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# POTENTIAL OF CENTRALIZING AND OPENING DATA ON TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY FOR A RESOURCES CENTER

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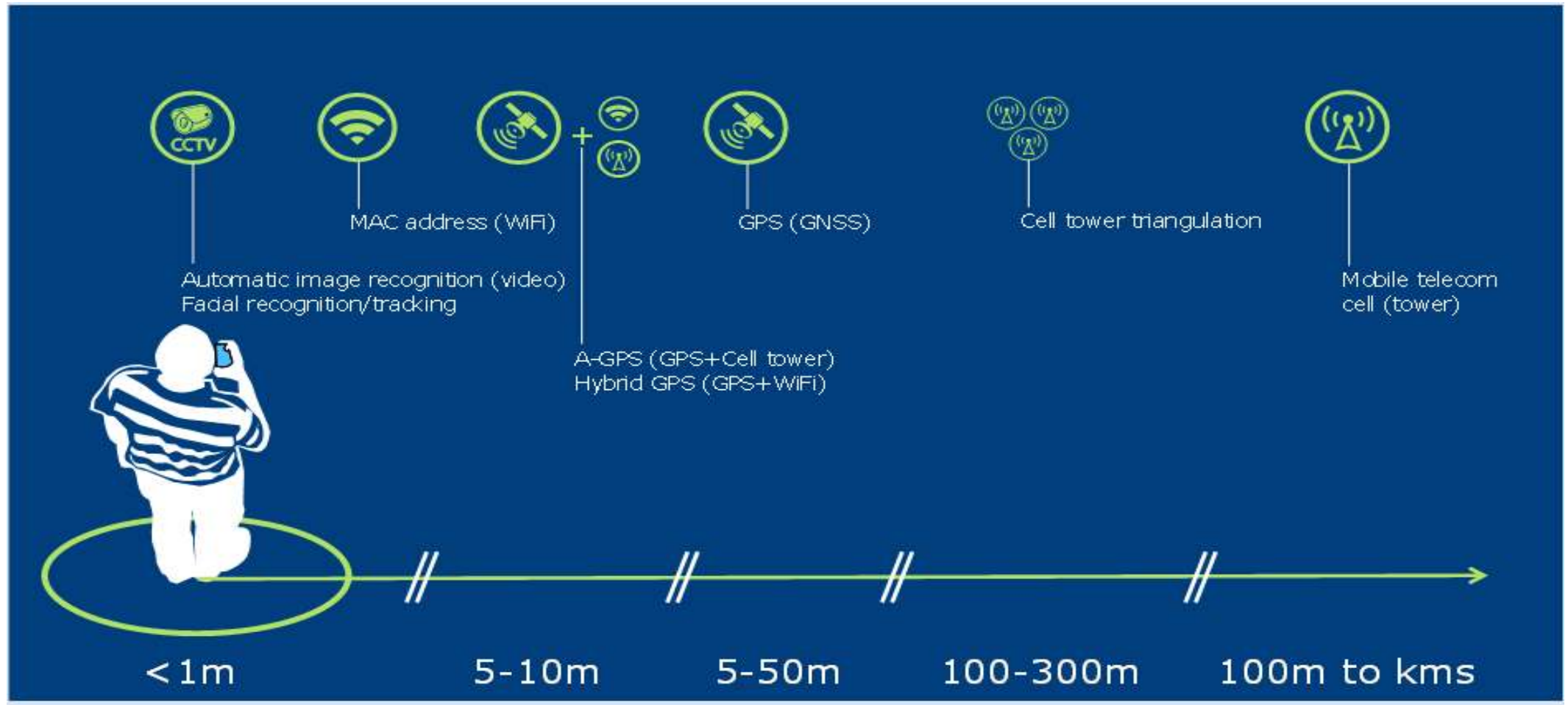
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Milan, Italy 2018

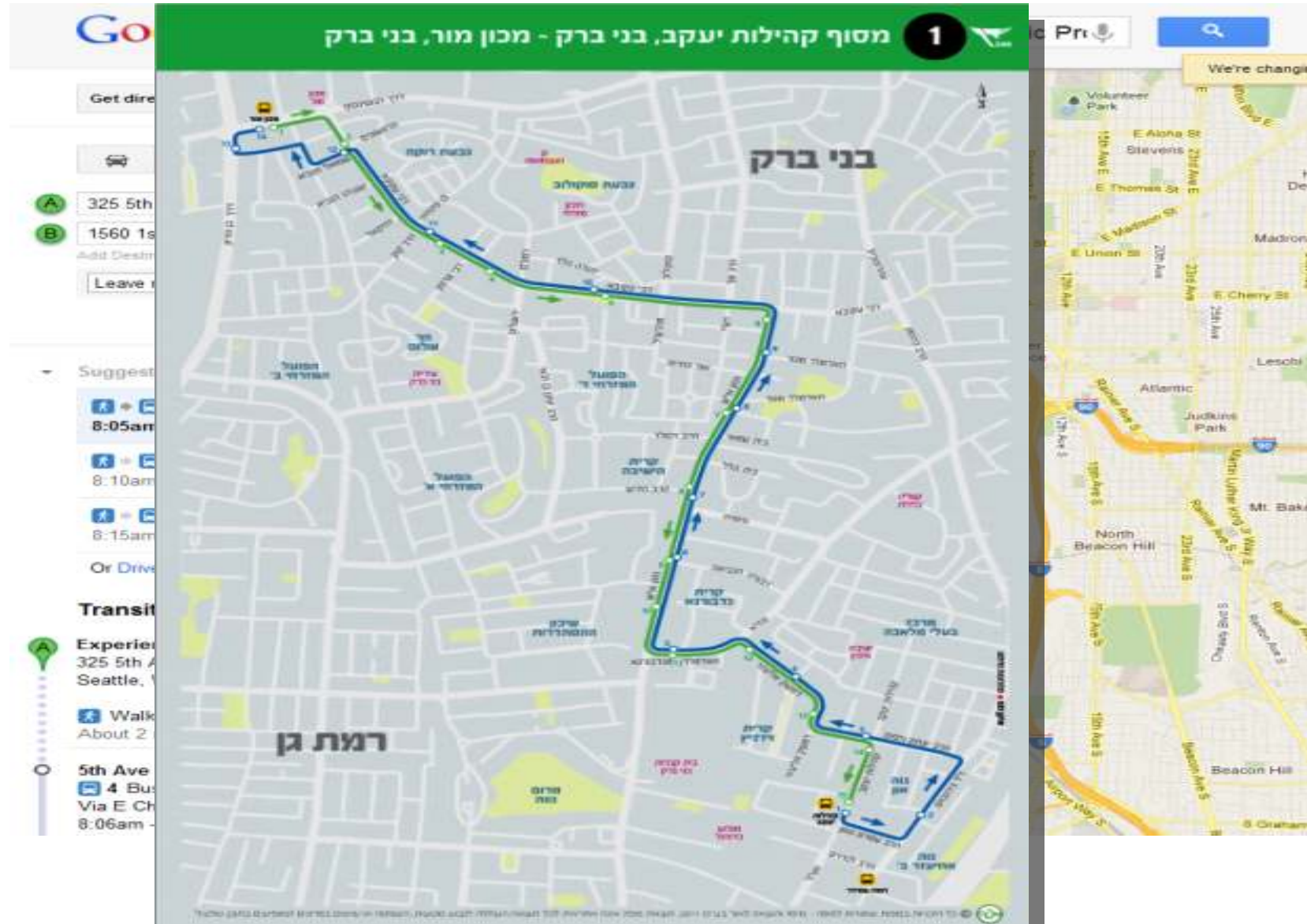
# Explosion of Demand-driven data



An explosion of mobile sensor-generated data has been the real disruptor in mobility, opening the door to new services not possible before



