

# **ARC Forecasting and the PECAS Spatial Economic Model: Overview**

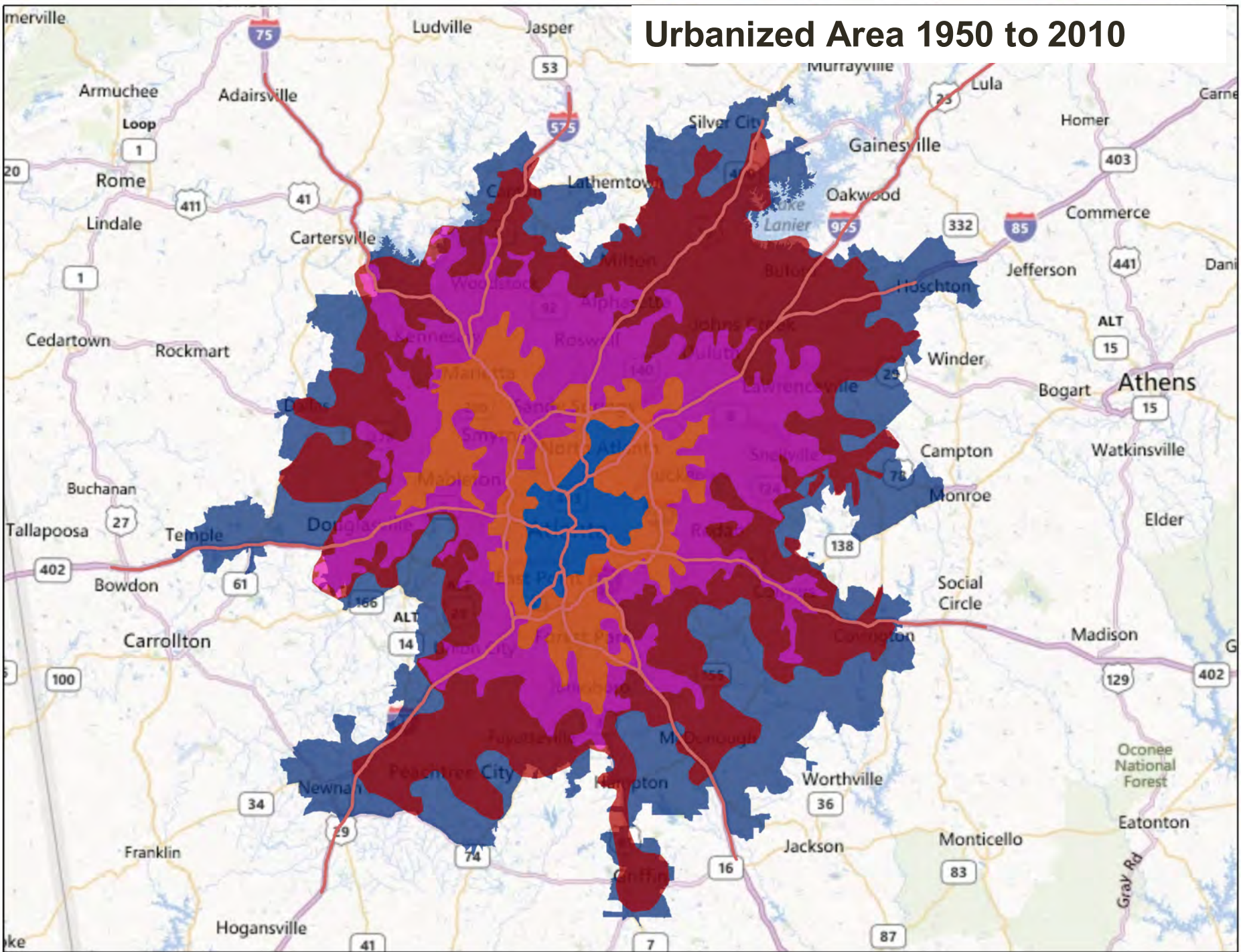
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## Urbanized Area 1950 to 2010

The map illustrates the expansion of the Atlanta metropolitan area's urbanized regions over a 60-year period. The core urban area, shown in dark red, is centered around downtown Atlanta. The inner suburbs, shown in purple, surround the core. The outer suburbs, shown in orange, extend further outwards. The rural area, shown in blue, is the least urbanized region. Major highways and cities are labeled on the map.



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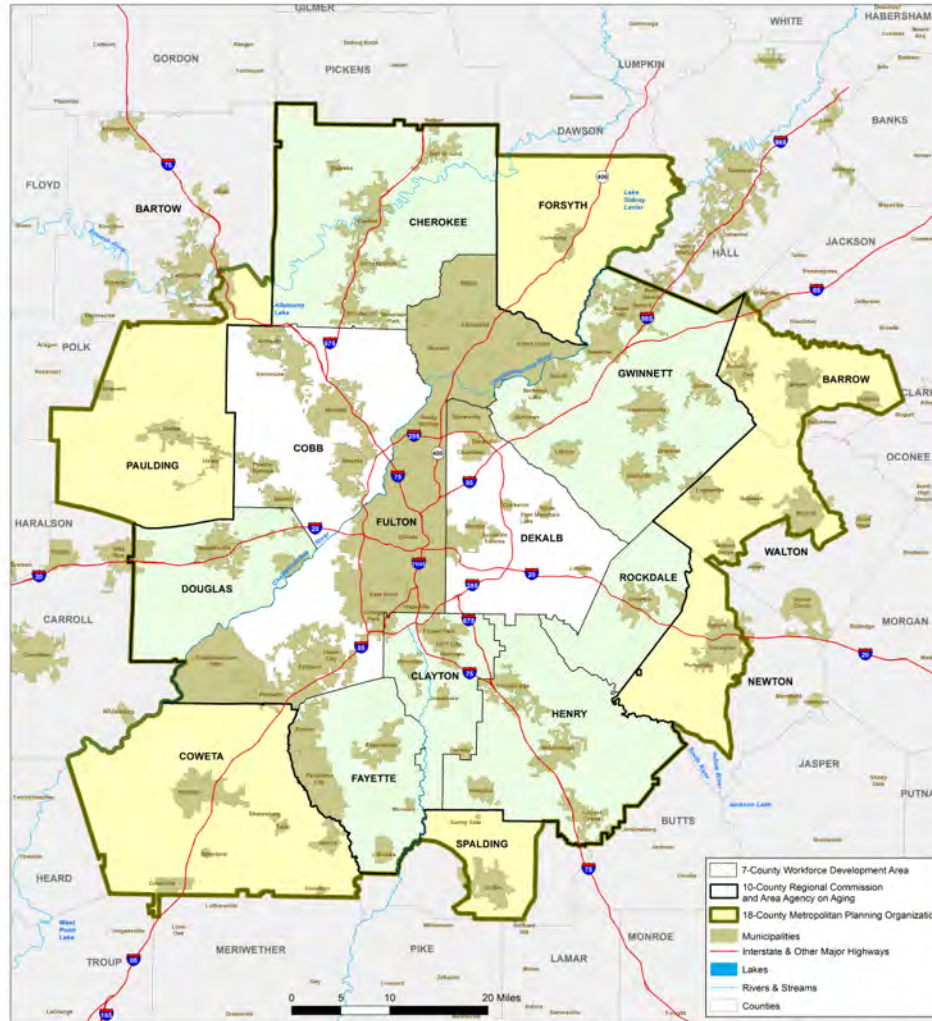


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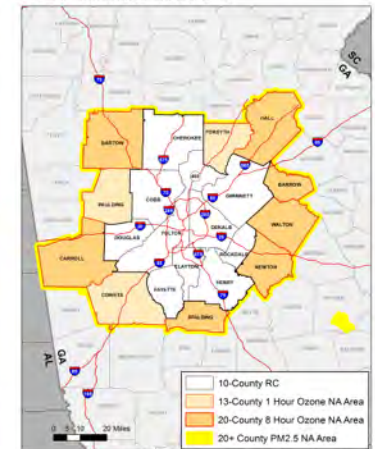
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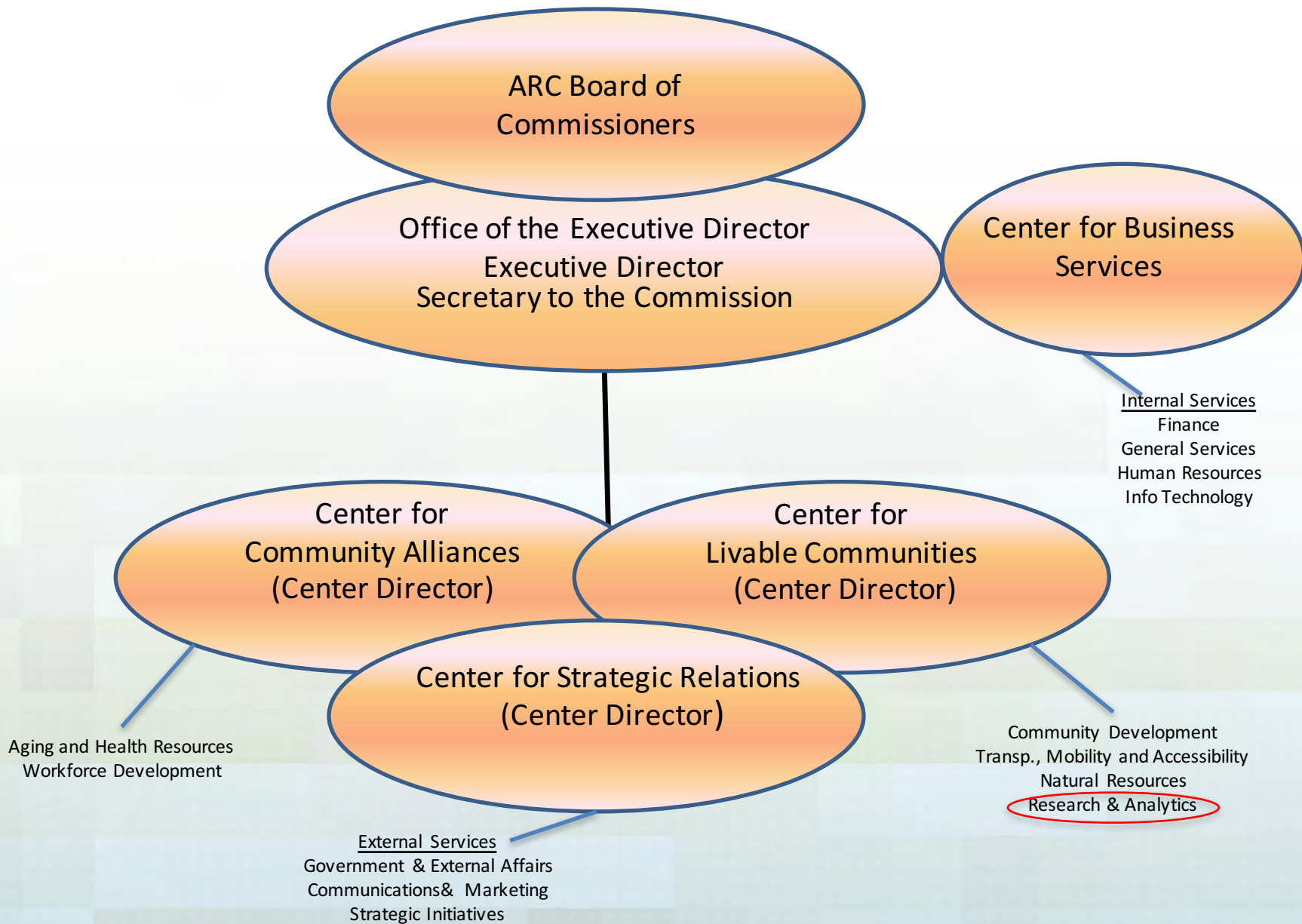


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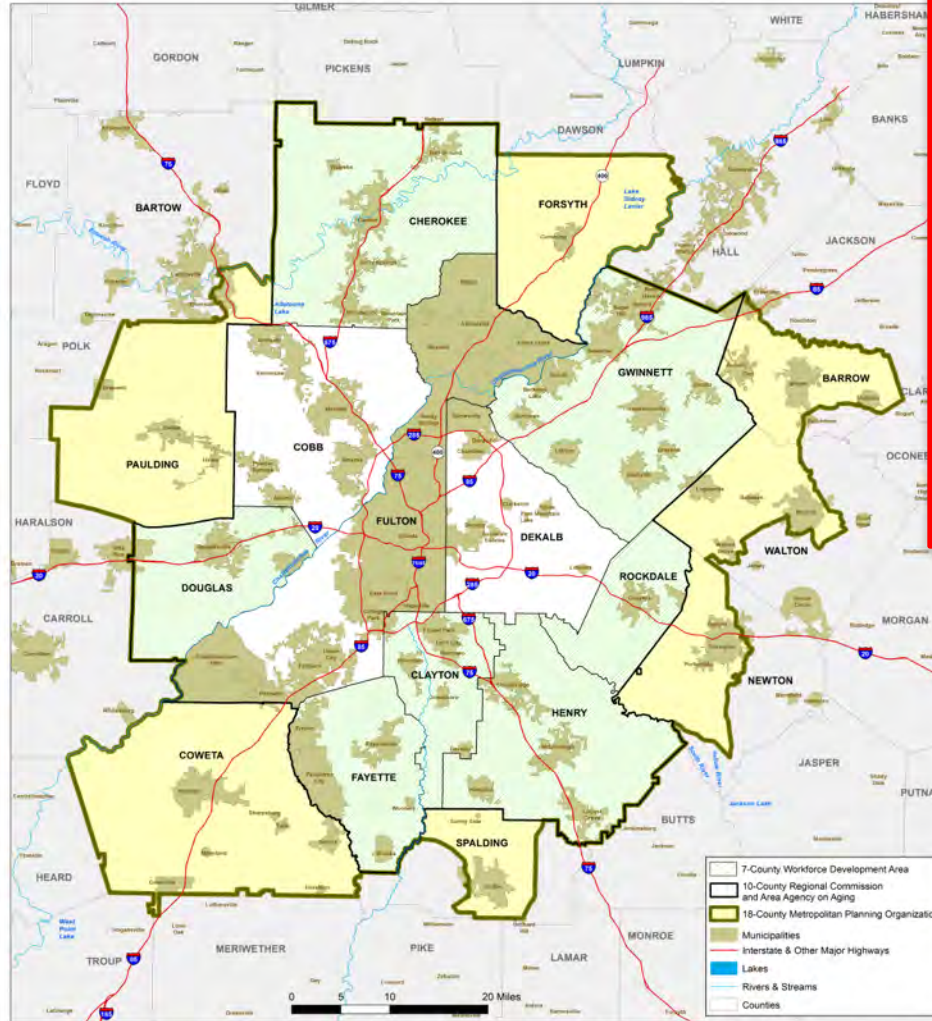


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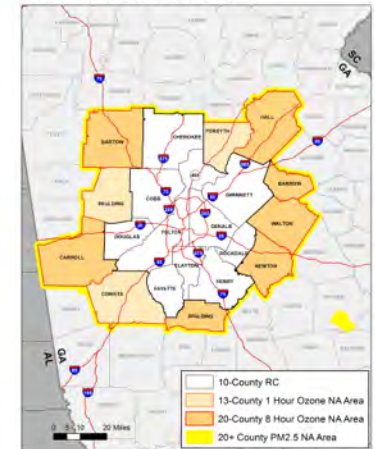
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# Why and What?: New Directions

## 1. Regional Forecasting

- IPEF was outdated (70s, FORTRAN) and limited
- REMI was the choice

## 2. Small Area Forecasting

- D/E was limited, and support had disappeared
- PECAS was the choice, long-term
- TAZ-D as a bridge

## 3. Travel Demand Model

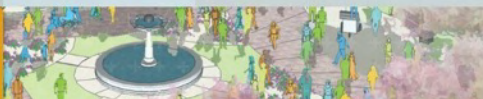
- 4- Step to Activity-Based

# TAZ-D

- TAZ-D developed in collaboration with PBSJ
  - Used new Regional Controls--REMI
  - Shares from E6 work used at superdistrict level
  - Spatial factors used to allocate to grid, back to TAZ
- Initial series developed late Spring 2009
- Review with local planners May-early July 2009
  - 23 meetings

# Forecasts Status/ Timeline

- Plan 2040 Adopted in 2010 (REMI,TAZ-D, 4-step)
- Plan2040 Update (for 20 counties): Spring to early summer 2013 (REMI, Hybrid, 4-Step)
- Major Plan Update (The Atlanta Region's Plan) 2015-2016
  - New model sets ABM and PECAS (to an extent)
- Going forward
  - Further levels of implementation
  - New model areas (urbanized area change)

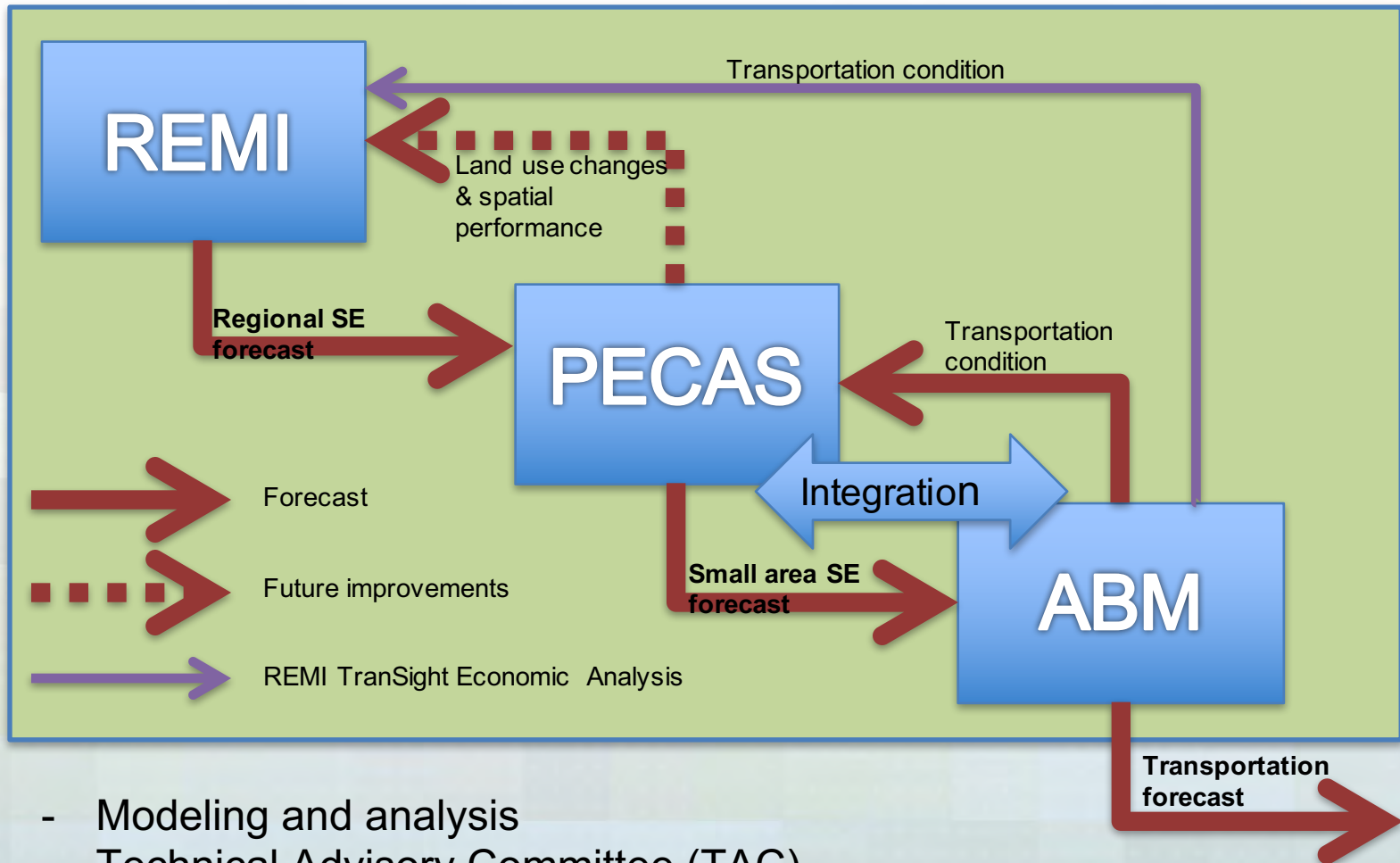


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# ARC Forecast Flow



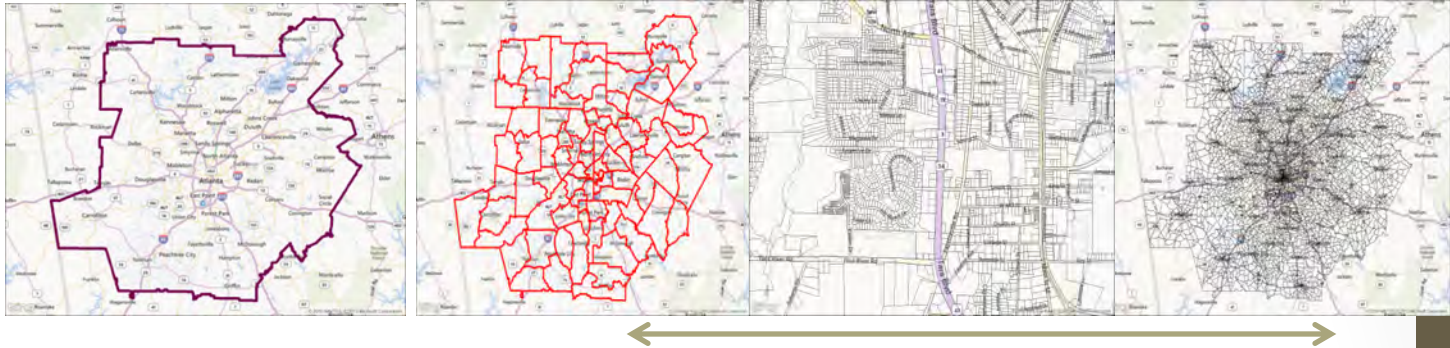
- Modeling and analysis
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Local government review
- *Challenges and opportunities*

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# Forecast Process for Last Full Plan Development



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# ARC Forecasts

## Why we forecast?

-Key Component of RTP/ RDP/ WD Plans...

