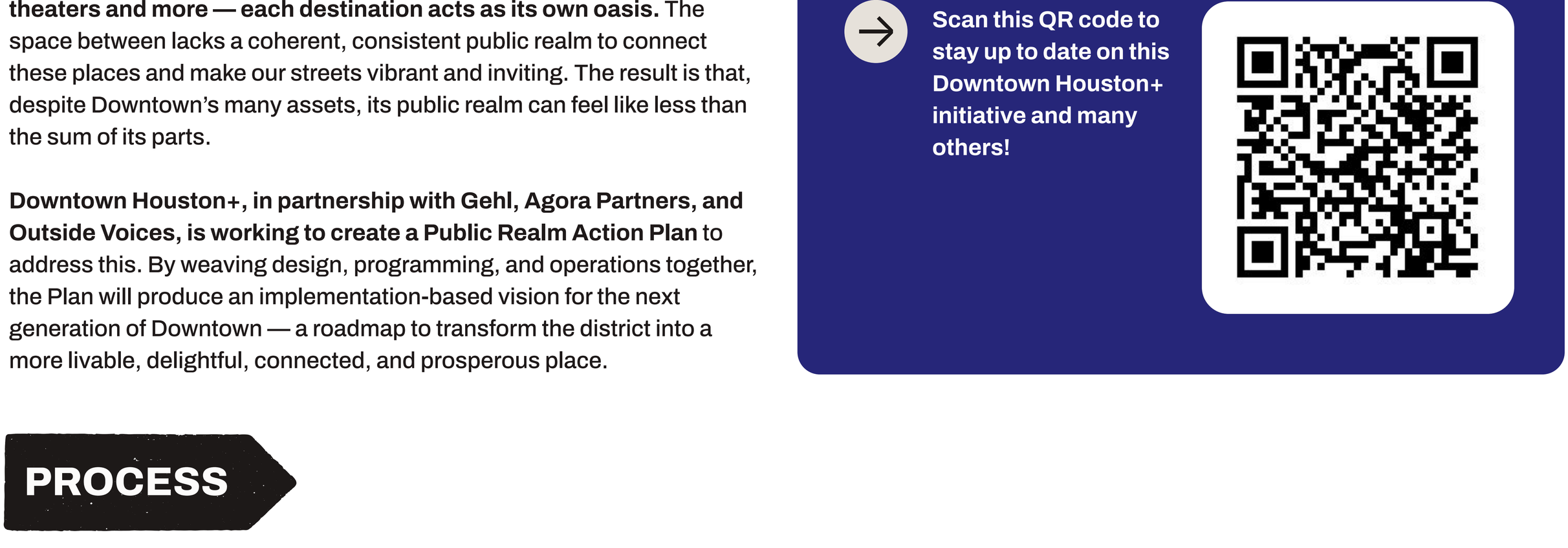


Summer 2024

In the summer, the team will conduct a Public Space Public Life analysis to record how people today move through and experience Downtown.