# Needs of information for transport travelers



# Needs of information for transport planners

**Controls**

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Start Date: 01/29/2012

Start Time: 11:13 AM

Use Purple Line:

**Single Isochrone**

Max Time (min.):

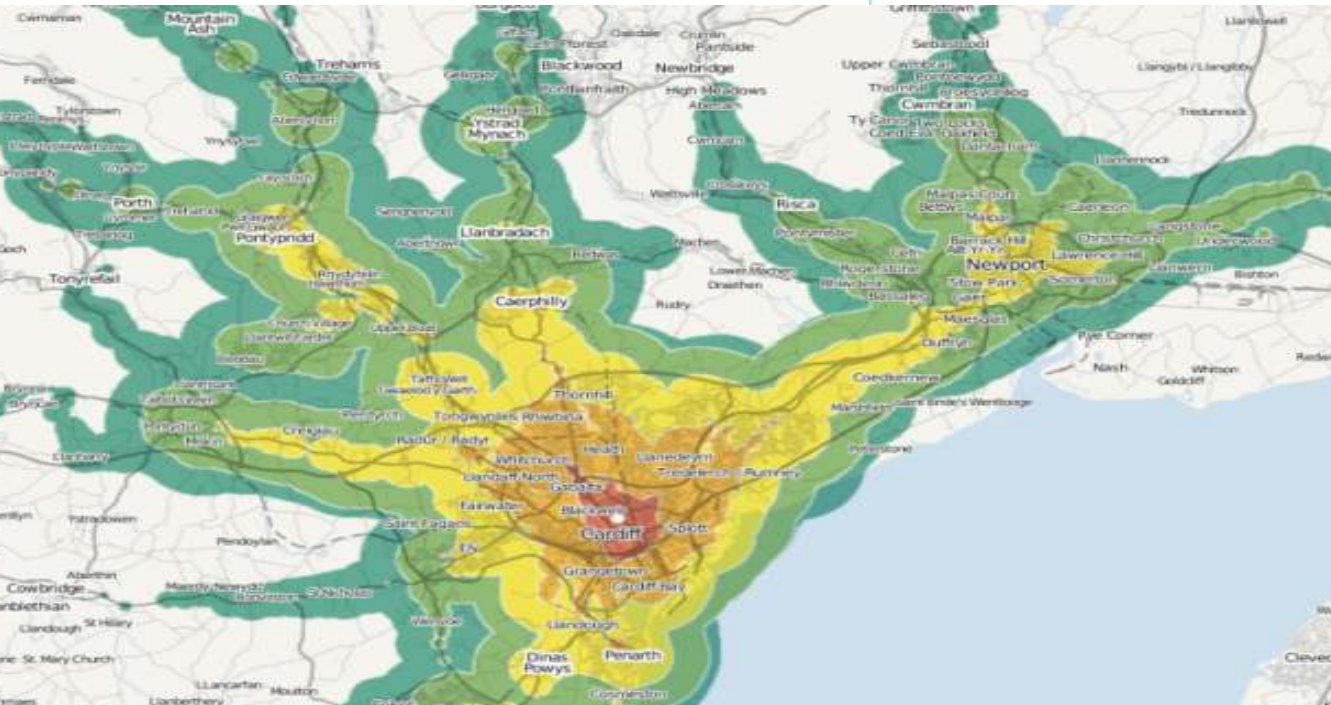
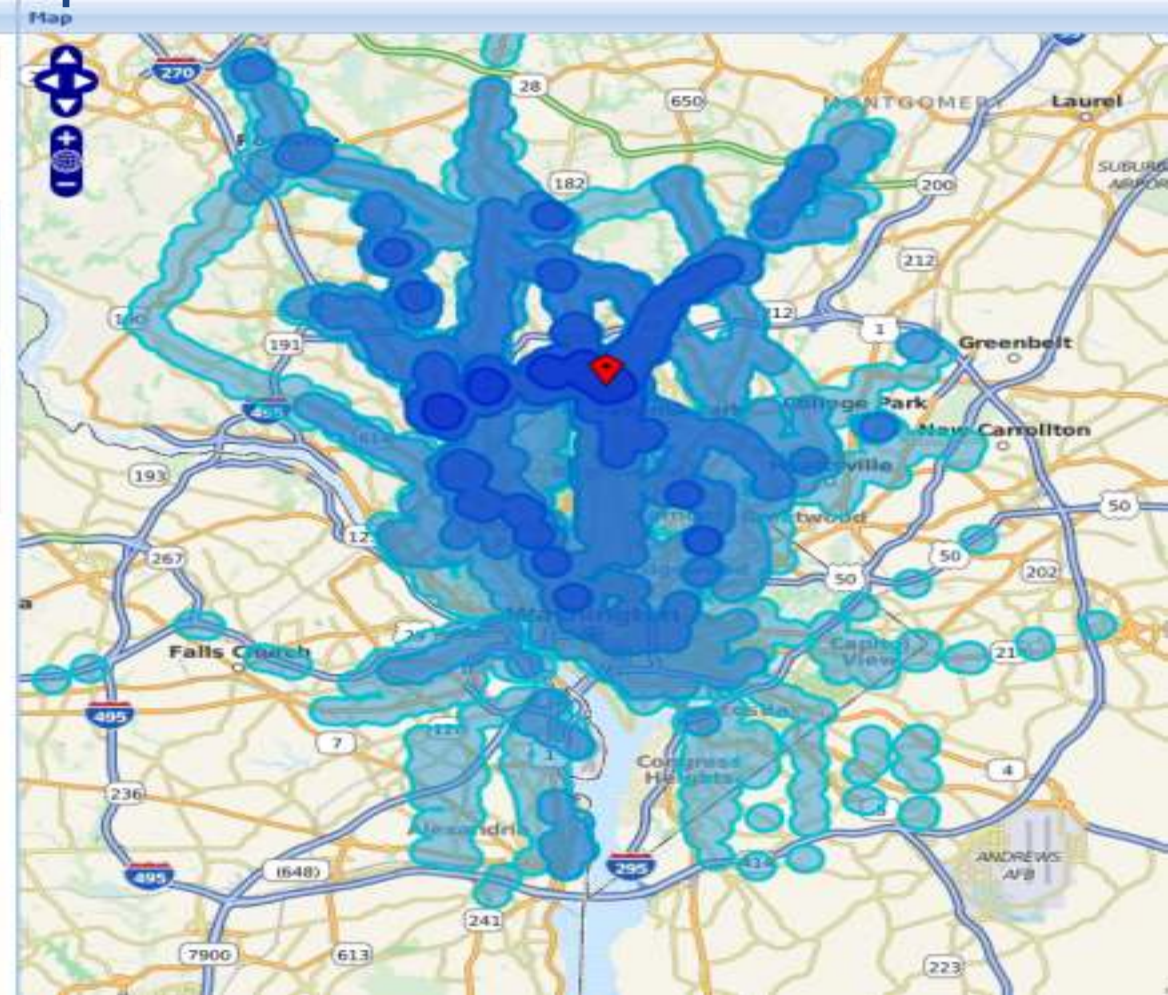
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**Isochrone Series**

Number:

Interval (min.):

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## What do we mean by transport data?

