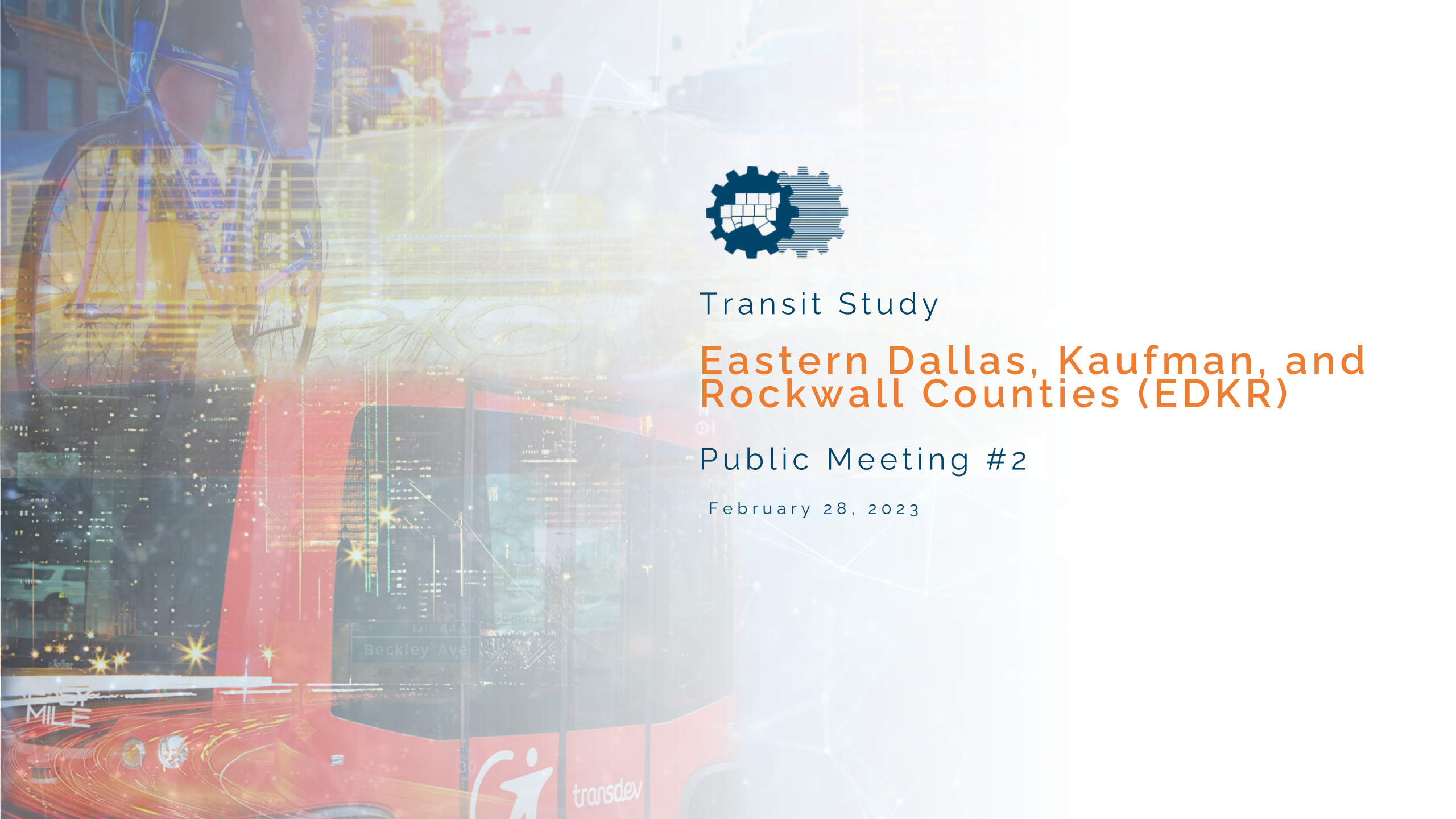


Transit Study

Eastern Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties (EDKR)

Public Meeting #2

February 28, 2023



AGENDA



Welcome and Introductions



Background and Study Purpose Refresher



Project Overview and Study Area



Existing Conditions Report



Public Engagement: Input/Facilitation



Phasing & Upcoming Schedule



Welcome and Introductions

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BACKGROUND: TRANSIT STUDIES

Request Received from Mesquite in 2019

- Balancing Transportation Needs
- Addressing Equity
- Member/Non-Member Cities Considerations

Transit Studies Based on Common Framework

- *Three* Completed (Collin, S. Dallas, Tarrant Counties)
- *Two* Underway (Denton, EDKR Counties)

Common Elements	EDKR
Internal and regional connections	✓
Strategic implementation	✓
Near-term horizon (now to 10 years)	✓
Increase transportation options and innovation	✓
Funding options	✓
Private sector involvement	✓

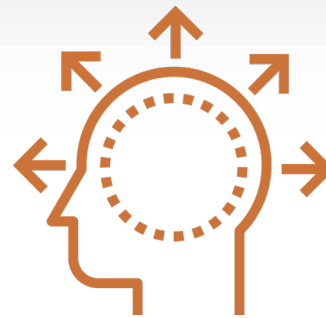


STUDY PURPOSE

Develop a comprehensive approach to planning and implementing transit services outside of transit authority services areas.



**Implement Near-Term
Strategies**



**Review Transportation
Options**



**Identify Funding
Options**



Project Overview and Study Area



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Timeline:

- 0-5 Years, up to 10 years

Geography:

- Eastern Dallas, Kaufman, Rockwall Counties (Outside of DART service area)

Audience:

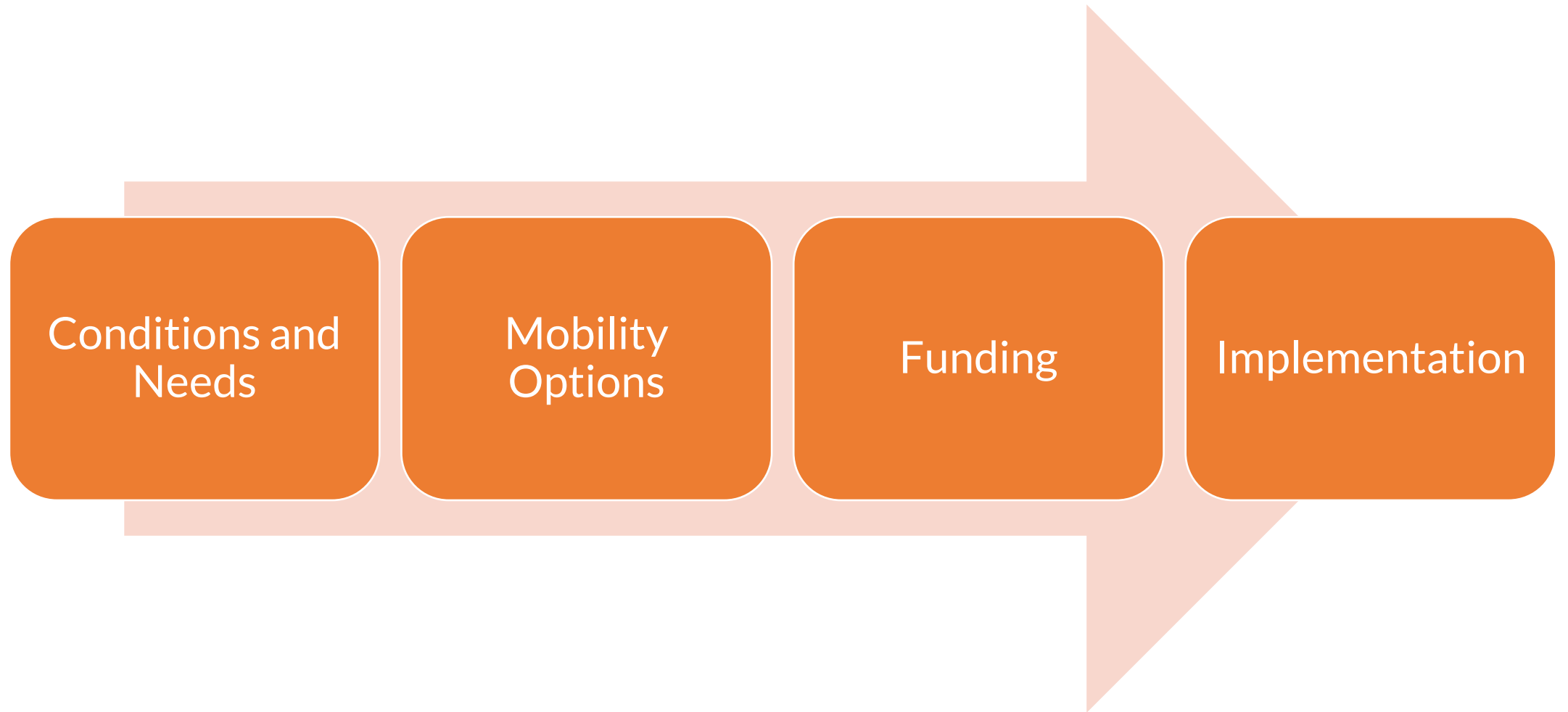
- Municipalities and Transit Agencies

Outcomes:

- Mobility Options and next steps



PROJECT OUTCOMES



Public Meeting #2 Objectives

Provide update on project status



Ensure communication with the Public and stakeholders



Discuss relevant study area history, context, developments and obstacles



Lay out next steps in the project timeline



Share public survey for distribution



Highlight future opportunities to provide input and public engagement



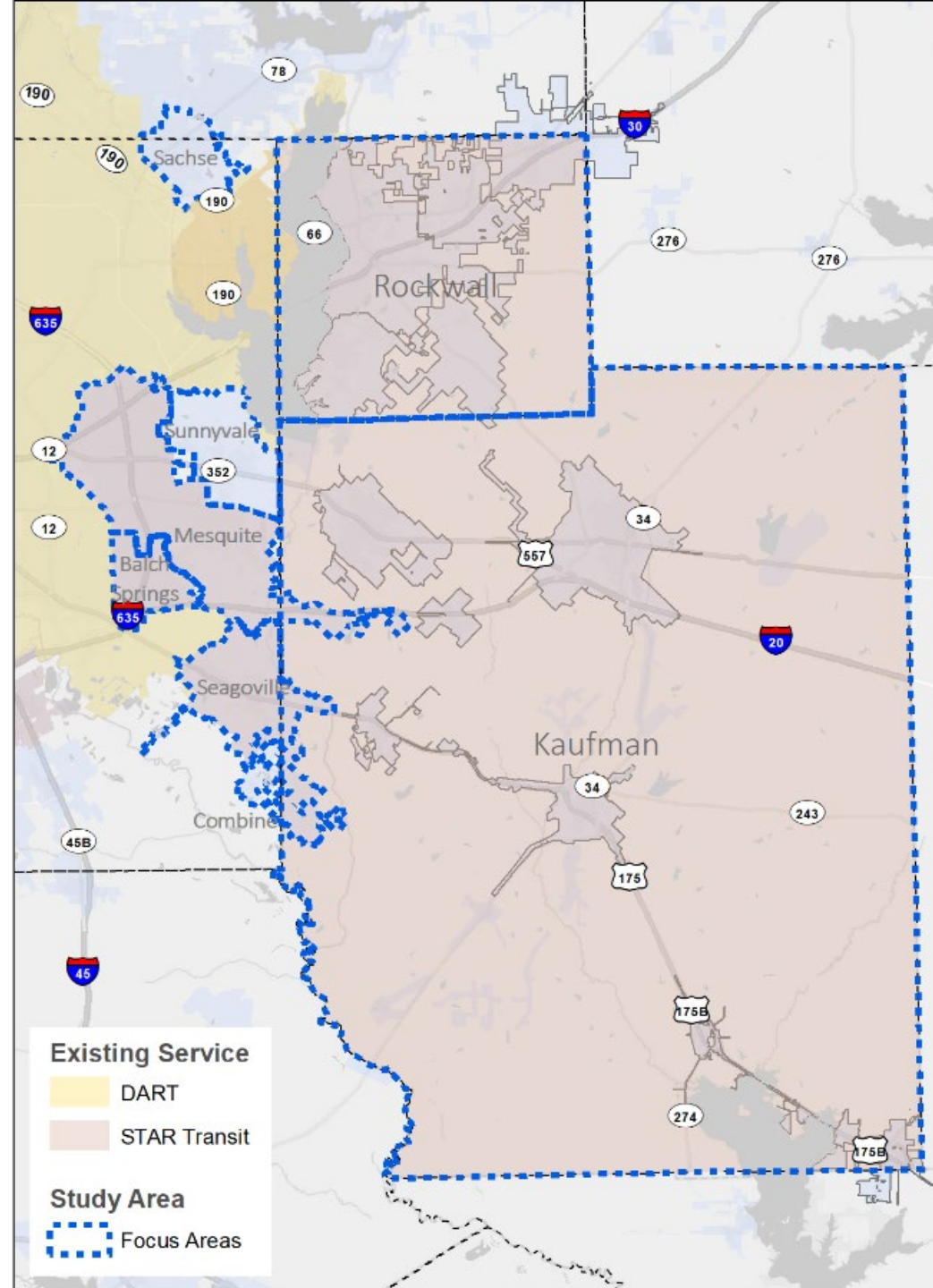
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Focus Areas