Fall 2024

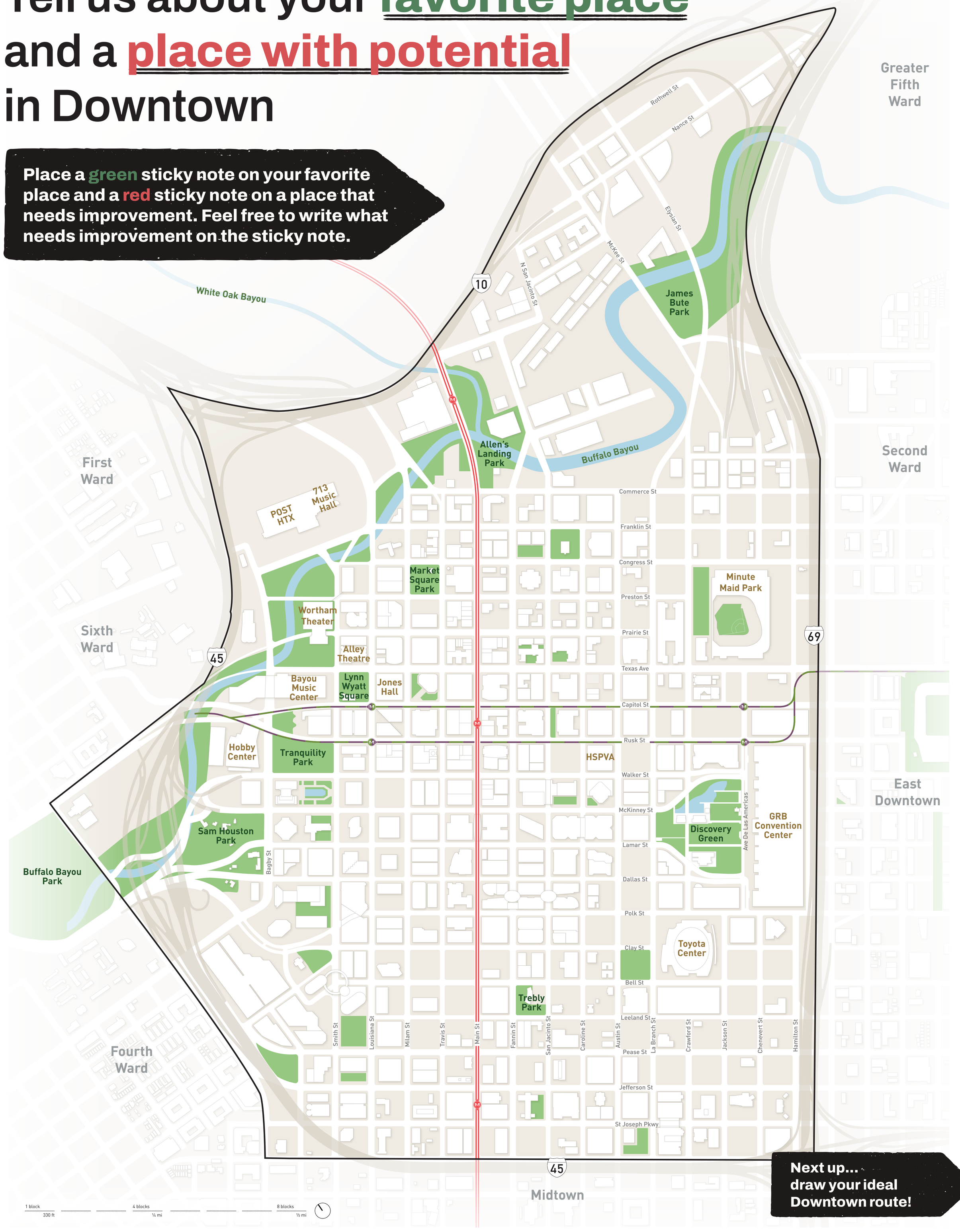
The team will engage with stakeholders and community members to imagine the future of Downtown Houston and develop a clear vision for this revamped neighborhood.

Winter 2024

In the last phase, the team will develop a menu of transformative strategies to achieve the co-created vision. These strategies will make up the Action Plan and provide Downtown stakeholders with ideas on how to work together to bring this vision to life.

