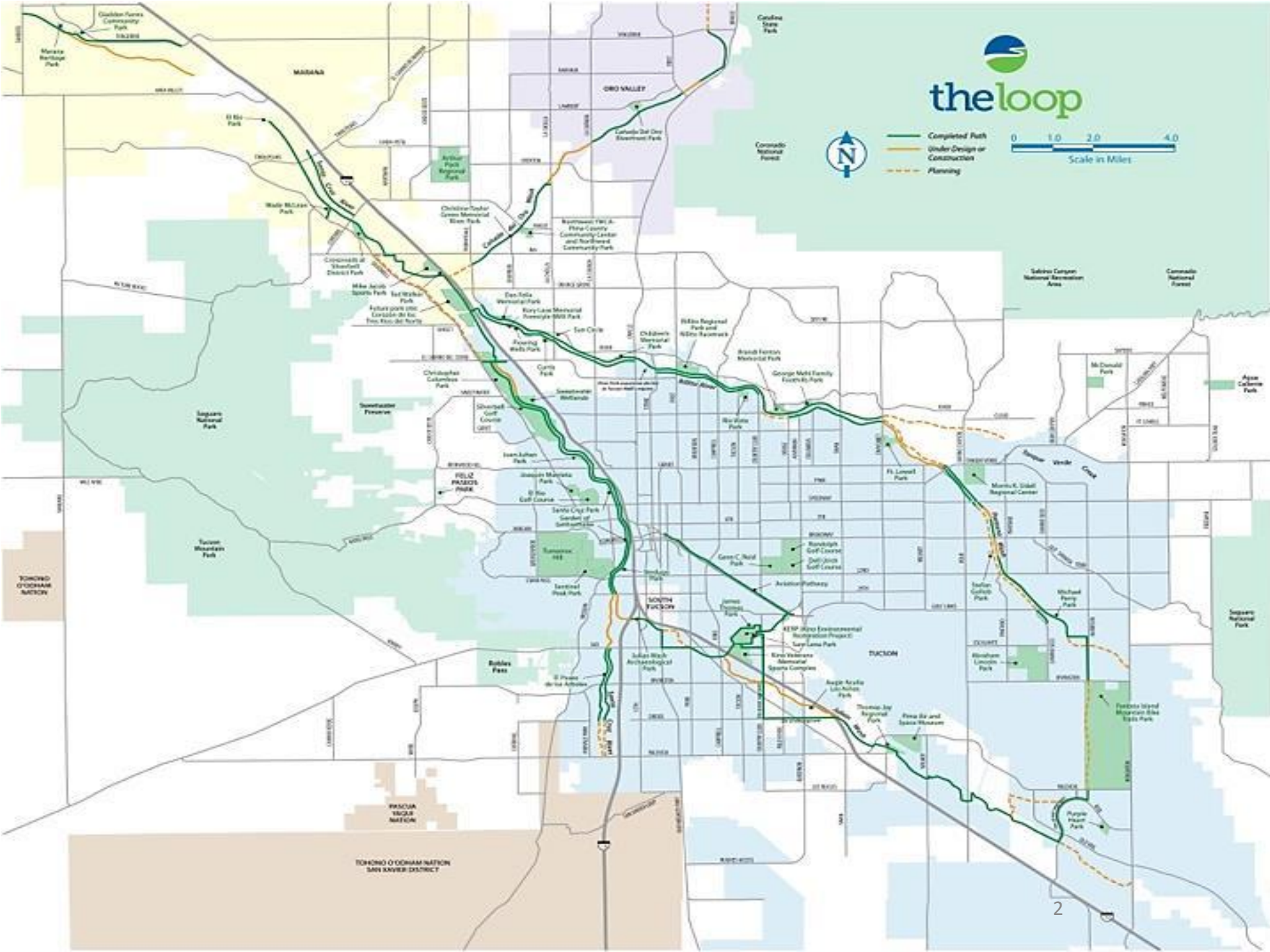


## What is The Loop?

- 131-mile path around metro area
- 6 river parks







# Alternative Transportation



- $\frac{1}{2}$  household trips  $\rightarrow$  2 miles or less
- $\frac{1}{4}$  of all trips are within a 20-minute walk
- 1 mile of urban highway averages \$50 million
- 1 mile of multi-use paths \$500,000



# Health Benefits



- 1960-2009 bicycling & walking fell 66 % while Obesity **increased 156%**
- Improved health =  
**Improved productivity**
- Reduced health care costs =  
**More disposable income**

# Greenways = Low Cost **Health** Care

- Surgeon General is asking American communities to install trail systems
- President's Council on Physical Fitness – “build more trails”

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