## Regional SE forecasting

- REMI replaced IPEF
- 20 / 21 Counties
- Economic activities
- Households
- Population
- Employment

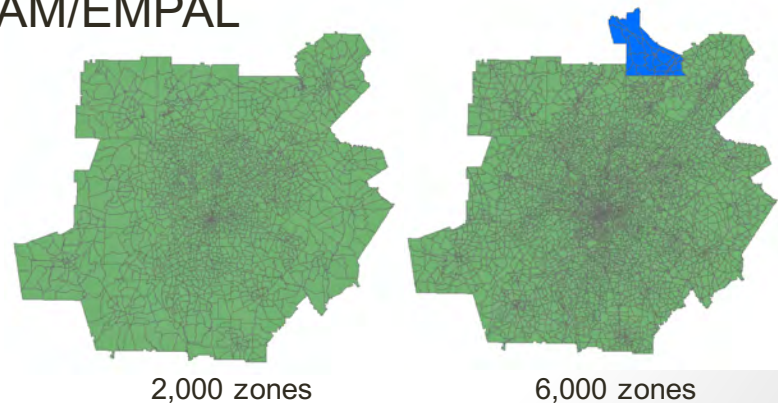


## Small area SE forecasting

- PECAS/TAZD replaced DRAM/EMPAL
- 2,000 zones for TBM
- 6,000 zones for ABM

## Transportation forecasting

- Migrated to Activity Based Model



# REMI Models



- Comprehensive modeling estimating economic and demographic effects
- Up to 169 industry sectors across 3,089 U.S. counties including 6,000+ fully adjustable policy variables updated yearly
- In the Atlanta region, 20 counties, 70 sectors including 6,000 policy variables updated annually

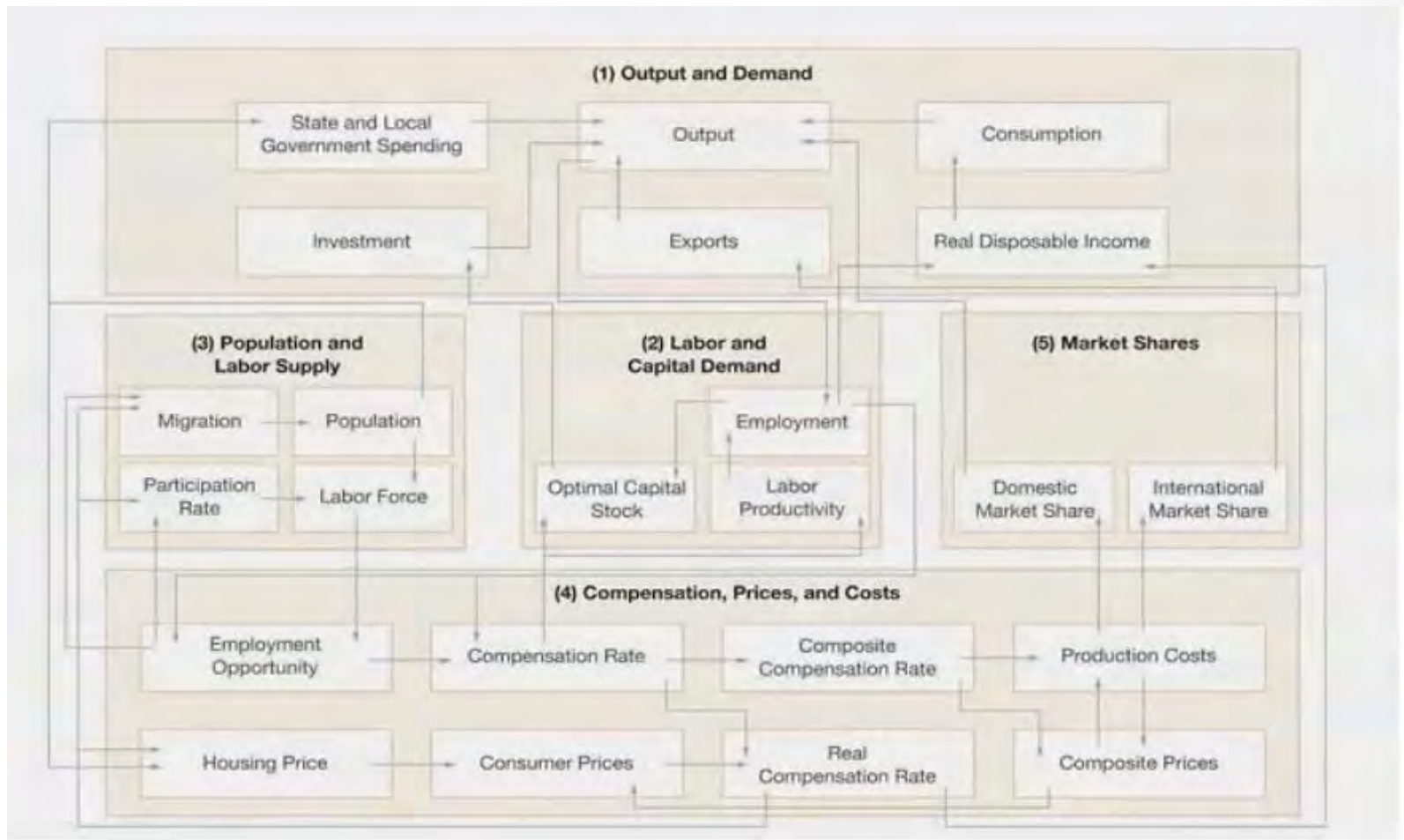


- Comprehensive tool for evaluating the total economic effects of changes to transportation systems
- Integrates travel demand data, data on emissions, safety valuation factors, etc., and 3 additional transportation-related cost matrices
- In the Atlanta region, 9 sensitivity simulations, 4 transportation priority scenarios, 10+ economic impact studies and a one of a kind socio-economic forecast for a regional transportation referendum

**More?**

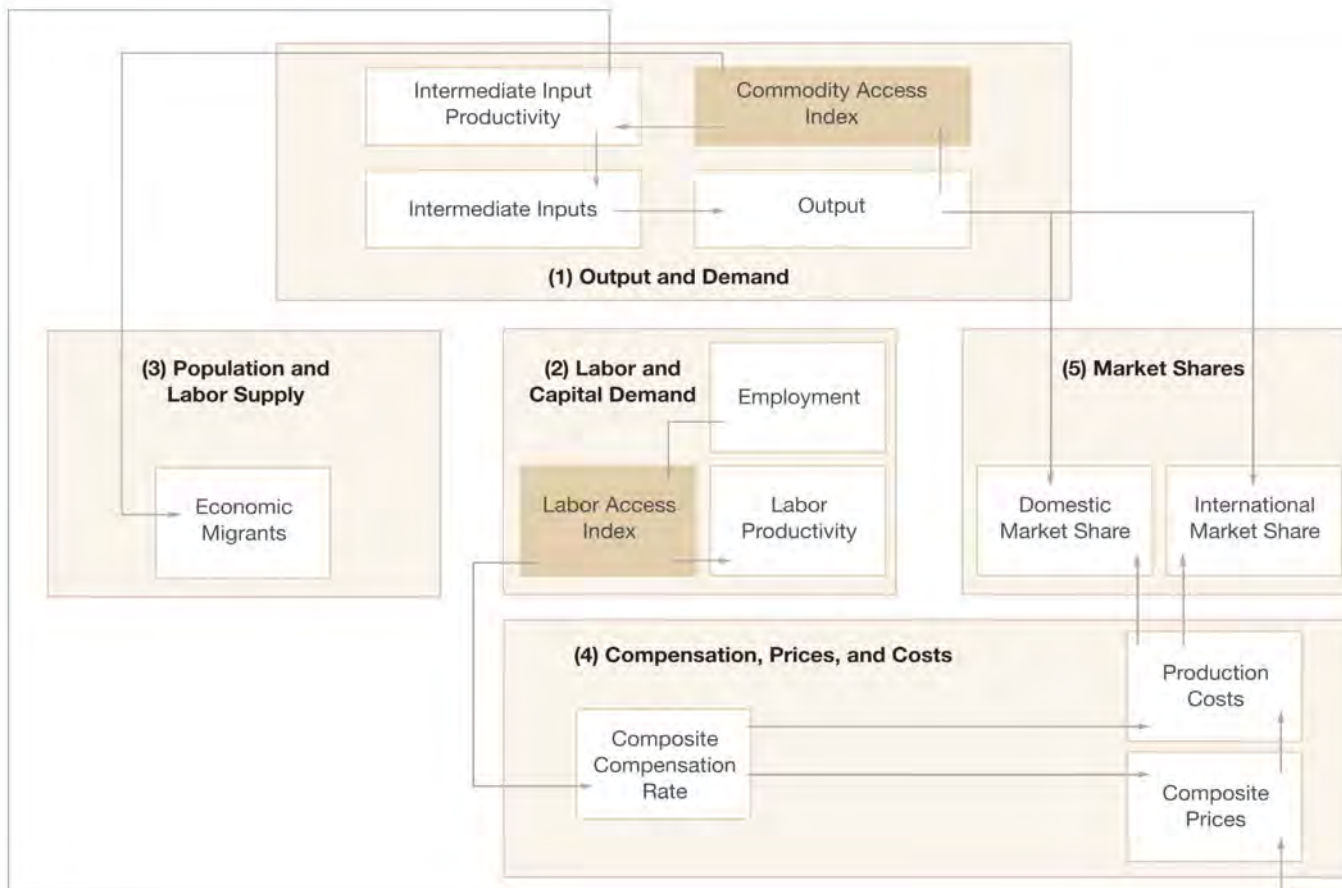
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# Detailed Model Structure

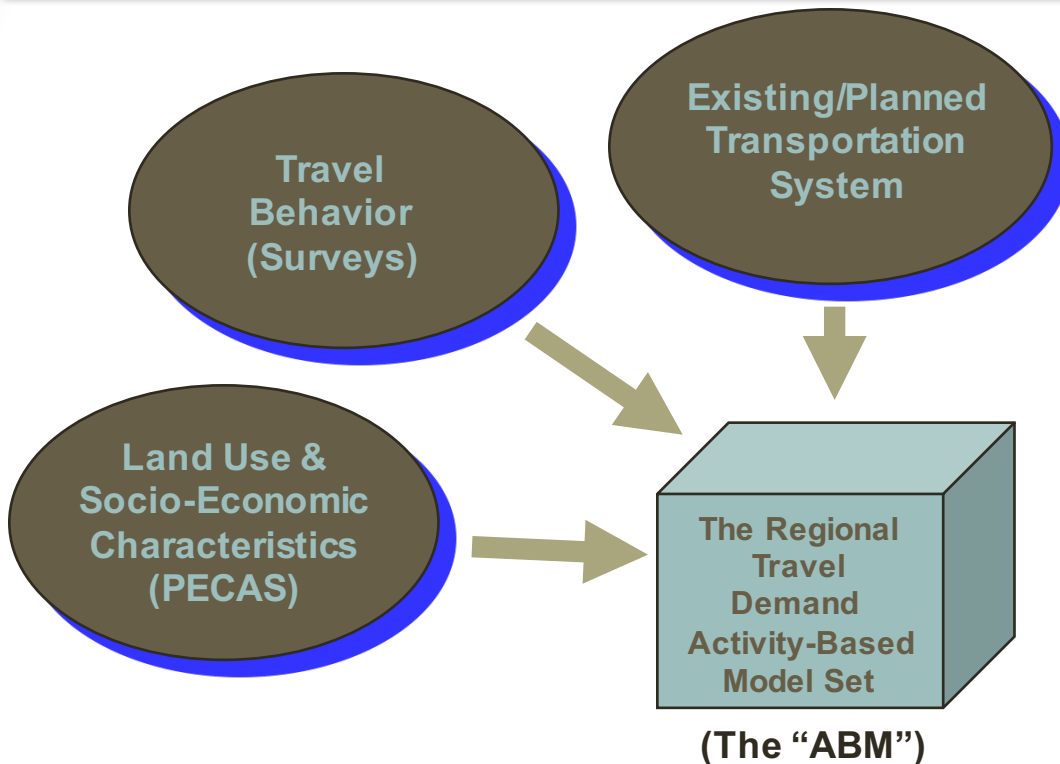


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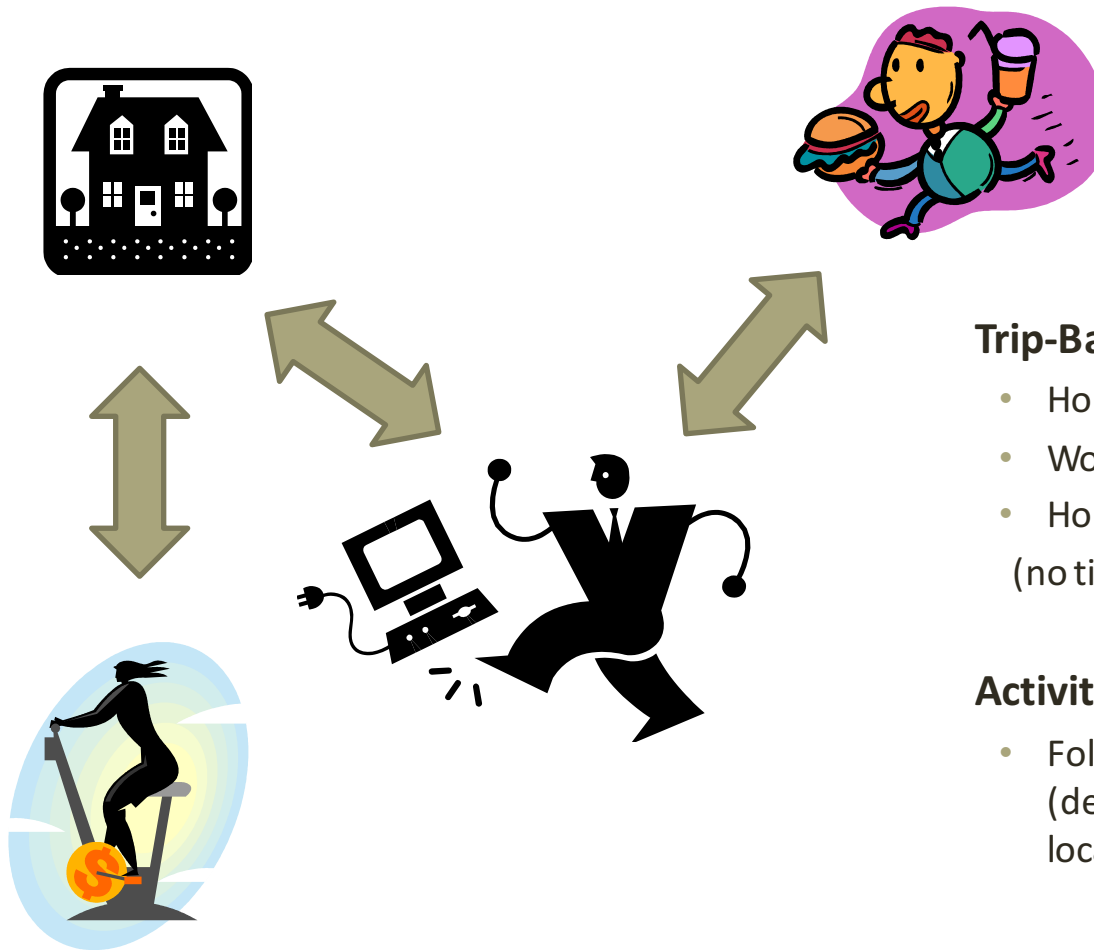


# THE ARC TRAVEL DEMAND FORECASTING - WHERE DO WE START?



- ARC has maintained ..
  - A 4-Step Model based on trips (= Trip-Based Model)
  - MIGRATED TO An Activity-Based Model based on tours
- ABM aims at predicting which activities are conducted where, when, for how long, with whom, the transportation mode involved and ideally also the implied route decisions
- ABM reflects the scheduling of activities in time and space

# Daily “Activity” - Example



## Trip-Based Model

- Home-Work: 2 trips
  - Work-Eat: 2 trips
  - Home-Gym: 2 trips
- (no time-stamps, sequences)

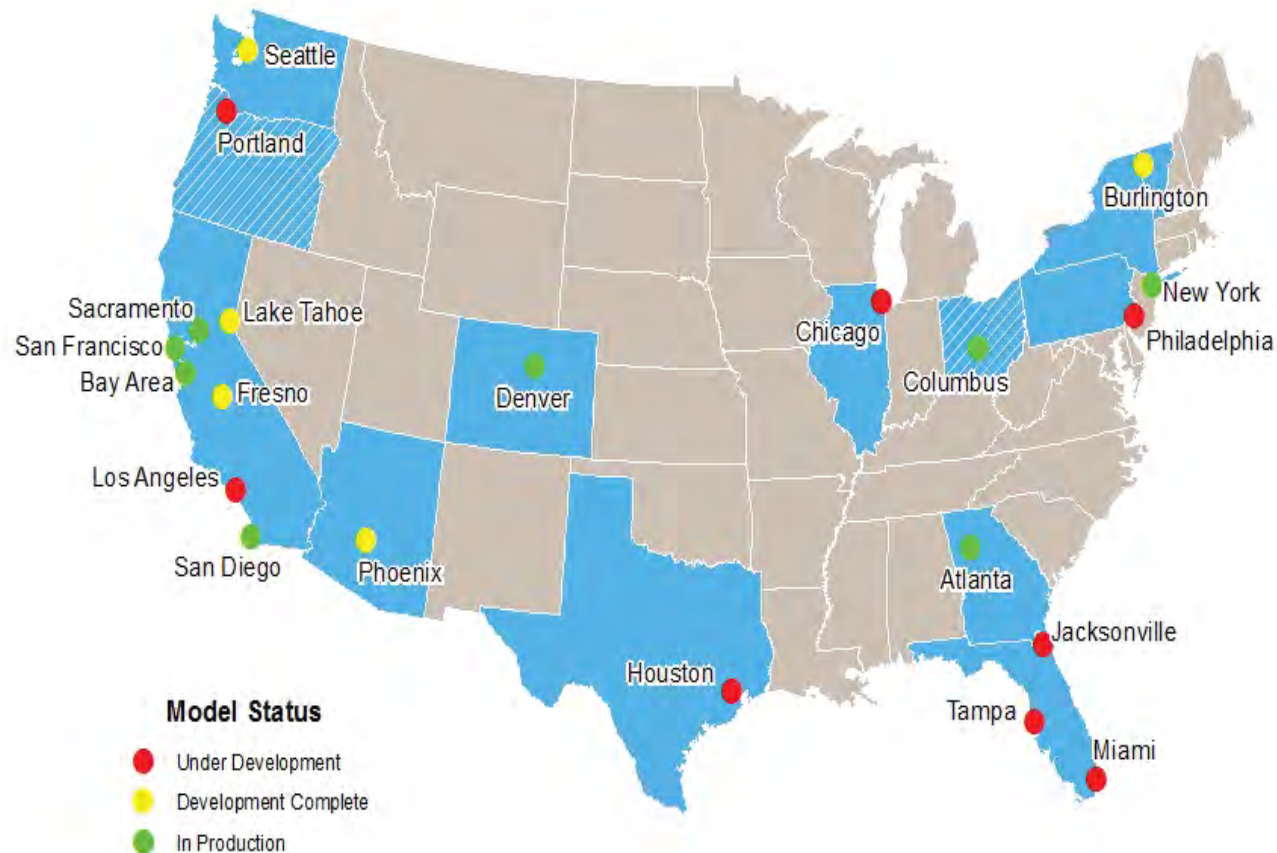
## Activity-Based Model

- Follows daily activity patterns (departure time, duration, location, frequency, mode)

# **ARC's Activity-Based Model: Coordinated Travel – Regional Activity-based Modeling Platform (CT- RAMP)**

- Main features:
  - Explicit intra-household interactions and Coordinated Daily Activity Patterns (CDAP)
  - Continuous temporal dimension (hourly)
  - Integration of activity generation, location, and Time-Of-Day sub-models
  - JAVA-based package with TP+ Graphical User Interface