Tell us about your favorite place and a place with potential in Downtown

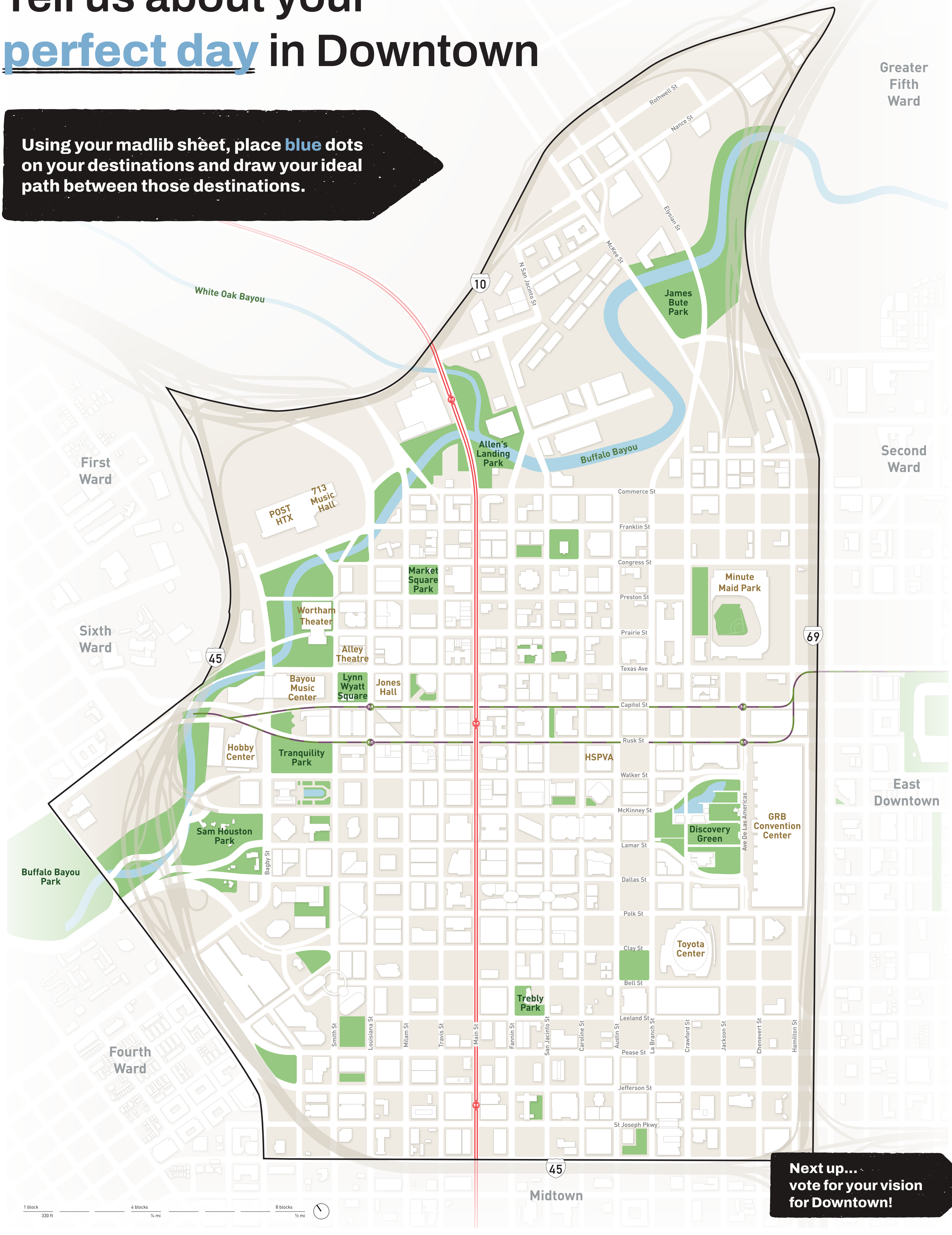
Place a green sticky note on your favorite place and a red sticky note on a place that needs improvement. Feel free to write what needs improvement on the sticky note.



Next up... draw your ideal Downtown route!

Tell us about your perfect day in Downtown

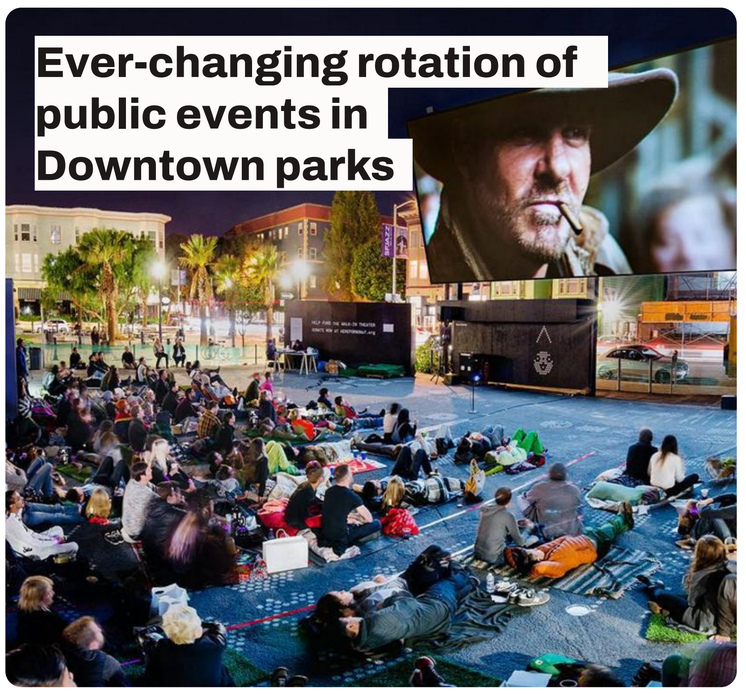
Using your madlib sheet, place blue dots on your destinations and draw your ideal path between those destinations.

