

# Activity Simulation

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**Leveraging Big Data for Future Mobility**

**Utilizing User Generated Content for Transport Modelling**

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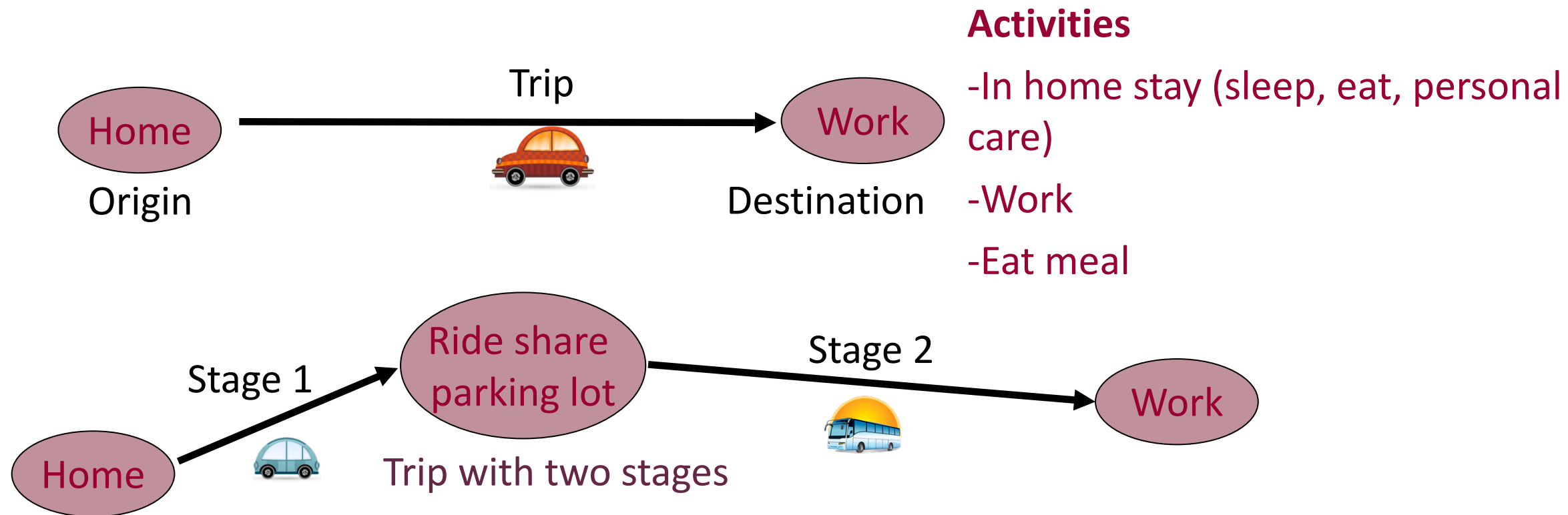
# WHY ALL THIS?

To Design Policies  
We Want to Understand Needs and Habits  
of People  
and  
Develop Policy Simulation of Qatar

- **Travel** of people by different means
- **Activities** are the key to understanding and modeling people's travel behavior
- We are social animals and for this reason understanding human interaction is important
- This means define policies for different people and account for interactions
- Then create models that help us predict what will happen in the future under different policy scenarios
- Model need to be sensitive to changes in space, time, and attributes of transportation system

# A Few Definitions

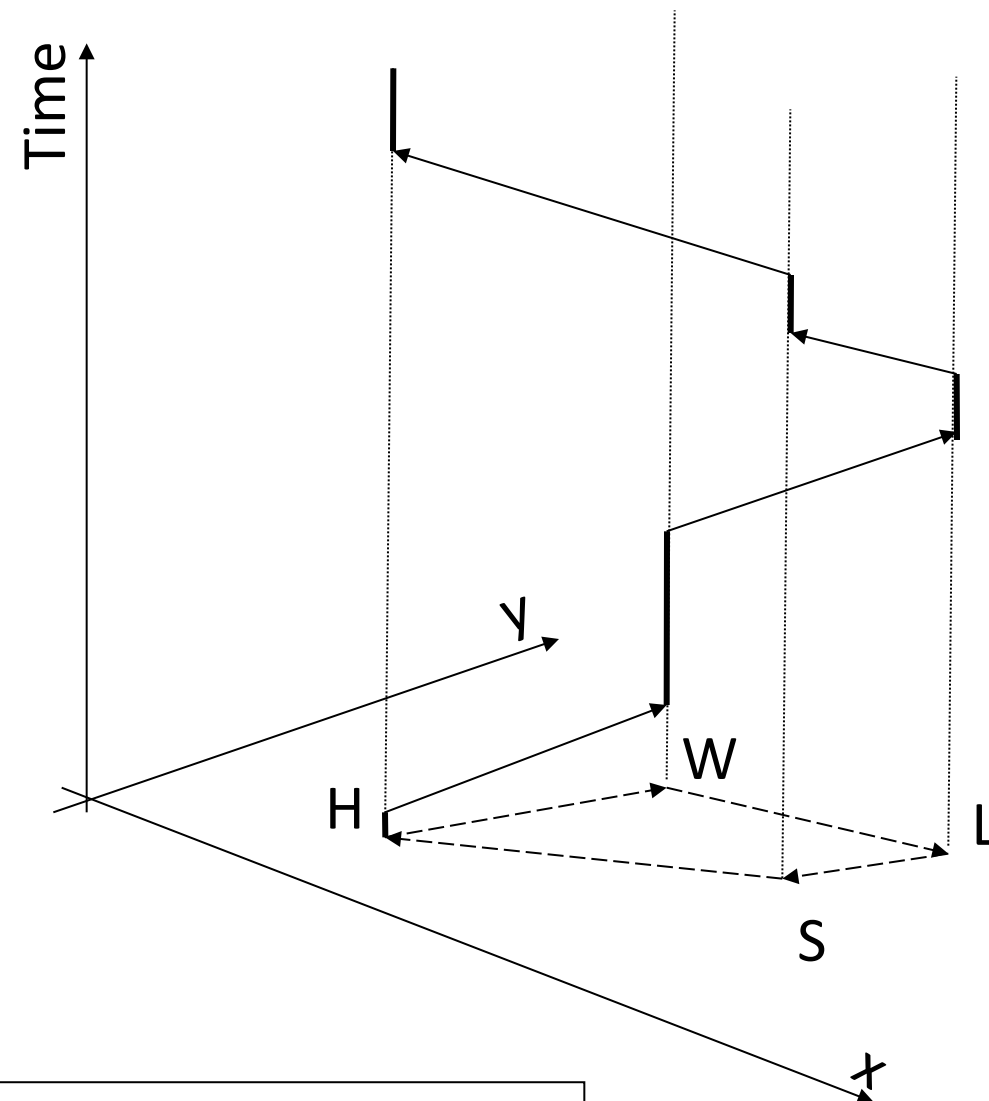
To Understand



-Means of travel is called mode of travel (drive alone, car sharing, taking a bus, cycling, walking)

# Activities in Time and Space

The Activities



**Activities:**

H ... Home

W ... Work

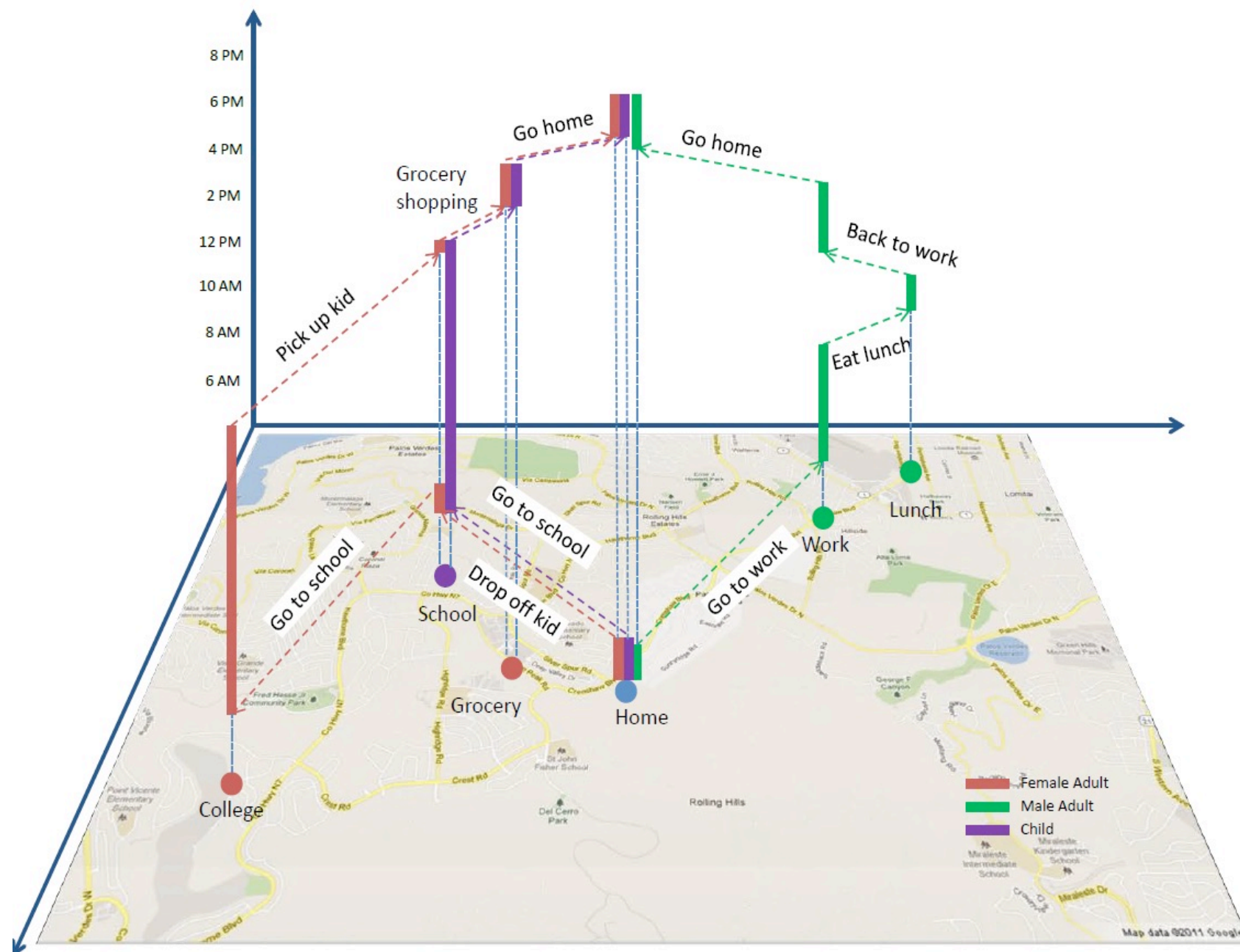
L ... Leisure

S ... Shopping



# Activities in Time and Space

## The Activities

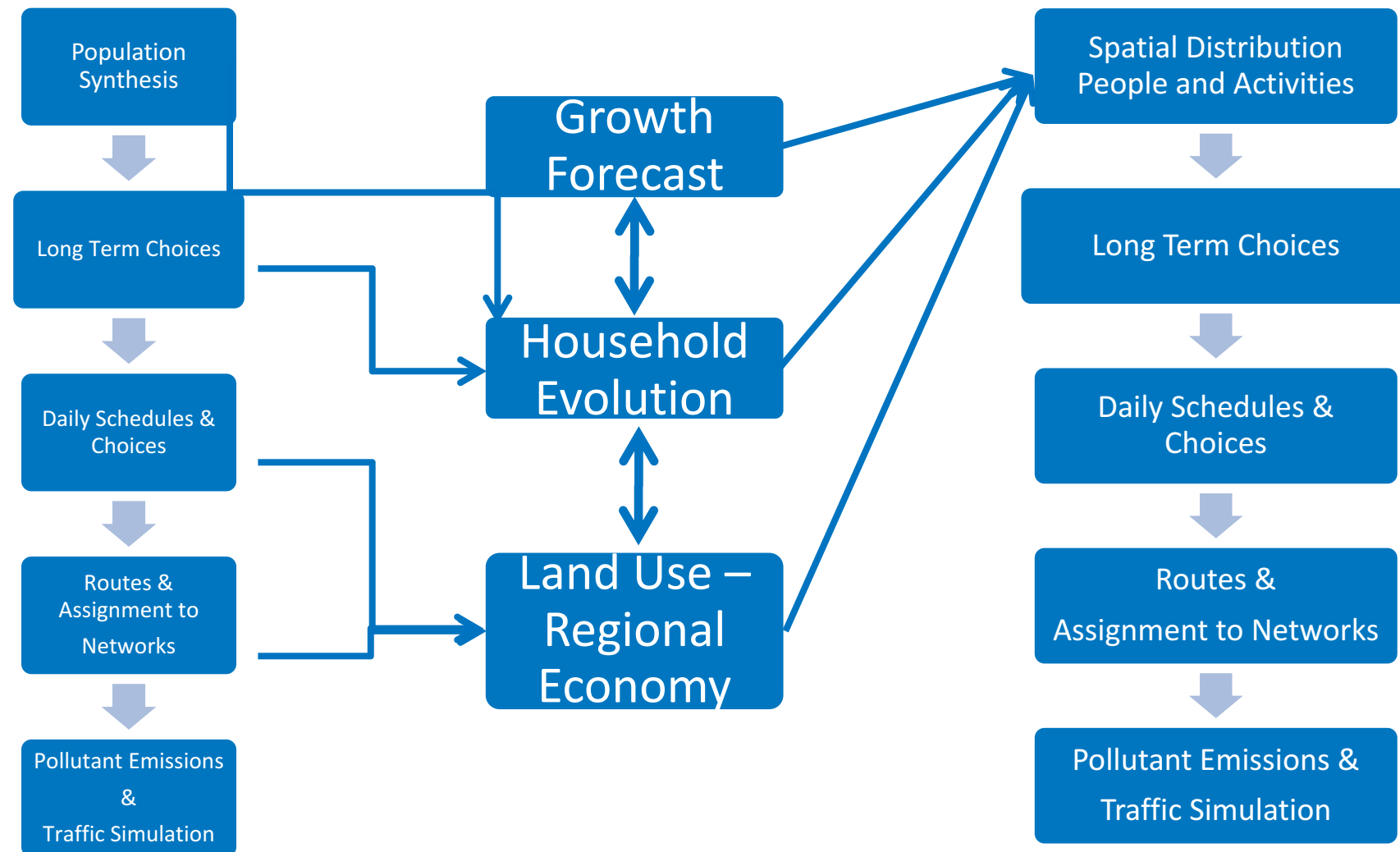


**Eventually we want this for different policy scenarios**



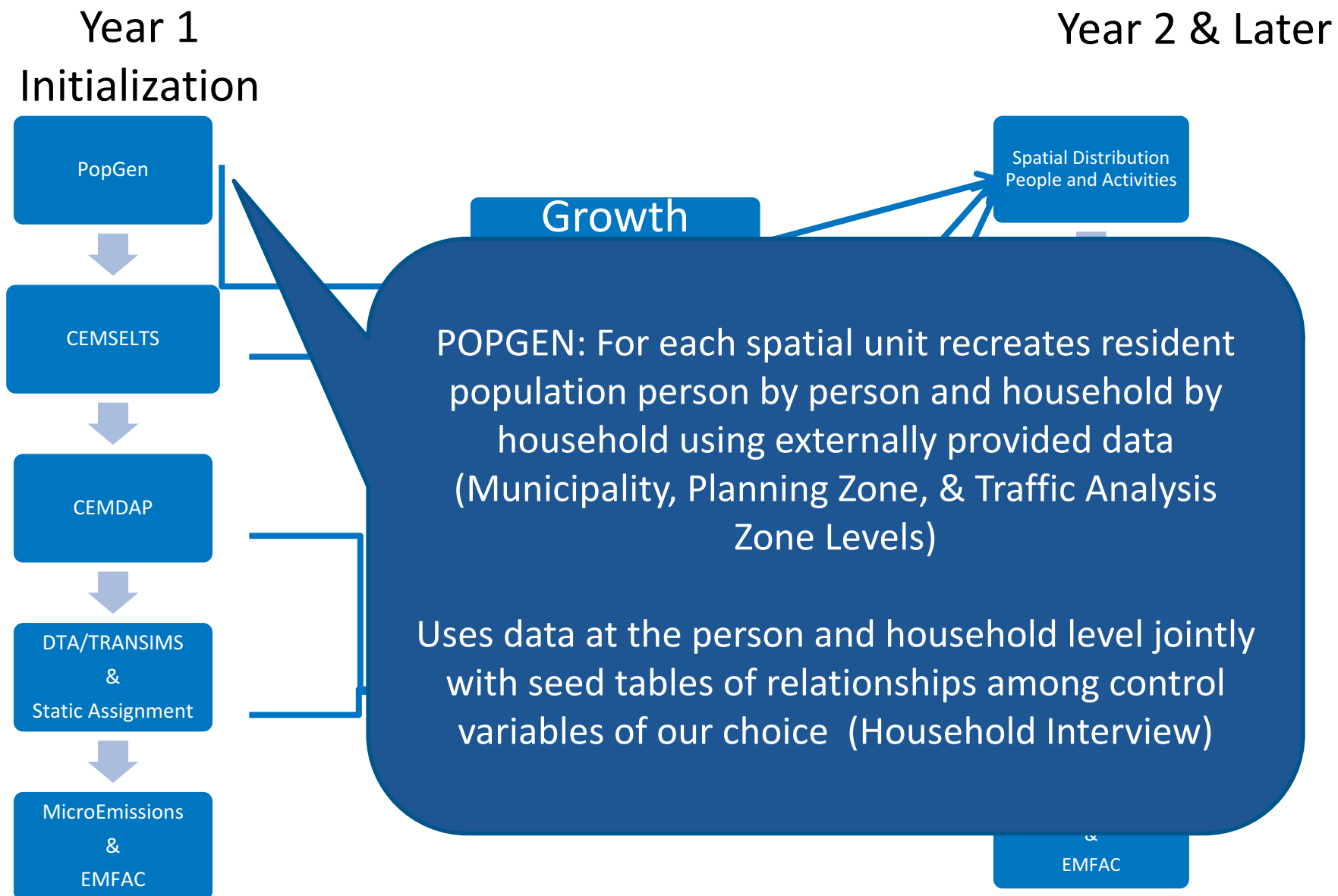
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Initialization

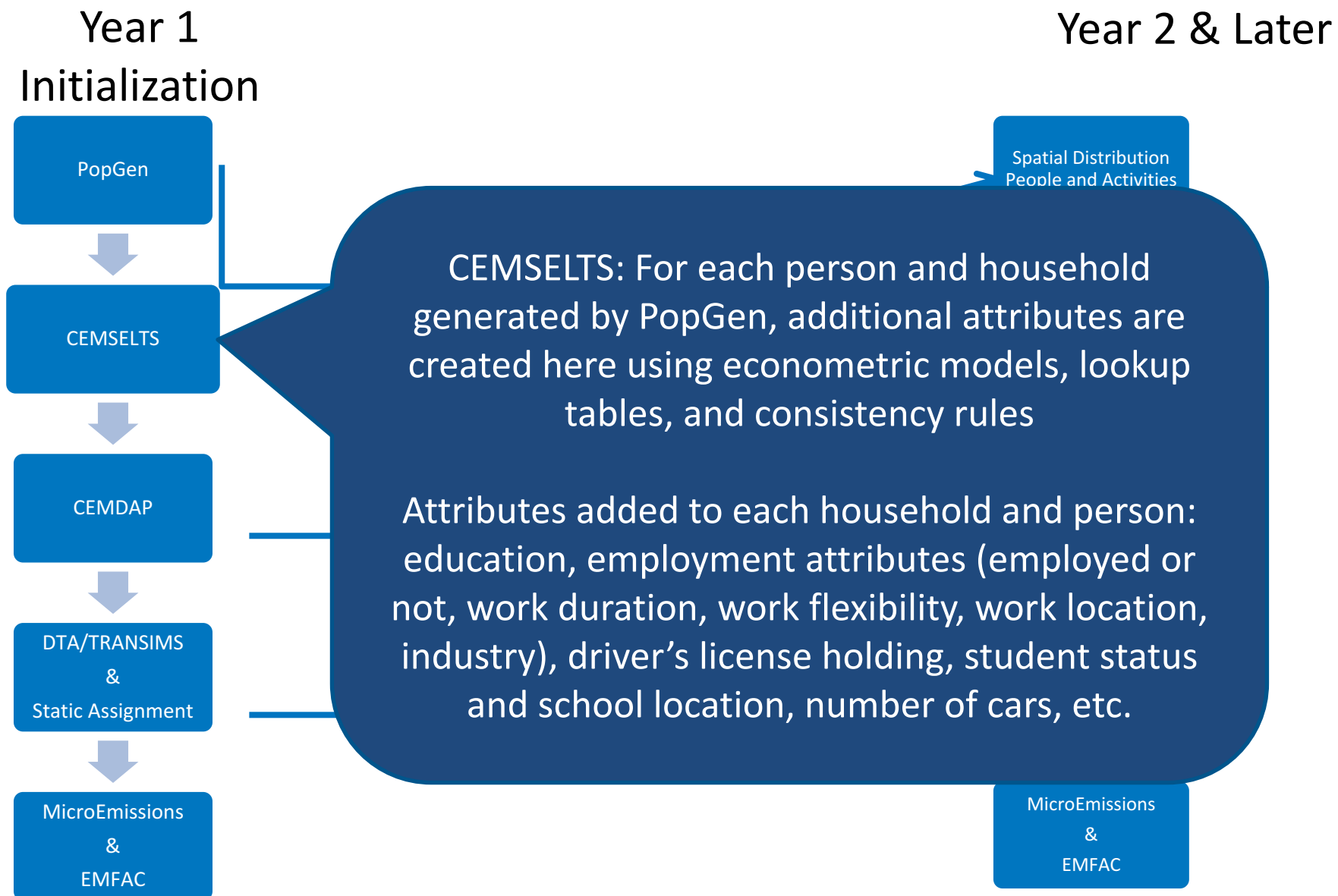


Framework

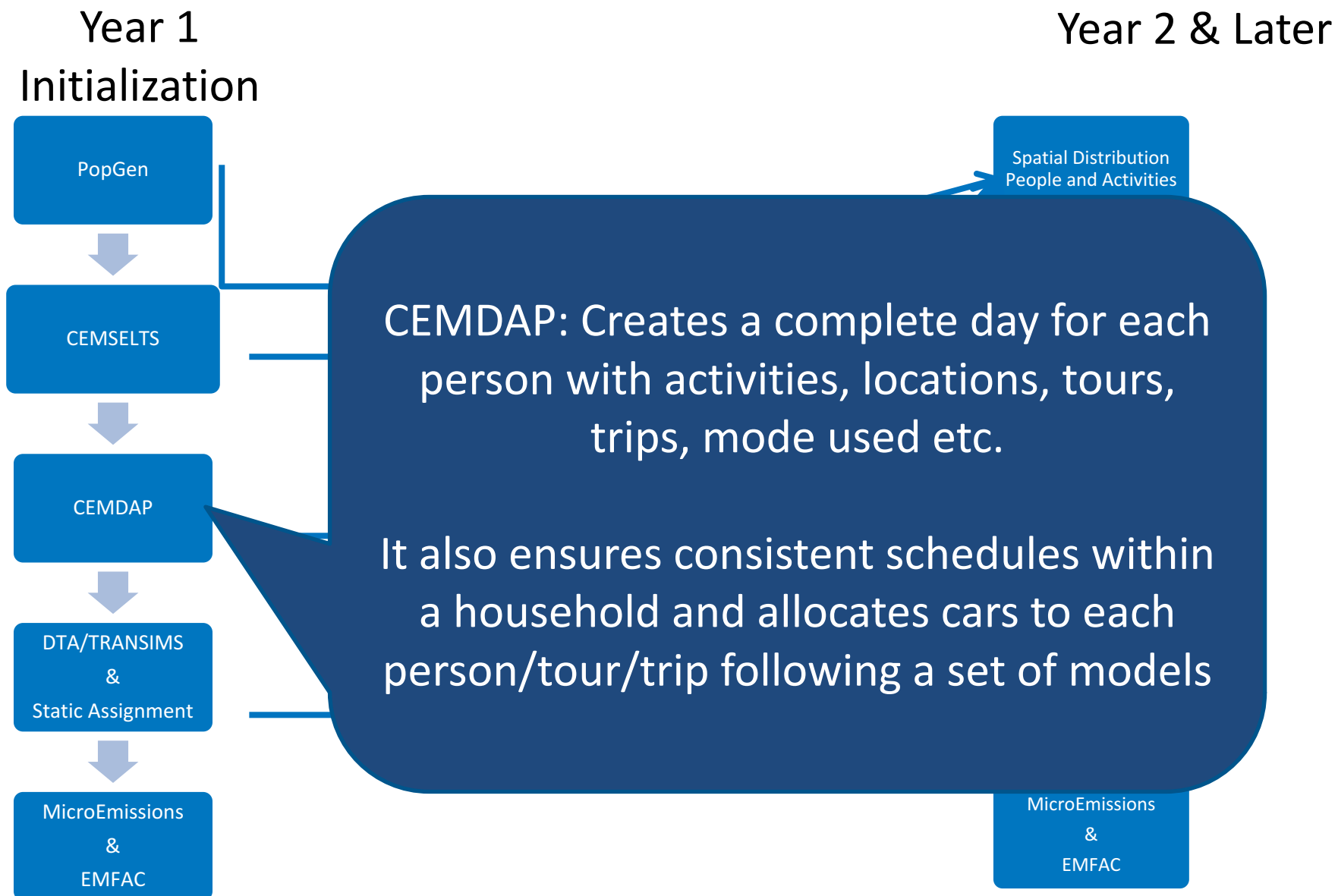
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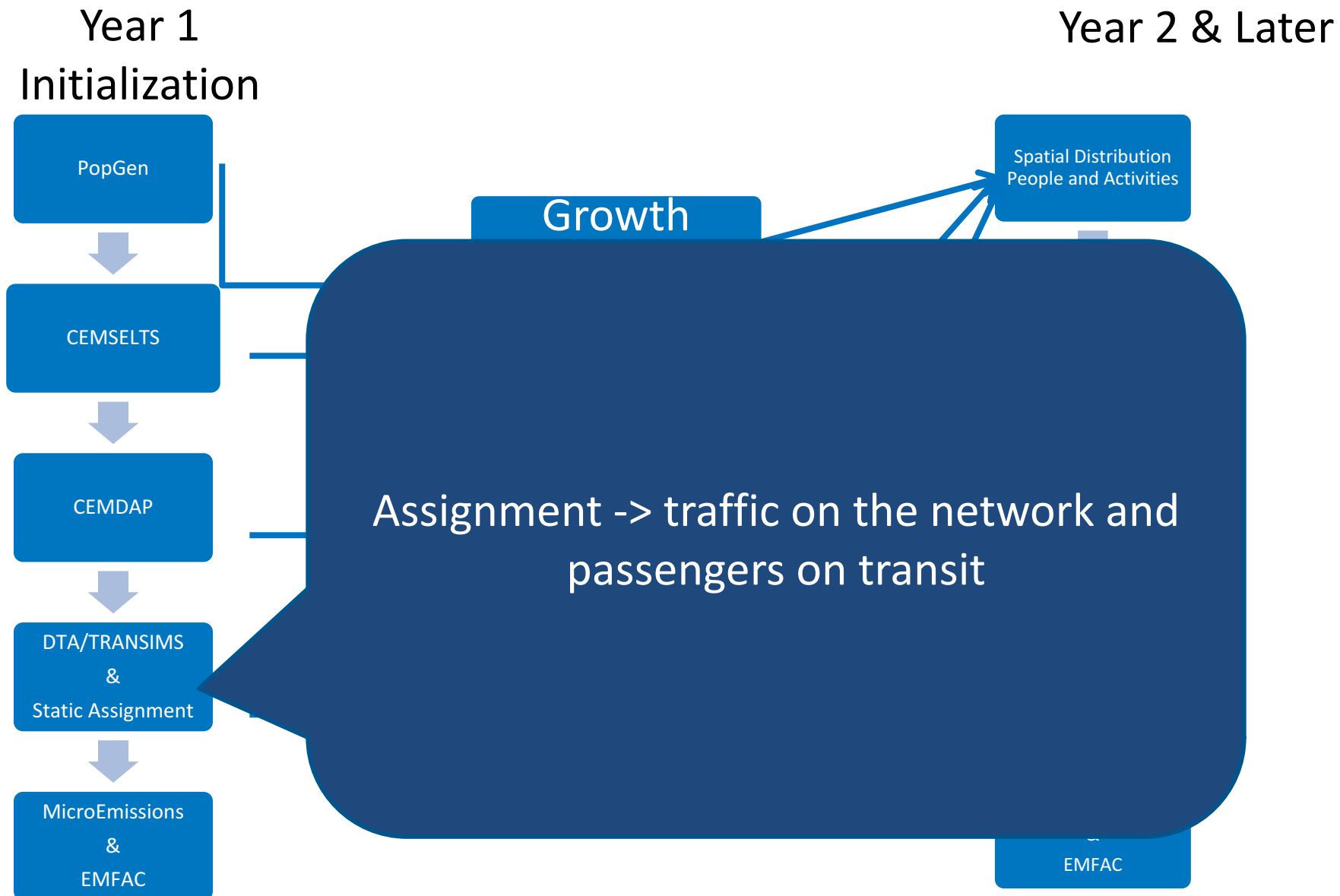
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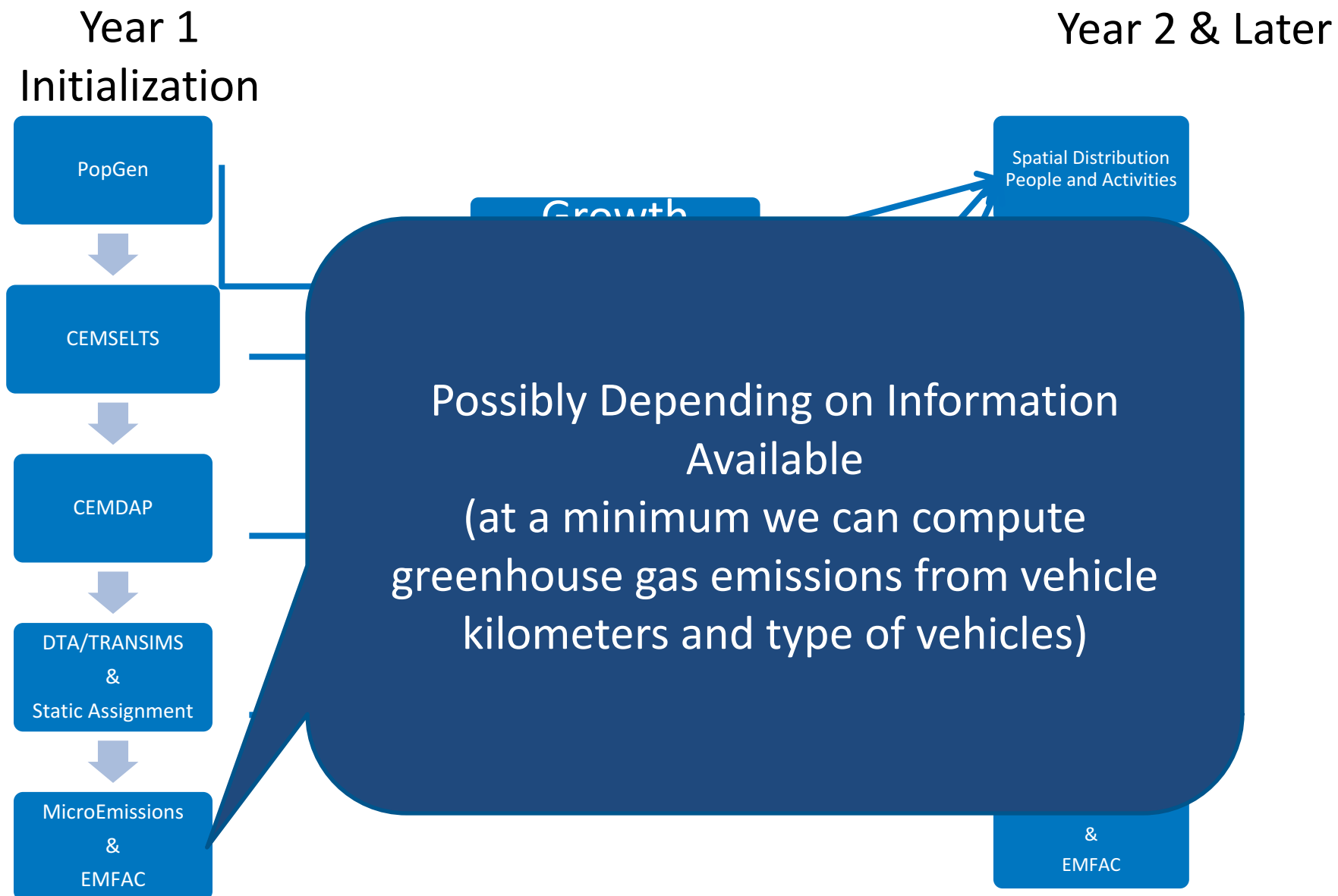
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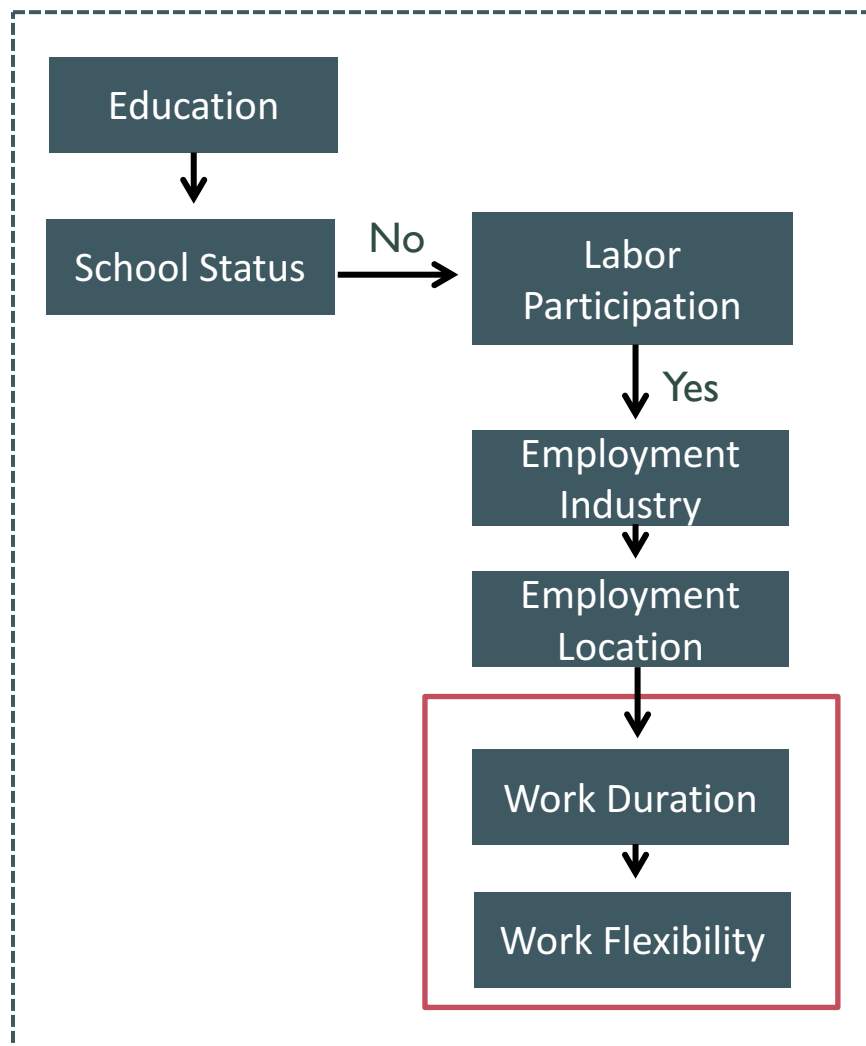