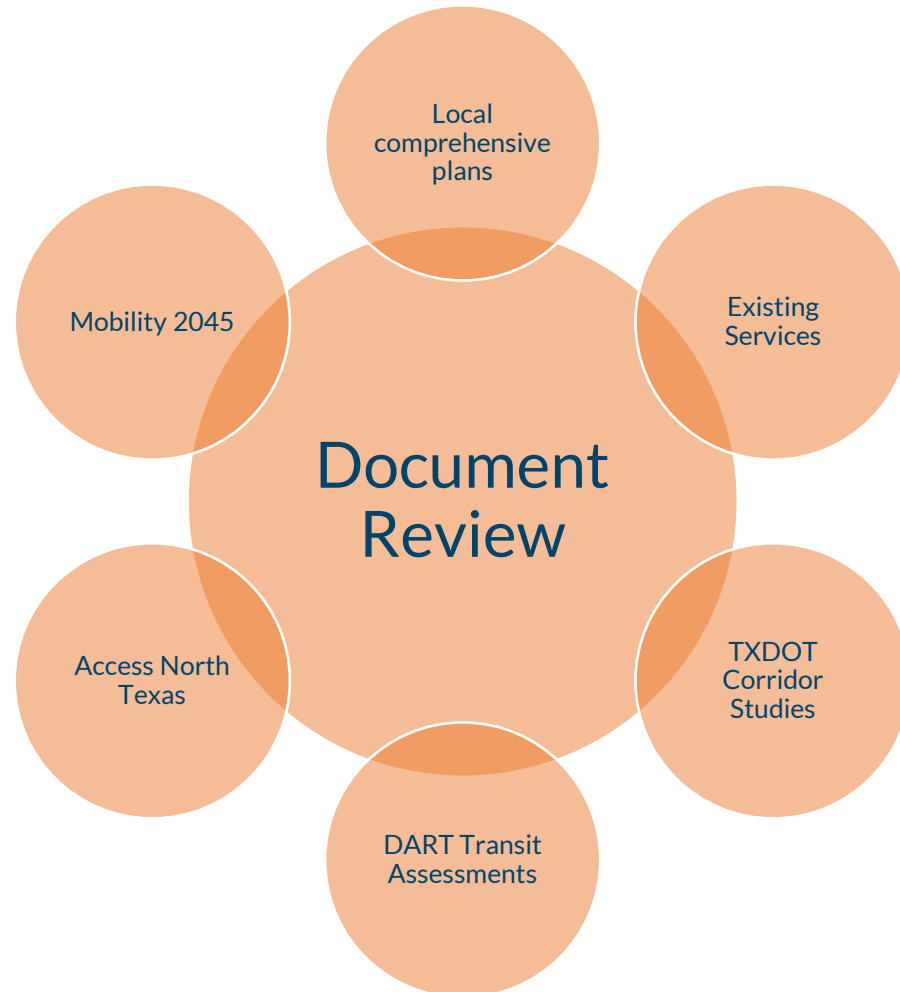
Non-Member Cities

Existing Providers

DART, STAR Transit



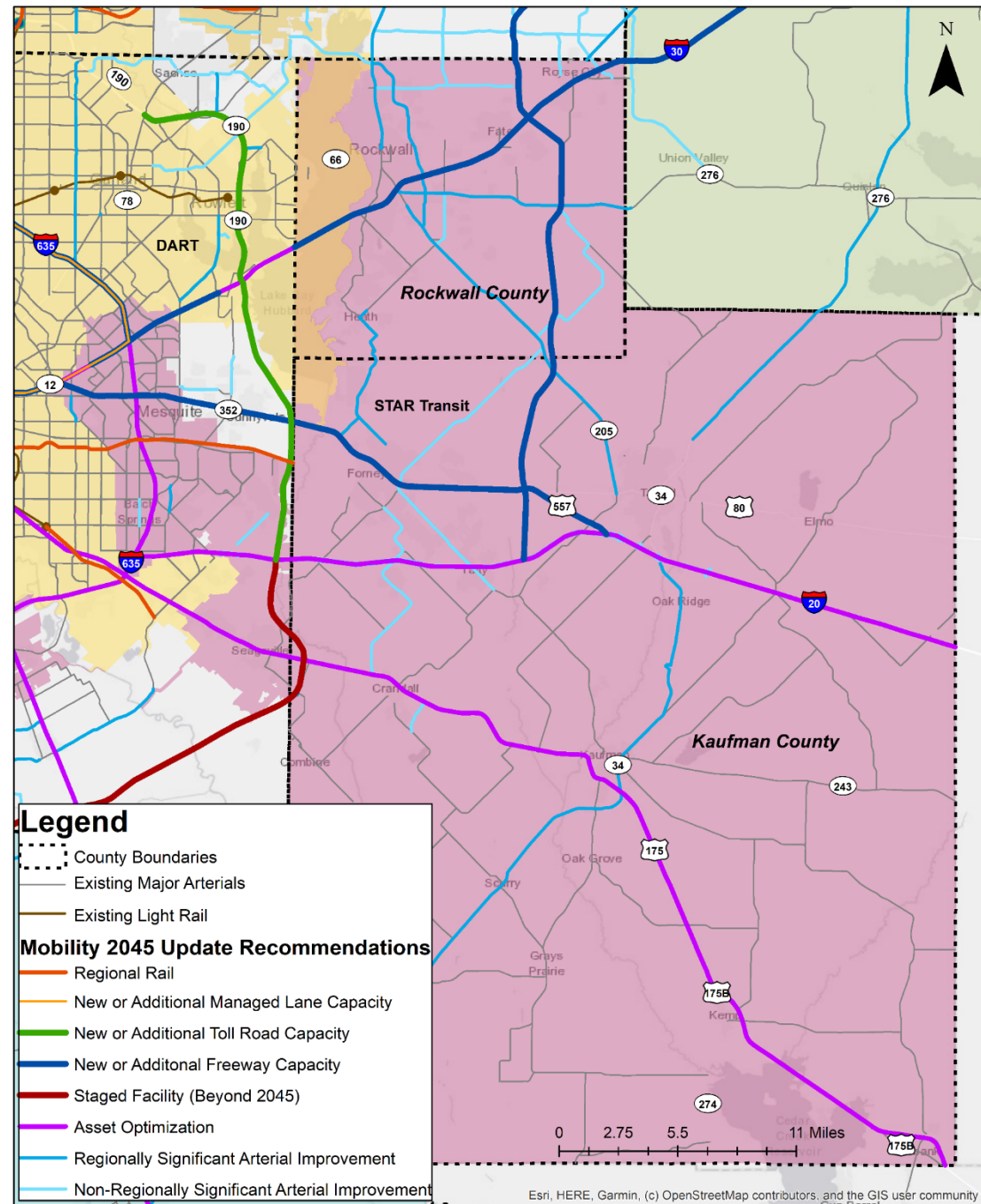
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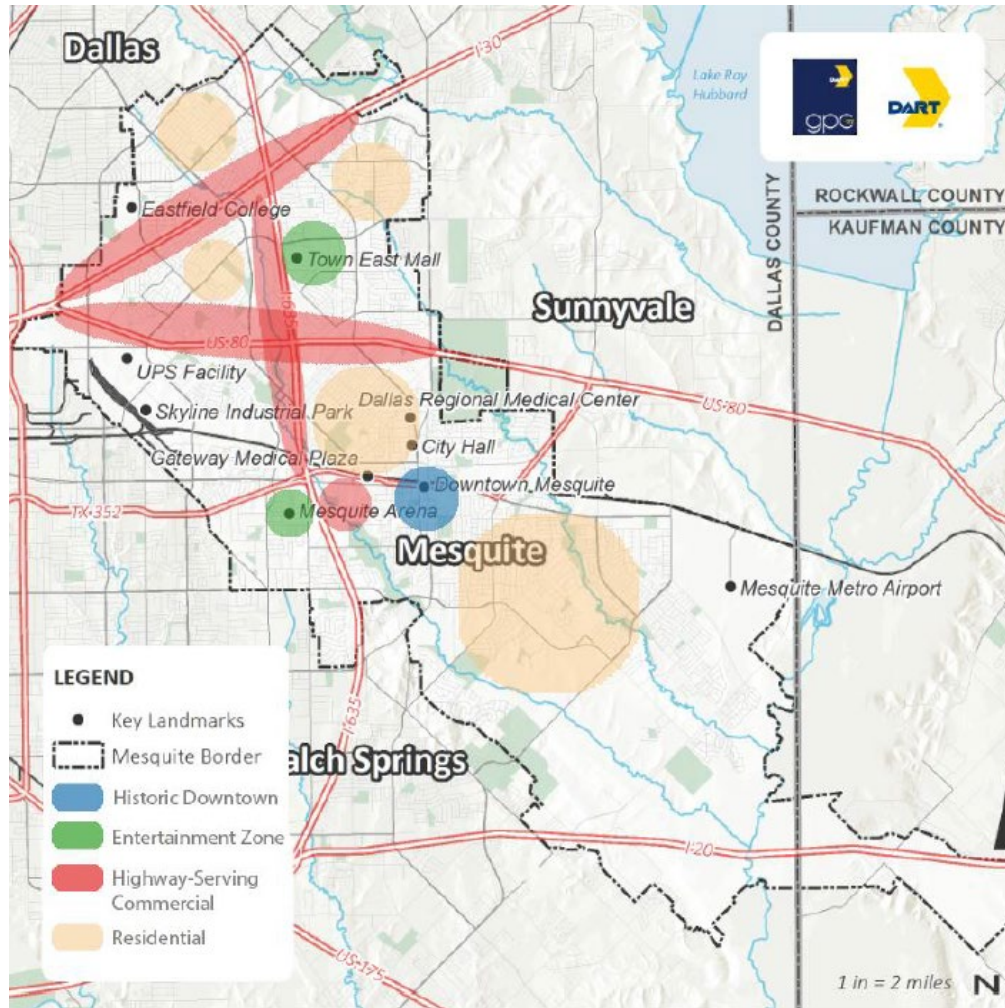
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Mobility 2045 Update Recommendations



Planning Context



Major Building Block Documents

Southern Dallas County Transit Study

DFW Walkup Wake up Call

Mesquite Transit Service Plan

DART High-Capacity Corridor Report

Balch Springs Comp Plan

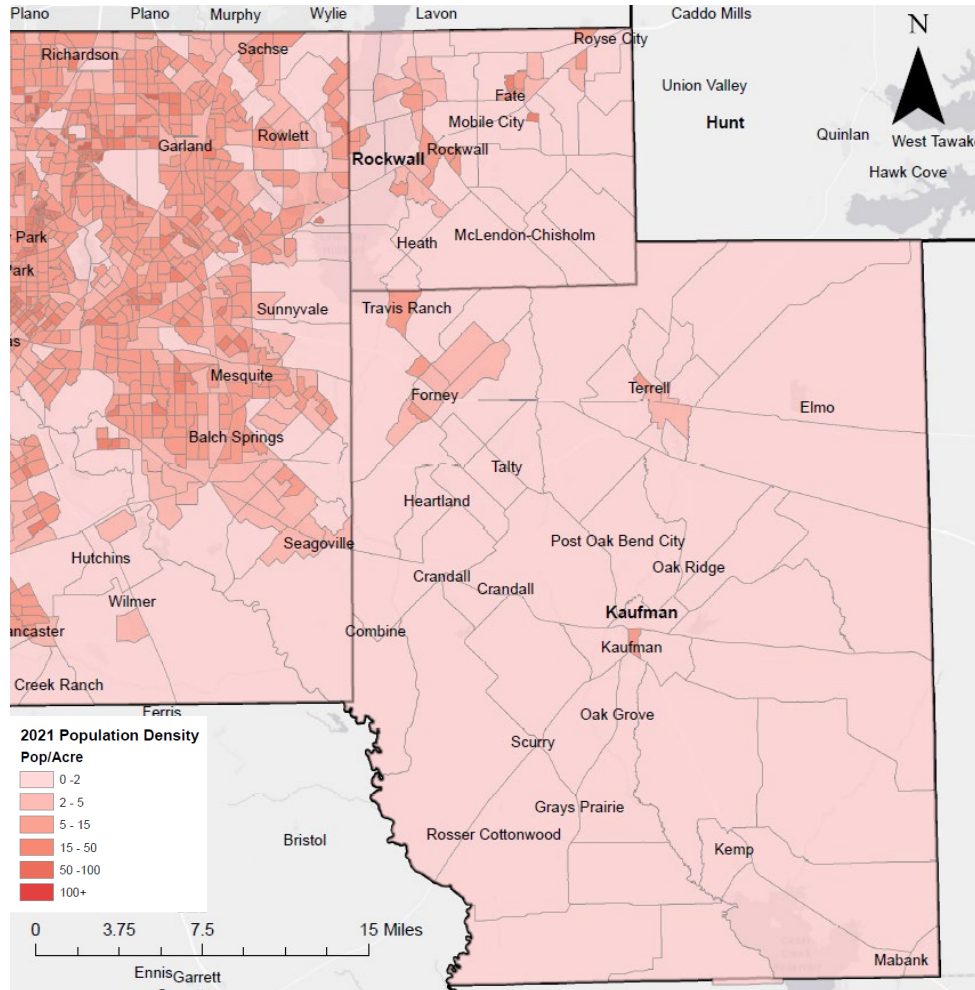
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Population and Demographics in Eastern Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties



2021 Population & Density



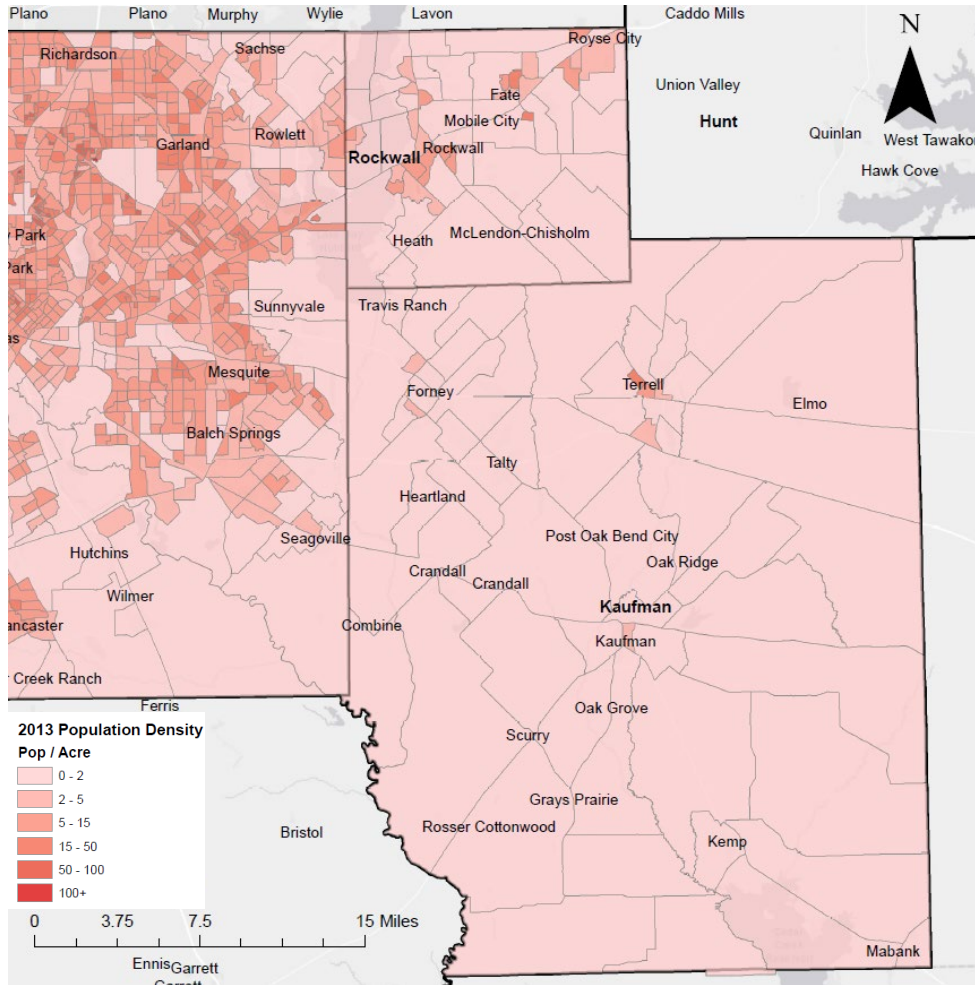
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City Populations and Densities			
Geography	Population (2021)	Land Area (Sq. Miles)	Population Density (Pop. Per Sq. Mile)
Balch Springs	27,369	9.06	3,020.86
Mesquite	148,087	49.1	3,016.03
Sachse	26,797	9.87	2,714.99
Rockwall	46,150	29.5	1,564.41
Forney	22,770	14.9	1,528.19
Fate	17,403	11.8	1,474.83
Seagoville	18,263	18.8	971.44
Dallas-Fort Worth Region	7,759,615	8,675.30	894.5
Crandall	3,779	4.4	858.86
Heath	9,362	12.4	755
Kaufman	6,796	9.13	744.36
Royse City	13,512	19	711.16
Talty	2,420	3.41	709.68
Terrell	17,083	27.2	628.05
Kemp	1,357	2.2	616.82
Sunnyvale	7,647	16.5	463.45
Mabank	3,468	7.61	455.72
Combine	2,721	7.3	372.74
McLendon-Chisholm	3,437	12.5	274.96

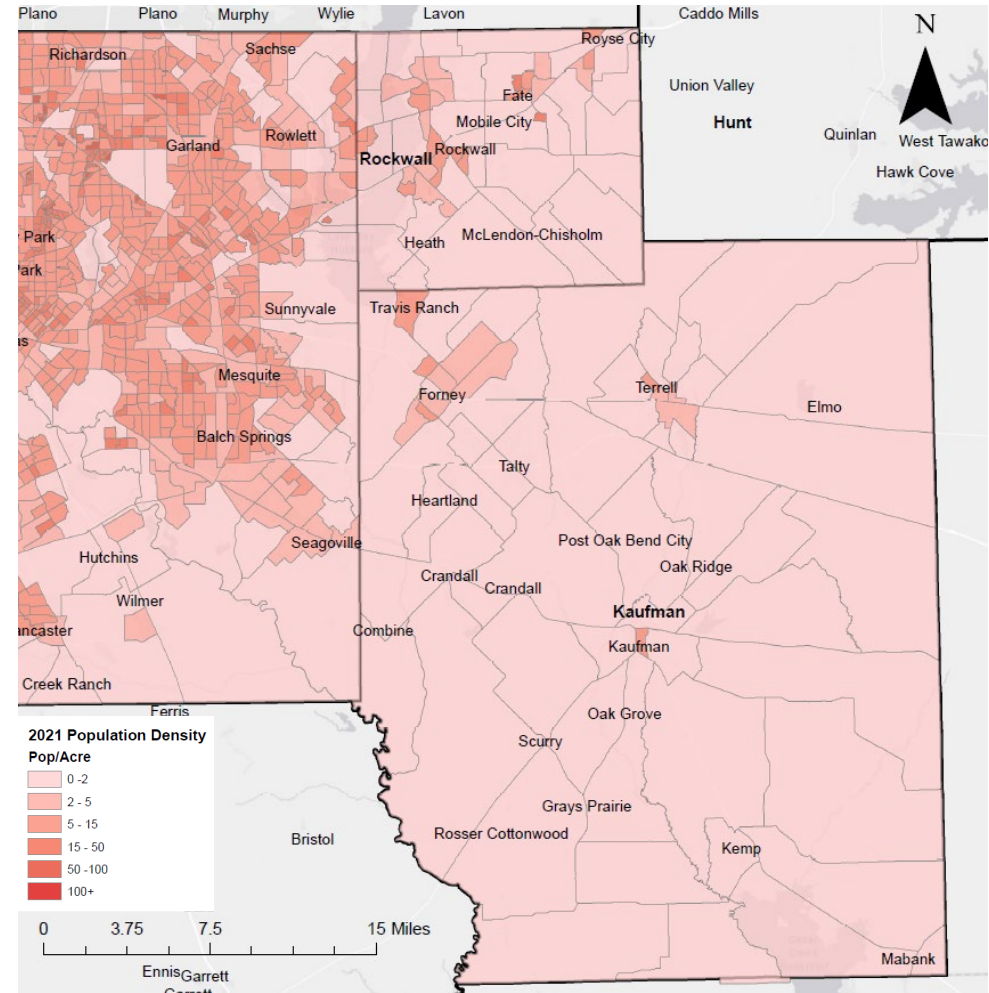
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8-Year Population Density Changes



Source: American Community Survey



Source: American Community Survey



2010-2021 EDKR Study Area Population Change

Geography	2010 Population	2021 Population	Population Change	% Change
Fate	5,422	17,403	11,981	221%
McLendon-Chisholm	1,867	3,437	1,570	84%
Forney	13,161	22,770	9,609	73%
Sunnyvale	4,647	7,647	3,000	65%
Royse City	8,242	13,512	5,270	64%
Combine	1,681	2,721	1,040	62%
Kaufman County	103,927	157,768	53,841	52%
Eastern Dallas County	224,599	340,665	116,066	52%
Rockwall County	79,003	116,381	37,378	47%
Sachse	18,399	26,797	8,398	46%
Crandall	2,860	3,779	919	32%
Rockwall (City)	35,094	46,150	11,056	32%
Seagoville	14,047	18,263	4,216	30%
Dallas-Fort Worth Region	6,366,542	7,759,615	1,393,073	22%
Balch Springs	22,776	27,369	4,593	20%
Terrell	15,540	17,083	1,543	10%
Mesquite	140,293	148,087	7,794	6%
Kaufman (City)	6,731	6,796	65	1%
Kemp	1,611	1,357	-254	-16%

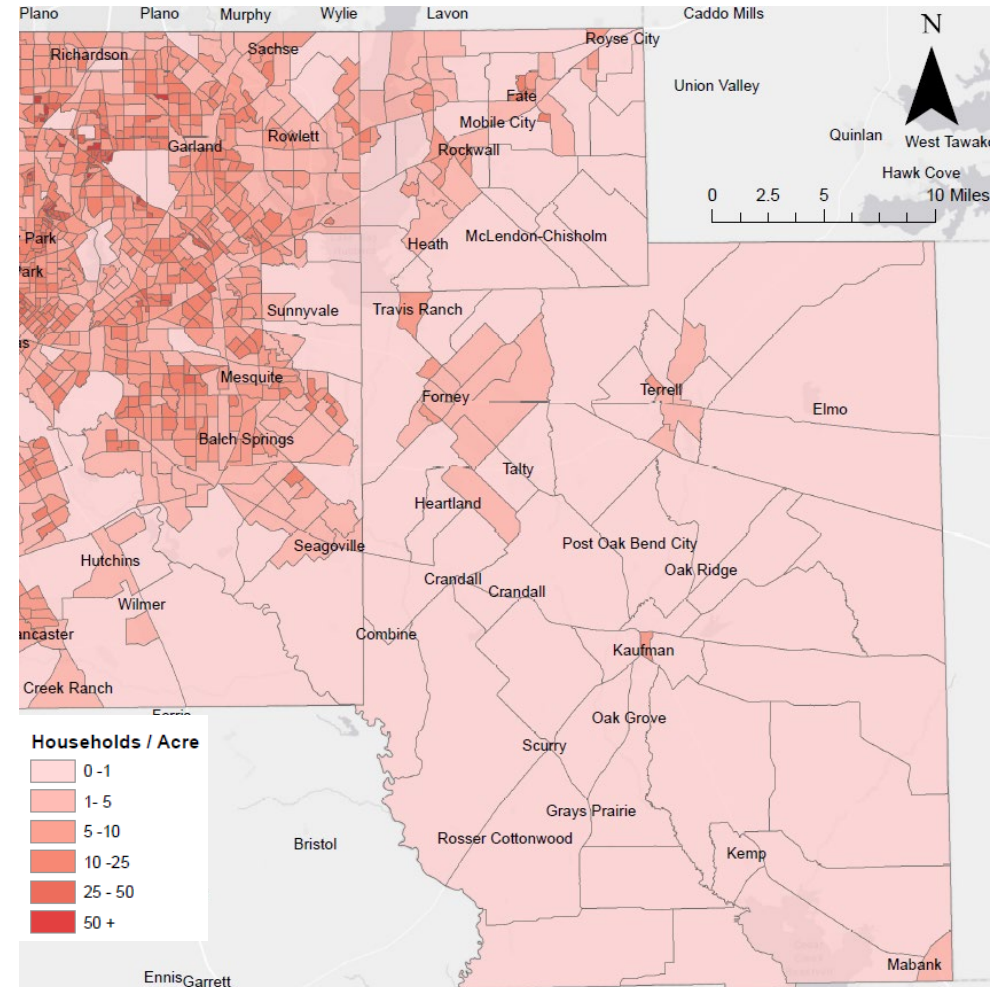
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2021 Household Characteristics