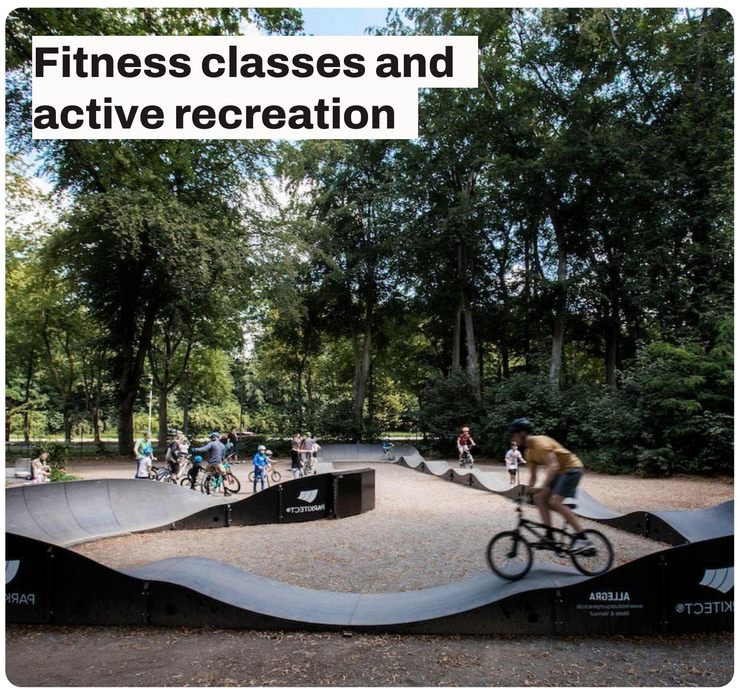


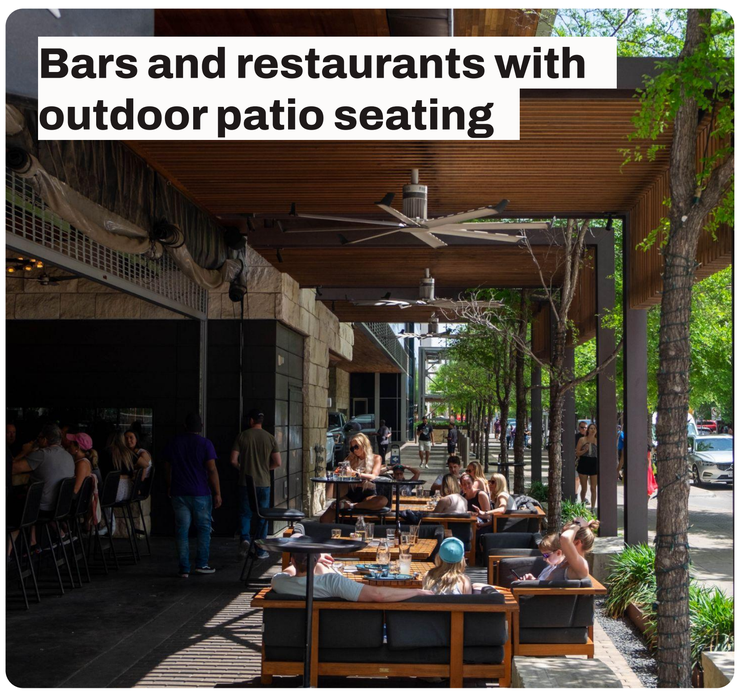
Next up... vote for your vision for Downtown!

