



Harris County  
**Public Health**  
Building a Healthy Community

# ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN TOOL

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An aerial photograph of the Houston skyline, featuring numerous skyscrapers and a complex highway system. A semi-transparent map of Harris County is overlaid on the lower half of the image, serving as a background for the text.

## HARRIS COUNTY: **BIG DIVERSE & COMPLEX**

Harris County is the third most populous county with over 4.7 million people spread over 1,778 square miles.

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# Built Environment Unit

Our mission is to promote health and well-being through healthy community design where individuals live, learn, work, worship, and play in Harris County, Texas.

## Safe Routes to School

- Pasadena
- Baytown
- Acres Homes

## Safe Routes to Parks

- Baytown

## Environmental Scan Tool (EST)

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Capture pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure data

- Street Segment level
- GPS coordinates

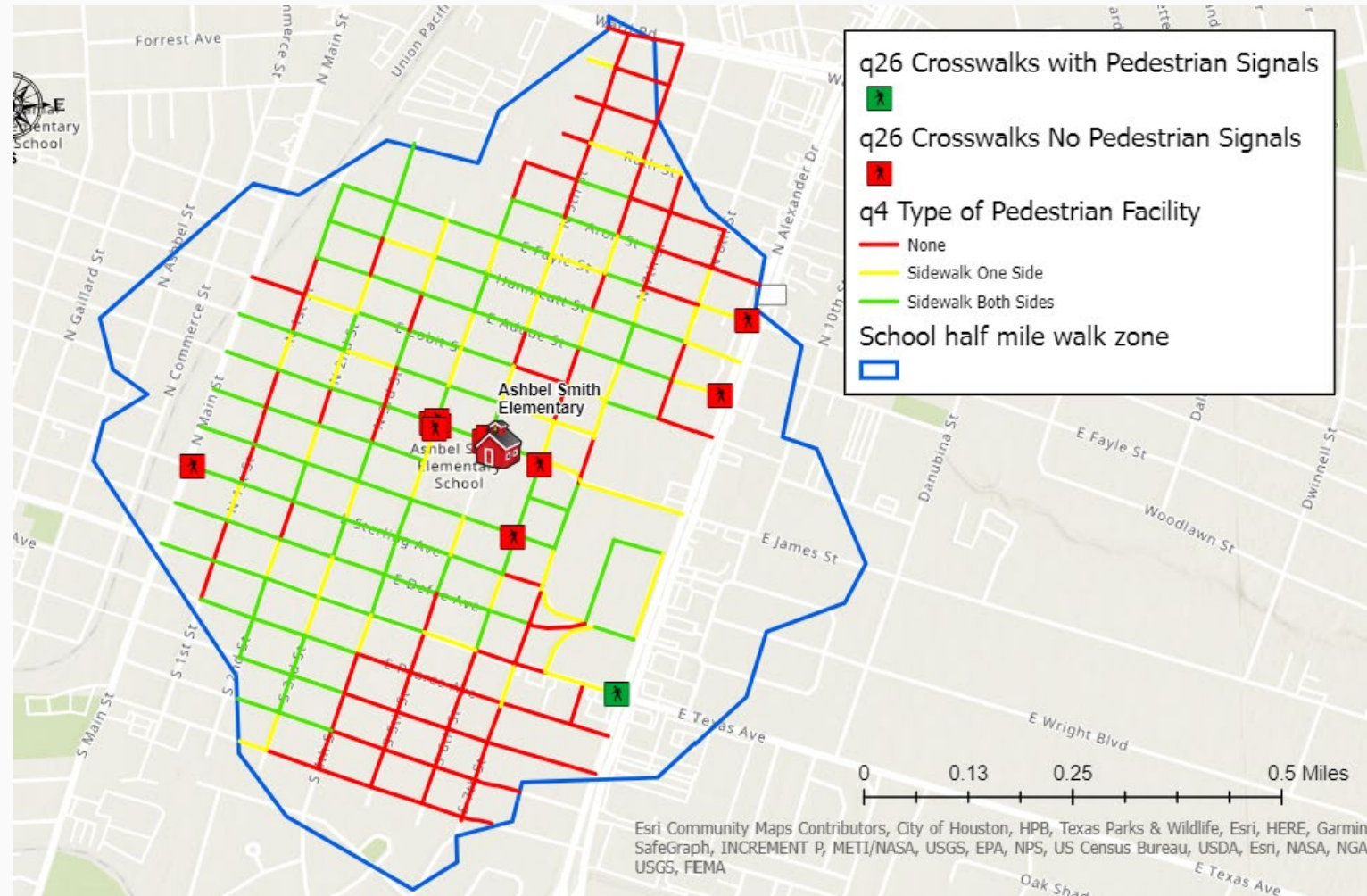
Land Use

