

Transportation Modeling in Dallas-Fort Worth

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The Dallas-Fort Worth Region

Some facts and some forecasts to describe the region

Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area

A Leading World Economy

Urban Area ¹	Country	2005 GDP Billion US\$ ²	Rank
◆ Tokyo	◆ Japan	◆ \$1,191	◆ 1
◆ New York	◆ USA	◆ \$1,133	◆ 2
◆ Los Angeles	◆ USA	◆ \$ 639	◆ 3
◆ Chicago	◆ USA	◆ \$ 460	◆ 4
◆ Paris	◆ France	◆ \$ 460	◆ 5
◆ London	◆ UK	◆ \$ 452	◆ 6
◆ Osaka/Kobe	◆ Japan	◆ \$ 341	◆ 7
◆ Mexico City	◆ Mexico	◆ \$ 315	◆ 8
◆ Philadelphia	◆ USA	◆ \$ 312	◆ 9
◆ Washington DC	◆ USA	◆ \$ 299	◆ 10
◆ Boston	◆ USA	◆ \$ 290	◆ 11
◆ Dallas/Fort Worth	◆ USA	◆ \$ 268	◆ 12
◆ Buenos Aires	◆ Argentina	◆ \$ 245	◆ 13
◆ Hong Kong	◆ China	◆ \$ 244	◆ 14
◆ San Francisco	◆ USA	◆ \$ 242	◆ 15

Source: PriceWaterhouseCoopers, United Nations

¹Urban agglomerations as defined by the United Nations
²Exchange rates based on "purchasing power parity"

Regional Perspective

Fourth Largest Metropolitan Area in the United States

Ranked 3rd in Population Growth Between 1990-2000 Adding Over 1 Million Persons

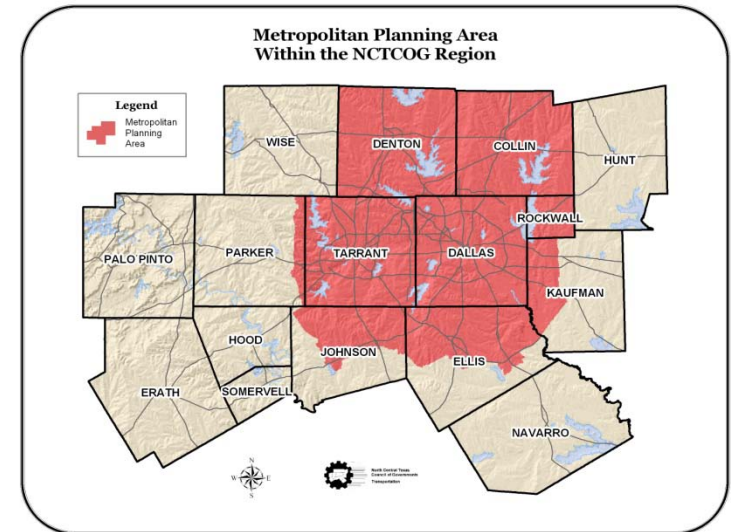
- **Current Growth Trend: Added nearly 850,000 Persons between 2000 and 2007 (Highest growth rate in at least last 50 years)**

Larger than 34 States in Population

Larger than 9 States in Land Area

Represent Over 34 Percent of the State's Economy

**6 Million Persons in Year 2006
Growing to Nearly 9 Million
Persons by the Year 2030**



DFW Region - Major Issues



Dramatic Growth in Single Occupant Vehicles (SOV)

Increased Travel Time and Costs

Non-attainment Area for the Pollutant Ozone

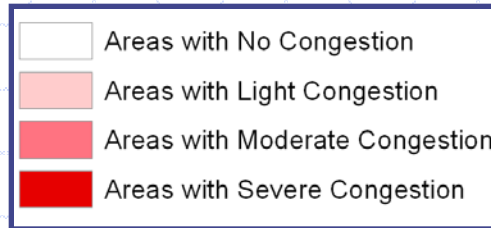
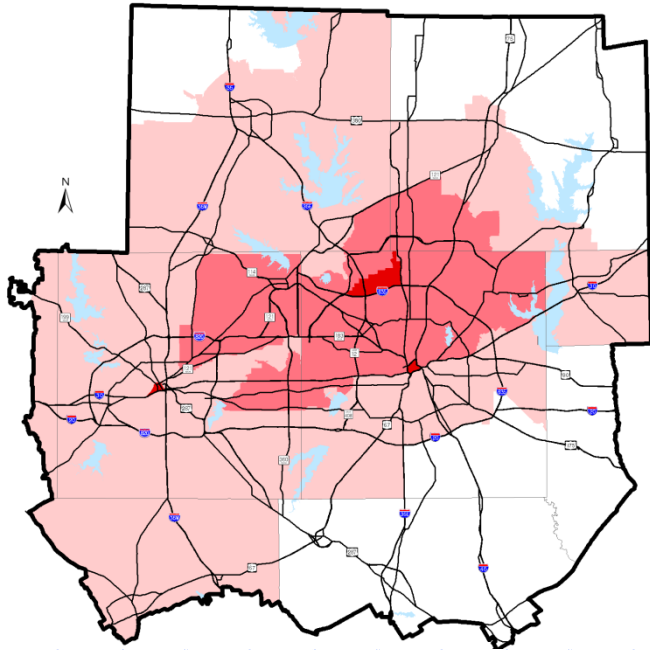
No “Regional” Transit

Suburban Sprawl

Lack of Coordination in Land Use and Transportation Investments

2030 Transportation Plan Regional Congestion Levels

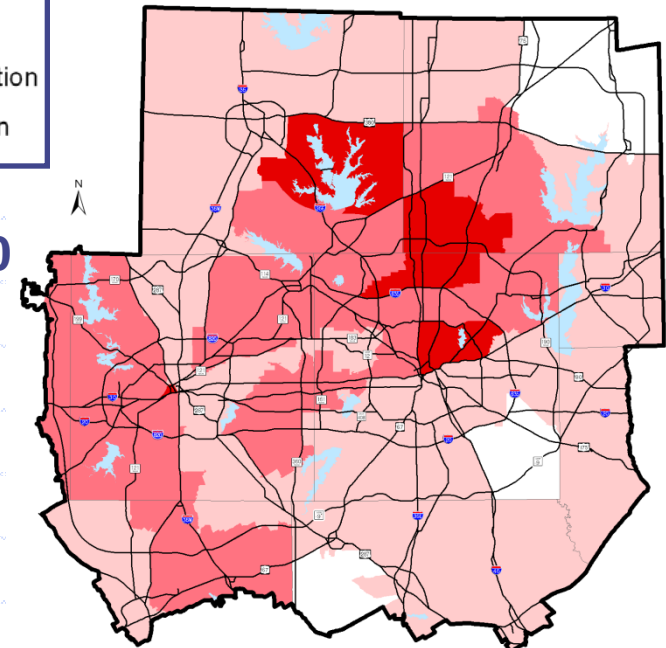
2007



	2007	2030	% Change
Population	5.9 M	8.5 M	44.1%
Employment	3.7 M	5.3 M	43.2%
VMT/Person	25.6	28.4	10.9%

	2007	2030	% Change
Vehicle Miles Traveled	151 M	241 M	59.6%
Roadway Capacity (Lane Miles)	31,000	41,000	32.3%
Daily Total Delay (Vehicle Hours)	1 M	1.7 M	70%
Annual Cost of Congestion	\$4.2 B	\$6.6 B	57.1%

2030



Numerous complicated problems can emerge if growth is not managed well in our region.

To stay successful, proper planning is needed.

How is the planning done in the region?

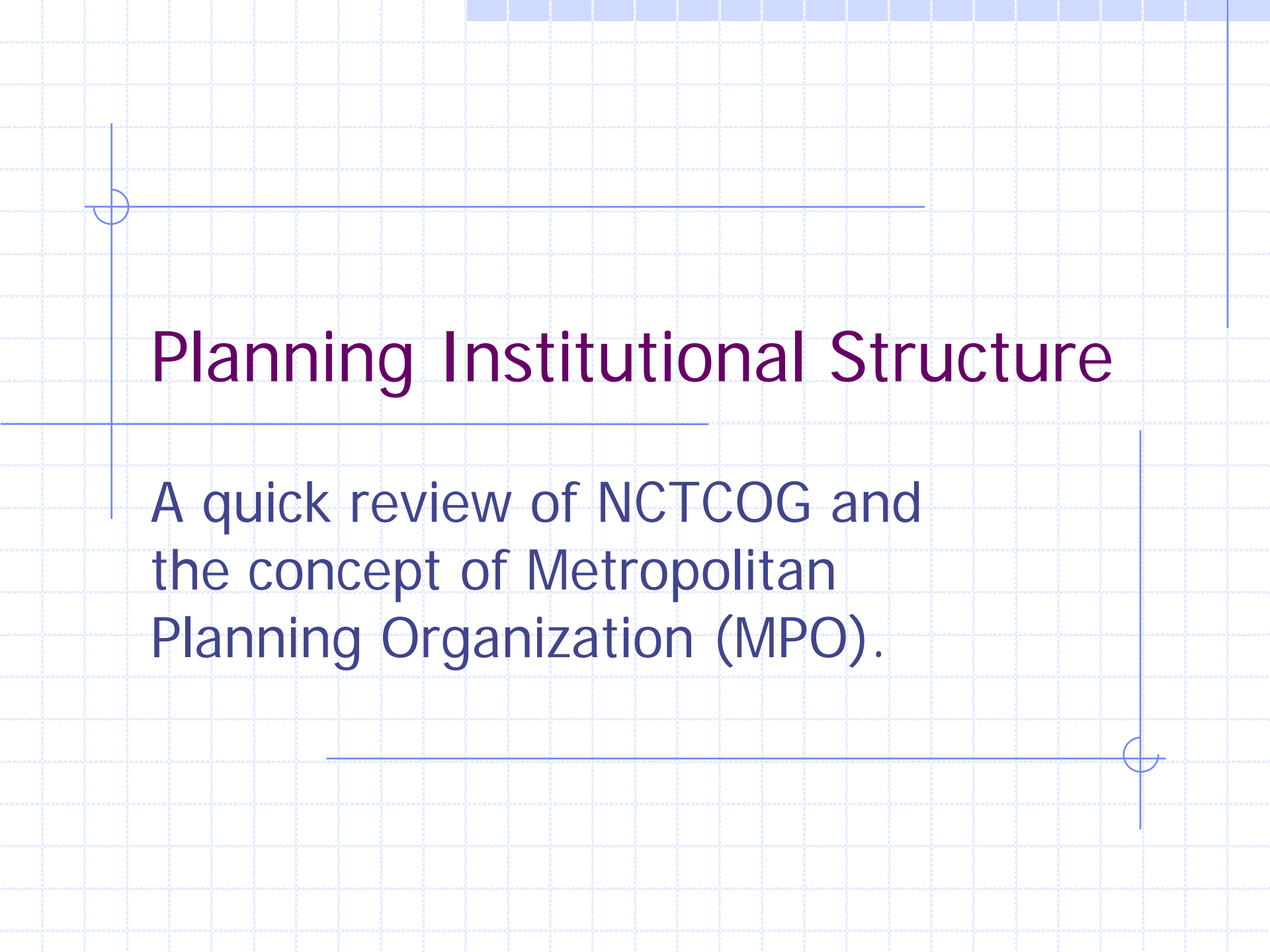
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Planning Institutional Structure

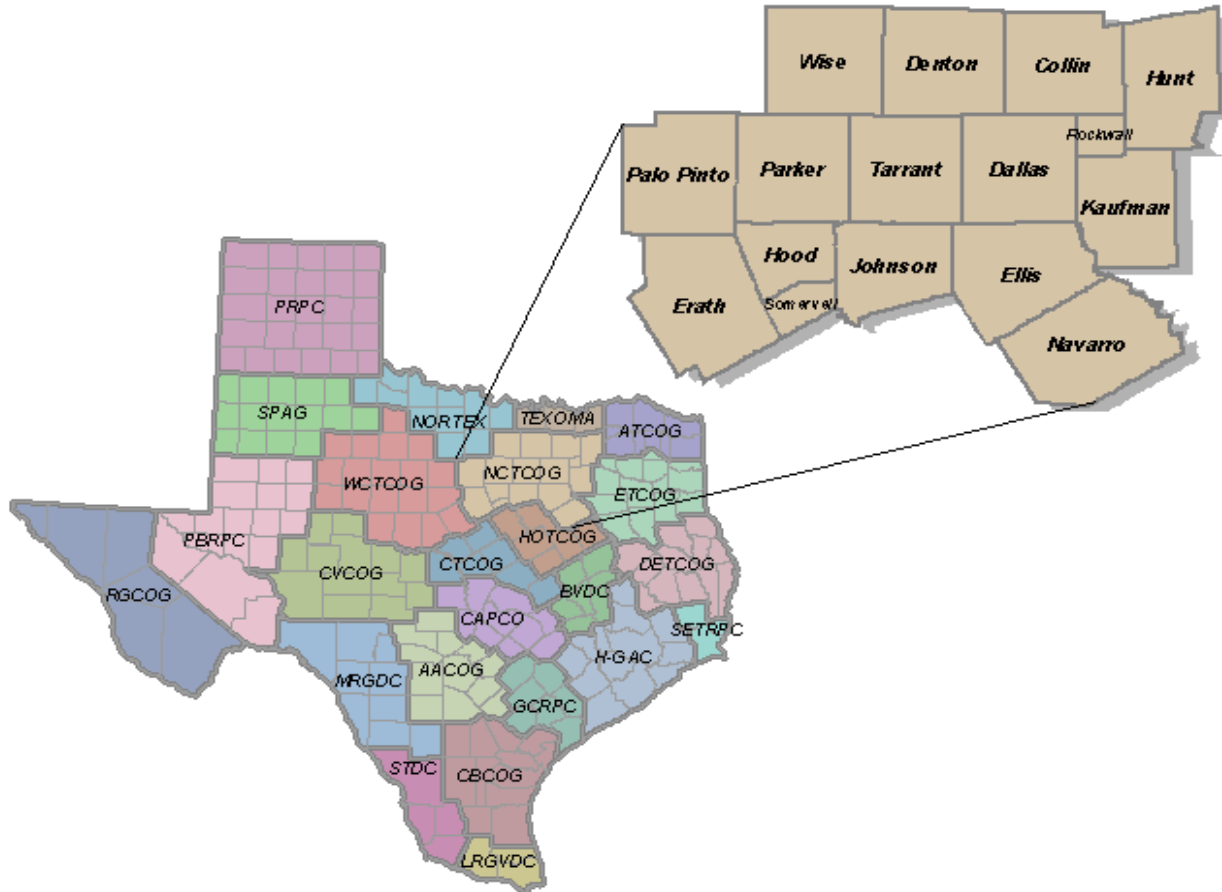
A quick review of NCTCOG and the concept of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).



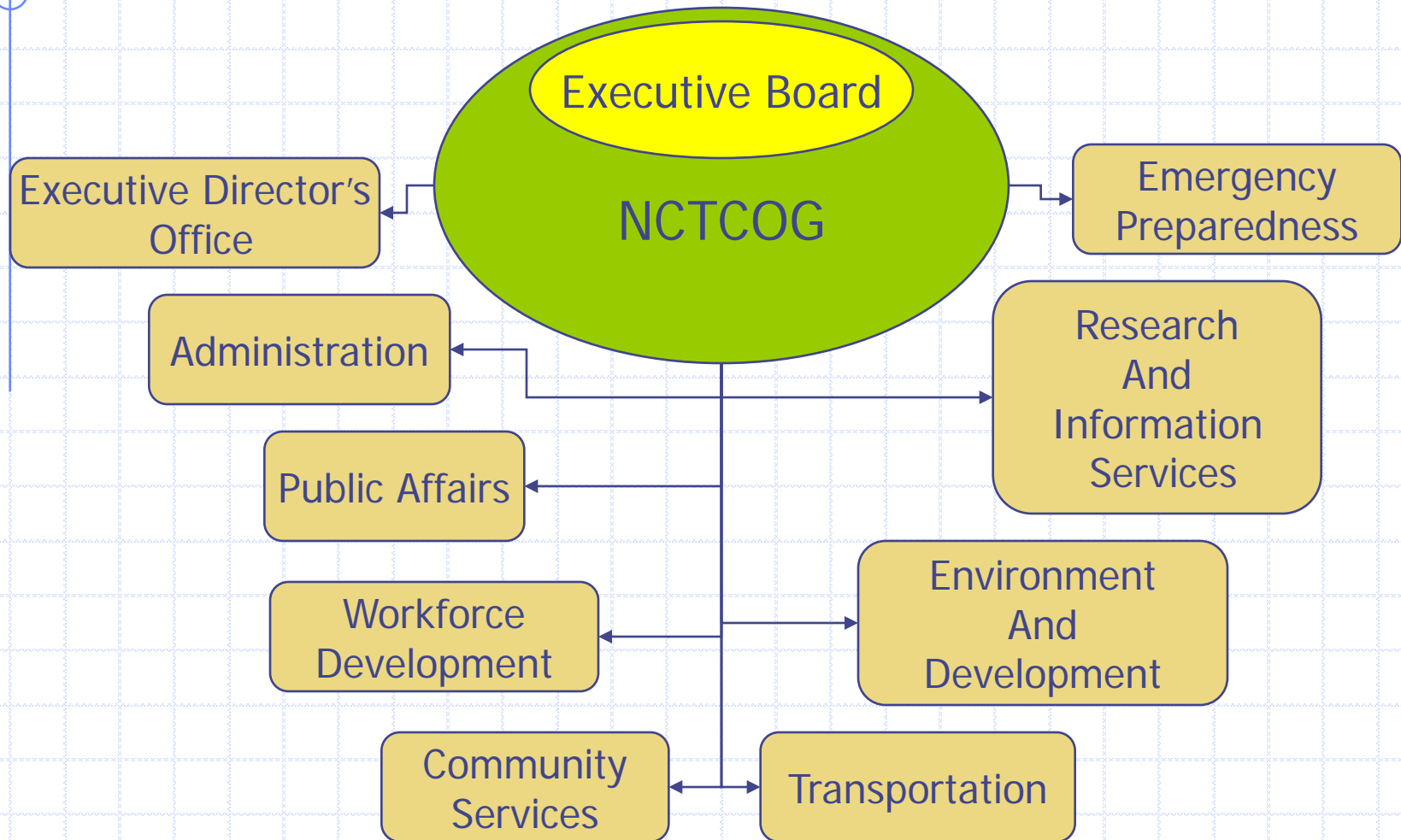
What is NCTCOG?

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of local governments, and was established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development.