# Activity-Based Models in the U.S.

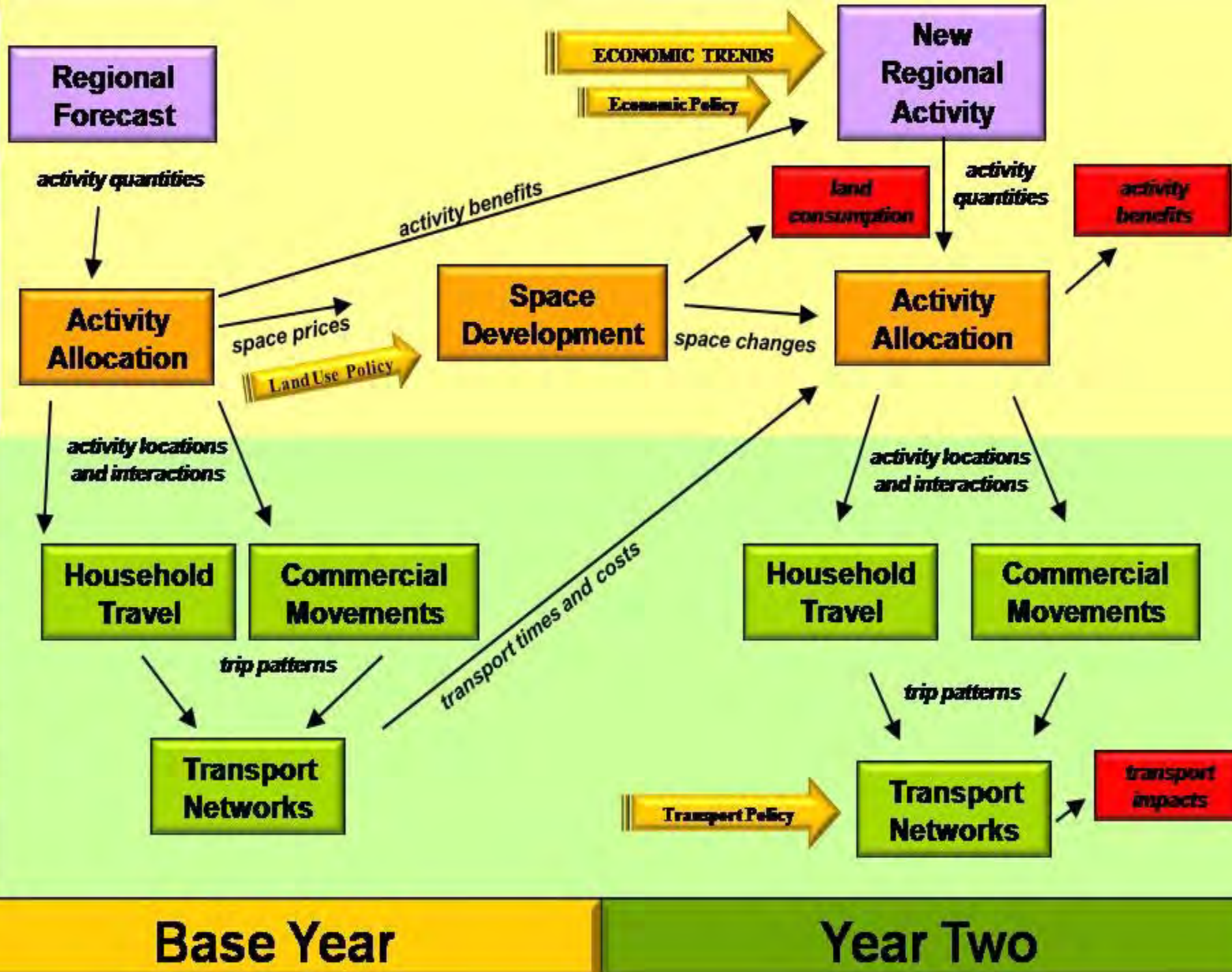


# The “New” LU Allocation Model (PECAS)

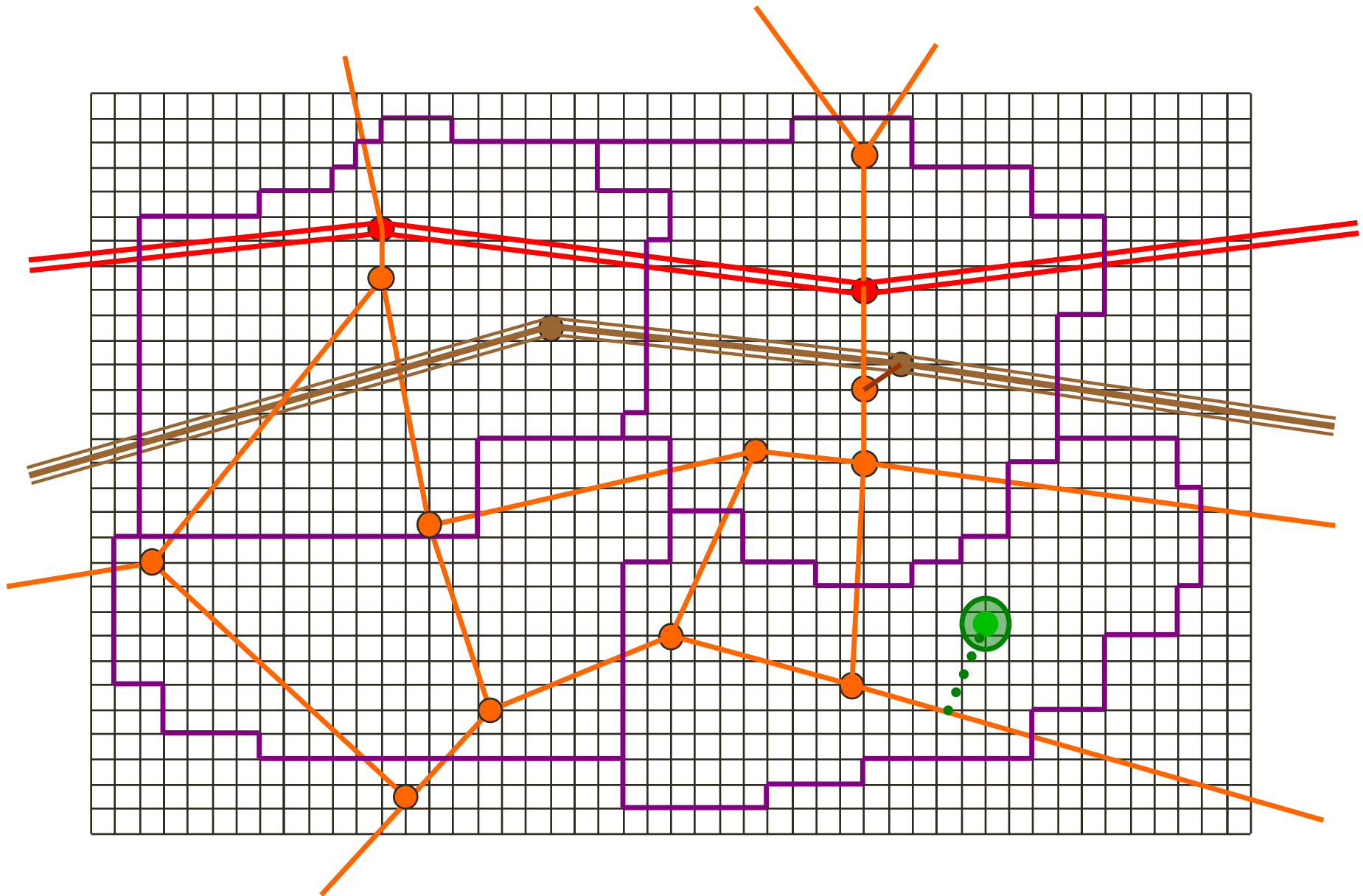
- PECAS (Production, Exchange and Consumption Allocation System)
  - Developed by Drs Doug Hunt and John Abraham of University of Calgary
  - Based on sound economic theory, incorporating I-O modeling approach; achieves equilibrium
  - Two Modules, run Sequentially and Annually –
    - Activity Allocation (AA) Module: equilibrium exchange and consumption prices are established by larger zone (LUZ)
    - Space Development (SD) Module: based on pricing (rents) from AA and development costs, rational “developer” makes decision or non-decision to develop space in given smaller zones (TAZ) until the market ‘clears’
  - *Work Reviewed by the REMI/PECAS Technical Advisory Group (TAG)*

# On the Shoulders of...

- Portland and Oregon
- Baltimore
- California
  - Statewide
  - San Diego (SANDAG)
  - LA (SCAG)
- International
- Calgary

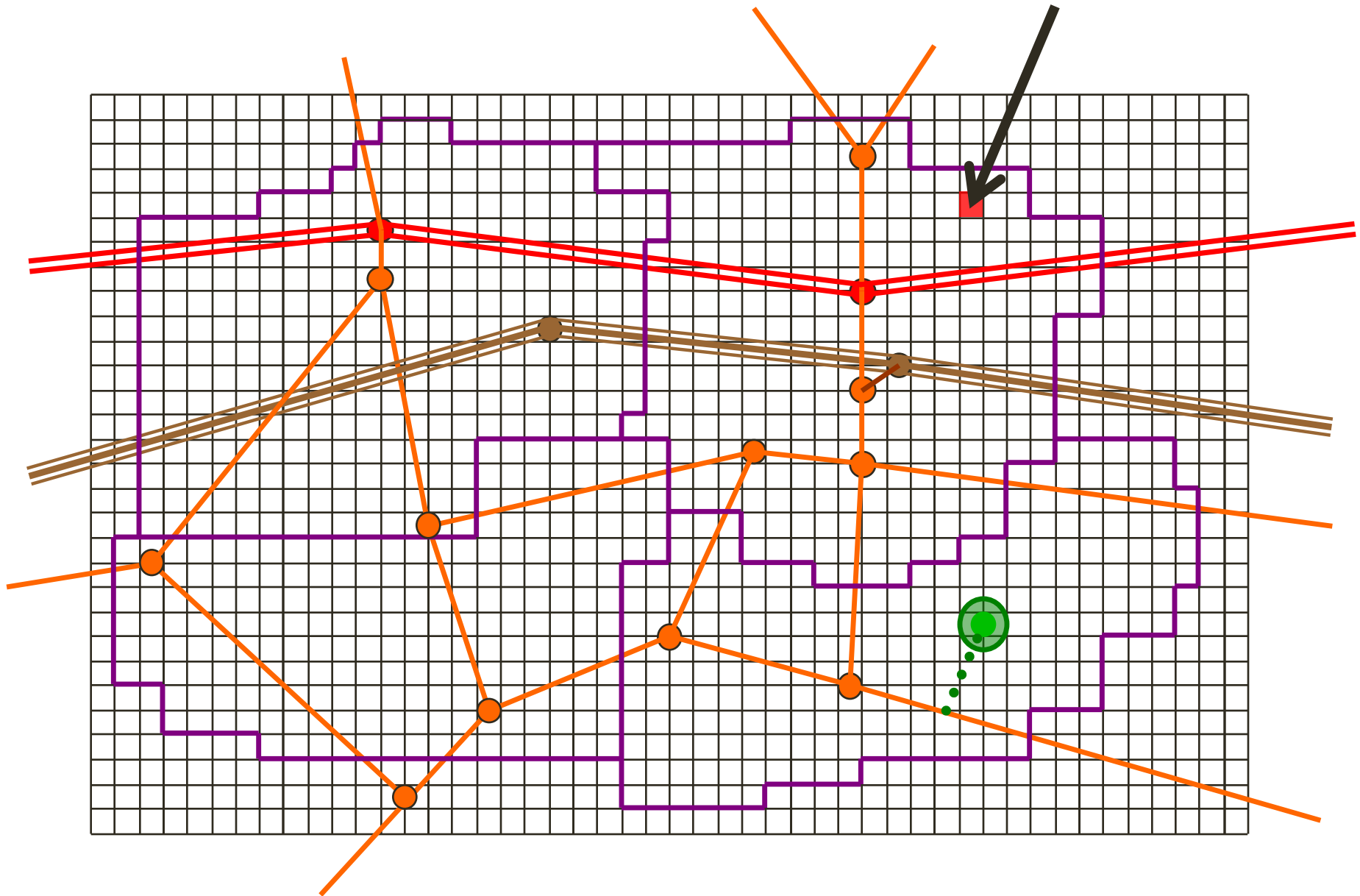


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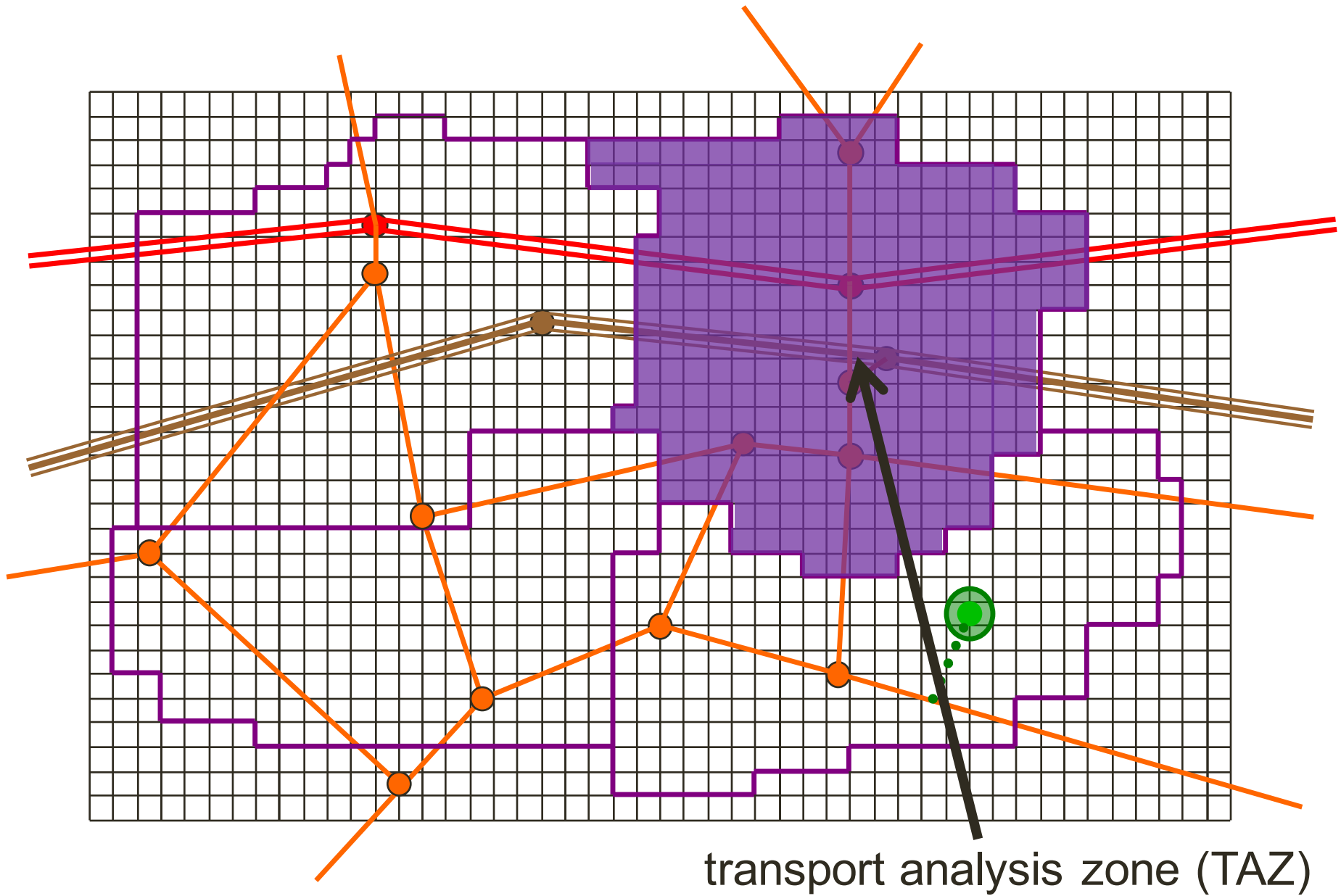


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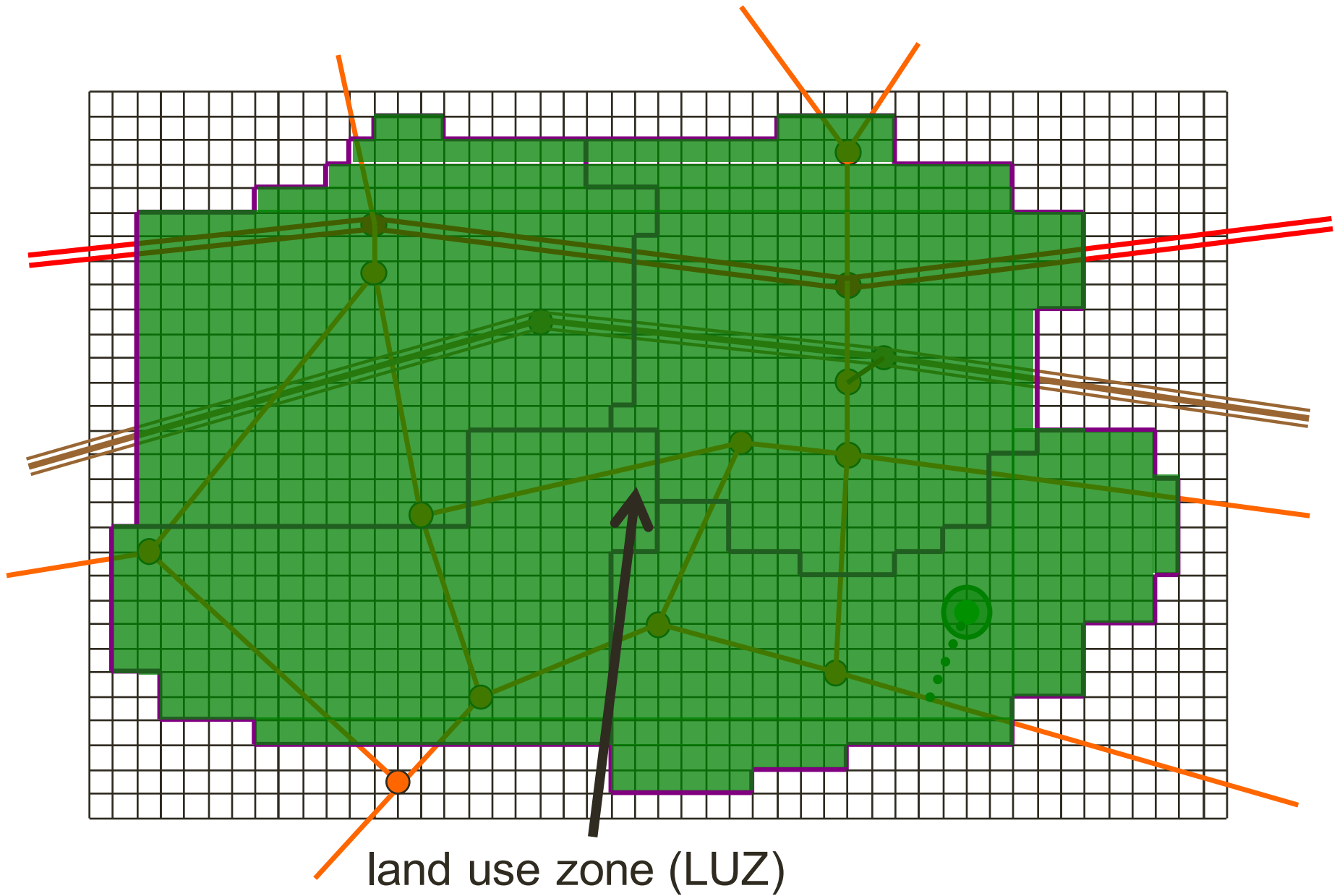
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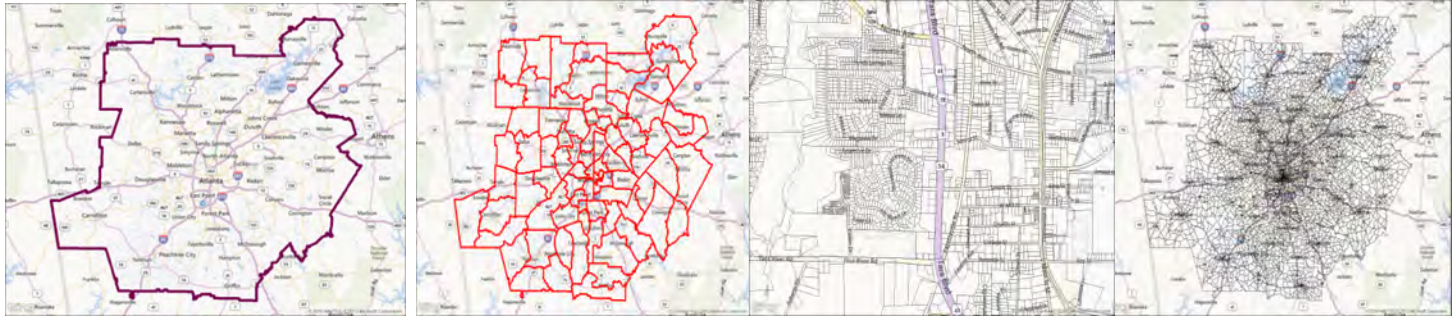
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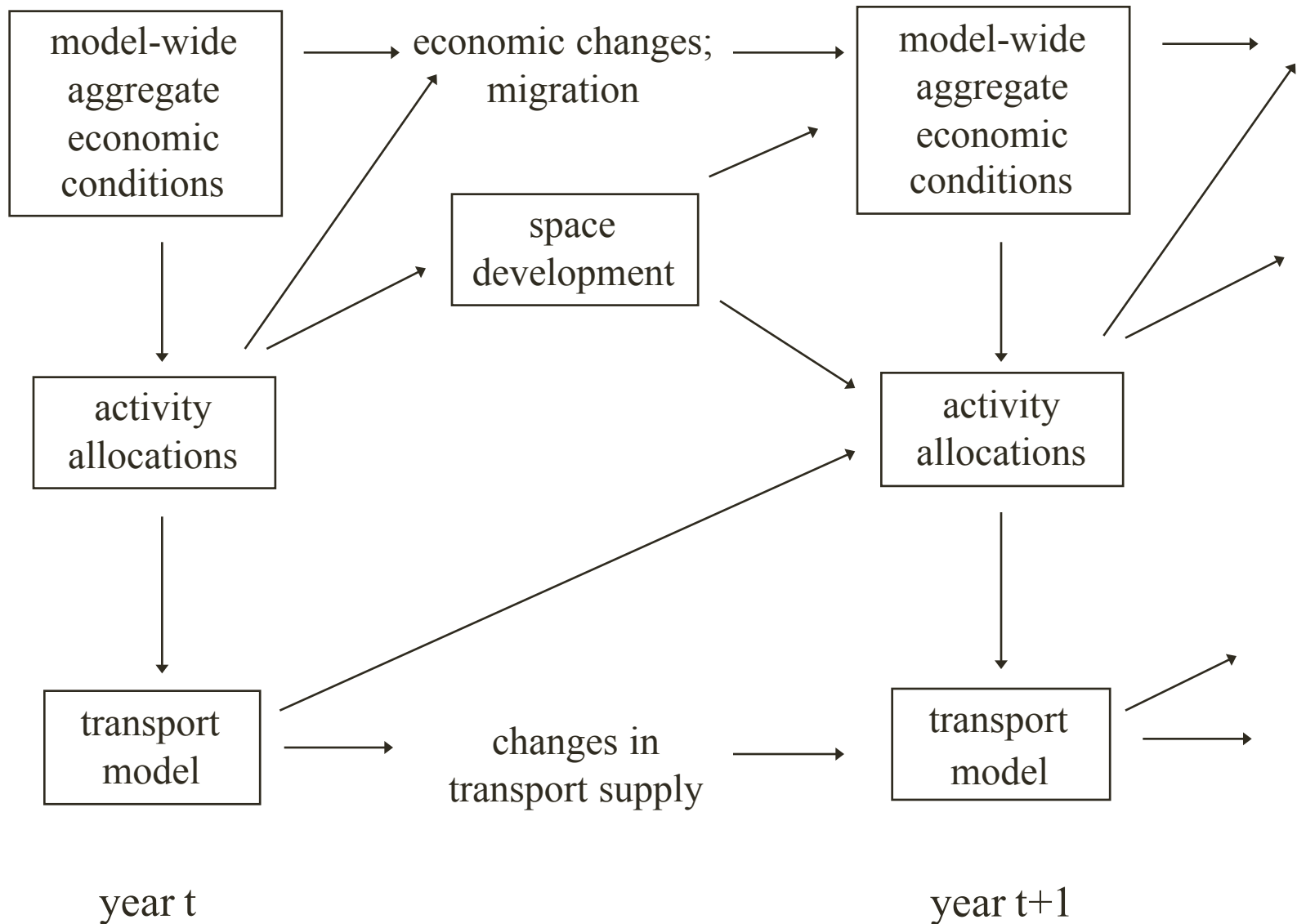


