

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION HUBS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

PAC Check-in
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Agenda

- **WELCOME AND RECAP** 10:00-10:05
- **EXISTING CONDITIONS OVERVIEW** 10:05-10:15
- **PROPENSITY ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY** 10:15-10:25
- **MARKET ANALYSIS** 10:25-10:35
- **SITING ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY** 10:35-10:50
- **FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS** 10:50-11:00

Check-in Objectives

- Share a high-level overview of the existing conditions analysis
- Review trends and highlights of the market analysis
- Present the regional propensity analysis tool and methodology
- Go over our approach to the initial mobility hub siting process
- Gather feedback on the process so far and input for next steps

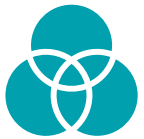
Developments from Directional Workshop

Campus Mobility Hub Vision

*Campus mobility hubs are the **physical and digital intersection** of mobility options, transportation information, campus life, and social interactions. Campus mobility hubs are **centralized points both on- and off-campus** where people have **on-demand access** to a range of shared mobility options and mobility storage solutions. They enable campus affiliates to access multiple transportation options and amenities that **support campus access or connections across modes**. Typically built on a **backbone of public transit and campus shuttles**, mobility hubs offer a **safe, comfortable, convenient, and accessible** space to seamlessly transfer across different mobility options.*

Developments from Directional Workshop

Campus Mobility Hubs Should...



be **highly accessible, convenient, sustainable, and safe**, with a **wide array of amenities** to complement the available mobility offerings.



seamlessly tie-in to the fabric of the campus or community where they are located, both in terms of **aesthetics** and the **amenities** offered.



provide more than just a connection between transportation modes – they should be **activated** and **comfortable** enough to spend anywhere from a **short stopover to a long stay**.



cater to the **diverse mobility needs** and abilities of **students, faculty, staff, and visitors**.

EXISTING CONDITIONS OVERVIEW



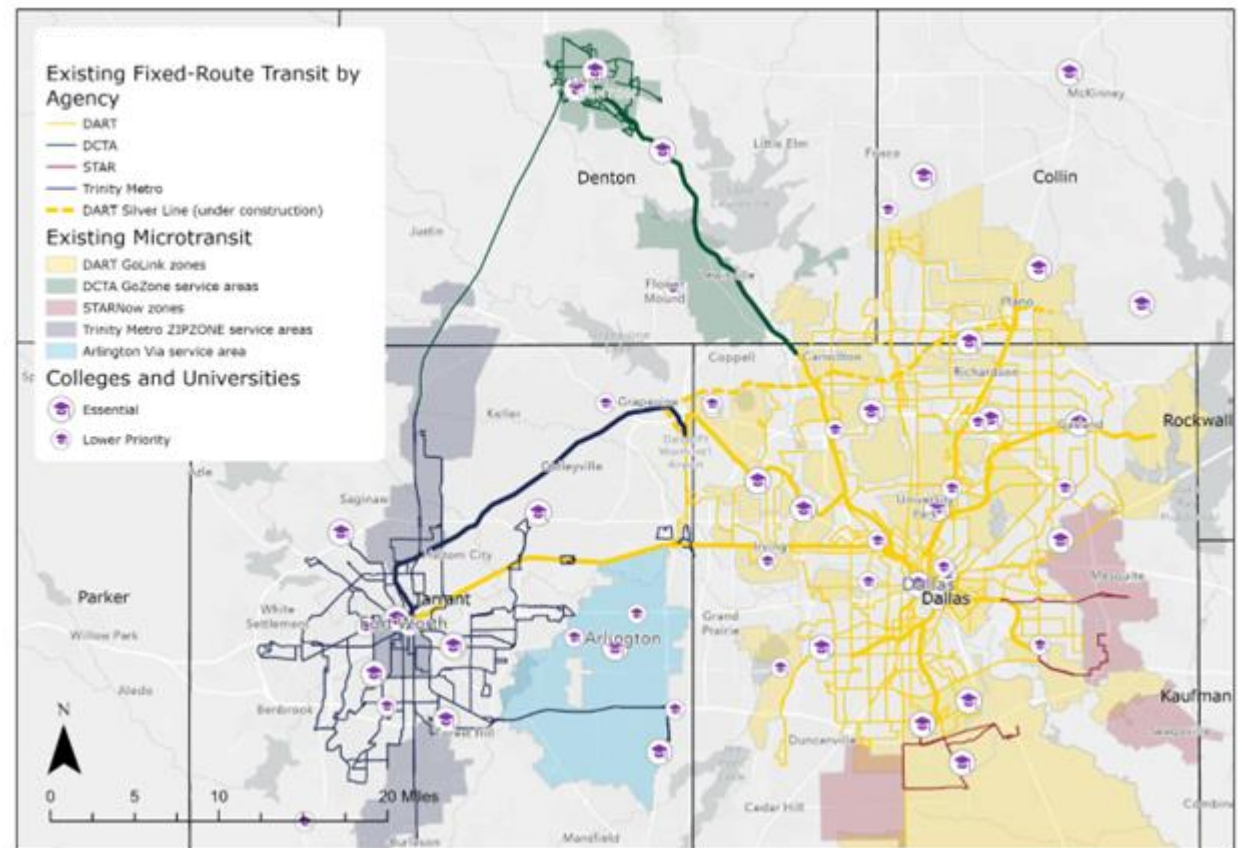
Existing Conditions Analysis

- Reviewed 15 existing planning studies for mobility hub policy and planning
 - Mobility 2045 (2018)
 - Dallas County Mobility Plan (2020)
 - Connect Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan (2021)
 - Southern Dallas County Transit Study (2021)
 - DART Red and Blue Line TOD Study (2021)
 - Transit Moves Fort Worth (2020)
 - Connect Arlington Transportation Strategy (2017)
 - Arlington Comprehensive Plan, “99 Square Miles” (2015)
 - Tarrant County Transit Study (2021)
 - Collin County Transit Study (2021)
 - Irving to Frisco Passenger Rail Corridor Study (2022)
 - City of Denton: Mobility Plan (2022)
 - Downtown Denton Master Plan (2002)
 - Oak Area Gateway Plan (2018)
 - UNT Campus Master Plan (2005)

Existing Conditions Analysis

- Compiled all existing and planned alternative modes of transportation in the region, with more focused inventories at universities

- Intercity rail
- Light rail
- Commuter rail
- Streetcar
- Express bus
- Local bus
- Microtransit providers
- Bicycle infrastructure
- Pedestrian infrastructure
- Micromobility service



Existing Conditions Analysis

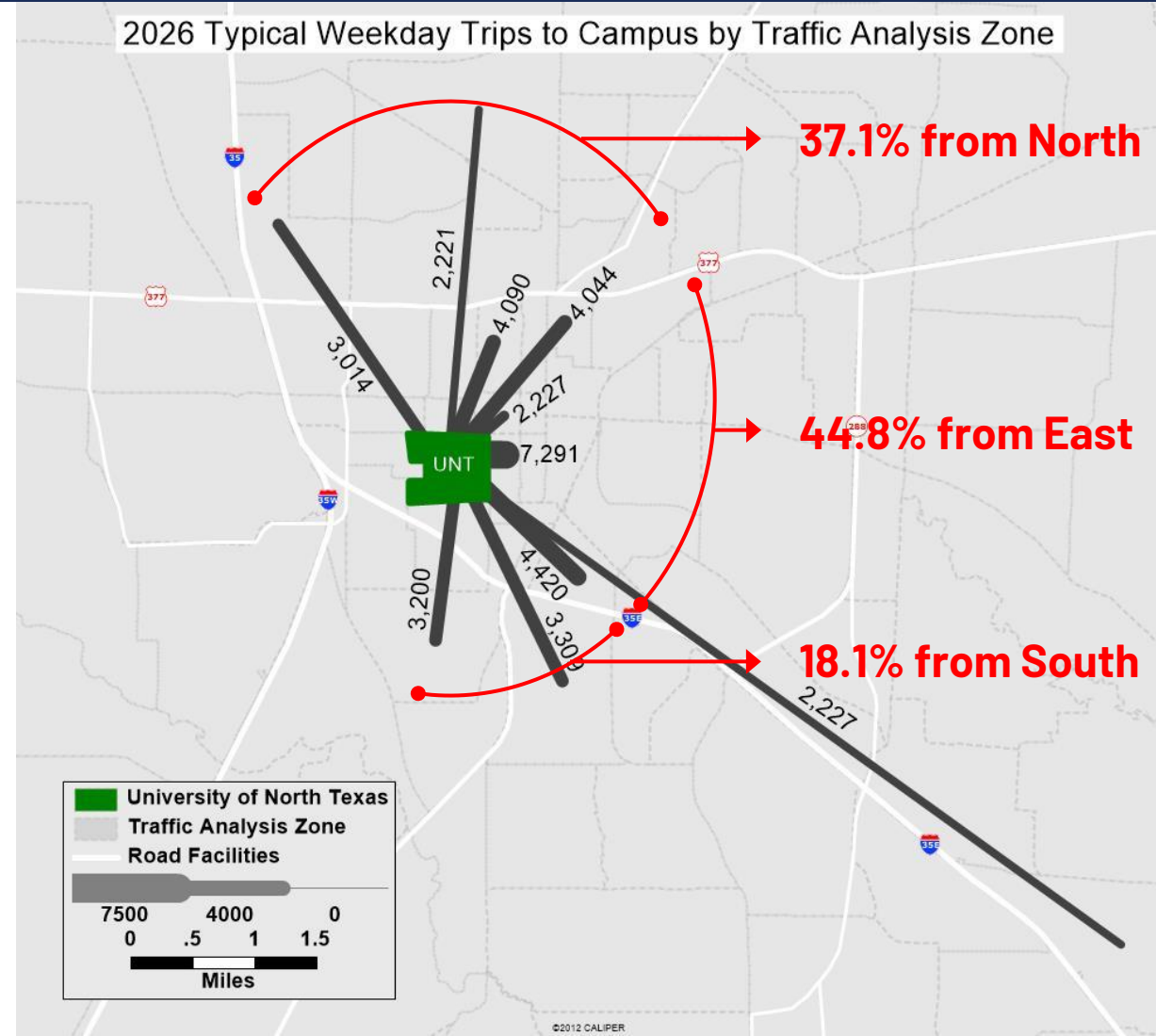
- Identified mobility hub best practices
 - **Physical infrastructure**
 - Multimodal infrastructure
 - Community building
 - Resiliency
 - **Digital infrastructure**
 - Demand responsive service
 - Mobility as a service
 - Advanced mobility
 - Connectivity
 - **Programming and design**
 - Modular, context aware, adaptive implementation
 - Cohesive, human-scale design
 - Curbside management
 - Parking for desired modes
 - Placemaking, public space
 - Retail and amenities
 - Programming and operations
 - Wayfinding, trip planning, and user information
 - First/last mile access
 - Universal access and ADA
 - Visibility and public education