A digital representation of transport systems:

- Maps of routes and stops
- Speeds
- Timetables for scheduled services, frequencies
- *Real-time location updates of transit vehicles*
- *Real-time traffic and congestion updates*

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## What is transport open data?

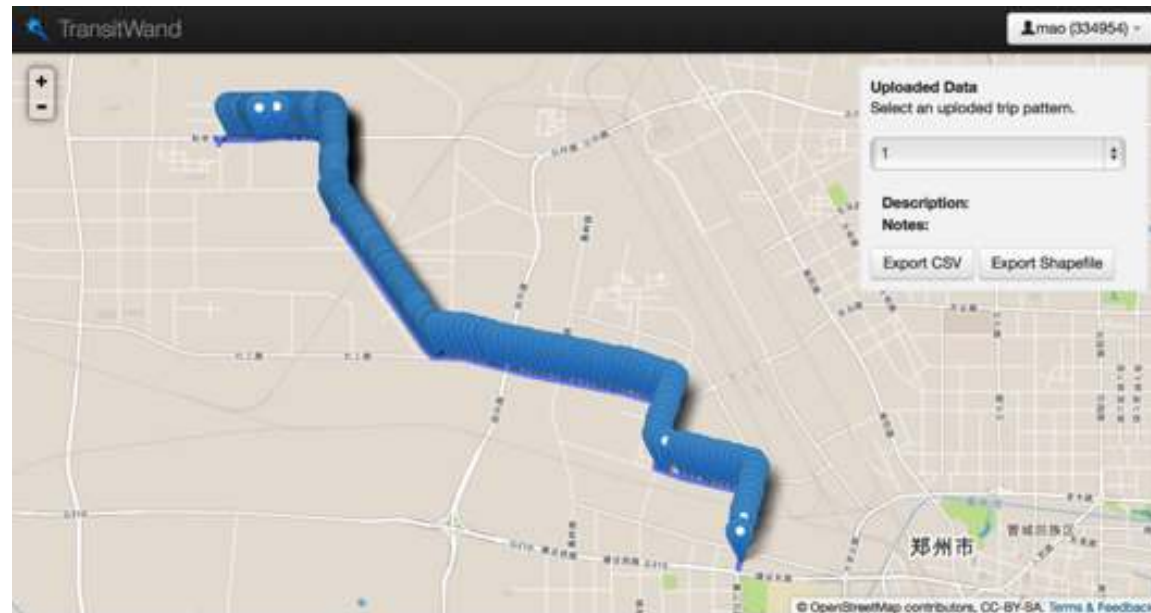
A set of free public services (or 'feeds') that:

- Standard format
- Resource for government and private applications that make use of transport data
- Allow others to innovate without needing to collect case by case and maintain basic information about transport systems

# Tools for collecting Transit Data...TransitWand

- TransitWand is an open-source web and mobile application for collecting transit data – It is used to create GTFS feeds, capture passenger counts or generate GIS datasets.

Web-based visualization



Mobile App



# Tools for collecting Transit Data...Transitmix (now Remix)

- Transitmix is an open-source web-based sketching tool developed by Code for America to help transit planners draw routes, powered by open data and standards (OSM, Open Source Routing Machine and GTFS).

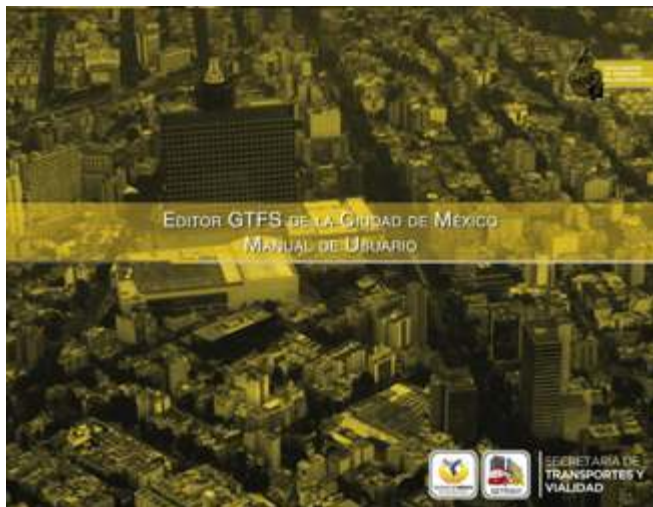




# Tools for Managing Transit Data...GTFS Editor

- GTFS Editor is a Java-based open-source software for managing and editing GTFS data. Mexico City's SEMOVI is the admin and each of the 5 transit agencies has a login

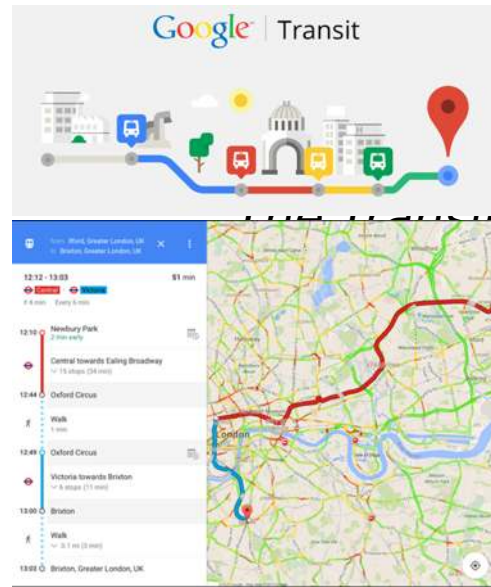
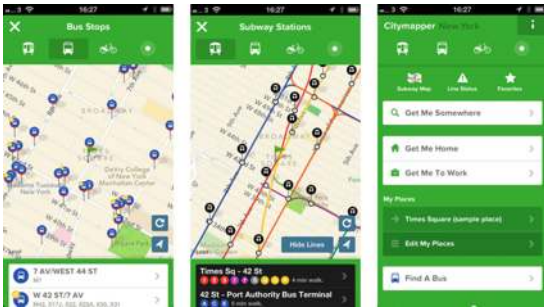
## SEMOVI's GTFS Editor Manual



# User Information for Trip Planning...the power of Open Data

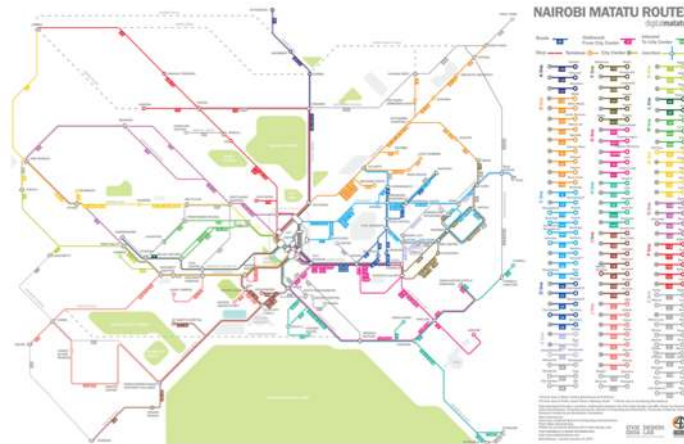
- Open Transport Data in GTFS format has spurred the creation of multiple trip planners and products