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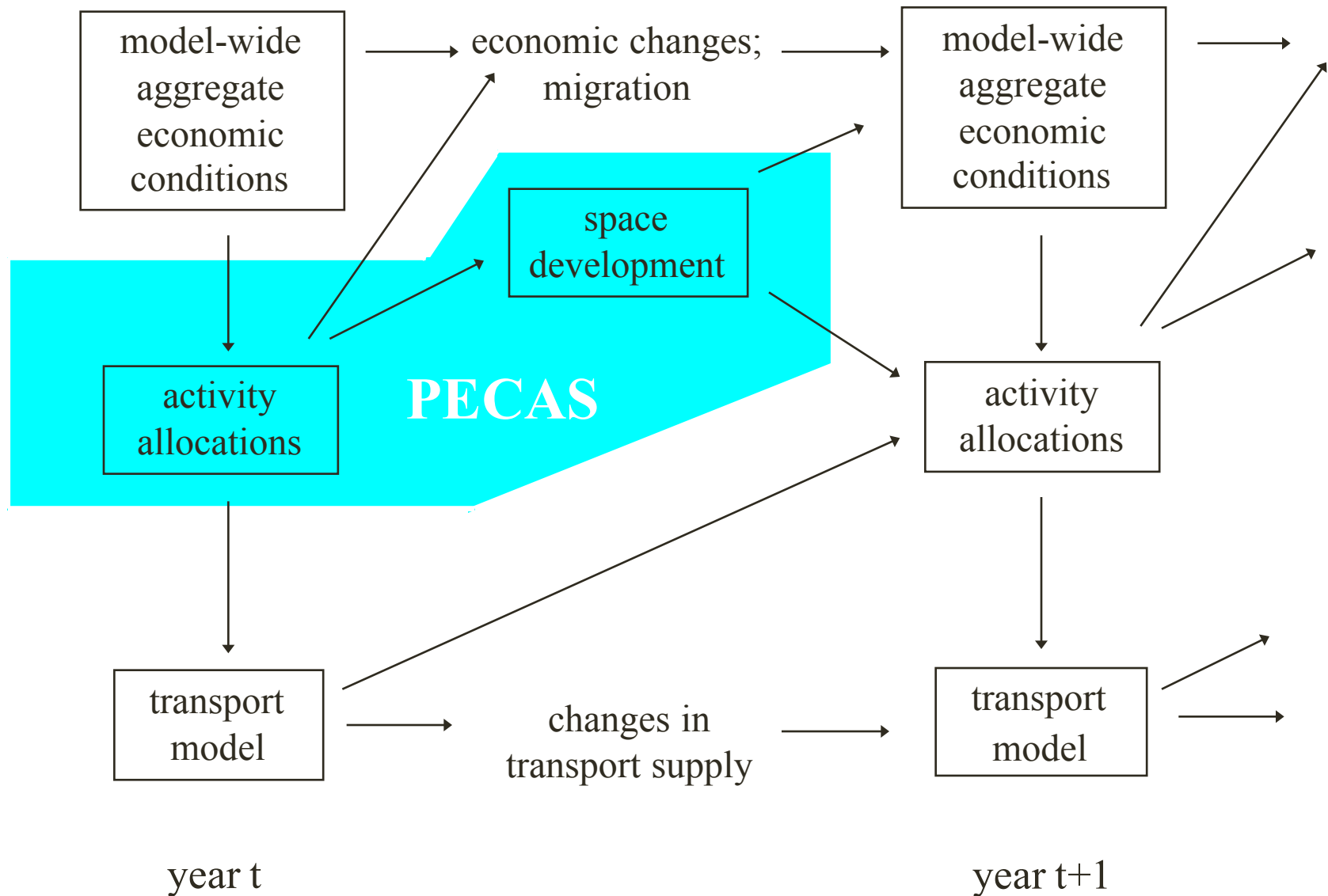


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# Just 5 Basic Choices

1: Where to locate

2: What to make and what to consume in the process  
(called the 'technology' to use)

3: Where to buy what is consumed and where to sell  
what is made

4: What type of space (floorspace, buildings) to build

5: How much space to build

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# Last 2 of the 5 Choices

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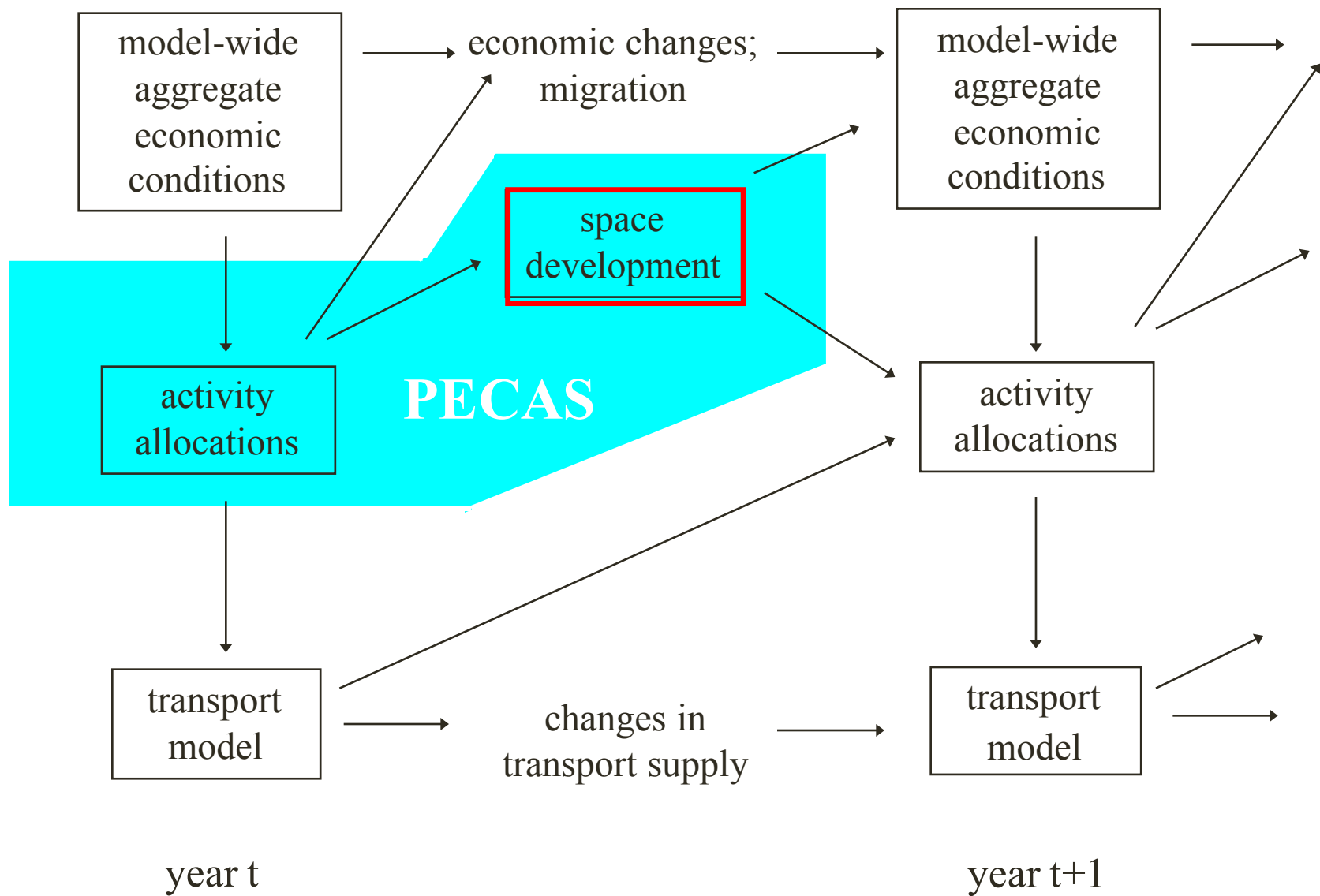
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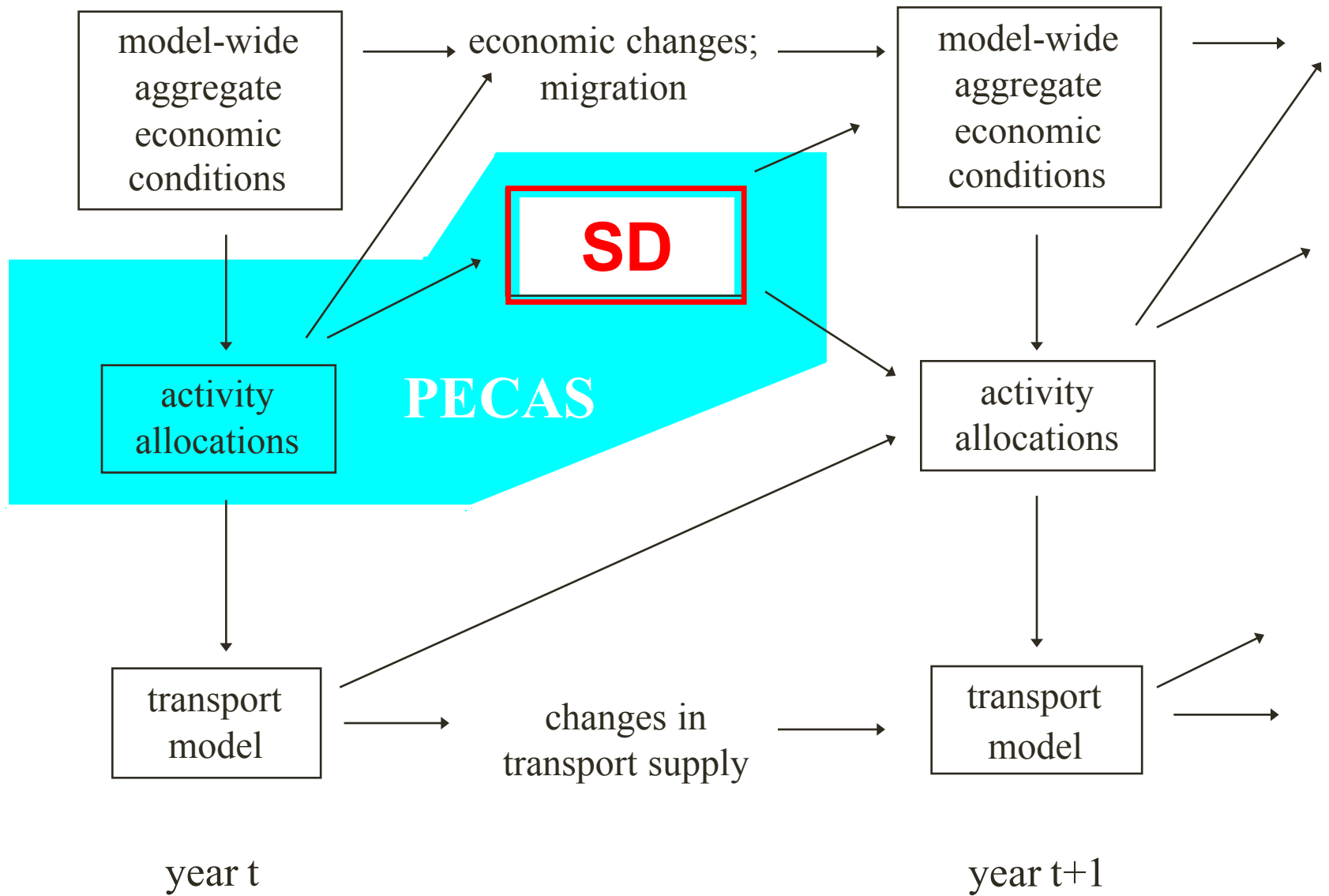
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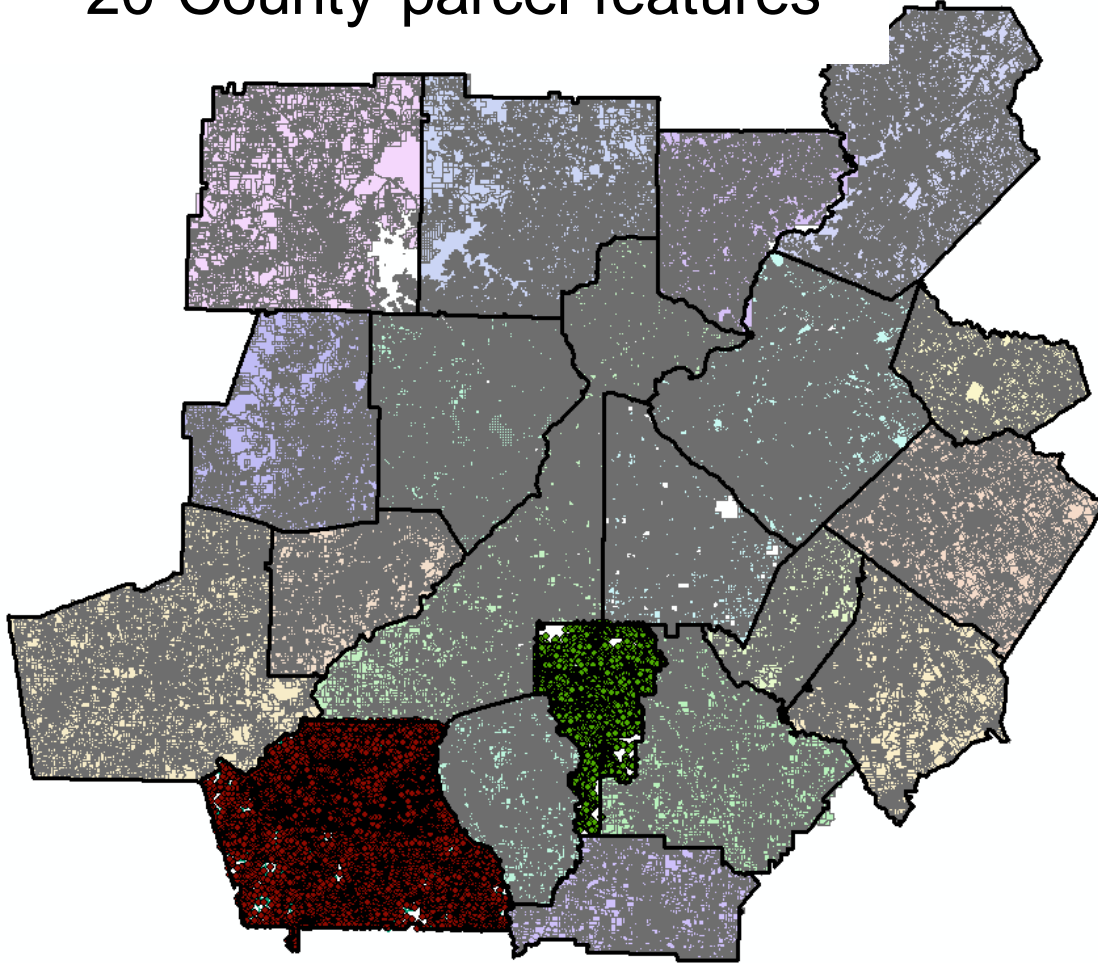
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# SD: Parcel Level Data

– 20-County parcel features



County	Parcels
Barrow	28,184
Bartow	42,167
Carroll	50,633
Cherokee	93,866
Clayton	88,723
Cobb	228,690
Coweta	55,348
DeKalb	230,888
Douglas	39,140
Fayette	42,808
Forsyth	77,639
Fulton	341,017
Gwinnett	260,371
Hall	77,103
Henry	72,839
Newton	44,374
Paulding	59,670
Rockdale	34,780
Spalding	29,616
Walton	36,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,934,417</b>

# Space Development joint decision

Rent less amortized  
construction cost  
per unit space

Additional Rent less  
development costs  
per unit land

$$RU_{hjp} = T_{hjp}j + lTr_{hjp} + l\varepsilon_s + l\varepsilon_q$$

Space quantity  
(building size)

Land quantity  
(parcel size)

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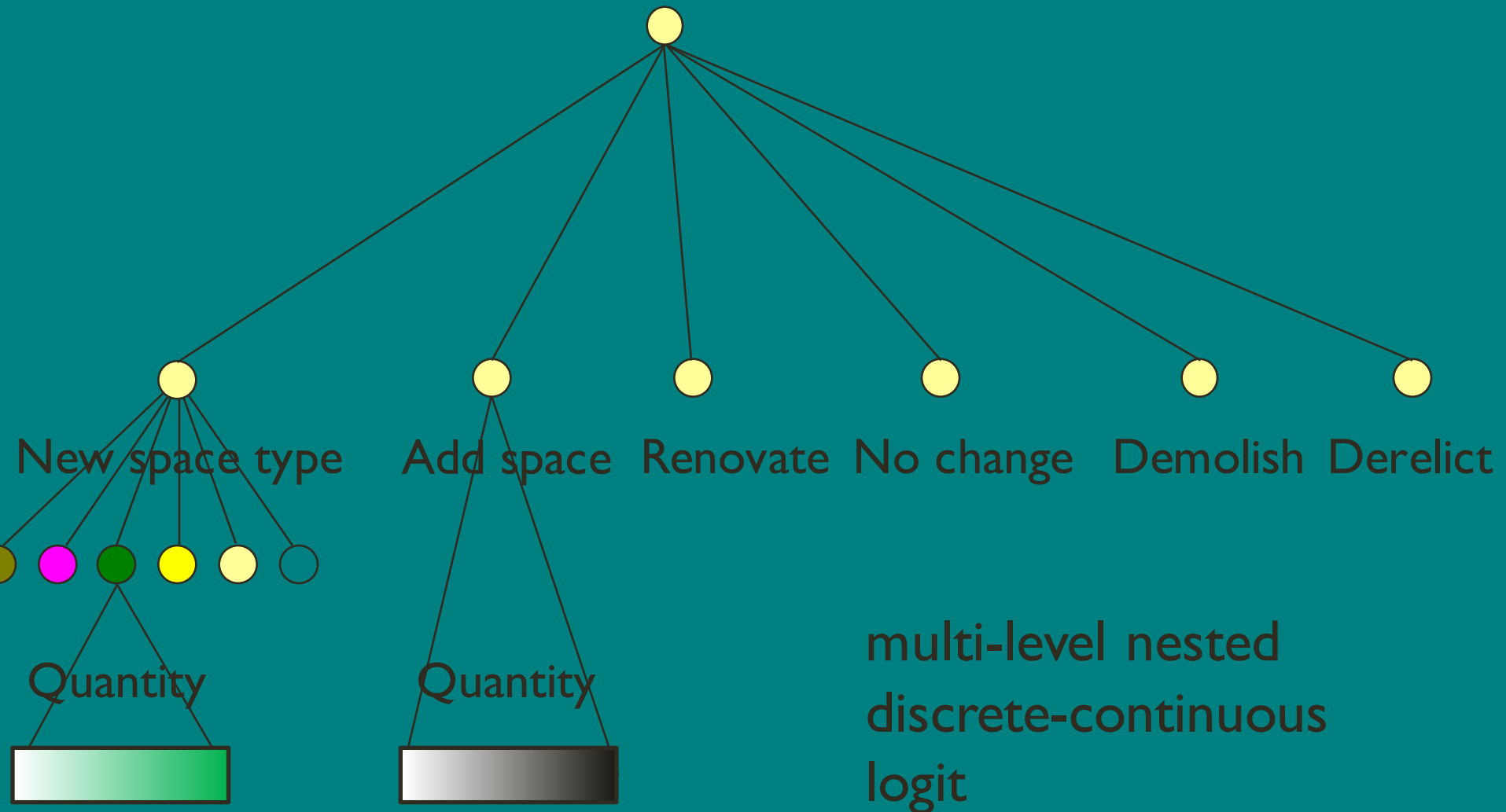
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quantities