Existing Conditions Analysis

Future trip origins to UNT - 2026

- Majority of trips to UNT come from North and East
- 93.8% of trips are from within two miles
- Large number of trips from Corinth area

This suggests that with available mobility options and infrastructure, micromobility and transit can replace some of these trips



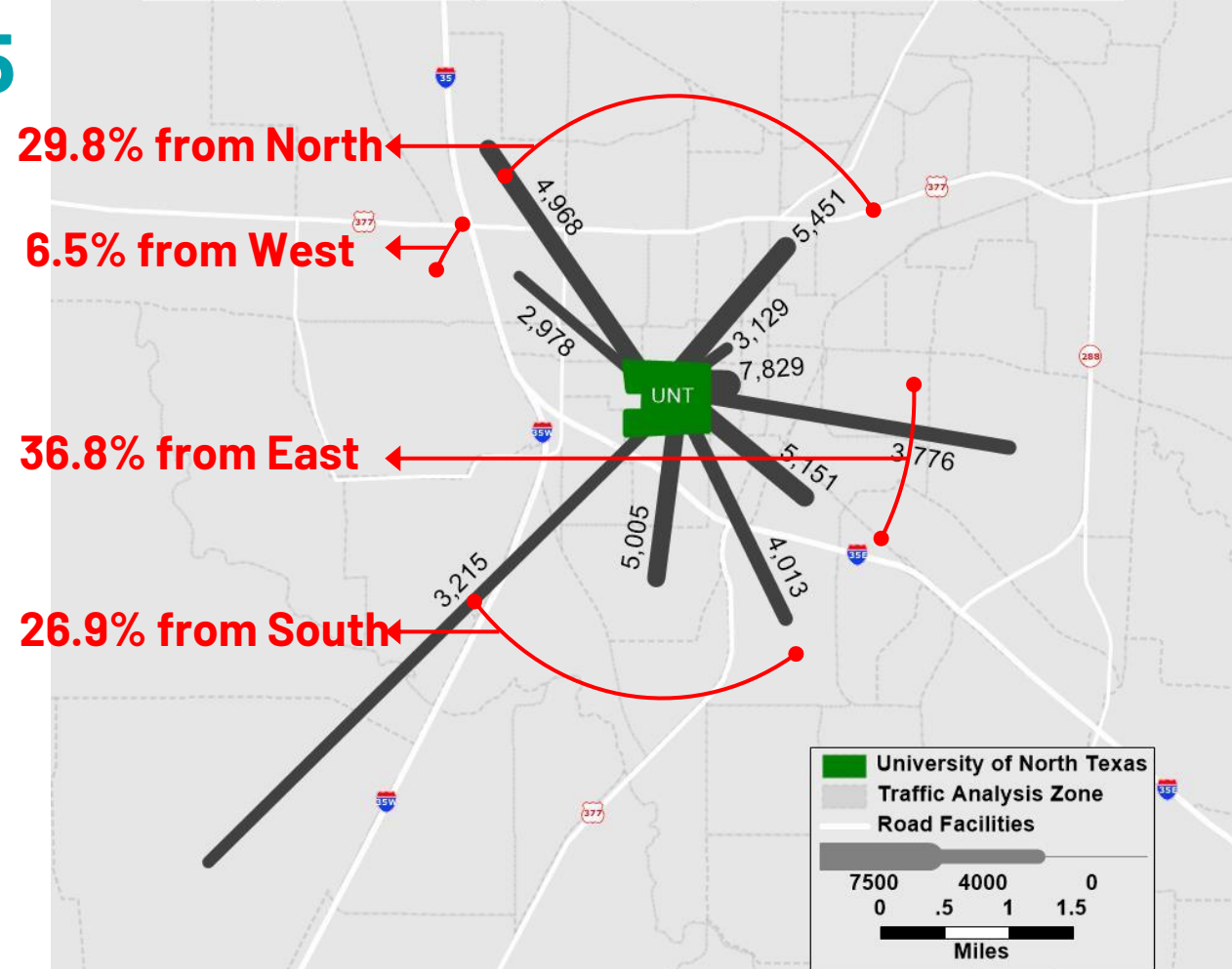
Existing Conditions Analysis

Future trip origins to UNT - 2045

- Trips from south gain traction
- Travel footprint grows from 2026
- Share of trips from southwest area emerges

As average trip distance increases in the future, UNT needs services that serve longer trips, better hub connections, and microtransit to connect areas not served by transit

2045 Typical Weekday Trips to Campus by Traffic Analysis Zone



Existing Conditions Analysis

Key Takeaways and Opportunities

- Mobility hub = Improved campus experience
- Mobility hubs vary in **definition and prominence**
- **Existing infrastructure and mobility services** vary by campus
- **First/last mile** enhancement and **short trip replacement** opportunities
- Opportunity to develop a **regional and local mobility hub network**
- **State/federal funding** under TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program

What are some bigger existing issues that need to be investigated in this study?

Safety of last mile for micromobility access to UNT

Connectivity between hubs

Smart integration of micro-mobility in Denton/UNT

Safety is an issue that has shown up in our work on student transportation needs. How is that researched and addressed by your work?

Parking

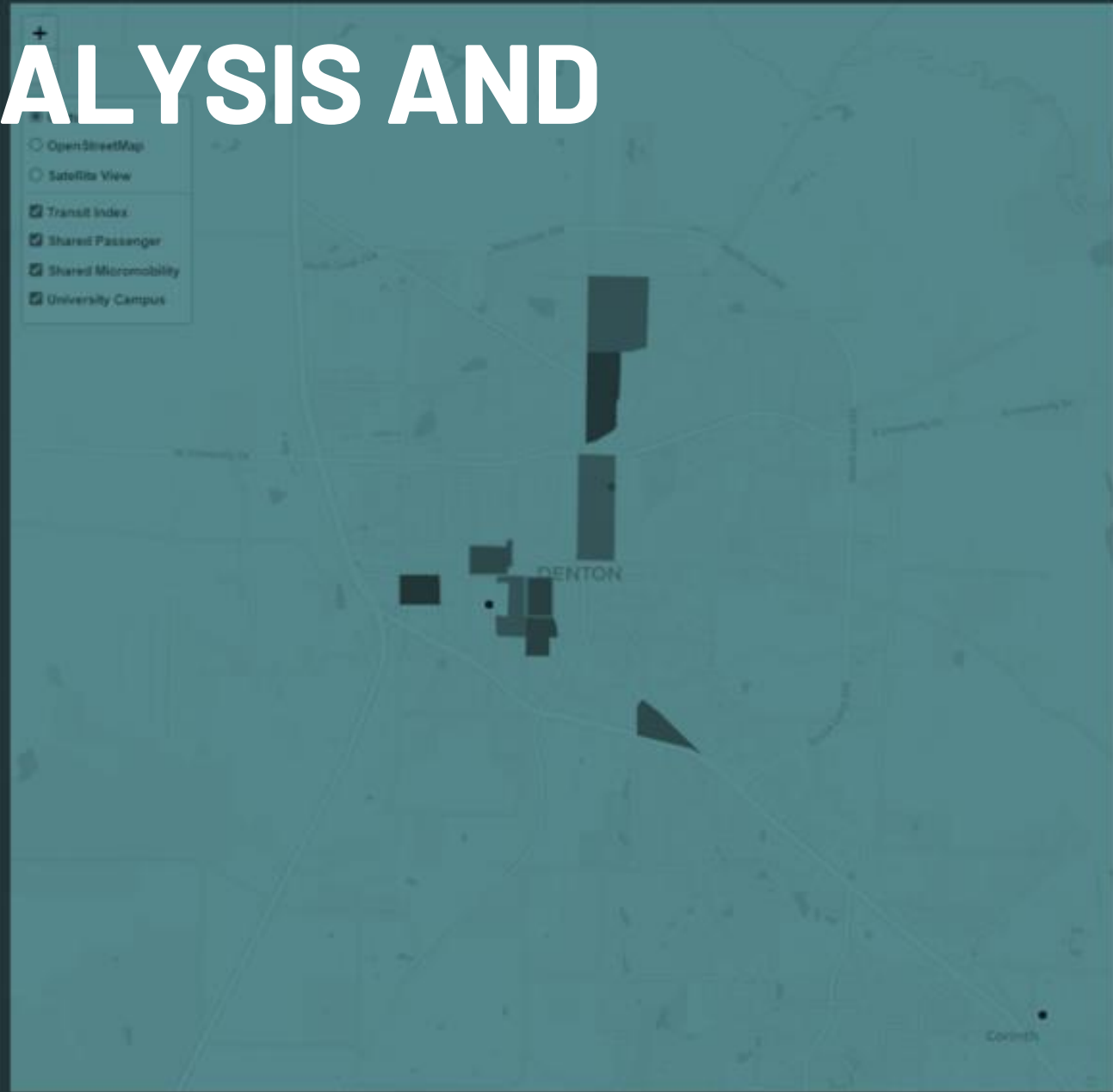
Ways to build a flexible multi-modal system from the ground up (scooters, bikes, bus, pedestrians, integration with parking and streets, etc.).