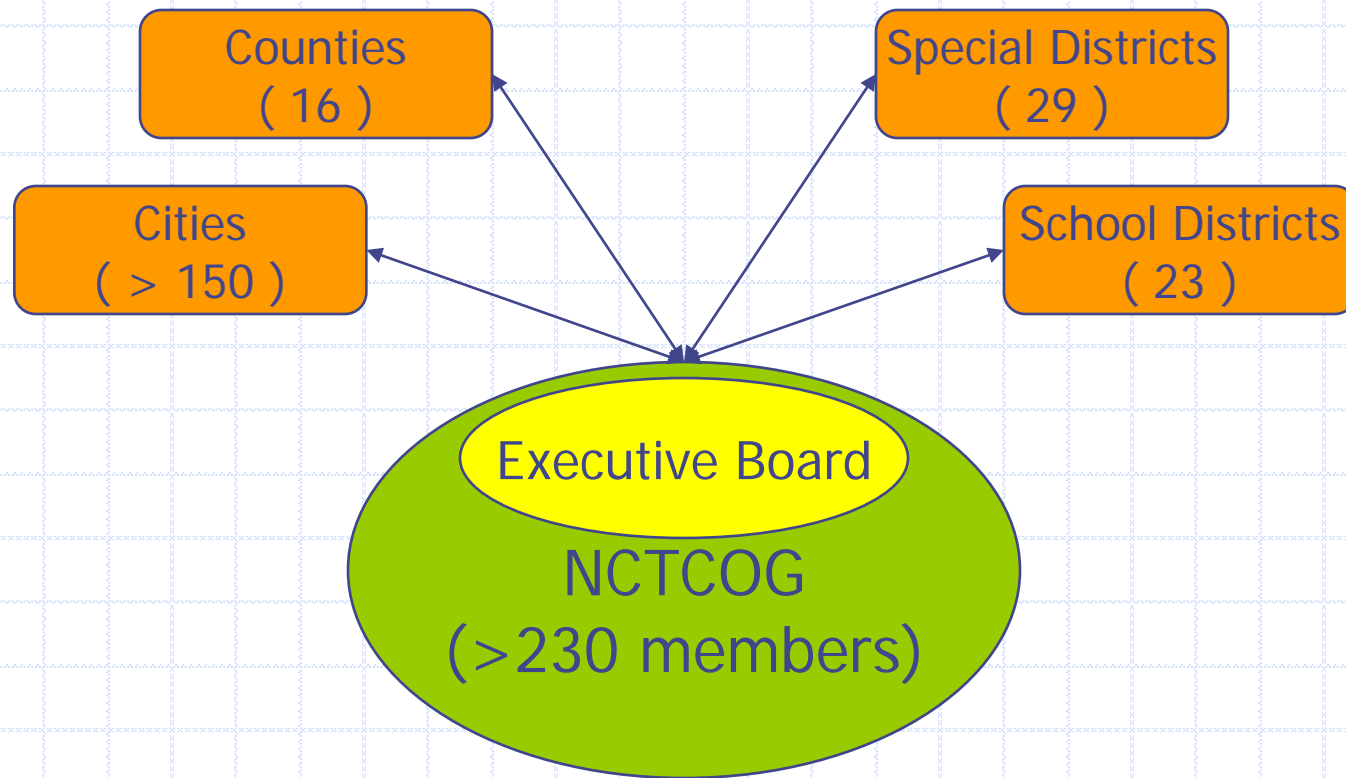
NCTCOG Region



NCTCOG-Internal



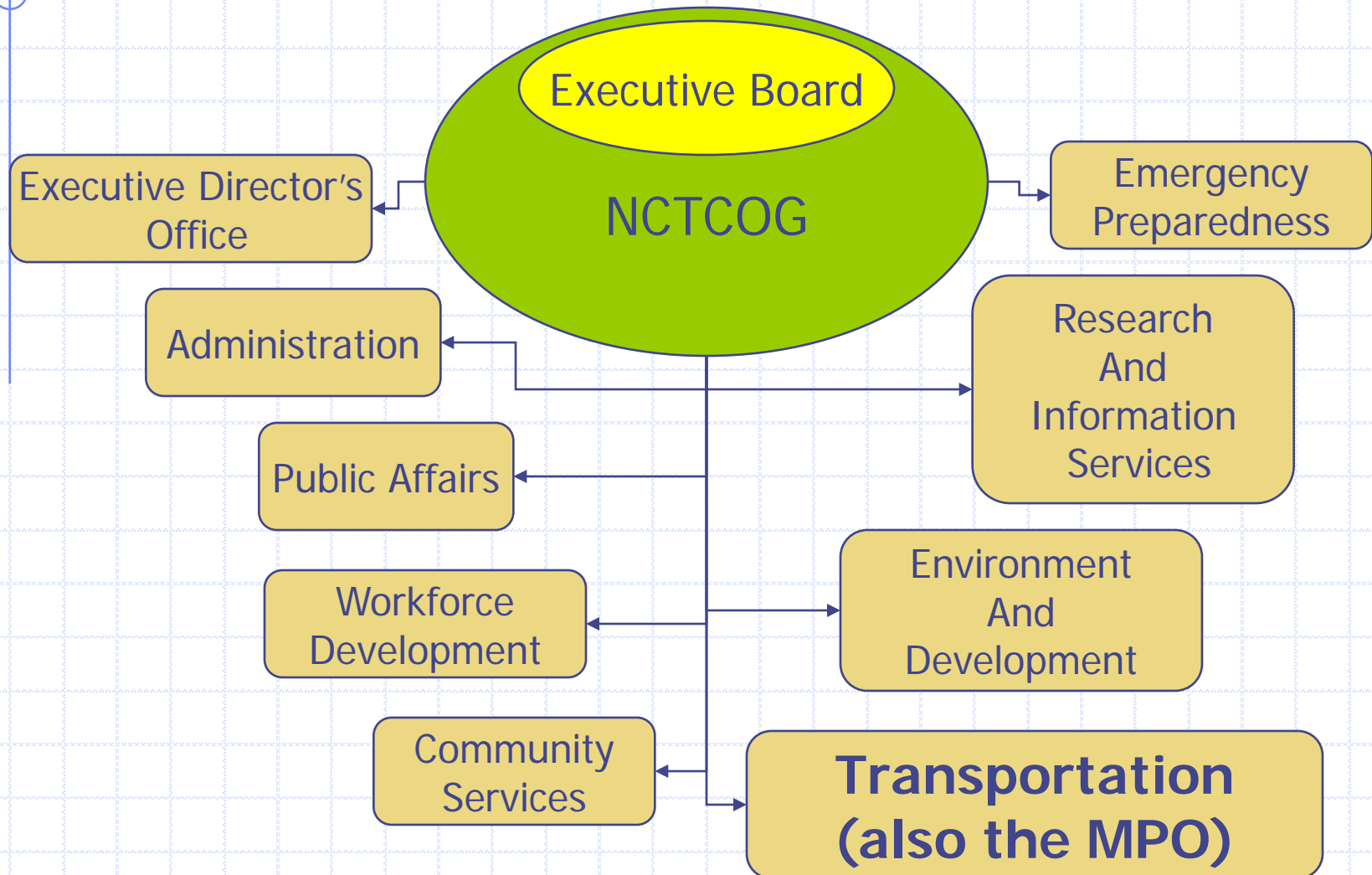
NCTCOG-External



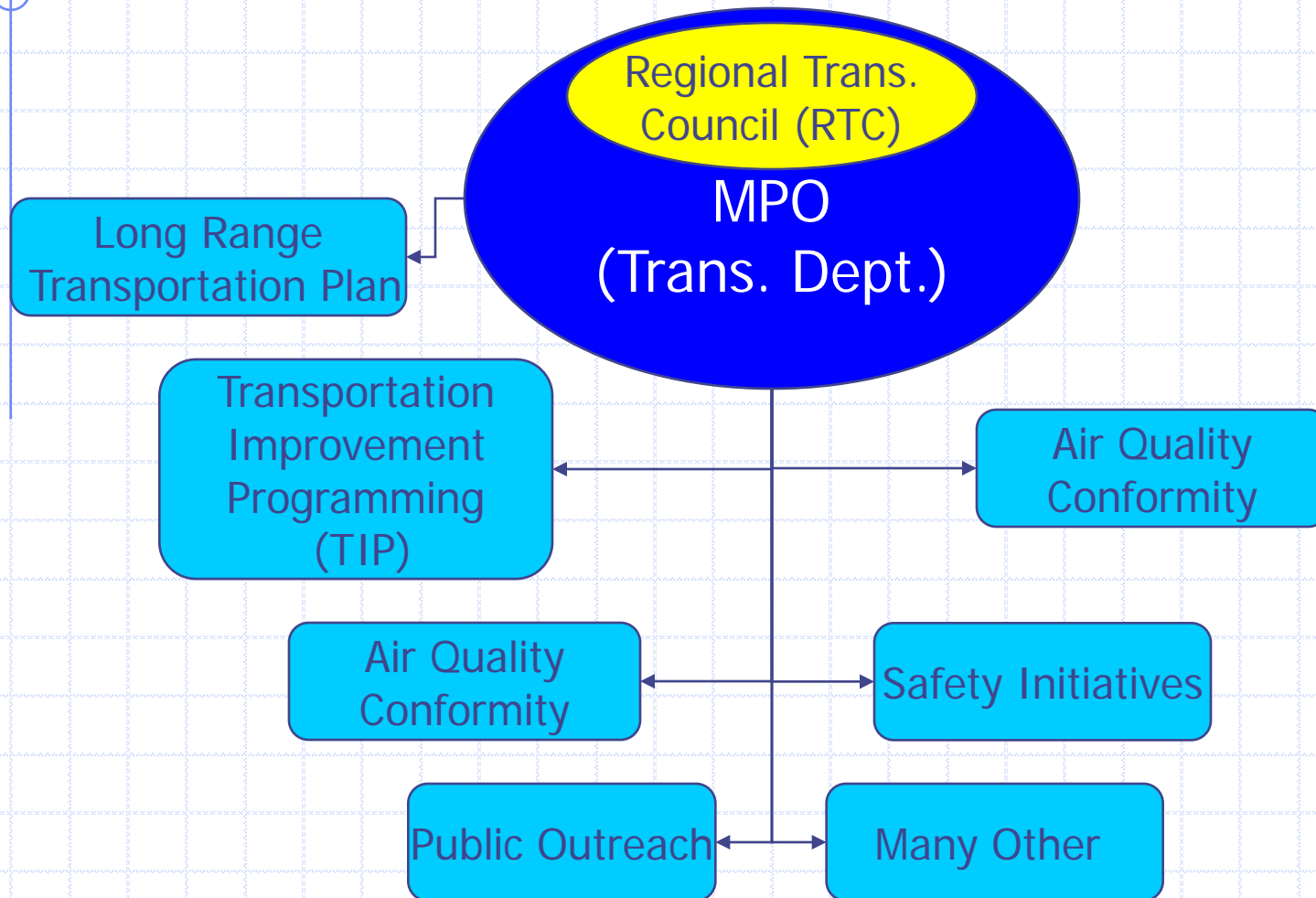
What is a MPO?

- ◆ Federal highway and transit statutes require, as a condition for spending federal highway or transit funds in urbanized areas, the designation of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), which have responsibility for planning, programming and coordination of federal highway and transit investments
- ◆ SAFETEA-LU's requirement that a portion of Surface Transportation Program funds be made available for expenditure in metropolitan areas with populations over 200,000, along with project selection through the metropolitan planning process is one mechanism that has brought shared responsibility for highway and transit investment decisions in metropolitan regions

MPO inside NCTCOG



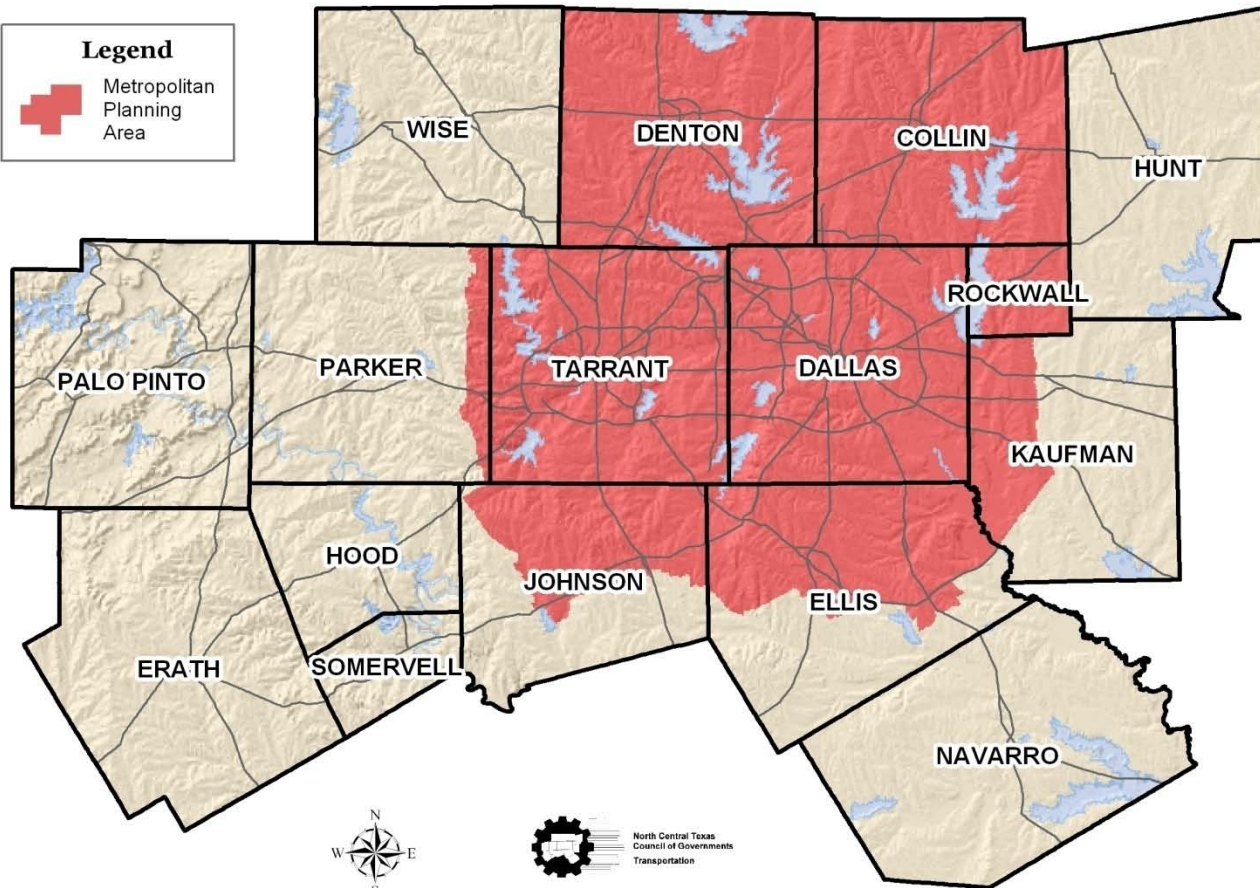
MPO Functions



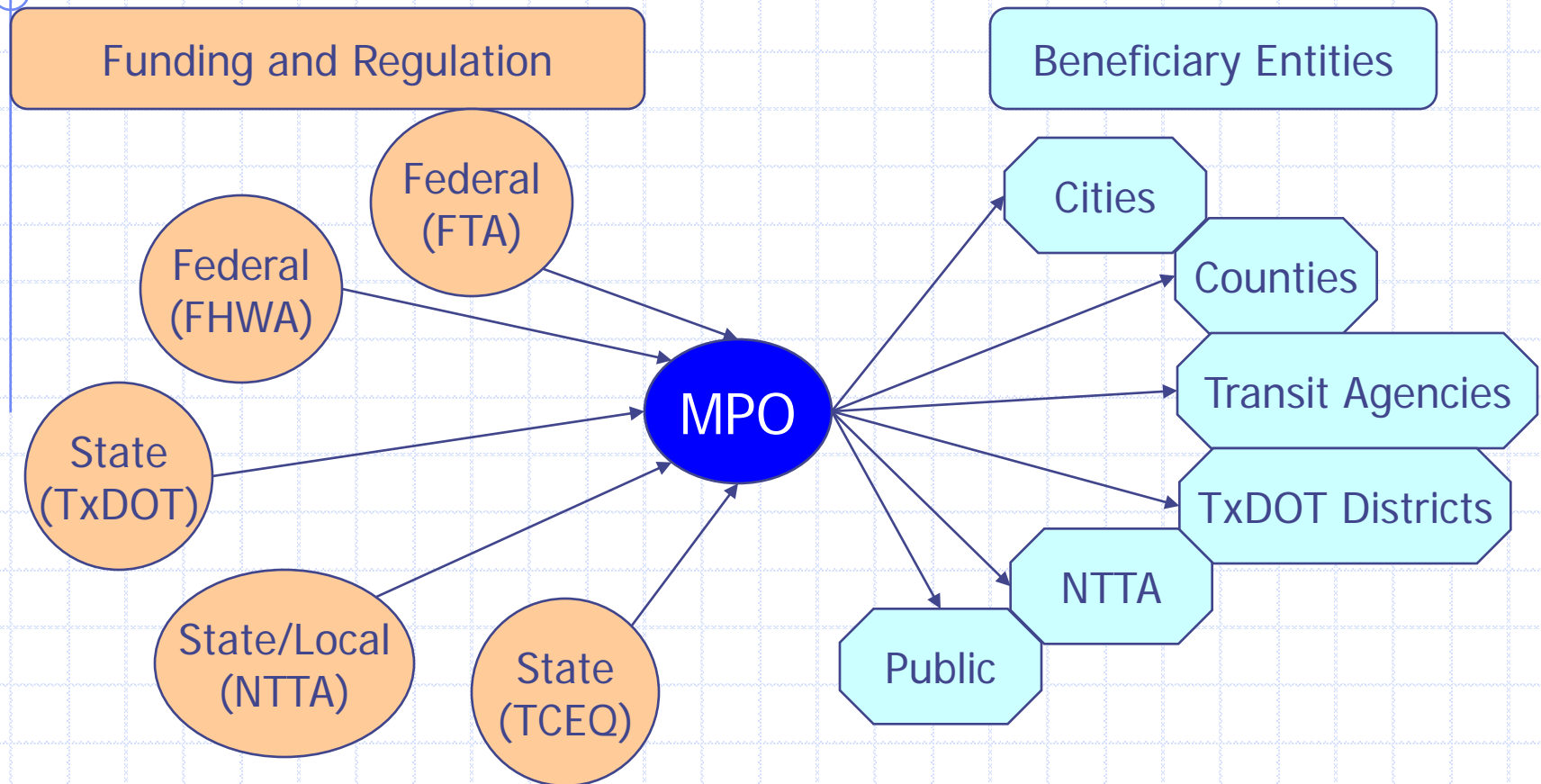
Metropolitan Planning Area Within the NCTCOG Region

Legend


 Metropolitan Planning Area



Metropolitan Planning Organization Conceptual Role



FHWA : Federal Highway Administration
FTA : Federal Transit Administration
TxDOT : Texas Department of Transportation
TCEQ : Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
NTTA : North Texas Tollway Authority

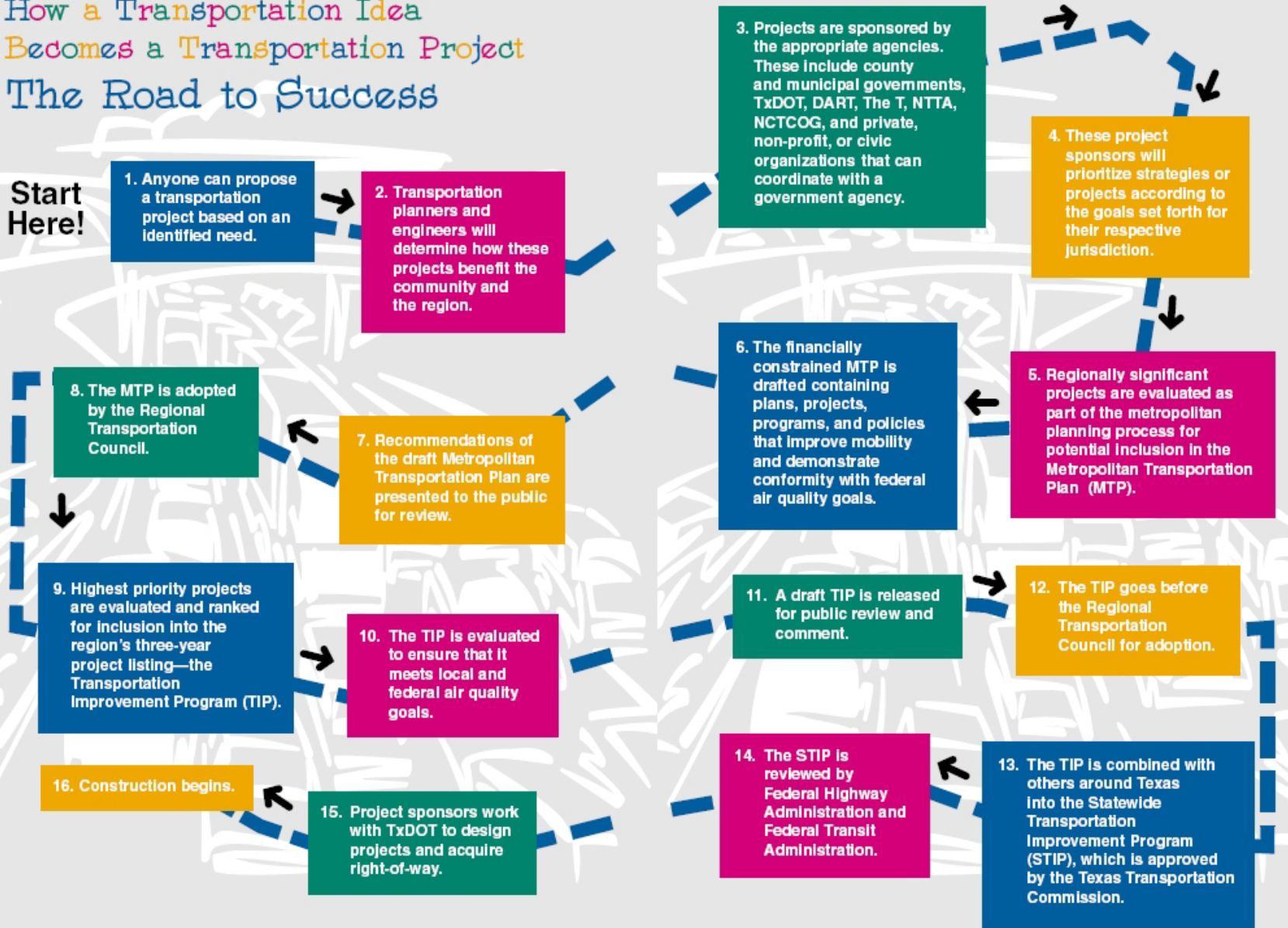


How a Transportation Idea Becomes a Transportation Project in 16 Steps

How a Transportation Idea Becomes a Transportation Project

The Road to Success

Start Here!



The Road to Success (1-3)

Start

1. Anyone can propose a transportation project based on an identified need.


2. Transportation planners and engineers will determine how these projects benefit the community and the region.

3. Projects are sponsored by the appropriate agencies. These include county and municipal governments, TxDOT, DART, the T, DCTA, NTTA, NCTCOG, and private, non-profit, or civic organizations that can coordinate with the government agency.


The Road to Success (4-6)




4. These project sponsors will prioritize strategies or projects according to the goals set for their respective jurisdiction.



5. Regionally significant projects are evaluated as part of the metropolitan planning process for the potential inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).



6. The financially constrained MTP is drafted containing plans, projects, programs, and policies that improve mobility and demonstrate conformity with federal air quality goals.