## → Citymapper



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## Nairobi, Kenya



## Managua, Nicaragua



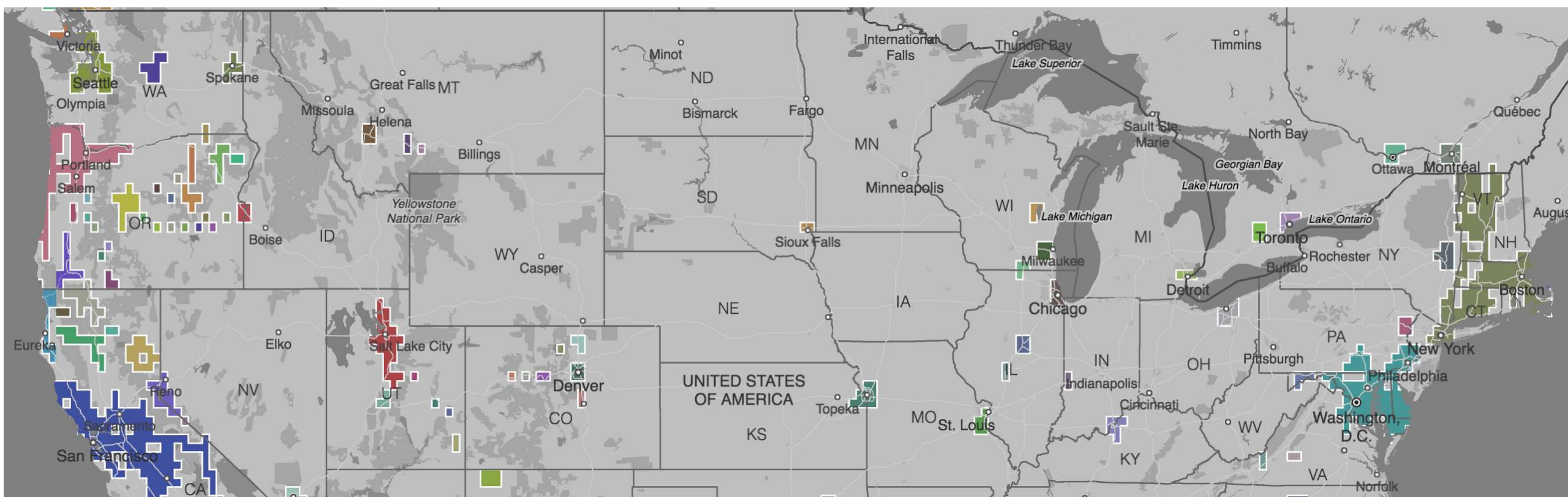
## Cape town, South Africa





# Worldwide repositories of GTFS data...Transitland

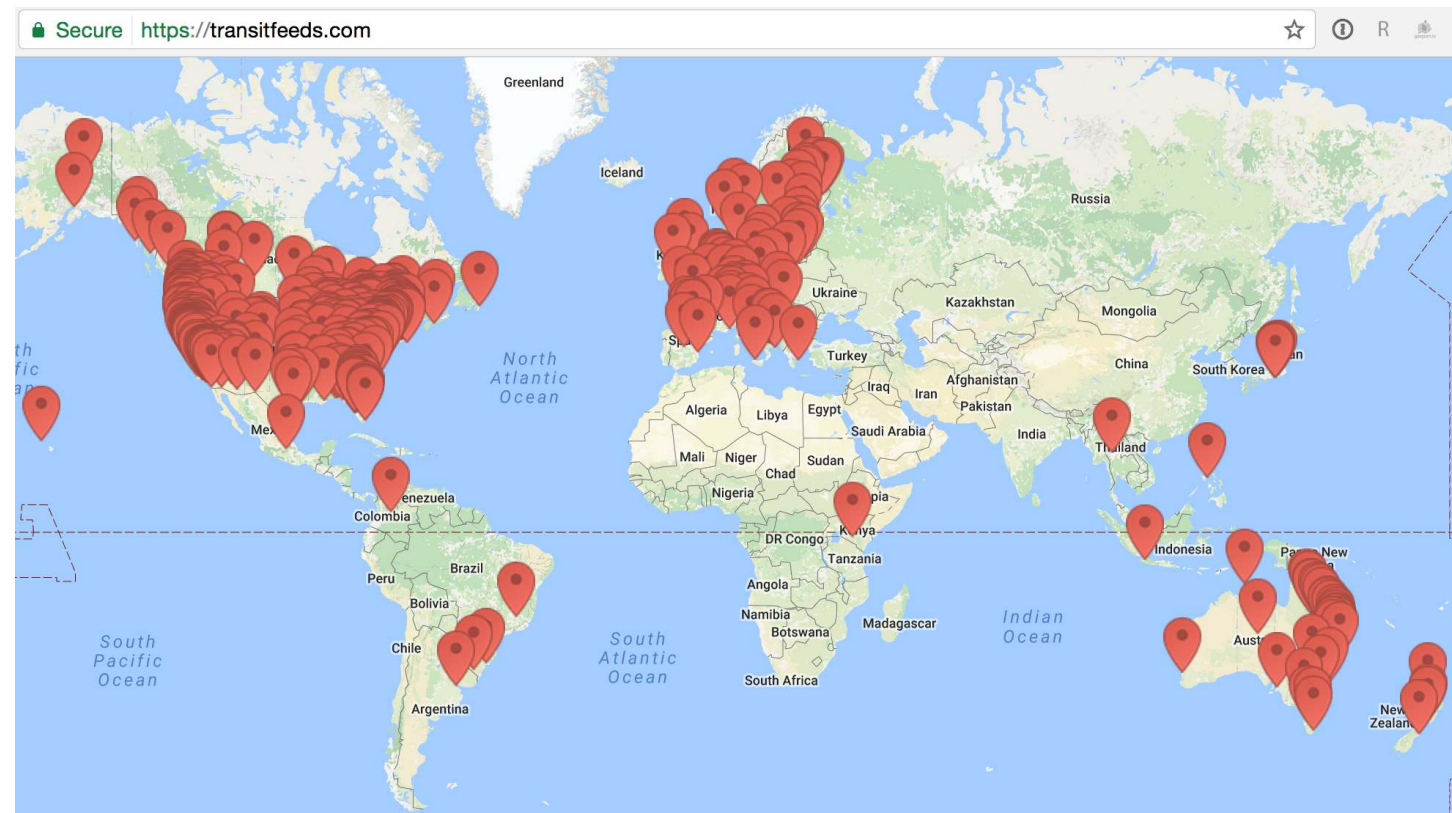
- Mapzen launched Transitland. In 2017, more than 1,500 operadores from 37 countries, 300 cities integrated under an open-source suite of tools and open data