Options

First/last mile connections. Difficult to get from home/work to schools via transit without easy, reliable connectivity

Commuter colleges

PROPENSITY ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY



NCTCOG Intermodal Hubs - Propensity Indexes

Index Thresholds

Use the sliders below to select the desired threshold for each propensity index

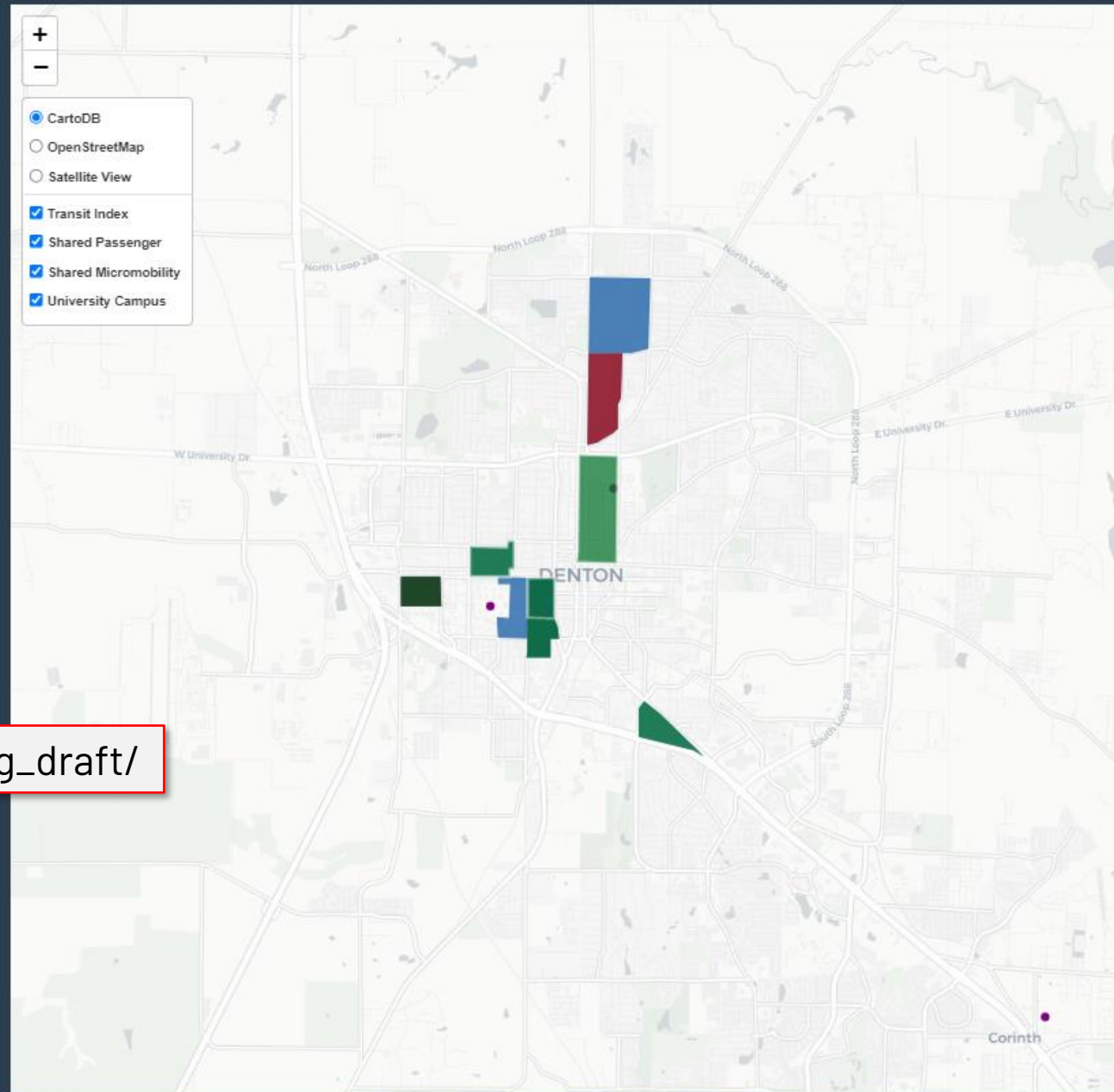
Transit Propensity Index Threshold



Shared Passenger Propensity Index Threshold



Shared Micromobility Propensity Index Threshold



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Propensity Analysis

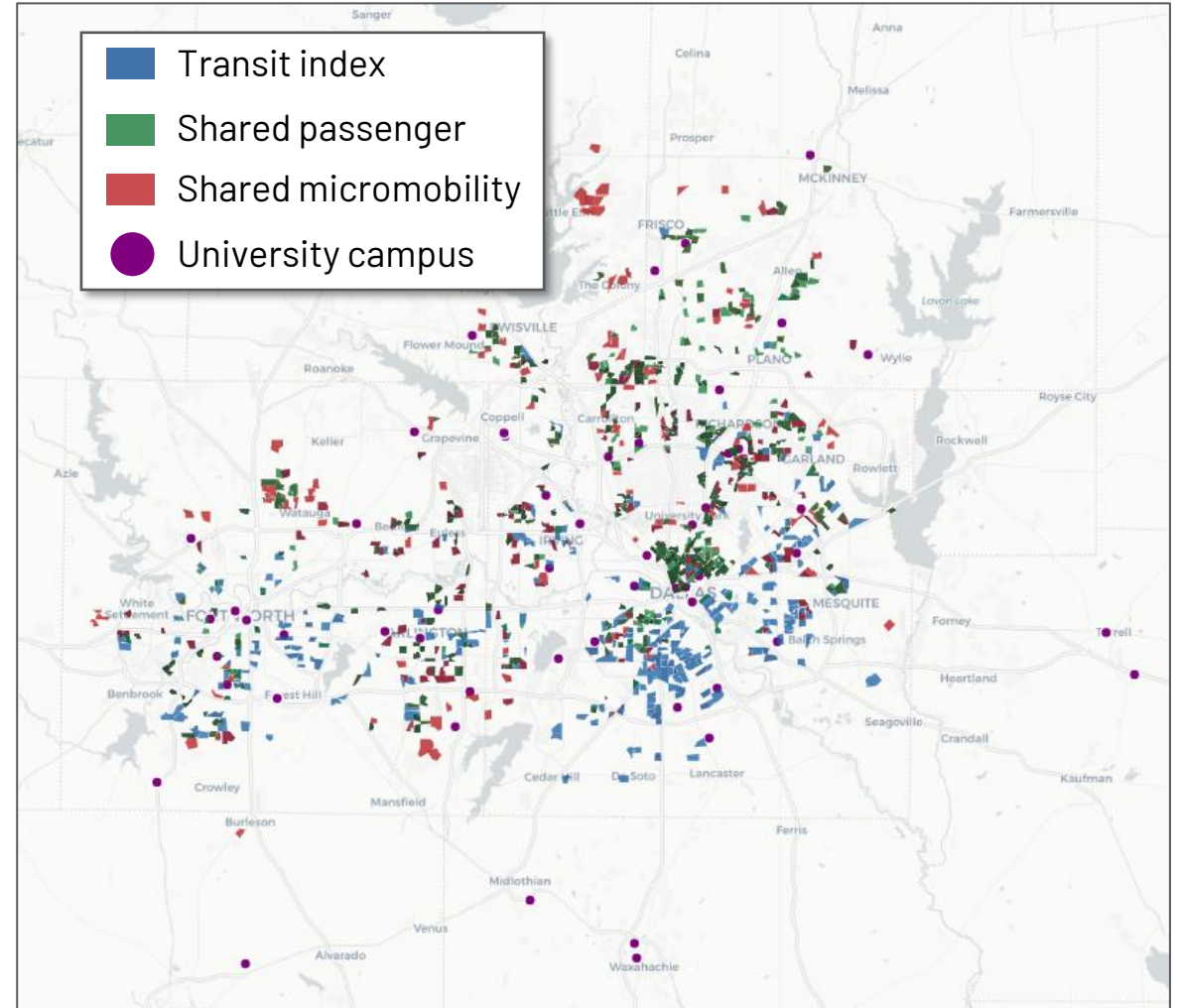
Why is it important?

- Analyzing locational propensity towards non-drive-alone mobility helps identify key locations where mobility hub investment can be the most impactful from a **demographic perspective**
- Propensity analysis is just one piece of the puzzle – other analyses presented today combine to paint a full picture of where mobility hubs can have the most influence

Propensity Analysis

Overview

- **Shared mobility propensity:** behavioral tendency and ability to use shared passenger mobility (Uber/Lyft) or shared micromobility (bike share and scooter share) services.
- **Transit propensity:** demographic spectrum of likelihood and need to use public transit for mobility.
- Methodology derived from academic research and statistical practices employed in previous mobility hub siting projects in peer regions across the country.