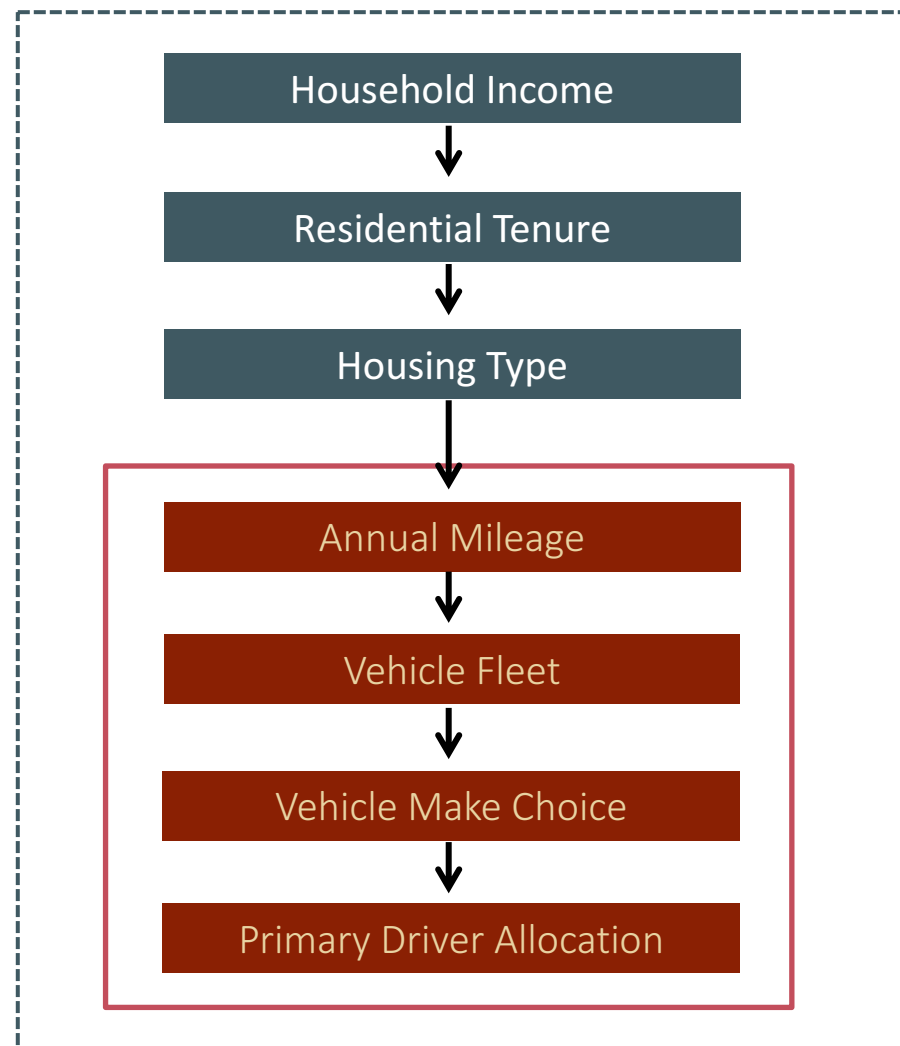
# CEMSELTS

Models (Base Year)

## Individual Level Models



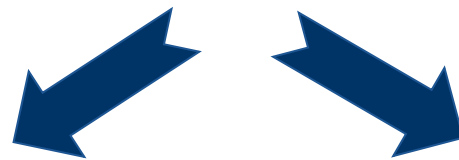
## Household Level Models



# **Synthetic Schedule Simulation**

# Representing Activity-travel Patterns

## Recognizing Fixities



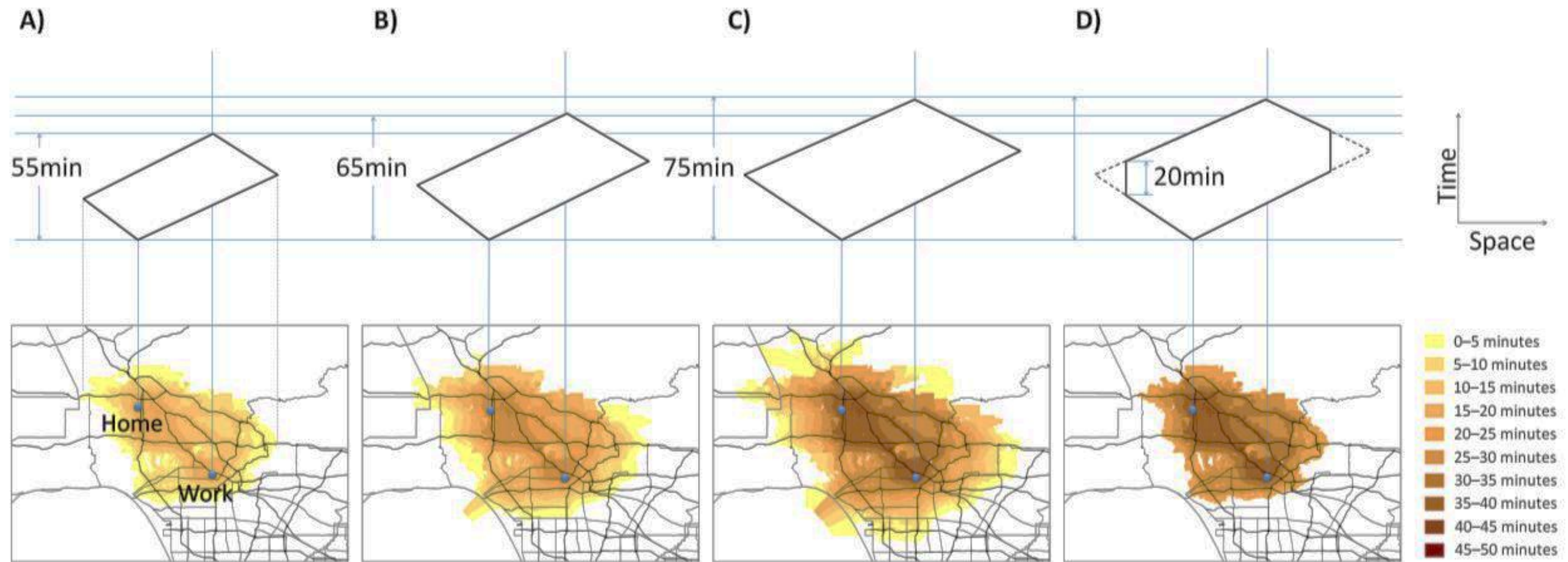
### Non-Workers

- No obvious activity with spatial and temporal fixities
- Person more flexible in scheduling his/her activities

### Workers

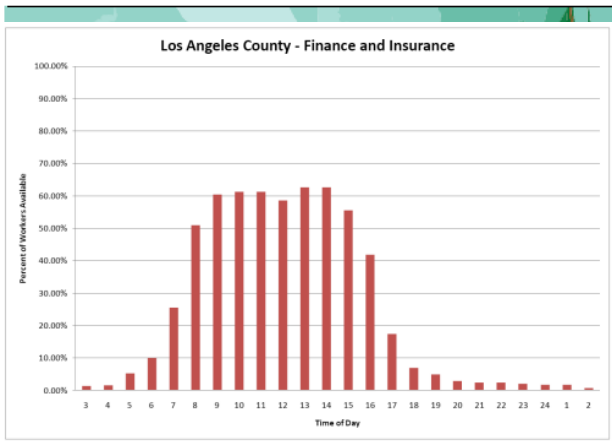
- The “work” activity has spatial and temporal fixities
- Person schedules his/her activities around the work activity

# Available Time and Accessibility

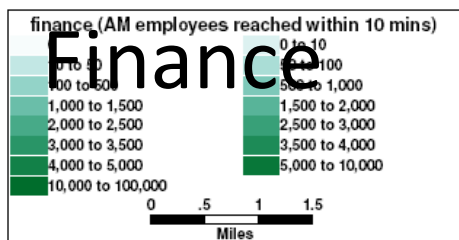




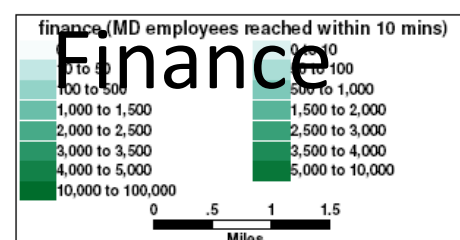
# Santa Monica



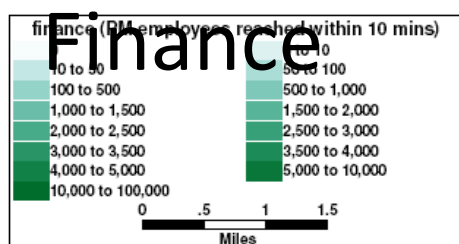
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Max



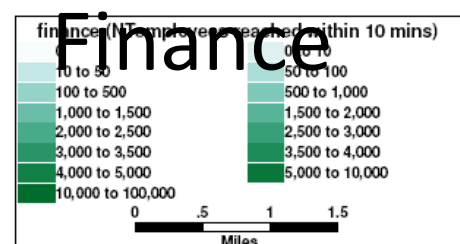
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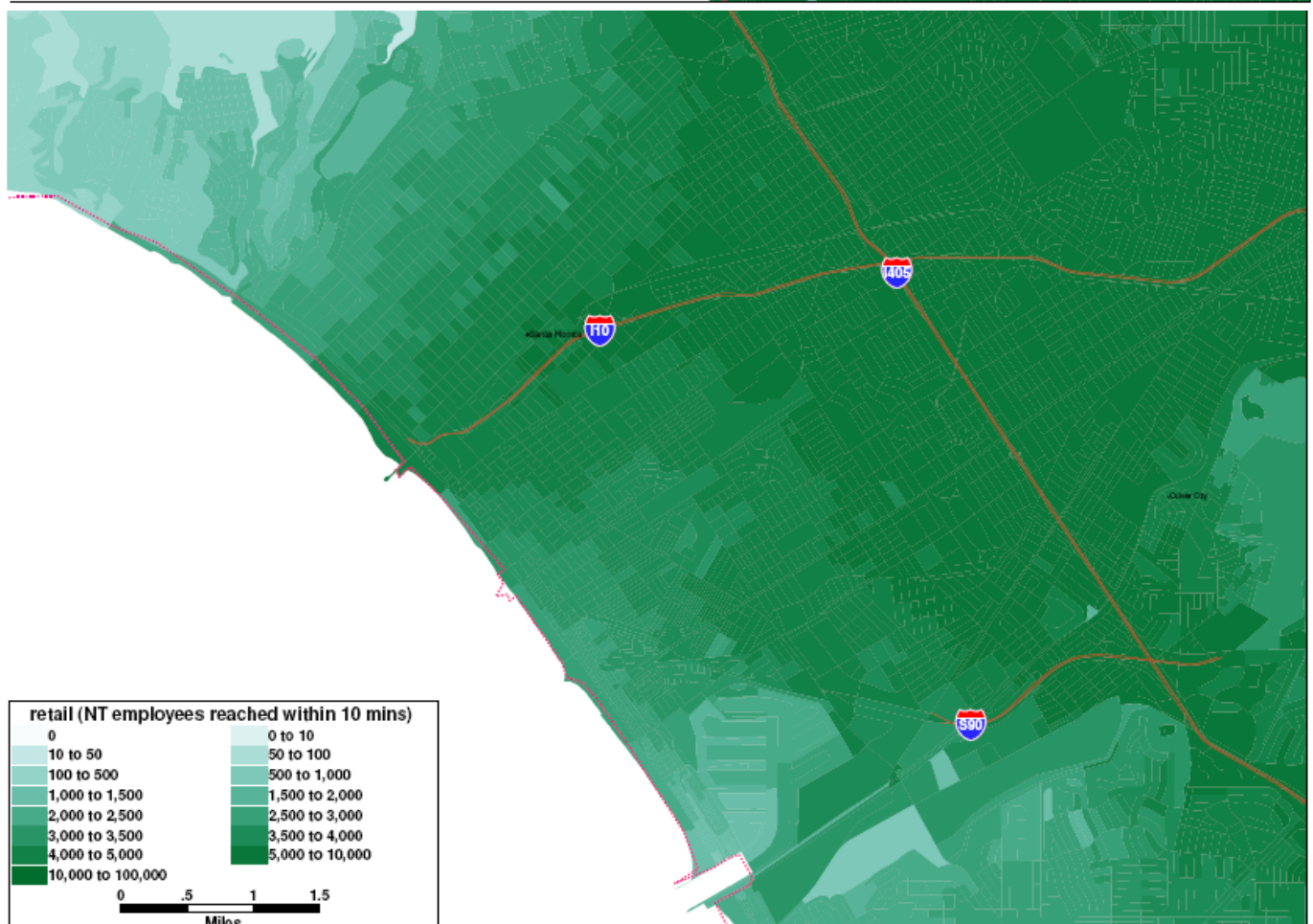
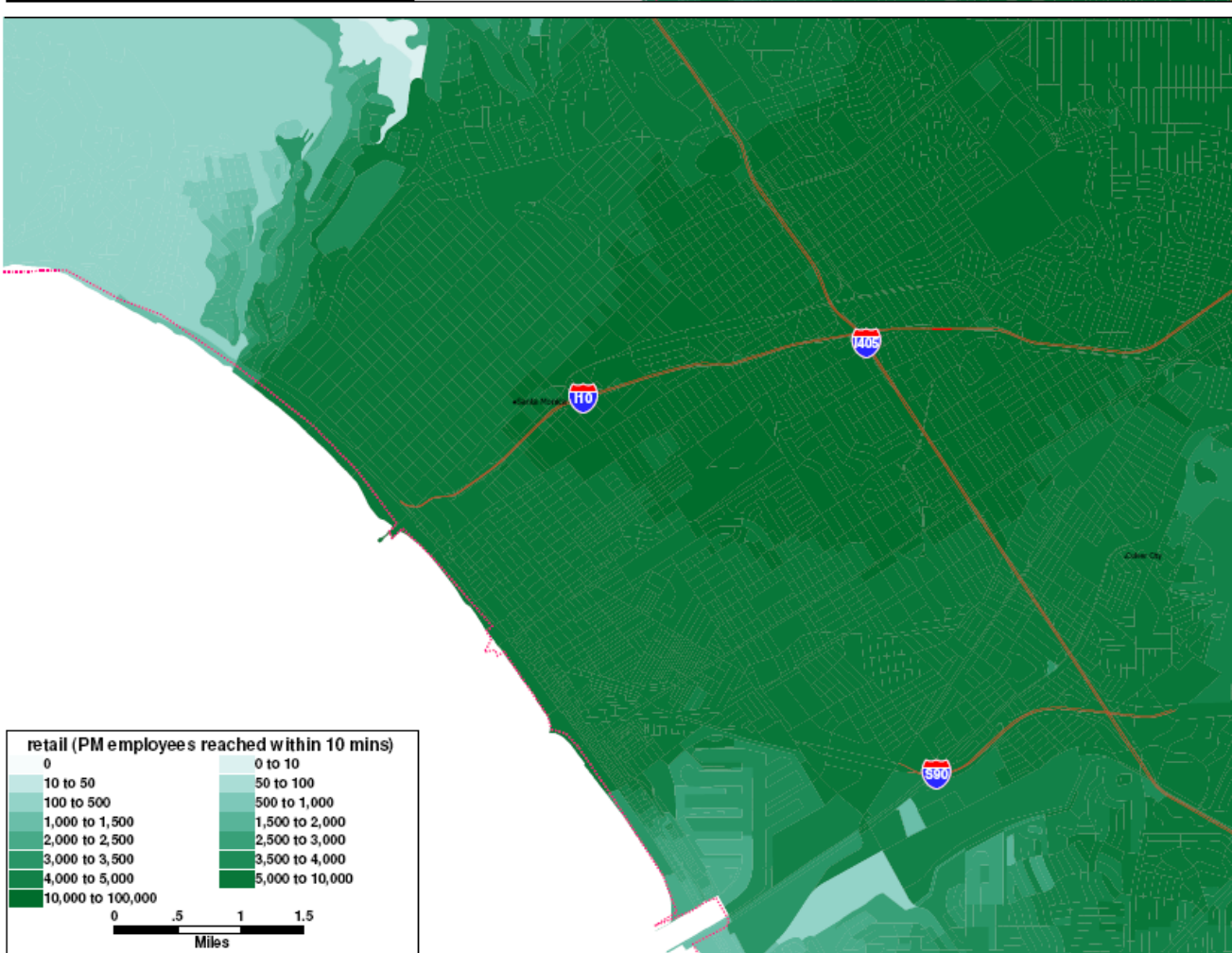
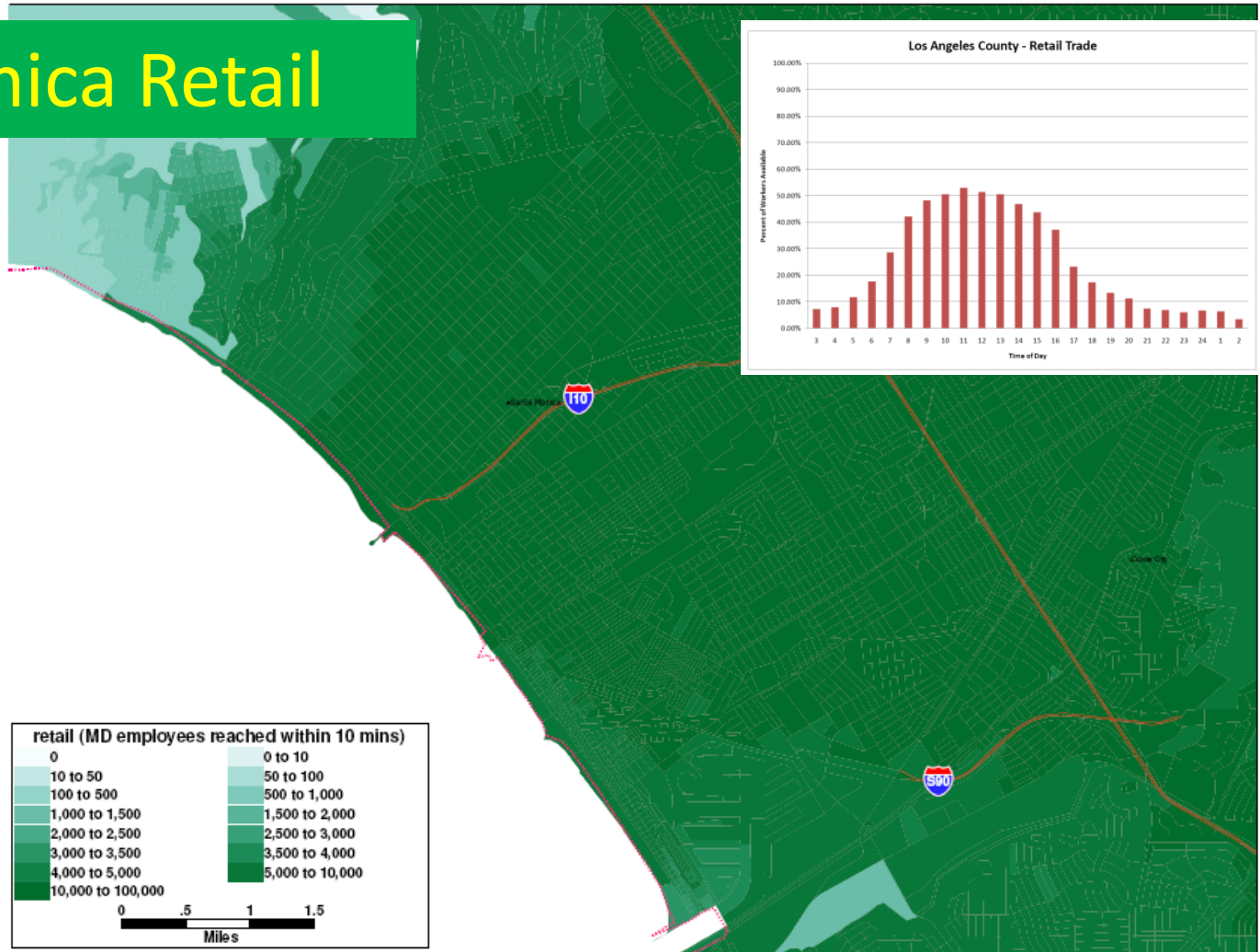
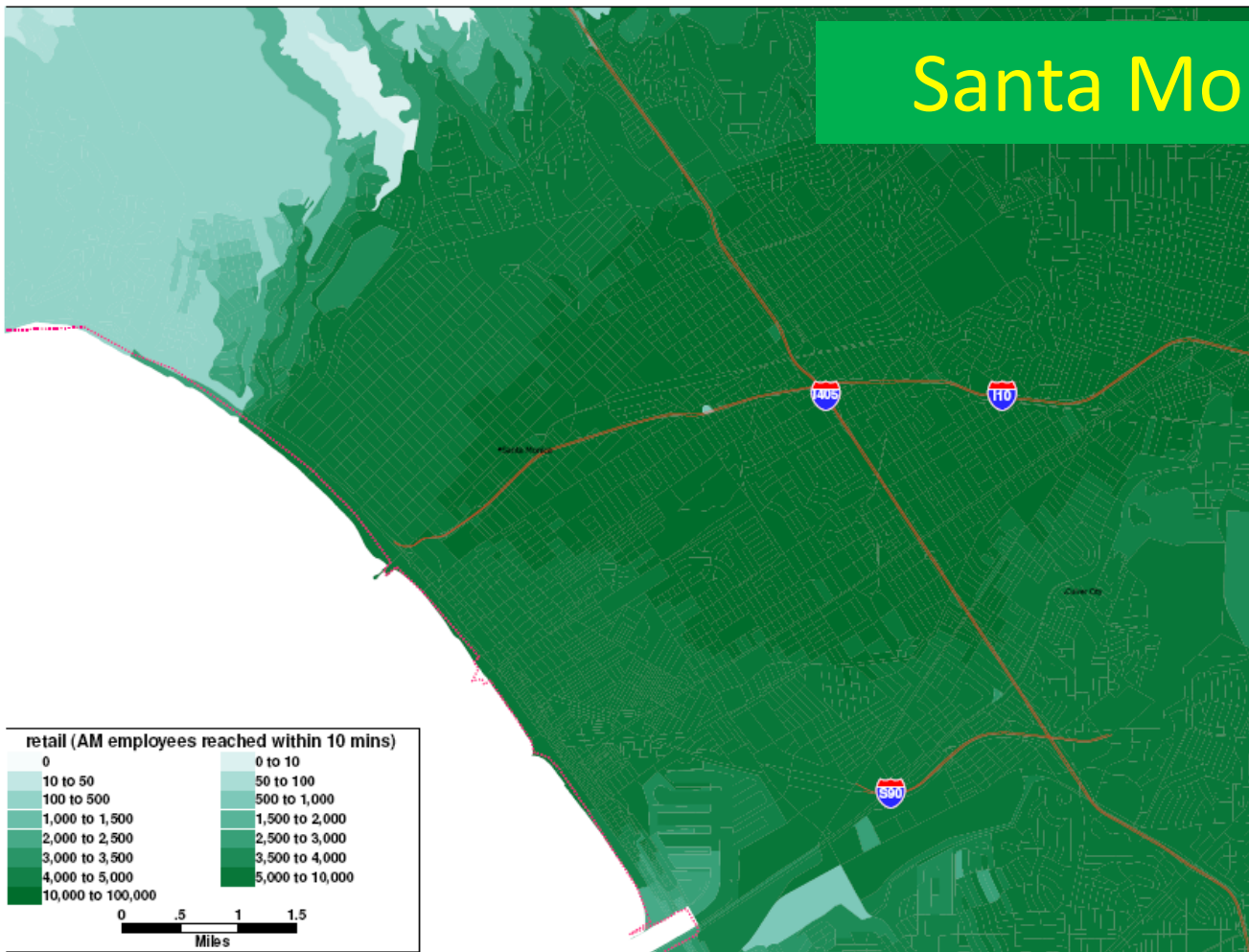


Night Time  
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# Santa Monica Retail

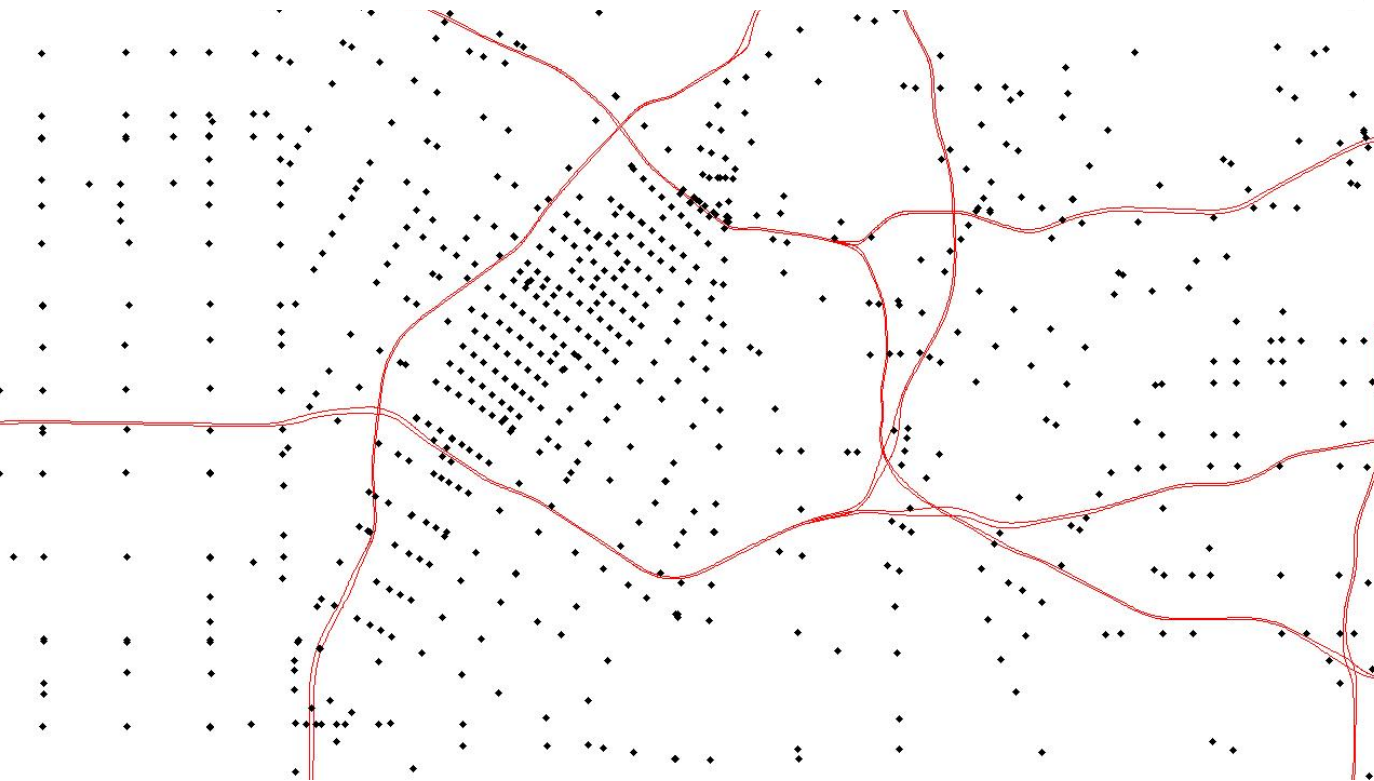




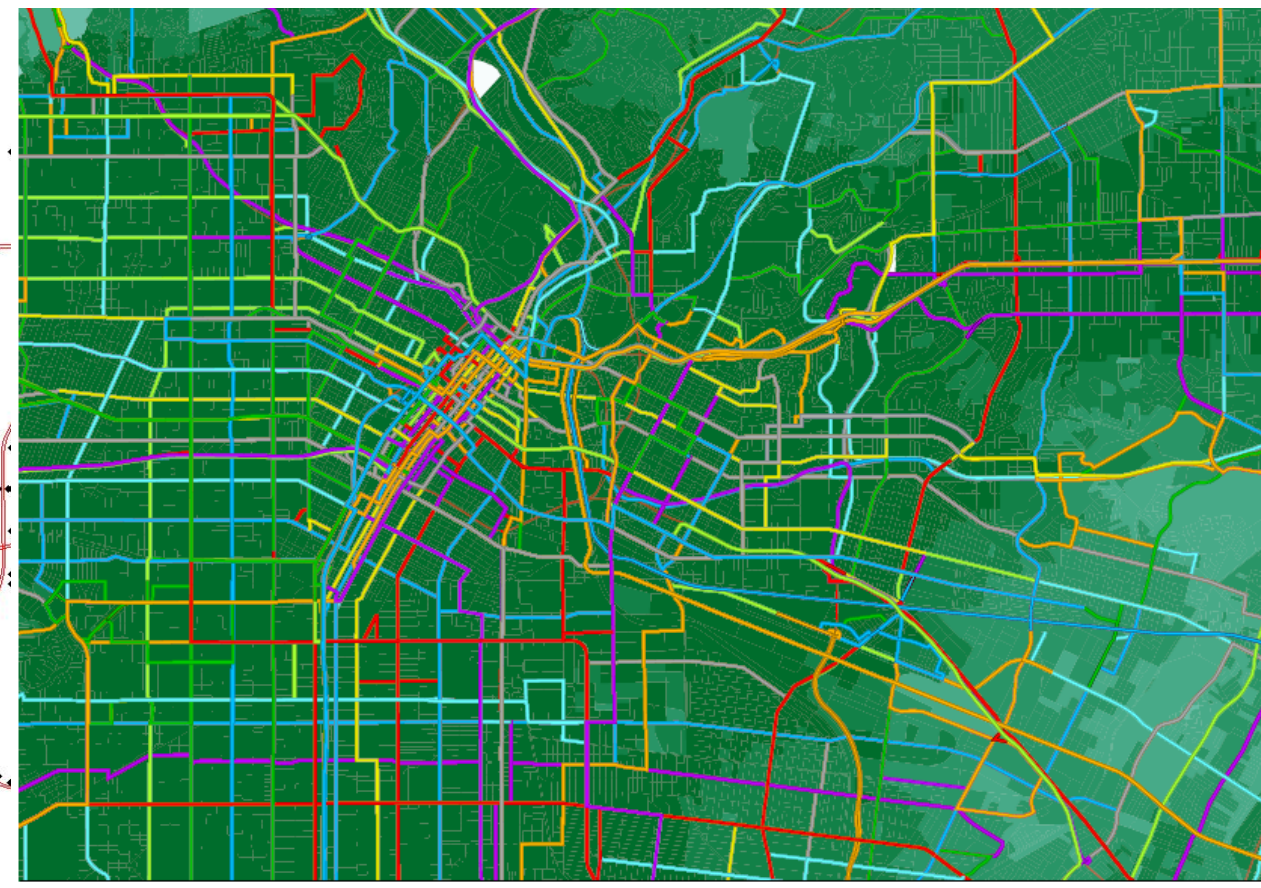
# Transit Accessibility

- 60 meters / min walking speed
- 6 min penalty for switching transit lines
- Max time set at 3 hours
- Sparse distance matrix in output
- Do not report if > 3 hours