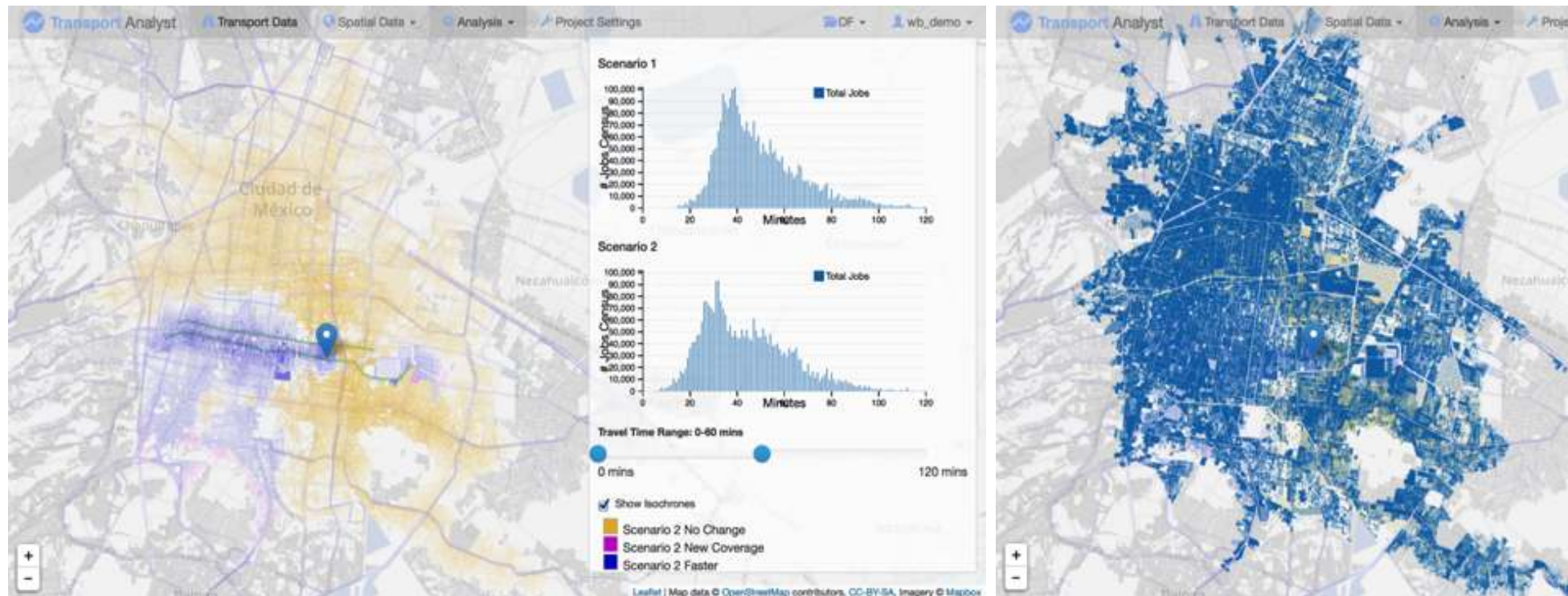
# There is a data-divide between global and north cities

- Transitfeeds, more than 400 cities... However, challenge for south cities, challenge for informal systems
- WRI, MIT, World Bank, Resources Center in project: share open data, technologies, methodologies for **informal systems**, experiences, network



# Same Transit data underlies planning tools...the power of open standards

- GTFS data underlying accessibility analysis in Mexico City comparing and measuring the increase in the # of jobs with the addition of two new transit routes within 60 minutes from the markup point.



# Accessibility tool

- Simple planning tool to quantify urban accessibility
- This tool leverages **digital, open, and standardized data**
  - Road Network: OpenStreetMap
  - Transit Network: General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS)
  - Shapefiles of population
  - Shapefiles of “opportunities”: Jobs, schools, health centers, parks
- Estimated travel times for each travel modes (car, transport, bike, pedestrian) and calculate the accessibility value to opportunities for every point in the city for a given time threshold.



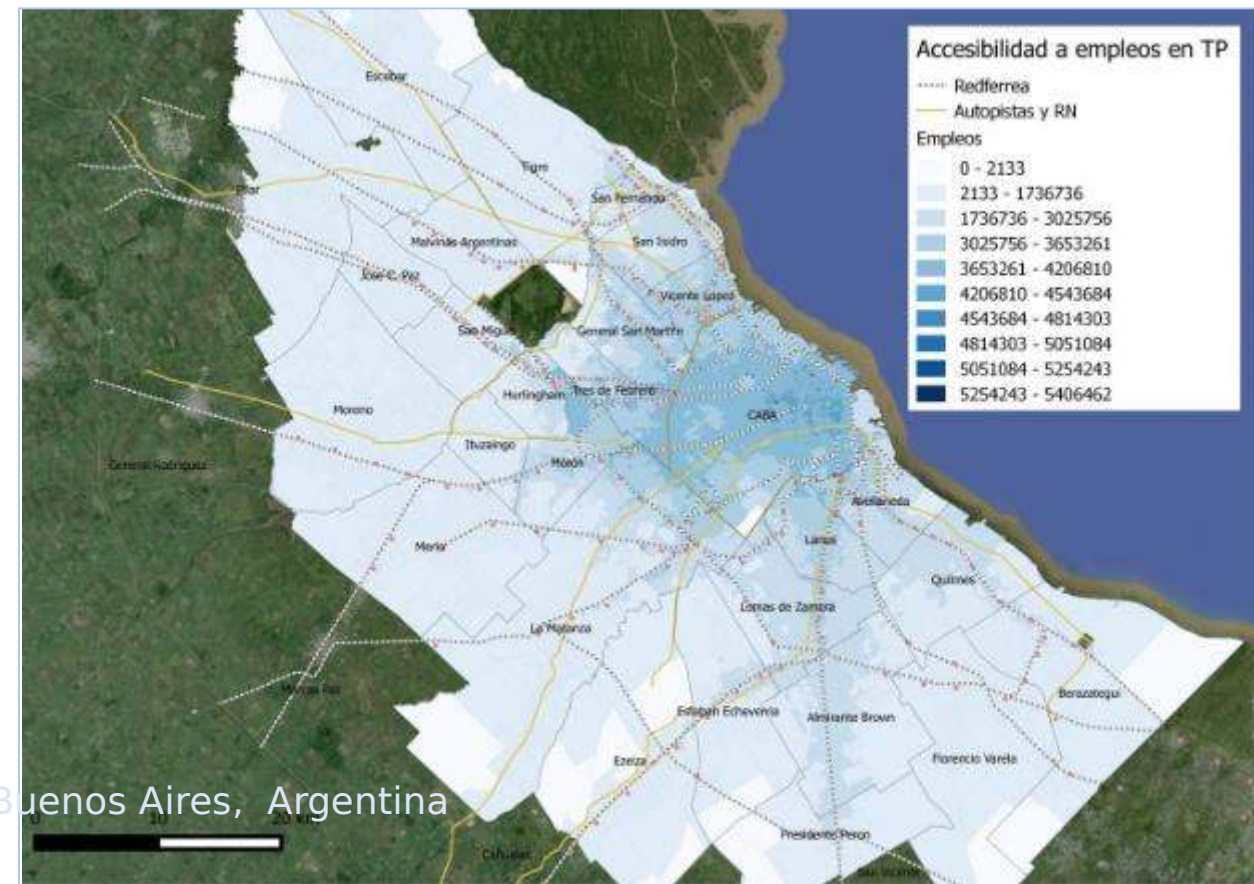
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# Why analyzing Accessibility?