- **Future space type  $h$**   
(development type)
- **Future space quantity  $j$**   
(building space area)
- On parcel  $p$  of size  $l$   
currently containing  
quantity  $b$  of space type  $v$
- Zoning restricts  $j$  to range

$$\left[ Q_{hp}^{\min}, Q_{hp}^{\max} \right]$$

# Nested logit structure



# Simulating Space Type: Sampling Distribution

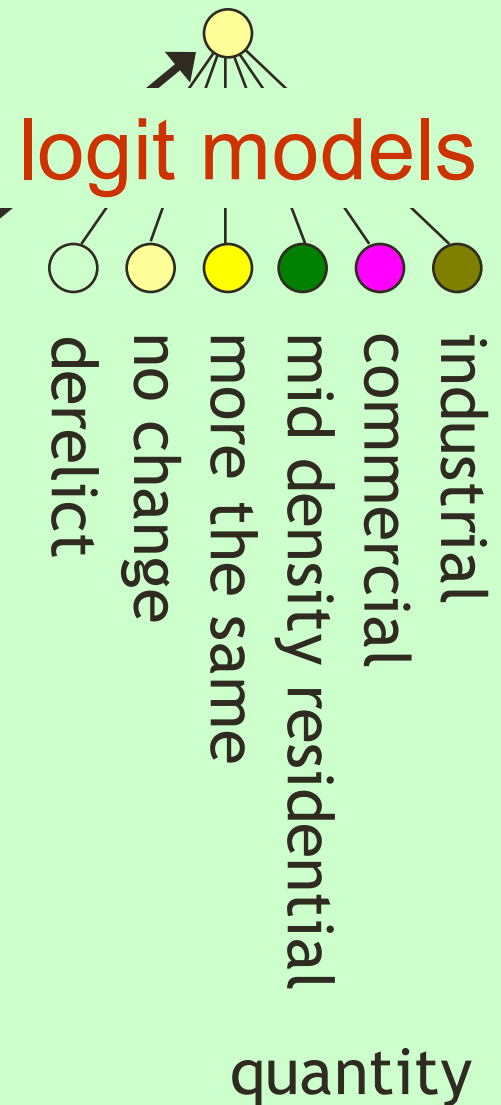
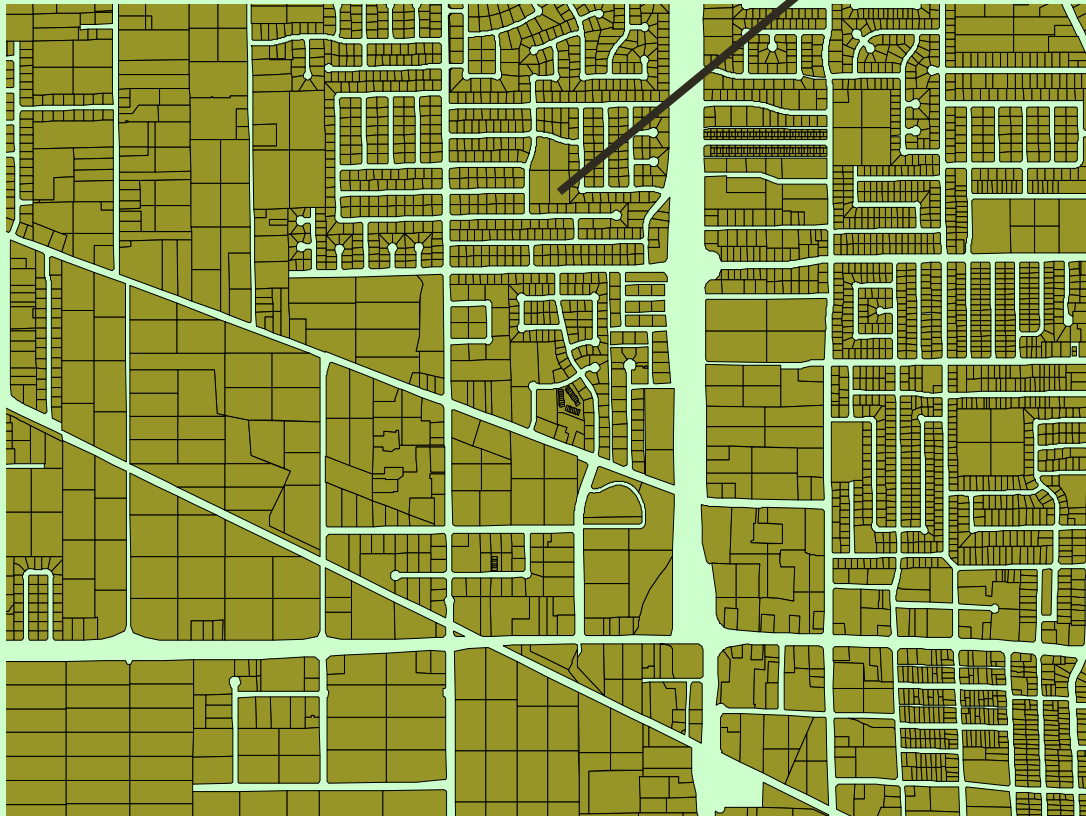
$$\Pr(h) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\tilde{V}_h}{l}\right)}{\sum_{h \in S} \exp\left(\frac{\tilde{V}_{h'}}{l}\right)}$$

evaluating integral  
over range of  
permitted intensities

$$\tilde{V}_h = \frac{l}{\mu_q} \ln \left( \frac{le^{\mu_q \left( T_{hjp} \frac{j}{l} + Tr_{hjp} \right)}}{\mu_q T_{hjp}} \right) \Bigg|_{j=Q_{hp}^{\min}}^{Q_{hp}^{\max}}$$

# Space Development: Simulation of Transitions

parcel-by-parcel  
microsimulation



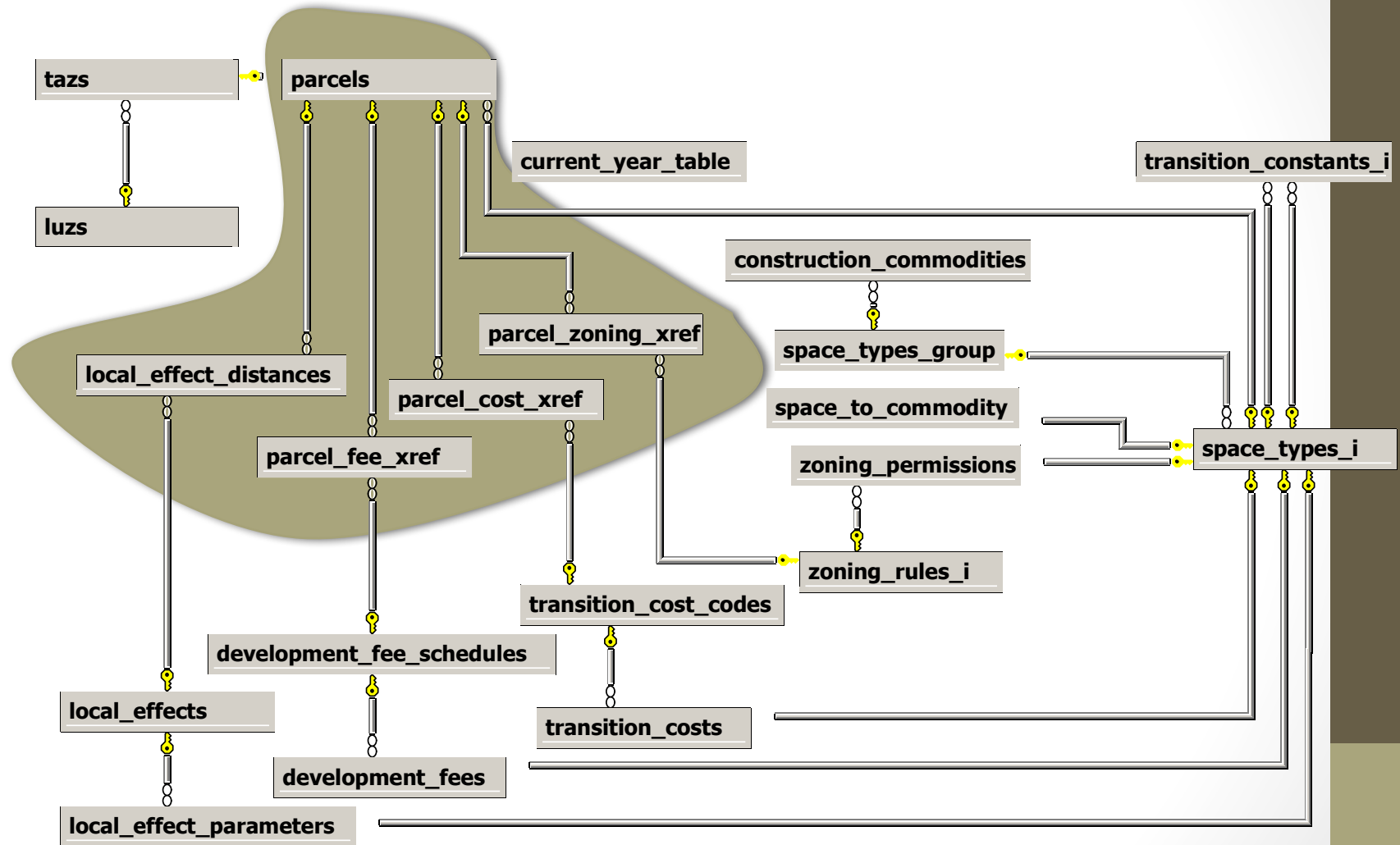
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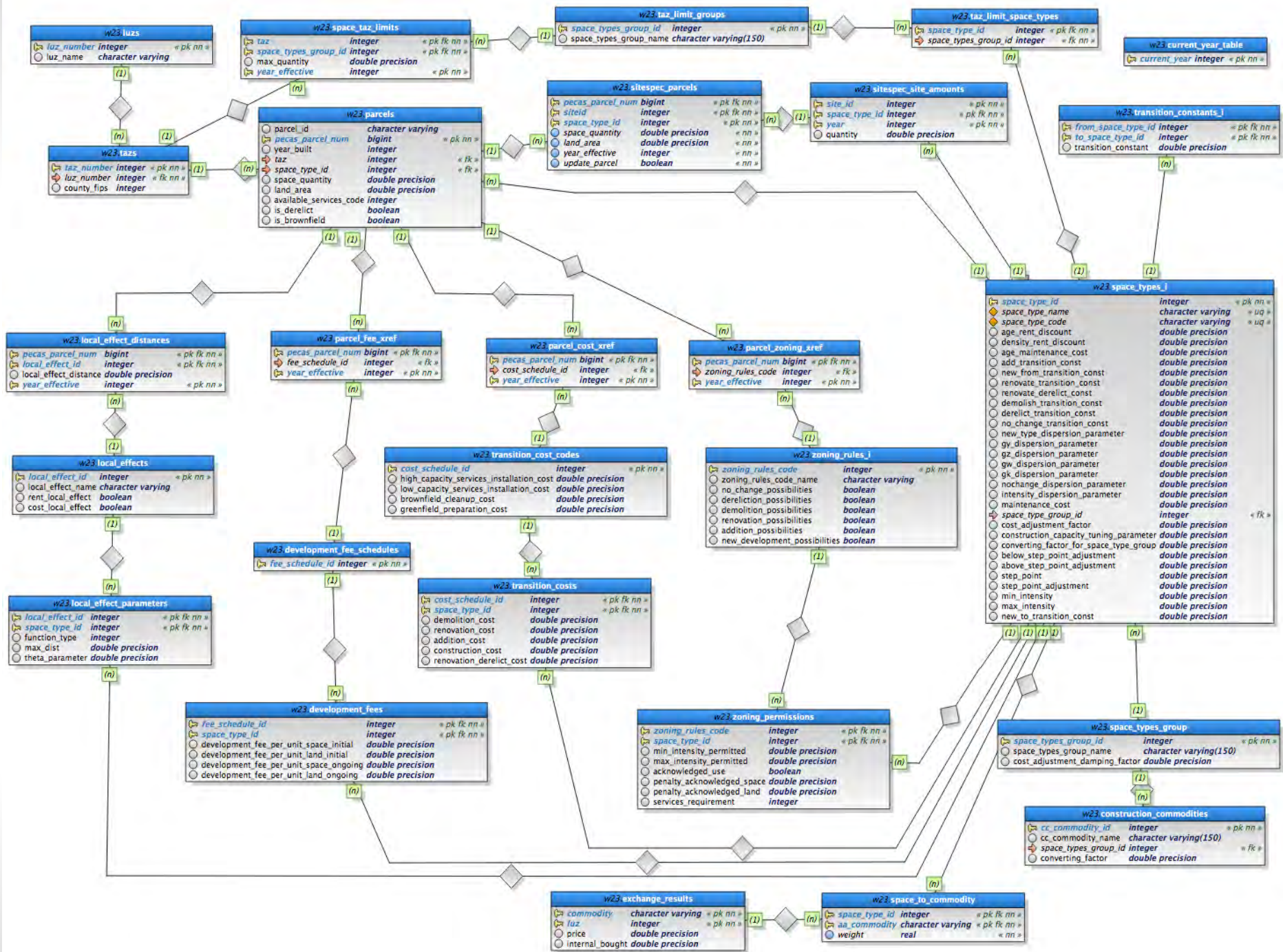
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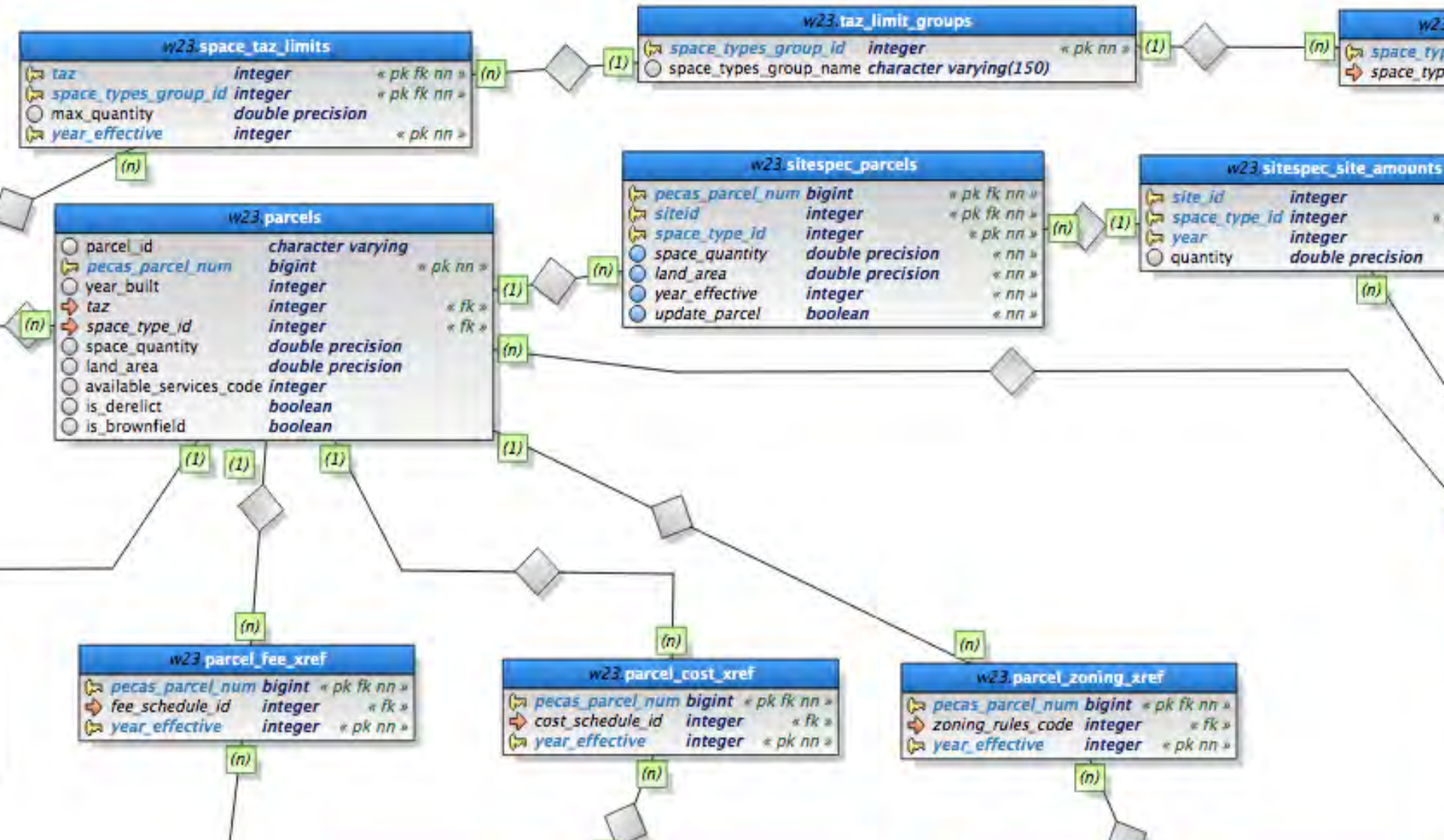


# SD GIS Layers

- Base “parcels” (grid cell, parcels)
- Cost polygons (zip codes, slopes, water table, soil) spatially joined to get cost schedule ID
- Fee polygons (cities, school board districts, other jurisdictions) spatially joined to get fee schedule ID
- Local effect feature classes, minimum distance to each affect
  - rent modifier
- Zoning polygons

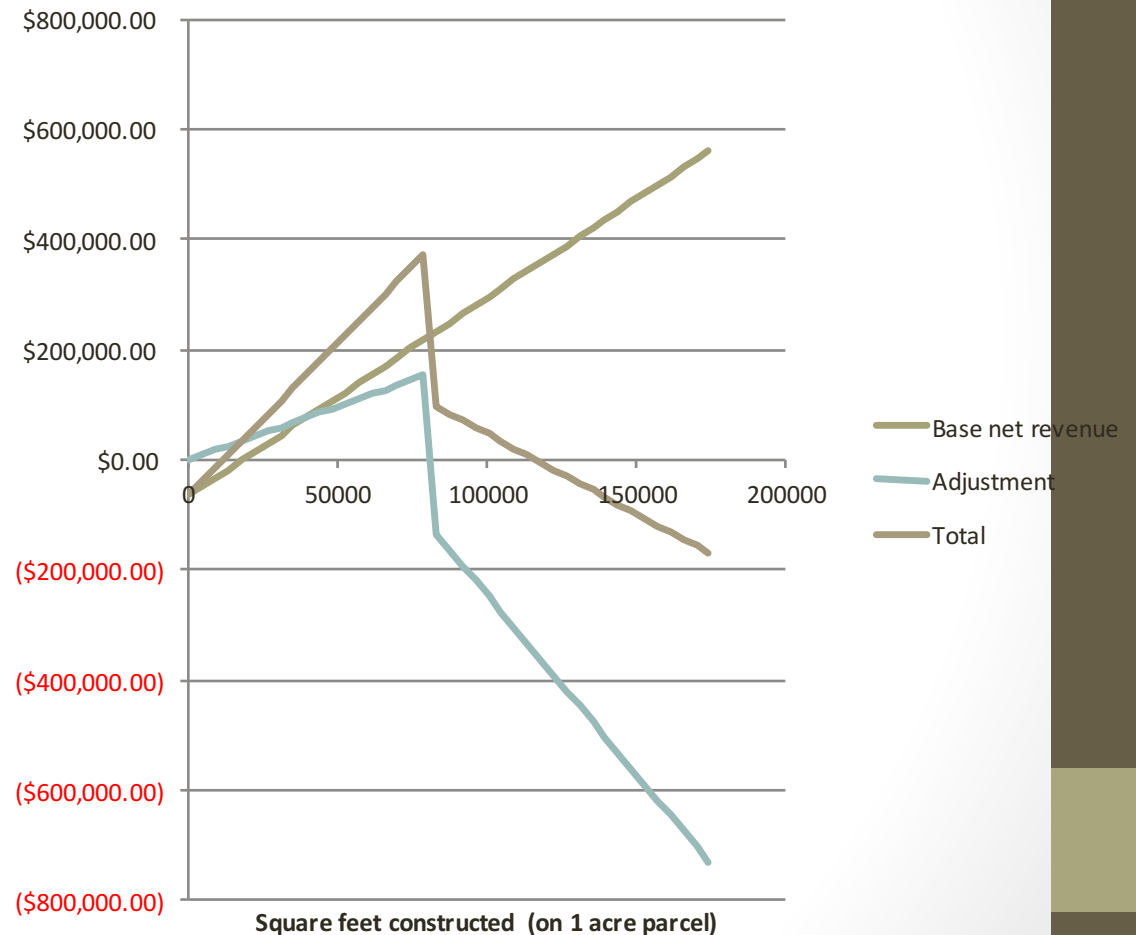


# TAZ Limits and Site Spec

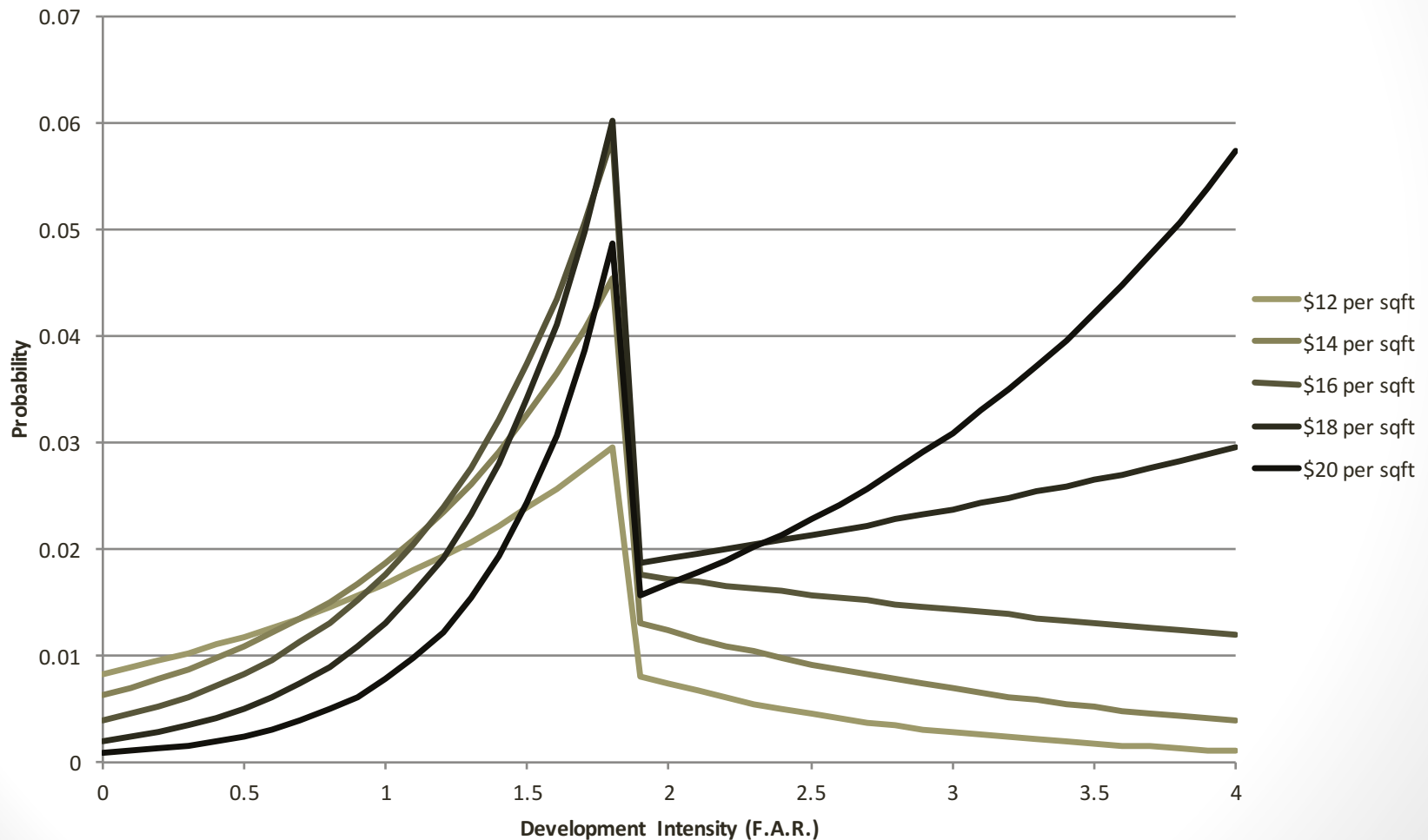


# Construction Costs

- Predominantly from GIS system for different costs by location and space type
- Modified by density shaping function which is two lines and a step increment
  - Low density cost (e.g. wood framing)
  - Higher density cost (e.g. concrete)
  - Step increment (e.g. underground parking)