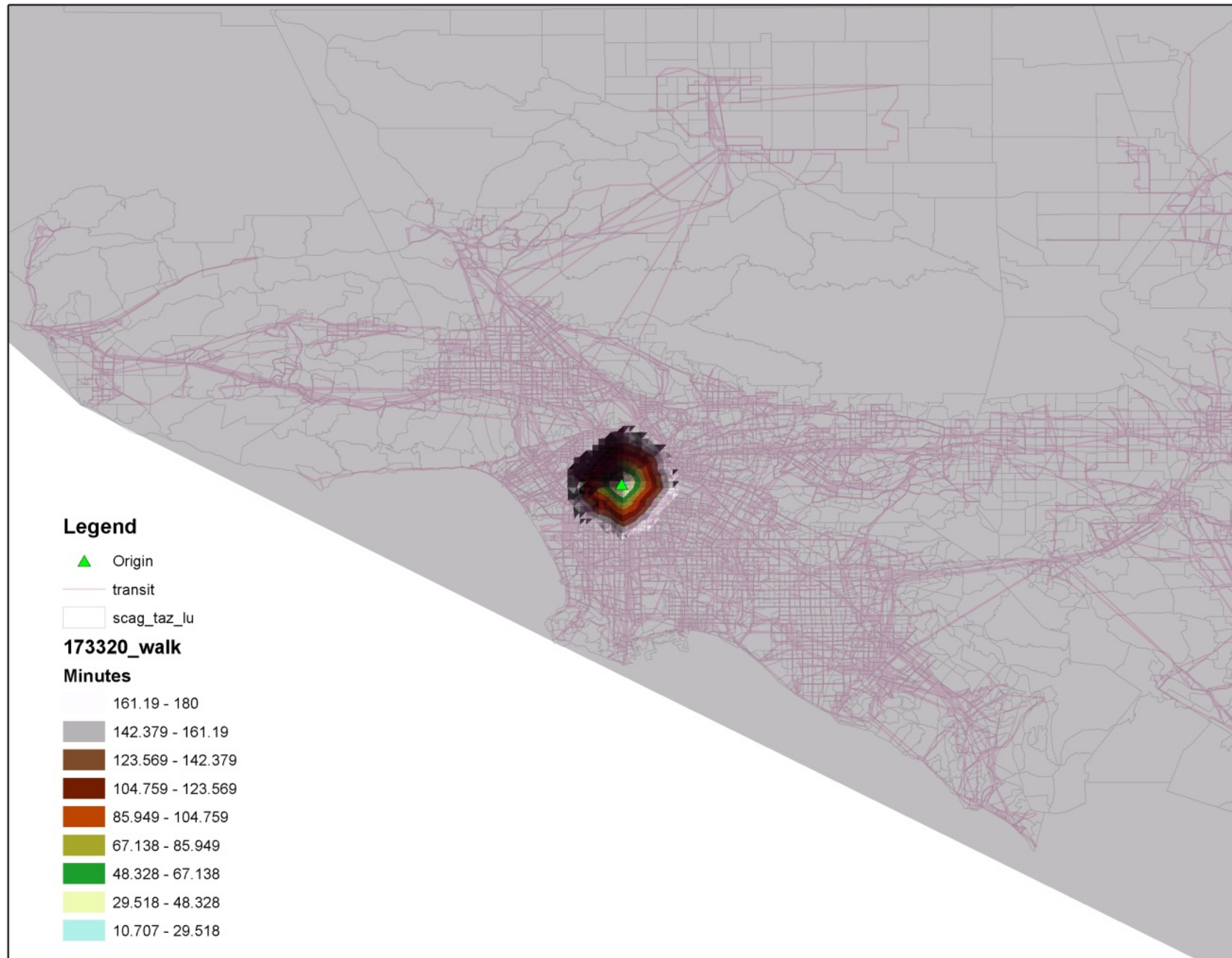
## Access Points to Public Transportation



## Routes of Public Transportation

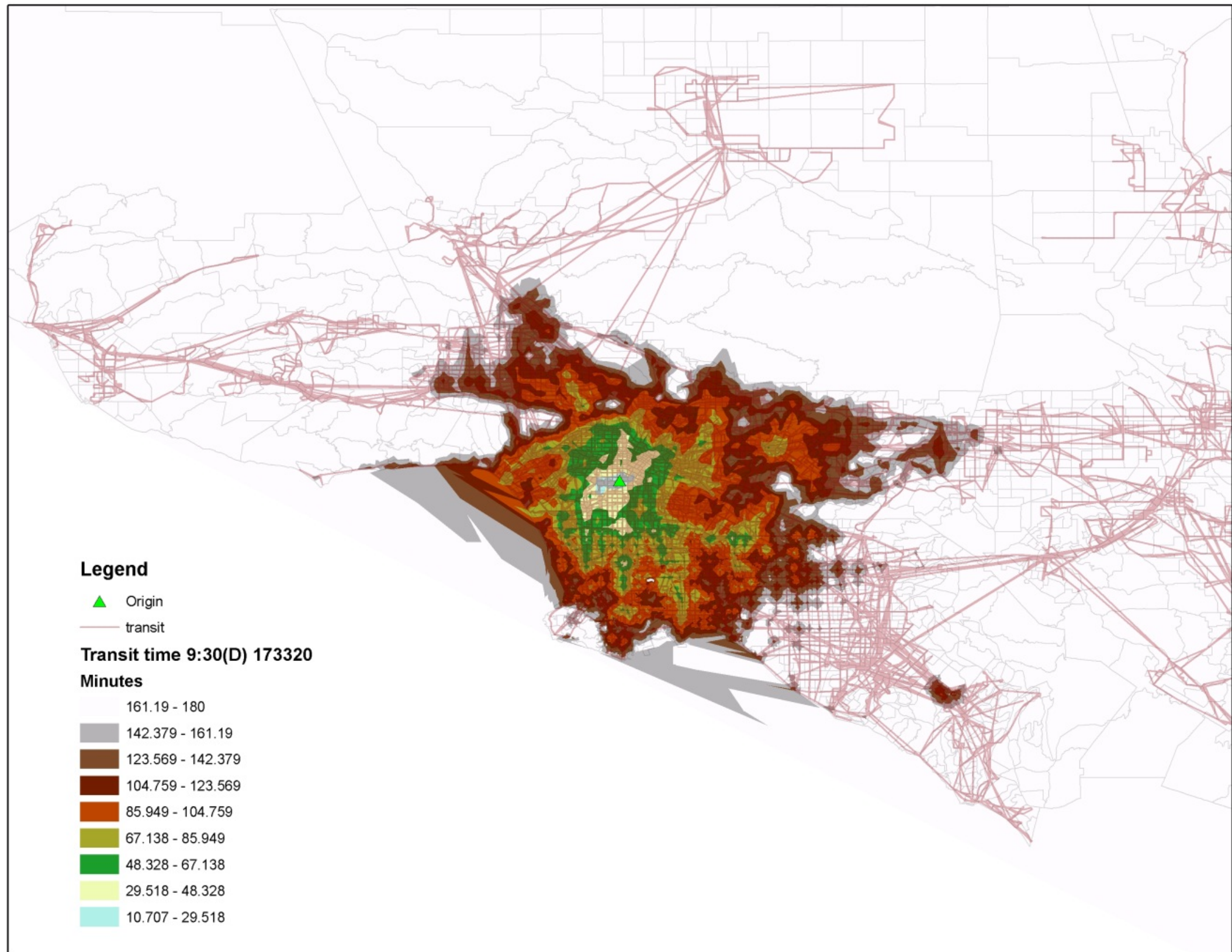


# Walk Time Isochrones Example

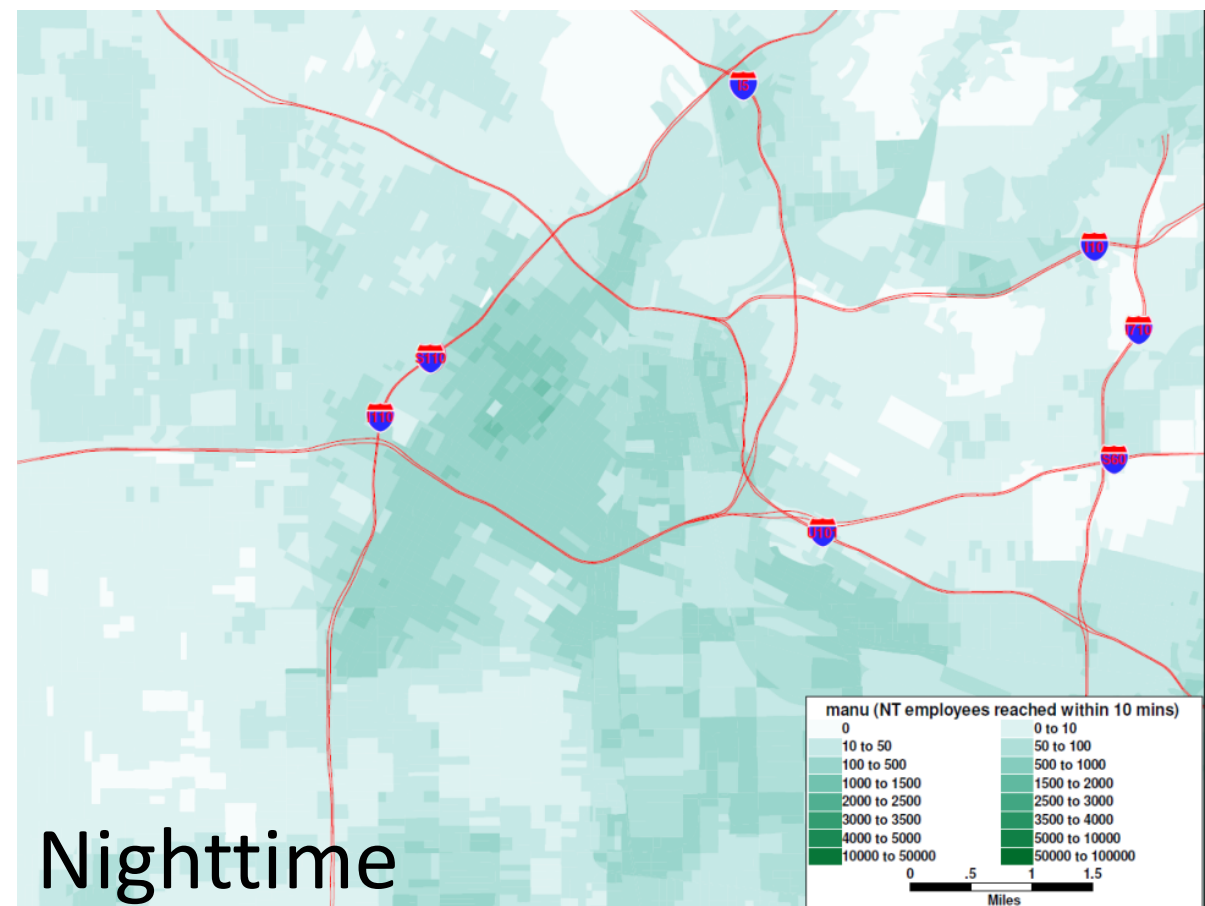
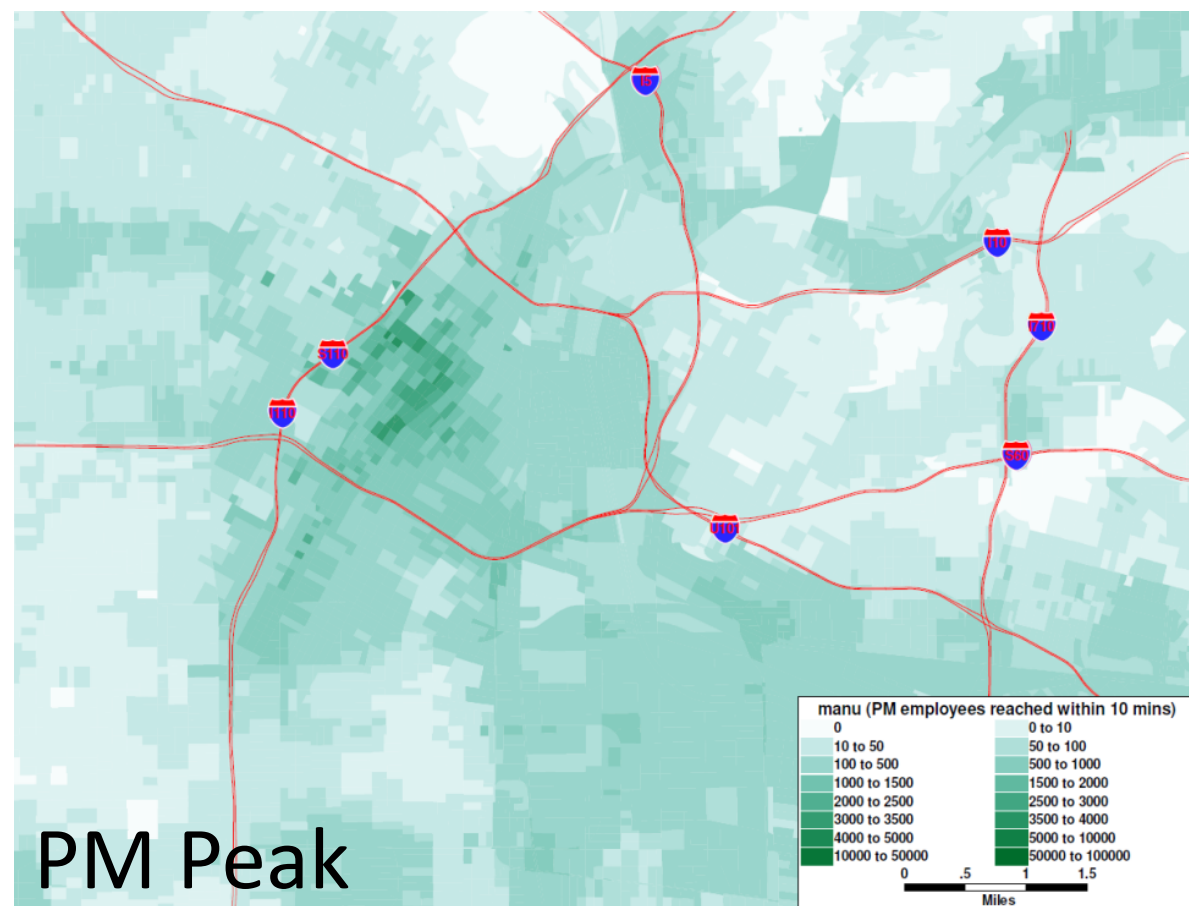
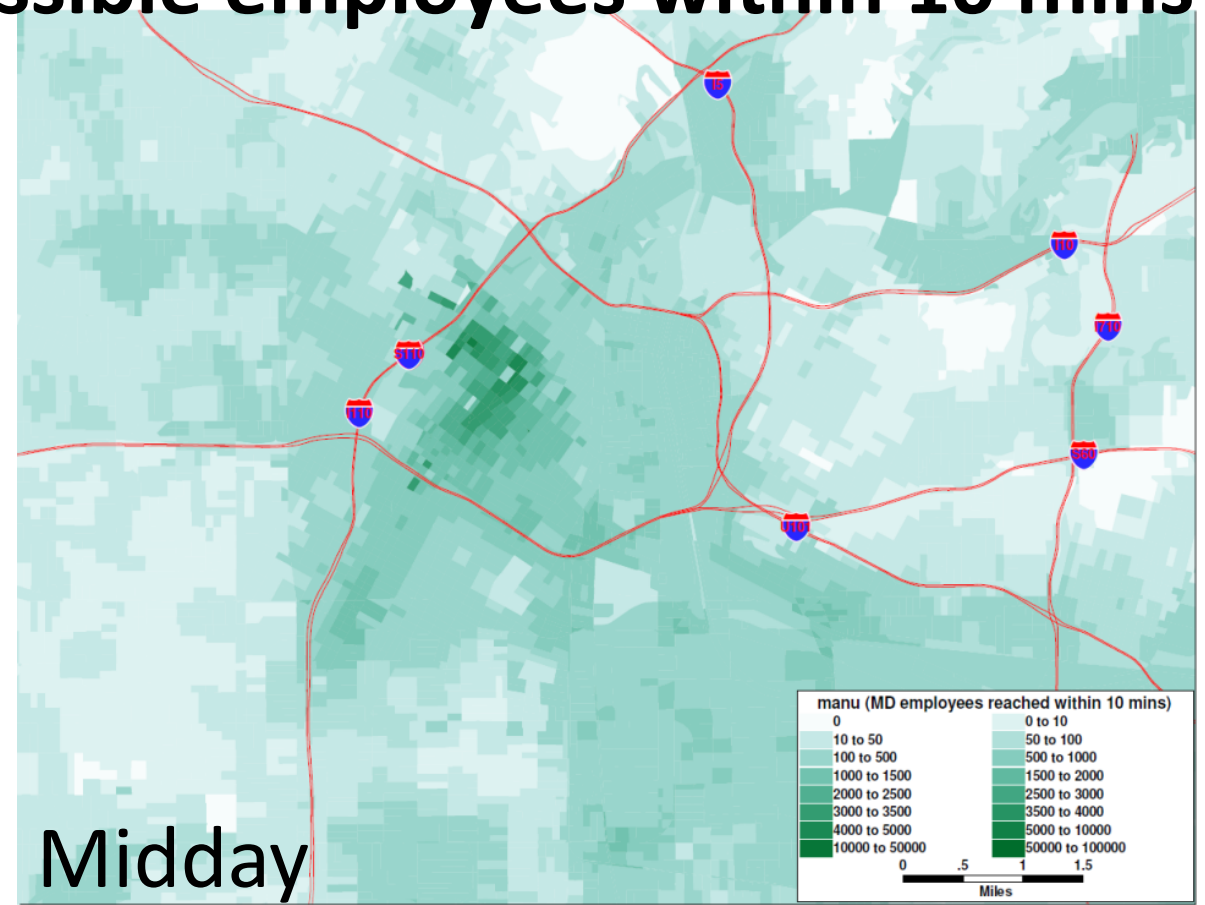
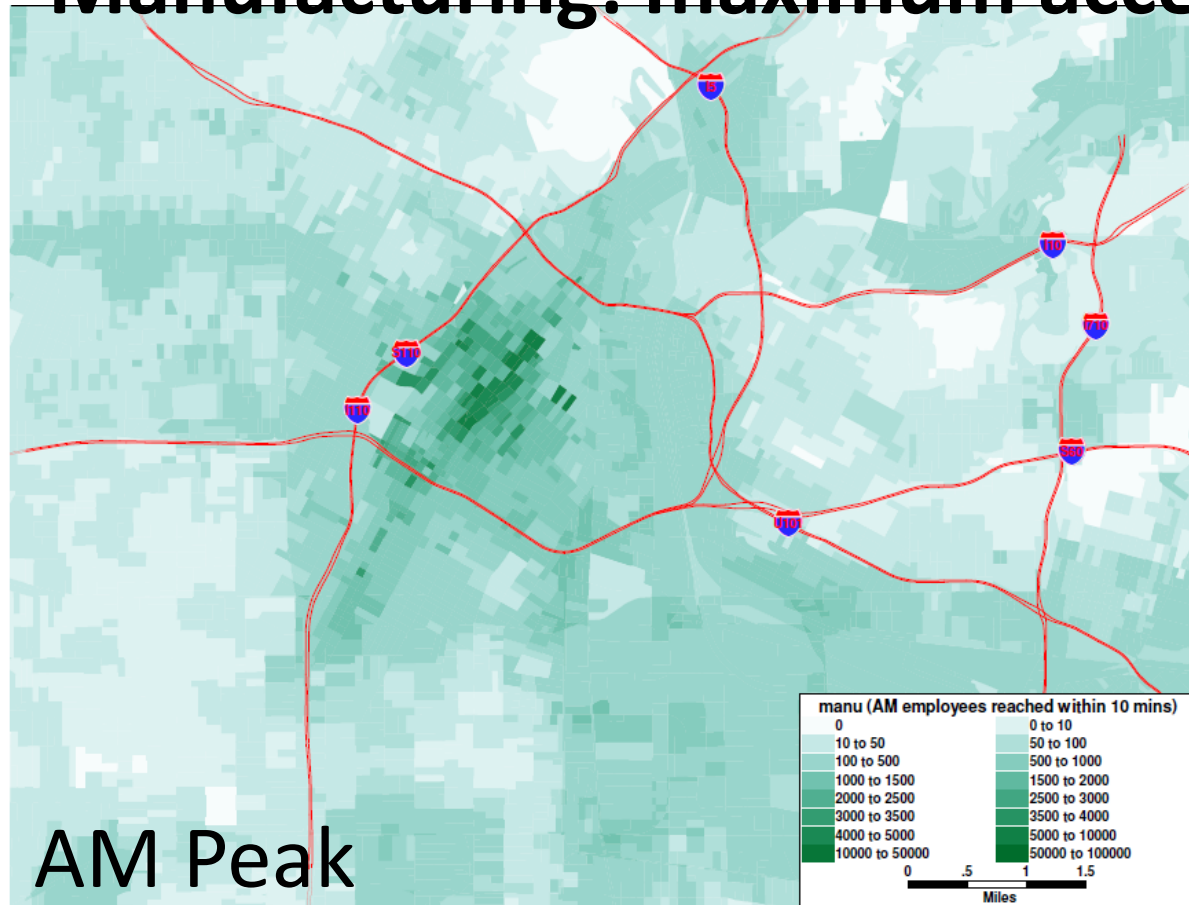




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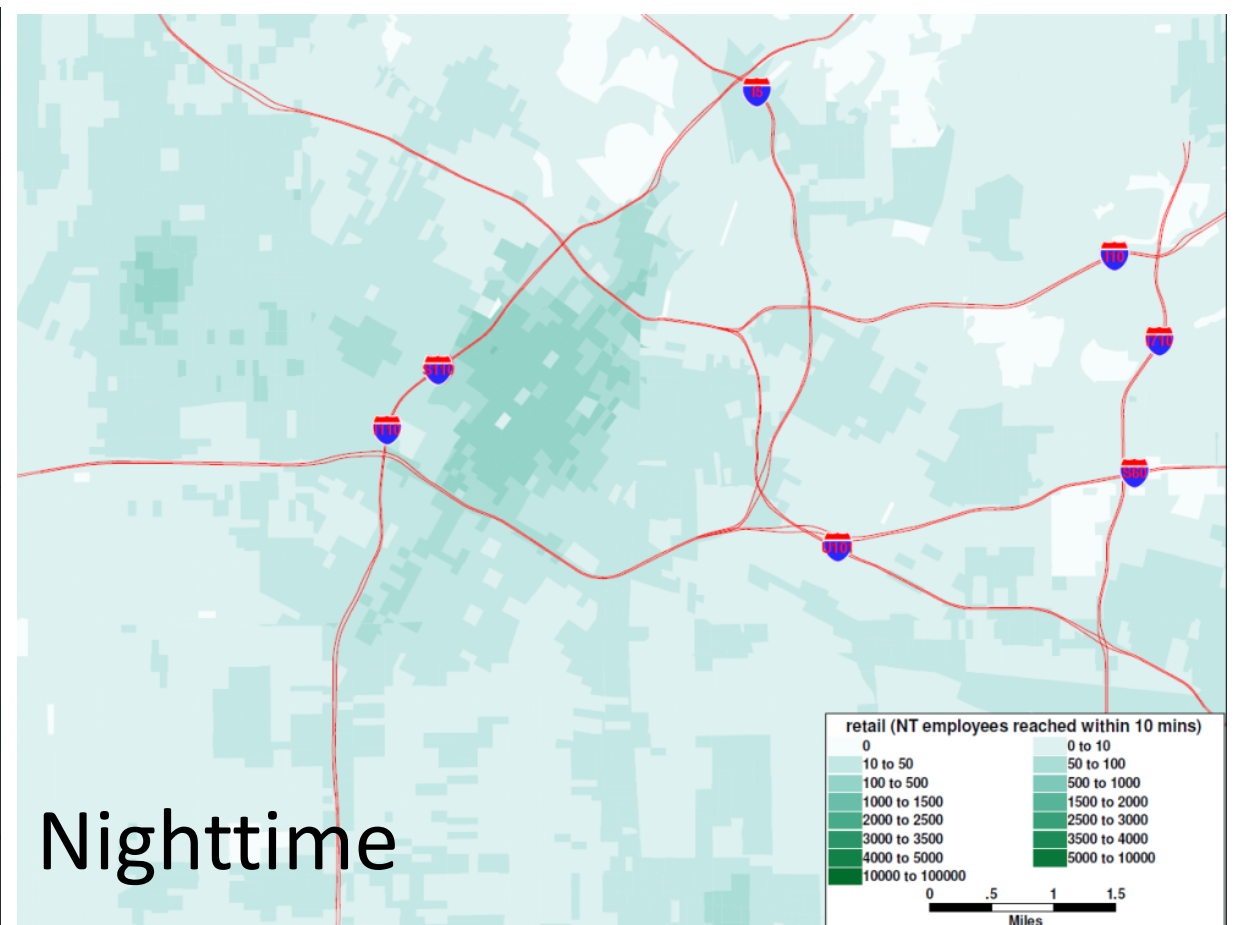
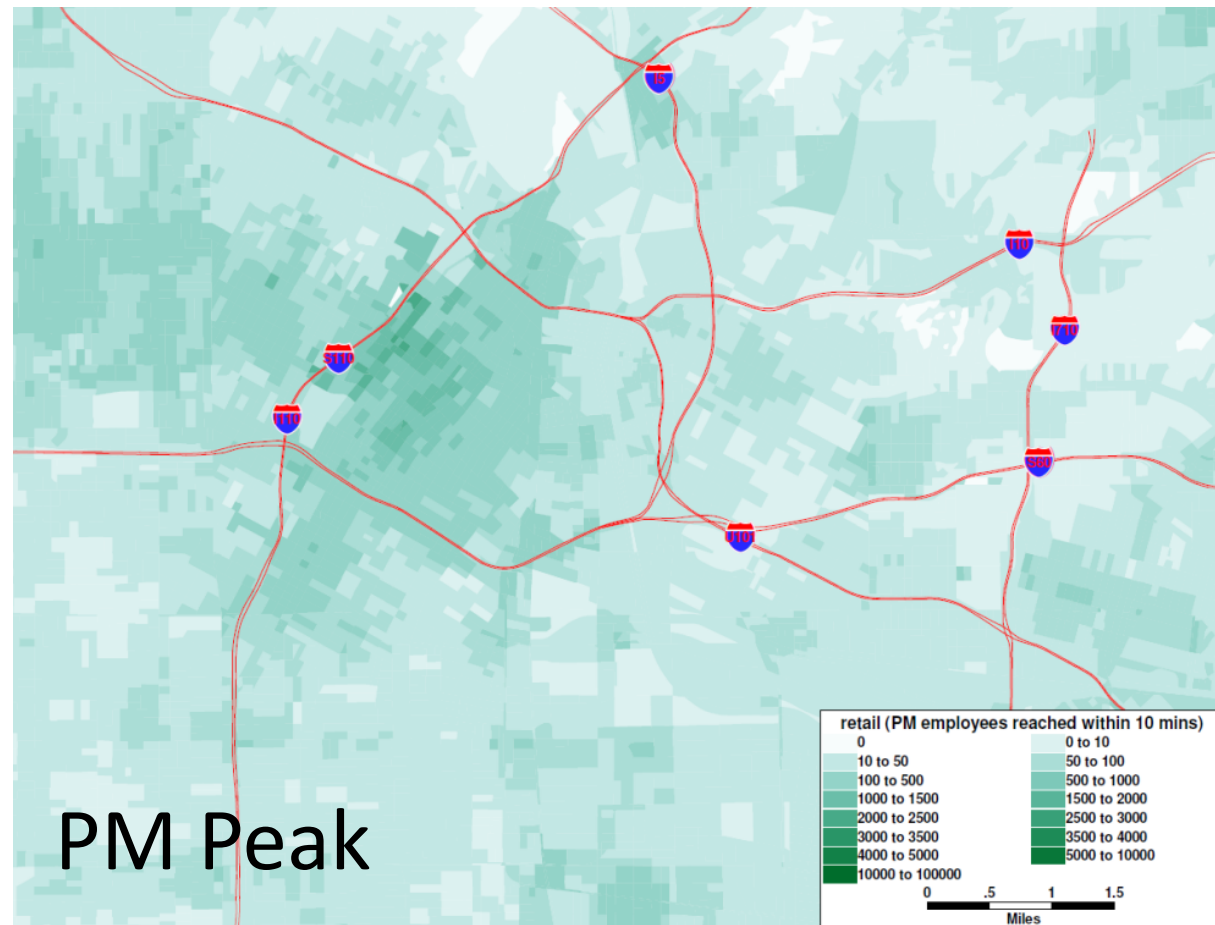
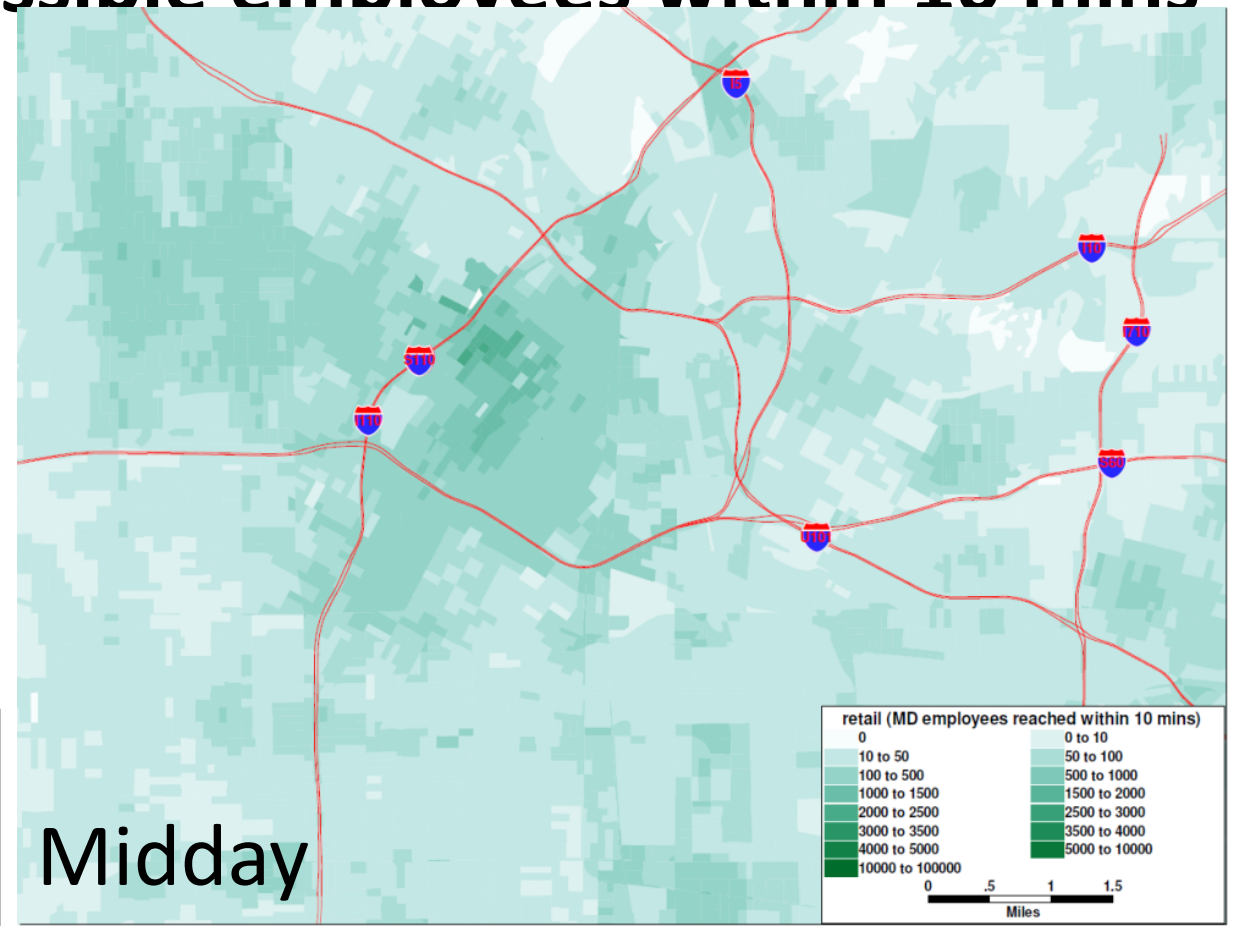
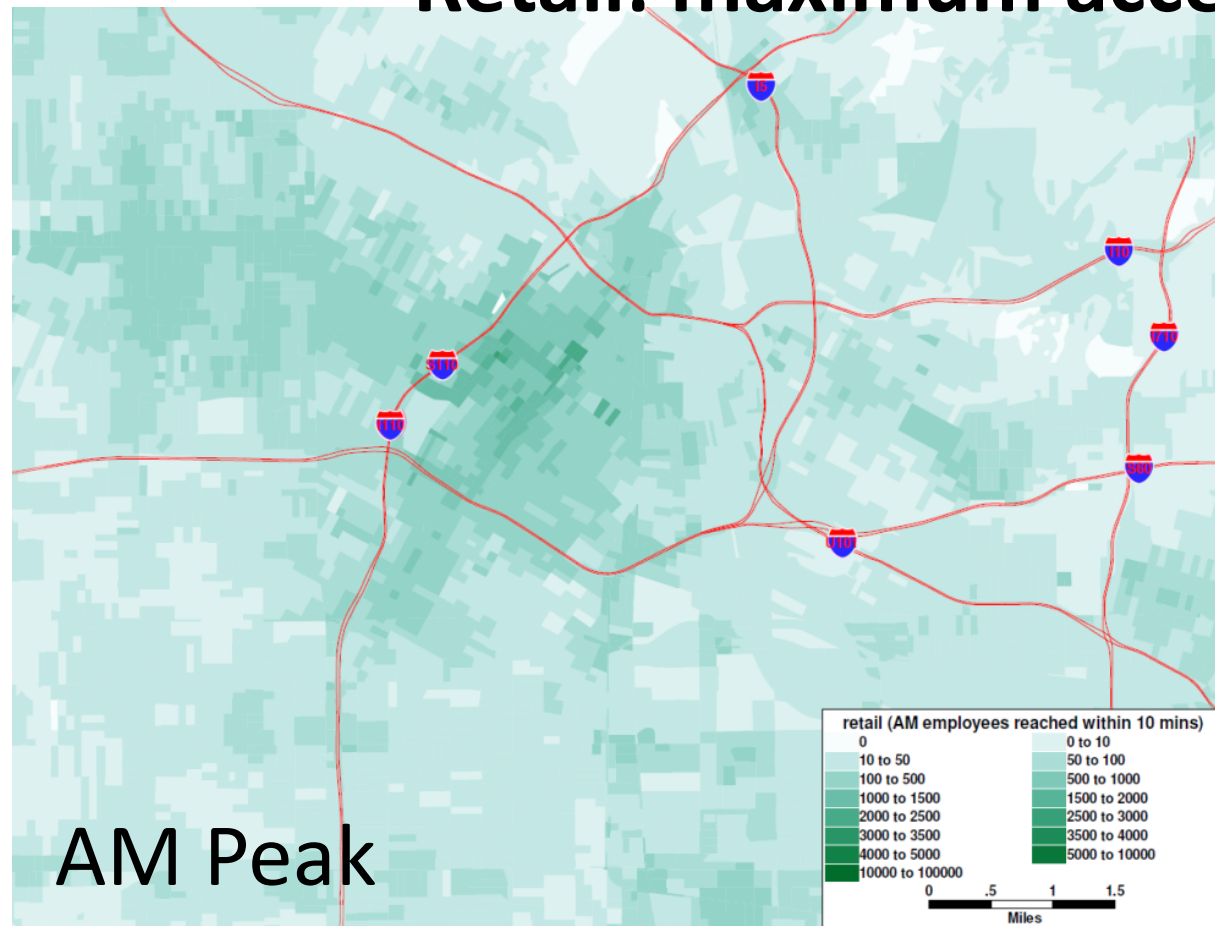