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Road Attributes

Walking and Cycling Environment (comfort)

Created 2015, Updated 2021





## B2. Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities

6 Sidewalk completeness/continuity: \*

Select...

7 Sidewalk material: \*

Select...

8 Sidewalk width: \*

Select...

Less than 3 ft.

3 ft. to 4 ft. 11 in.

>= 5 ft. or more

Select...

11 Distance from edge of sidewalk to curb or edge of pavement: \*

Select...

12 Buffer between road & sidewalk (check all that apply):: \*

Select...

13 Does sidewalk cross-slope allow access to people of all abilities?: \*

Select...

14 Are there curb ramps present at the intersections?: \*

Select...

## E. Mapping Street Elements



Coordinate Type

Longitude

Latitude

Select...







-95.371264

29.7500672







[Open Map](#)




### Bicycle Crashes 2011 to 2021

-  FATAL INJURY
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### Points - Bus Stop Lacking Shelter

-  Bussnone


### Points - Bus Stop With Shelter

-  Bussheft


### Points - Crosswalks Lacking Pedestrian Signals

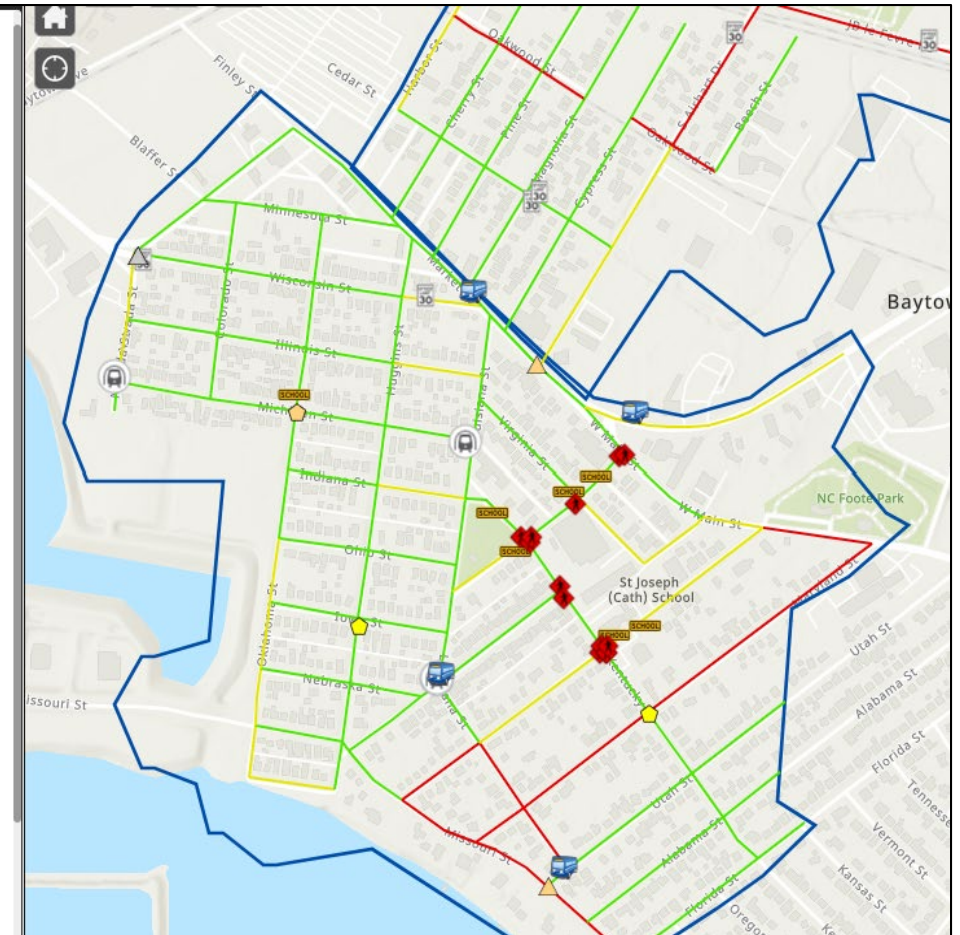
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### Points - School Zone Sign