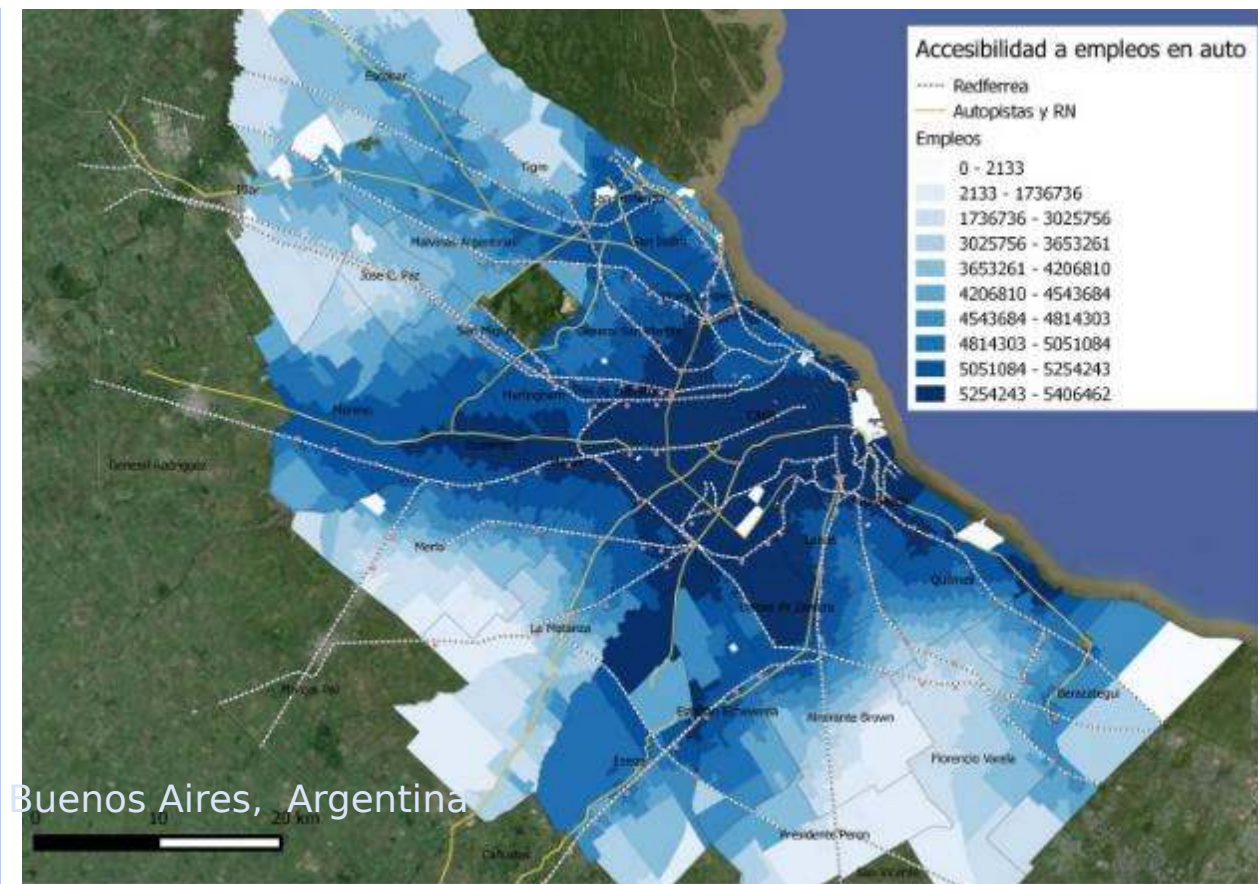
- Global and Local Tracking Framework
  - Planning Indicators
  - Benchmarking
  - Sustainable Development Goals
- Transport and Land Use Planning
  - Quick and simple modeling tool
  - Move towards a data-driven and evidence-based planning
- Investment Prioritization

# Accessibility for different modes

## Public transportation



## Automobile

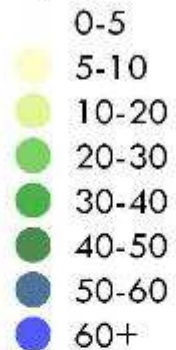




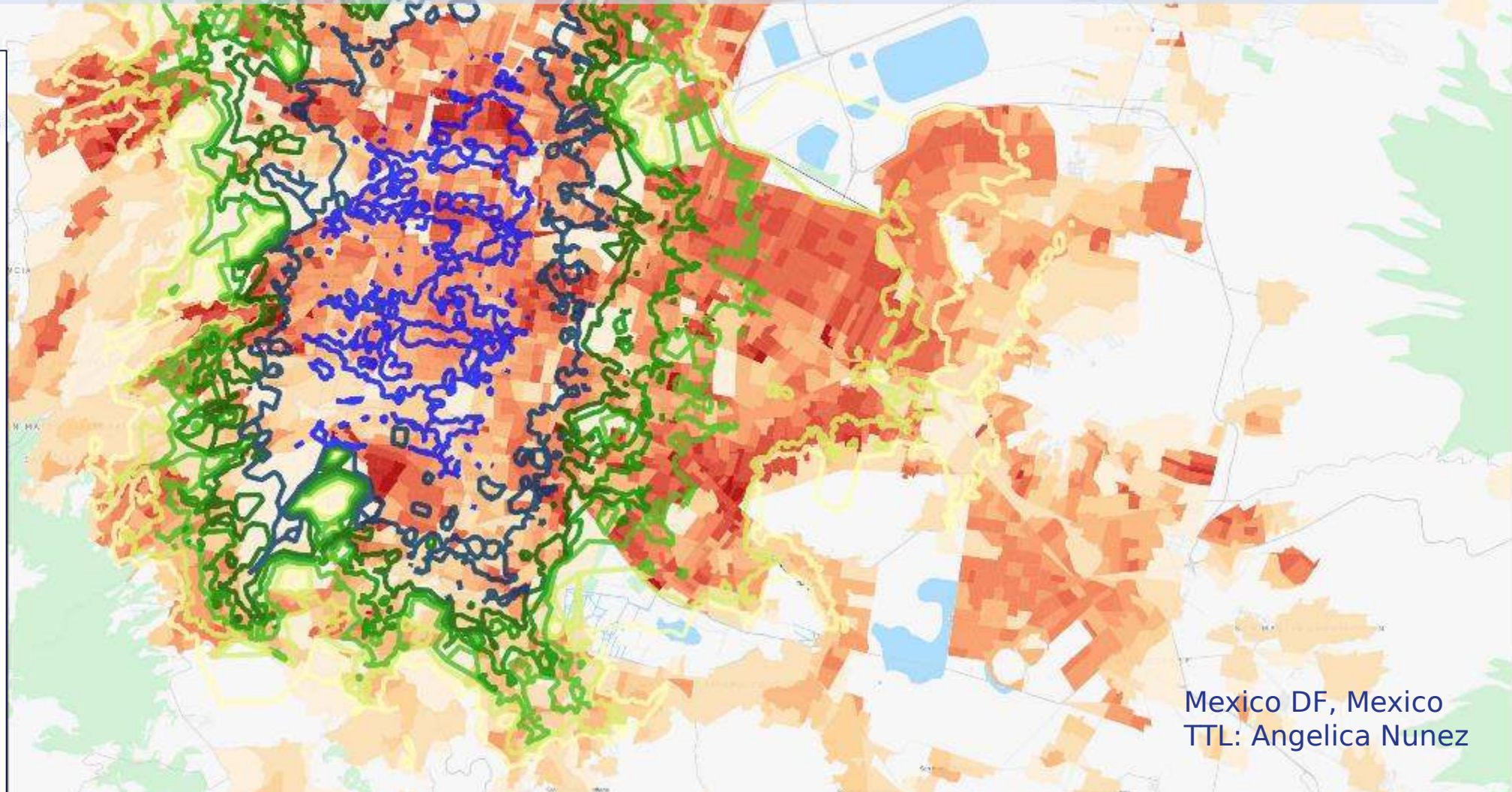
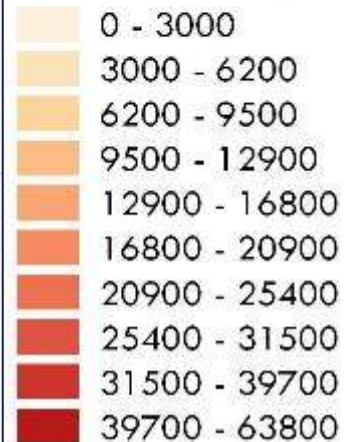
# Finding the optimal location of housing