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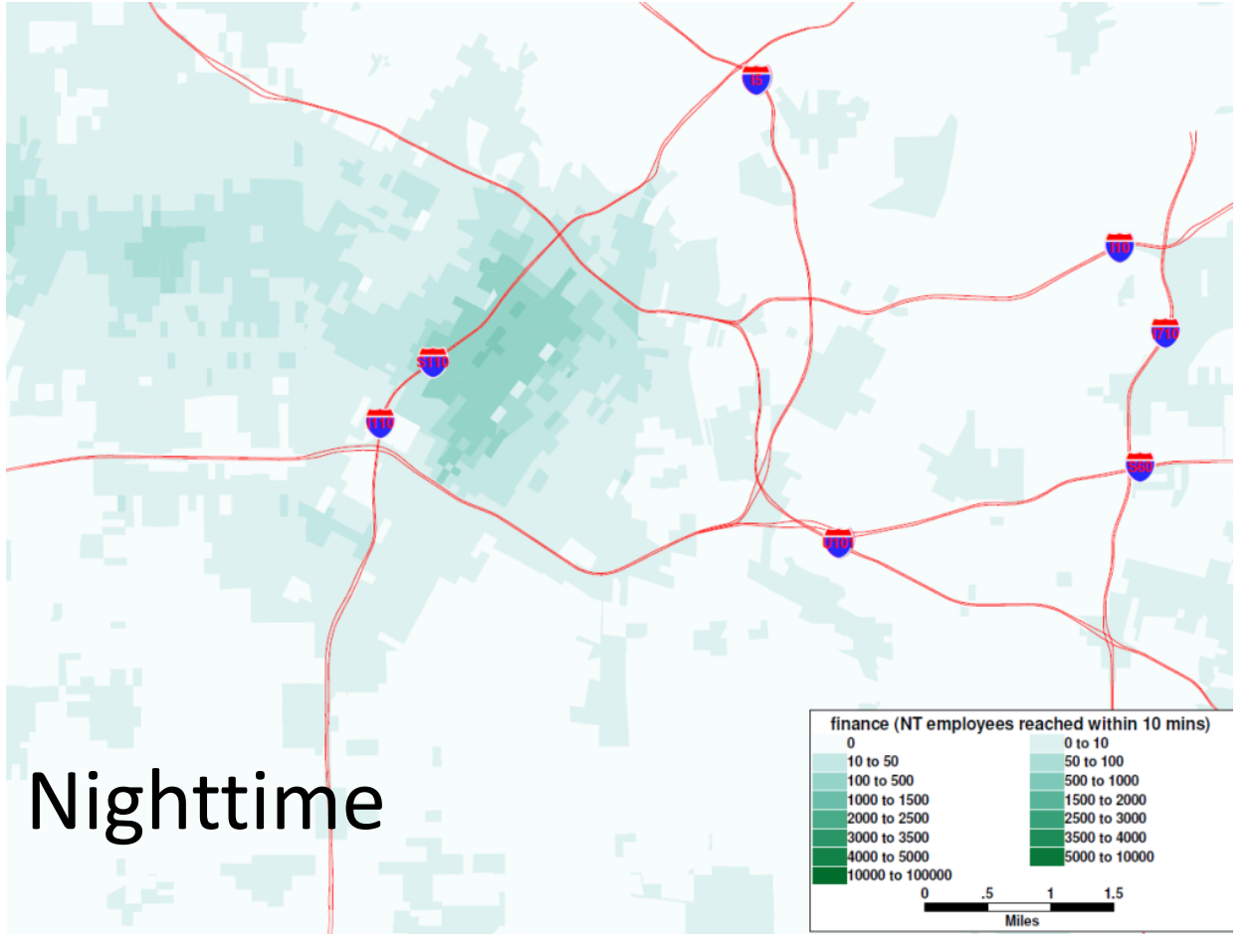
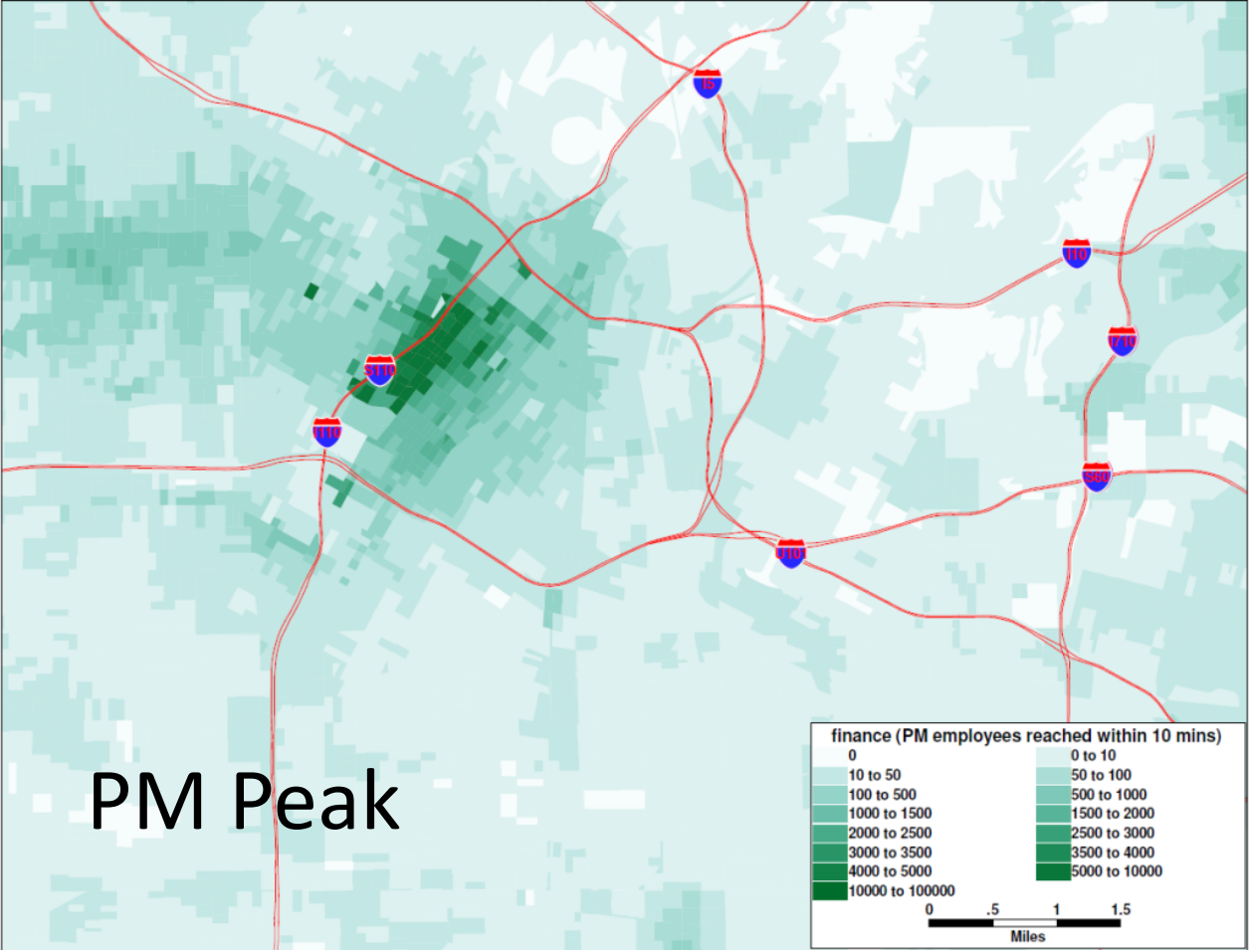
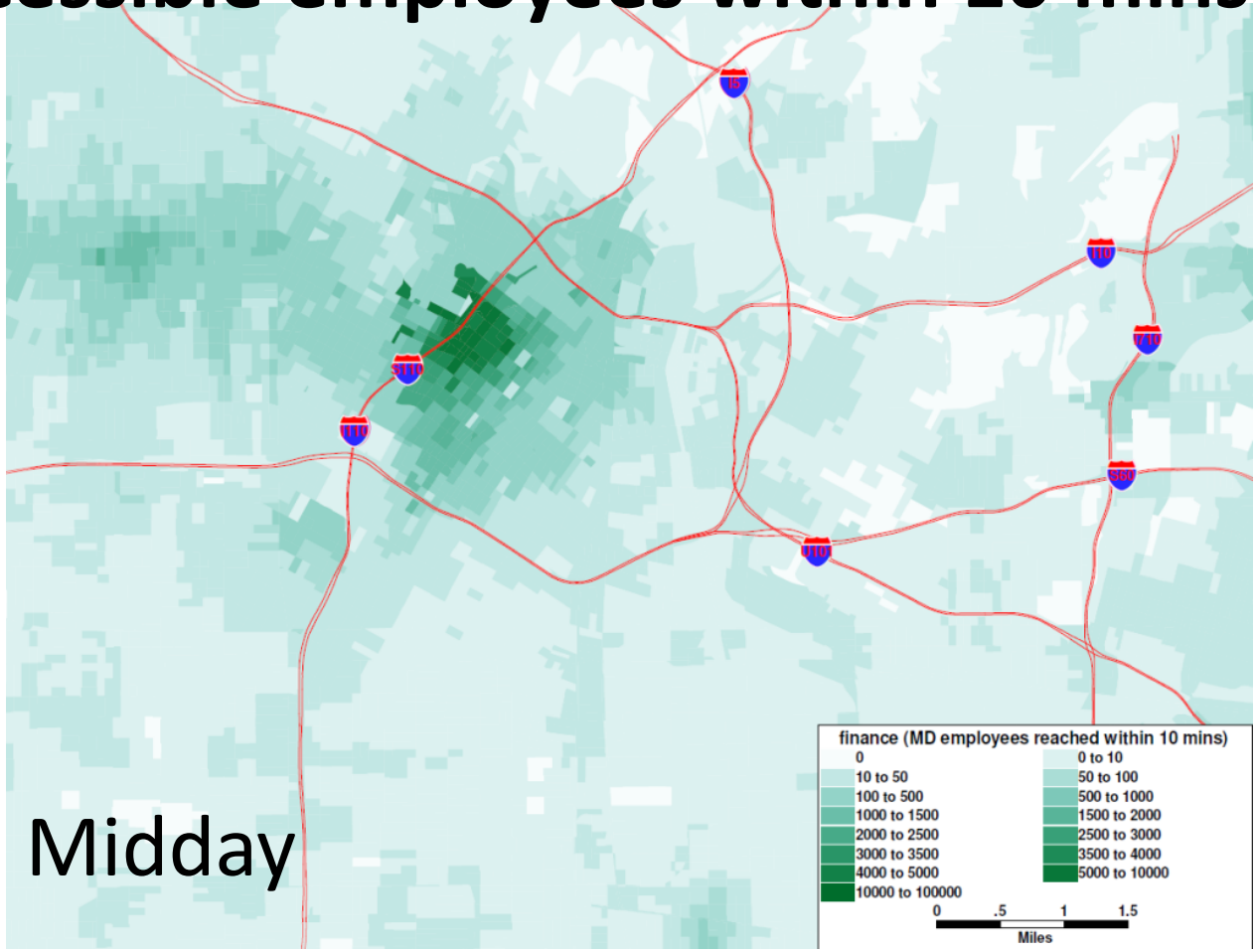
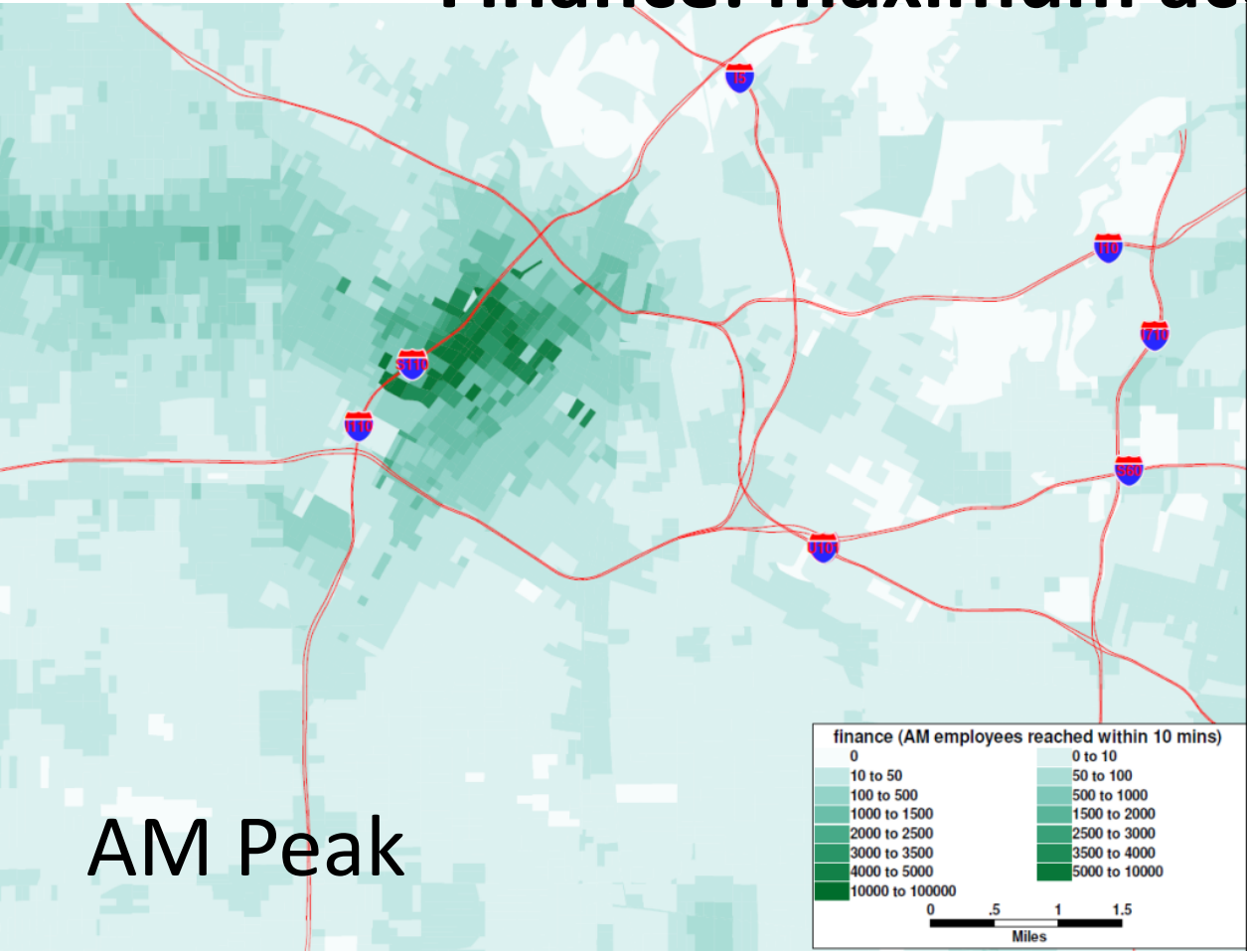




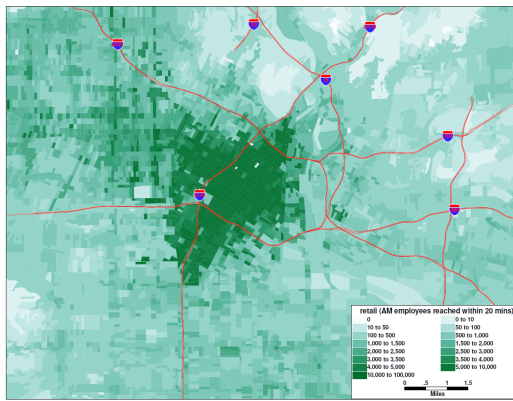
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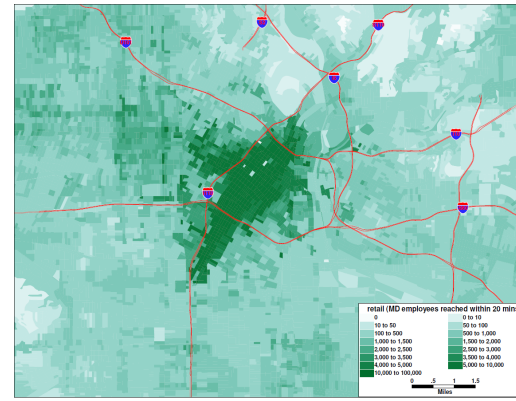
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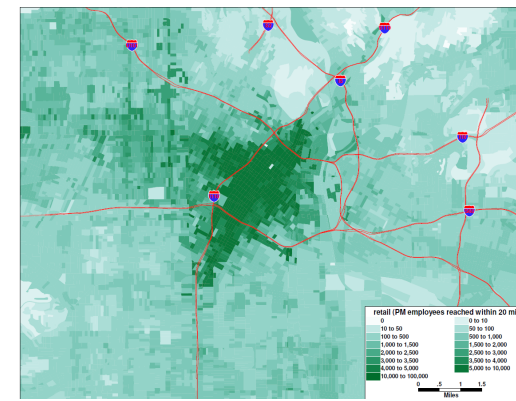




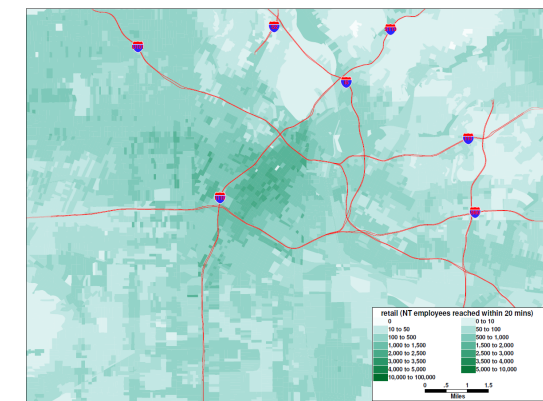
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Midday



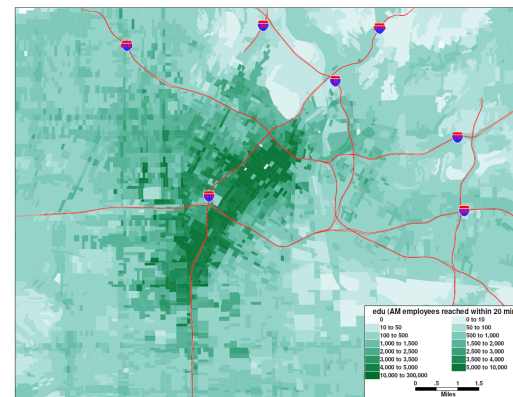
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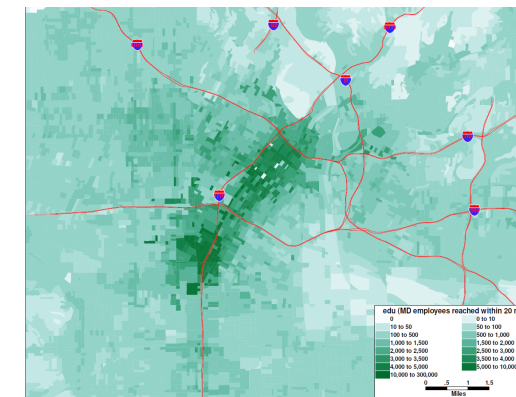
Night Time

Maximum number of reachable retail employees for a 20-minute buffer by transit by time of day in Central Los Angeles.

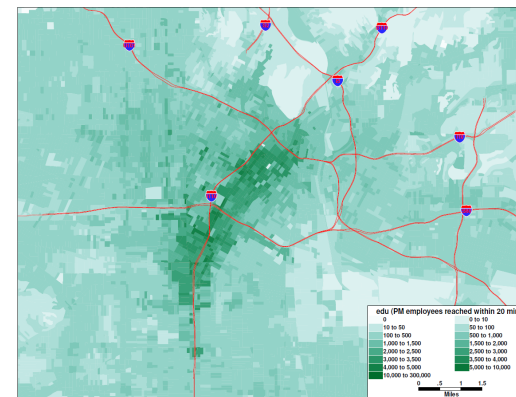
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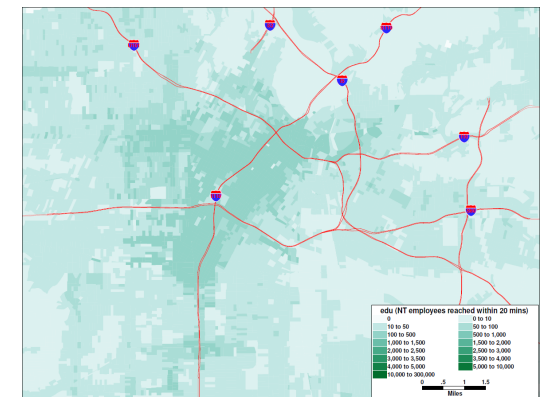
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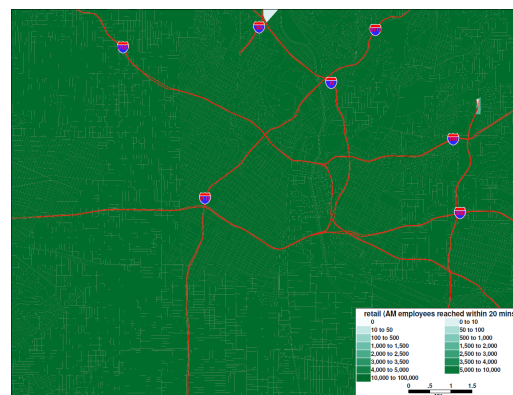


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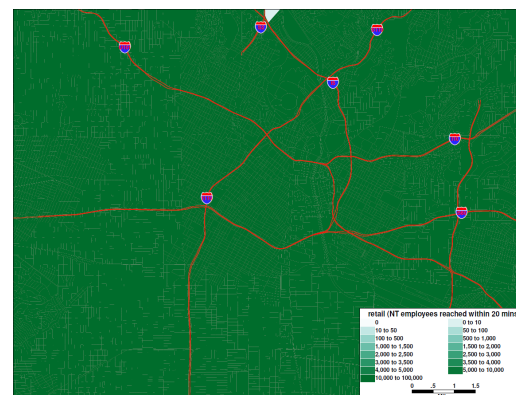


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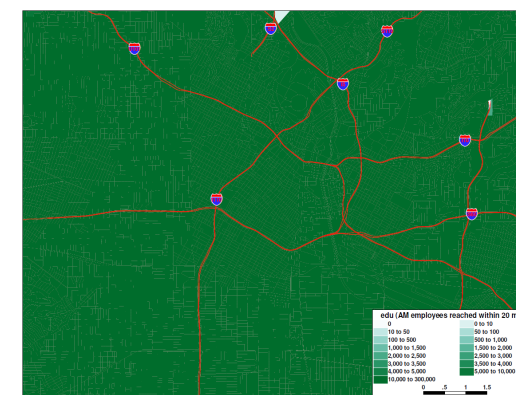
Maximum number of reachable education employees for a 20-minute buffer by transit by time of day in Central Los Angeles.



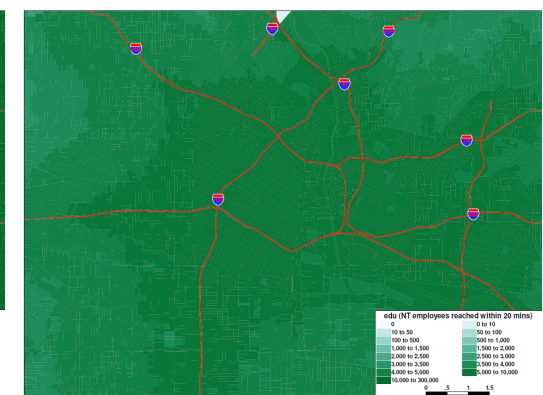
AM Peak



Night Time



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Night Time

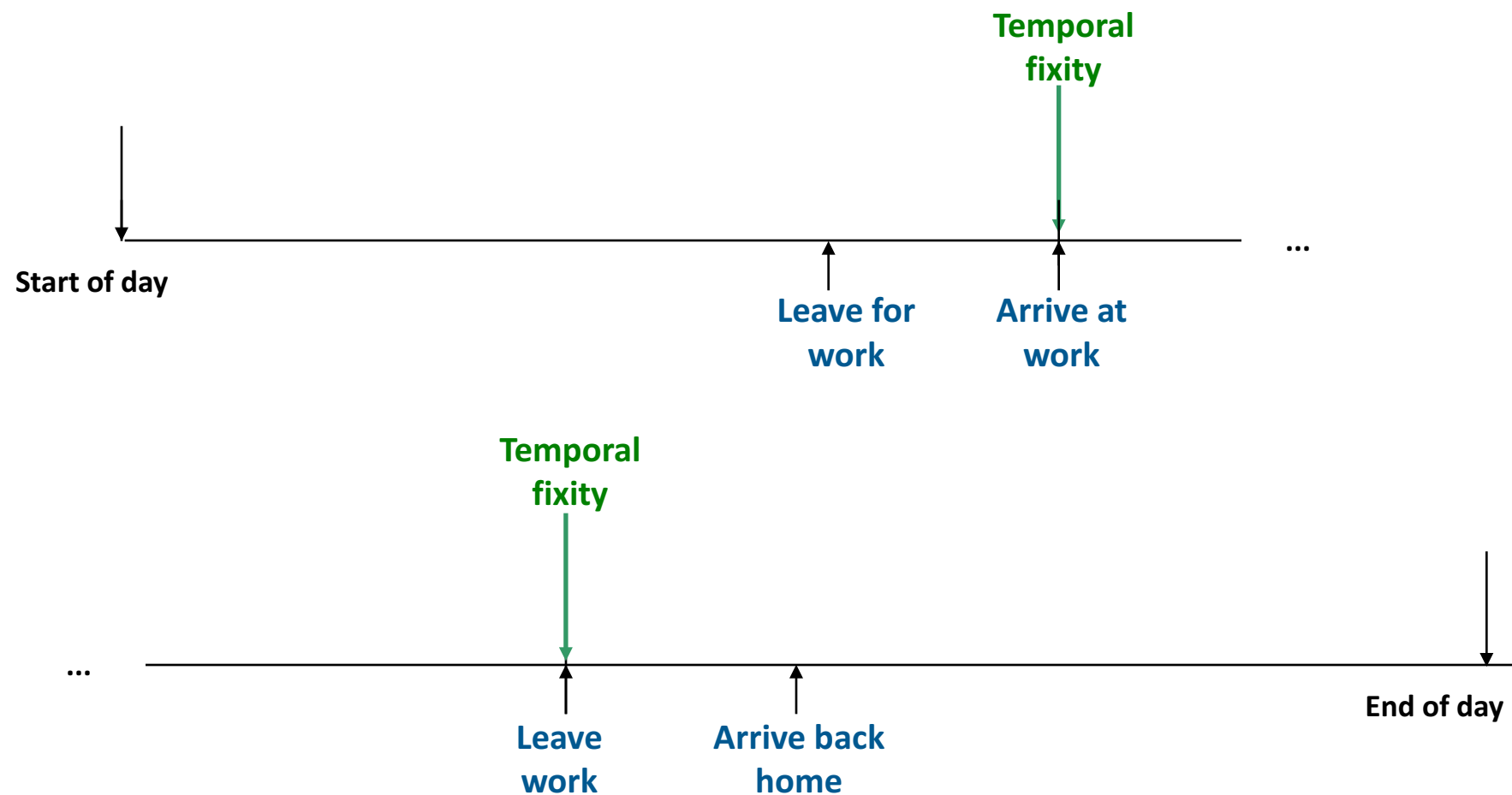
Maximum number of reachable retail employees for a 20-minute buffer by time of day in Central Los Angeles by Private Car

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# Representing Activity-travel Patterns

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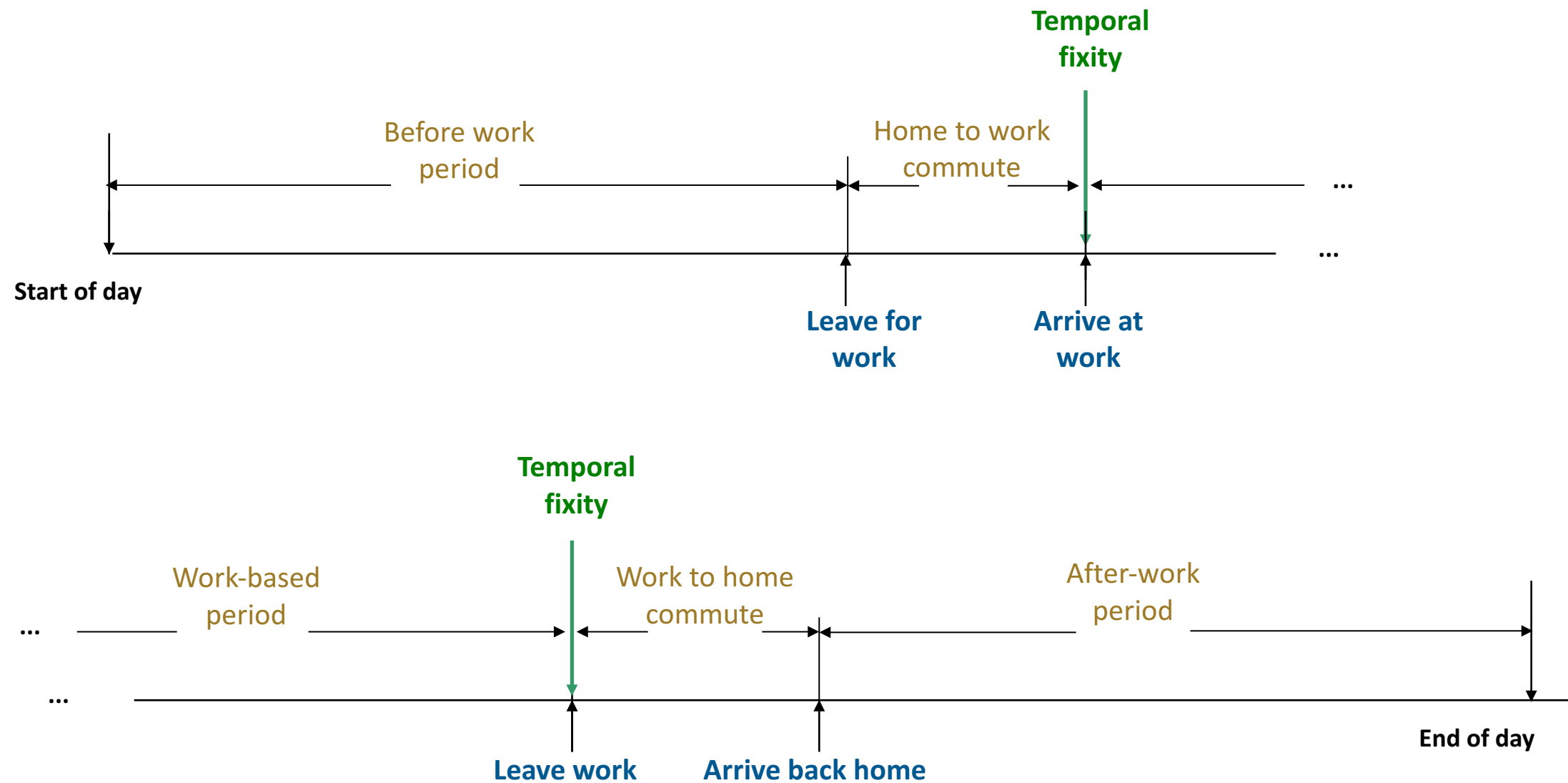
**Workers**