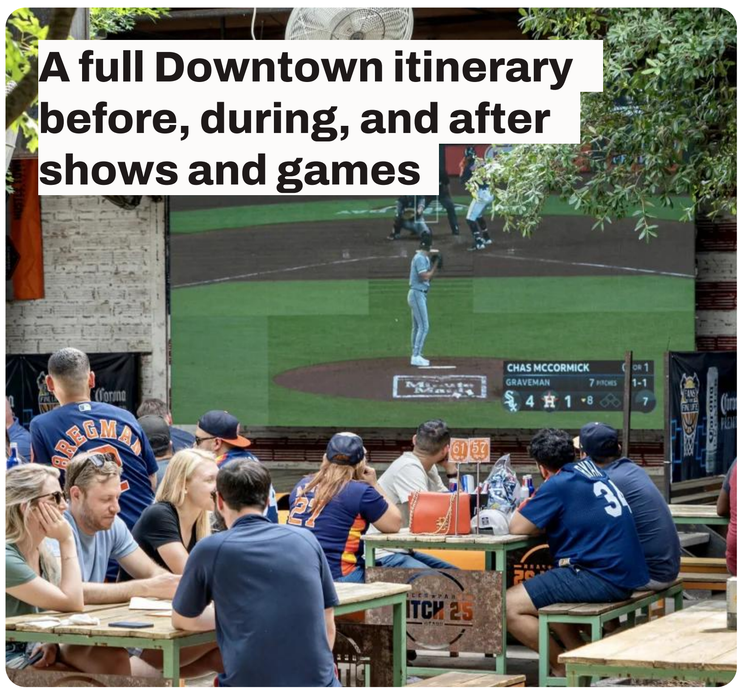
Tell us about your vision for Downtown

Place green dots on photos that would inspire you to spend more time Downtown. You can place up to four green dots.