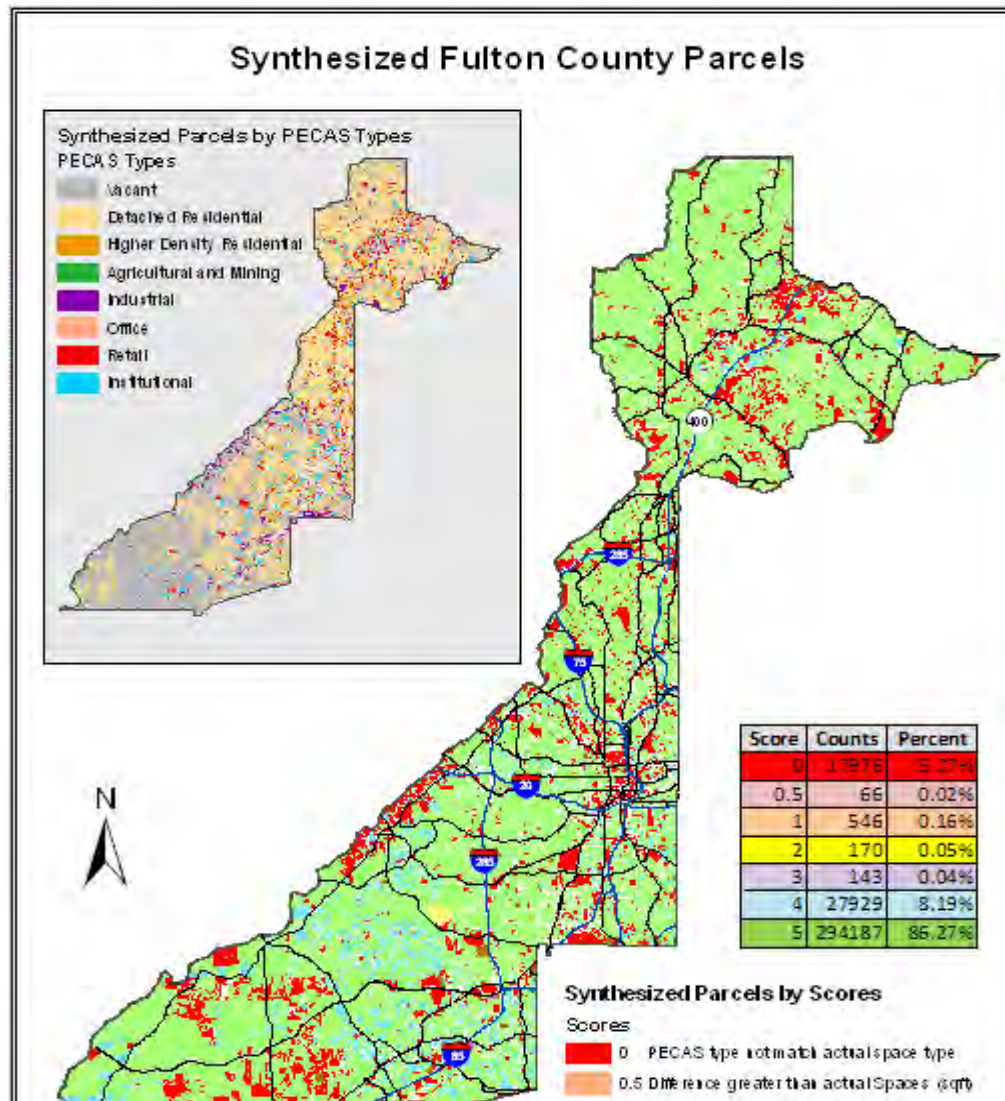
# Rich Density Shapes Emerge



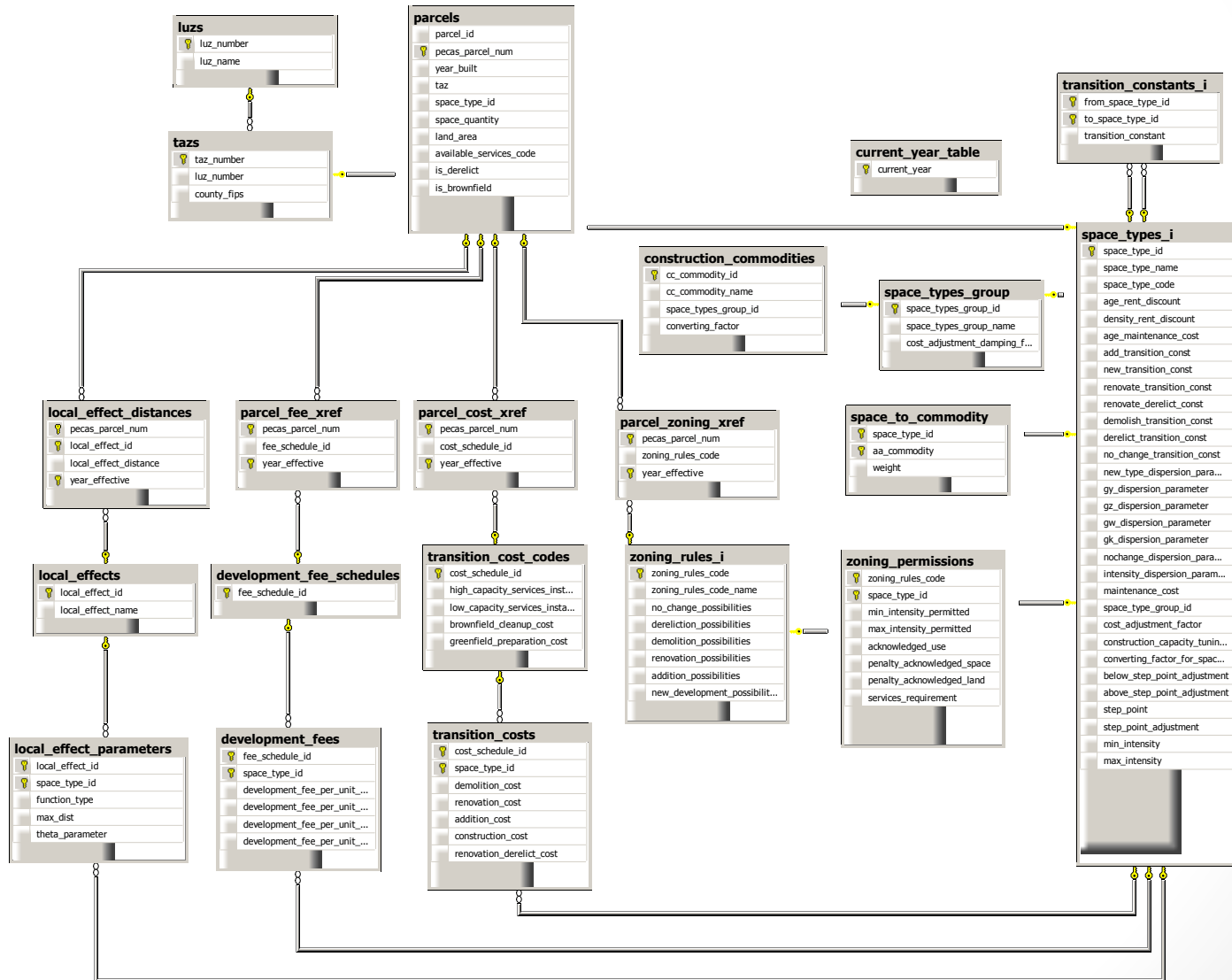
# Floorspace Synthesis

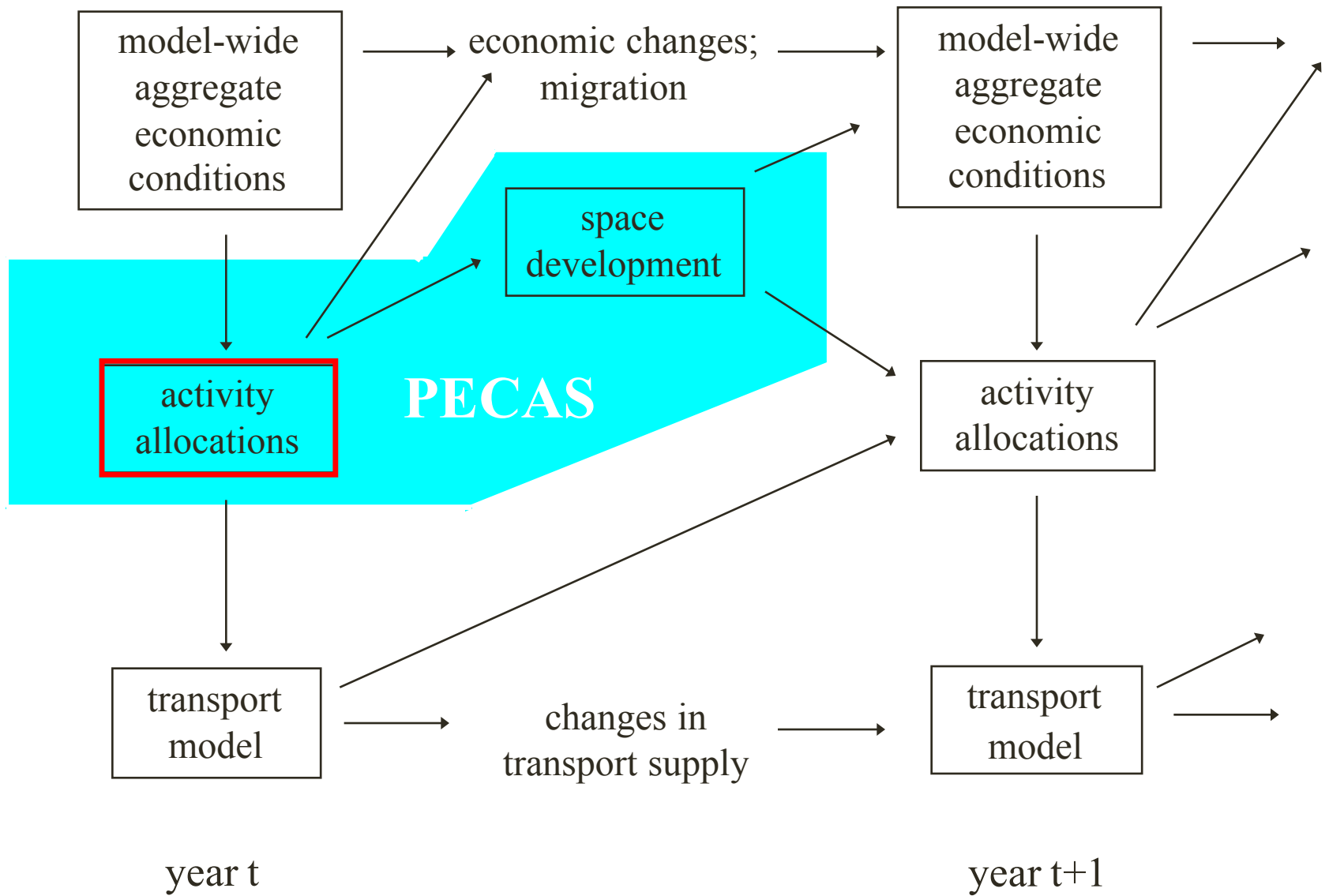
- Complete inventory of buildings does not exist, and even where inventory data do exist it is:
  - Inconsistent with employment/population data
  - Inconsistent with simplified use rate and type in the model
- Generate synthetic built form inventory by assigning TAZ level totals to grids/parcels
  - Based on competitive scoring algorithm driven by any existing data and land suitability information
- Like a synthetic population for travel modelling
- Realistic pattern and marginal distributions with regard to age, location, zoning, etc.

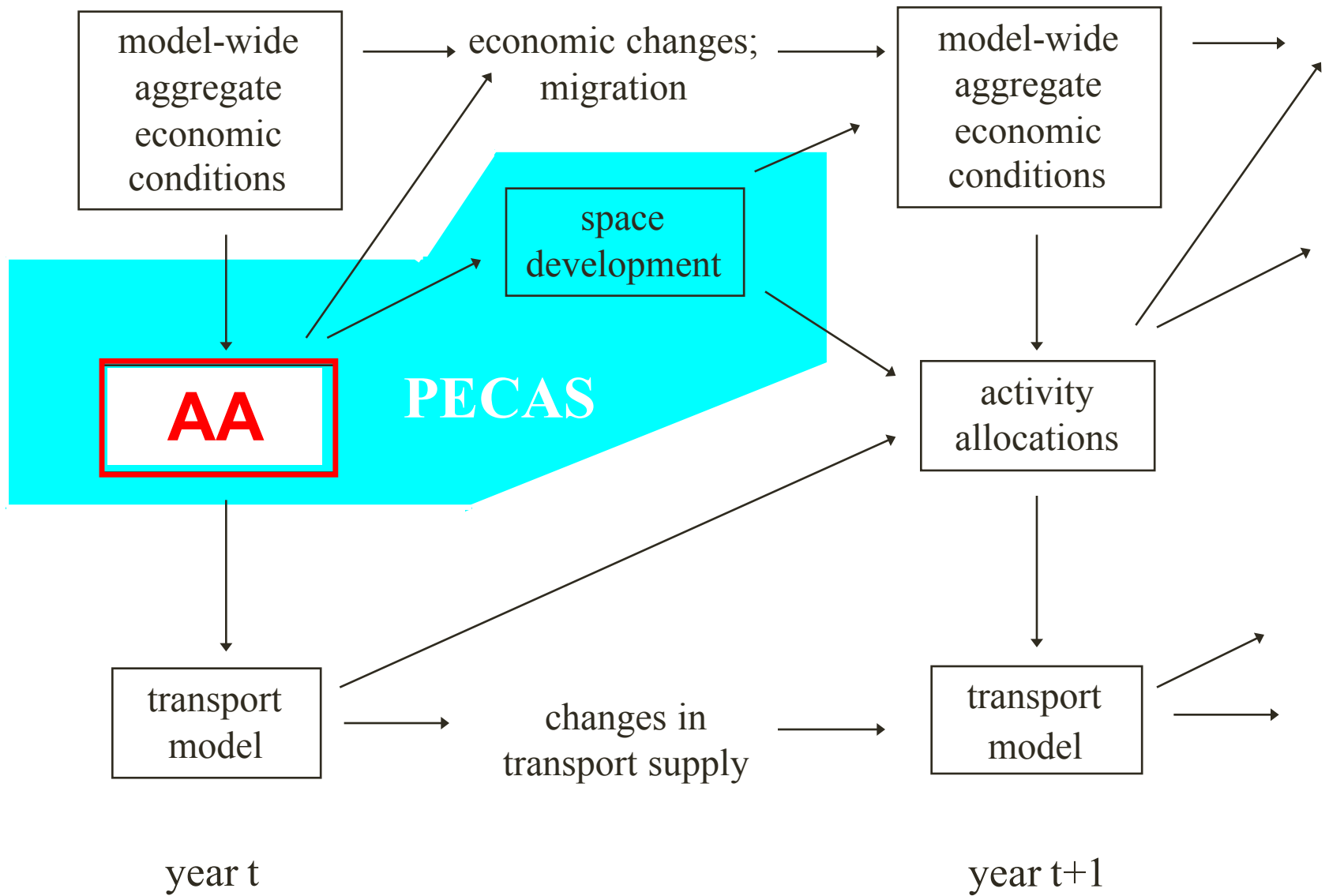
# FS Synthesizer: Initial Fulton Results



# SD Database Tables / Columns







**Superdistrict Zones (78)**

This map illustrates the Superdistrict Zones (78) in Georgia, showing various counties and their sub-zones. The map includes labels for counties such as Floyd, Polk, Haralson, Carroll, Heard, Troup, Meriwether, Pike, Lamar, Monroe, Butts, Jasper, Henry, Clayton, Spalding, Fulton, Cobb, DeKalb, and others. It also shows major highways and expressways. An inset map in the top right corner provides a closer view of the Atlanta area, highlighting zones like NW Atlanta, NE Atlanta, CBD Atlanta, and Atlanta-DeKalb.