## Legend

### Employment Density - Percentage



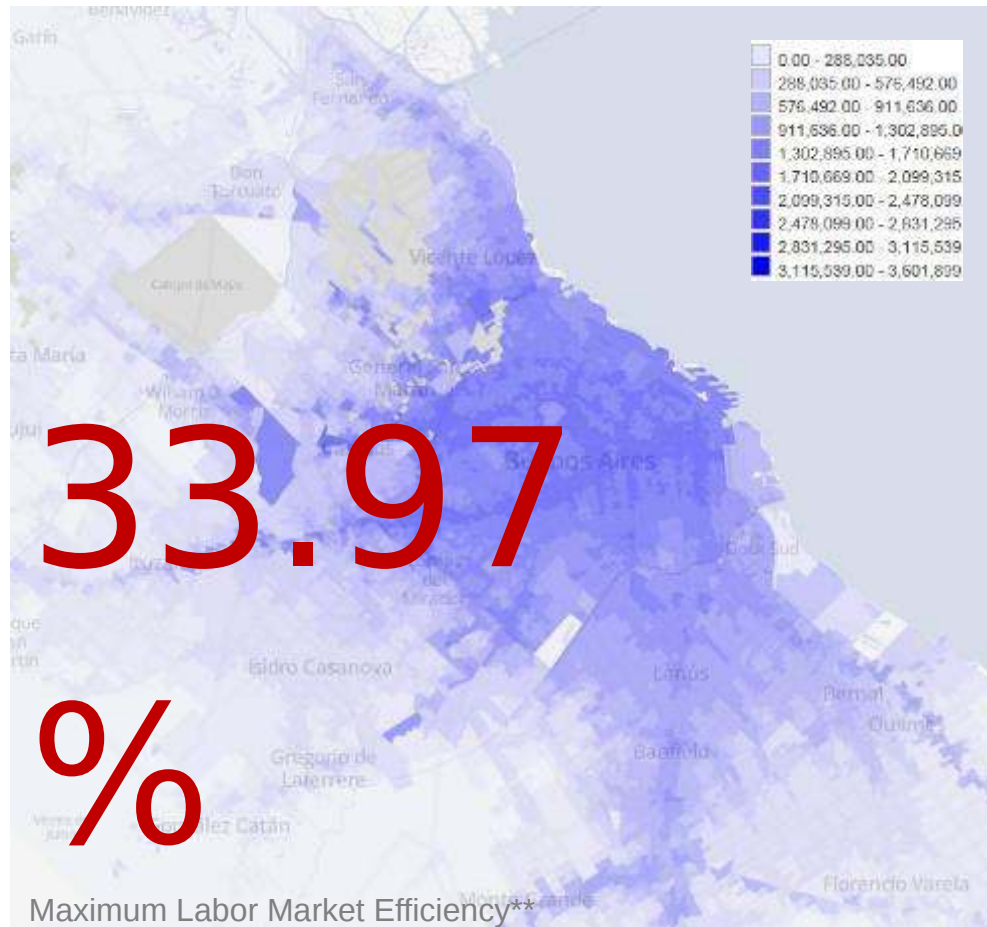
### Population Density



Mexico DF, Mexico  
TTL: Angelica Nunez



# Employment accessibility indicators

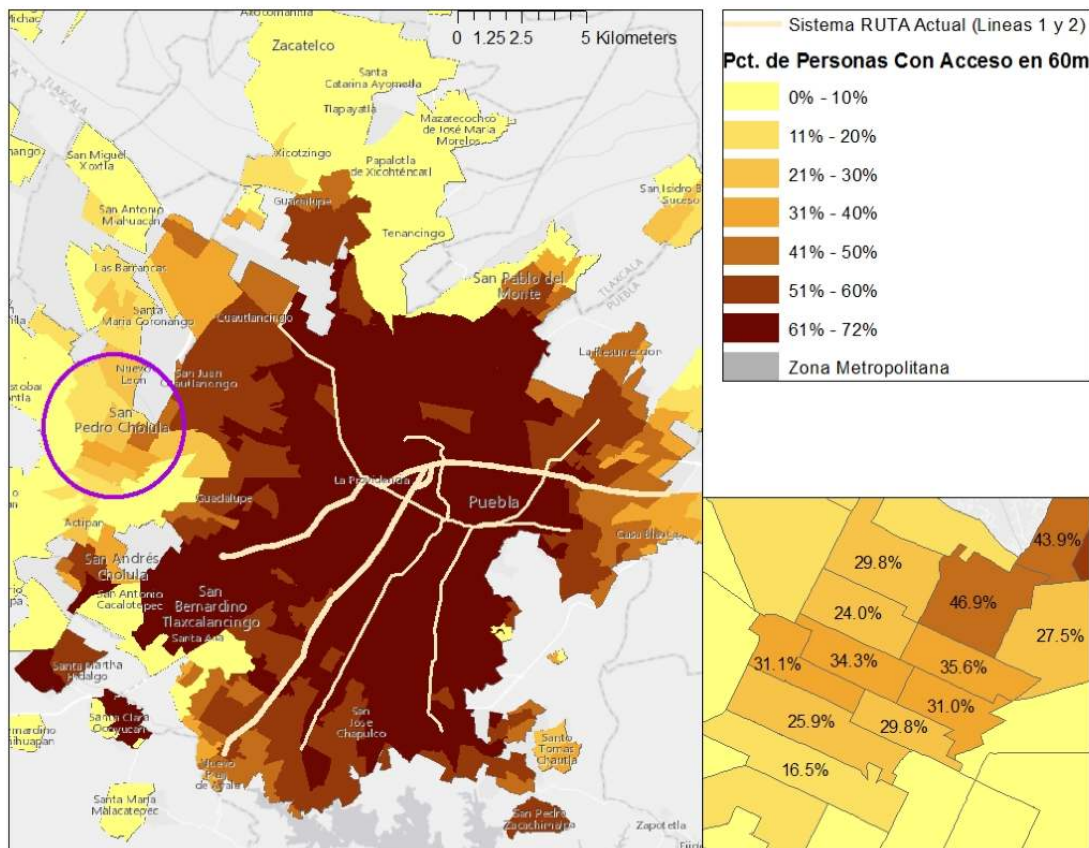


Effective size of the labor market

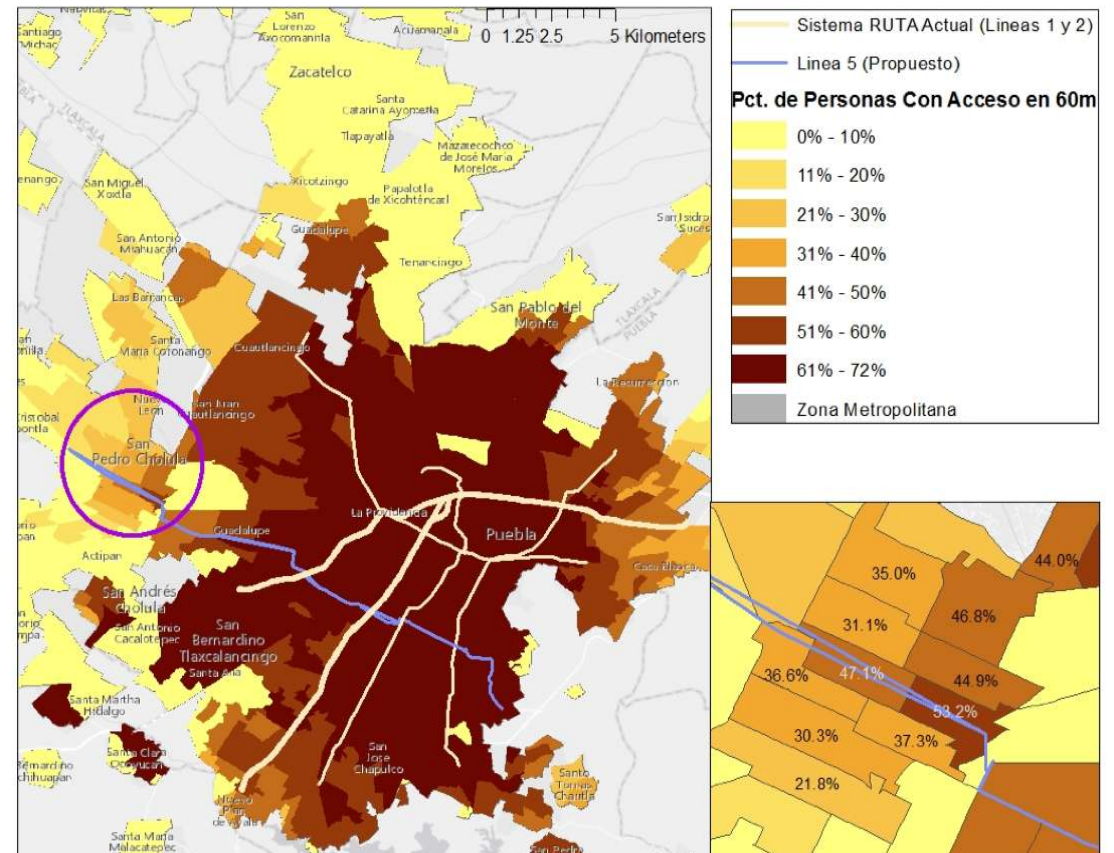
Someone living in Buenos Aires can access approximately 34 percent of the jobs in the metropolitan area in 60 minutes.

# Performance of projects

## Regional Analysis of the Current Transport System (60 Minutes):



## Regional Analysis of the Current Transportation System + L5 ROUTE (60 Minutes)



# Comparisons of accessibility in cities

## International Transport Forum - 2017 Transport Outlook report Accessibility by Public Transport 30 and 60-minute isochrones

Berlin



Paris



Toronto



Mexico City



Sao Paulo



Belo Horizonte



Manila



Nairobi



Washington



Madrid



Cairo



Budapest



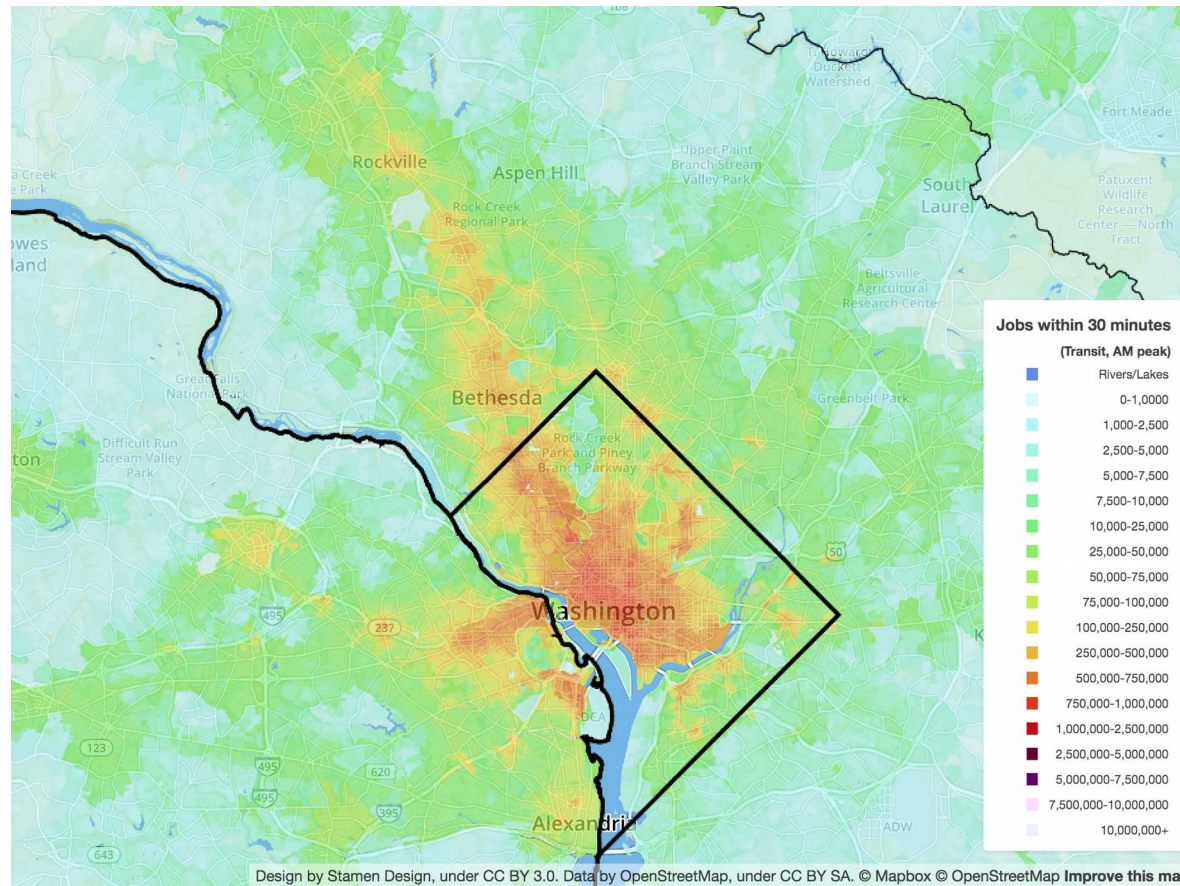
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# Ranking of cities

## US cities ranking according to their accessibility to jobs by transit



1. New York
2. San Francisco
3. Los Angeles
4. Washington, D.C.
5. Chicago
6. Boston
7. Philadelphia
8. Seattle
9. Denver
10. San Jose
11. Portland
12. Milwaukee
13. Minneapolis
14. Baltimore
15. Miami
16. Houston
17. Salt Lake City
18. San Diego
19. Phoenix
20. Sacramento
21. Dallas
22. Pittsburgh
23. San Antonio
24. Las Vegas
25. Buffalo
26. Cleveland
27. Columbus
28. St. Louis
29. Hartford
30. Atlanta
31. Providence



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## GLOBAL NETWORK MAPPING TRANSIT

### Overview

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Civic Design Data Lab*

World Resources Institute and others

Data Compilation

Attention to informal systems

Network, Platform for experience and resources sharing

Online training, support for local governments

GTFS repositories

*South-south cooperation, Open Governance, Social innovation*

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