The Road to Success (7-10)

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The Road to Success (10-13)

10. The TIP is evaluated to ensure that it meets local and federal air quality goals.

11. A draft TIP is released for public review and comment.

12. The TIP goes before the RTC for adoption.

13. The TIP is combined with others around Texas into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The Road to Success (14-16)



14. The STIP is reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.



15. Project sponsors work with TxDOT to design projects and acquire right-of-way



16. Construction begins.

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DFW Regional Travel Model

A mathematical tool to assist
planning and decision making

Modeling Paradigm

The Ideal Solution

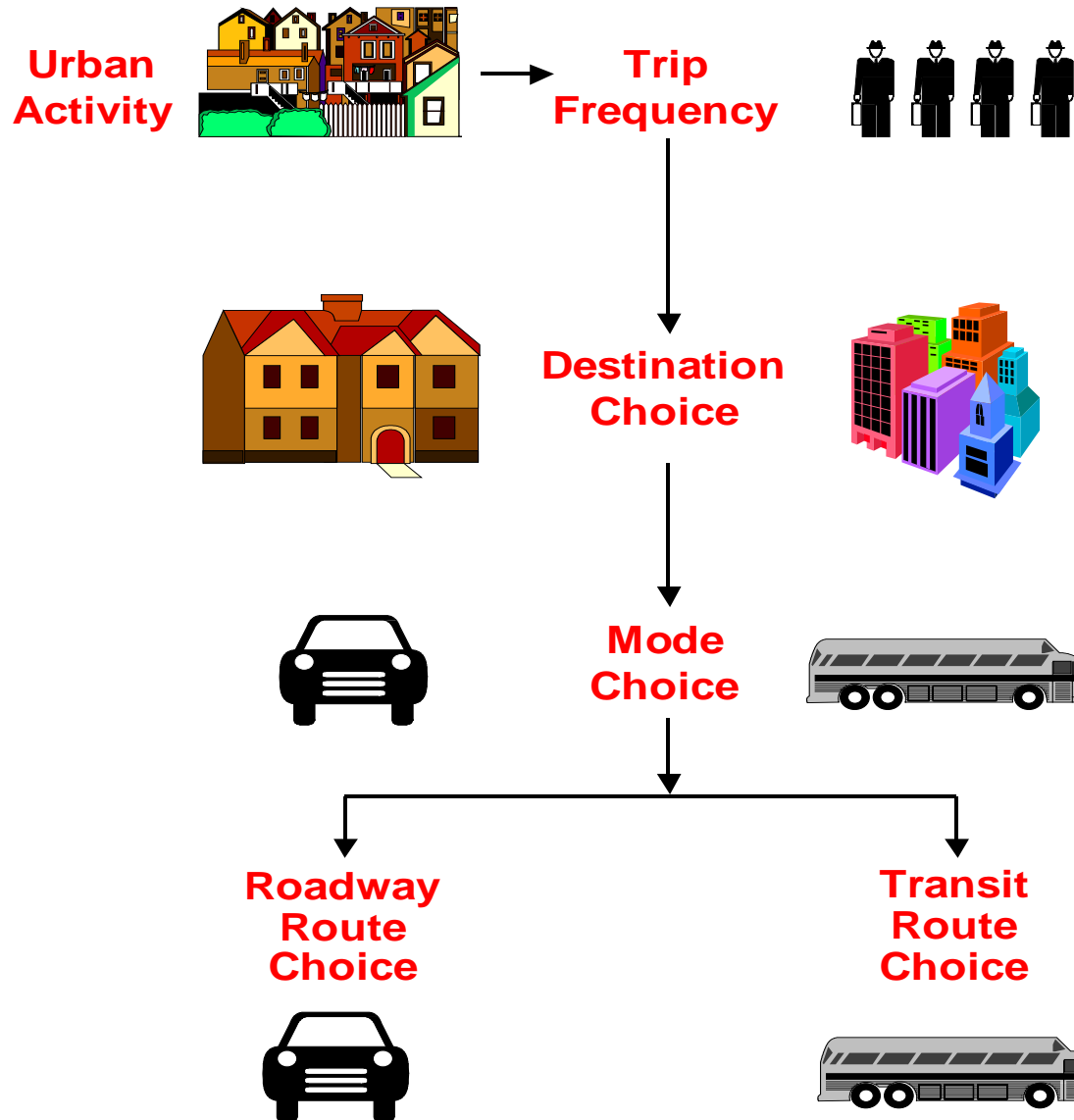
- ◆ Ideally, we should build a detail model to replicate every person's daily travel decisions:
 - travel or not?
 - if yes, where to?
 - at what time?
 - using what mode (car drive alone, car shared-ride, transit, bicycle, walk)?
 - path?
- ◆ Then, we should model long term decisions of a person to predict future
- ◆ Finally, we can aggregate everyone's decisions and observe the effect on a project.
- ◆ **This approach is currently impractical. Why?**

Modeling Paradigm

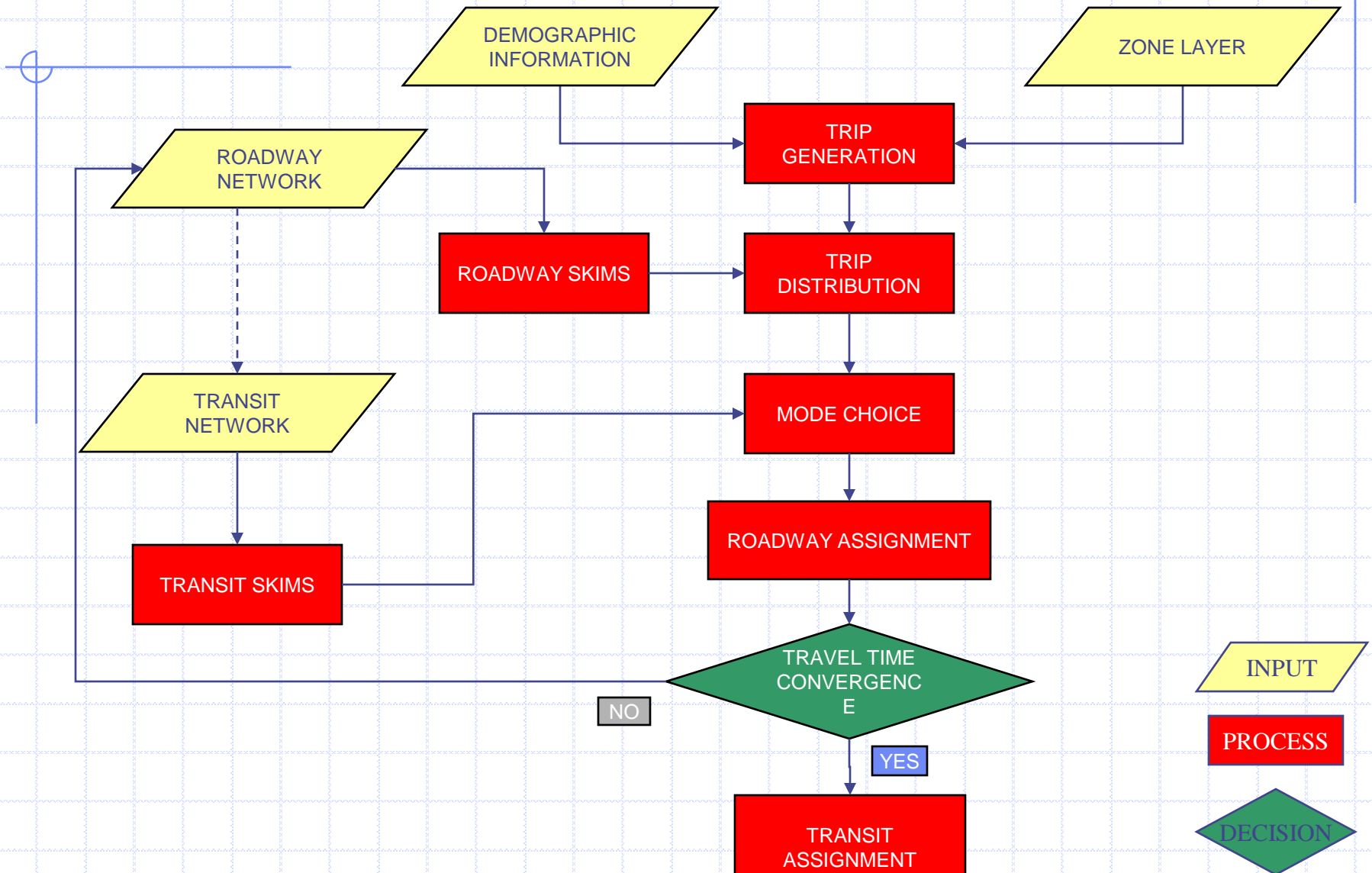
The Practical Solution

- ◆ Practically, we model collective trip patterns for groups of people in a travel survey zone (TSZ). We estimate:
 - number of motorized trips produced and attracted
 - how trips are distributed among TSZs
 - mode share of distributed trips(car drive alone, car shared-ride, and transit)?
 - assign trips to roadway or transit paths.
- ◆ Then, we model long term growth of population and employment for each zone.
- ◆ Finally, we aggregate collective decisions and observe the effect on a project.
- ◆ This approach is less than ideal but generally works for big decisions.

Travel Demand Forecasting Process

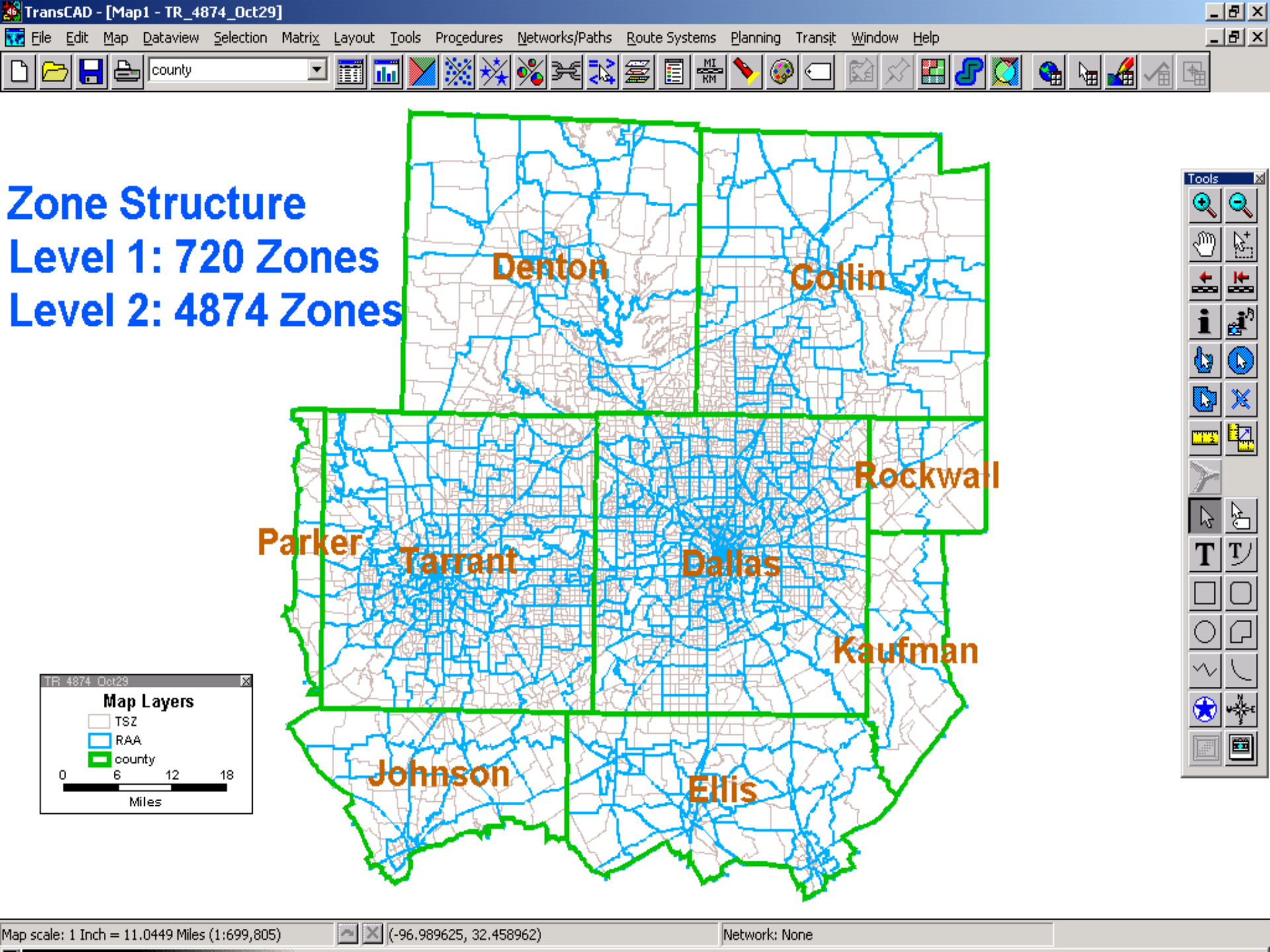


Four-Step Modeling Process



The “Practicality” Of Real-World Modeling

- ◆ Actual Scope Of Human Behavior → **Model Scope**
 - All Person Trips → **Motorized Person Trips**
 - All Travel Purposes → **HBW, HNW, NHB, And Truck Purpose Categories**
 - All Occupations → **Basic, Retail, And Service Jobs**
 - All Households → **Income And Household Size Categories (Plus Auto Ownership Breakdowns)**
 - All Streets → **Non-Local Streets**
- ◆ Individual Data → **Aggregate Data (Zones)**



Creation Of 4,874-Zone Structure

Start With Year 2000 Census Block Layer

Ground Truth Rectification

Some Block Splits (e.g., DFW And Love Field Airport)

76,336 Blocks Aggregated to 6,399 zones

Add 61 External Station “Tiny Circle” Zones = 6,460 Total Zones

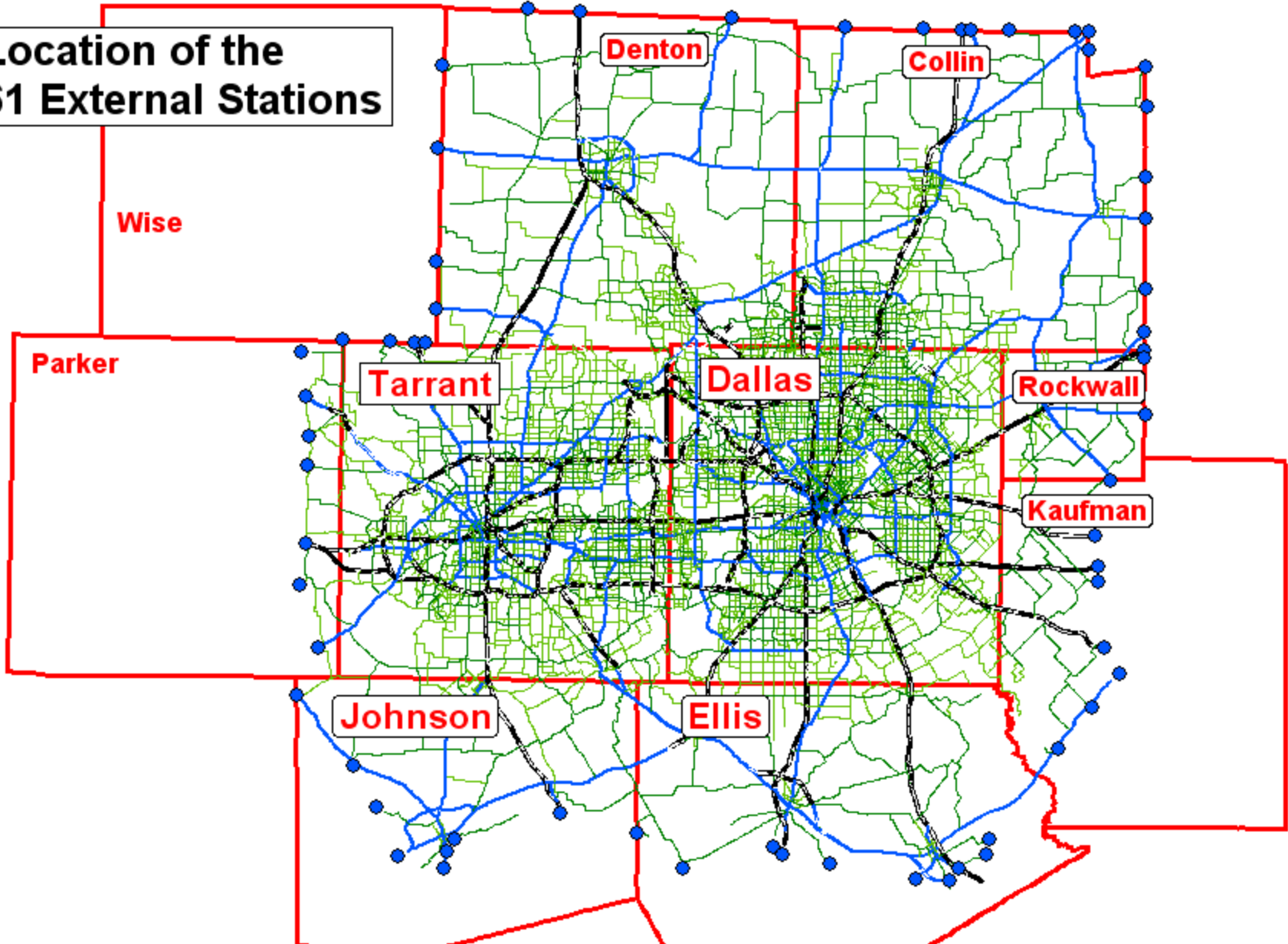
Aggregate The 6,460-Zone Layer

= 4,813 Internal Zones + 61 External Station Zones

= 4,874 TransCAD Model Zones



Location of the 61 External Stations

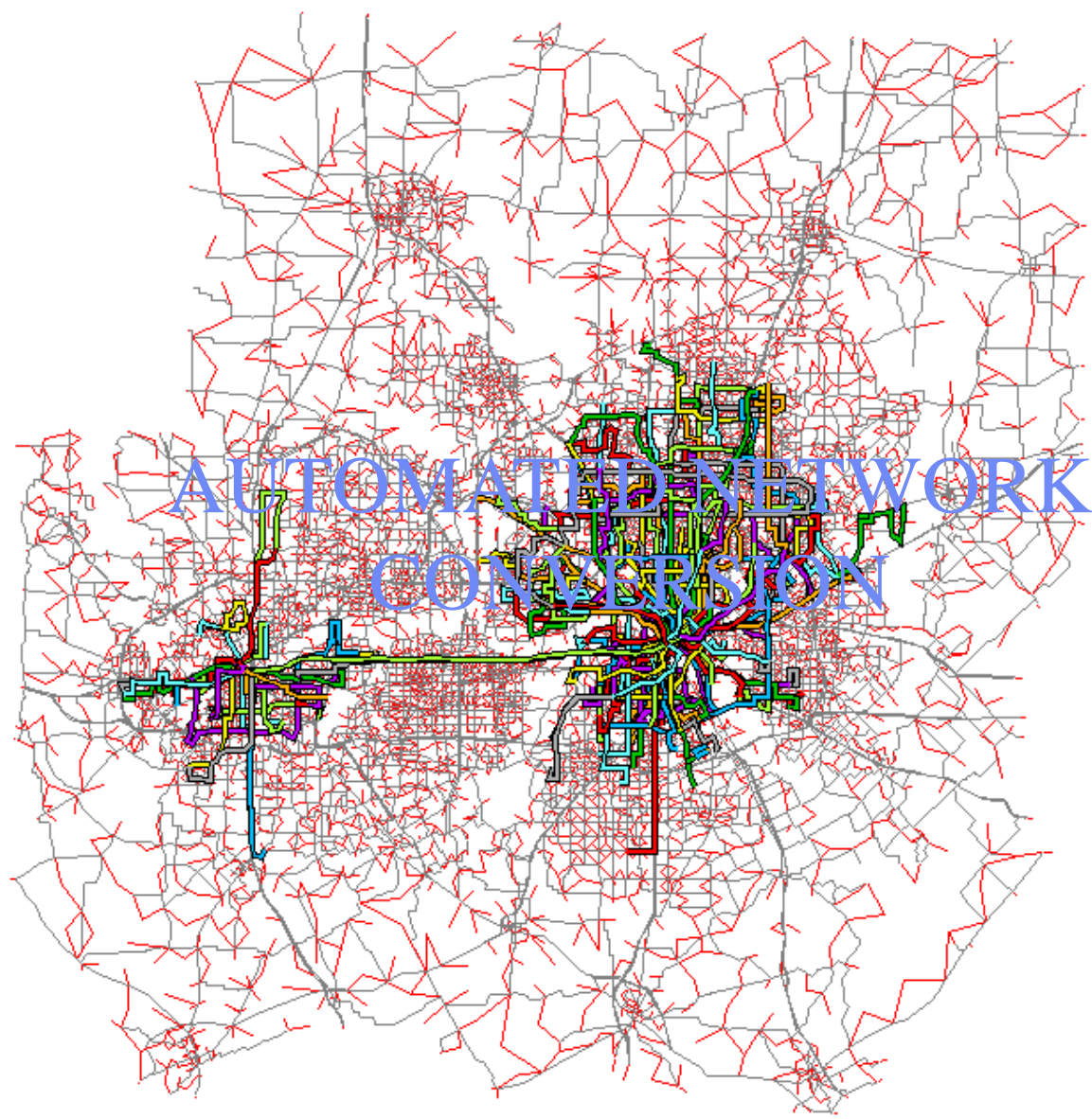


TransCAD Model Size

**4874 Zones Retained For ALL Modeling Steps
From Trip Generation To Traffic/Transit Assignment
4813 Internal + 61 External
Number Of Zone-To-Zone Pairs = 23.8 Million**