**ARC**

# First 3 of 5 Choices

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2: What to make and what to consume in the process  
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**The interactions among these**

Additional utility associated with location  $l$  for activity  $a$

Additional utility associated with technology option  $p$

$$U_{lpe_1e_2\dots e_n}^a = V_l + \varepsilon_l^a + V_p + \varepsilon_{lp} + \sum_{n=1}^{N_p} |\alpha_{pn}| s_{pn} (V_{e_nl} + \varepsilon_{e_nlp})$$

Quantity of commodity produced or consumed under technology option  $p$

Utility of exchanging and shipping one unit of Commodity between  $l$  and  $e$

$$\alpha_p = \{\alpha_{p1},$$

for how much of Commodity  $c_{pn}$  is produced (or consumed, if  $\alpha_{pn}$  negative) per unit of activity  $a$

- **Exchange location**  $e_n$  for each commodity exchanged

# Economic Interactions

## Production - Exchange

1: production allocation

Composite utility for set of locations used for consumer surplus

2: technology selection

Composite utility for set of technology options combines accessibilities

3: selling allocations

buying allocations

Composite utilities for sets of selling or buying locations are accessibilities

3-level nested logit model

allocating produced commodities to selling locations

allocating consumed commodities to buying locations

# Interactions Among First 3 of 5 Choices

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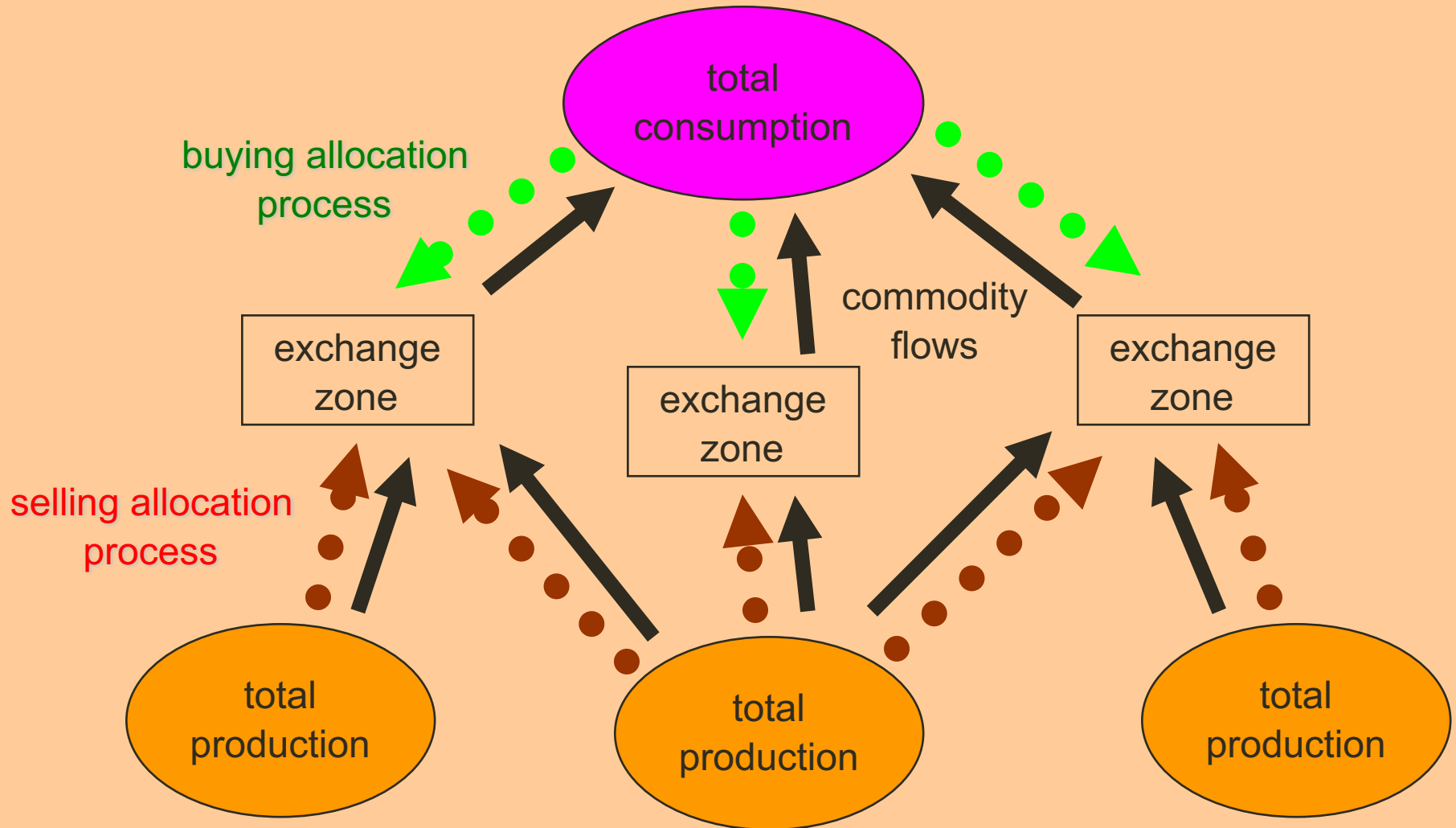
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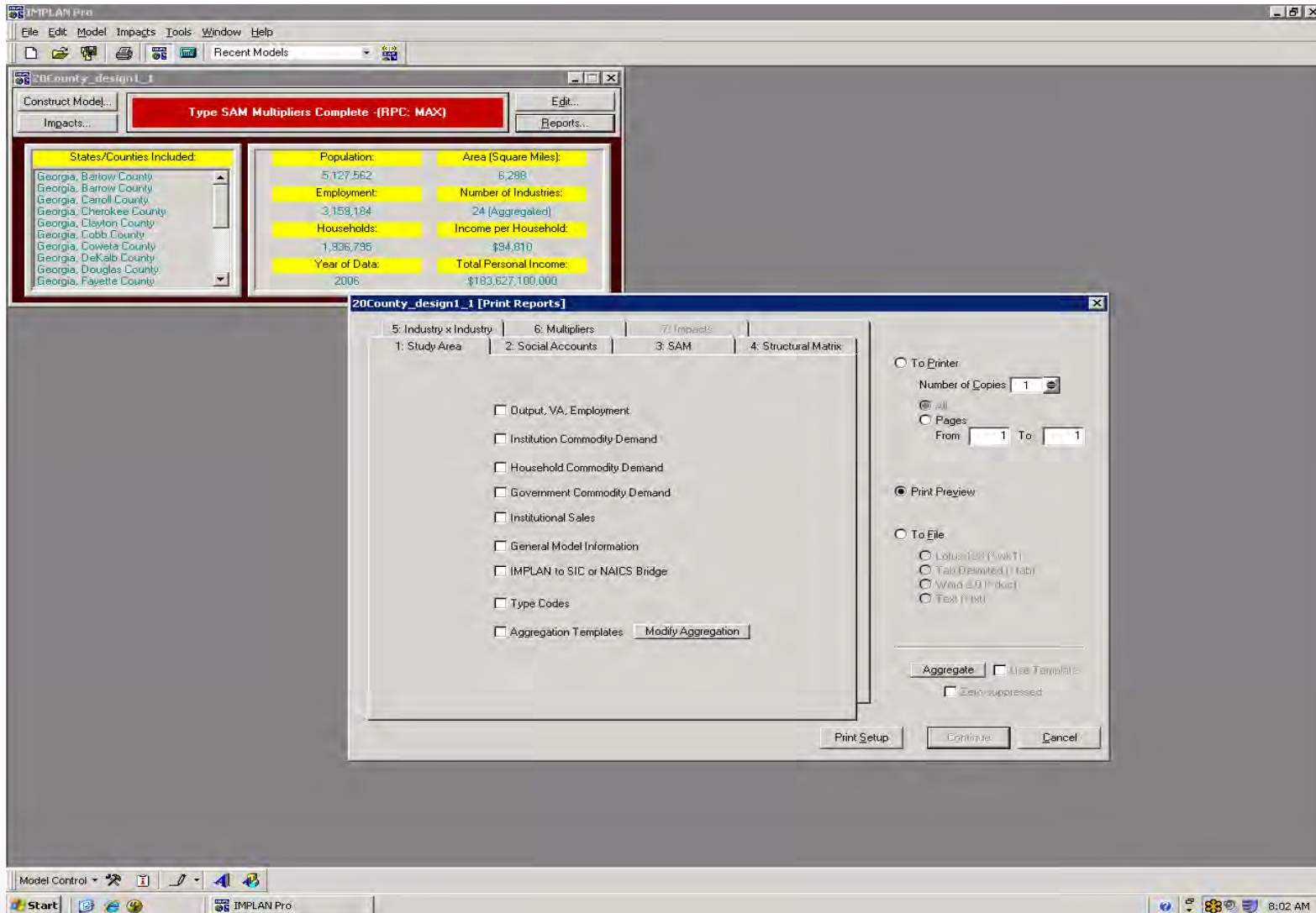
**The interactions among these**

# Economic Interactions:

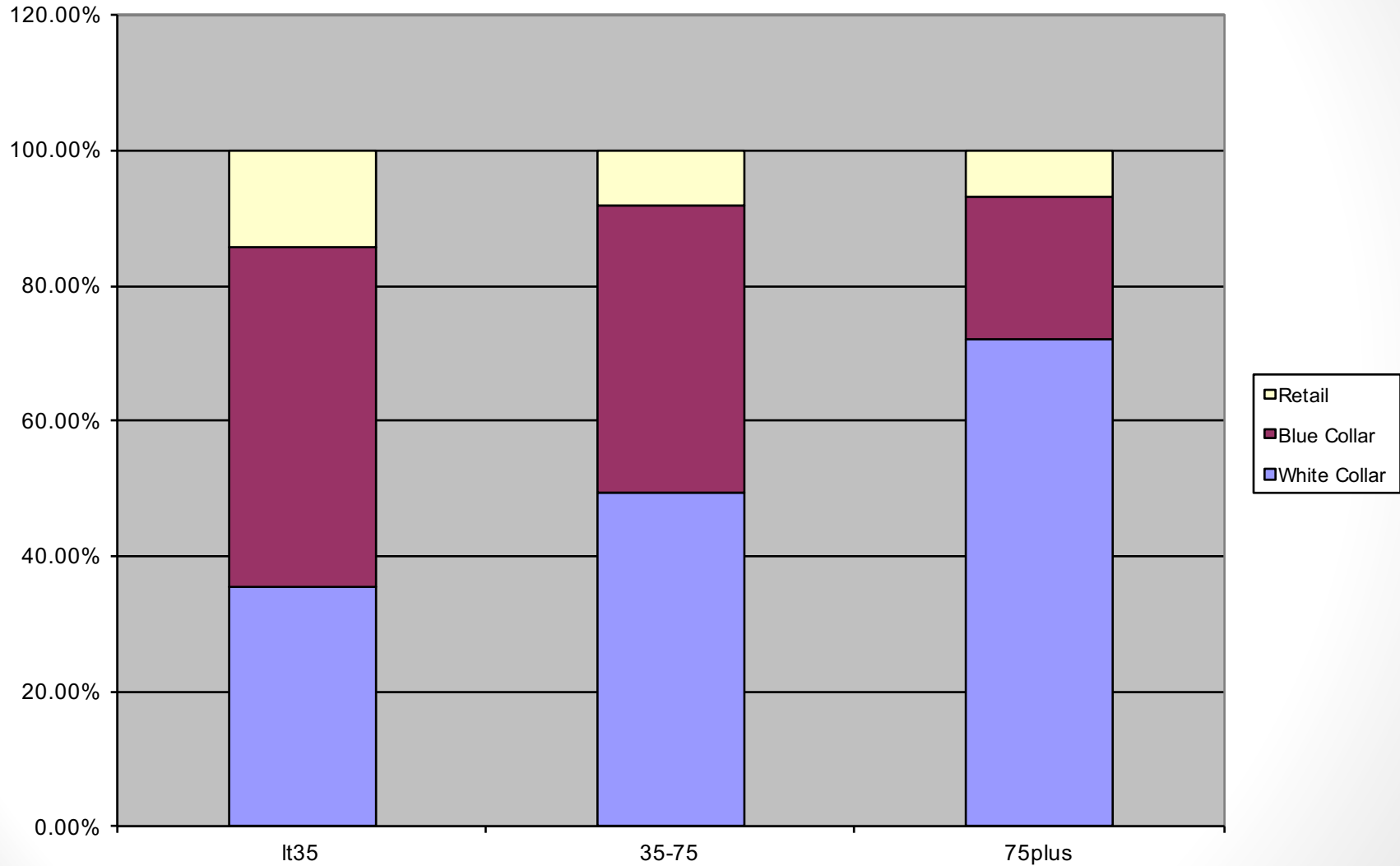
## Production - Exchange - Consumption



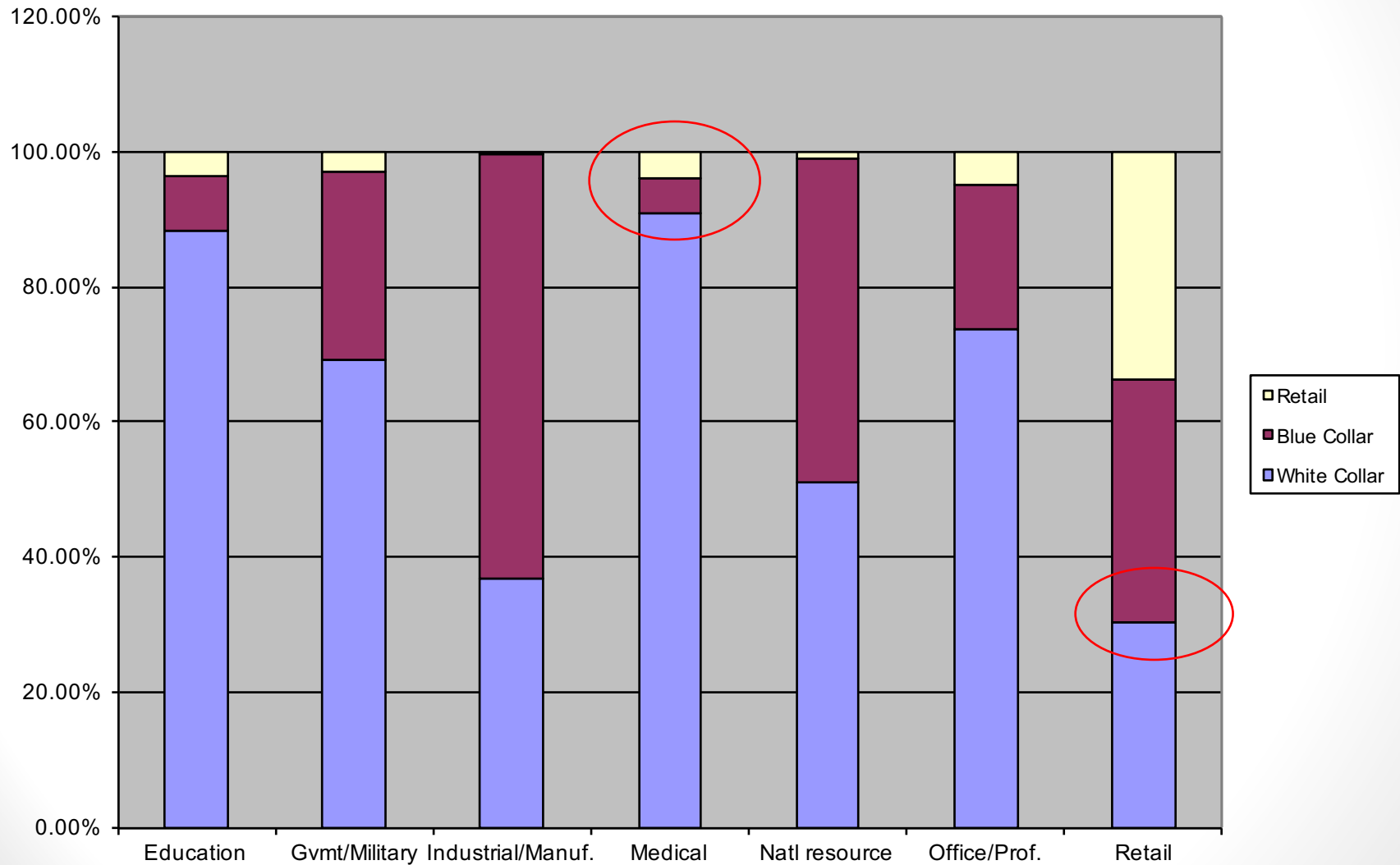
# IMPLAN Data



# PUMS Data: Occ by Income



# PUMS Data: Occ by Industry



# Travel Demand Model Skims

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# SE Forecasting

Economic value of white collar labor occupations



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# Interactions Among All 5 Basic Choices

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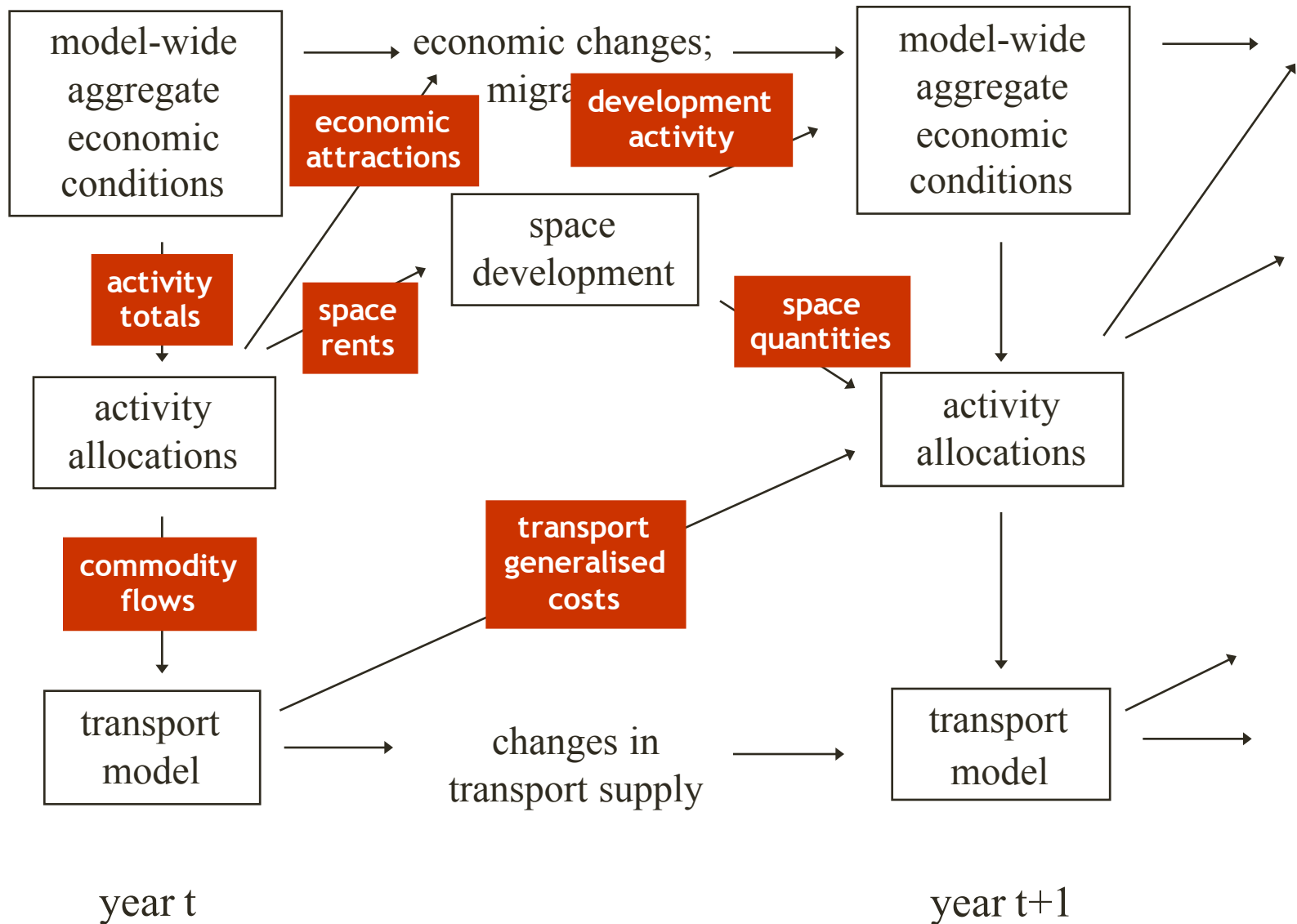
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**The interactions among these**

# Interactions Among System Components



# SE Forecasting

## Visualization and mapping

-MapIt, WEAVE application

### Building a query for CommodityZUtilities.csv

List of attributes in the file:

First scenario (X):

Operator:

Second scenario (Y):

Start year:

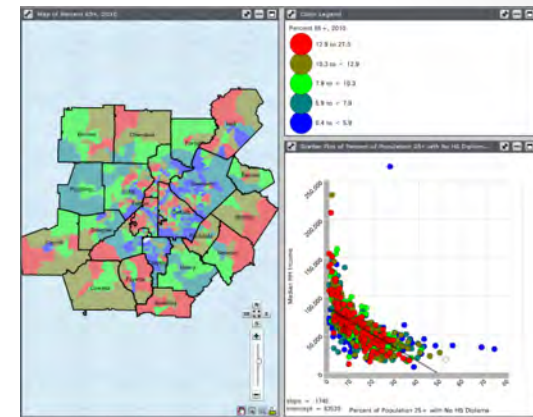
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Commodity\Commodity Group:

Aggregate grouping function:  
☒ Sum()  
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\* only effective when selecting a Group

Buy(B) or Sell(S):

- View "NB01\_Labour\_130703\_101316\_with\_geom" was successfully created!