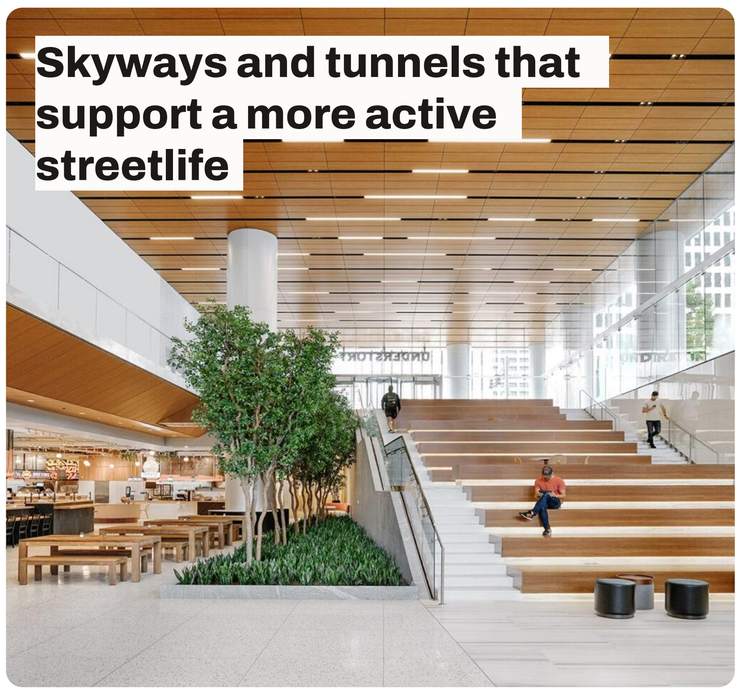




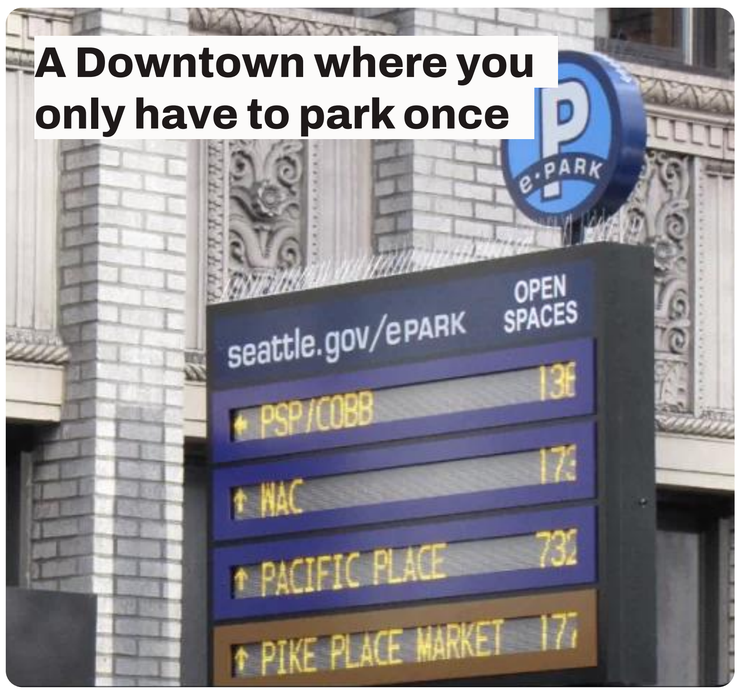


What are we **missing** ?

Skyways and tunnels that support a more active streetlife

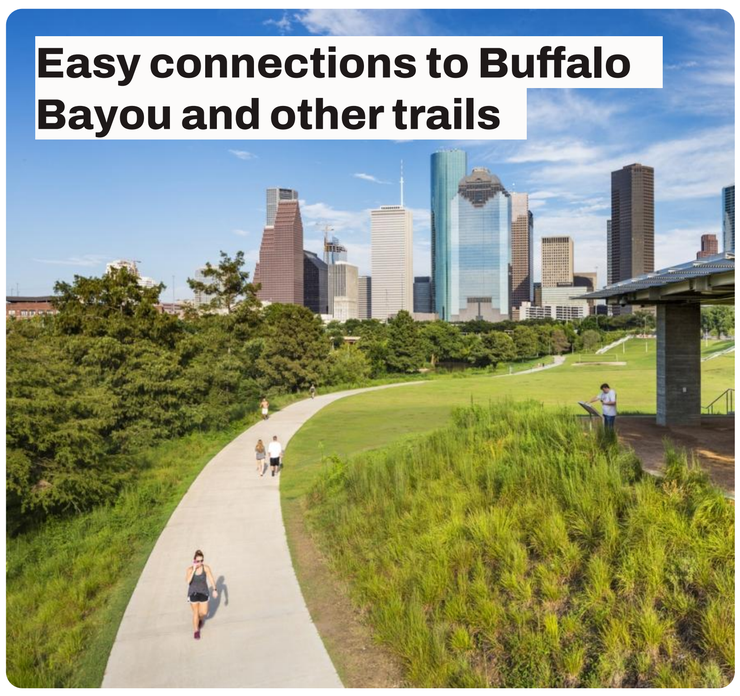


A Downtown where you only have to park once



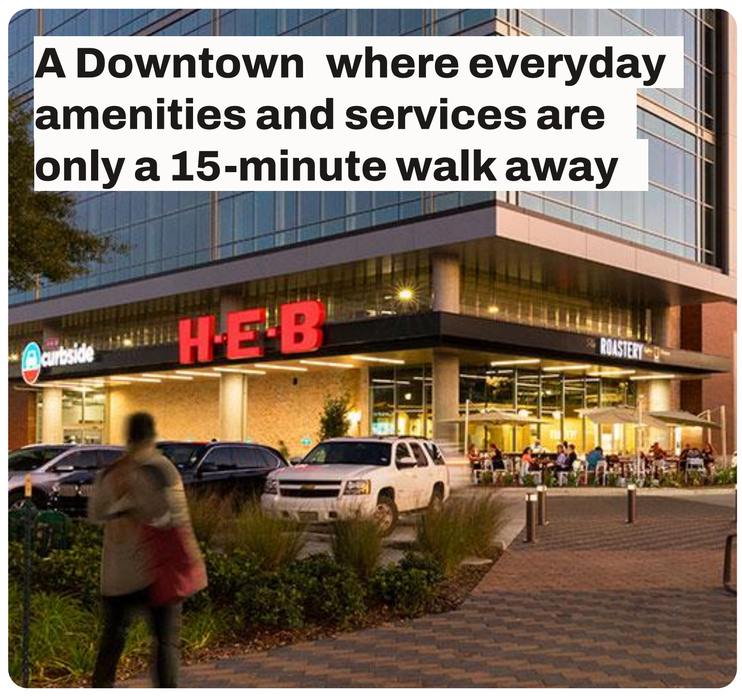
Safe and vibrant pedestrian connections to adjacent neighborhoods