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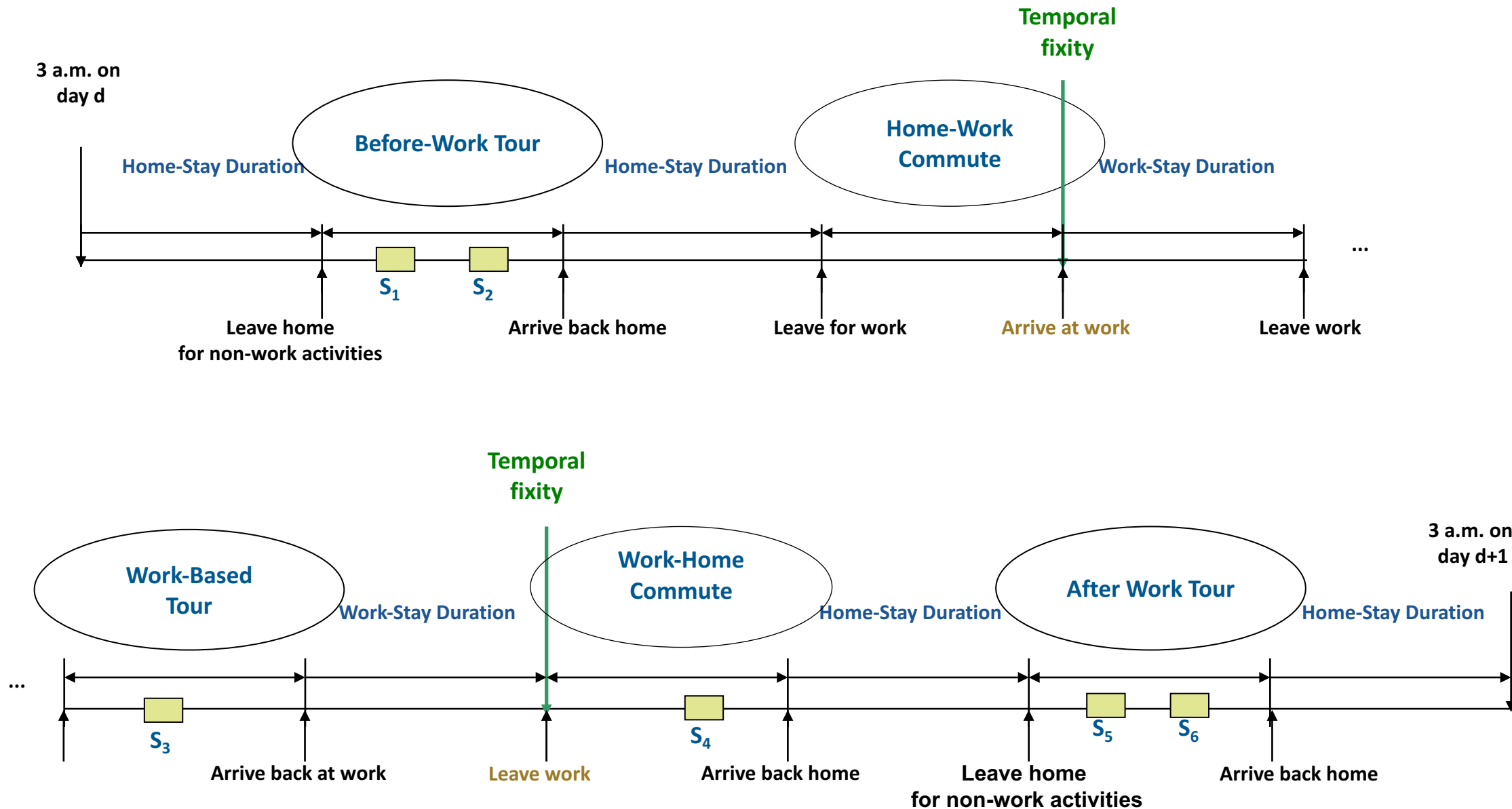
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## Workers

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# Representing Activity-travel Patterns

## *Workers*

- Start and end times of the work activity
- For the Work-Home and Home-Work commutes:
  - Mode(s)
  - Number of stops
  - Duration
- Number of tours
  - Before work, based at work, and after work

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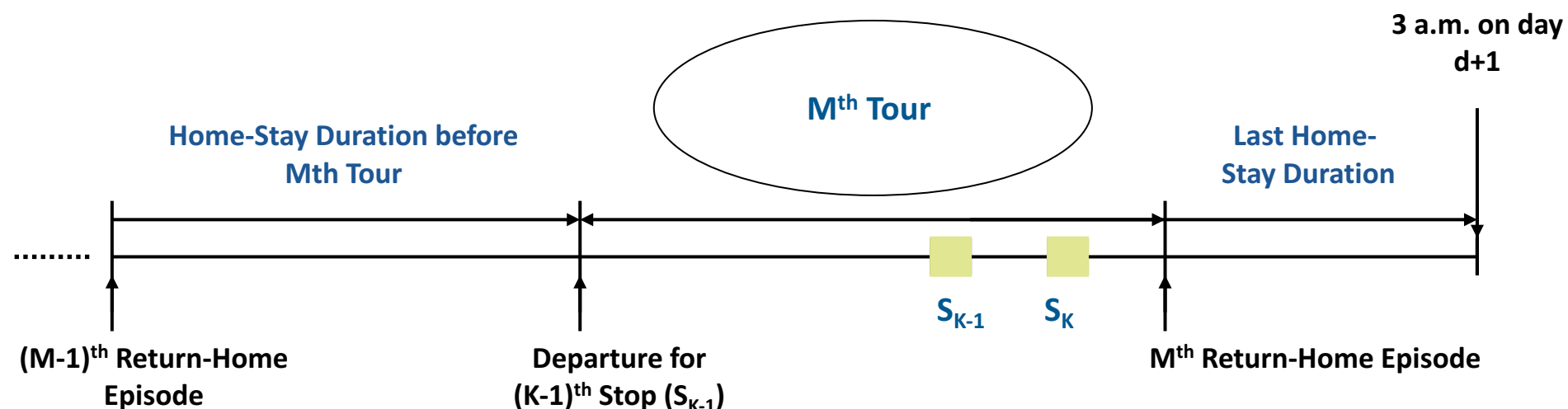
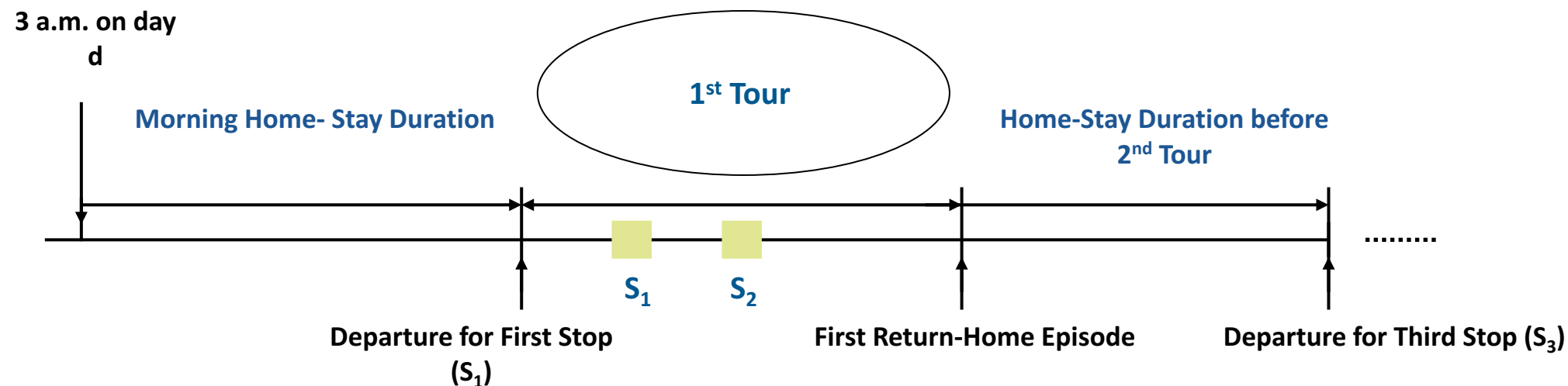
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## *Workers*

- **For each tour:**
  - Mode(s)
  - Number of stops
  - Duration
  - Home-stay duration before tour
  - Work-stay duration before tour
- **For each stop:**
  - Activity type
  - Activity duration
  - Travel time to activity
  - Location of activity
  - Mode to the location

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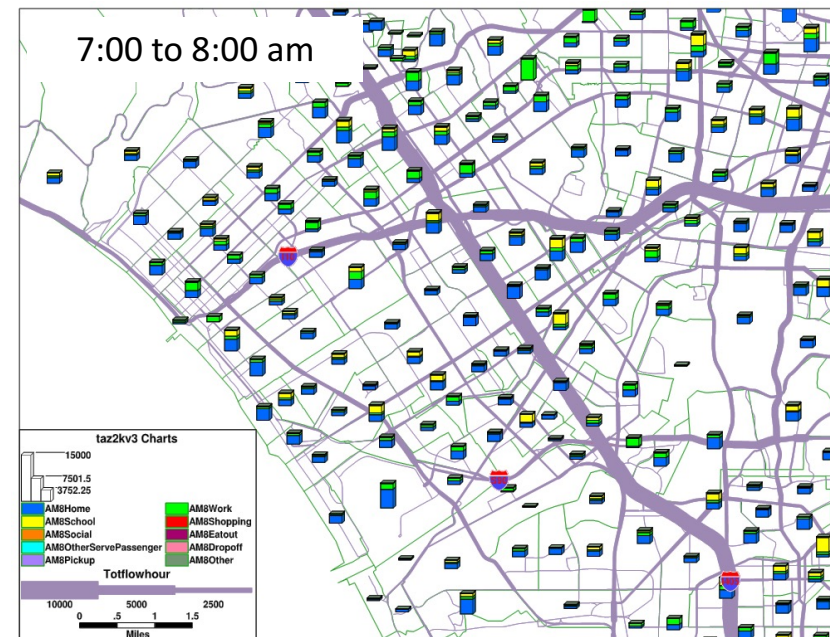
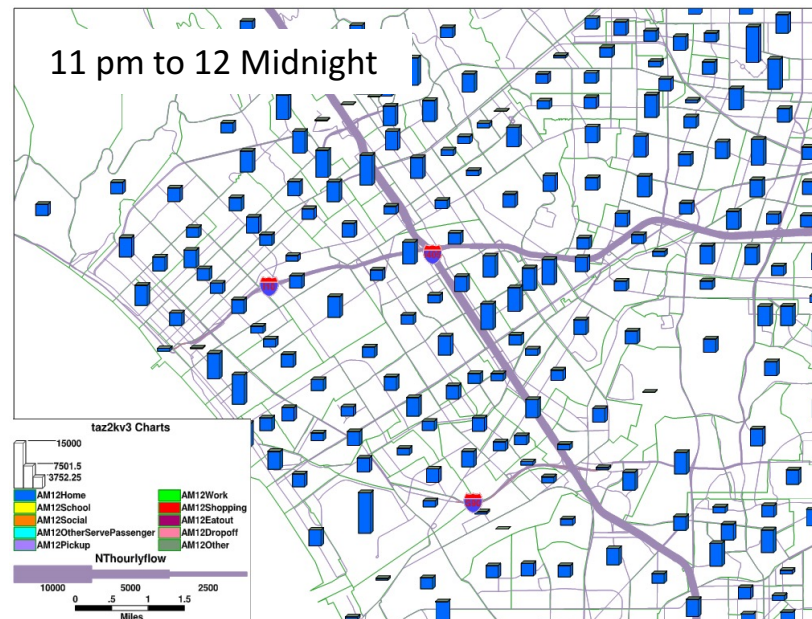


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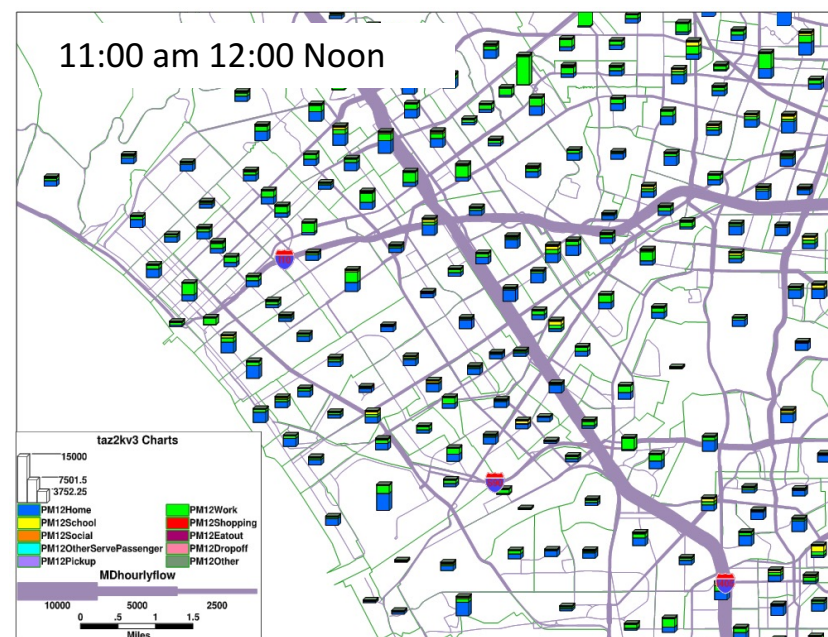
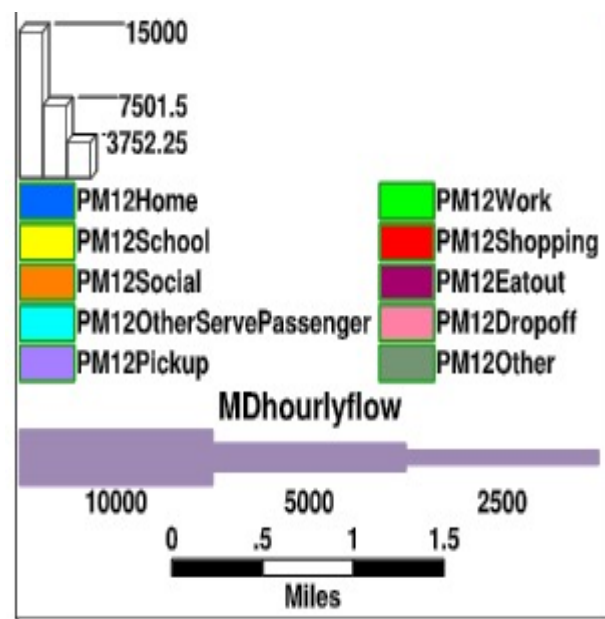
## *Non-Workers*

- Number of tours during the day
- **For each tour:**
  - Mode(s)
  - Number of stops
  - Duration
  - Home-stay duration before tour
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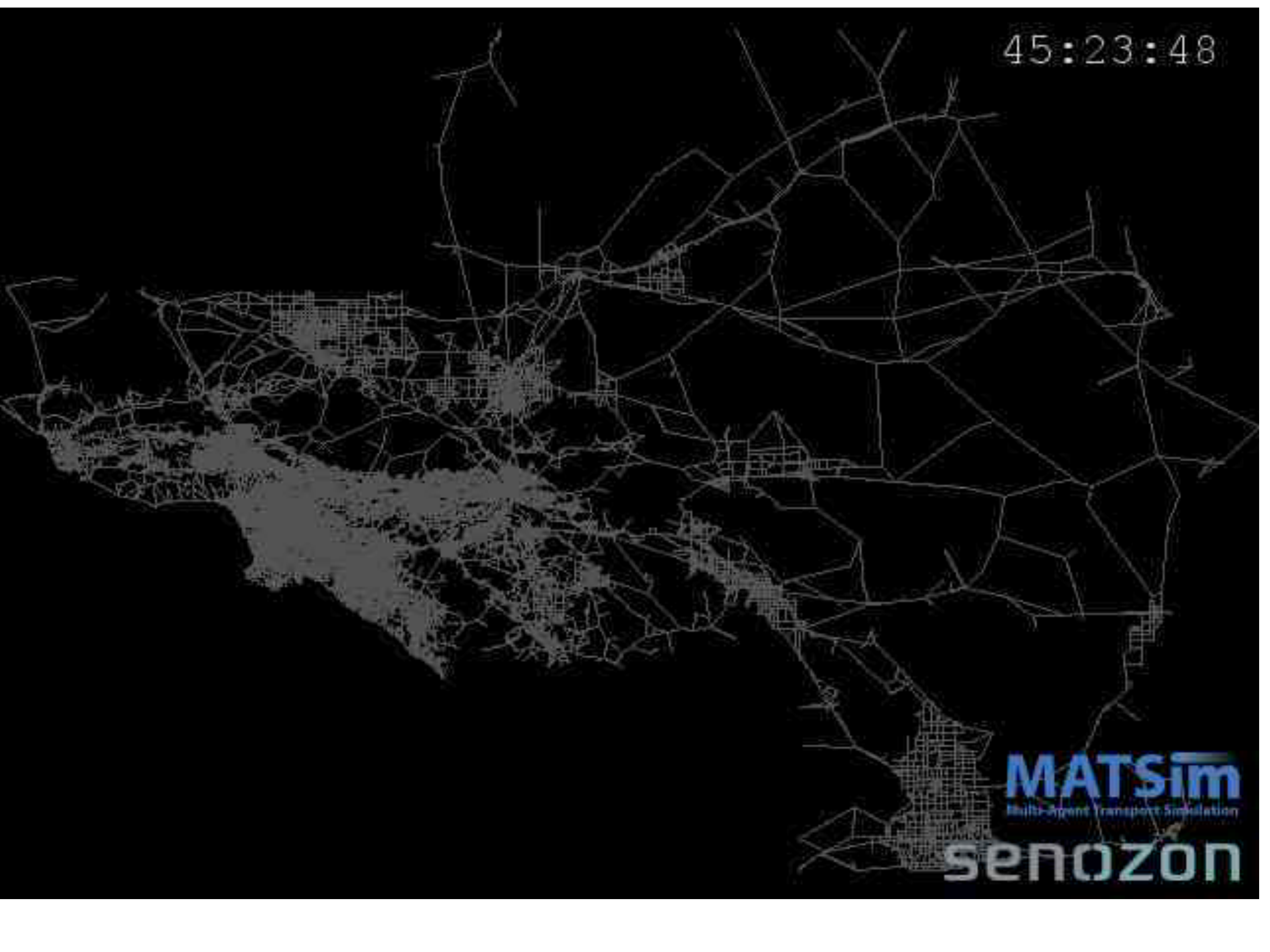


Presence of Persons at  
Places by Type of Activity





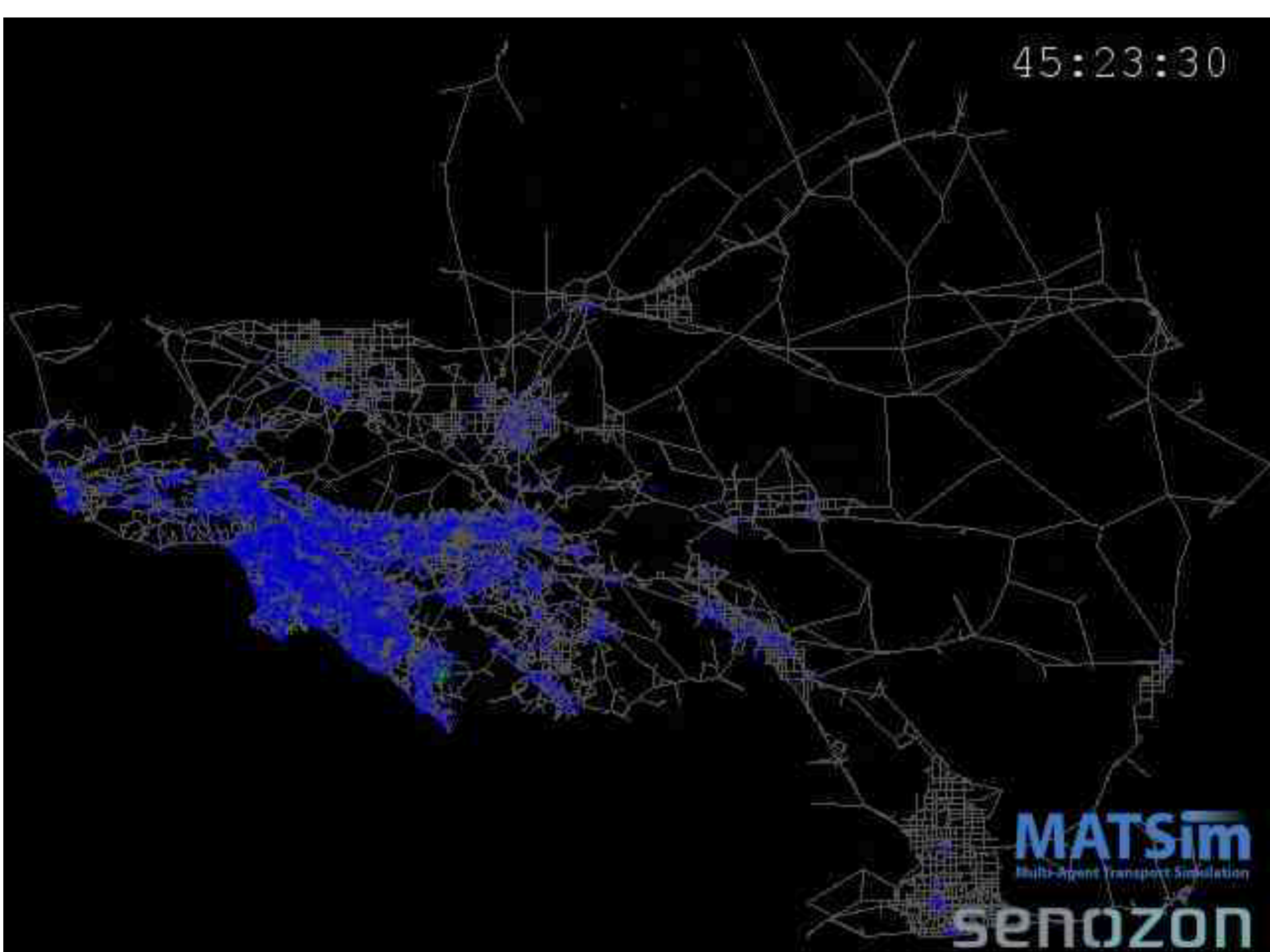
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**MATSim**  
Multi-Agent Transport Simulation

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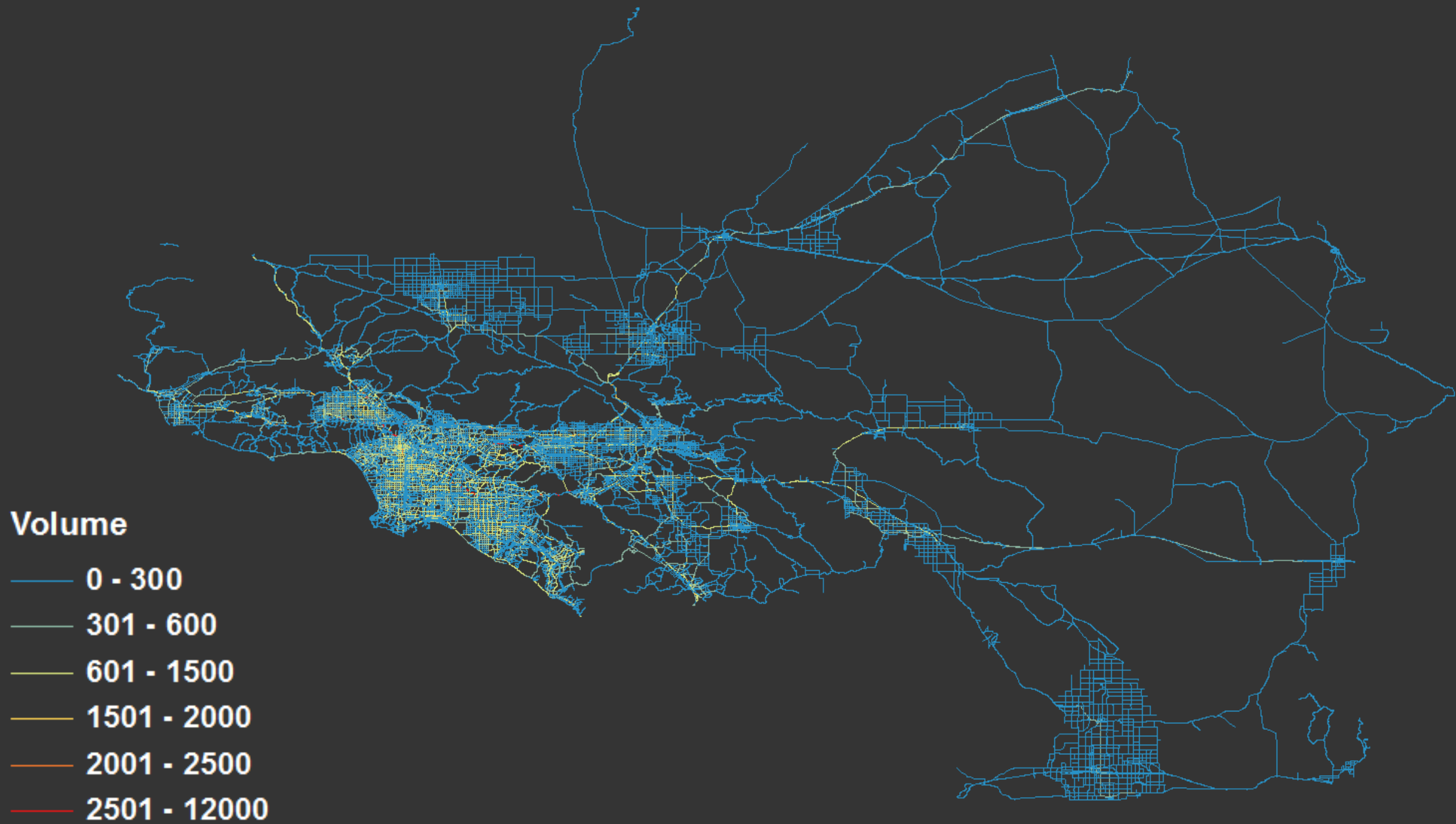
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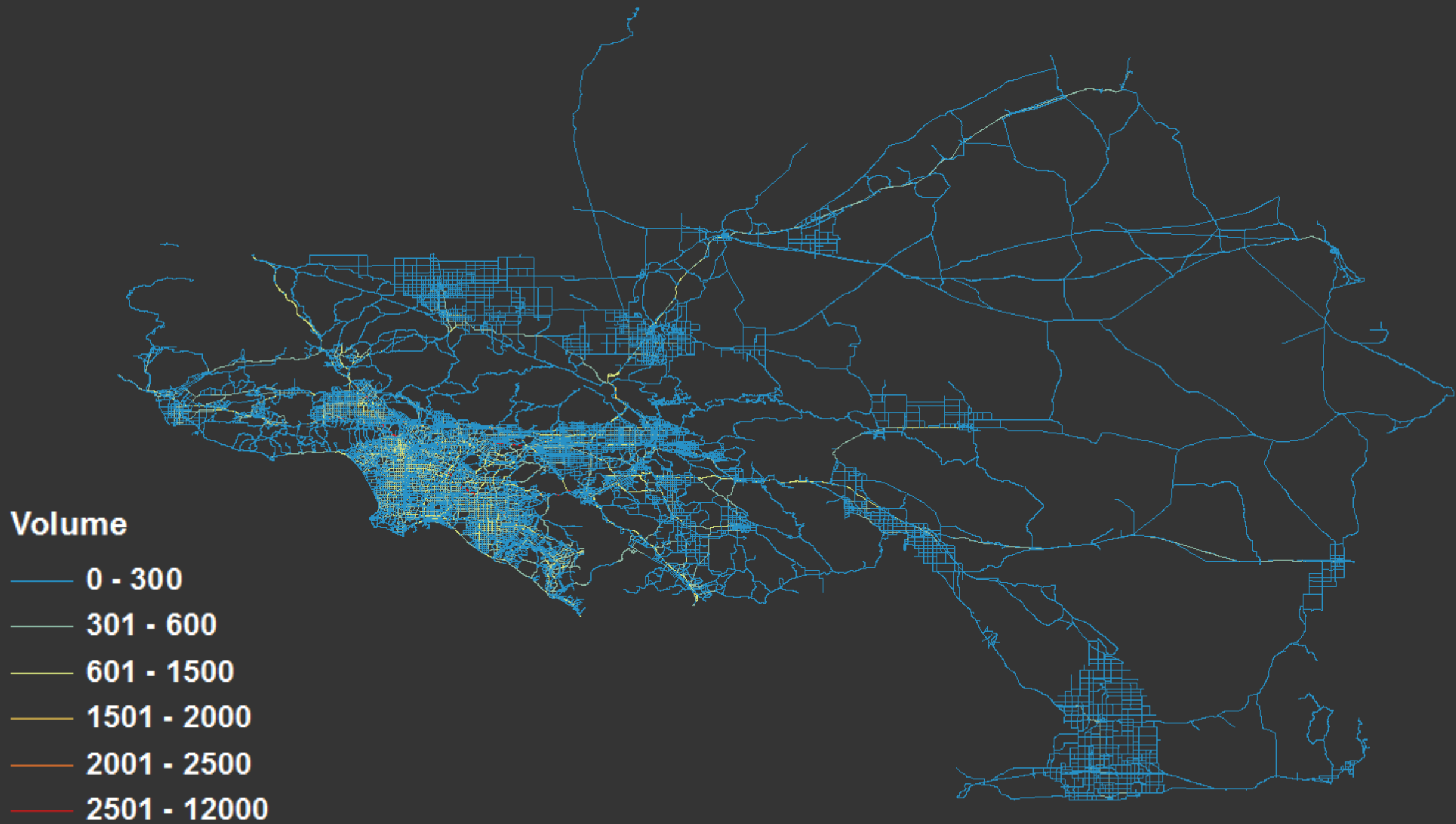
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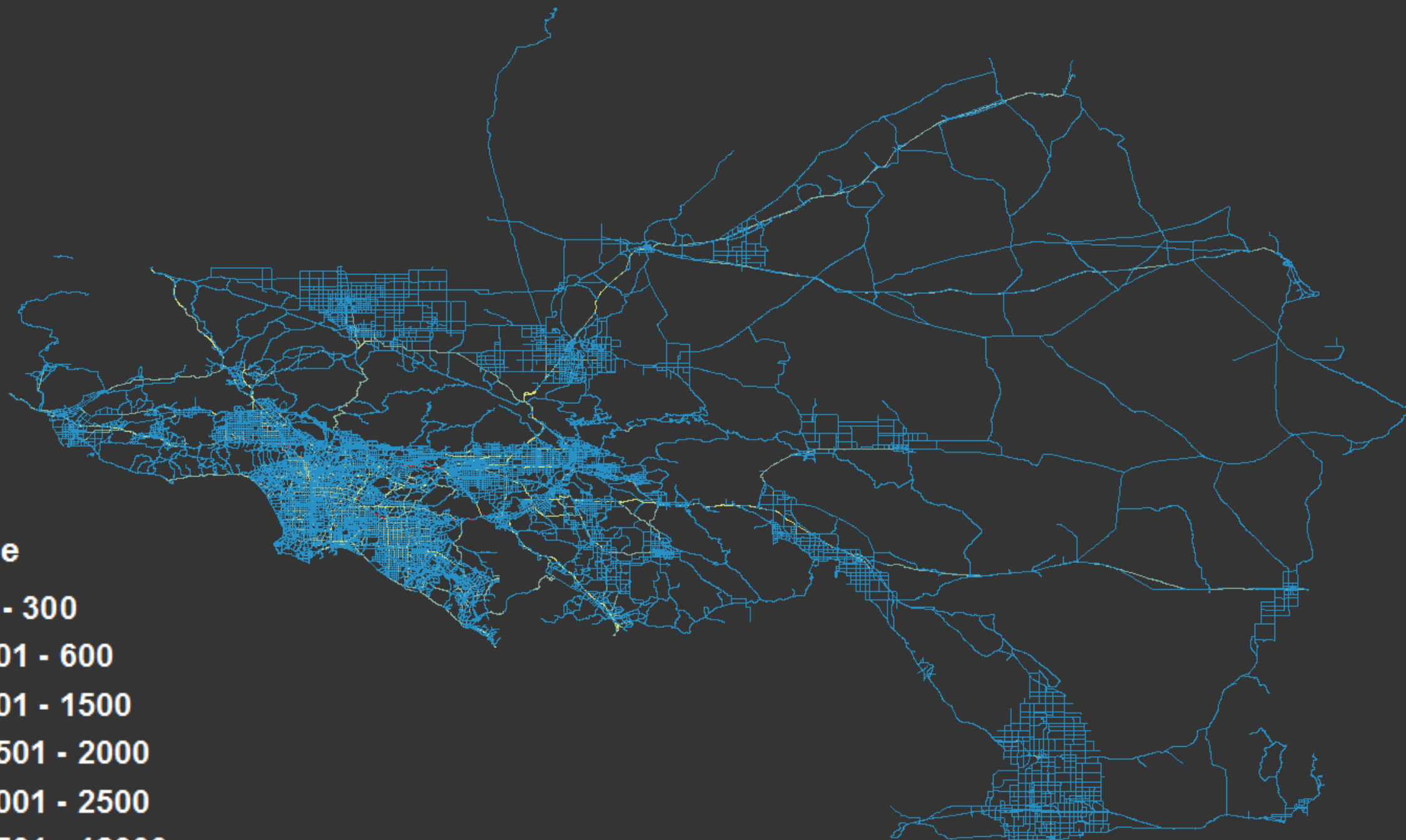
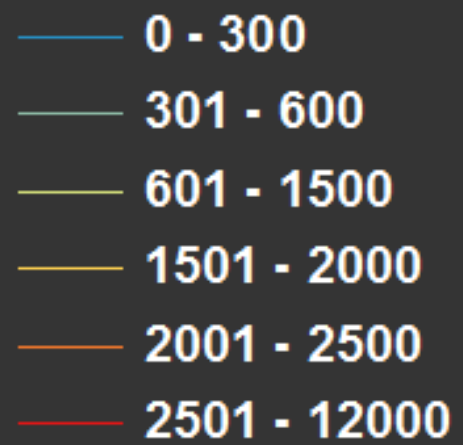