**Year 2025: 27,000 Roadway Links
+ 9,600 Zone Connectors
Over 36,600 Coded Links
22,000 Network Nodes**

**2025 Transit
410 Coded One-Way Bus Lines And 36 Rail Lines
14,500 Bus Stops And 171 Rail Stations**



Tools

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- Draw Circle with Thirteen Points
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- Draw Circle with Sixteen Points
- Draw Circle with Seventeen Points
- Draw Circle with Eighteen Points
- Draw Circle with Nineteen Points
- Draw Circle with Twenty Points

Roadway Preparation

- ◆ Link Free Speed

 - Based On Speed Limit, Distance, Area Type, Functional Class, And Intersection Control

- ◆ Directional Hourly Capacity

 - Based On Lanes, Area Type, Functional Class, And Divided/Undivided Designation

- ◆ Time Period Capacity

 - AM Peak, PM Peak, And OffPeak

Trip Generation

GISDK Macro Language

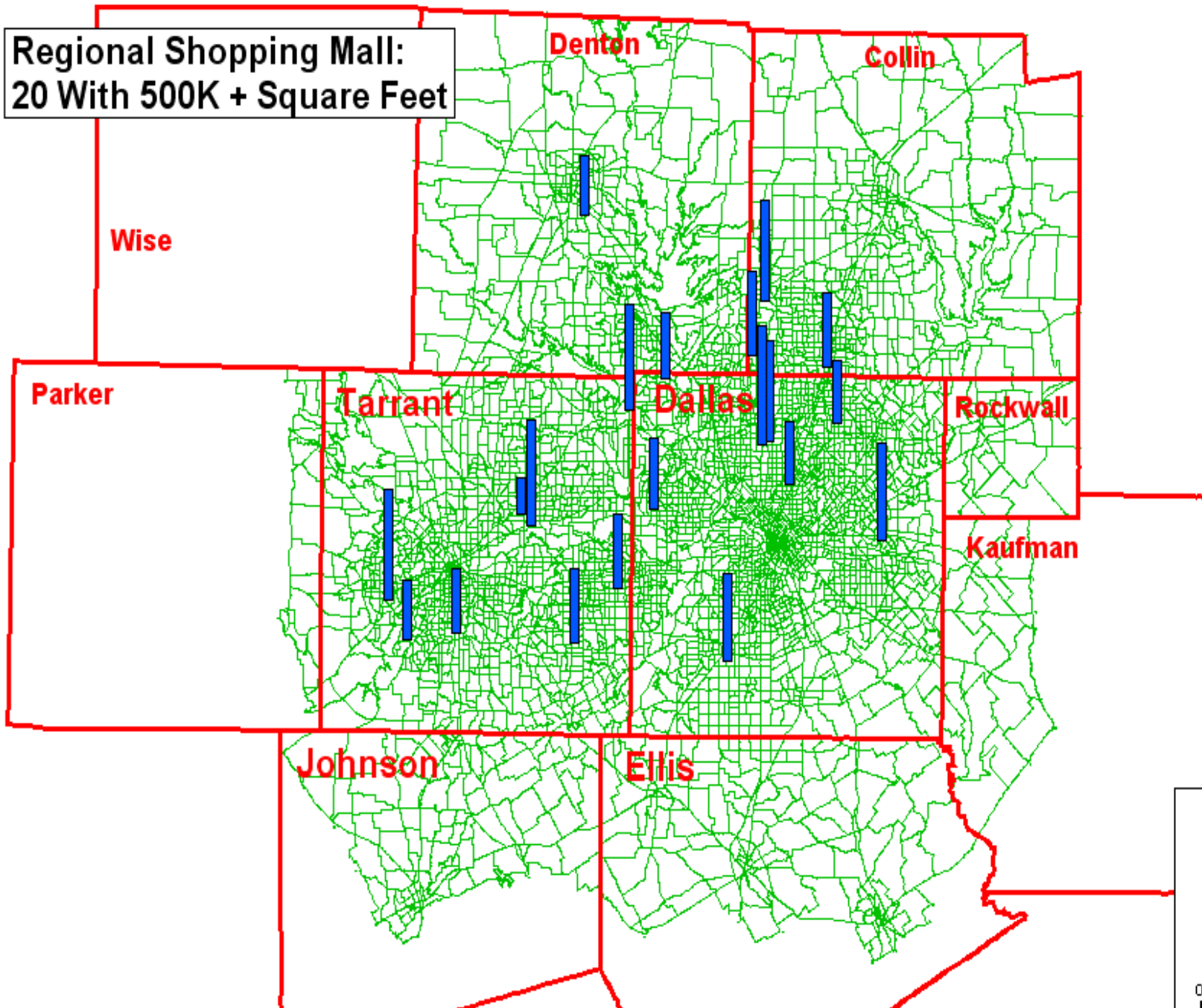
Seven "Regular" Internal-Internal Trip Purposes
4 HBW, 1 HNW, 1 NHB, And 1 Truck

Inputs

Population, Households, Median Household Income
Basic, Retail, And Service Jobs (From SIC Codes)

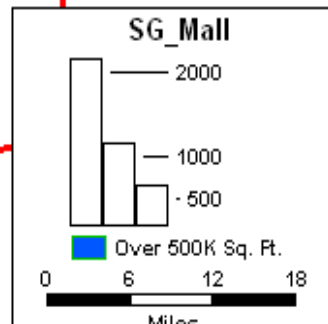
Special Generators (Shopping Malls, Colleges, Hospitals, Airports)

Regional Shopping Mall:
20 With 500K + Square Feet

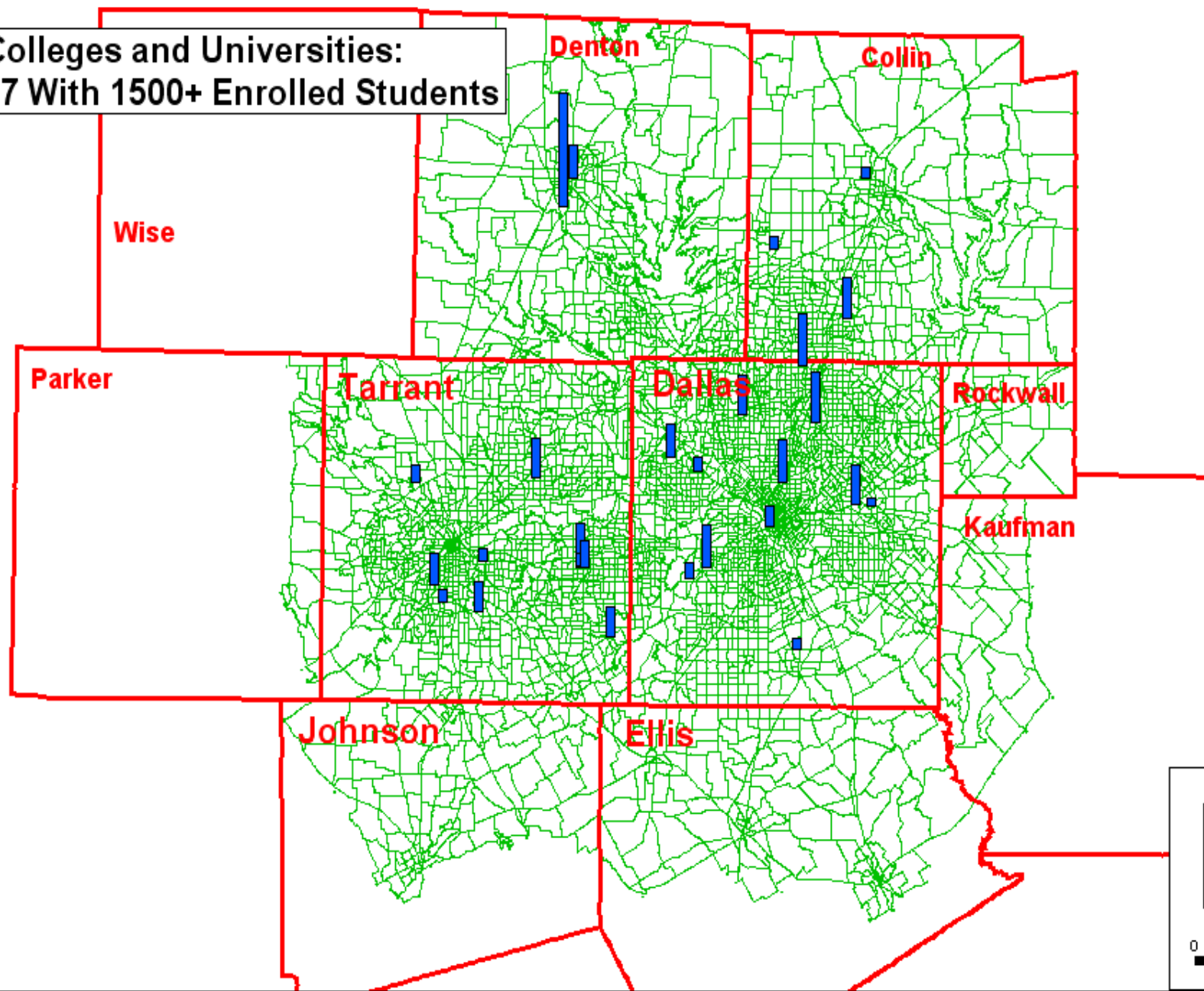


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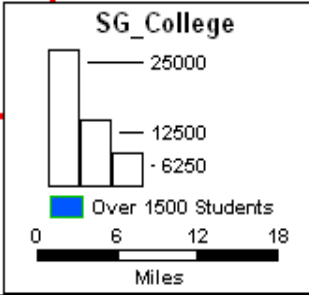


**Colleges and Universities:
27 With 1500+ Enrolled Students**



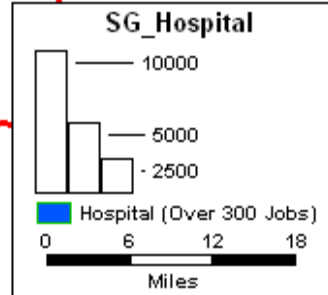
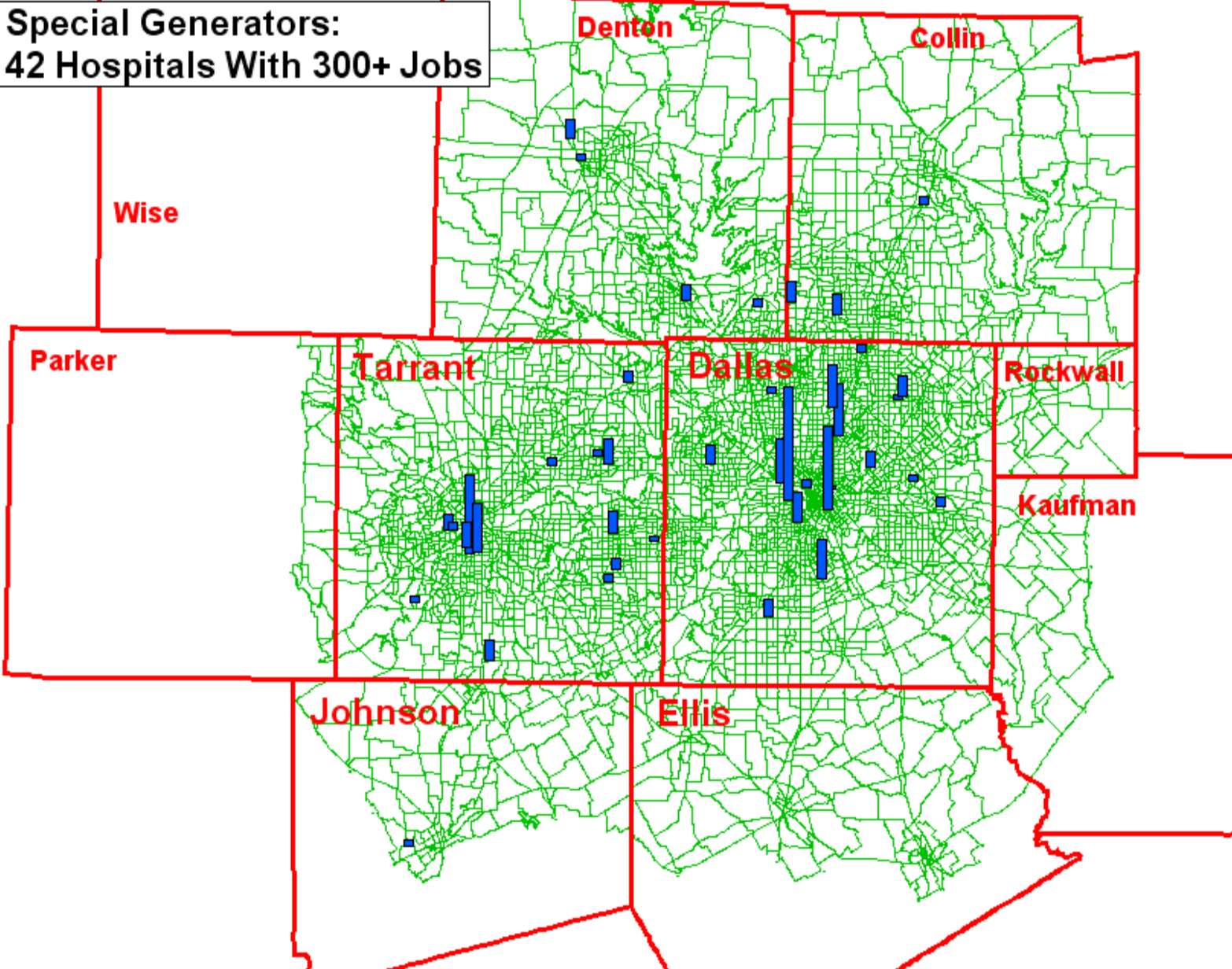
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**Special Generators:
42 Hospitals With 300+ Jobs**



What Is A Trip Production And A Trip Attraction?

TRIP = Use Of Motorized Transportation (Auto, Motorcycle, Truck, Or Public Transit) For At Least A Portion Of The Journey Between Two Activities

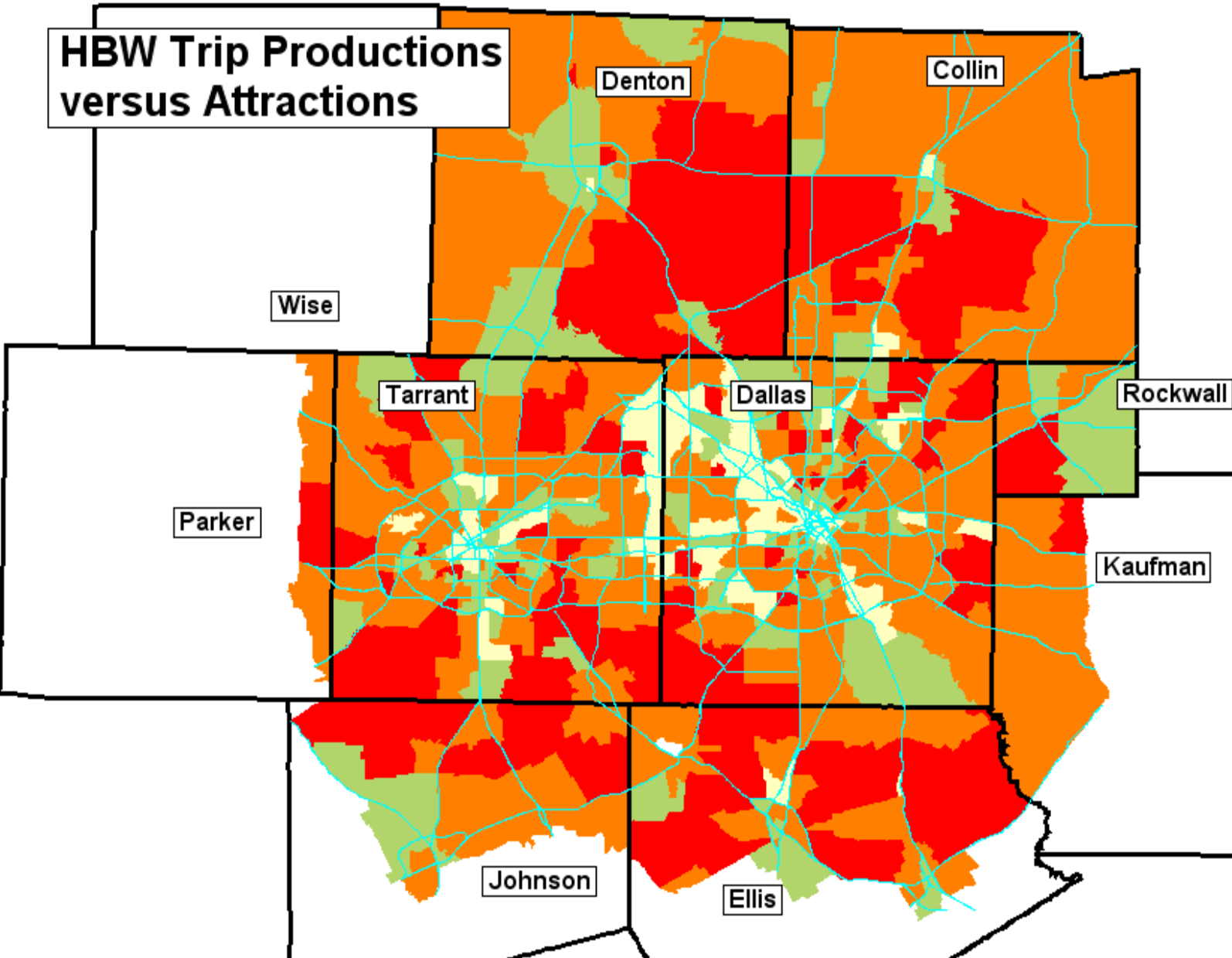
Home to Work = Home-Based Work (HBW) trip; Home is both Origin and Production end, while Work is both Destination and Attraction end

Work to Home = Also a HBW trip; Work is both Origin and Attraction end, while Home is both Destination and Production end

Nonhome to Nonhome = Nonhome-Based (NHB) trip; first activity of a NHB trip is always the Origin and Production end, while the second activity is always the Destination and Attraction end



HBW Trip Productions versus Attractions



%Productions

- 0.00 to 25.00
- 25.00 to 50.00
- 50.00 to 75.00
- 75.00 to 100.00
- Other

0 5 10 15
Miles

Trip Production Rate Table for HBW

Inc.Q.	Household Size					
	1	2	3	4	5	6+
1	0.870	1.347	2.082	2.354	2.003	2.003
2	1.288	1.916	2.491	2.583	2.908	3.524
3	1.288	2.192	2.756	2.771	3.168	3.168
4	1.288	2.192	2.866	2.866	3.213	4.458

External Station Trip Tables

Internal-External And External-Internal (IE/EI) Weekday Passenger Vehicles (Total Trip Ends)

External-External (EE) Weekday Passenger Vehicles

IE/EI Weekday Trucks (Six Or More Tires)

EE Weekday Trucks (Six Or More Tires)

TRIP GENERATION LIMITATIONS

Calibrated Trip Rates Represent Survey-Based Averages

A low-income, two-person household in Frisco has the same number of HNW trip productions as a low-income, two-person household in downtown Dallas

A suburban furniture store with 50 retail employees (jobs) has the same number of HNW attractions as a suburban grocery store with 50 retail employees

Trip Rates Are Not Impacted By Changes In Accessibility

Trip rates remain fixed, regardless of changes in roadway travel times or accessibility to transit

Trip Distribution

Gamma-Format Gravity Model (7 Purposes)

Four HBW Groups (Income Quartiles) – AM Peak Skims

HNW (Non-Airport) -- OffPeak

NHB (Non-Airport) -- OffPeak

Trucks (Vehicles With Six Or More Tires) -- OffPeak

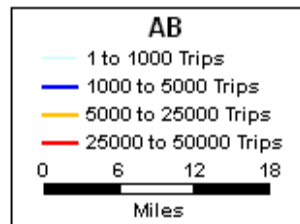
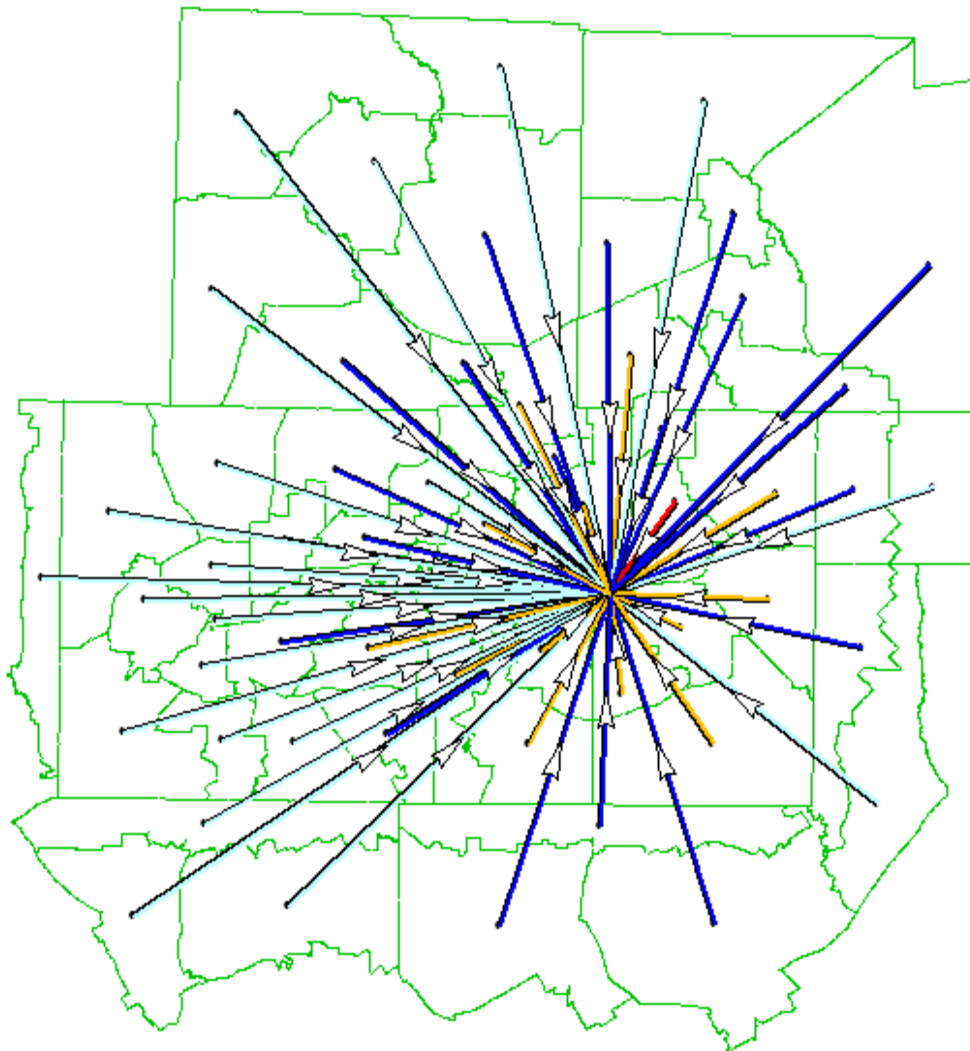
Base Year Trip Table Factoring (6 Purposes)