Propensity Analysis Methodology

Variables included in shared mobility propensity analysis

Population group	Variable used	Analysis
People identified as White, Asian, or some other race	Population by race	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
People between the age of 20 and 40 years	Population by sex and age	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
Middle income households, with an income in 2 nd and 3 rd quantile	Household income in the past 12 months (2019 inflation-adjusted)	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
People with a bachelor's degree or higher	Educational attainment for people 25 and older	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
Families without children	Family type by presence and age of own children under 18 years	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
Single individuals	Marital status for the population 15 years and older	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
People working full of part-time	Employment status for the population 16 years or older	Shared passenger mobility, shared micromobility
Non-auto-oriented intersections	Number of pedestrian- and multimodal-oriented intersections per census block group	Shared micromobility
Bike network facilities	Miles of bicycle infrastructure within census block group	Shared micromobility

Propensity Analysis Methodology

Variables included in transit propensity analysis

Population group	Variable used
Non-white population	Population by race
Population between 15 and 24 years old	Gender by age
Population 65 years and older	Gender by age
Households with annual income of \$50,000 or lower	Household income in the past 12 months
People with disabilities	Disability status
Zero-car households	Household tenure by vehicles available


MARKET ANALYSIS

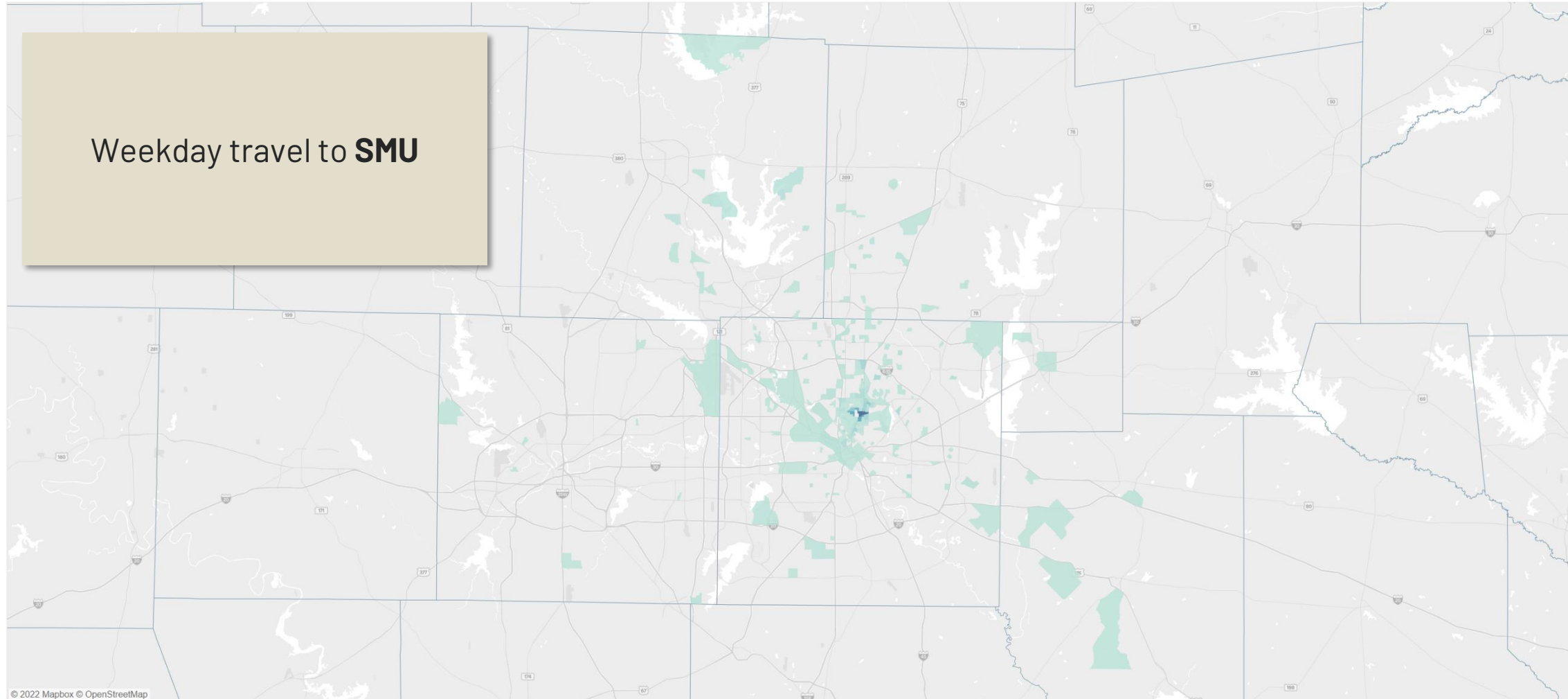


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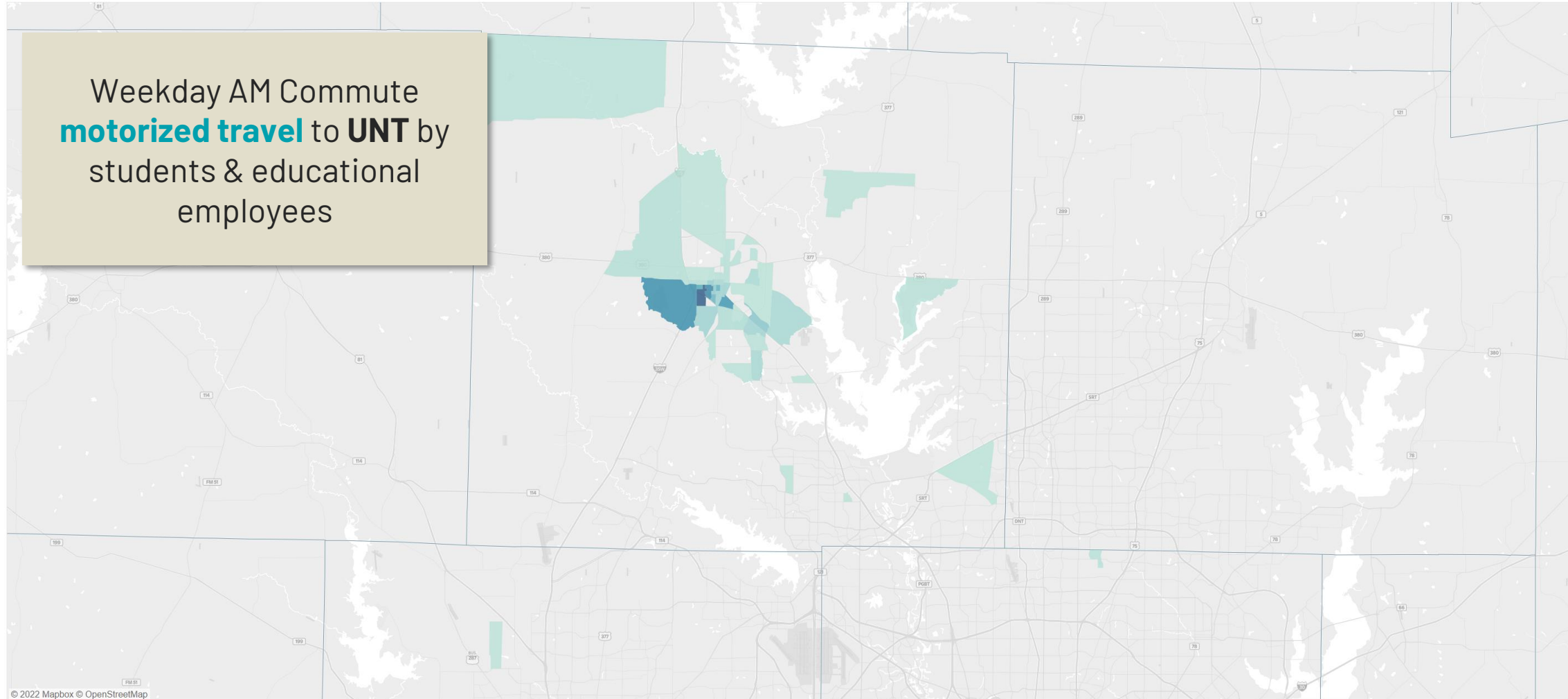
- **Total Travel to Campuses** by
 - Purpose (Home-based vs all other)
 - Equity Group (Based on device home location)
 - Mode (Based on speed)
 - Distance
- **Educational Travel to Campuses**
 - $(\text{percent students} + \text{education employees}) \times (\text{number of trips from block group to campus})$
- **Geographic analysis**
- **Next Steps**