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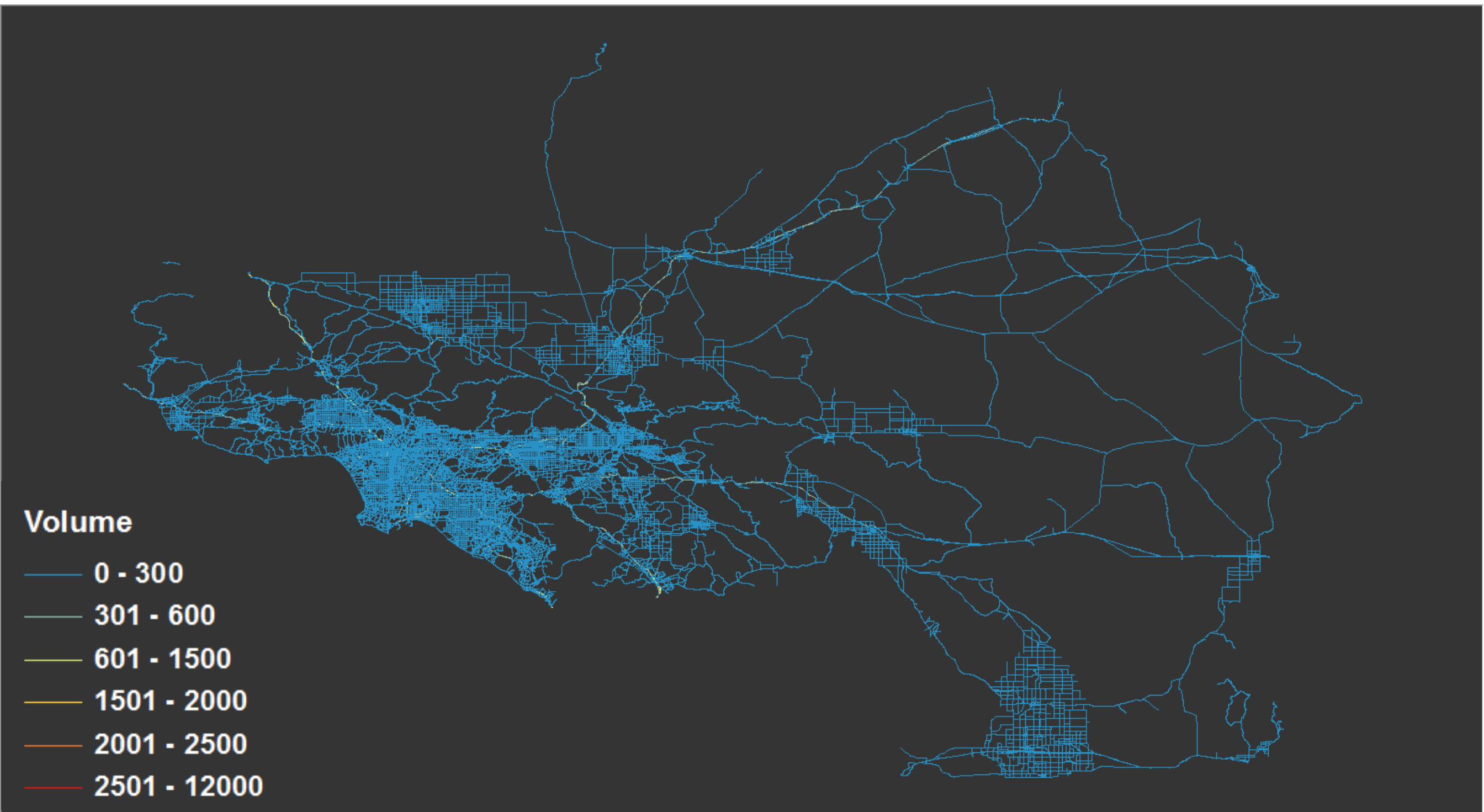


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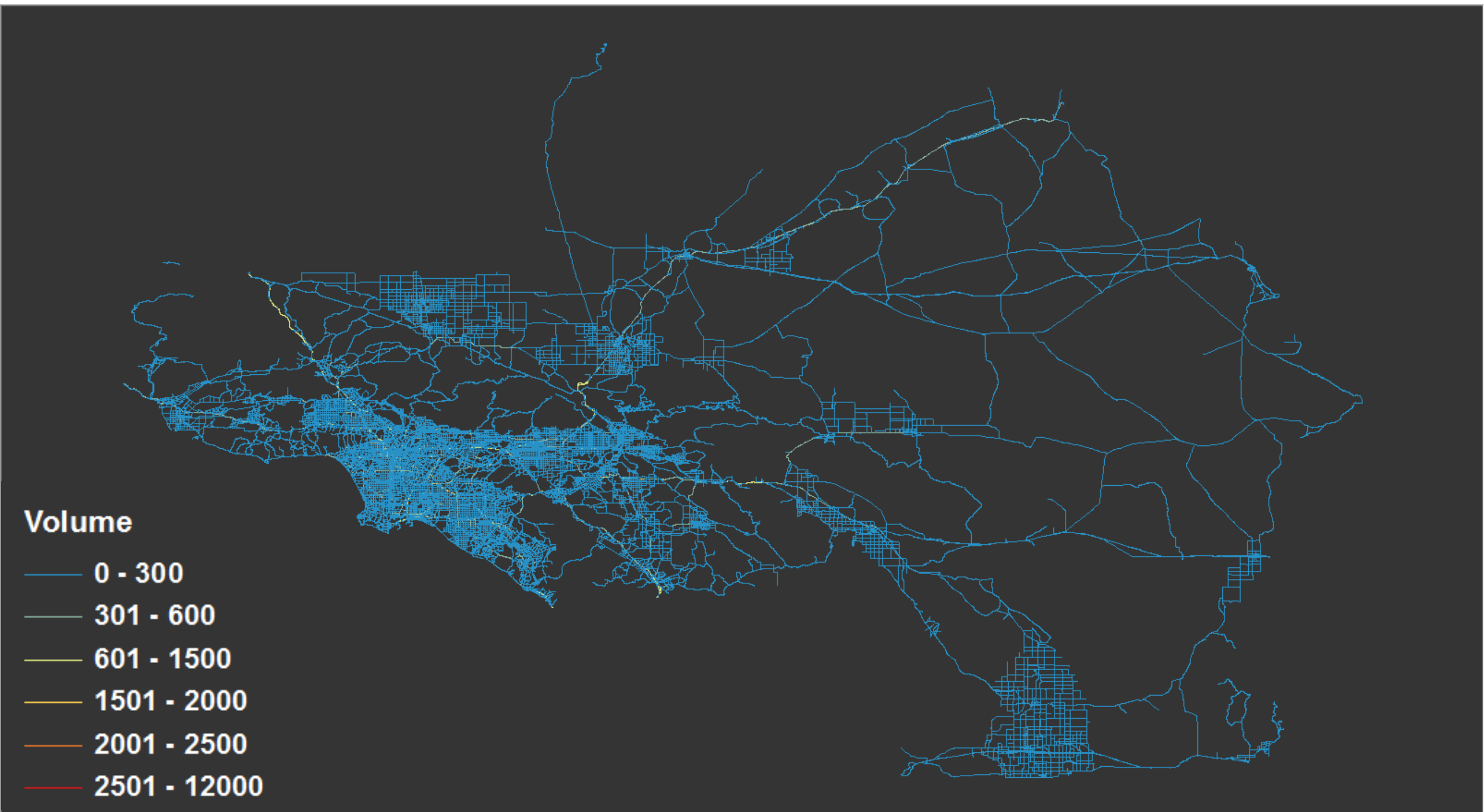
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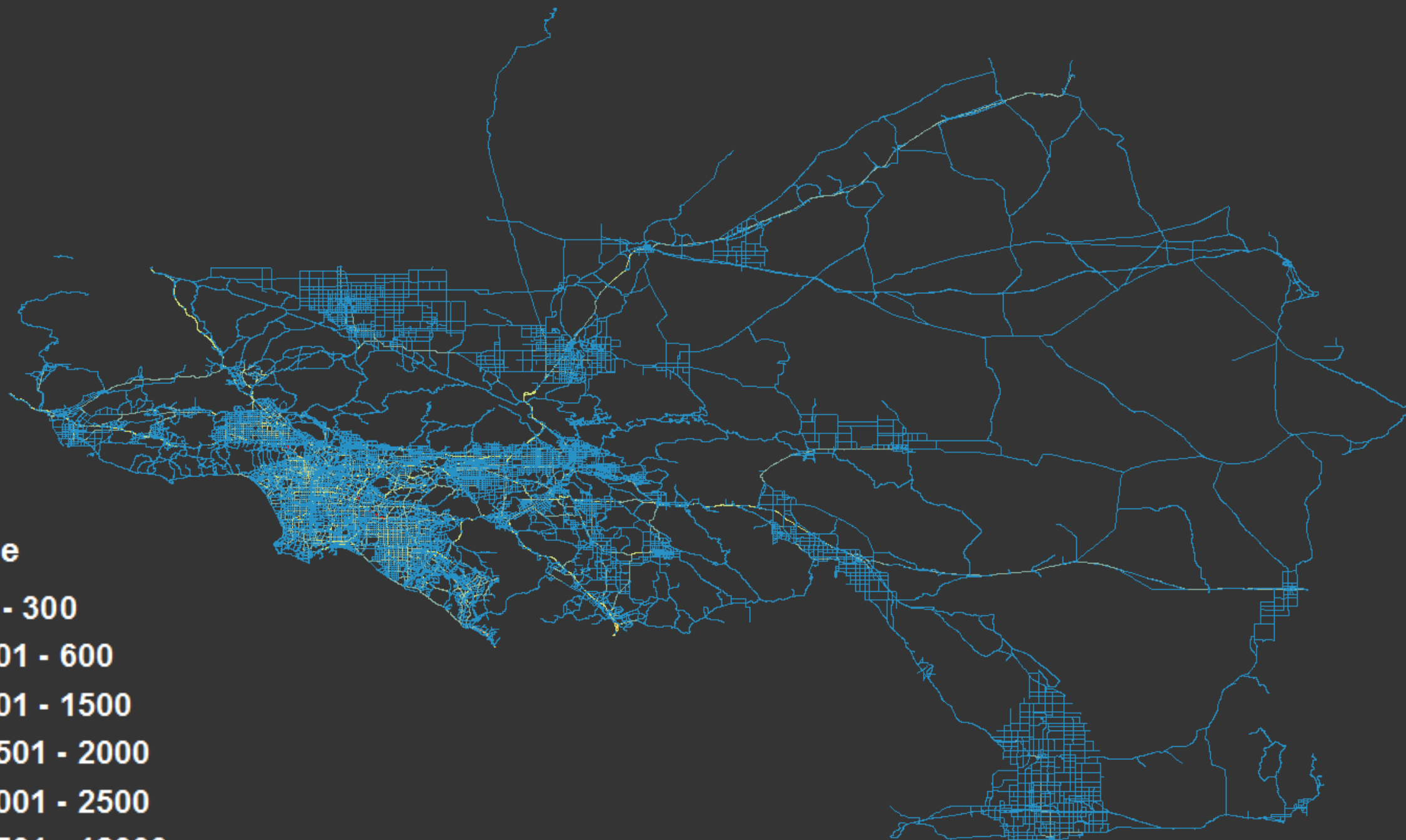
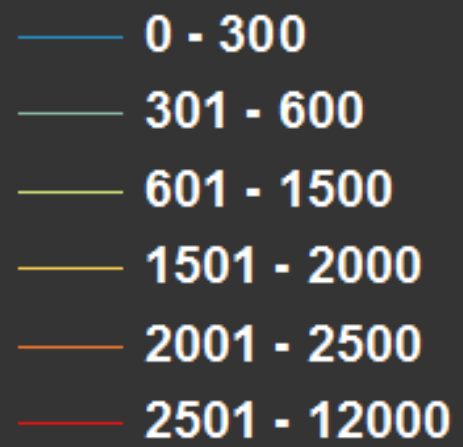


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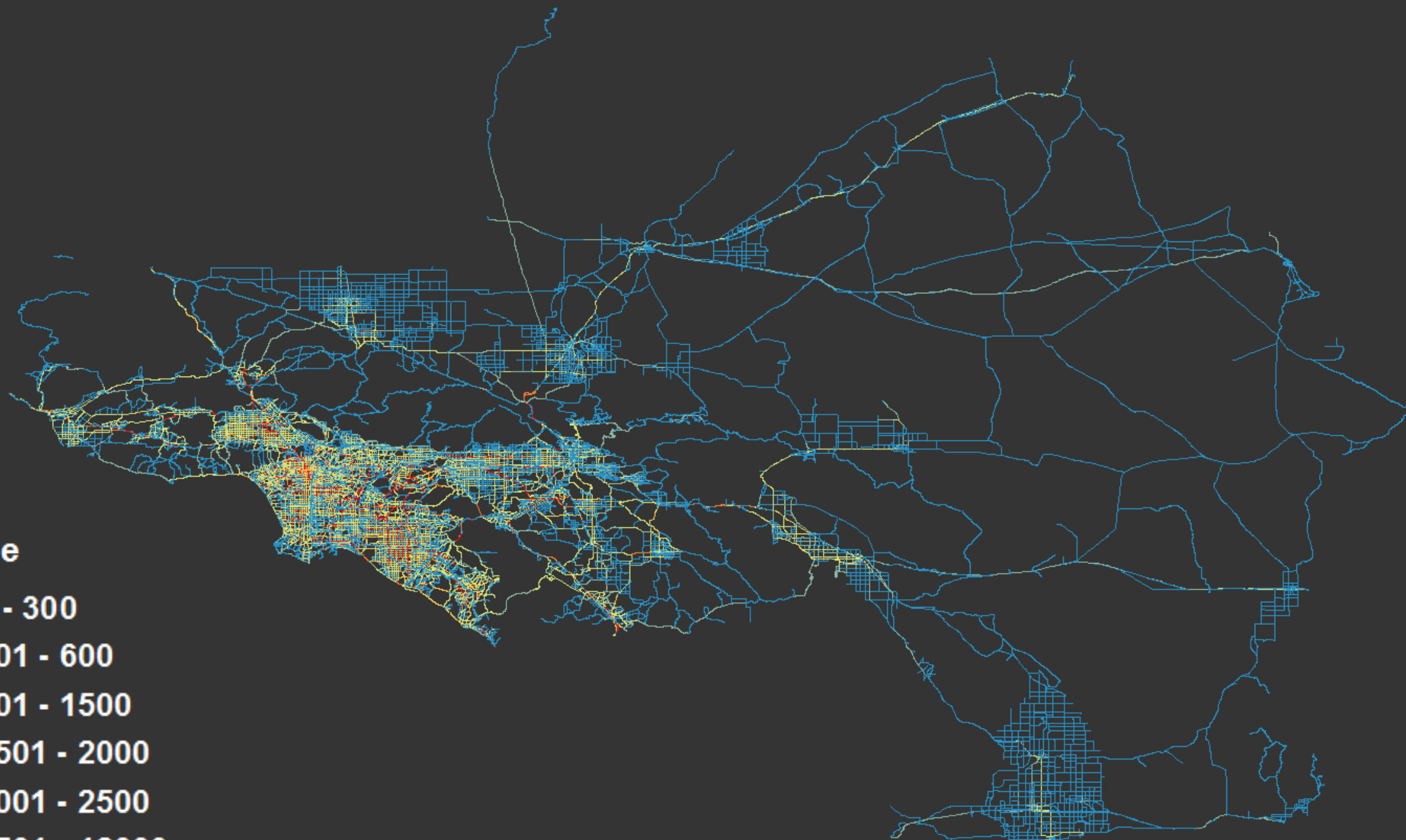
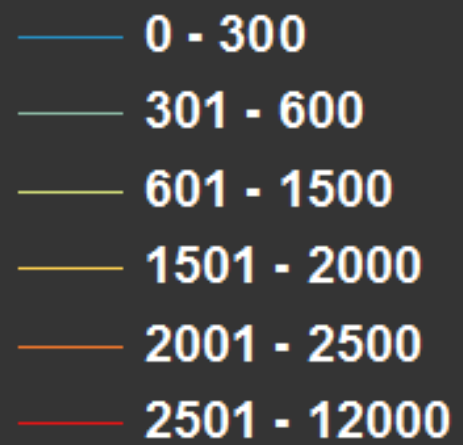
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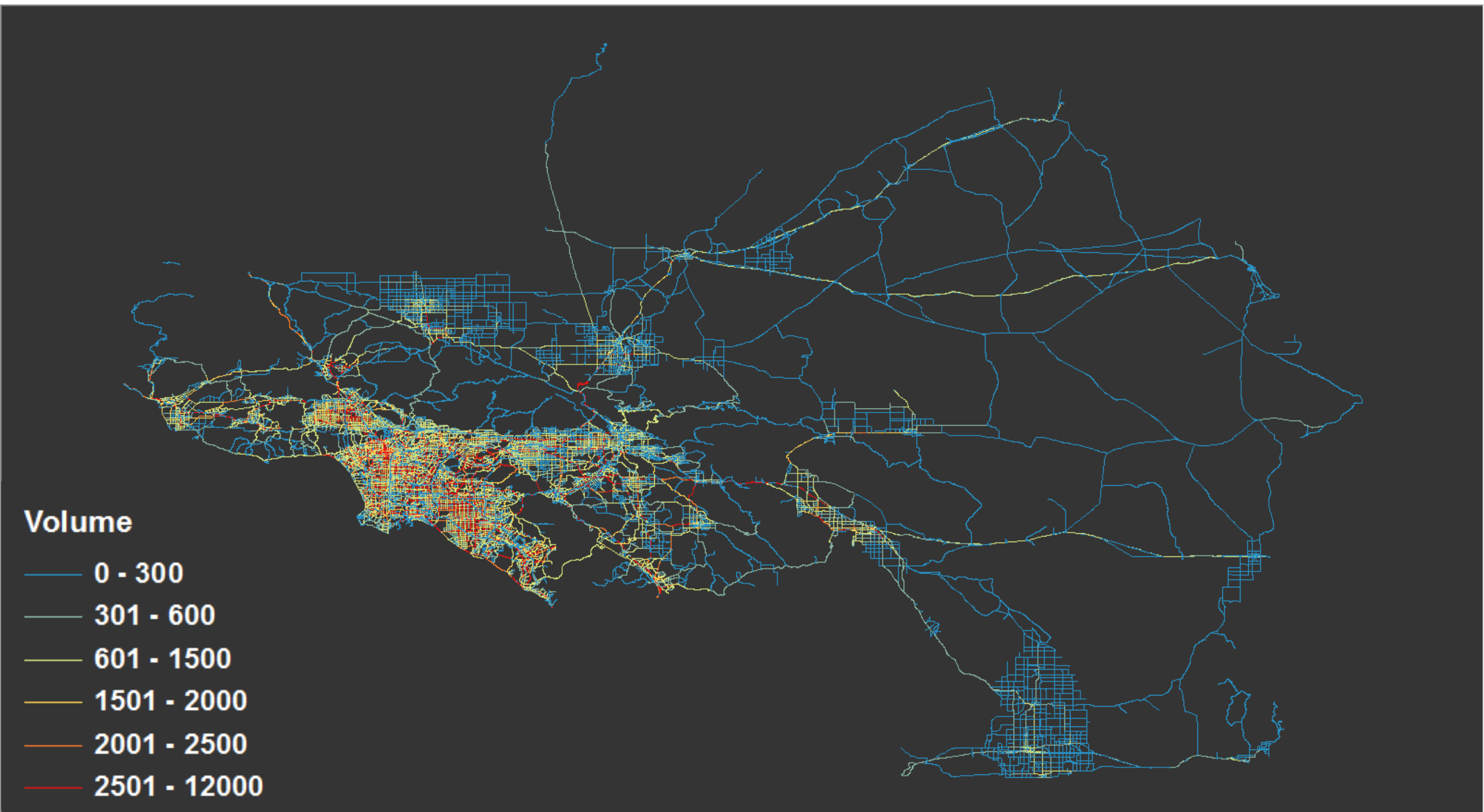
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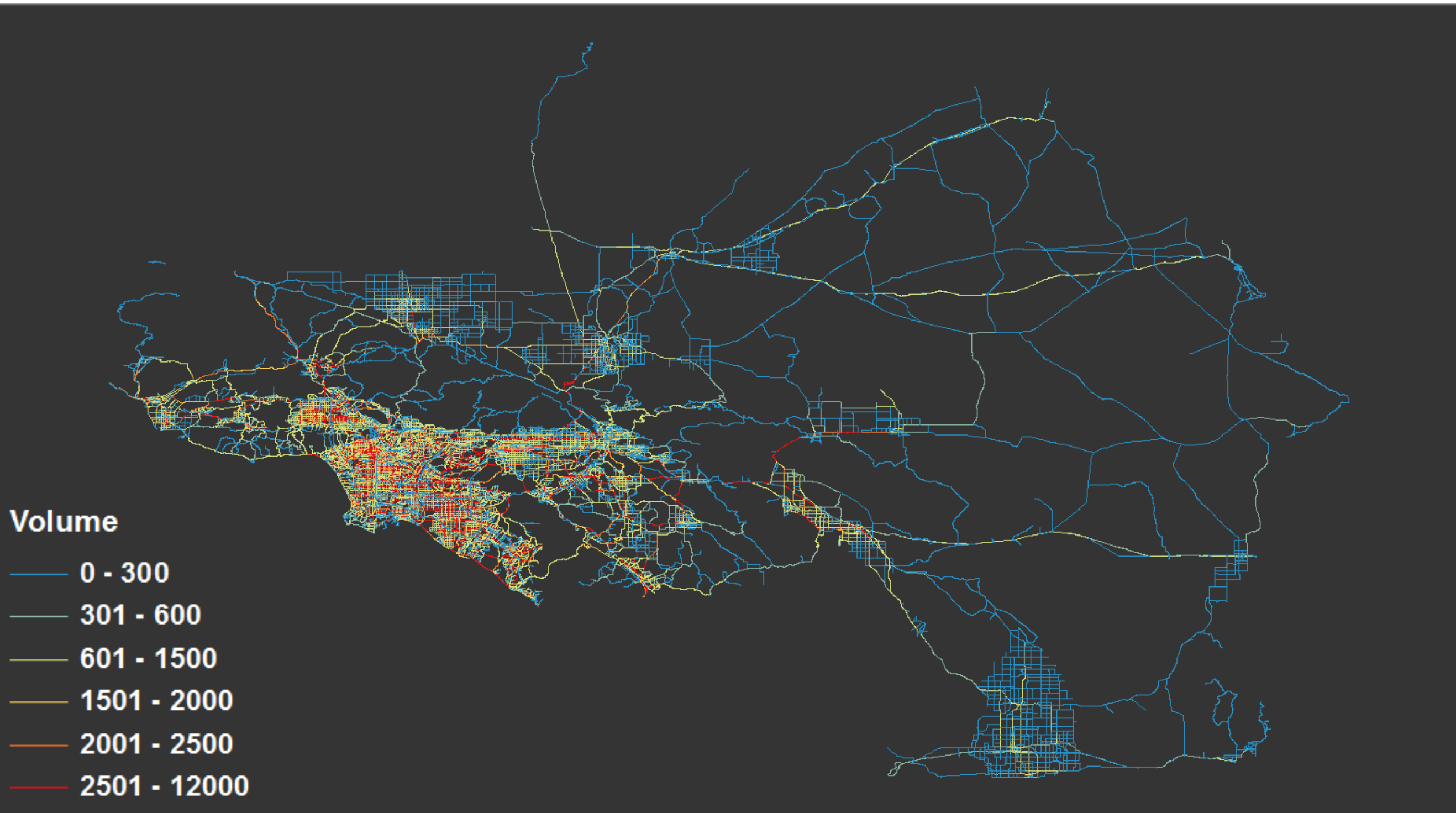
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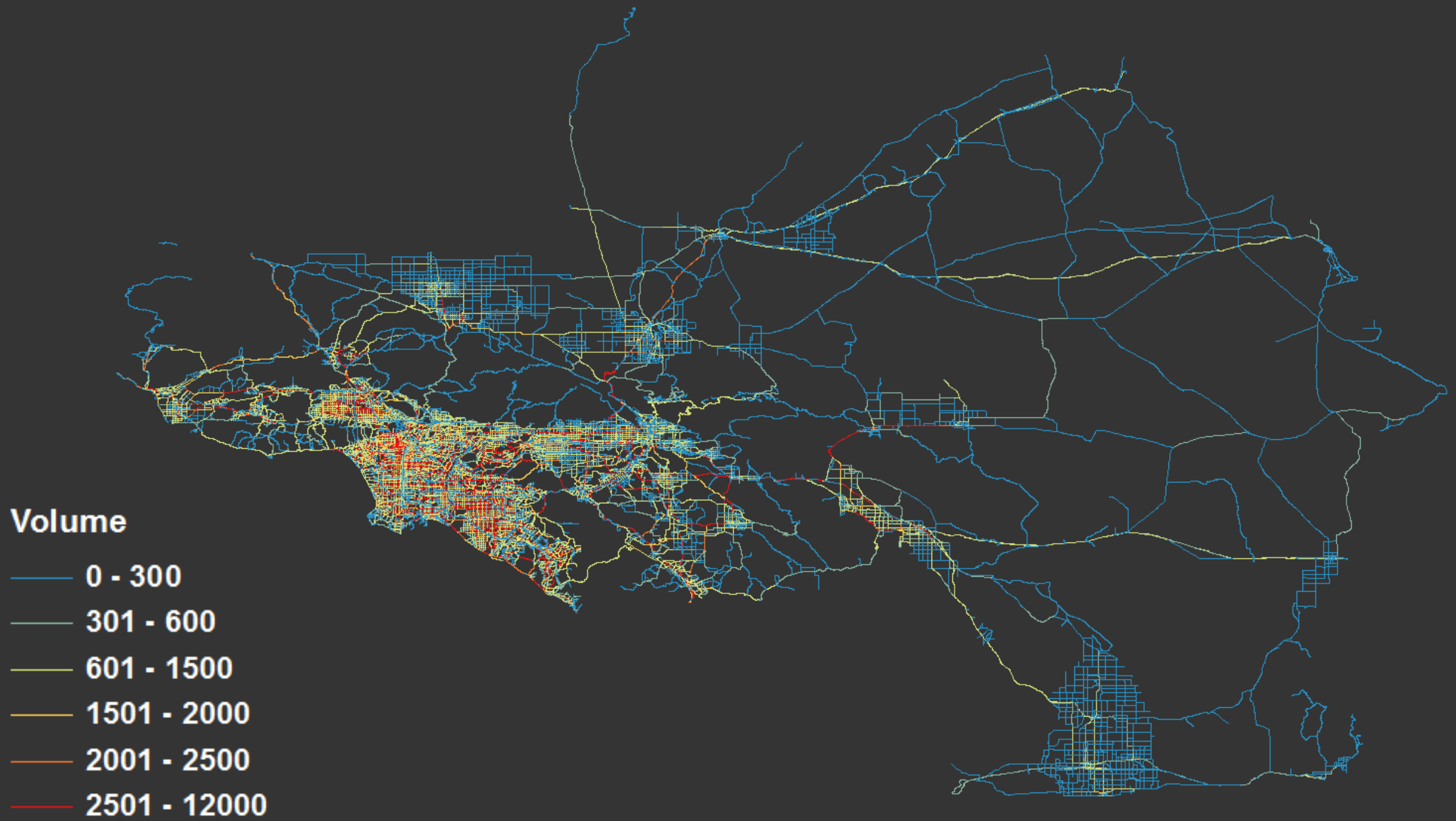


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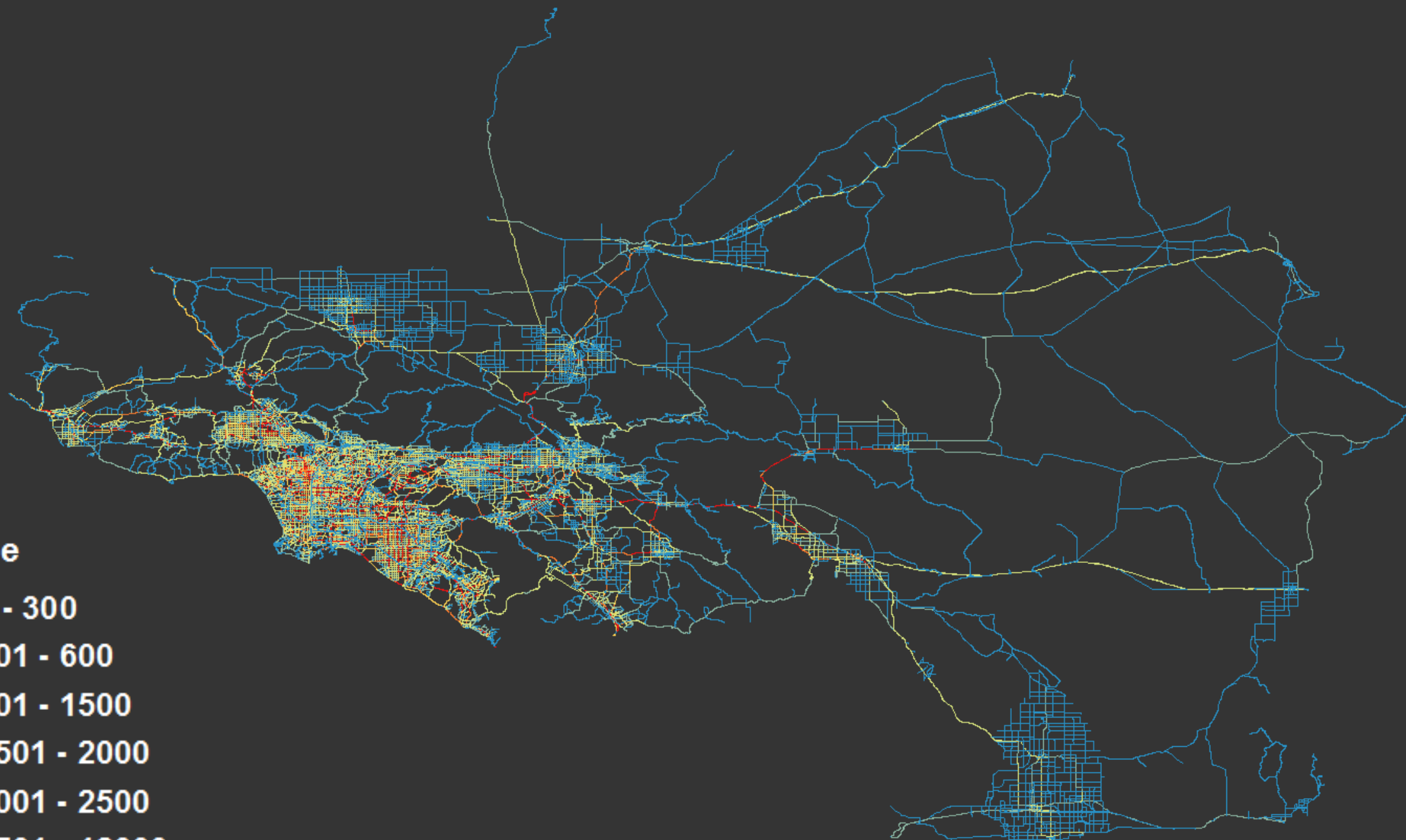
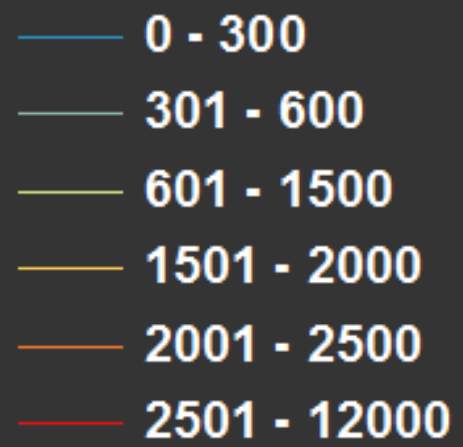
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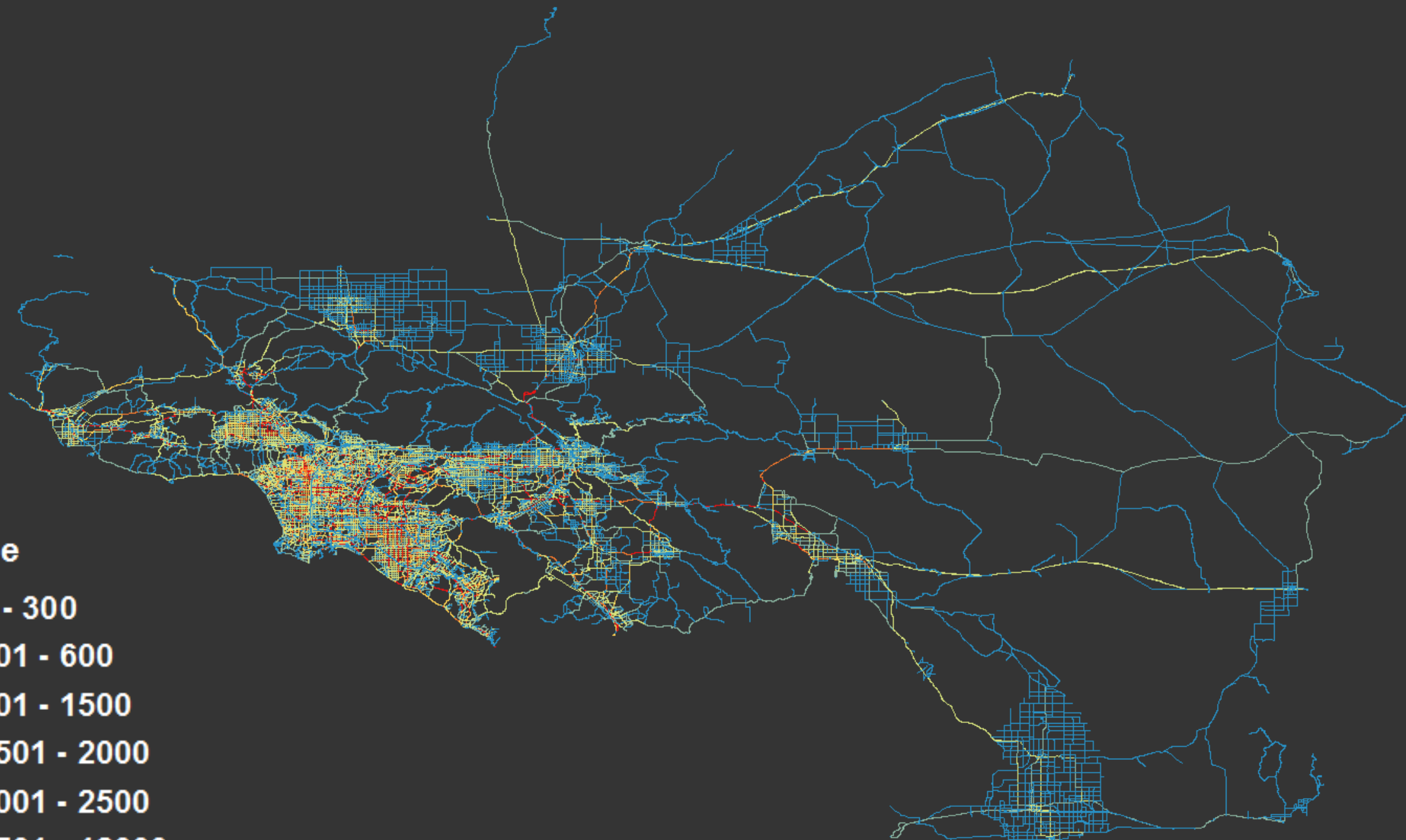
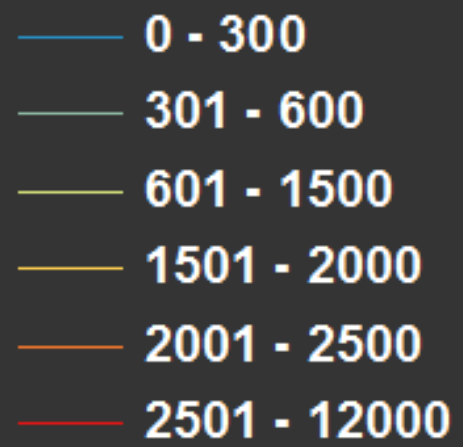
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**Volume**