HNW And NHB Airport Trips

Four External-Related Auto/Truck Trips

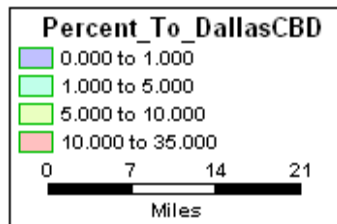
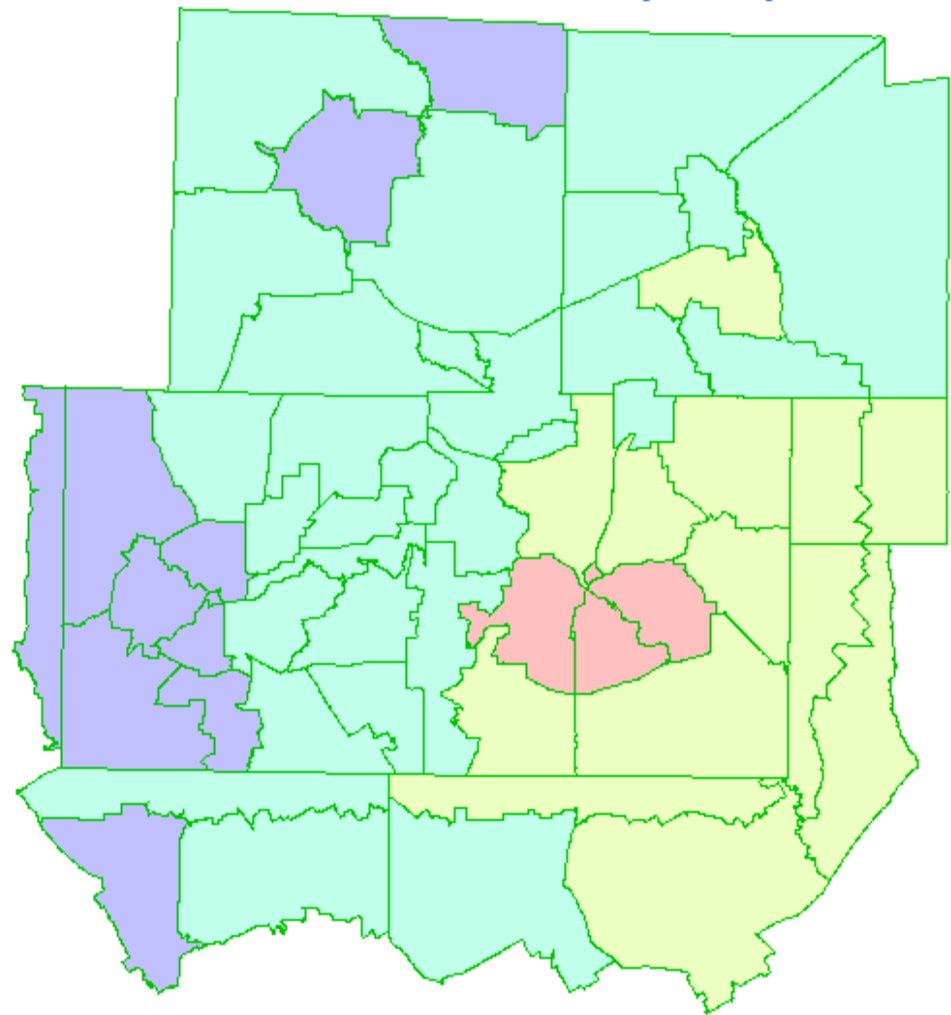


Home-Based Work Trip Productions To Dallas CBD (2003)





Percent of HBW Trip Productions in a Zone With Dallas CBD as Destination (2003)



Zone To Zone Impedance Tables For Mode Choice

Four AM Peak Skims (6:30a – 8:59a)

Roadway – Without HOV Links Available (Drive Alone)

Roadway – With HOV Links Available (Shared Ride 2 And 3+)

Transit – Drive Access (PA Format)

Transit – Walk Access (PA Format)

Four OffPeak Skims

Roadway Is 18-hour Offpeak

Without HOV Links Available (Drive Alone)

With HOV Links Available (Shared Ride 2 And 3+)

Transit Is 6-hour Mid-Day Offpeak (9:00a – 2:59p)

Drive Access (PA Format)

Walk Access (PA Format)

Mode Choice Inputs

◆ Auto Travel

- ◆ Roadway Travel Time
- ◆ Roadway Length (Operating Cost)
- ◆ Daily Parking Cost

◆ Transit Travel

- ◆ In-Vehicle Transit Travel Time (Includes Dwell)
- ◆ Walk (Or Drive) Access Time
- ◆ Walk Transfer And Egress Time
- ◆ Initial And Transfer Wait Time
- ◆ Transit Fare
- ◆ Market Segment And Area Type Constants



Transit Path Results

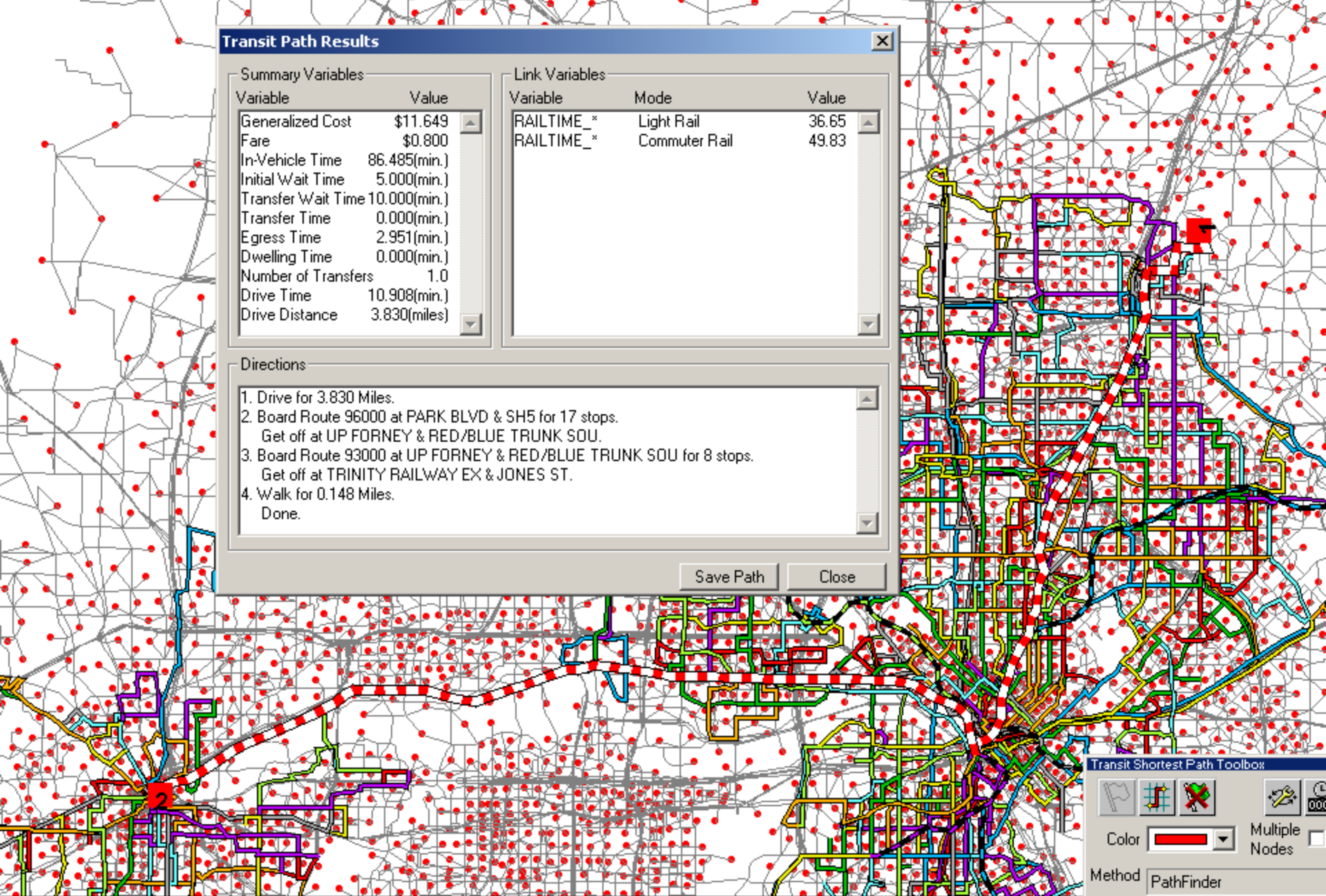
Summary Variables	
Variable	Value
Generalized Cost	\$11.649
Fare	\$0.800
In-Vehicle Time	86.485(min.)
Initial Wait Time	5.000(min.)
Transfer Wait Time	10.000(min.)
Transfer Time	0.000(min.)
Egress Time	2.951(min.)
Dwelling Time	0.000(min.)
Number of Transfers	1.0
Drive Time	10.908(min.)
Drive Distance	3.830(miles)

Link Variables		
Variable	Mode	Value
RAILTIME_*	Light Rail	36.65
RAILTIME_*	Commuter Rail	49.83

Directions

1. Drive for 3.830 Miles.
2. Board Route 96000 at PARK BLVD & SH5 for 17 stops.
Get off at UP FORNEY & RED/BLUE TRUNK SOU.
3. Board Route 93000 at UP FORNEY & RED/BLUE TRUNK SOU for 8 stops.
Get off at TRINITY RAILWAY EX & JONES ST.
4. Walk for 0.148 Miles.
Done.

Save Path Close

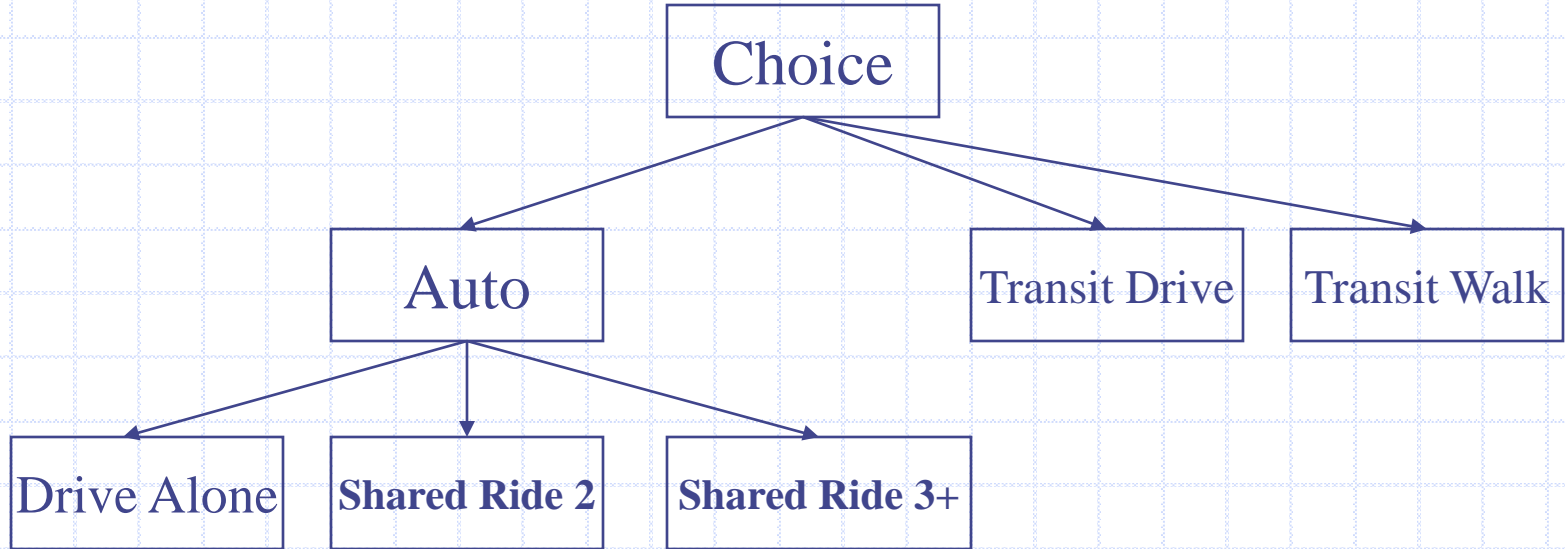


Transit Shortest Path Toolbox

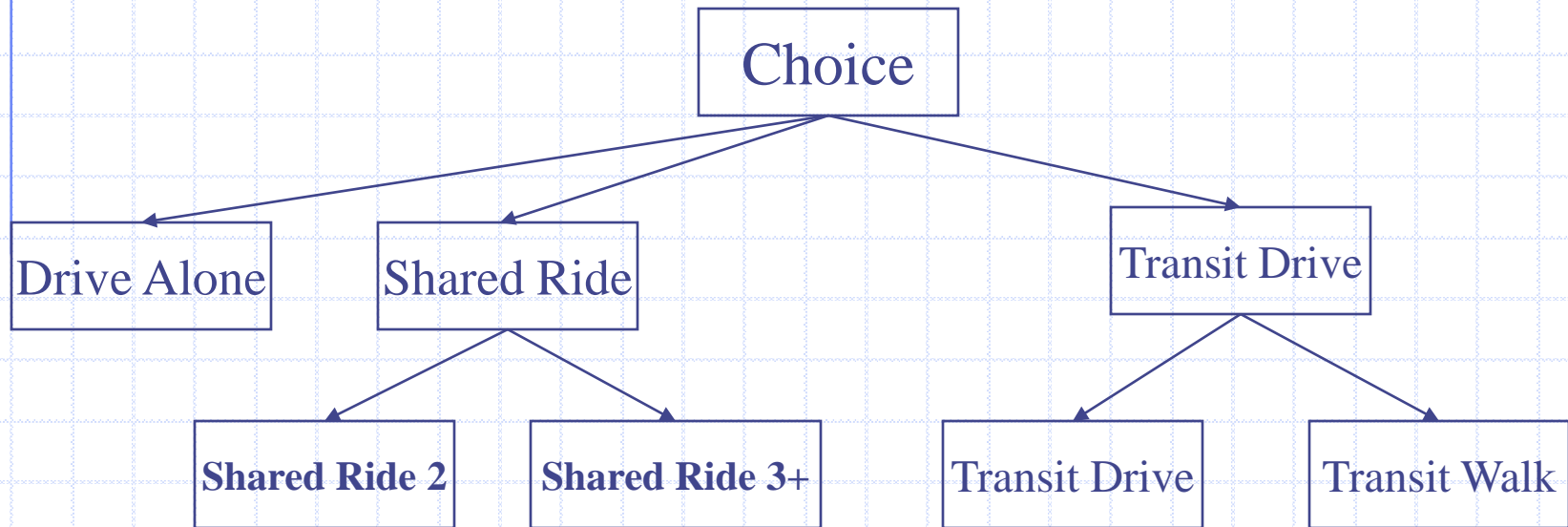
Color: Red Multiple Nodes:

Method: PathFinder

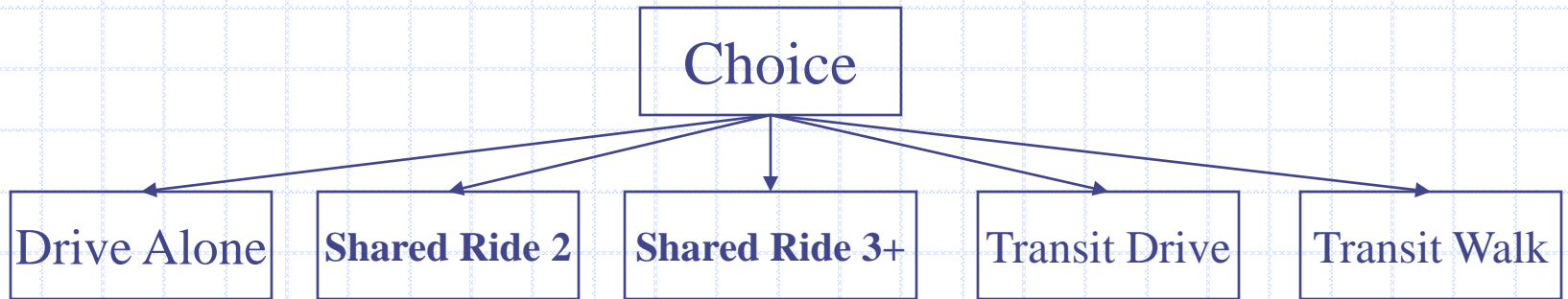
HBW Mode Choice Model Structure



HNW Mode Choice Model Structure



NHB Mode Choice Model Structure



Mode Choice Outputs

For each trip purpose, person trip tables
by mode:

- ◆ Drive-alone
- ◆ Shared-ride
- ◆ Walk to Transit
- ◆ Drive to Transit

Transit Assignment

Four Multi-Path (TransCAD Pathfinder) Production-Attraction Assignments

For All HBW Transit Trips

Peak Transit-Initial Drive Access (Park-and-Ride)

Peak Transit-Initial Walk Access (No Park-and-Ride)

For All HNW And NHB Transit Trips

Offpeak Transit-Initial Drive Access (Park-and-Ride)

Offpeak Transit-Initial Walk Access (No Park-and-Ride)

Wardrop's Principles

- ◆ The journey times on all the routes actually used are equal and less than those which would be experienced by a single vehicle on any unused route.
- ◆ The average journey time is a minimum

Formulation

Letting \mathcal{R}_{pq} denote the index set of simple routes⁴ in origin-destination pair $(p, q) \in \mathcal{C}$, h_{pqr} the flow on route r , and π_{pq} the travel time on the shortest route from p to q , given the flow $\mathbf{h} = (h_{pqr})_{r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}}$, the above Wardrop user equilibrium conditions may equivalently be stated as

$$h_{pqr} > 0 \implies c_{pqr} = \pi_{pq}, \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \quad (2.1a)$$

$$h_{pqr} = 0 \implies c_{pqr} \geq \pi_{pq}, \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \quad (2.1b)$$

to hold for all pairs $(p, q) \in \mathcal{C}$. Including the feasibility restrictions for the flow \mathbf{h} , the conditions for user equilibrium may be summarized as

$$h_{pqr}(c_{pqr} - \pi_{pq}) = 0, \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.2a)$$

$$c_{pqr} - \pi_{pq} \geq 0, \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.2b)$$

$$\sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}} h_{pqr} = d_{pq}, \quad \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.2c)$$

$$h_{pqr} \geq 0, \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.2d)$$

$$\pi_{pq} \geq 0, \quad \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.2e)$$

Formulation

The objective functions of the mathematical programs to be derived in this section are based on total link flows. The route and link flows, and their associated travel times, are related according to the following. The commodity link flows, $\mathbf{f}_{pq} = (f_{apq})$, given the route flows \mathbf{h} , are given by

$$f_{apq} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \delta_{pqra} h_{pqr}, \quad \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \forall a \in \mathcal{A}, \quad (2.5a)$$

where

$$\delta_{pqra} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if route } r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq} \text{ uses link } a, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}, \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C} \quad (2.5b)$$

defines the *link-route incidence matrix*, $\Delta^T = (\delta_{pqra})$, for the network \mathcal{G} . The total link flows, $\mathbf{f} = (f_a)$, are then given by

$$f_a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{C}} f_{apq}, \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}, \quad (2.5c)$$

UE Formulation

$$\min T(\mathbf{f}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \int_0^{f_a} t_a(s) ds, \quad (2.6a)$$

subject to

$$\sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}} h_{pqr} = d_{pq}, \quad \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.6b)$$

$$h_{pqr} \geq 0, \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}, \forall (p, q) \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (2.6c)$$

$$\sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}_{pq}} \delta_{pqr a} h_{pqr} = f_a, \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (2.6d)$$