2021 Average Household Size	
Balch Springs	3.55
Seagoville	3.29
Combine	3.27
Kaufman County	3.12
Sunnyvale	2.98
Rockwall County	2.94
Sachse	2.87
Mesquite	2.84
Dallas-Fort Worth Region	2.7

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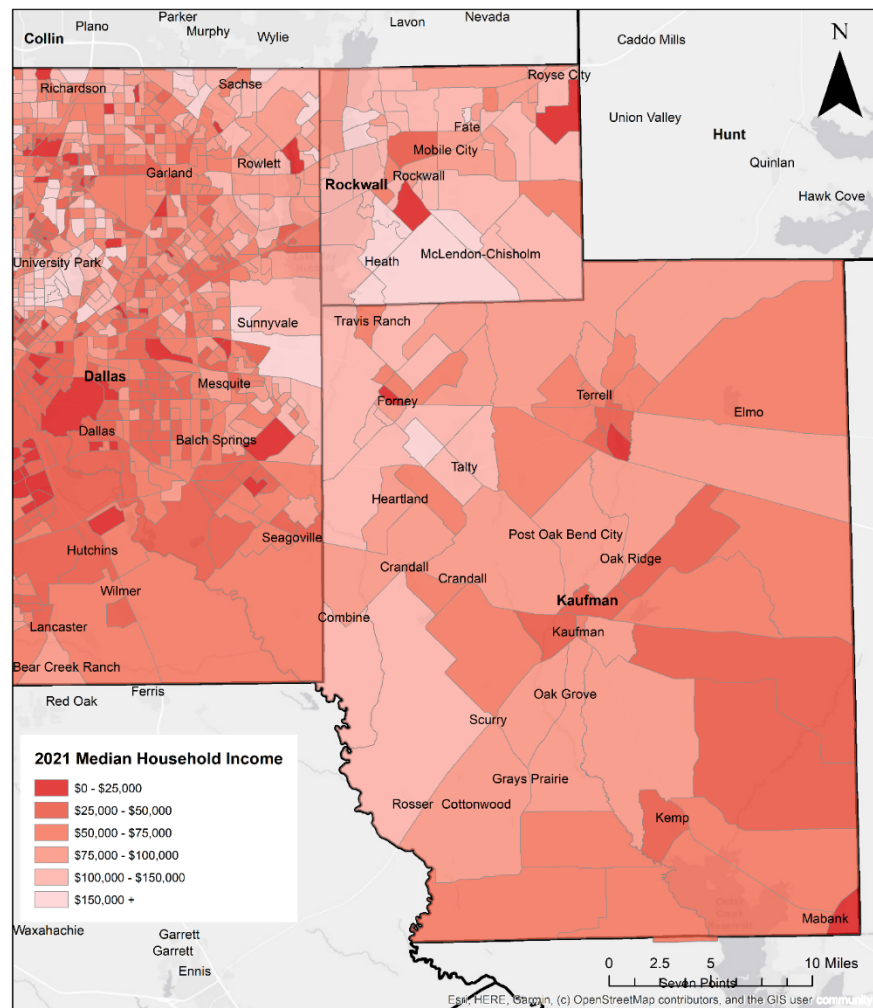


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2021 Median Household Income

2021 Median Household Income	
Sunnyvale	\$137,656
Rockwall County	\$121,568
Sachse	\$114,593
Combine	\$82,341
Dallas-Fort Worth Region	\$75,975
Kaufman County	\$72,175
Mesquite	\$60,957
Seagoville	\$59,950
Balch Springs	\$55,817

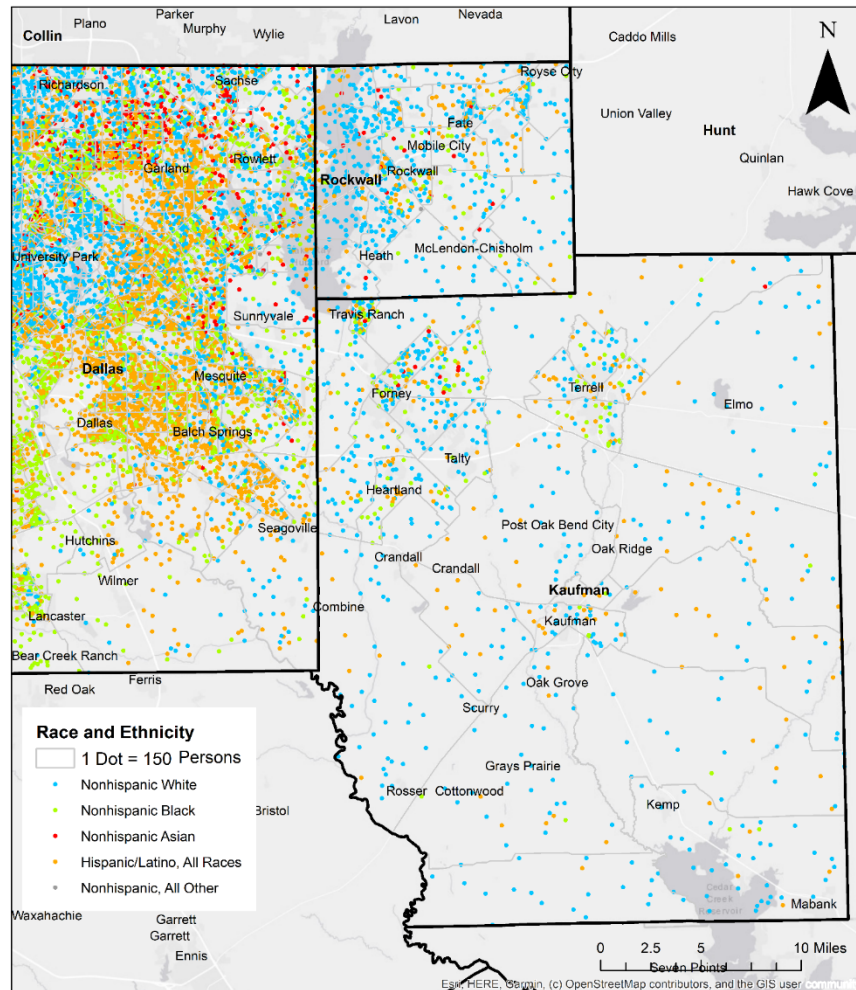


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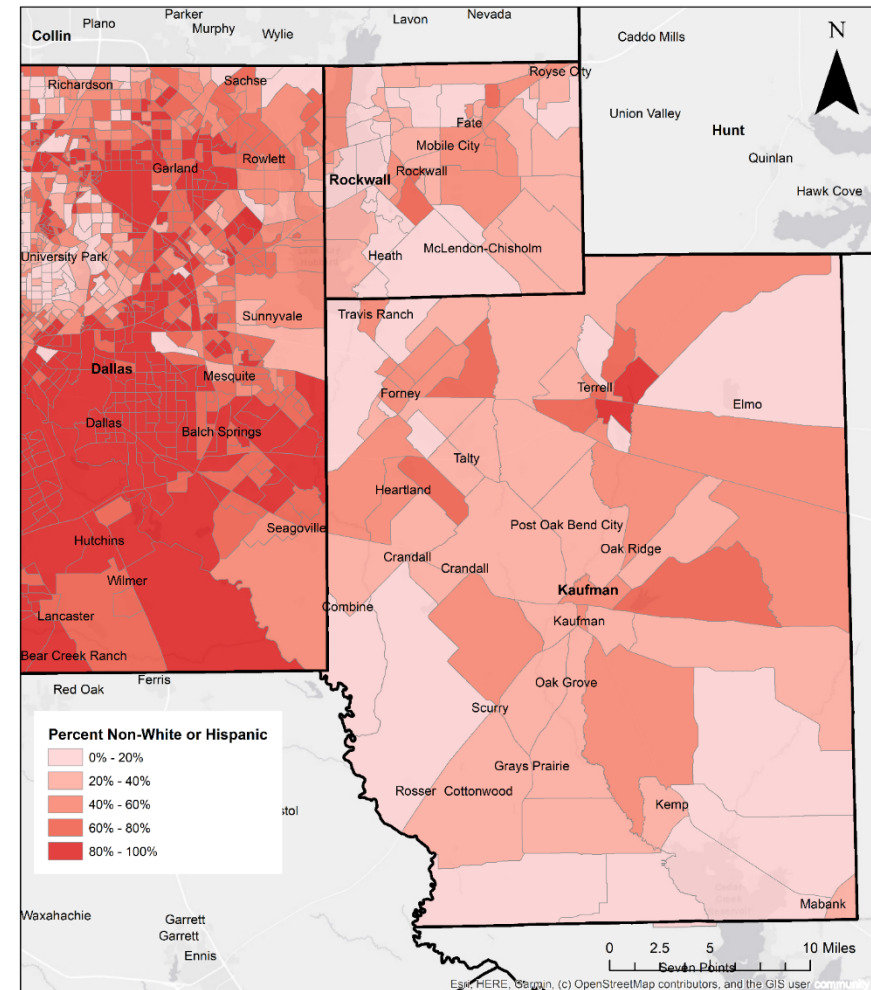
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Equity and Other Key Populations (2021)



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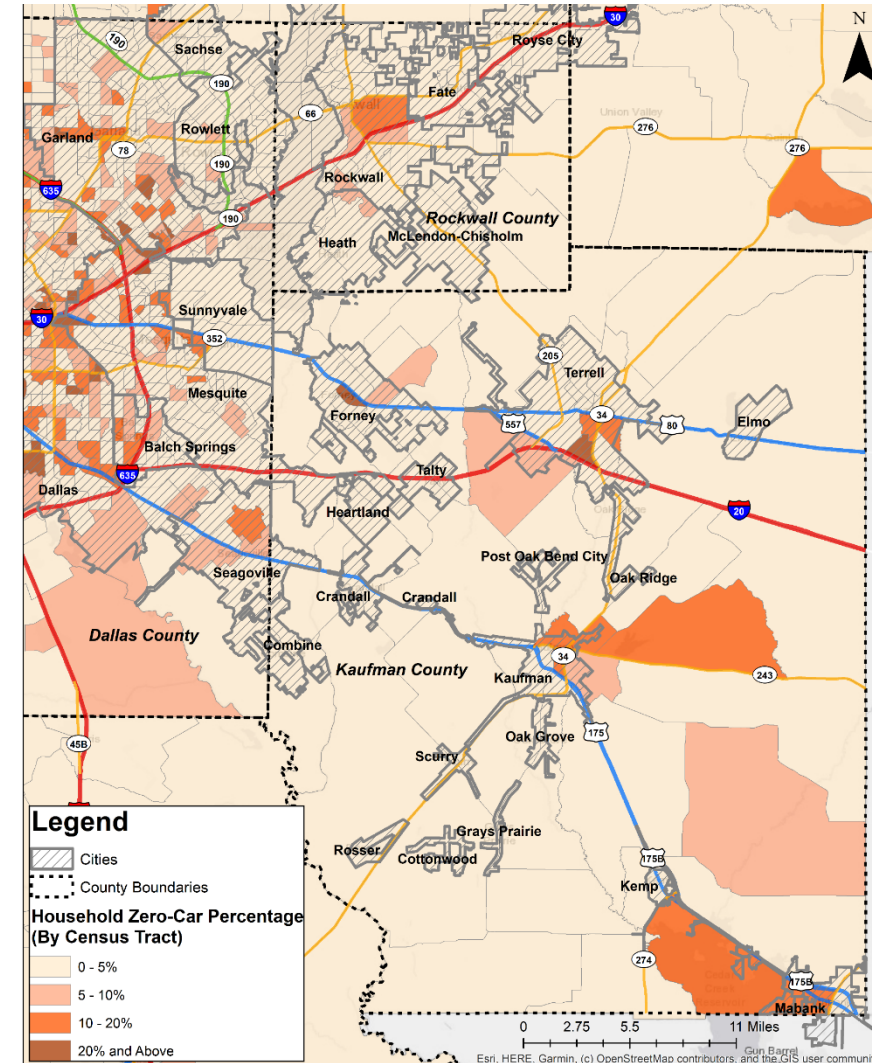