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# Volume

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- 1501 - 2000
- 2001 - 2500
- 2501 - 12000

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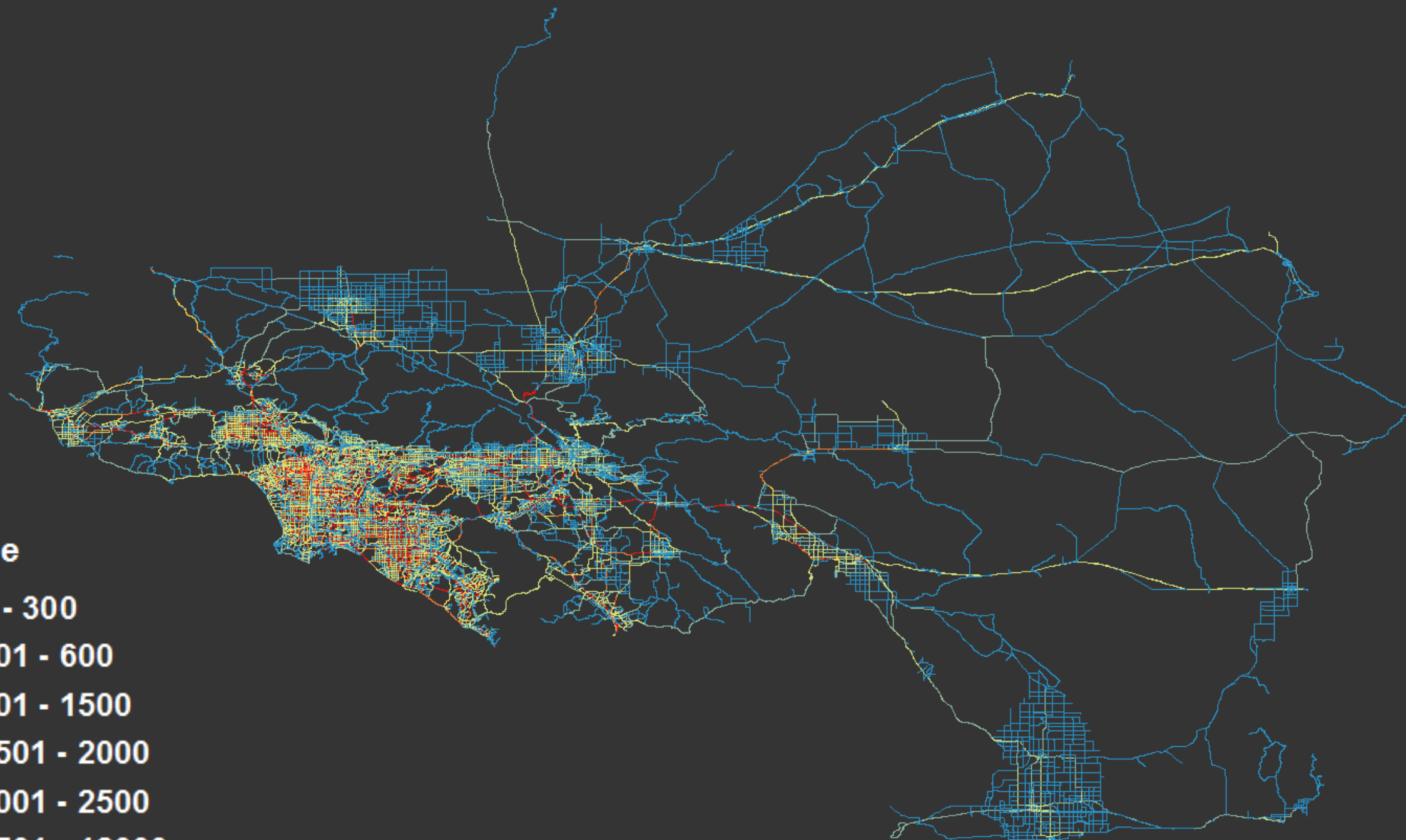
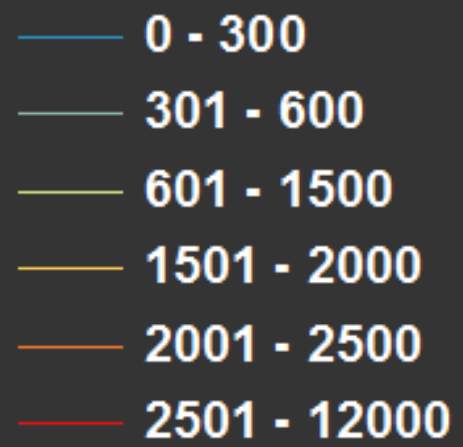


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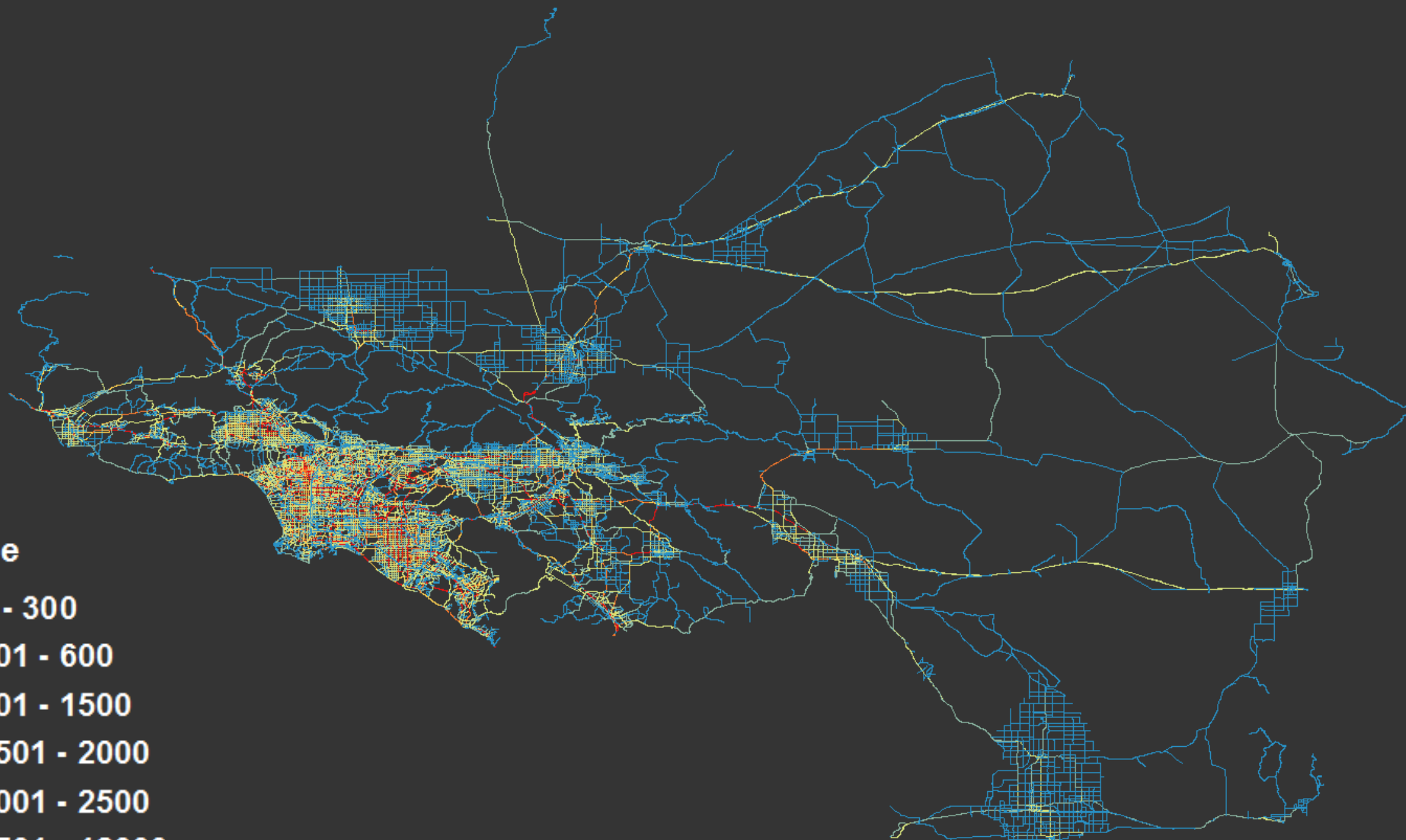
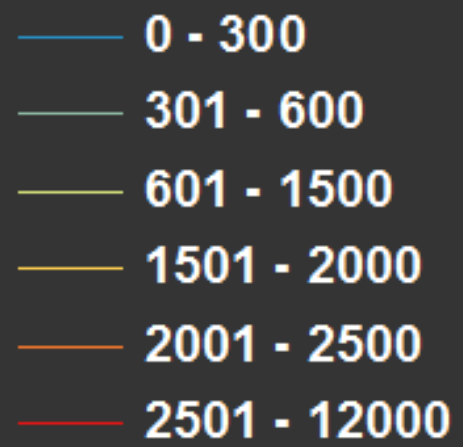
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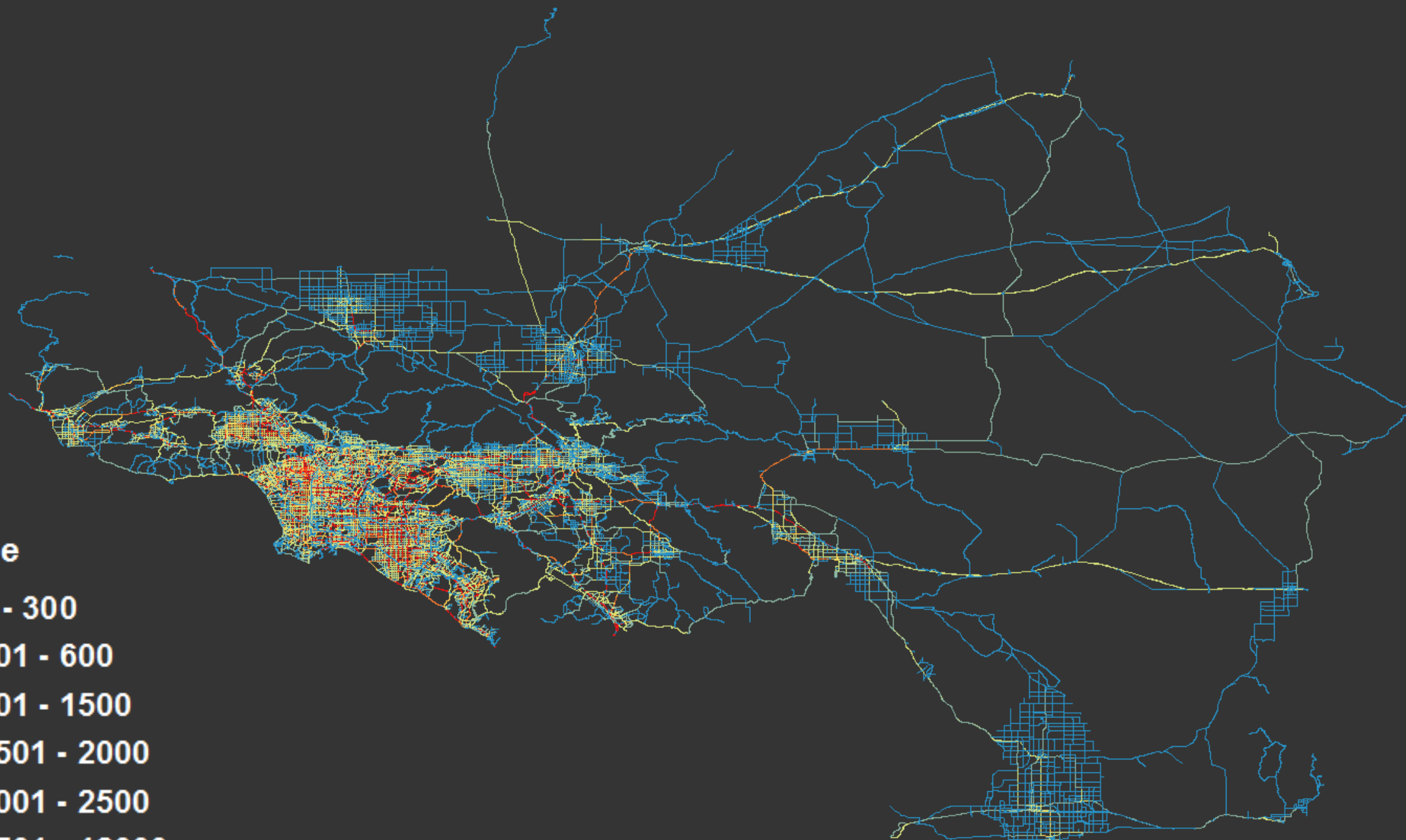
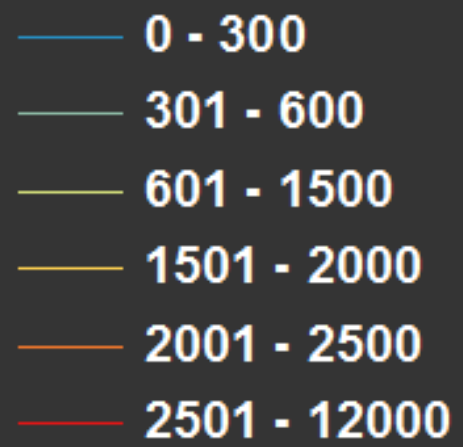
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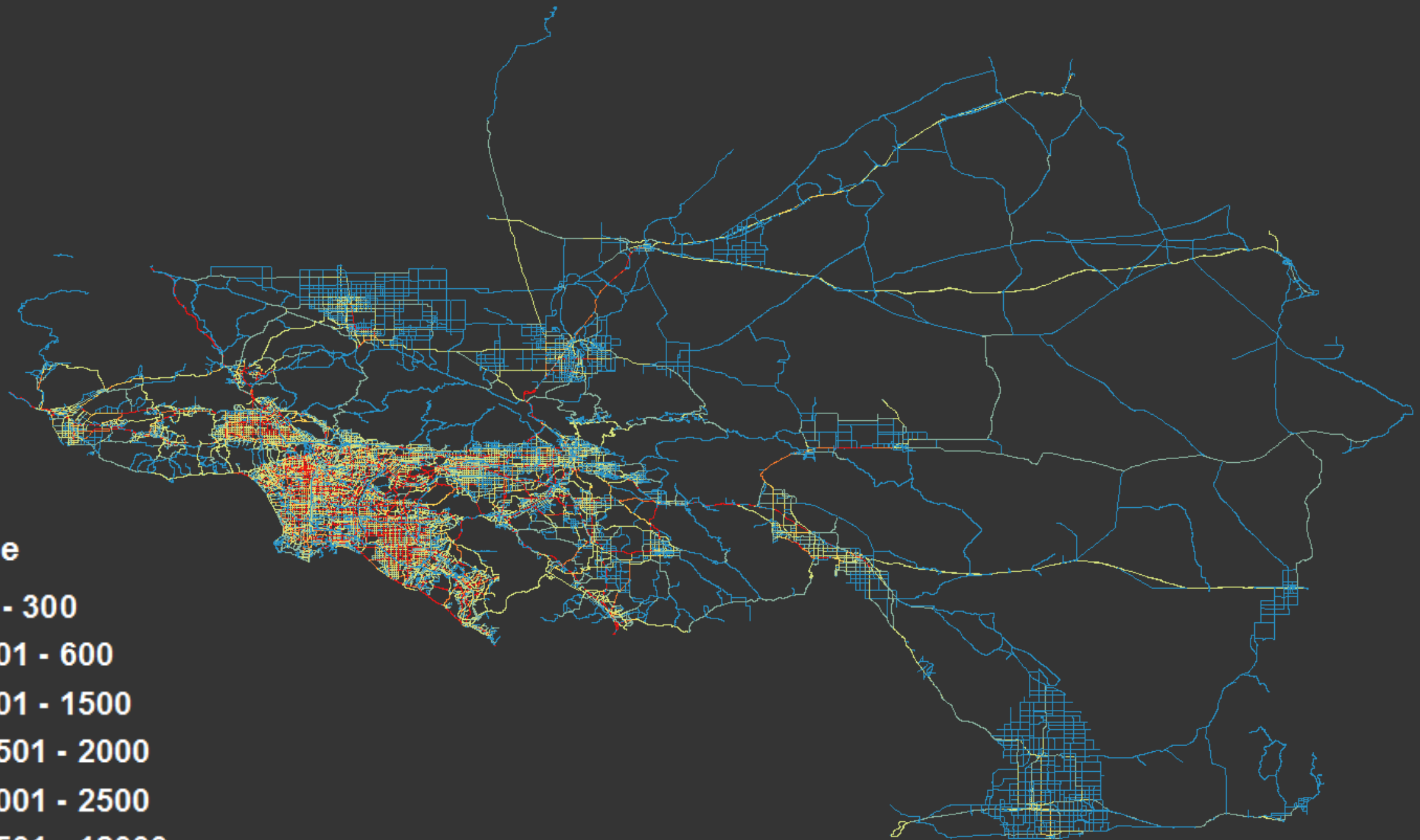


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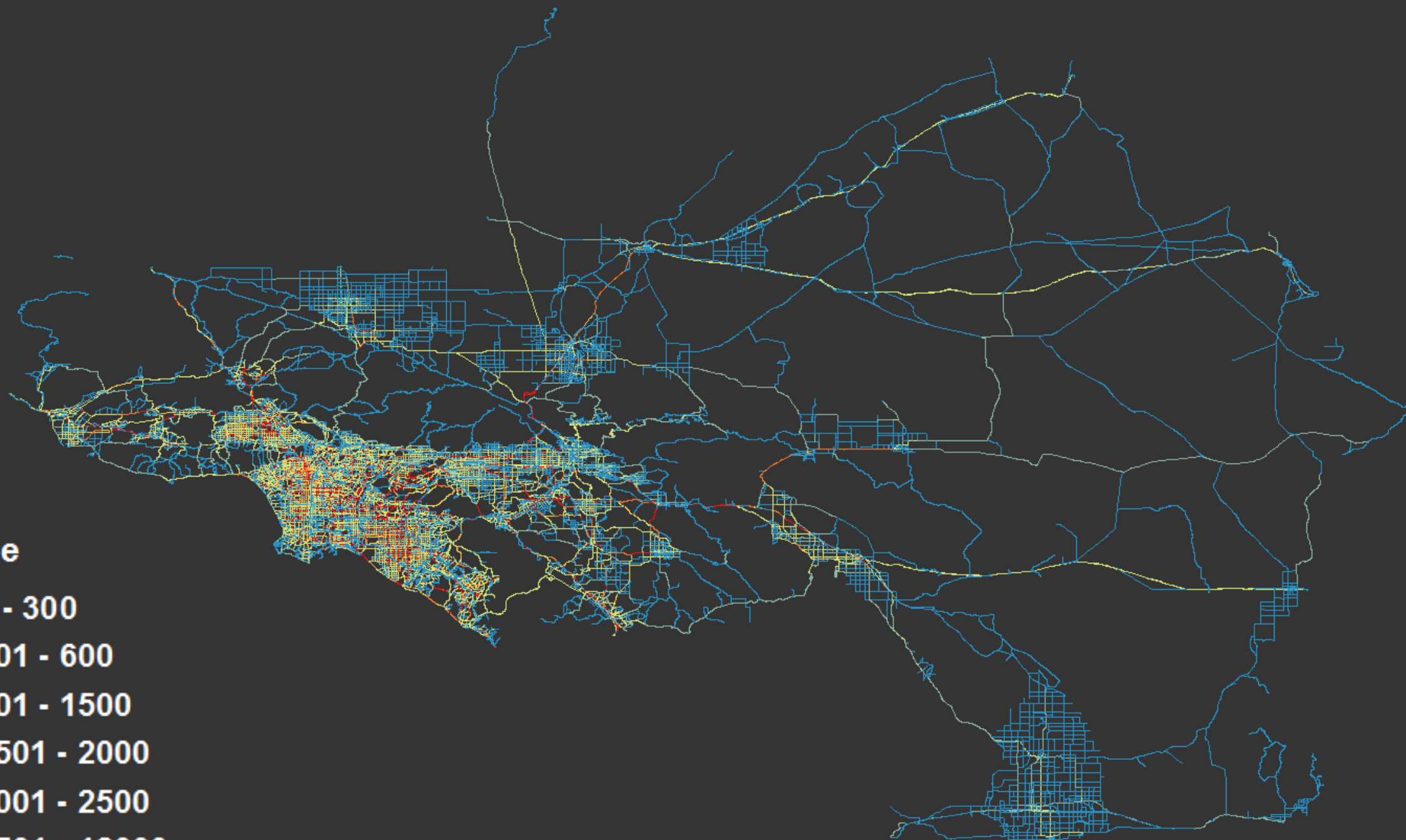
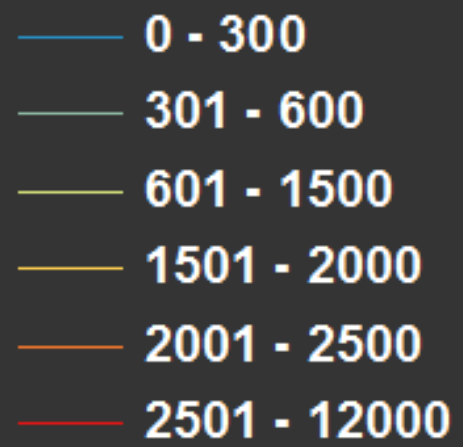
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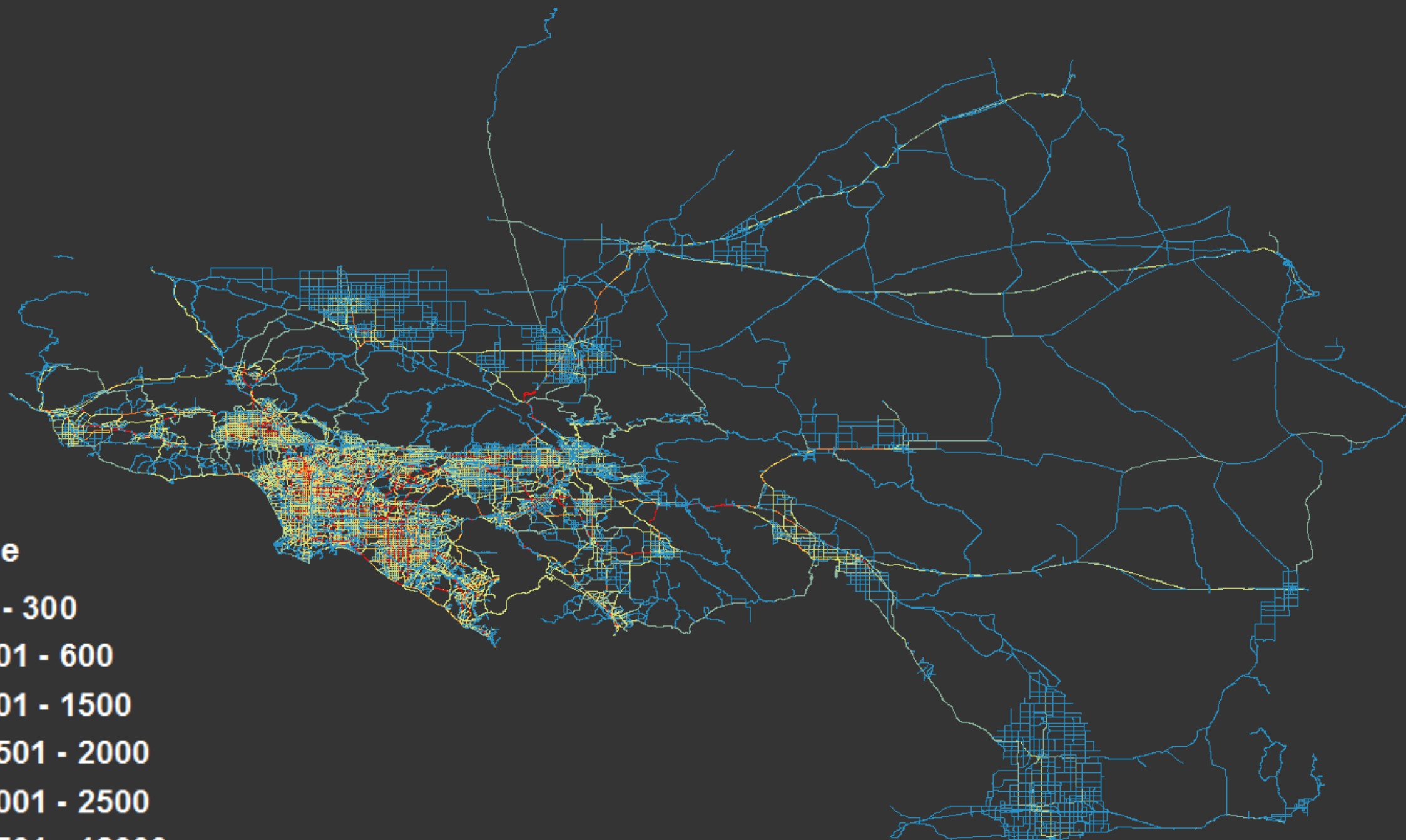
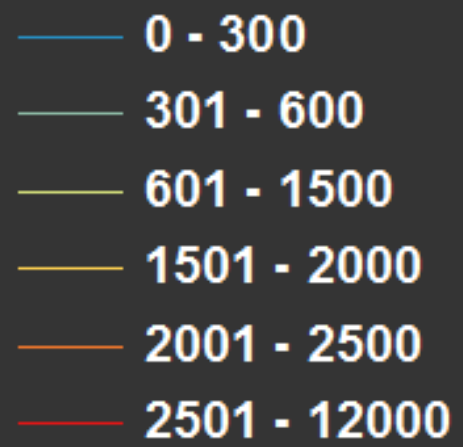
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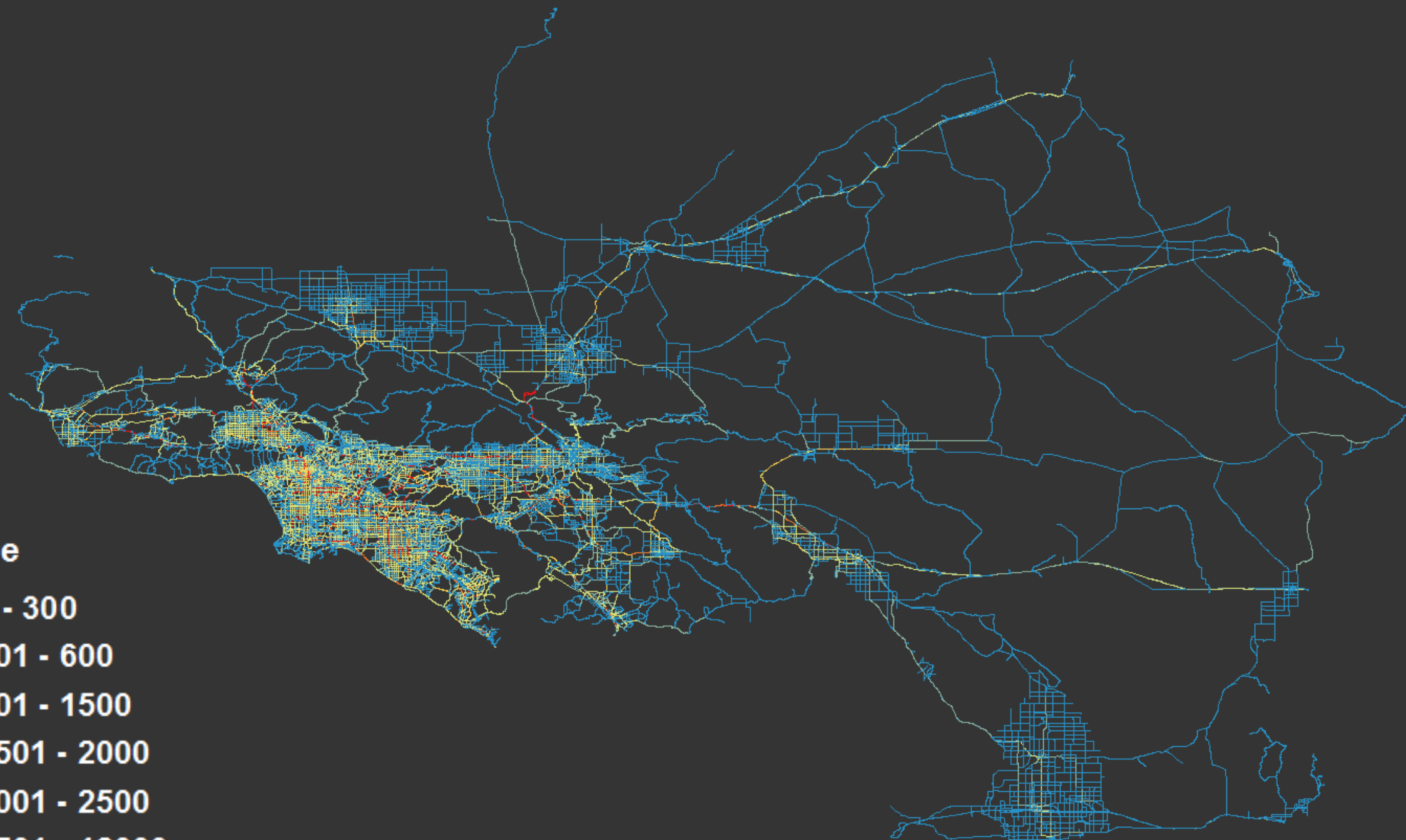
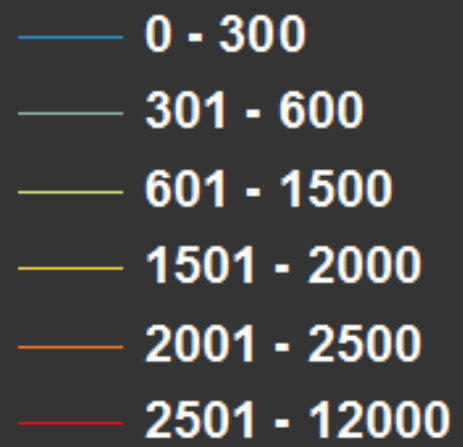
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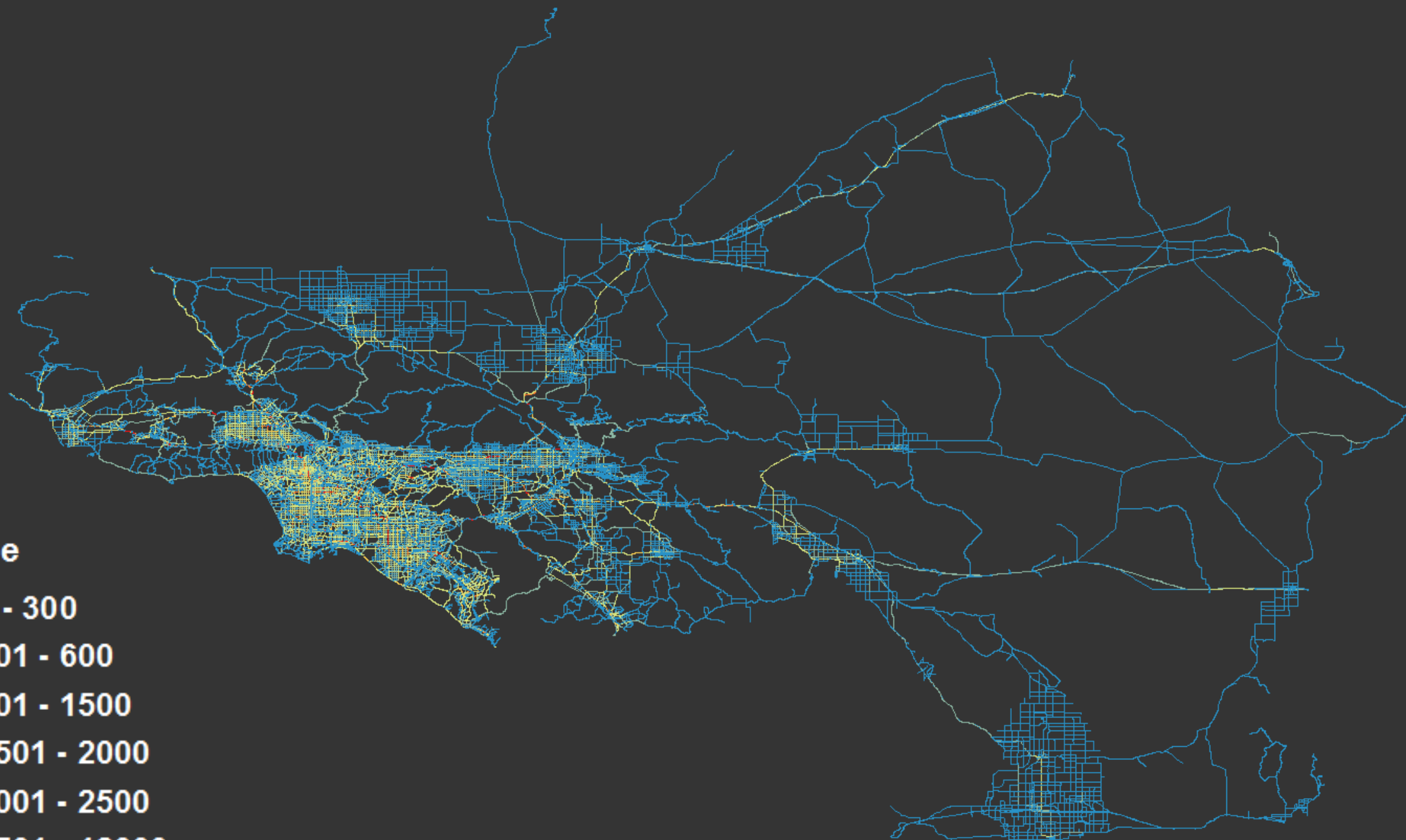
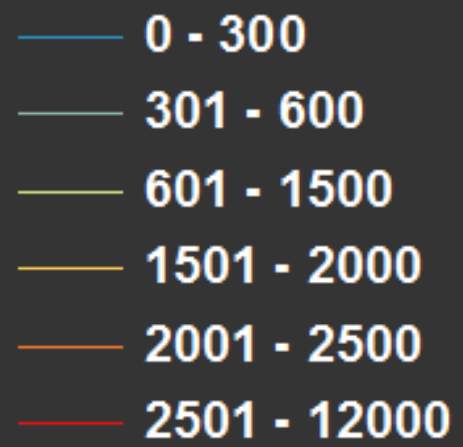