-  School Zone Sign

### Points - Speed Limit Sign

-  Speed Limit Sign



## EST Benefits

Real experience walking on the street

Use of GIS and technology for more rapid assessments

Captures pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure data

Provides infrastructure data to City planning and engineering departments

## EST Limitations

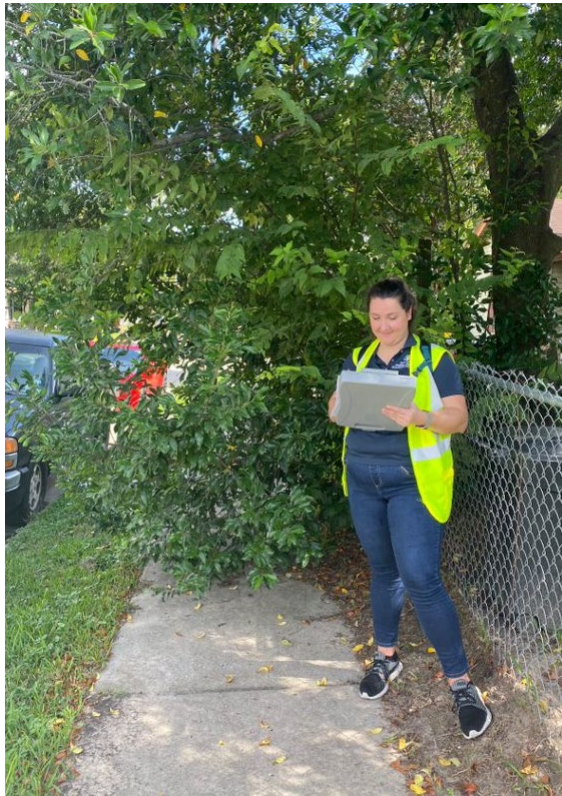
Evaluates both sides of the street at the same time.

Does not evaluate crossings/intersections

Limited bicycle infrastructure data

Some questions are subjective











## RICHEY ELEMENTARY

### 1) Improve visibility of signalized Pedestrian Crossing on Richey St. (See Appendix A)

- Install Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Signal
- Re-stripe crosswalk and "SCHOOL XING" marks on pavement
- ADA curb ramps with truncated dome tactile strip at the bottom of the curb ramp with contrasting color
- Install additional "Pedestrian Crossing" signage on roadside and overhead crossing
- Install median on Richey St. to slow traffic
- Improve visibility of traffic signals with use of signage and physical support structure







SCHOOL  
SPEED  
LIMIT  
20  
6:45AM-8:30AM  
2:00PM-4:00PM

STOP  
HERE ON  
RED  
↙



STOP  
HERE ON  
RED  
↙









## Resources

[BE Unit Website](#)

[BE Unit Safe Routes Programs](#)

[Built Environment Tools](#)