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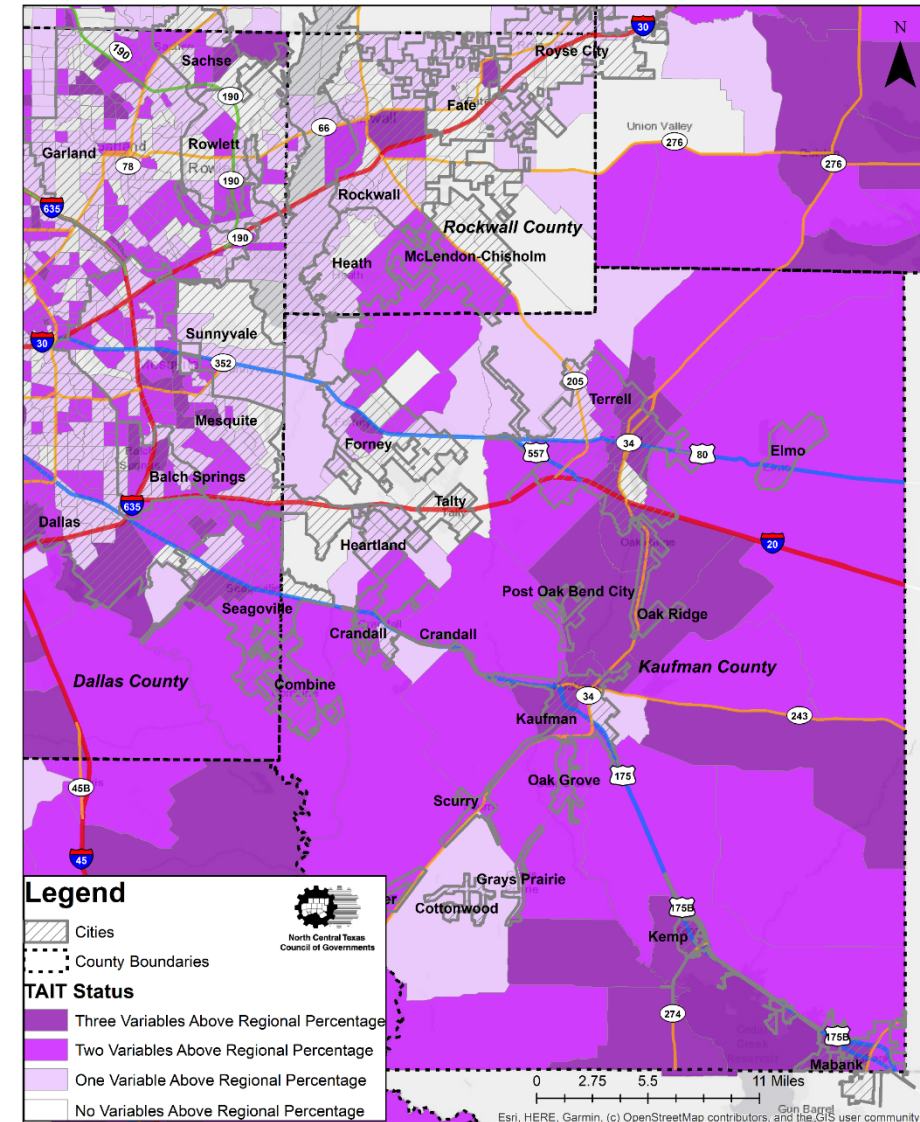
Equity and Other Key Populations (2021)

- Zero Car Households: Number of housing units that have no vehicle available
- Total number of occupied units was used to determine percentage in each census tract
- Represents a key metric in determining status in the Transit Accessibility Improvement Tool (TAIT)



Transit Accessibility Improvement Tool Status (TAIT)

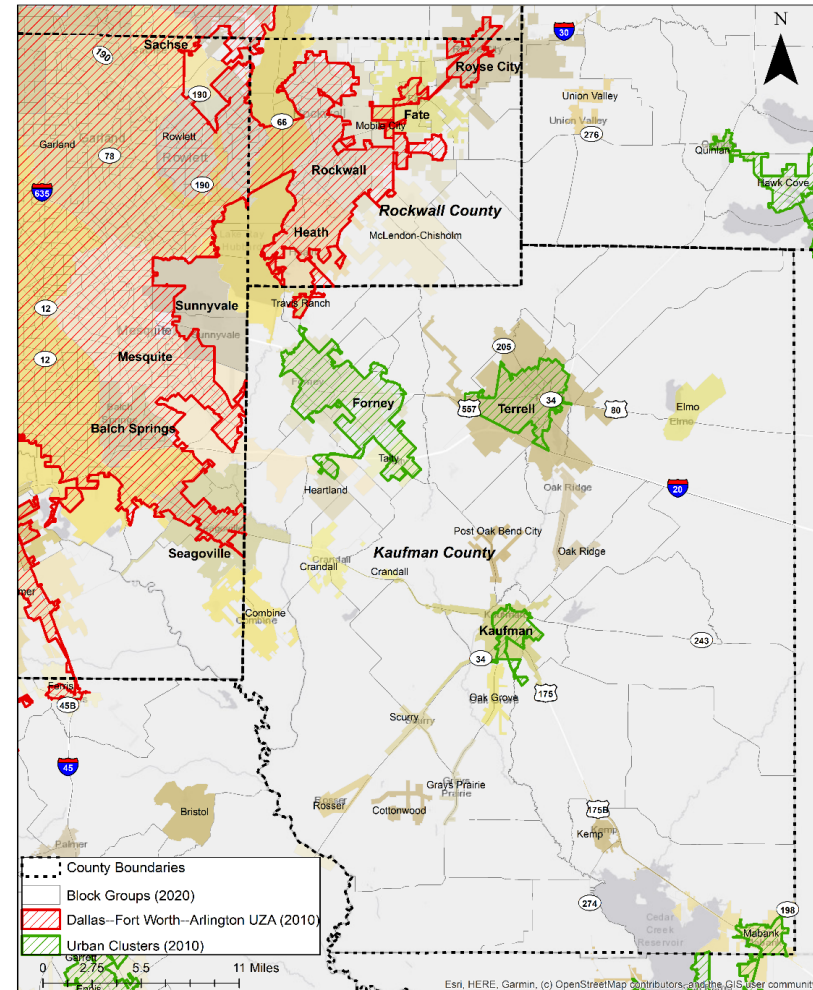
- Identifies communities who face transportation disadvantages
- May have greater potential need for public transit.
- Populations relevant to Title VI Requirements and the NCTCOG Access North Texas plan
- Identified using Census block groups with concentrations of residents
 - Currently below poverty
 - Living with disabilities
 - Or age 65 and over



Urban and Rural Area Populations

- 28% of Kaufman County is developed as of 2015
- Urban Clusters centered around Forney, Terrell, Kaufman and Mabank
- Rockwall County nearly split 50/50 between Dallas Fort Worth Arlington UZA and Rural communities
- Updated 2020 “Urban Areas” geography information pending release January 2023

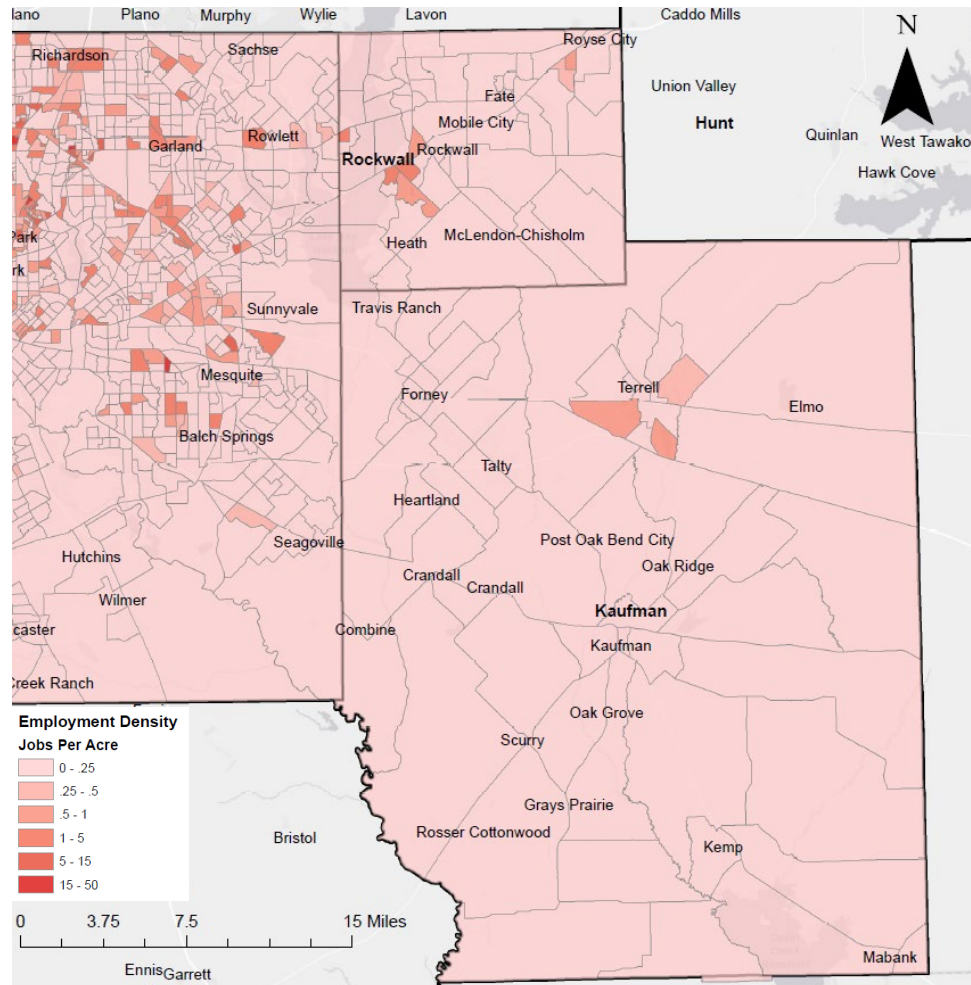
County Populations, Densities, and Developed/Rural Land Areas					
County	Population (2021)	Land Area (Sq. Miles)	Population Density (Pop. Per Sq. Mile)	County Developed Land Percentage (2015)	County Undeveloped Land Percentage (2015)
Dallas County	2,586,050	873.1	2961.92	78%	22%
Kaufman County	157,768	780.8	202.06	28%	72%
Rockwall County	116,381	780.8	914.94	52%	48%



Employment in Eastern Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties



2019 Employment Density



US Census; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

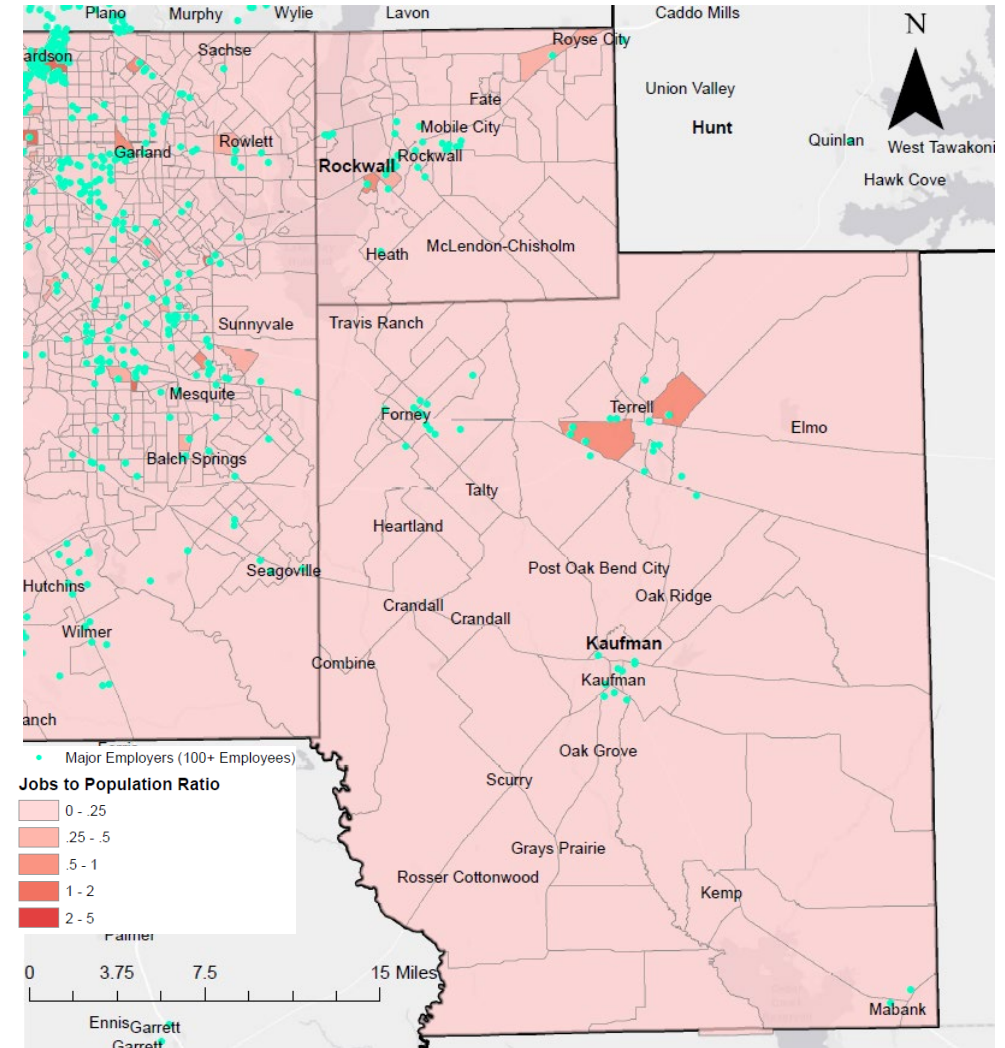
Employment Clusters (Block Group Level)