Weekday travel to SMU

- Destination Campus SMU
- Education Discount
 - All Residents
 - Students
 - Employees
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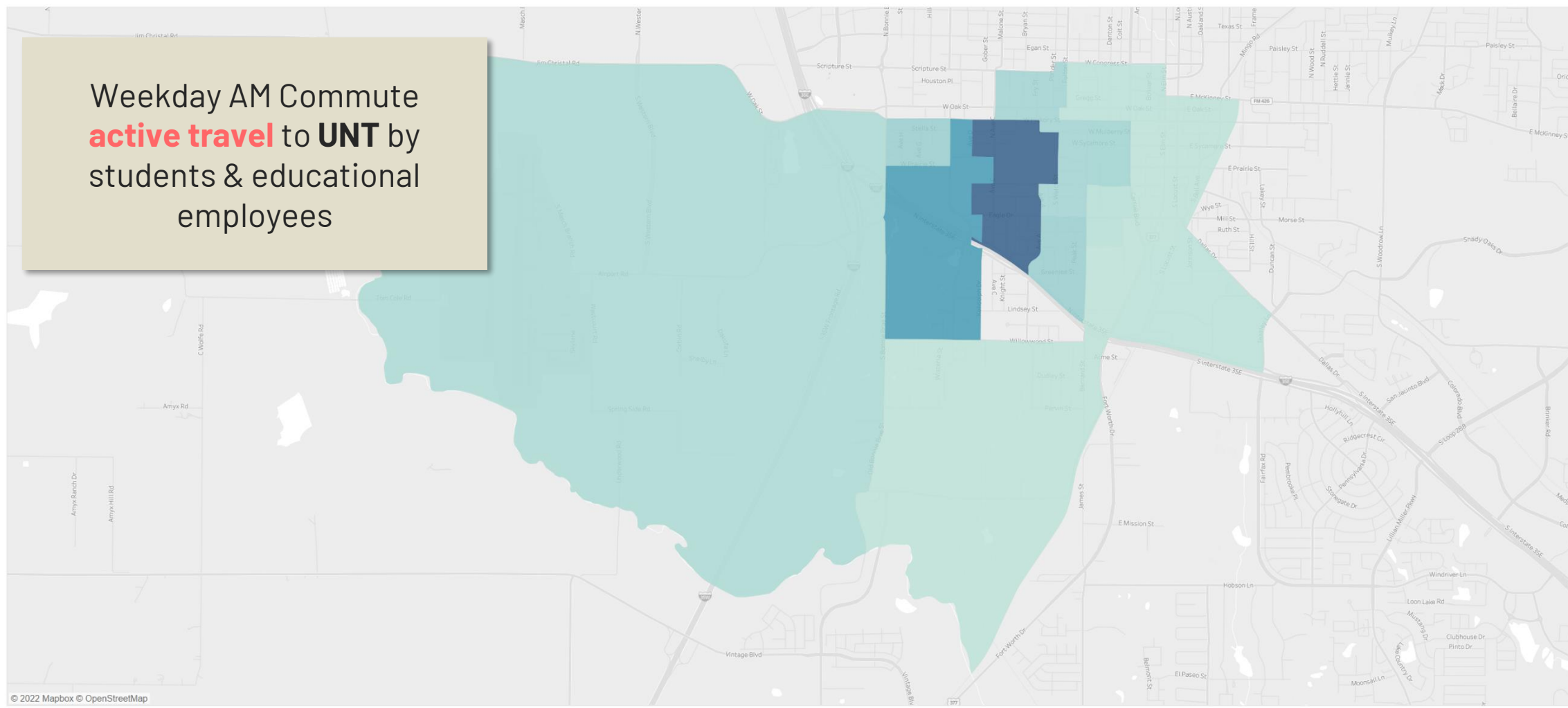
Weekday AM Commute
motorized travel to **UNT** by
students & educational
employees



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Weekday AM Commute **active travel** to **UNT** by students & educational employees



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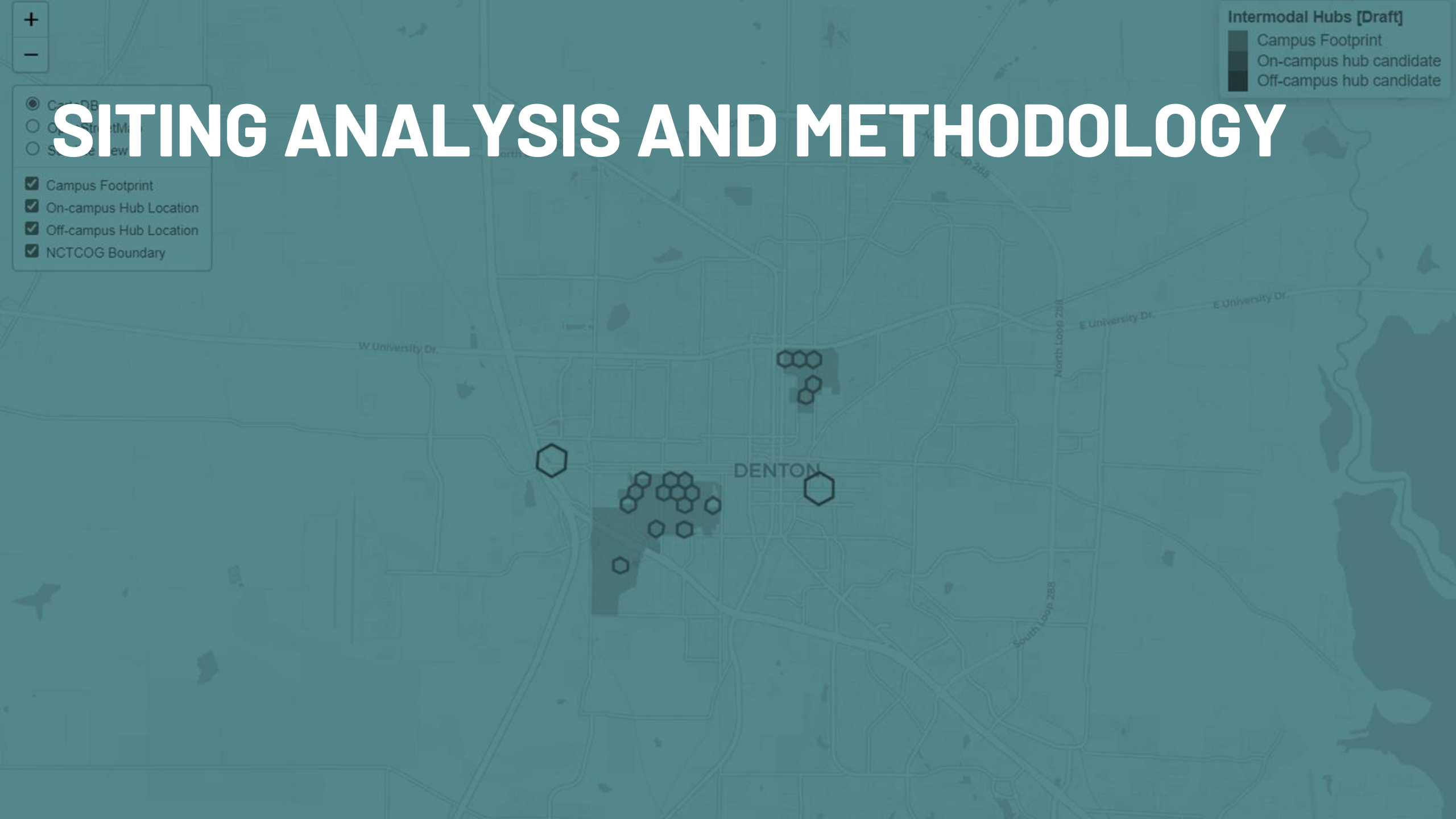


Intermodal Hubs [Draft]

- Campus Footprint
- On-campus hub candidate
- Off-campus hub candidate

- Campus Footprint
- On-campus Hub Location
- Off-campus Hub Location
- NCTCOG Boundary

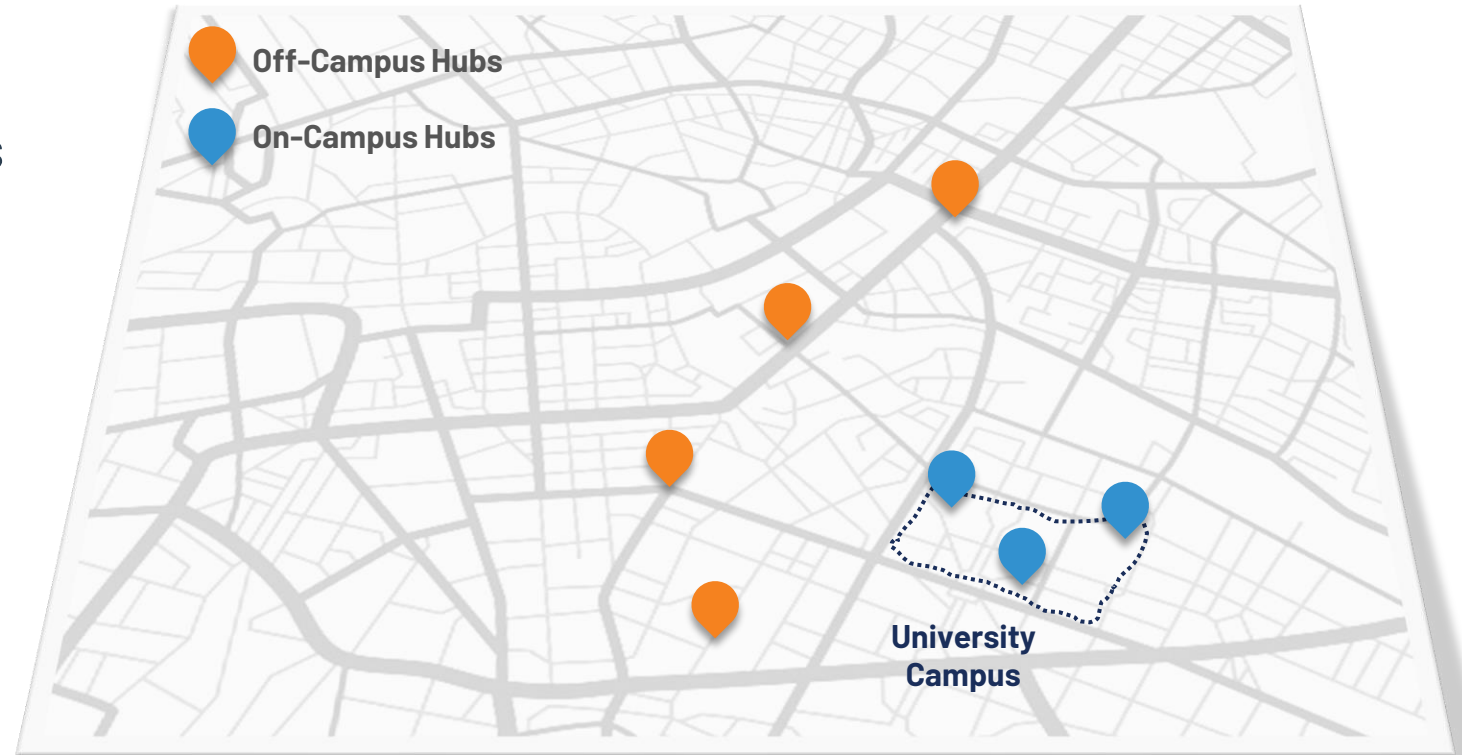
SITING ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY



Mobility Hub Siting Analysis

Hub Context

- **Off-Campus Hubs**: Mobility hubs outside university campus that serve as a portal to access transit and other services
- **On-Campus Hubs**: Mobility hubs within university campus boundaries that connect university services efficiently



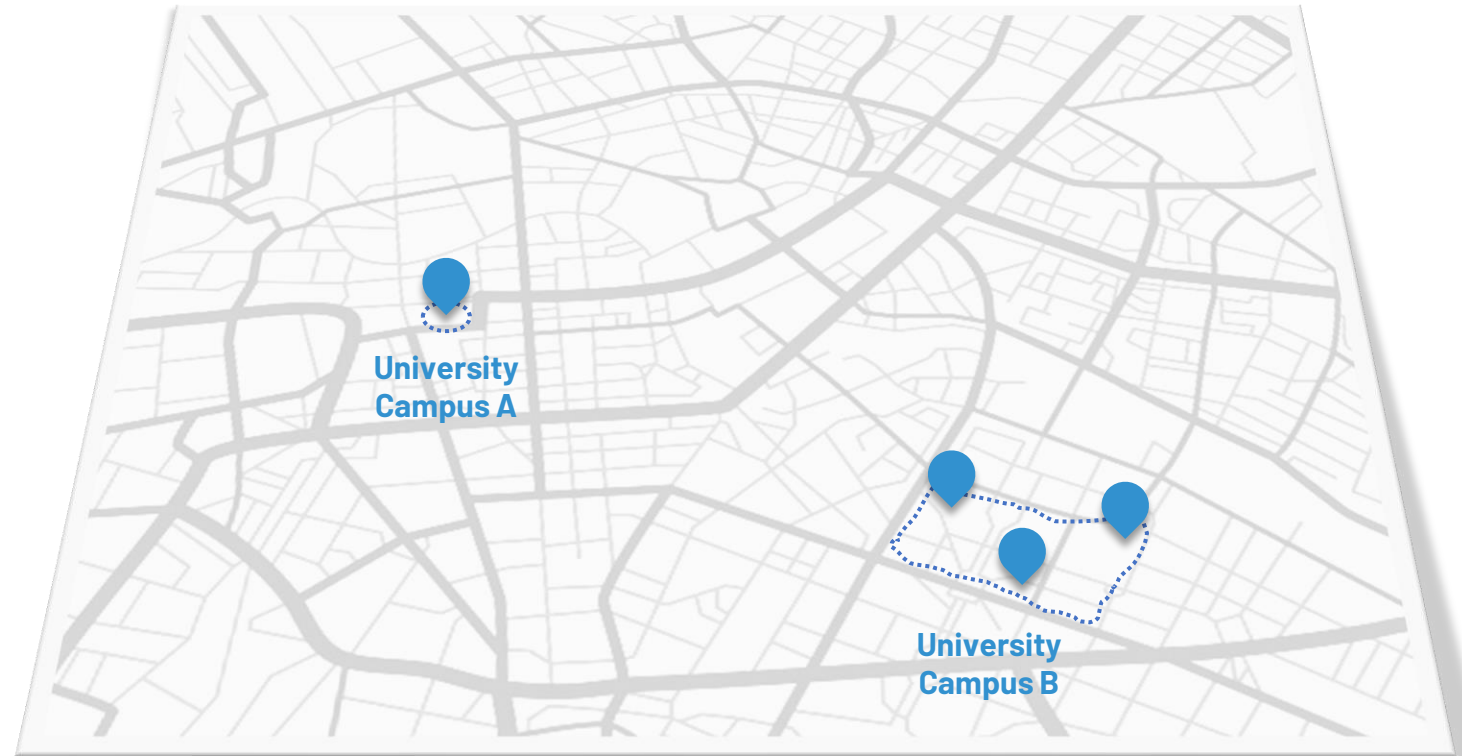
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Campus Context

- **Single Hub (University A)**
- **Multiple Internal Hubs (University B)**

Larger campuses, especially those that cover more land area, are candidates for multiple mobility hubs. Smaller campuses may only need one mobility hub.

A threshold based on area coverage and/or student enrollment is established to separate out campus context.



Mobility Hub Siting Methodology

Off-Campus Hubs

STEP 1

Map core mobility indicators in campus proximity

STEP 2

Select candidate locations based on concentration of mobility indicators

STEP 3

Define specific location based on pre-defined indicator hierarchy

High-Capacity Transit Stations

Park & Ride Locations/
End-of-Line Terminus

Transit Centers and Quality
Transit Connections (two or
more)

Fixed Route Transit
Connections
(two or more)

Microtransit Demand
Concentrations

Car Share/Bike Share Stations

Others? – note them in Menti poll at end of this section

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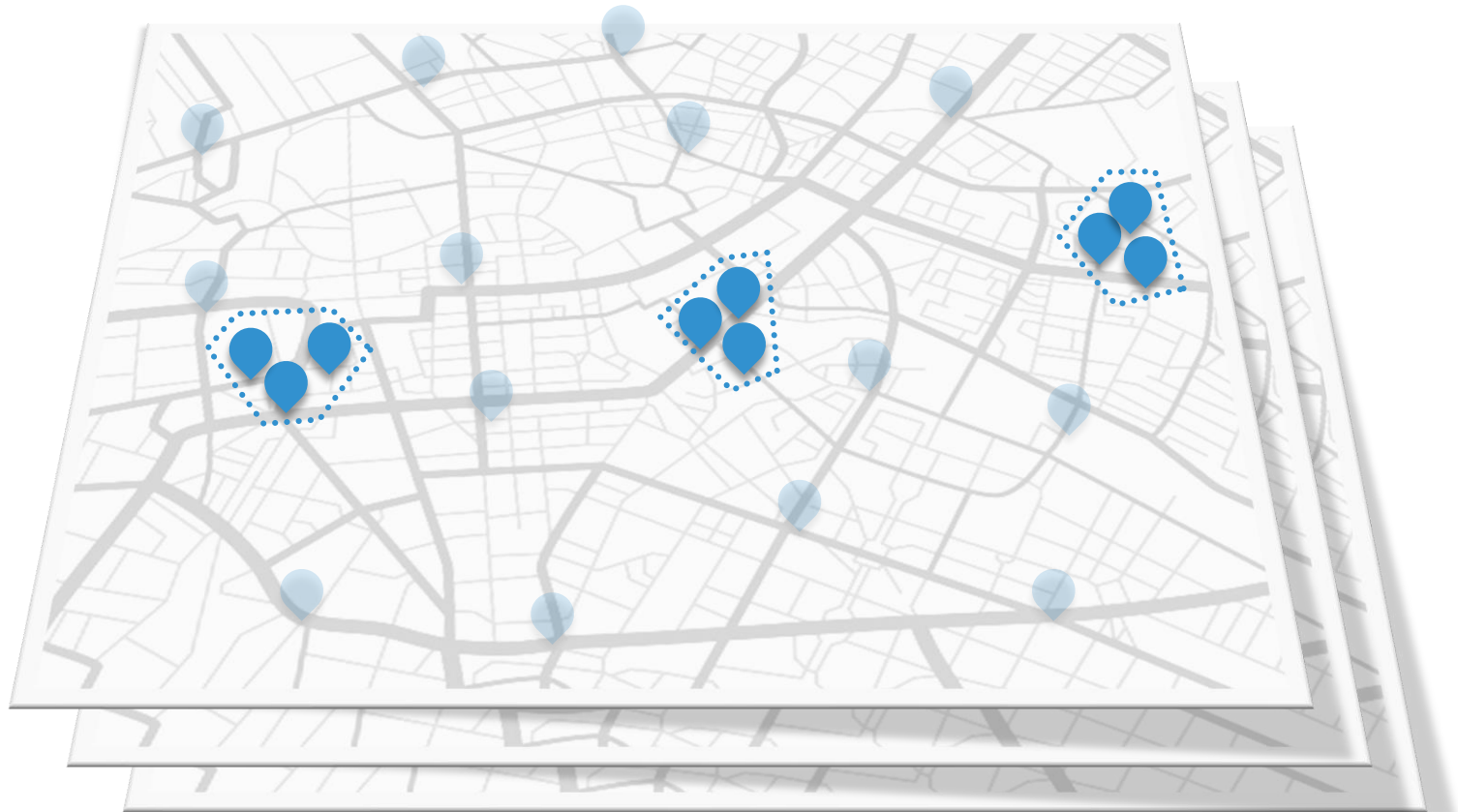
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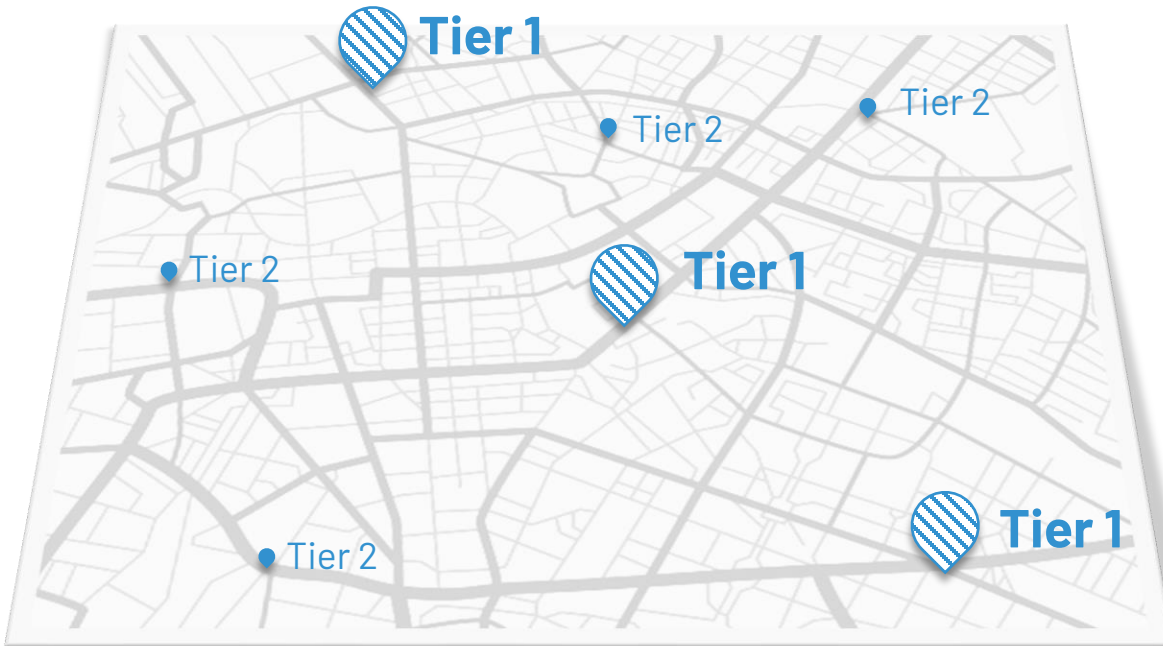
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STEP 3