Traffic Assignment Preparation

Production-Attraction To Origin-Destination
Trip Table Transposing, Factoring, And
Aggregation

AM Peak Period (2.5 Hours)

PM Peak Period (3.5 Hours)

Off Peak Period (18 Hours)

Traffic Assignment

- ◆ Equilibrium Principle (Wardrop 1952)
- ◆ Mathematical Program (Beckman 1956)
- ◆ Algorithm for practical implementation (LeBlank 1973)

Traffic Assignment

User Equilibrium Generalized Cost (Three 30-Iteration Assignments)

A.M. Peak (6:30a – 8:59a: 2.5 hours)

P.M. Peak (3:00p – 6:29p: 3.5 hours)

OffPeak (18 hours)

Four Vehicle Classes Loaded Simultaneously

Drive Alone

Shared-Ride "Sees" HOV Lanes

Shared-Ride "Doesn't See" HOV Lanes

Trucks (Vehicles With 6 Or More Tires)

Model Outputs: Supply-Side Calculations

Number Of Coded Transit Lines

Roadway Network Links (Or Miles) With Transit

Total Physical Stops And "Line" Stops

How Many Are Rail Stations

How Many Are Transit Park-And-Ride Locations

**AM Peak And Mid-Day OffPeak Vehicle Miles And
Hours Of Travel**

Population And Employment Within "Buffer" Areas

Direct Model Outputs

**Person Trip (Production-Attraction) Matrices (4874 x 4874)
By Trip Purpose And Mode Of Travel**

Roadway And Transit Skim Matrices (4874 x 4874)

**ONs And OFFs (Boardings And Alightings) For Each
Coded Transit Stop**

Transit "Link" Flow File (Stop To Stop)

Movements File (Line To Line Rider Transfers)

**Link-Level Traffic Volumes And Speeds By Vehicle Class and Time
Of Day**

Model Outputs: Demand-Side Calculations

Transit Boardings And Alightings

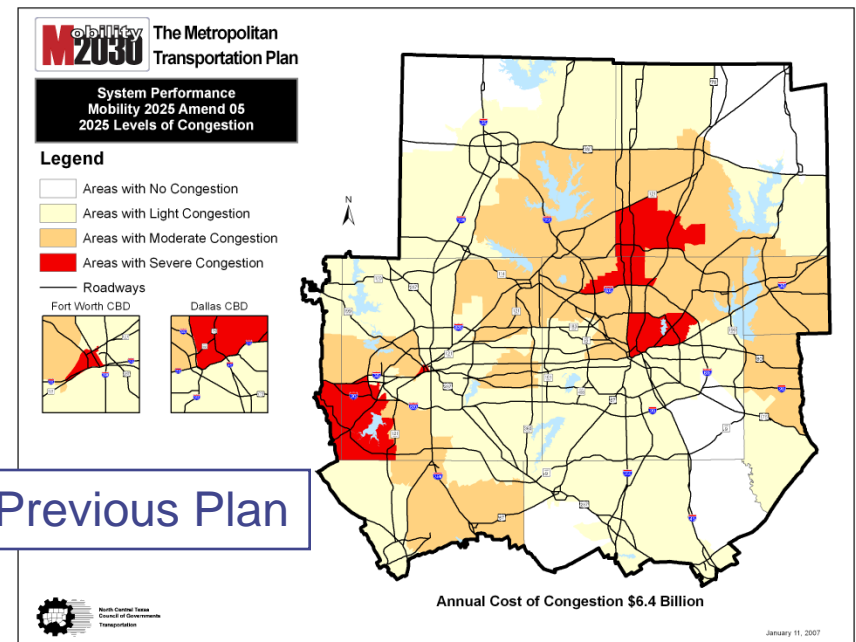
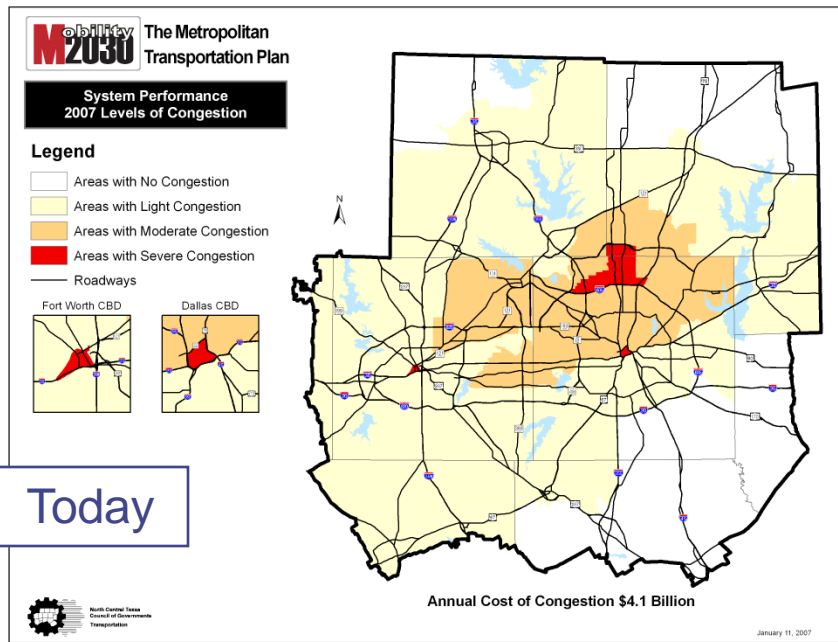
**By Mode, By Route, By Line, Or By Rail Station
For Weekday, Or For Each Of Four Assignments**

Regional Average Transfer Rates

Boardings, Riders, And Boardings Per Rider

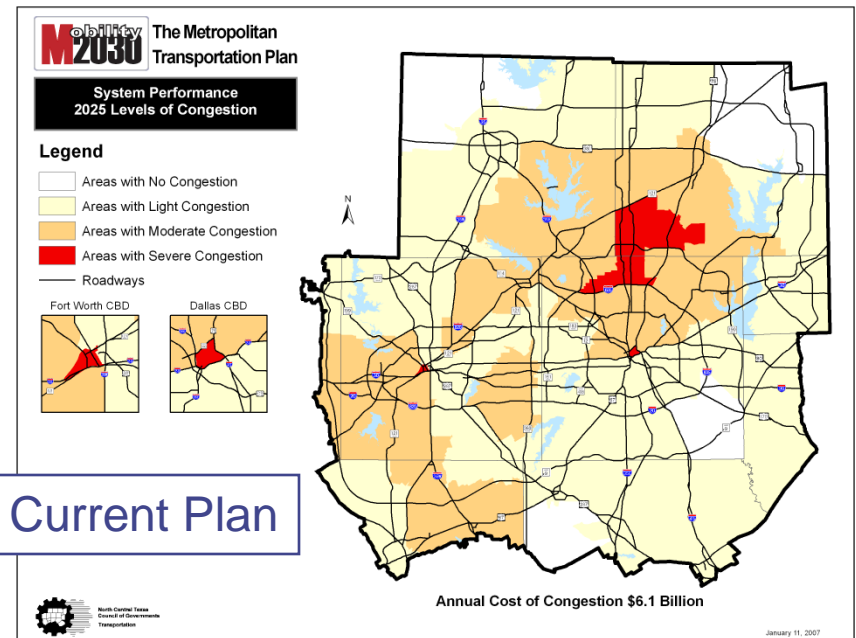
Transit Passenger Miles And Hours

Rail Station Mode-Of-Access/Egress Summaries



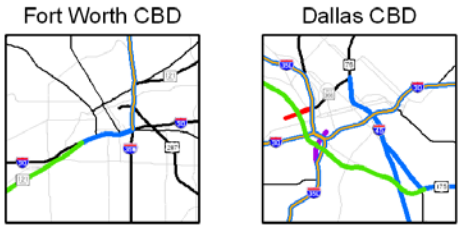
CURRENT AND FORECAST CONGESTION LEVELS

For The First Time, The Current Mobility Plan Shows **Lower Congestion** Than The Previous Plan. Innovative Policies, Programs And Projects Are Beginning To Show The Promise Of Long-term Congestion Relief. Public And Private Financial Partnerships Are Allowing The Region To Increase Transportation System Capacity At A Rate Not Seen In Decades.



Funded Roadway Recommendations

- Legend**
- New Freeway Facilities
 - New Tollway Facilities
 - Additional Capacity To Existing Freeway/Tollway
 - HOV/Managed Lanes
 - Improvements to Existing Freeway and HOV/Managed Lanes
 - Selected New/Improved Regionally Significant Arterials
 - Freeways/Tollways



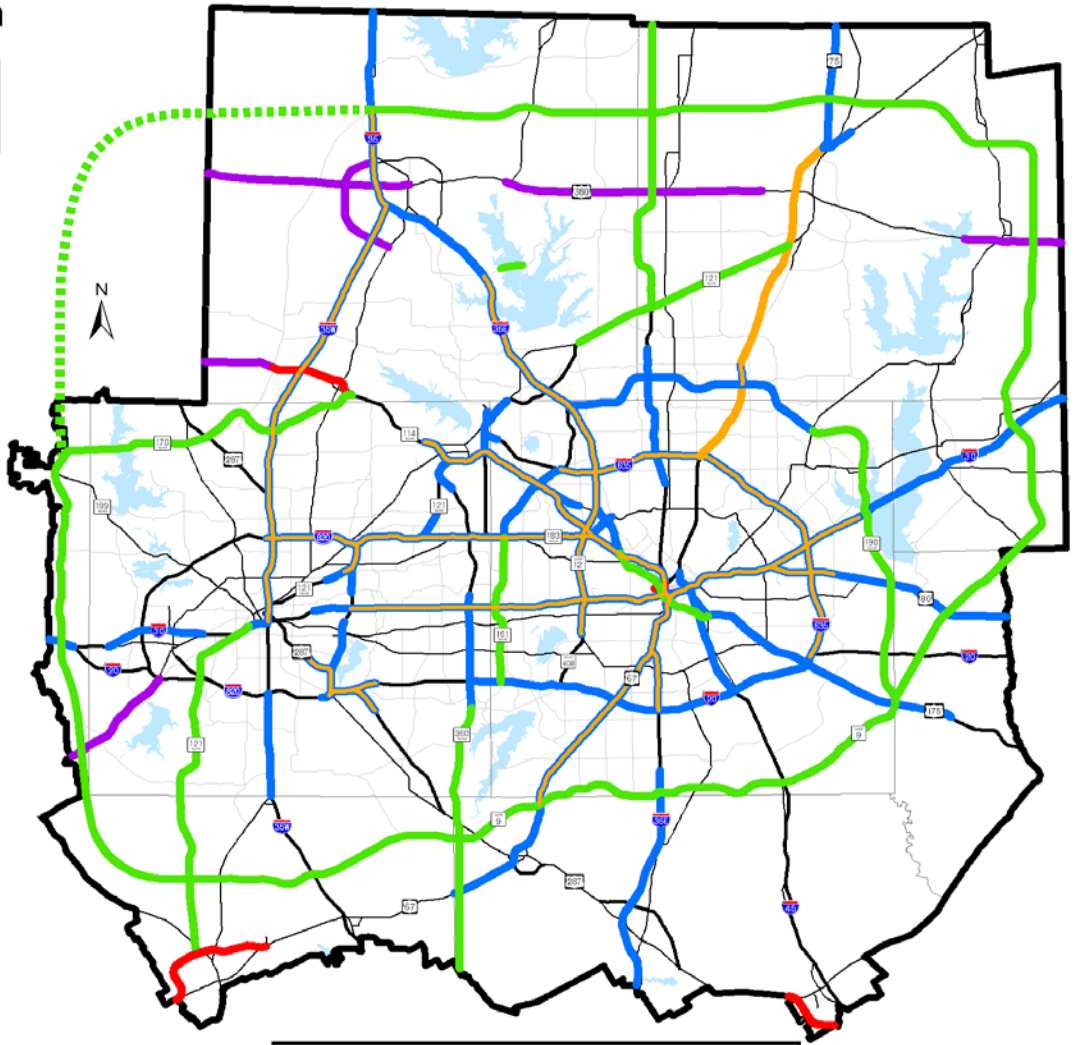
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\$29.8 Billion Regional Roadway System
Additional Freeway/Tollway lane miles = 3,444
Additional HOV/Managed lane miles = 626



Priced Facilities

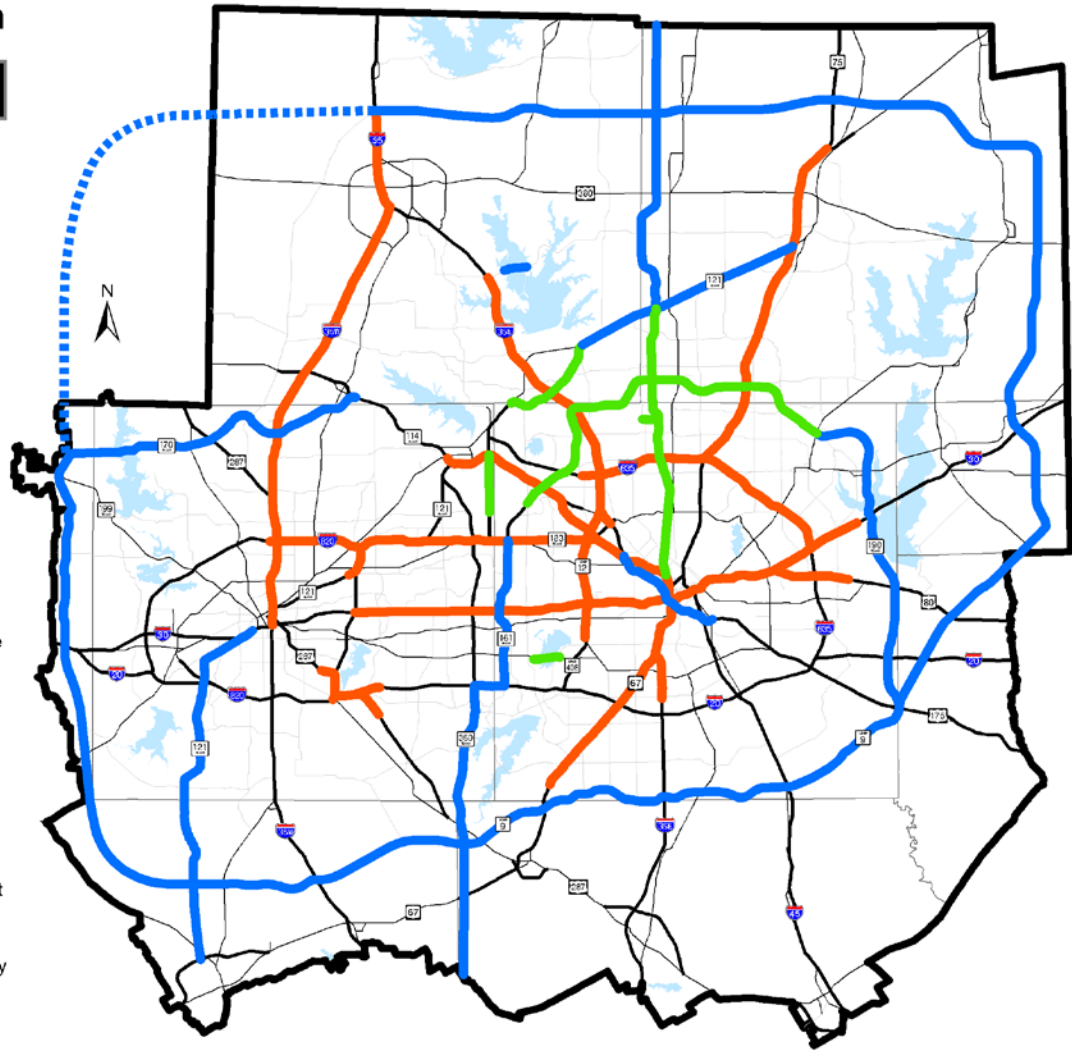
Legend

- Existing Toll Facilities
- Proposed Toll Facilities
- Proposed HOV/Managed Facilities*
- Freeways/Tollways

Fort Worth CBD



Dallas CBD



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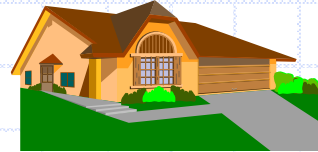
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ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

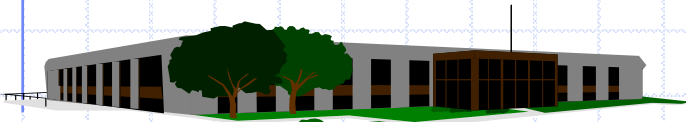
500 New Schools



570,000 New Homes



28 New Hospitals

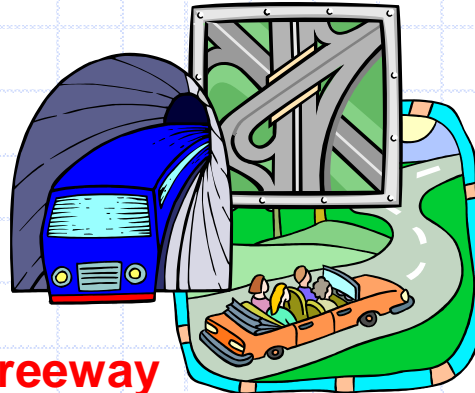


11 New Malls

267 New Neighborhood
Retail Centers



315,000 New
Multi-Family Units



2000 Freeway
Lane Miles

700 Miles of HOV
300 Miles of Rail

46 Million SQFT of
Class A Office Space



**Regionally Significant
Arterials**

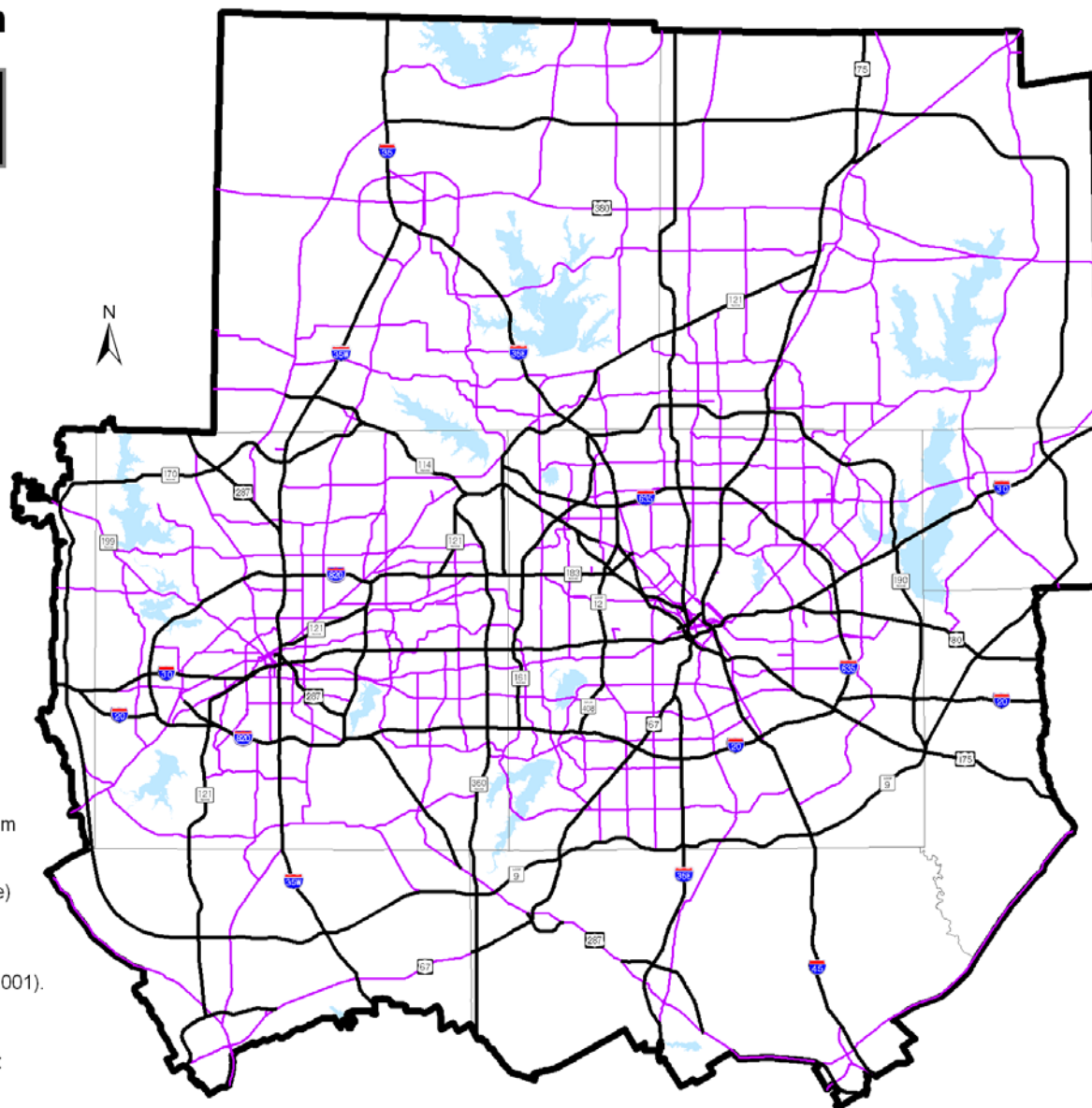
Legend

- Freeways / Tollways
- Regionally Significant Arterials*

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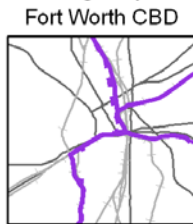
- 1) The National Highway System and National Highway System Intermodal Connectors (1995);
- 2) The Federal Functional Classification System (1997 Update) in addition to the locally approved (2005 Update); and
- 3) Regional Arterials as defined and adopted in NCTCOG's Regional Thoroughfare Plan (Amended May 10, 2001).