- Mesquite
- Balch Springs
- Rockwall (City)
- Terrell
- Royse City



2019 Major (Single Site) Employers

Employer Name	Location	Sector	Employees
UPS	Mesquite	Retail Trade	2670
Mesquite City Hall	Mesquite	Public Administration	1054
Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope Inc	Terrell	Manufacturing	900
Dallas District Headquarters & Area Engineer and Maintenance	Mesquite	Public Administration	850
Terrell State Hospital	Terrell	Health Care and Social Assistance	750
Dallas Regional Medical Center	Mesquite	Health Care and Social Assistance	680
American Marazzi Tile	Sunnyvale	Manufacturing	650
Madix	Terrell	Wholesale Trade	610
Walmart Distribution Center	Terrell	Wholesale Trade	500
Baylor Medical Center Lake Pointe	Rowlett	Health Care and Social Assistance	500
AutoZone Distribution Center	Terrell	Wholesale Trade	500
FedEx	Mesquite	Retail Trade	500
Amazon	Forney	Retail Trade	500
Eastfield College (DCCCD)	Mesquite	Educational Services	465
O'Reilly Auto Parts Distribution Center	Seagoville	Retail Trade	430



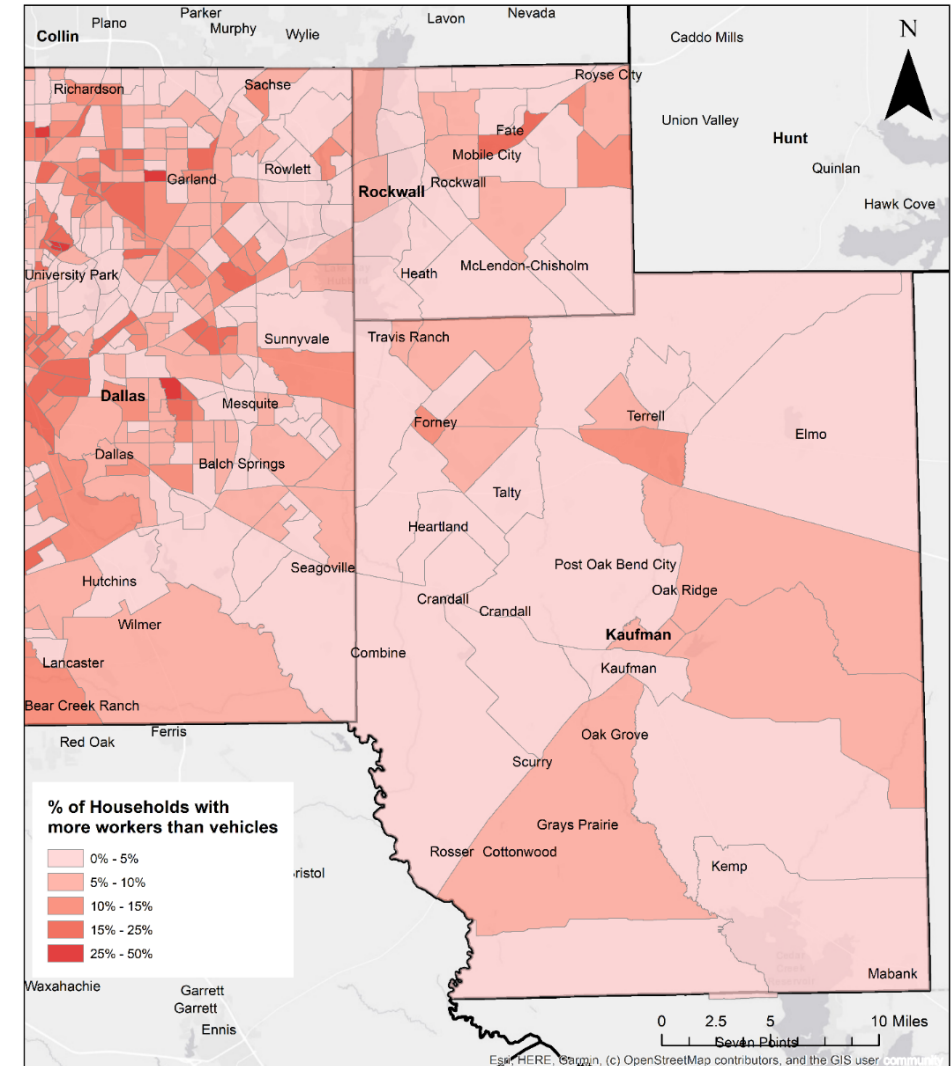
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2010 - 2021 Work From Home Trends

EDKR Study Area WFH Trends			
Geography	2010	2021	% Change
Kemp	2.2%	14.2%	547.9%
Dallas-Fort Worth Region	4.20%	20.70%	392.9%
Seagoville	1.6%	7.8%	373.7%
Crandall	1.9%	8.6%	348.6%
Sachse	4.6%	20.4%	345.5%
Royse City	3.3%	10.3%	214.6%
Sunnyvale	3.6%	11.3%	211.7%
Rockwall (city)	4.7%	14.5%	206.1%
Mesquite	2.1%	5.9%	180.2%
Combine	2.2%	5.9%	164.4%
Forney	3.5%	8.9%	153.9%
Rockwall County	5.2%	12.7%	143.4%
McLendon-Chisholm	9.1%	20.6%	126.1%
Kaufman County	3.8%	8.5%	123.7%
Kaufman (city)	1.9%	4.0%	110.2%
Fate	5.5%	10.3%	88.6%
Balch Springs	2.5%	4.1%	67.1%
Terrell	3.6%	3.4%	-6.2%

Source: American Community Survey



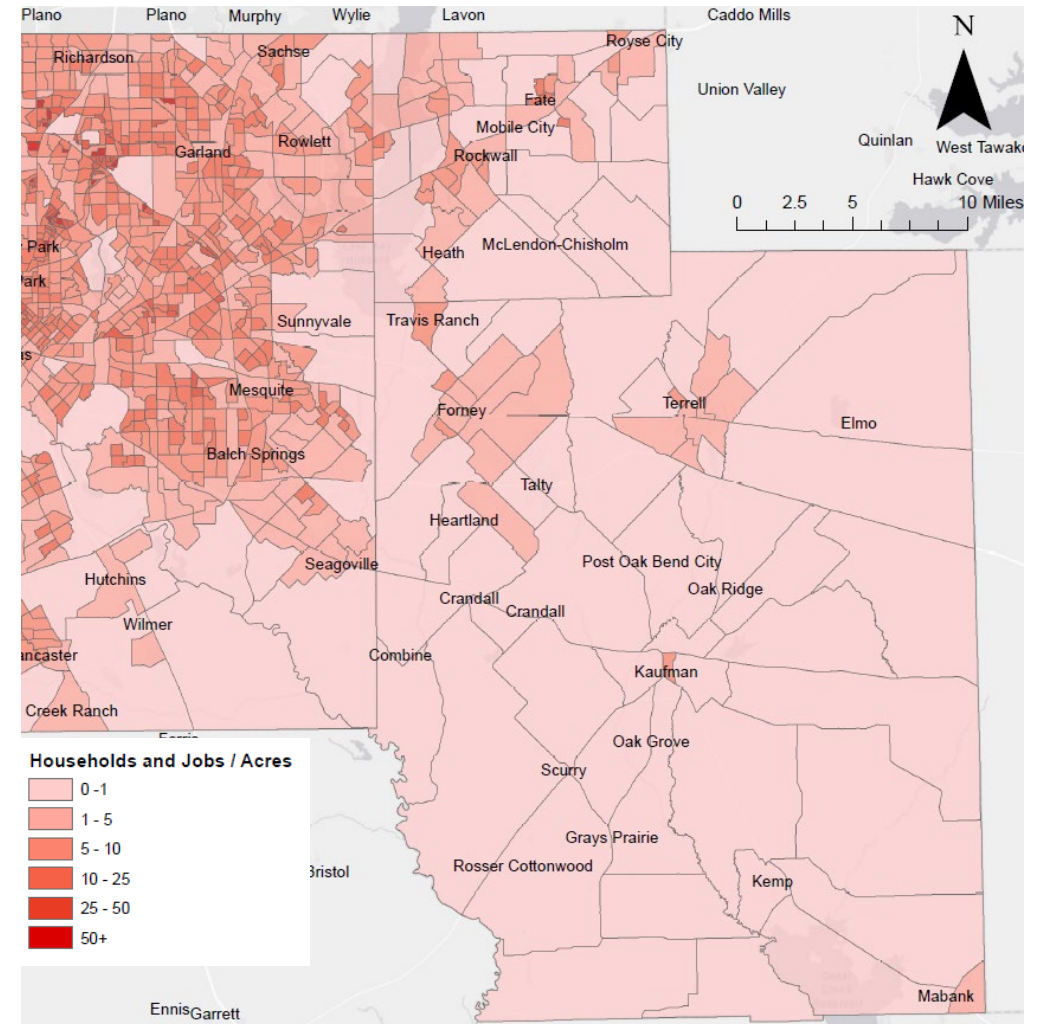
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2019 Employment and Household Density

Other Major Activity Clusters

- Kaufman (City)
- Forney
- Seagoville
- Sunnyvale
- Mobile City
- Travis Ranch
- Mabank