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STEP 4

Group mobility indicators and trip generator entry points into hub candidates



Mobility Hub Siting Methodology

Major Bus or Campus Shuttle Stops

Bicycle Cage and/or Racks

Bike Share Stations

Car Share Parking

Pick-Up/Drop-Off/Kiss-and-Ride Locations

Parking Garages and Lots

Others? – note them in Menti poll at end of this section

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Mobility Hub Siting Methodology

Student Unions

Activity/Recreation
Centers

Stadium/Sports Arenas

Major Libraries

Residence Halls (High
Capacity)

Primary Campus Entrance

Others? – note them in Menti poll at end of this section

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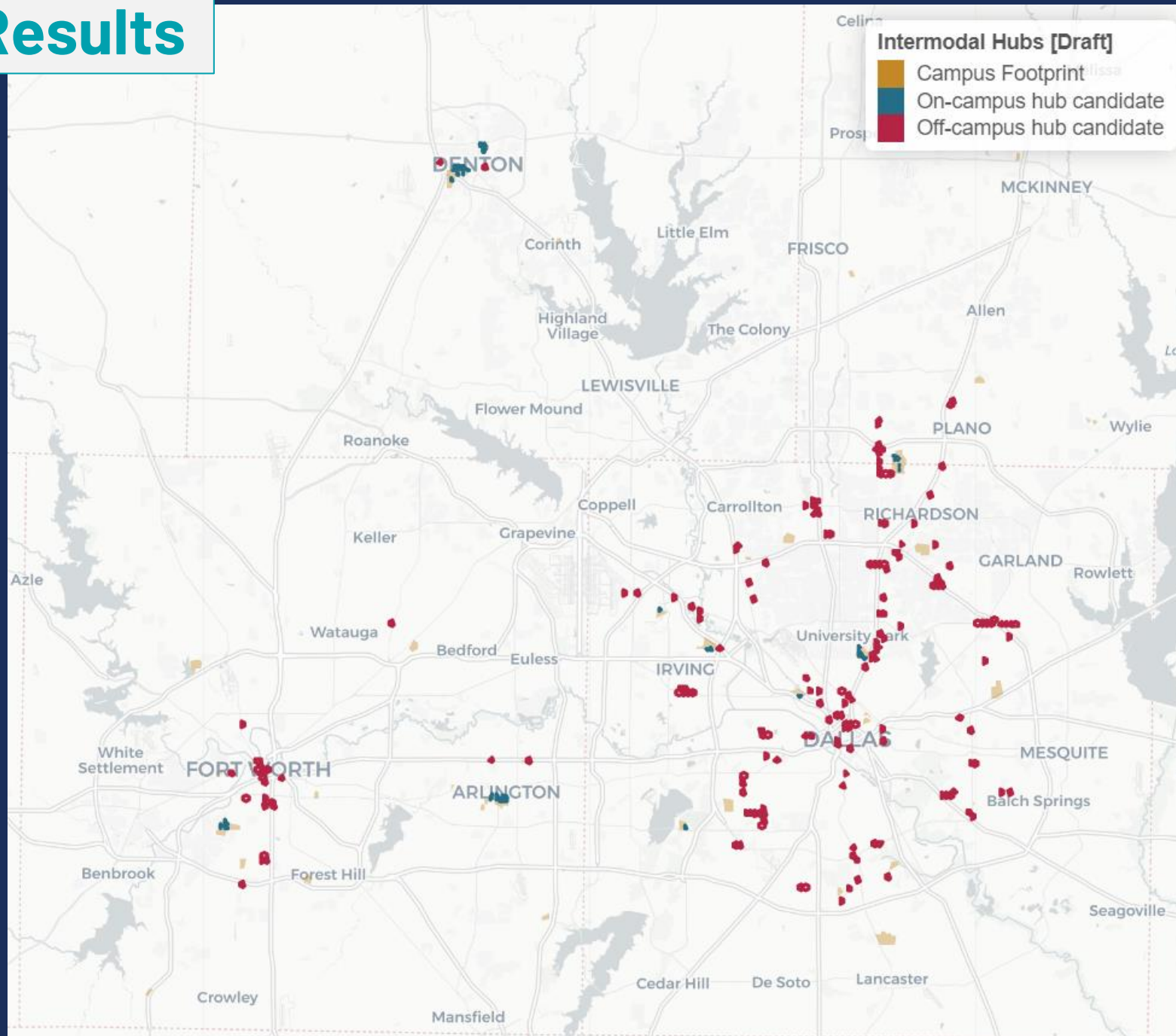
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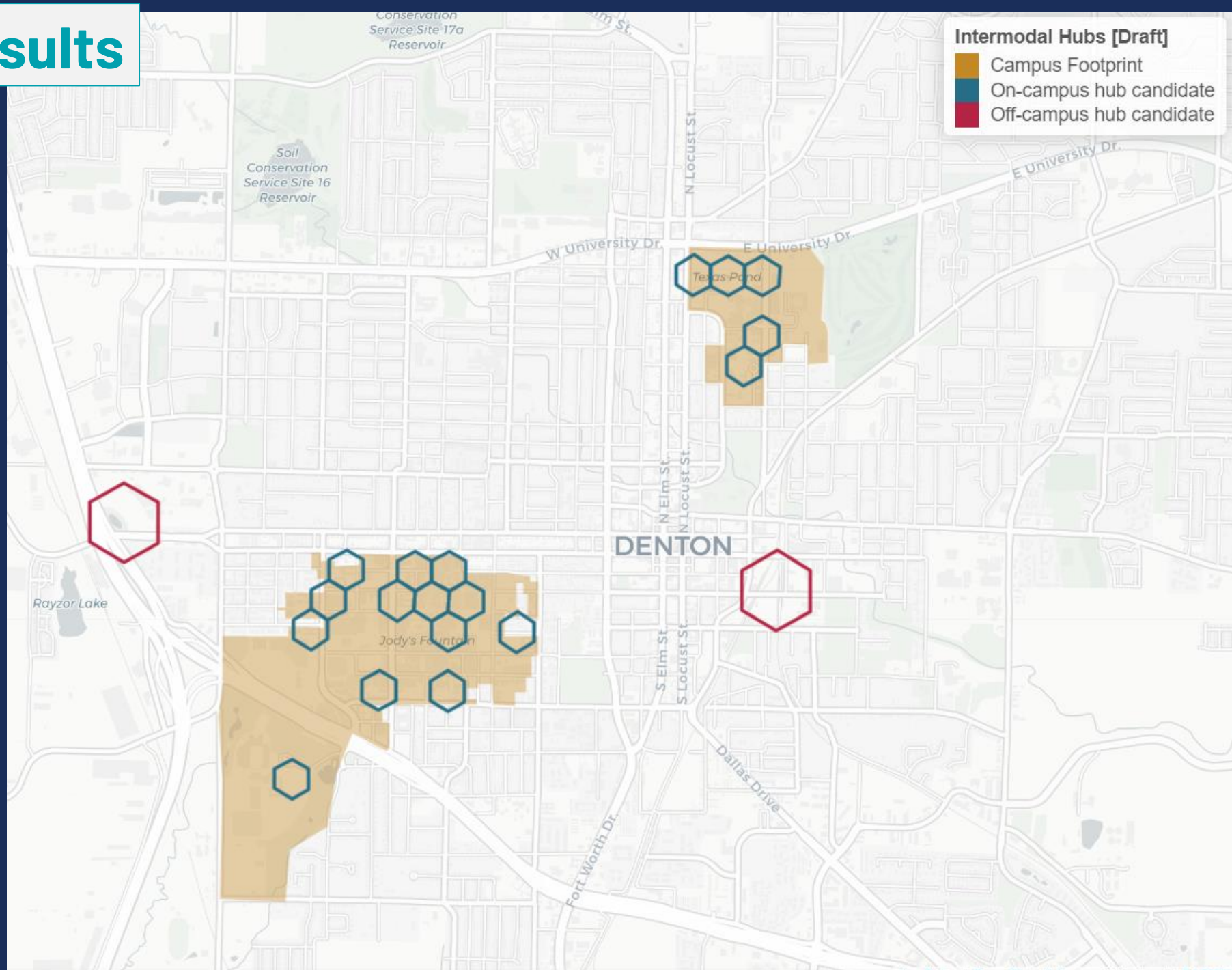
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Regional Results