Easy connections to Buffalo Bayou and other trails



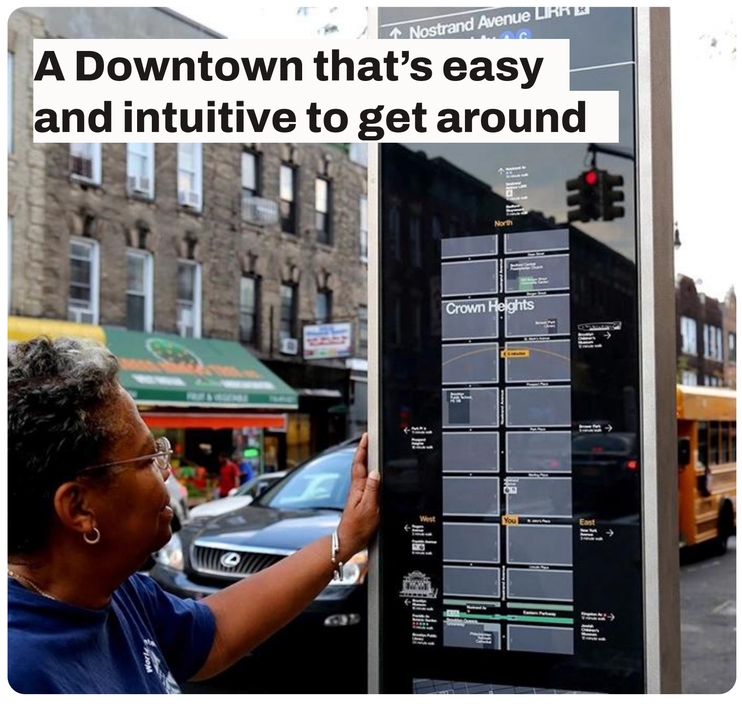
Street seating that invites you to stop and stay

A Downtown where everyday amenities and services are only a 15-minute walk away

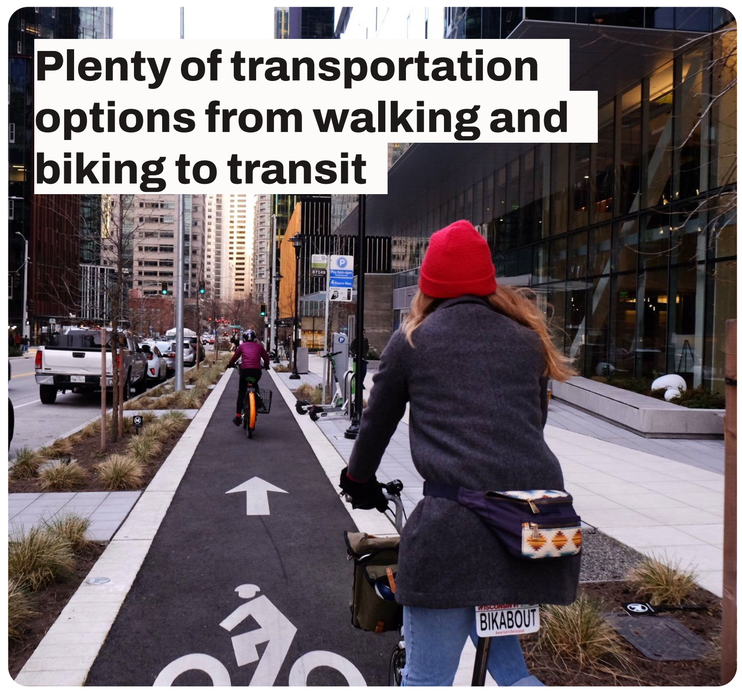


Incredible nightlife for residents and visitors alike

A Downtown that's easy and intuitive to get around



Plenty of transportation options from walking and biking to transit



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