Source: US Census; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics



Transit in Eastern Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties

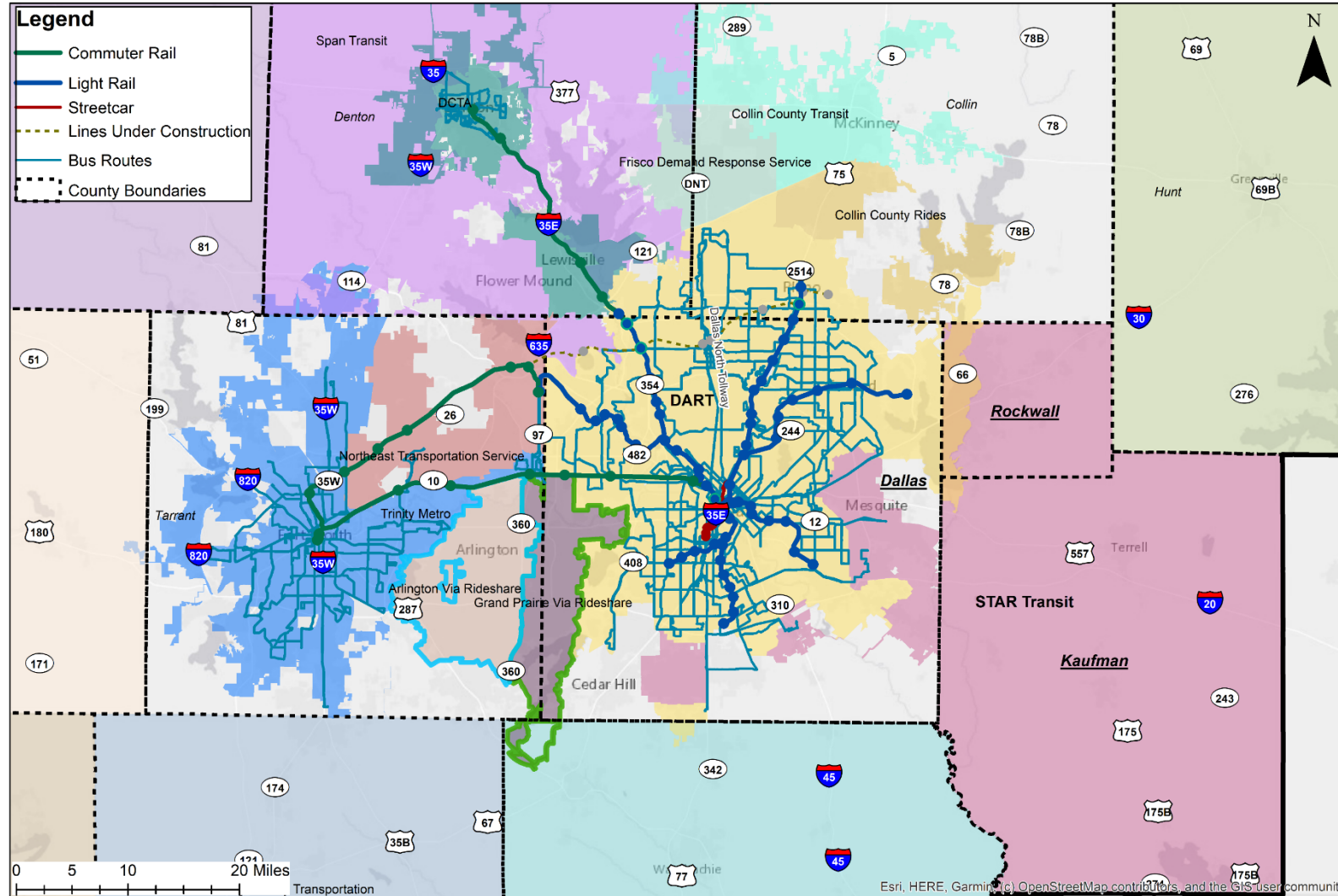


Transit Service Types

EDKR Transit Study Service Type	Purpose	Local Examples
Demand Response	Connects lower-density areas with no fixed-route service; Origin to destination connections	STAR Dial-a-Ride
Mobility on Demand	Connects lower-density areas; First-mile/Last-mile connections	STARNow On-demand
Light Rail	Connects large distances on exclusive right of ways	DART Blue Line and Green Line
Local Fixed-route Bus	Connects medium-density areas for all trip types	STAR Route 101: Balch Springs Midtown Express
Regional Fixed-route Bus	Connects distant destinations and job centers	DART Route 383: Lake Ray Hubbard Express

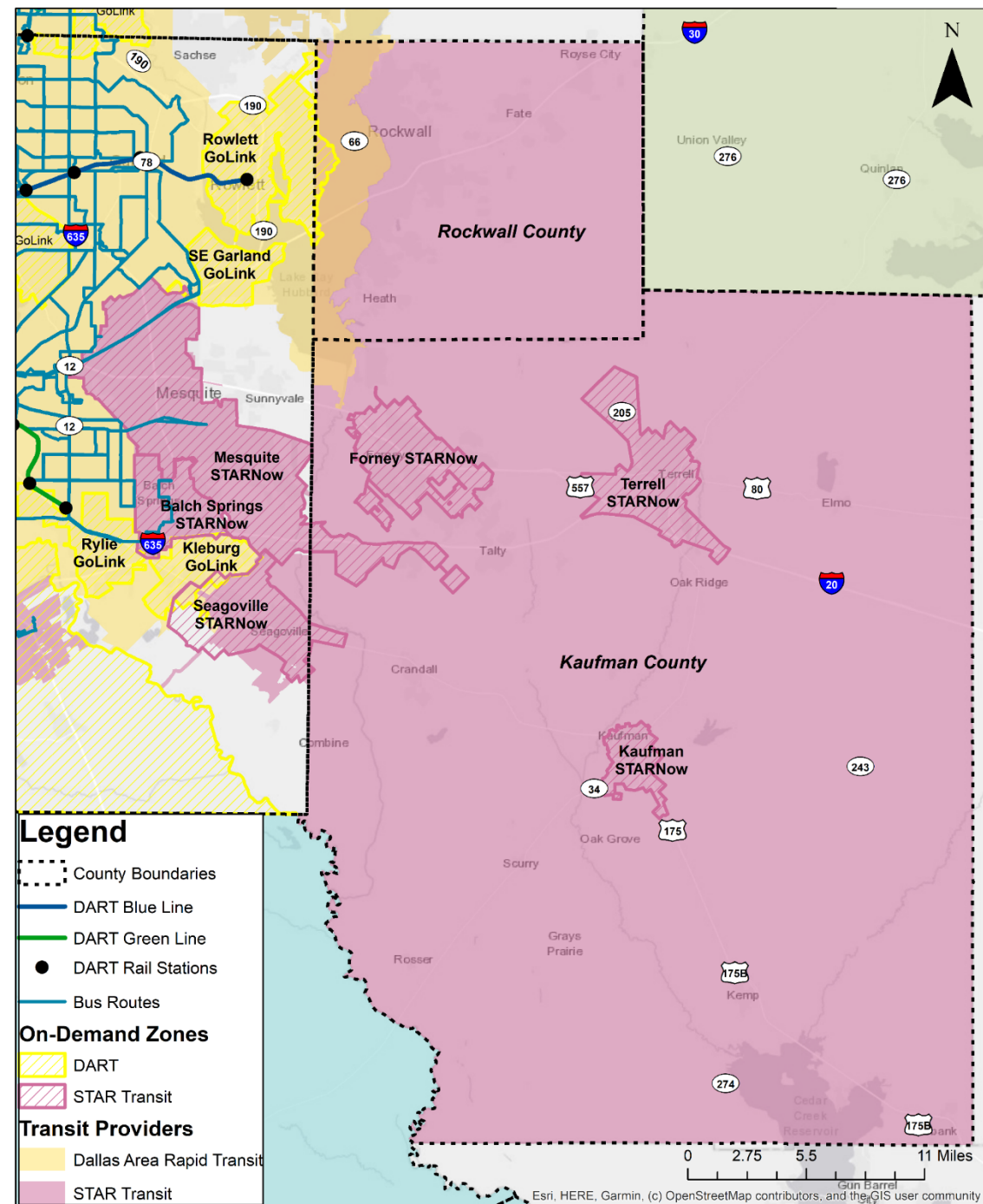


Regional Transit Services

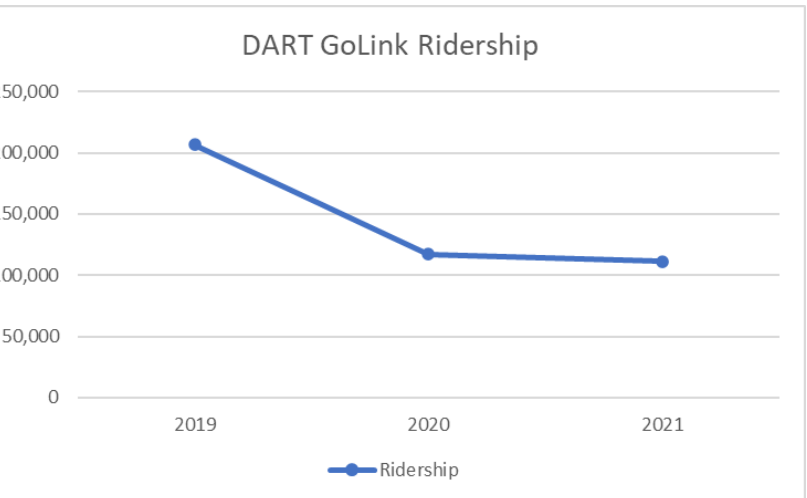
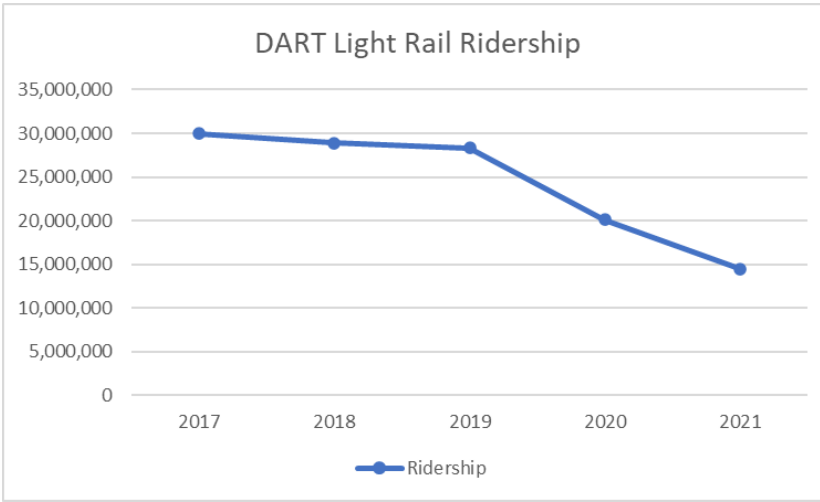
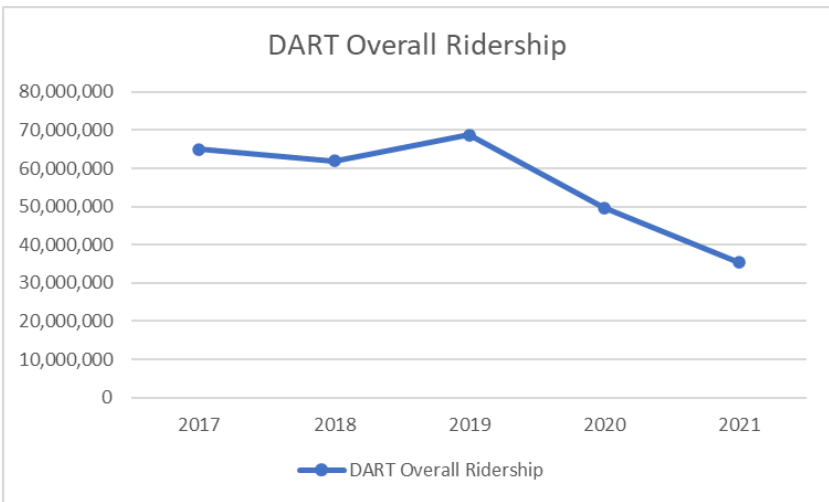
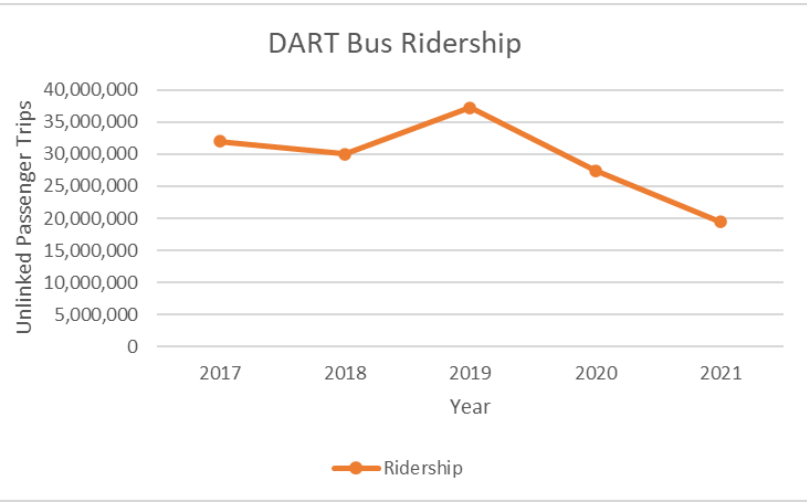


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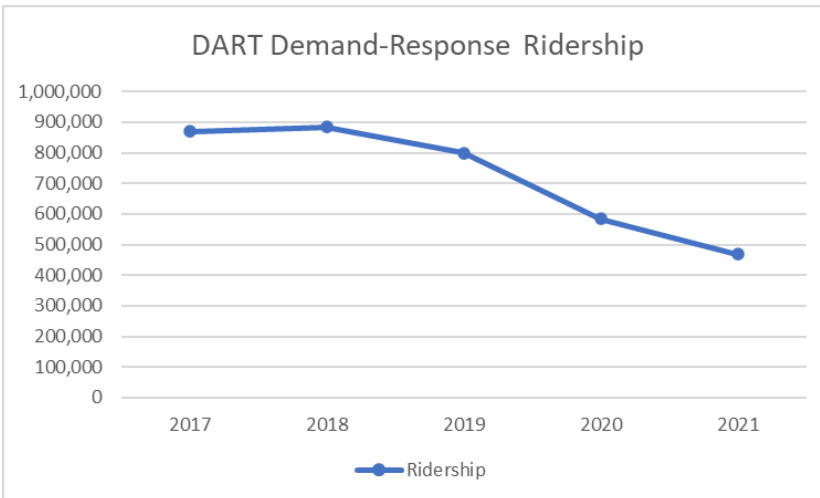
- Fixed-Route Bus
- Light Rail
- On-Demand Transit
- Demand Response
 - Dial-A-Ride/Paratransit offered in most of study area