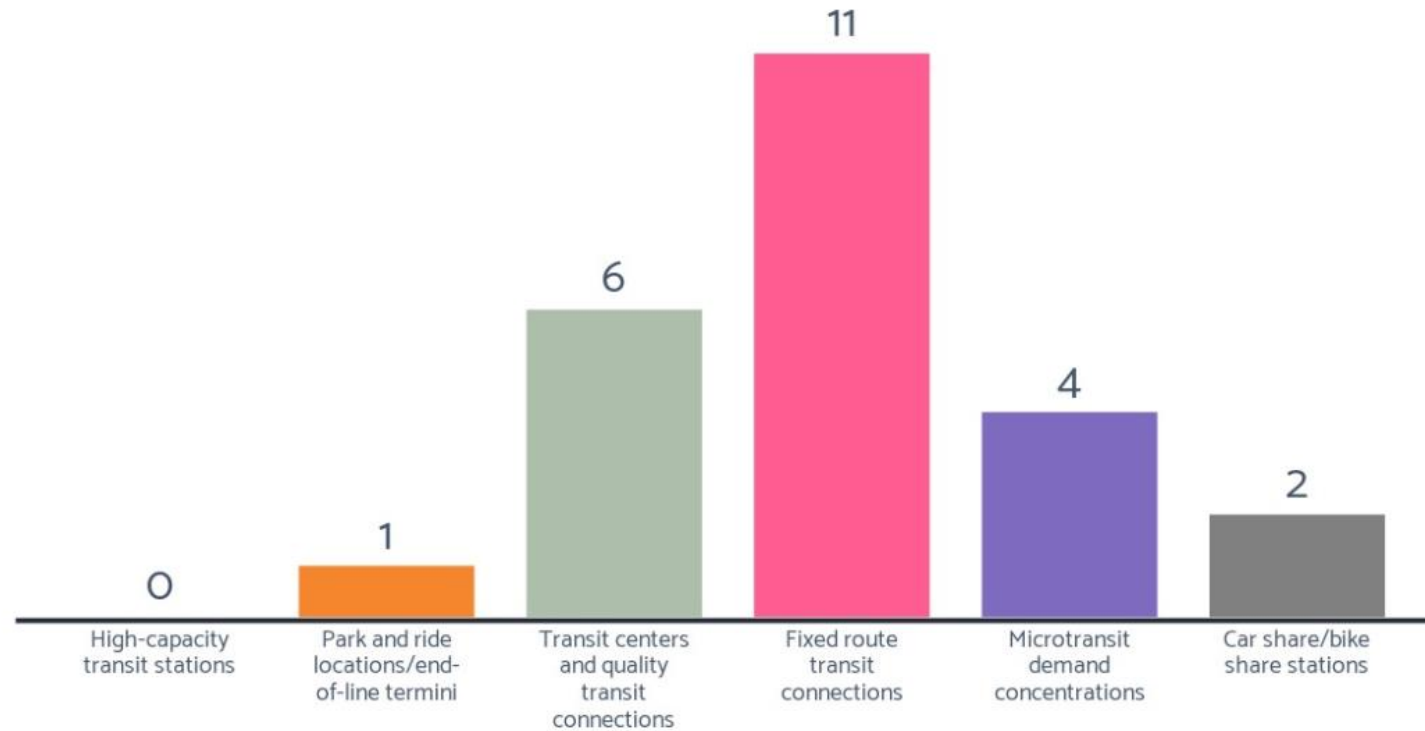
UNT Results



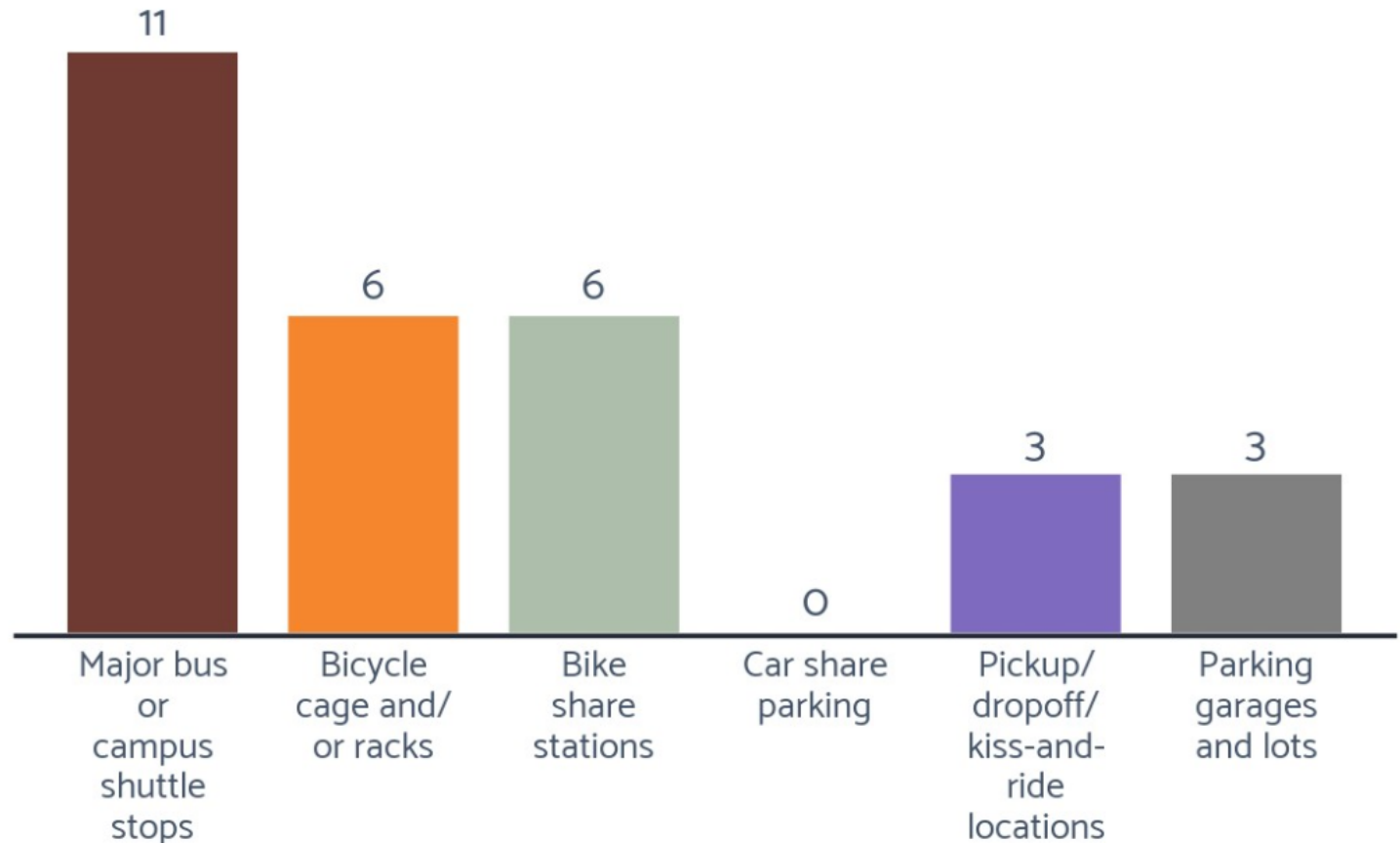
Mobility Hub Siting – Next Steps

- Review and refine mobility hub site locations
- Cluster candidate locations
- Develop campus typology for mobility hubs
- Assign each hub location a campus hub type

Which off-campus indicators are the highest priority for your campus/community?



Which on-campus indicators are the highest priority for your campus/community?



What are some campus mobility hub indicators we may have missed?

(re)development potential of adjacent land

Regional Shopping or Nightlife centers,
Medical facilities

Largest lecture halls

Major pedestrian pathways (especially universally-accessible with controlled street crossings). Bike lanes (especially separated from pedestrians) are helpful as well.

Connectivity between campus areas and off-campus housing, especially large student housing complexes

Campus to campus connections, especially for TCC and DC.

Grocery and shopping destinations

Different student populations undergrad vs grad

Next Steps

- Gather feedback on siting indicators
- Review, cluster, and refine mobility hub site locations
- Develop campus typology for mobility hubs and assign and define hub sites
- Begin work on developing scenario evaluation framework

Any additional feedback or questions?

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