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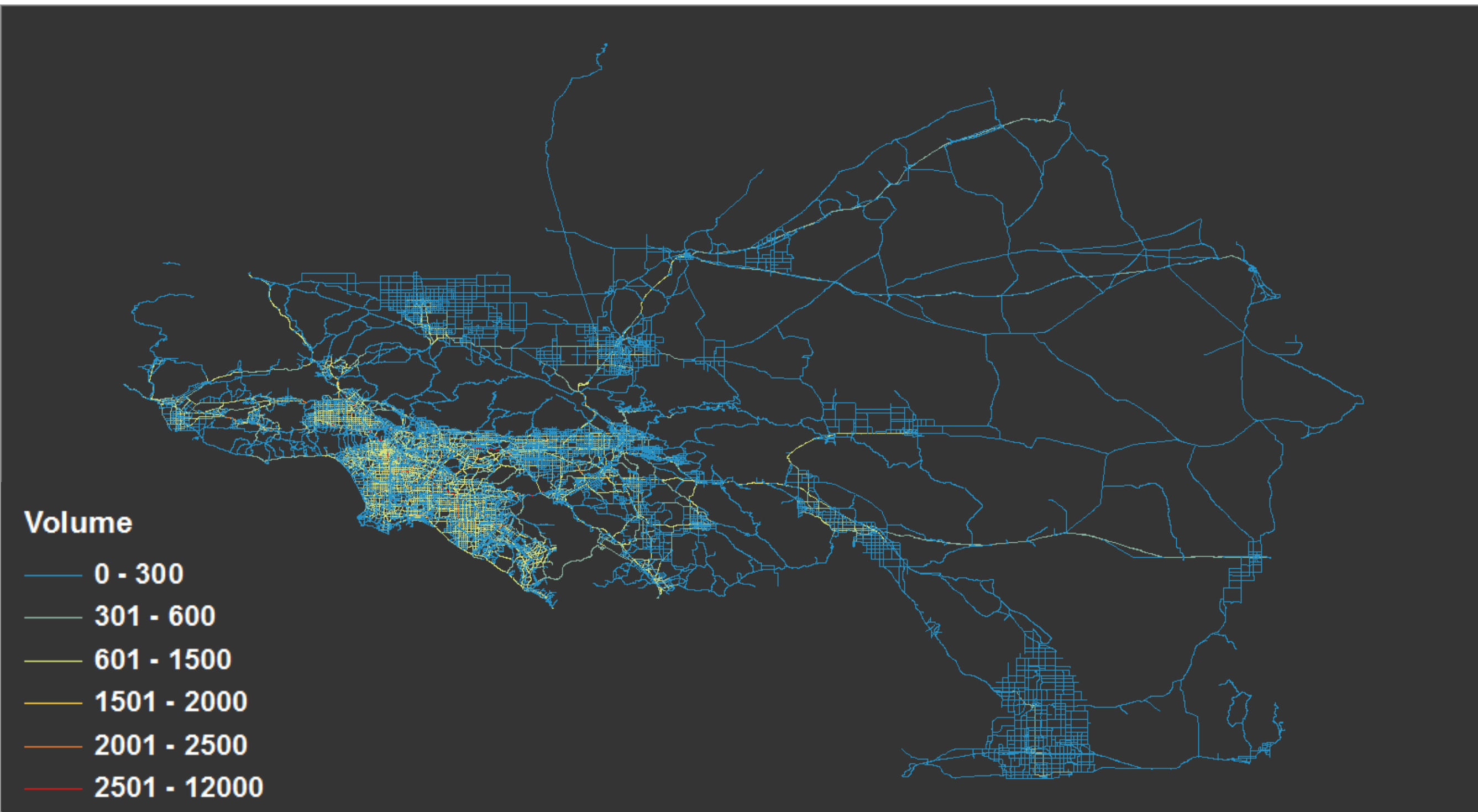


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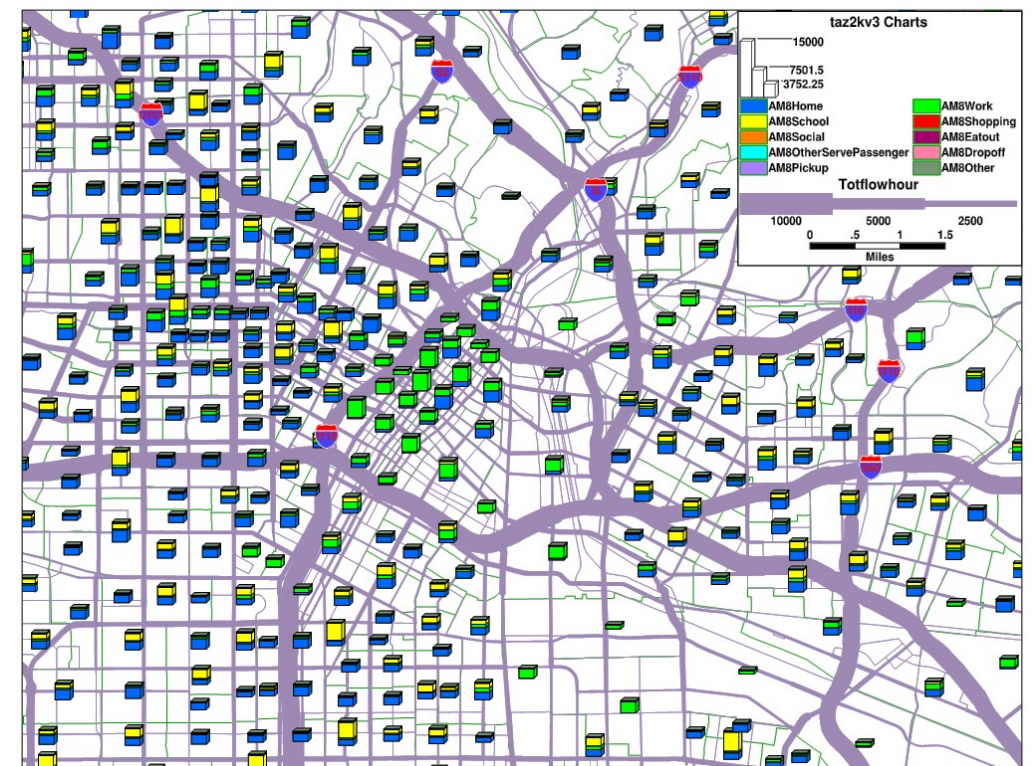
# Output/Deliverables (typical travel model KPI summary)

| Emissions and Fuel Consumption | Model 1   | Model 2   |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Organic Gases (g/mile)         | 0.943     | 0.926     |
| CO (g/mile)                    | 9.498     | 9.348     |
| NOx (g/mile)                   | 1.929     | 1.955     |
| CO2 (g/mile)                   | 561.340   | 543.545   |
| Gasoline (gallons/mile)        | 0.051     | 0.050     |
| Gasoline (mile/ gallons)       | 19.377    | 20.203    |
| Diesel (gallons/mile)          | 0.102     | 0.101     |
| Diesel (mile /gallons)         | 9.833     | 9.893     |
| Organic Gases (g/person-day)   | 22.291    | 21.333    |
| CO (g/person-day)              | 224.553   | 215.388   |
| NOx (g/person-day)             | 45.606    | 45.050    |
| CO2 (g/person-day)             | 13271.790 | 12524.452 |
| Vehicle Km Travel/person-day   | 23.643    | 23.042    |

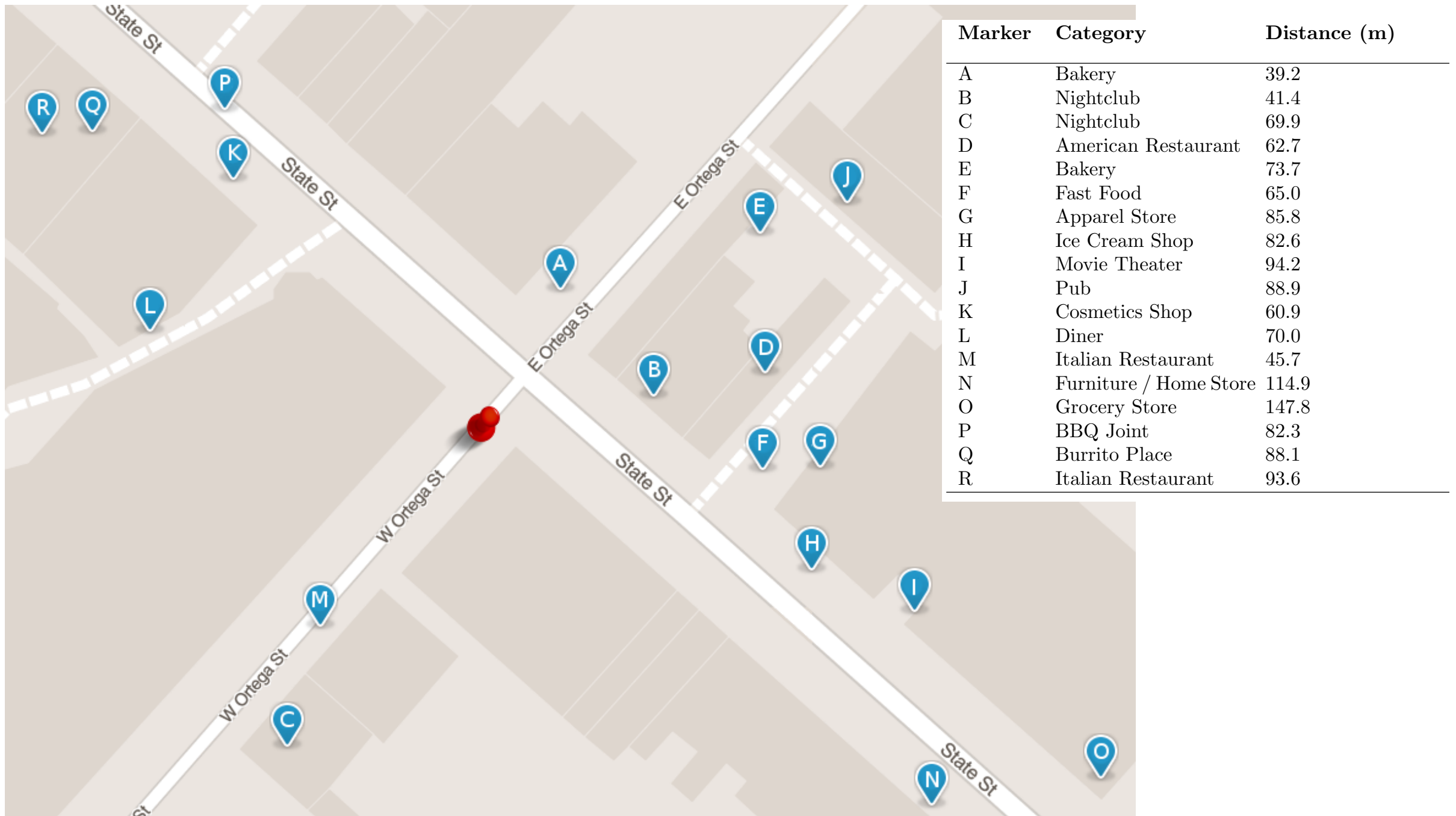


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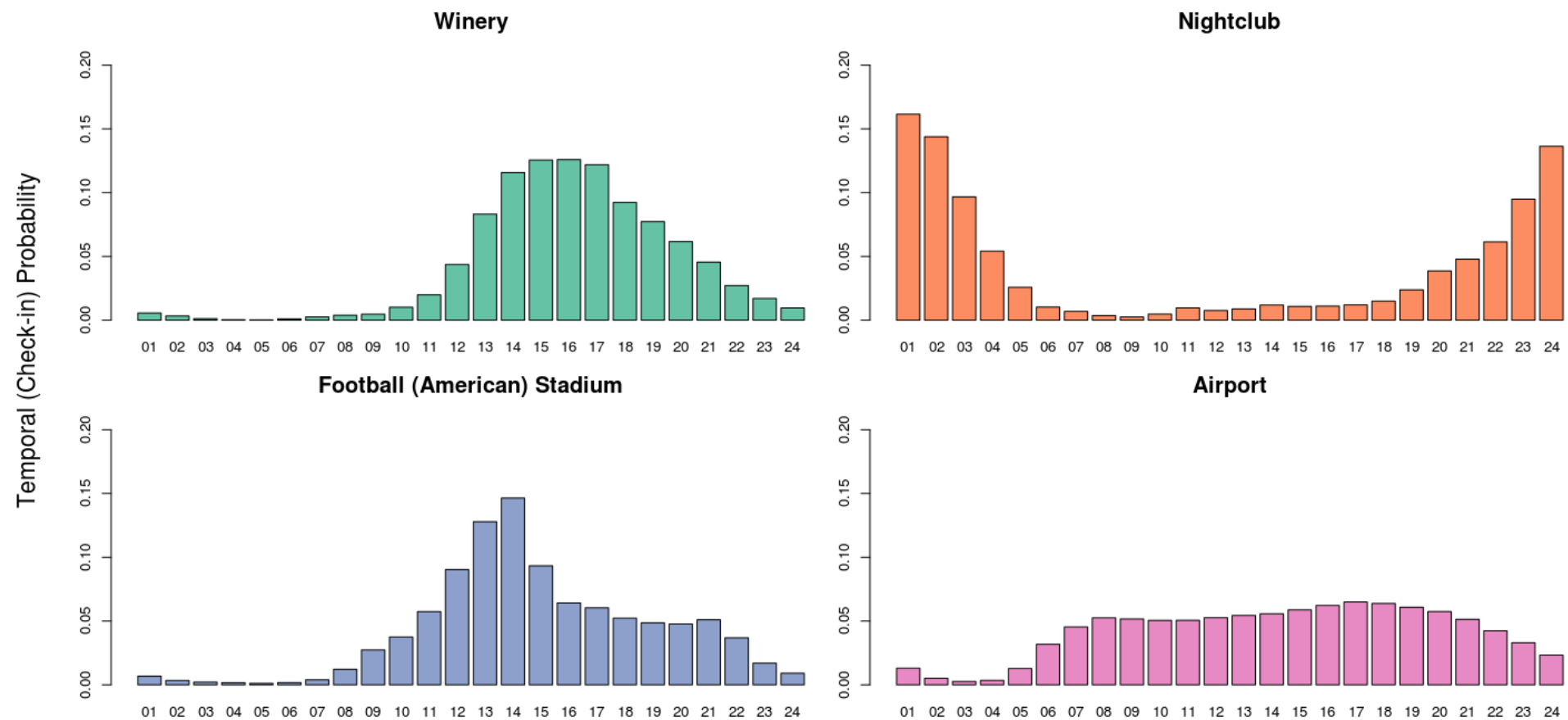
- For each person daily schedule of activities and trips in tours
- For each household joint and joint activities with other members
- For each car a report on how it was used
- Sensitivity to policies at all levels (car ownership, daily pattern of activity and travel, tour level, duration of activities, destinations, mode to each destination)



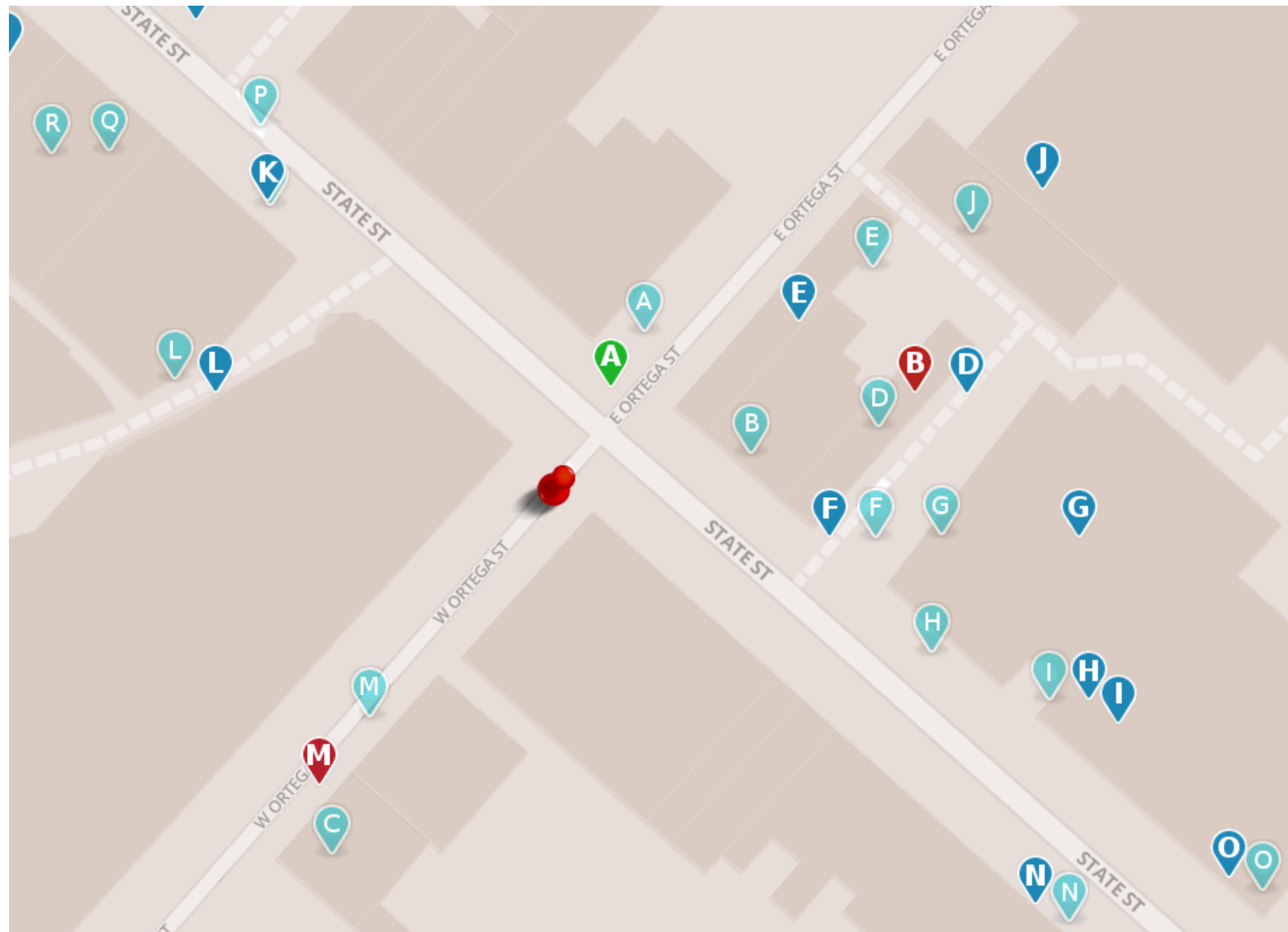
# We want exact location from the destination choice(McKenzie's Dissertation)



# If we have temporal signatures for each place



We can “distort” space by the probability of most likely activity location



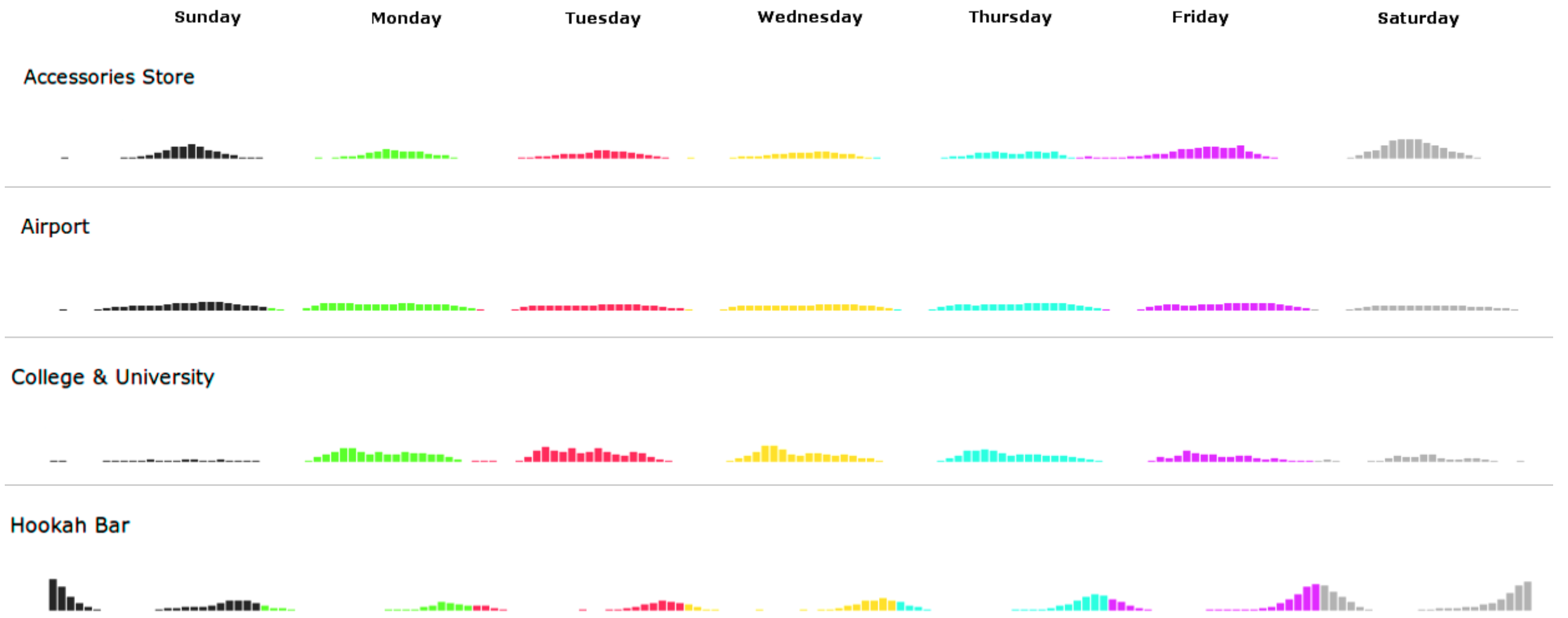
| Marker | Actual Dist.(m) | Distorted Dist.(m) |
|--------|-----------------|--------------------|
| A      | 39.2            | 25.8               |
| B      | 41.4            | 71.4               |
| C      | 69.9            | 99.9               |
| D      | 62.7            | 79.8               |
| E      | 73.7            | 60.3               |
| F      | 65.0            | 59.5               |
| G      | 85.8            | 95.6               |
| H      | 82.6            | 106.7              |
| I      | 94.2            | 112.8              |
| J      | 88.9            | 116.1              |
| K      | 60.9            | 61.1               |
| L      | 70.0            | 60.6               |
| M      | 45.7            | 64.5               |
| N      | 114.9           | 109.5              |
| O      | 147.8           | 143.9              |
| P      | 82.3            | 110.5              |
| Q      | 88.1            | 115.2              |
| R      | 93.6            | 112.4              |

The bakery wins (point A)

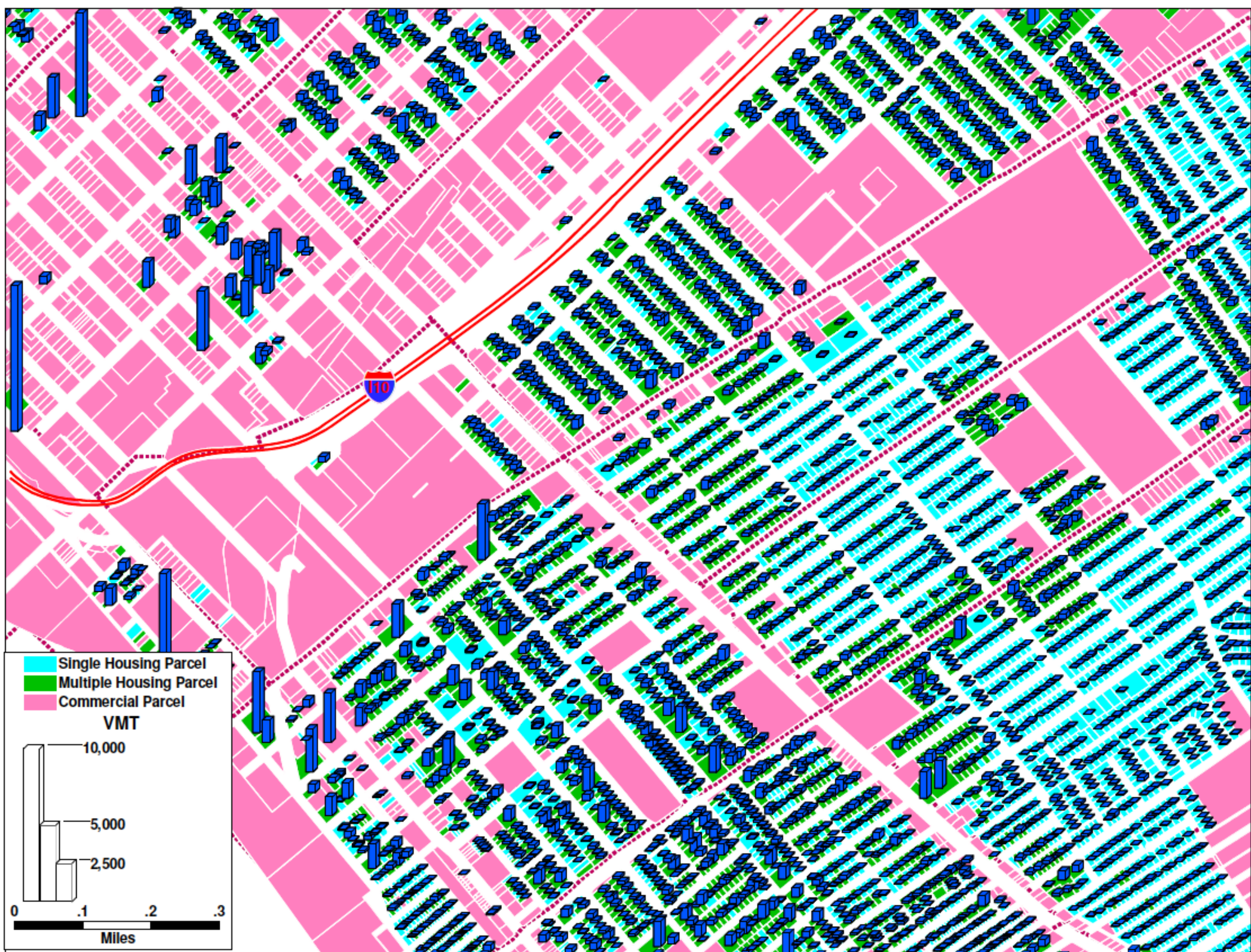
Spatial allocation assignment probability can be done with a variety of other methods



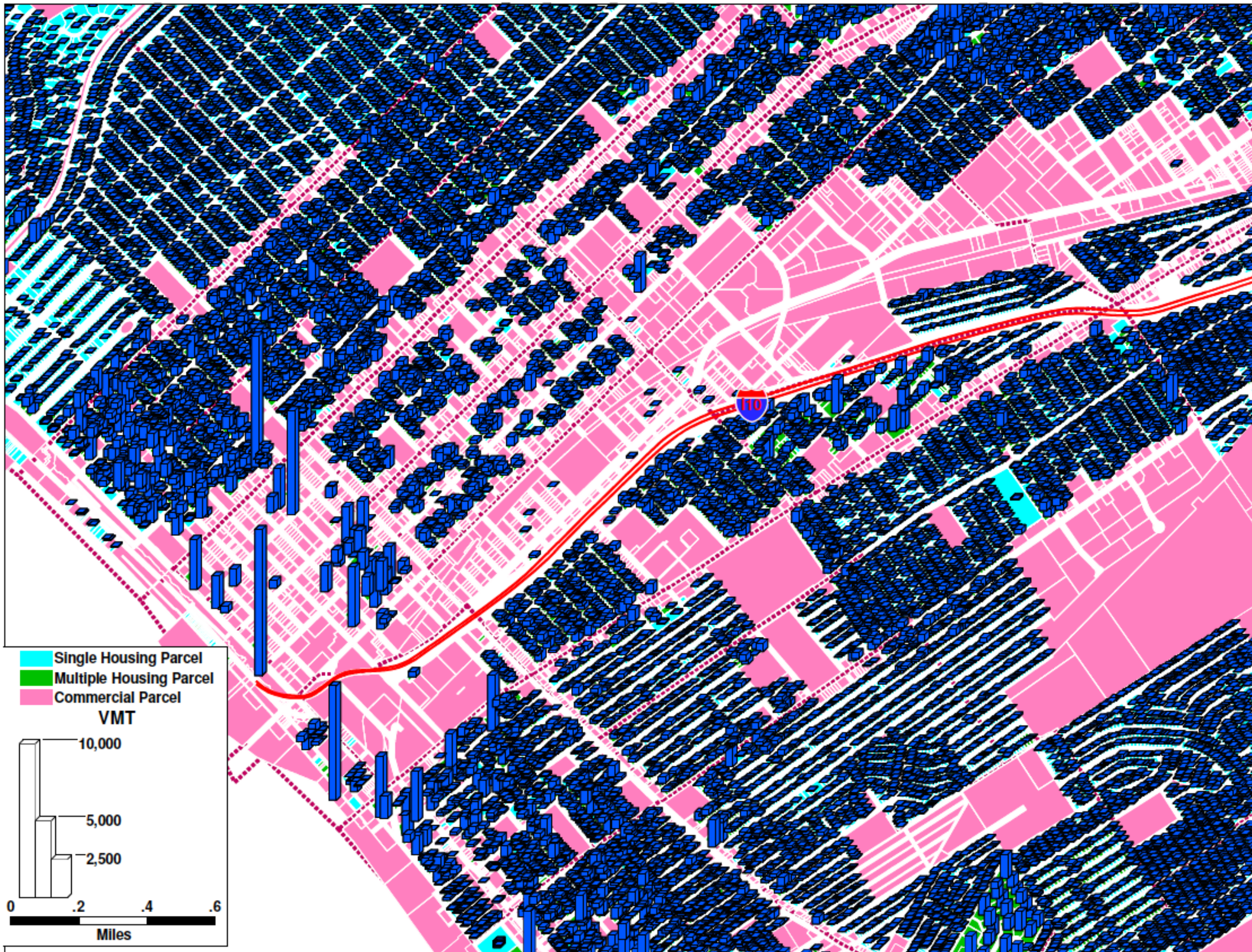
# McKenzie's Dissertation on Temporal Signatures













## Big data in this case

- 18 million synthetic people, their households, and cars
- Millions of business establishments
- All networks for cars, buses, metro, railways
- Complete enumeration of opportunities and destination choices
- Imagine combinations of data we can test using a simulator like this as a test bed!