DART Services and Ridership Data



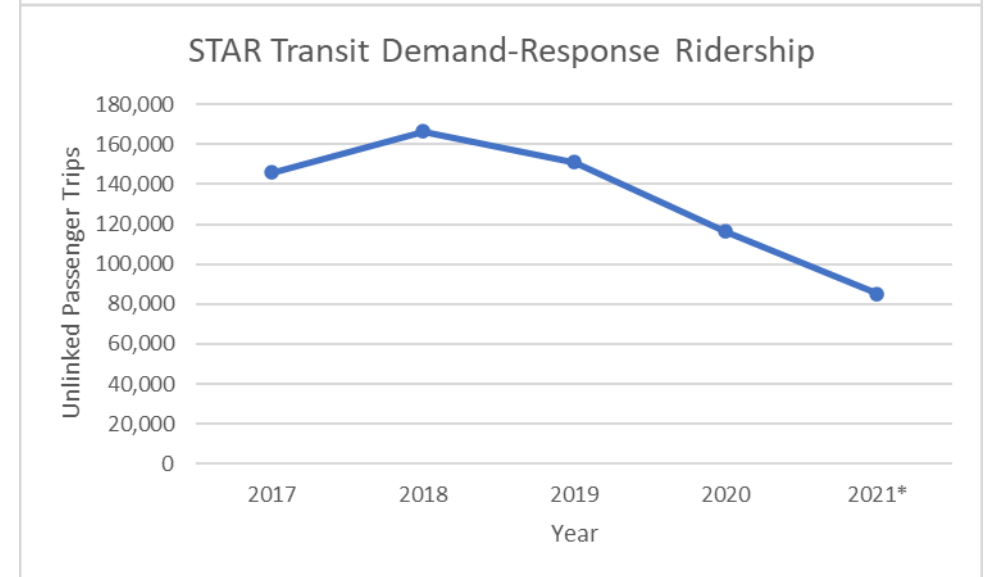
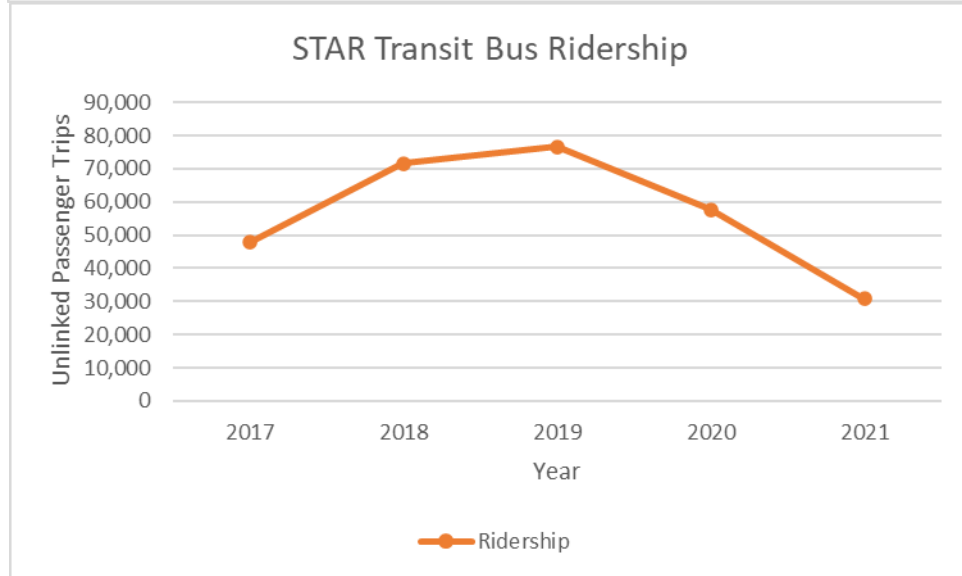
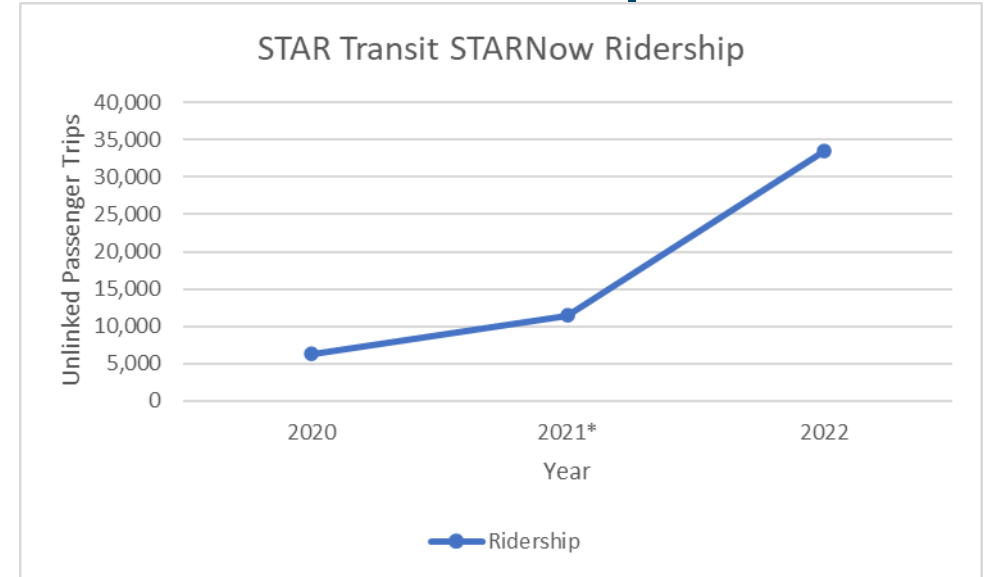
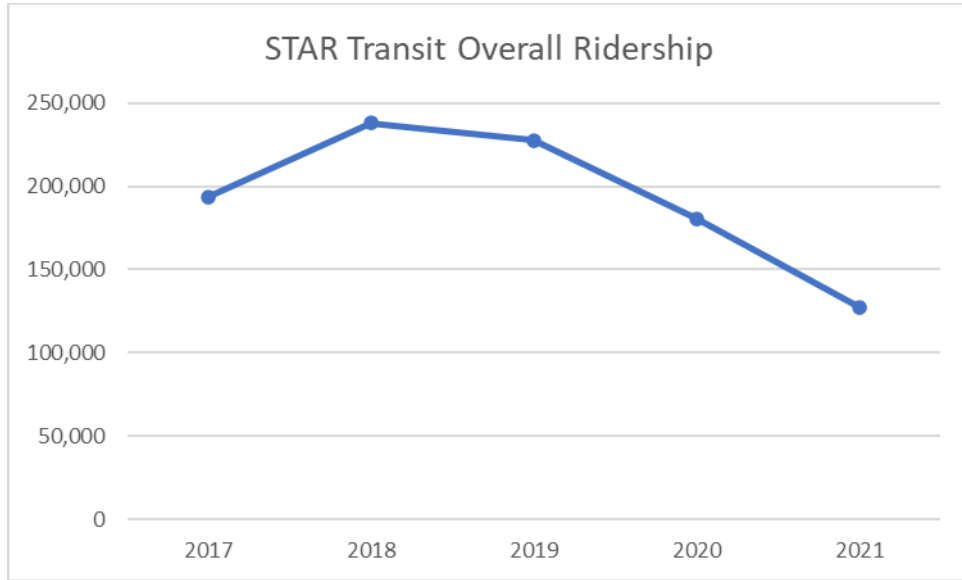
- Broad declines in overall ridership since pandemic began, but leveling off ridership for Go-Link service/On-Demand service
- On-Demand service being deployed for both last mile and broad coverage service needs in less dense communities
- Increase in 2022 ridership since launch of STARNow (next slide)



Source: National Transit Database



STAR Transit Services and Ridership Data



Public Engagement: Input/Facilitation



How You Can Help

STEP 1: Participate tonight

STEP 2: Take our survey @

- English: <https://publicinput.com/edkrsurvey>
- Spanish: <https://publicinput.com/edkresp>

STEP 3: Share link with others and let them know how to participate: (QR codes below)

English Survey



Spanish Survey



Input Session (30 Minutes)

INSTRUCTIONS

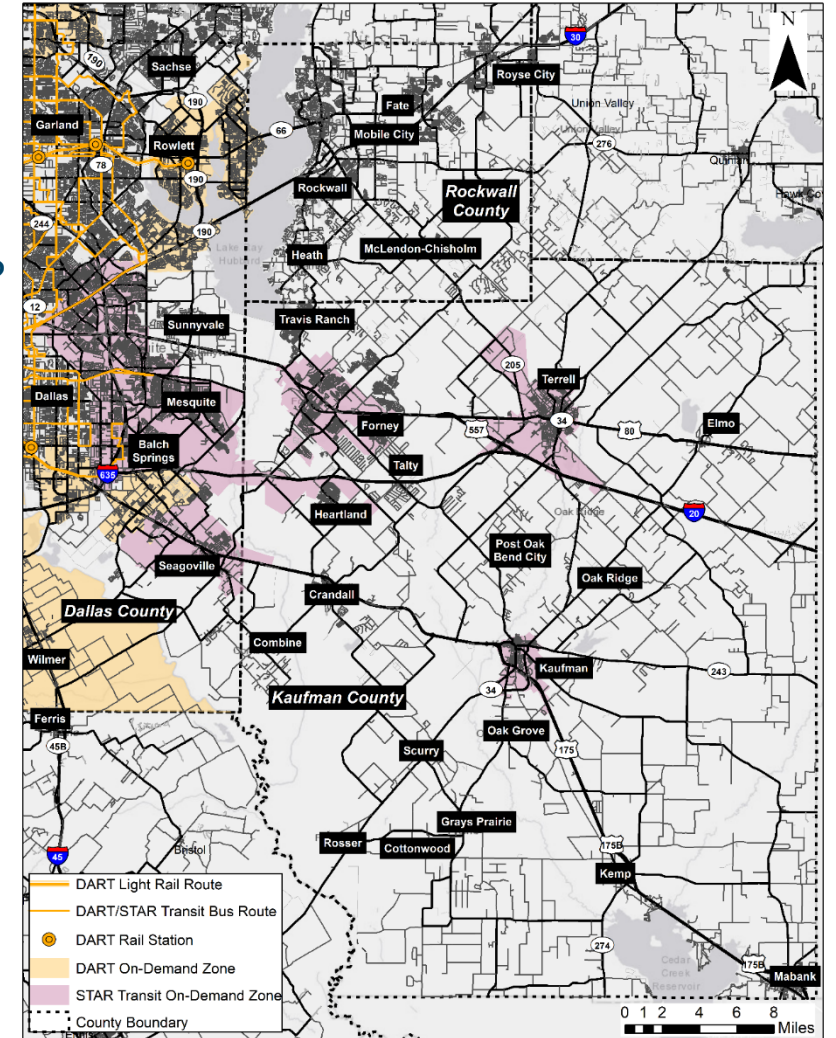
1. We will break out into tabletop groups.
2. Each group will have a facilitator assisting your group.
3. Five key questions will be provided to each table.
4. The facilitator will take notes, and participants are encouraged to provide markings on the map.
5. A person from each group will provide a brief report after the 30 minutes. **(time-permitting)**



Tabletop Exercise (30 Minutes)

QUESTIONS

1. How do you usually get to work, school, or other destinations?
2. What are your biggest difficulties in traveling around the region?
3. Is public transit an option for you? If so, what services are available?
4. What would make transit easier to use for you? How can the options be improved?
5. What does our project team need to know about mobility needs in Eastern Dallas, Kaufman and Rockwall Counties?



Phasing and Upcoming Schedule



Deliverable Schedule



Estimated Meeting Timeline

PAC Meeting #1 (Kickoff)	• June 27th, 2022
Virtual Public Meeting	• September 19th, 2022
PAC Meeting #2	• January 19th, 2023
Public Meeting #2	• February 28th, 2023
PAC Meeting #3	• May 2023
Public Meeting #3	• June 2023
Project Report-outs	• September 2023
Study Complete	• December 2023



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