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Passenger Rail Recommendations

Legend

- Light Rail
- Light Rail - New Technology
- Regional Rail
- - - Regional Rail - Special Events Only
- + + + Existing Rail Corridors
- Highways

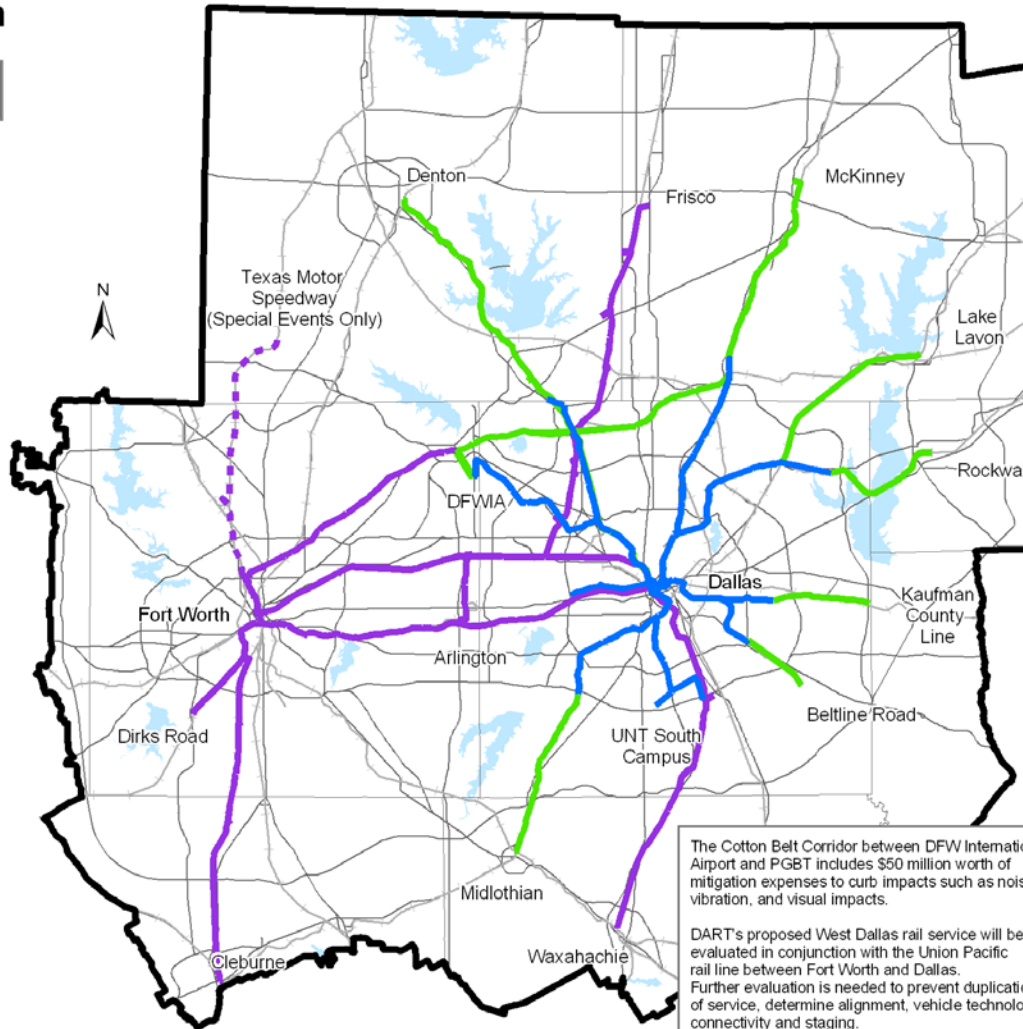


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**397 Additional Rail Miles
\$9.6 Billion**

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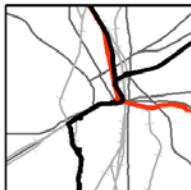
DART's proposed SouthPort rail line extension will be evaluated in conjunction with the Dallas to Waxahachie rail service. Further evaluation is needed to prevent duplication of service, determine alignment, vehicle technology, connectivity and staging.

**Rail Recommendations Dependent
on Regional Transit Initiative Funds**

Legend

- Existing Service, Programmed Projects and Projects Under Development
- Projects Pending Alternative Funding
- Existing Rail Corridors
- Highways

Fort Worth CBD



Dallas CBD



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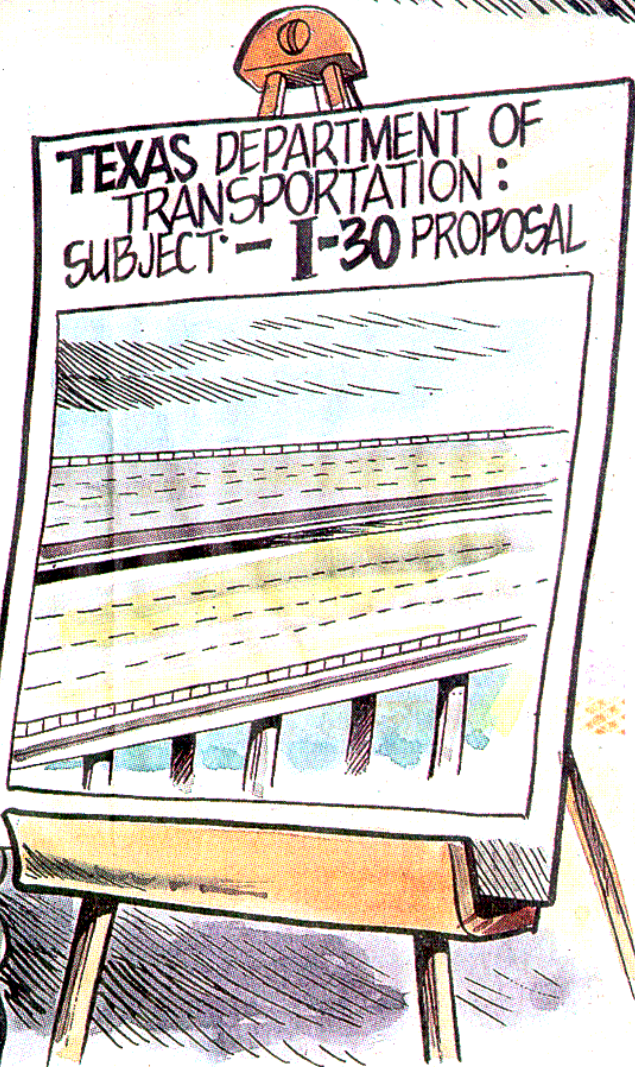
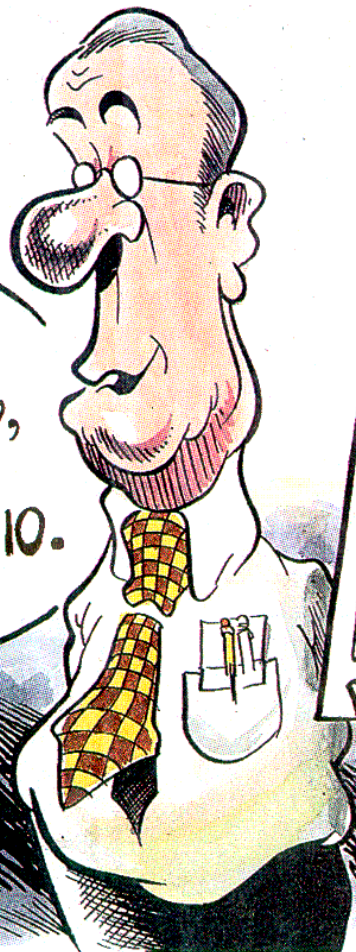


239 Rail Miles in Jeopardy

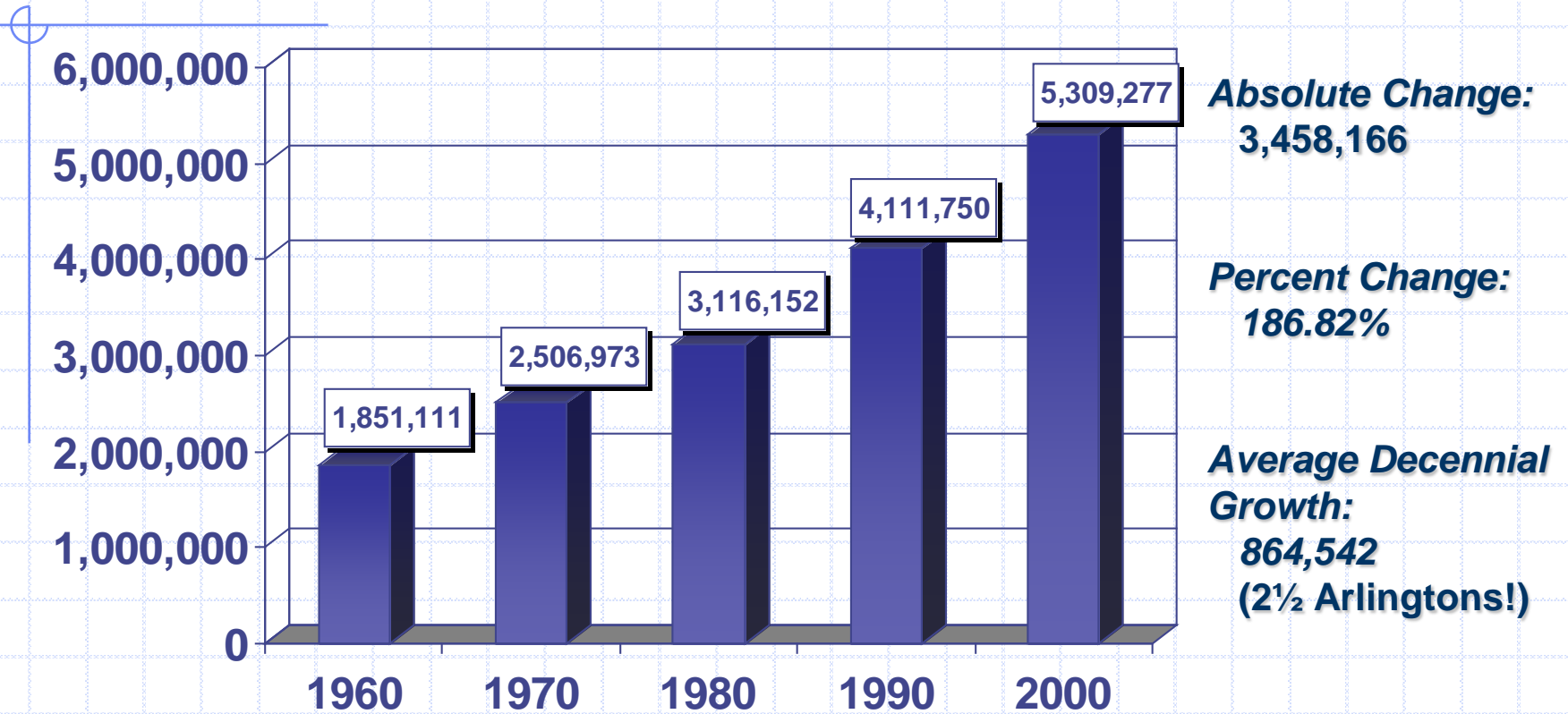


SO YOU THINK
8 TO 10 LANES
WILL ALLEVIATE
THE TRAFFIC
PROBLEM?

THAT WOULD
TAKE 64 LANES,
WE ONLY HAVE
ROOM FOR 8 TO 10.



REGIONAL POPULATION 1960-2000





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Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Legend

Recommended Veloweb Routes

- Completed: 112 miles
- Funded: 34 miles
- Needed: 289 miles

Candidate Veloweb Routes

- Completed: 7 miles
- Needed: 202 miles
- Freeways

County Boundaries

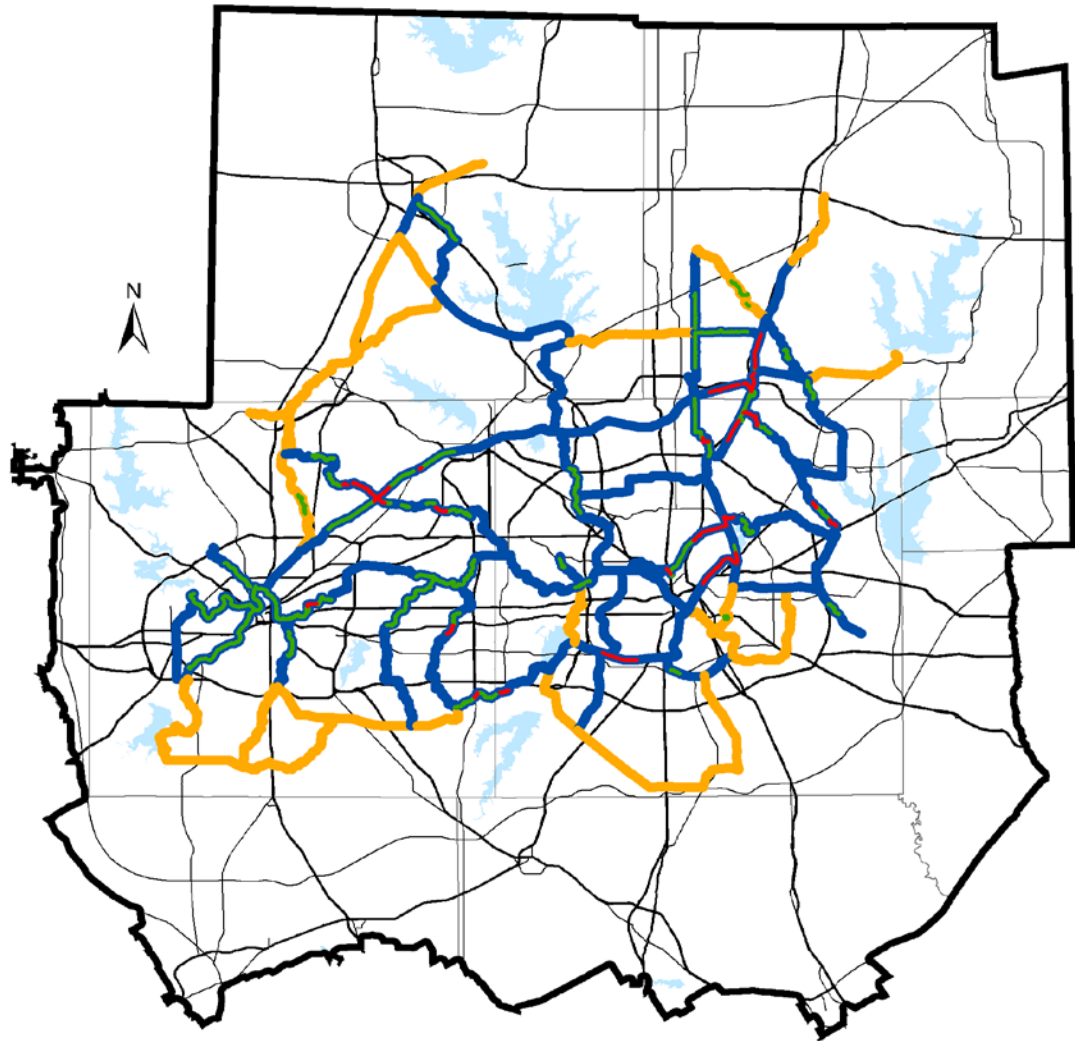
Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

Major Lakes

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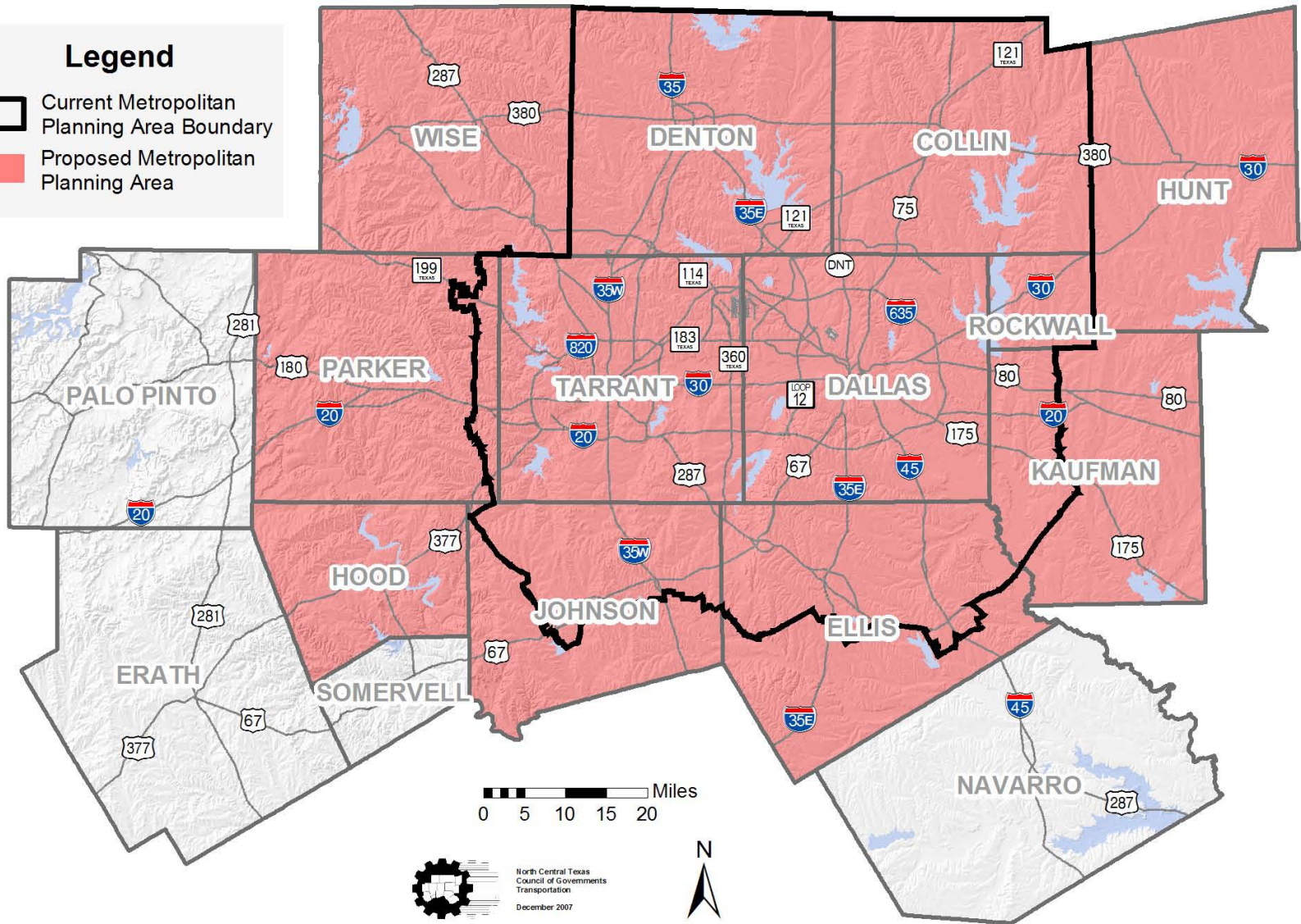
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Proposed 12-County Metropolitan Planning Area

Legend

-  Current Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary
-  Proposed Metropolitan Planning Area



MOBILITY 2030

Prioritization of Improvements

Maintenance and Operation of Existing Facilities

Improve Efficiency of Existing Facilities

Trans. System Management
Intelligent Trans. Systems

Remove Trips From System

Carpool/Vanpool Program
Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities

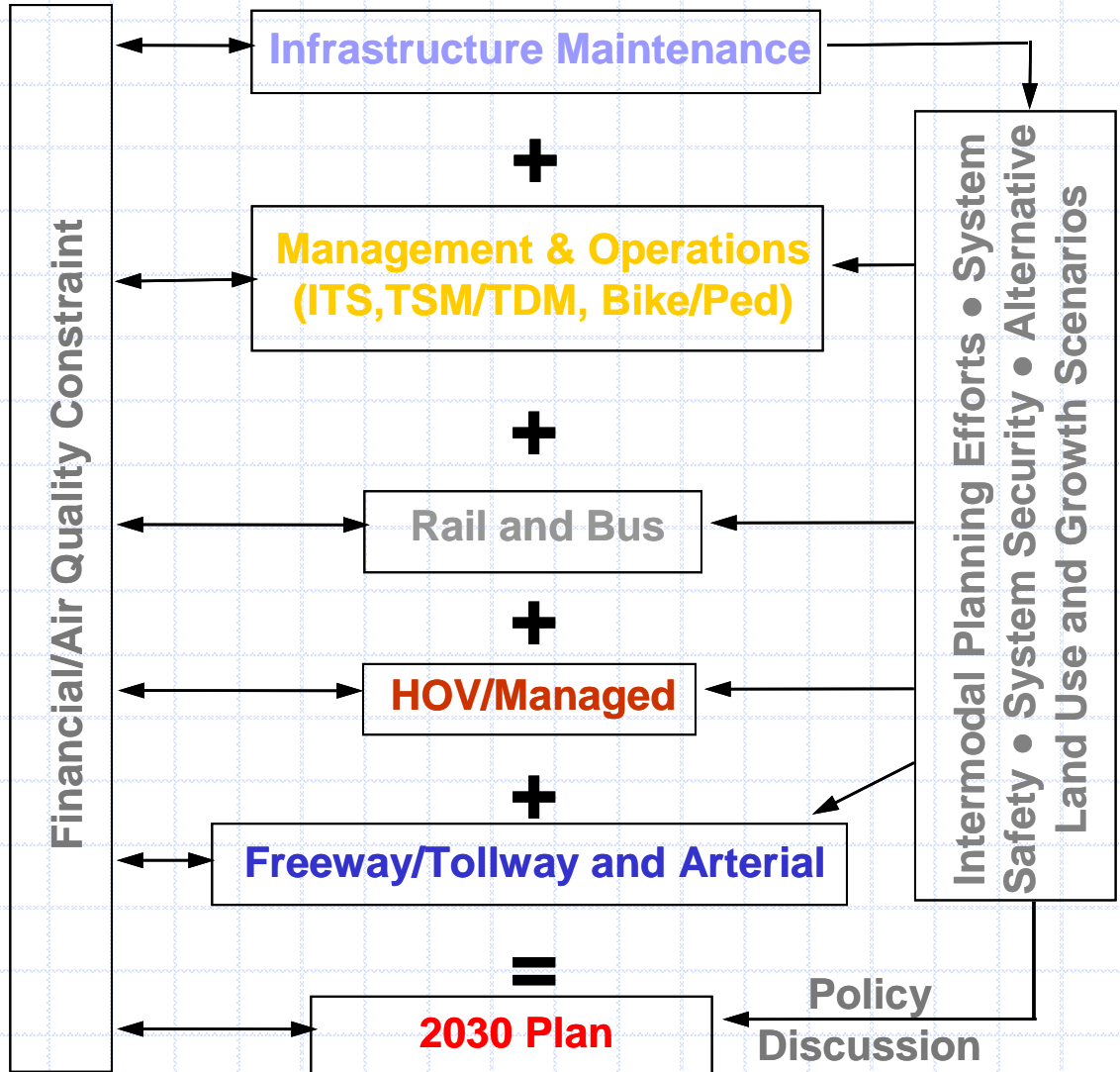
Induce Switch to Transit
Bus/Commuter Rail/Light Rail

Increase Auto Occupancy

HOV System

Additional Single Occupant Vehicle Capacity

Freeway/Tollway
Regional Arterial





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Additional Roadway System Needs ⁽¹⁾

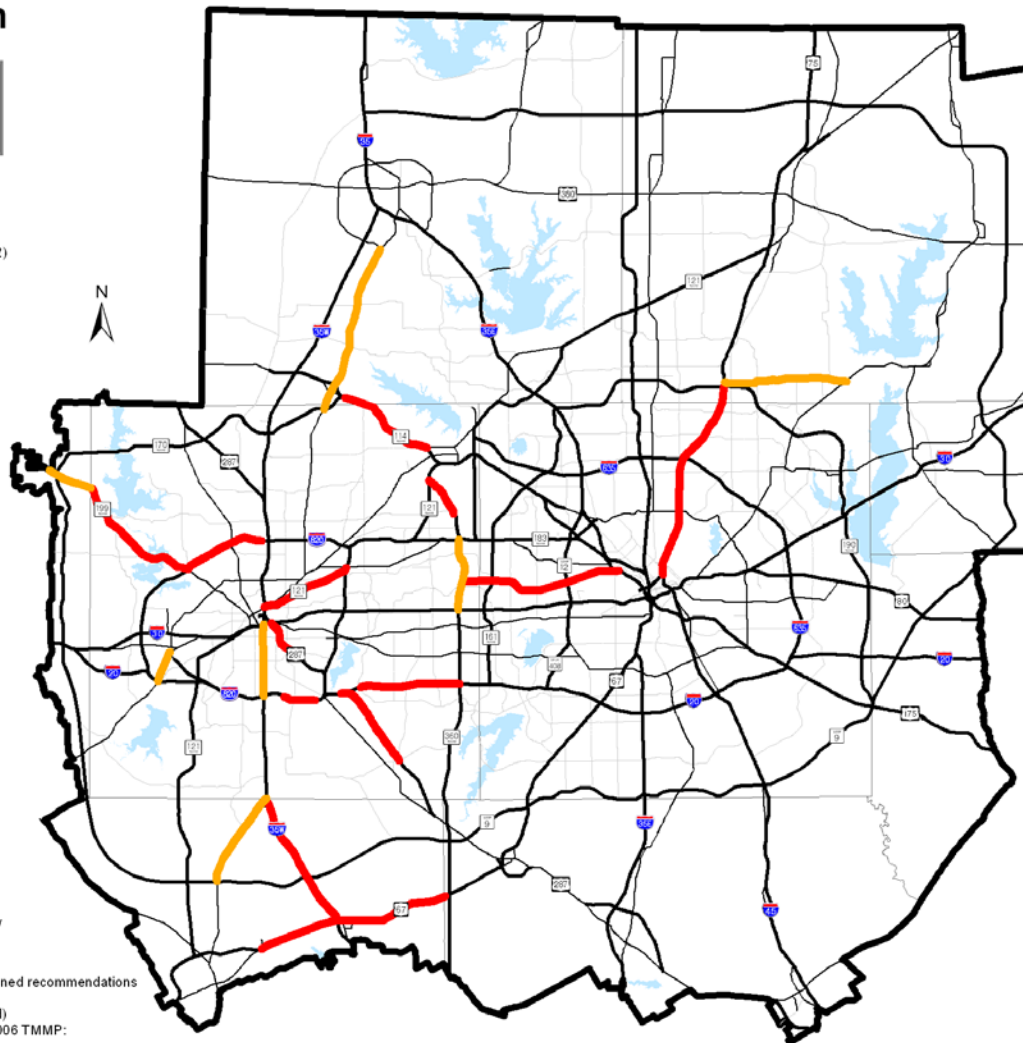
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- Unfunded Projects: Previously funded in Mobility 2025, 2005 Amendment ⁽²⁾
- Other Unfunded Corridor Needs ⁽³⁾
- Freeways/Tollways

Fort Worth CBD



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(1) Represents additional needs above and beyond those of the financially-constrained recommendations

(2) Projects that are funded in Mobility 2025, 2005 Amendment, however, due to financial constraint issues, will be deferred until after 2030 (\$2.2 Billion deferred)

(3) General Transportation Corridors requiring additional capacity as identified in 2006 TMMP: Needs do not represent specific alignments or modes

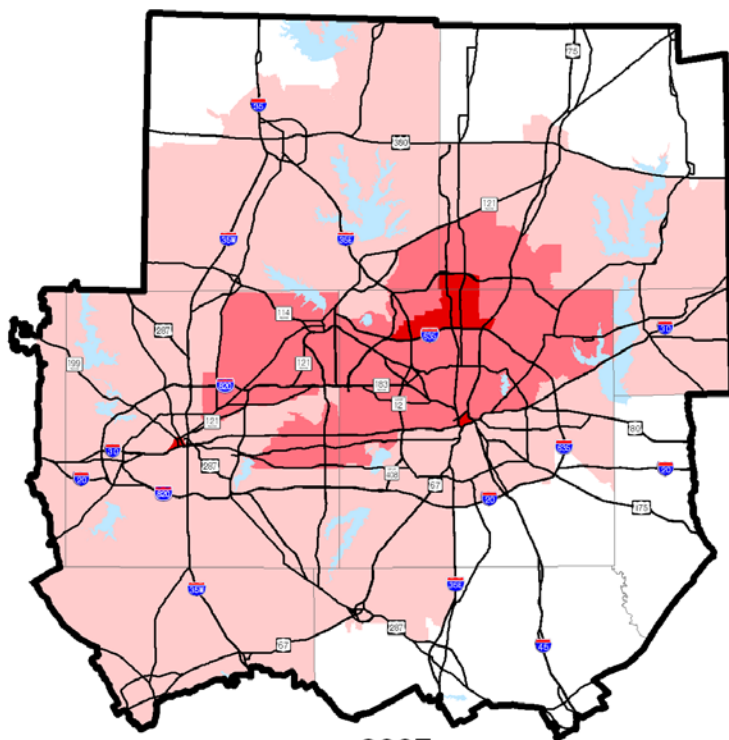




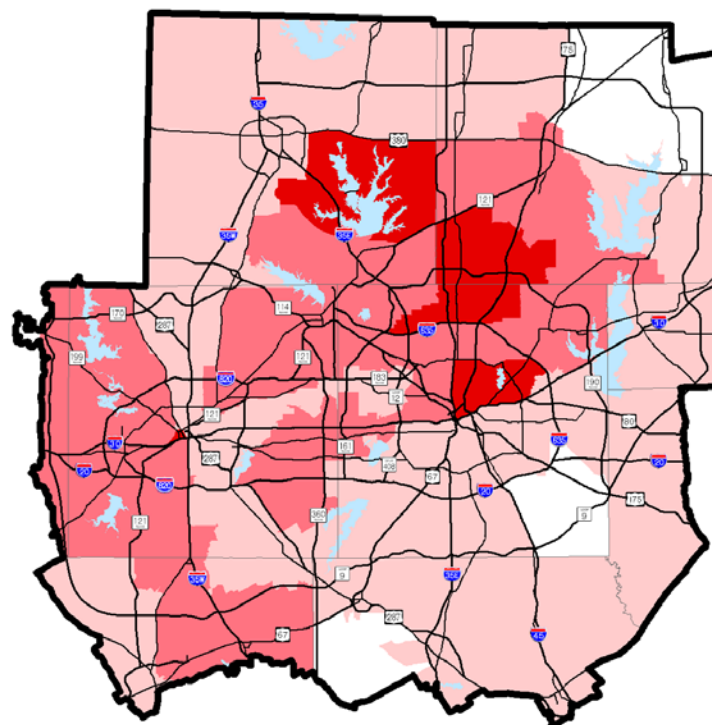
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System Performance Levels of Congestion

- Areas with No Congestion
- Areas with Light Congestion
- Areas with Moderate Congestion
- Areas with Severe Congestion
- Roadways



2007
Annual Cost of Congestion \$4.2 Billion



2030
Annual Cost of Congestion \$6.6 Billion



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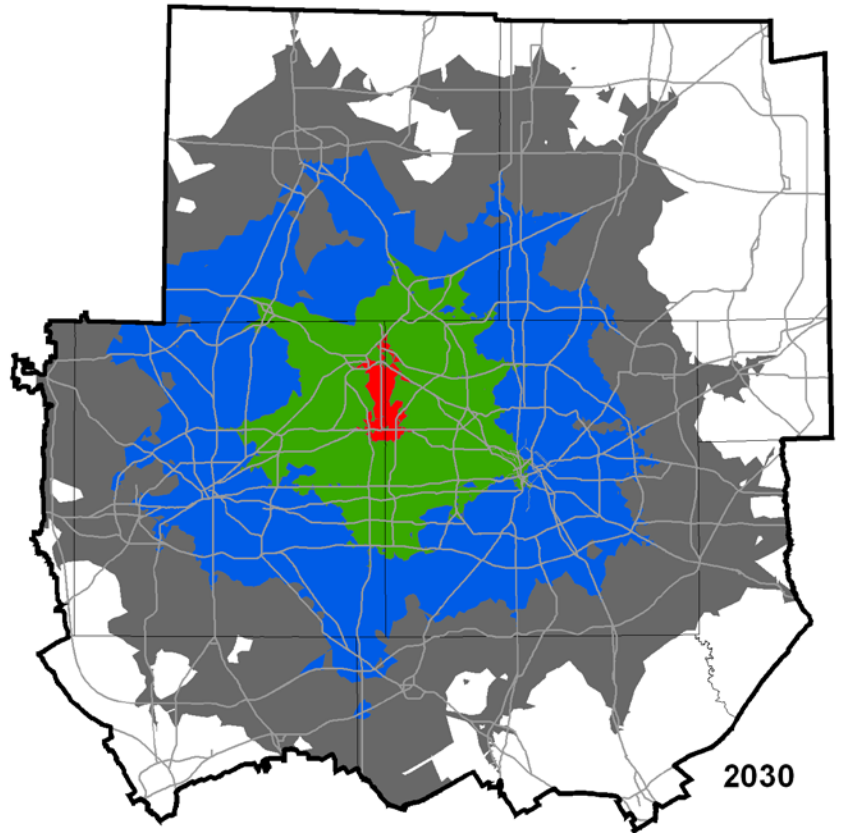
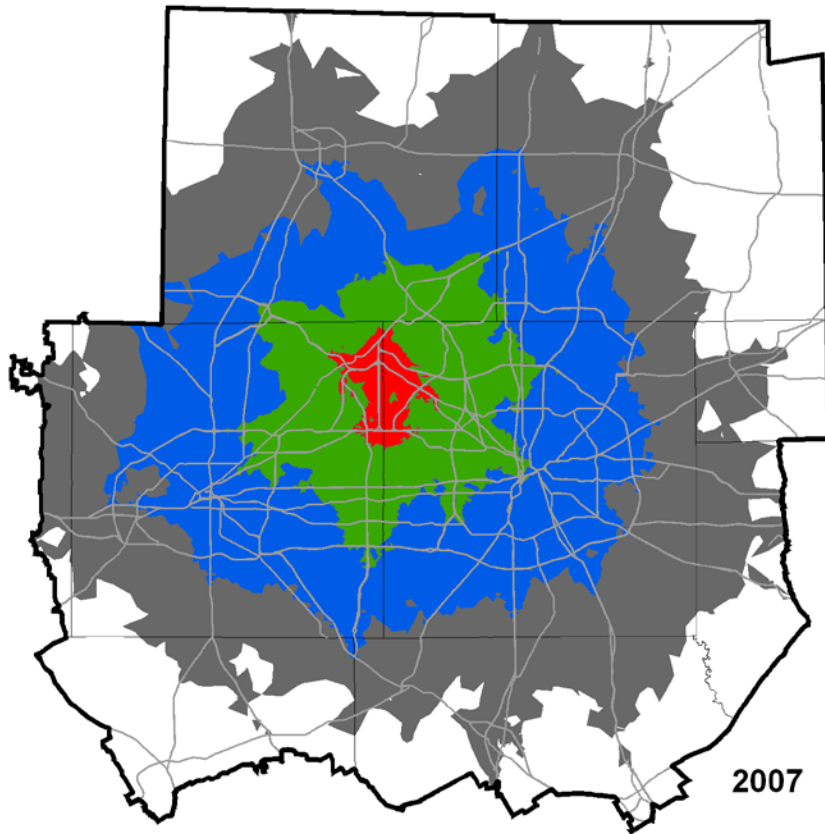
Benefit/Cost Ratio of Plan: 1.51

Travel Time Contours: DFW Airport

Contours Based on Modeled Average Peak
Period Speeds in 2007 and in 2030

Travel Times to Airport

-  Up to 15 minutes
-  Up to 30 minutes
-  Up to 45 minutes
-  Up to 60 minutes





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Intelligent Transportation Systems

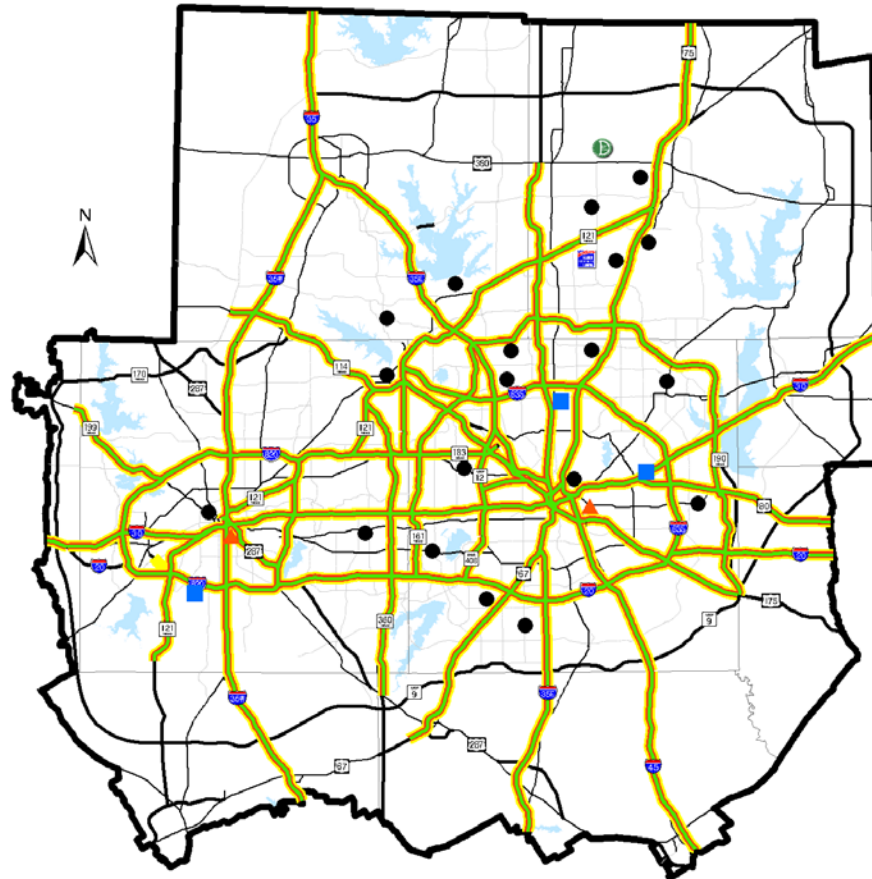
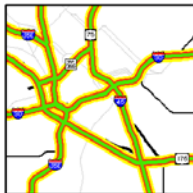
Legend

- Mobility Assistant Patrols
- Communication Systems
- Advanced Traffic Management
- TxDOT Transportation Management Center (TMC)
- City Transportation Management Center
- Transit Management Center
- Freeways / Tollways
- Highways
- Regional Arterials

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Park-and-Ride Locations Existing, Planned and Candidate

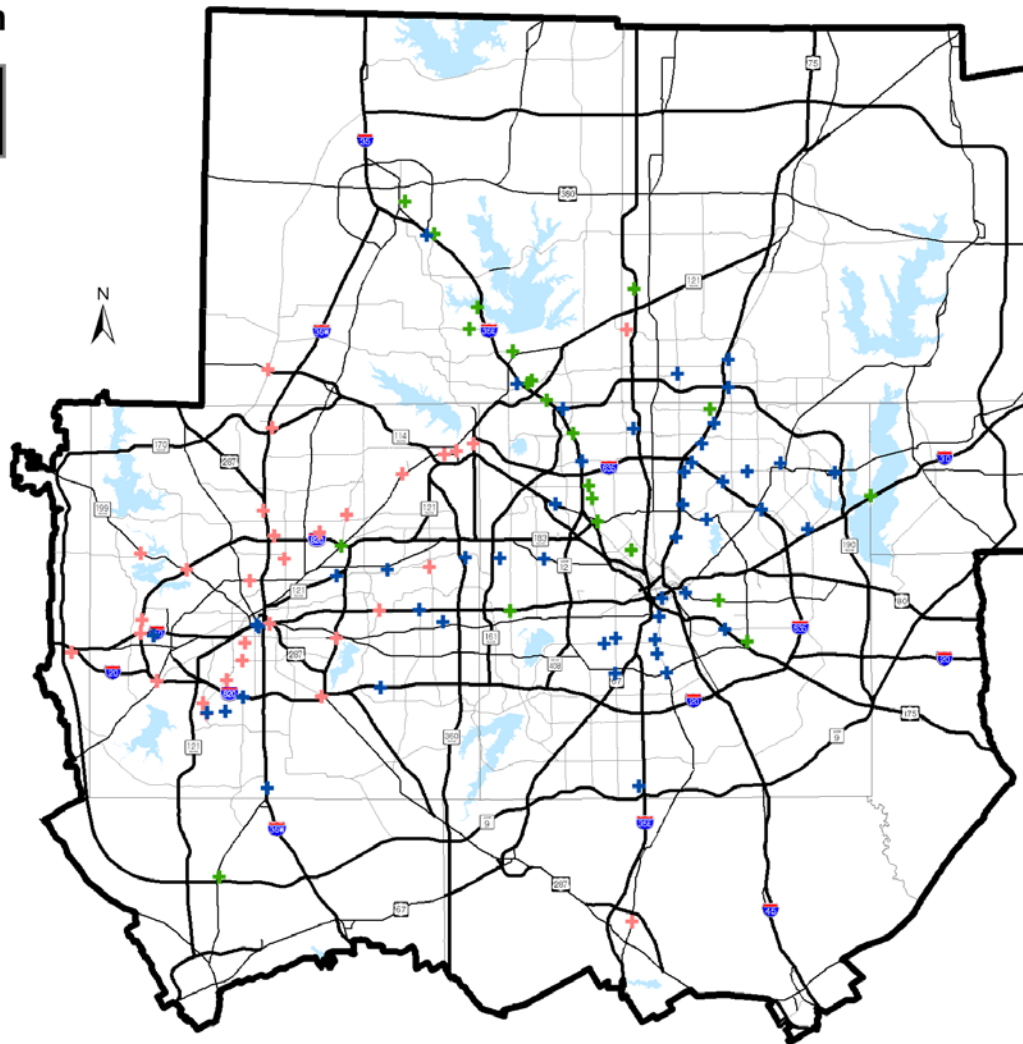
Legend

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- ⊕ Planned Park-and-Ride Locations
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