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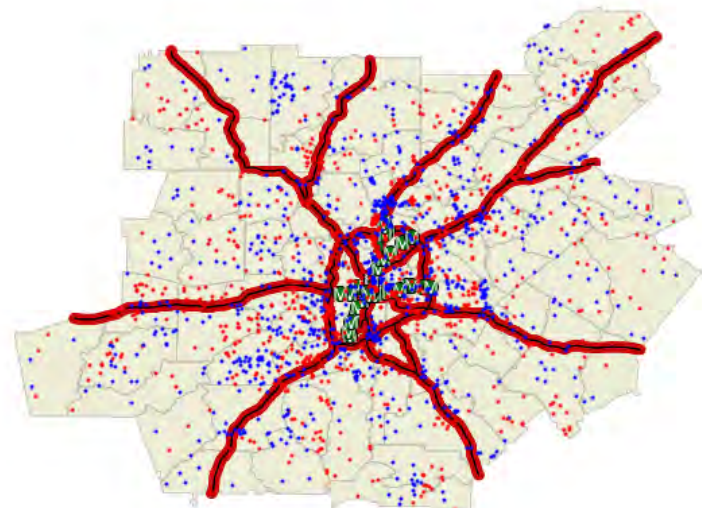
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### Welcome to HBA Spectro Map It Application! (Beta 3.1.2)

☒ Work with one scenario ☐ Compare two scenarios

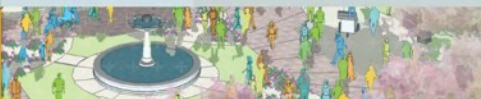
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# Where We're At--Overview

- **A Functioning Model**
  - **Calibrated AA and SD**
  - **Reactive to Travel Model**
  - **Results Generally Making Sense**
    - **Caveats re: Data Errors**
    - **Caveats re: Reality and Model Conflicts**
- **Integrated Partially with REMI**
- **Integrated Manually with ABM**
- **Scenario Testing**



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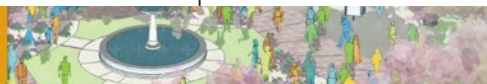
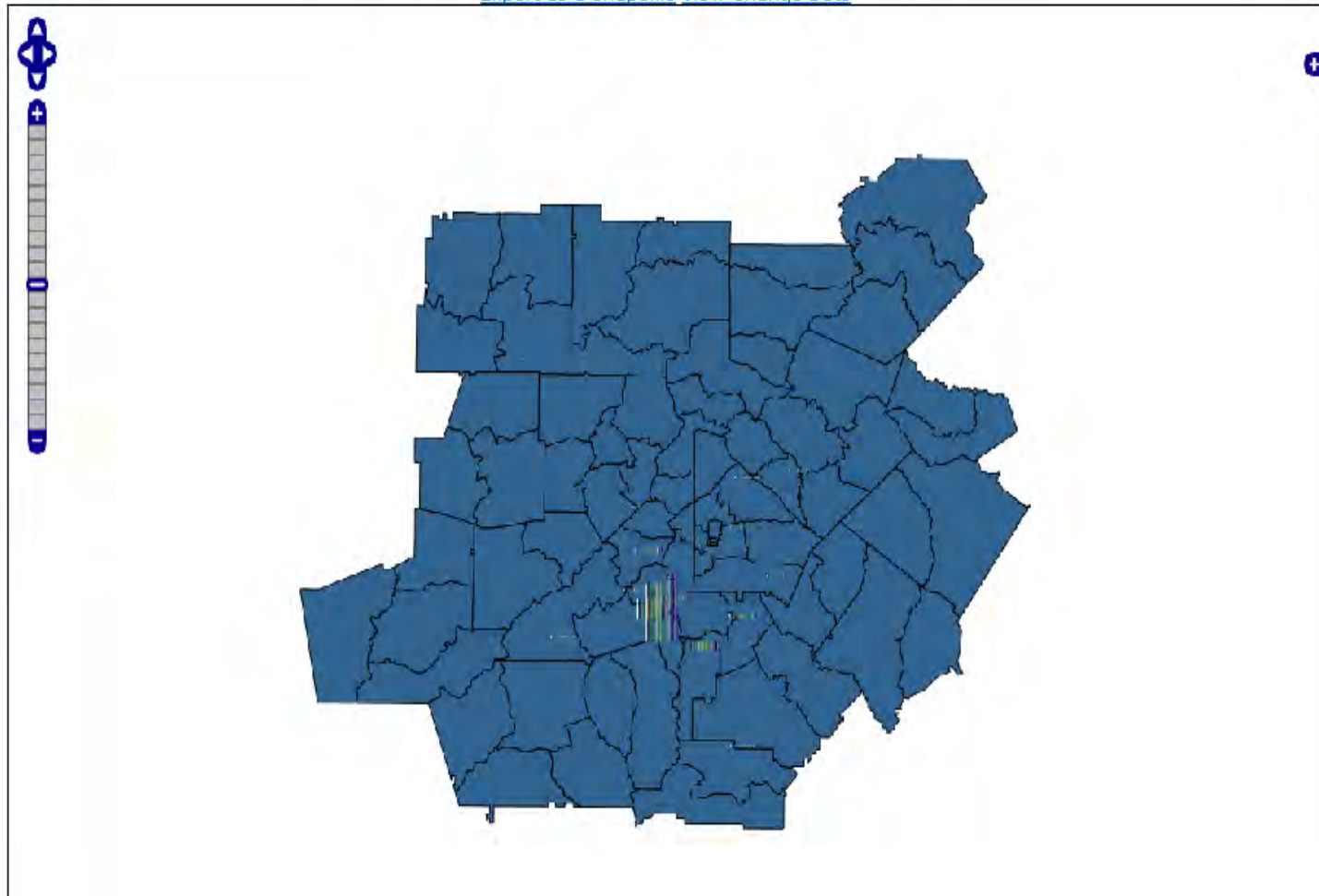


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# Values of TCU Prod 05-20

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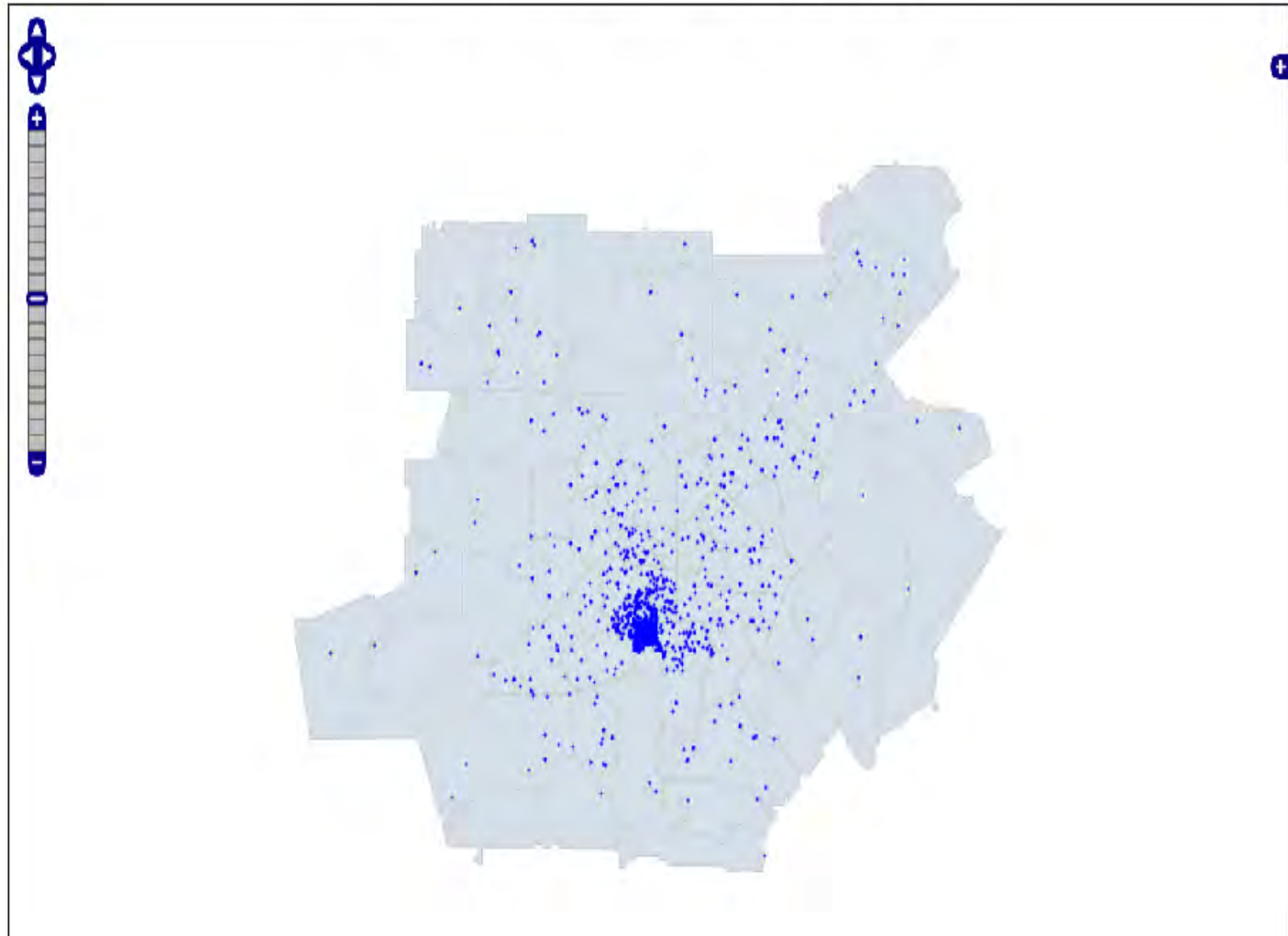
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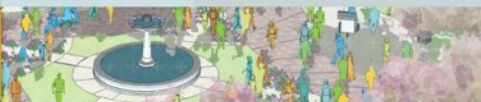
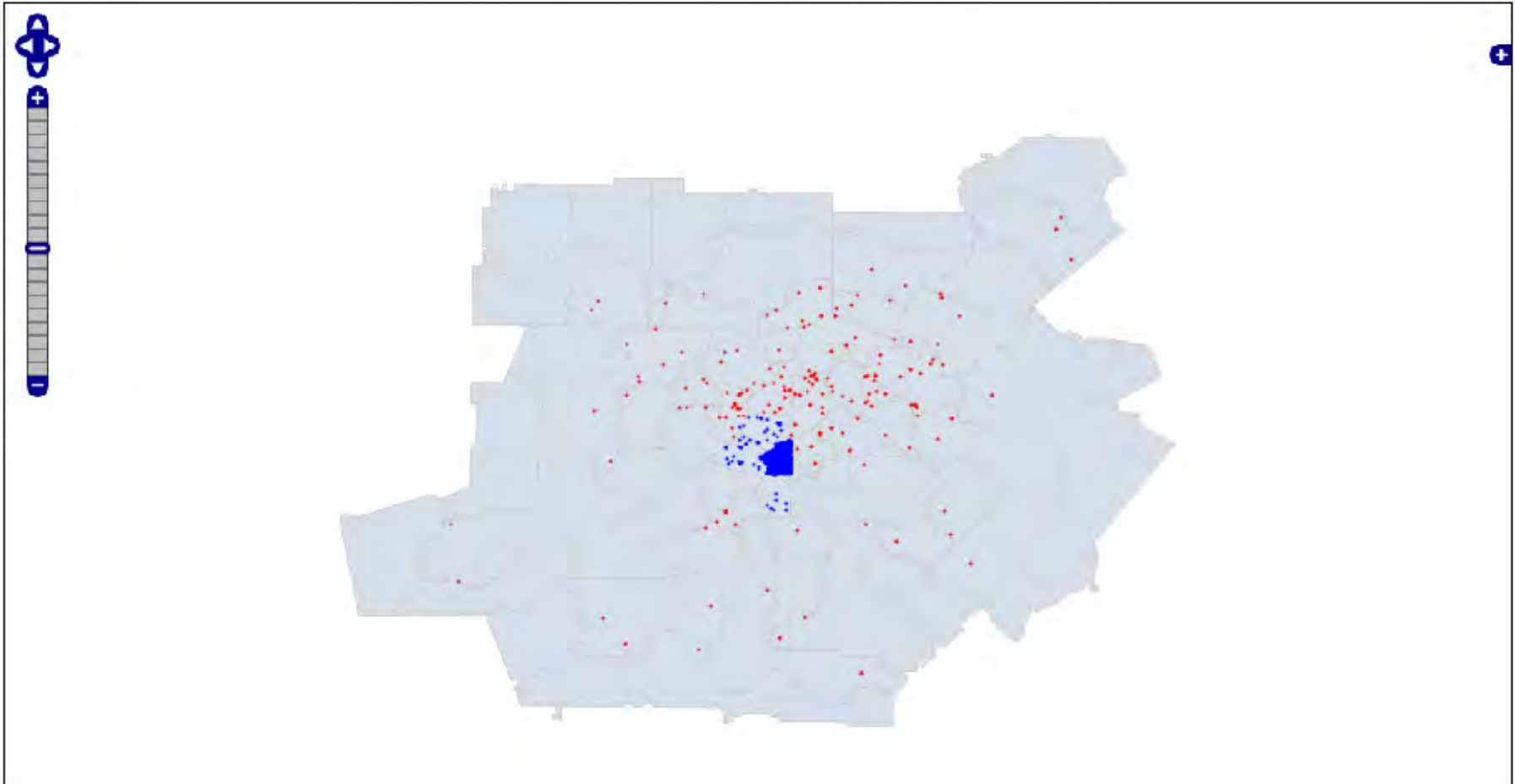
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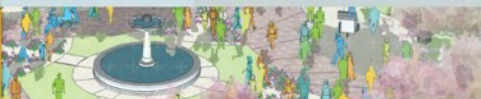
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# PECAS Scenario Test Example

Scenario name	Scenario Description
W04b	This is the base case scenario non-integrated with the transportation model
I01f	This is the base case scenario fully integrated with the transportation model, including the projects from the “PLAN 2040”
NB01	This is a scenario for policy analysis fully integrated with the transportation model and assuming no changes in transportation infrastructure

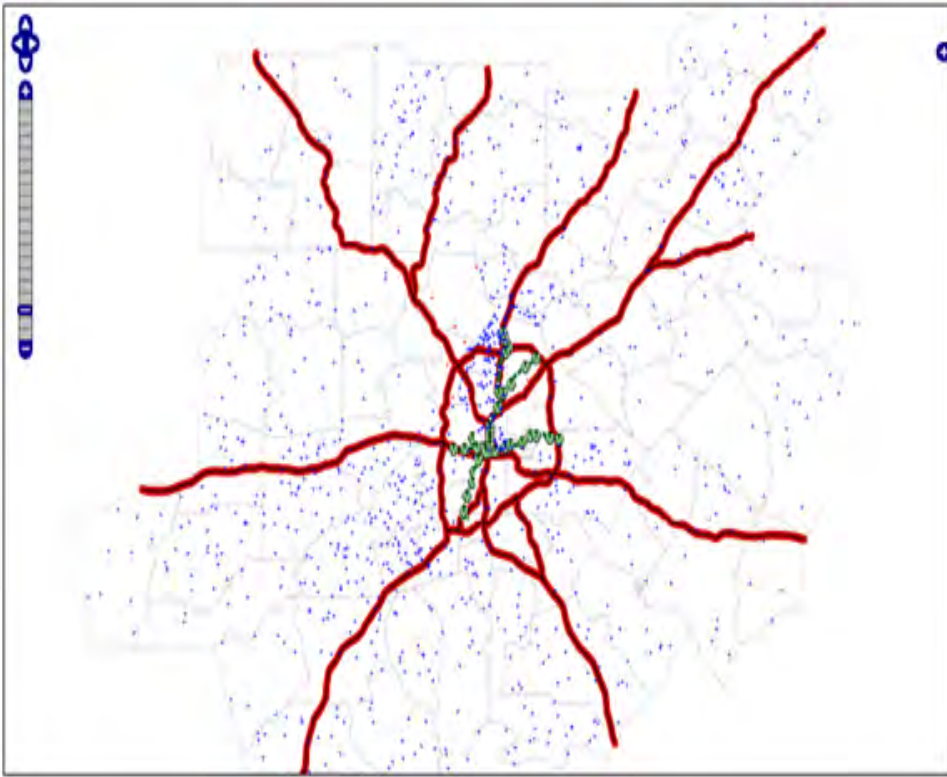


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W04b Base: Change in Households (left); Jobs (right) between 2005 and 2022



Blue dot = 600 Households



Blue dot = 600 Jobs

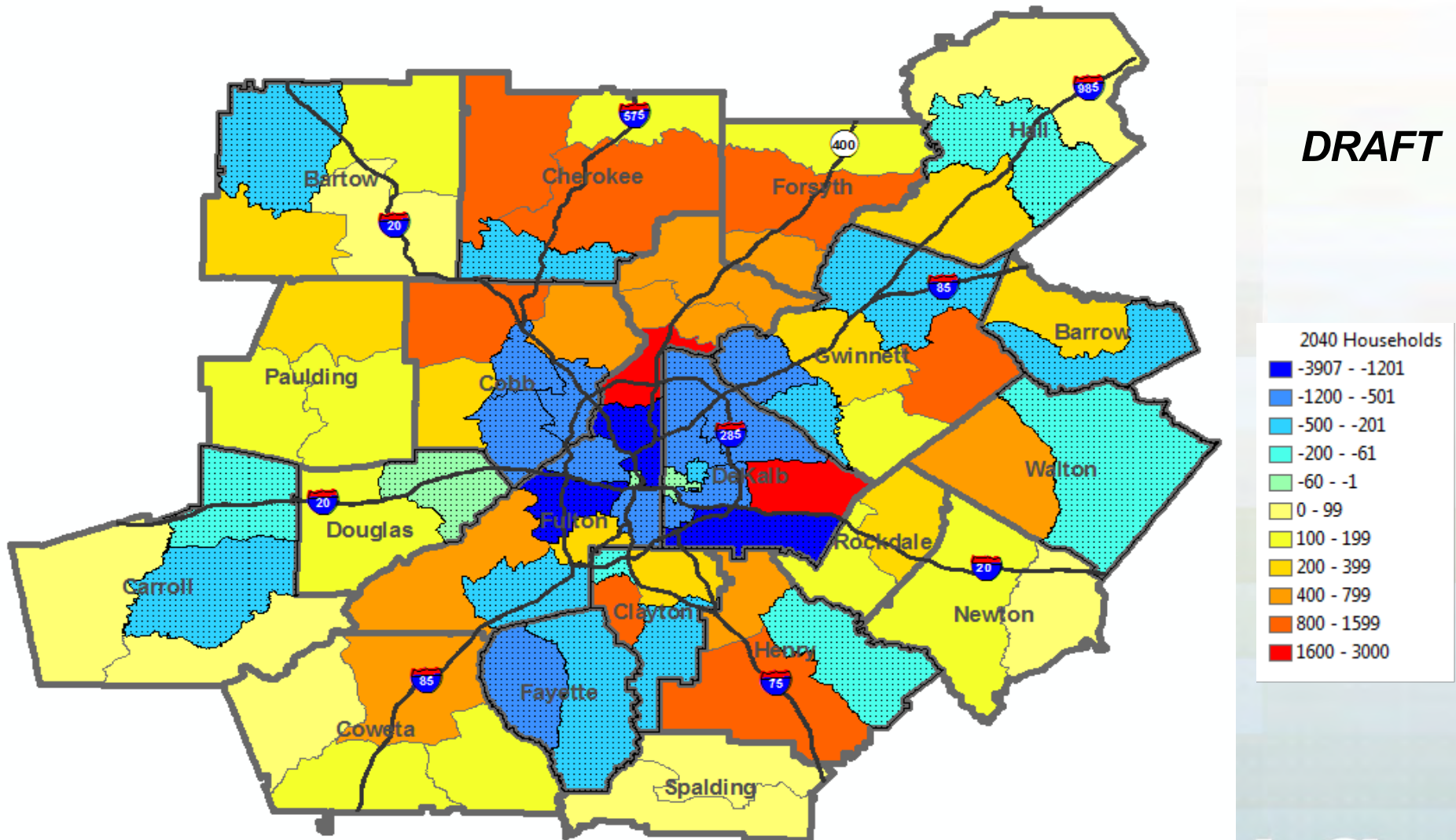


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# Households: Difference between I01f and NB01 in 2040



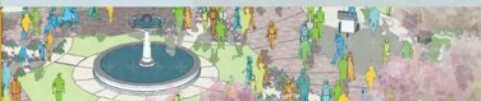
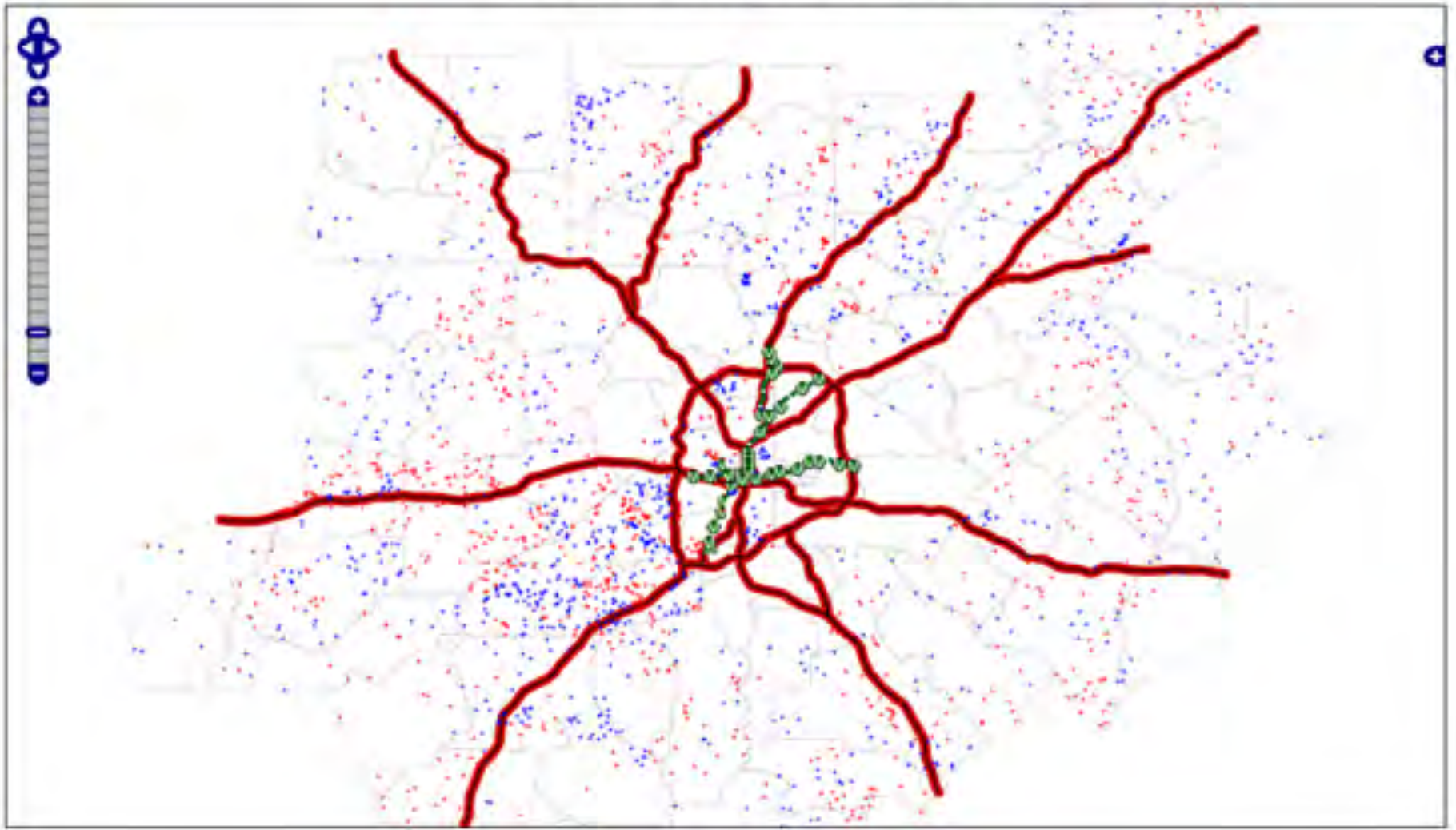
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## Change in **Single Family** detached residential space between I01f and NB01 in 2035

each blue dot is 35400.0, each red dot is -35400.0



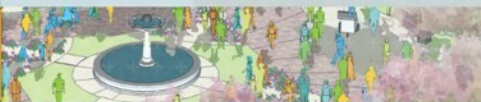
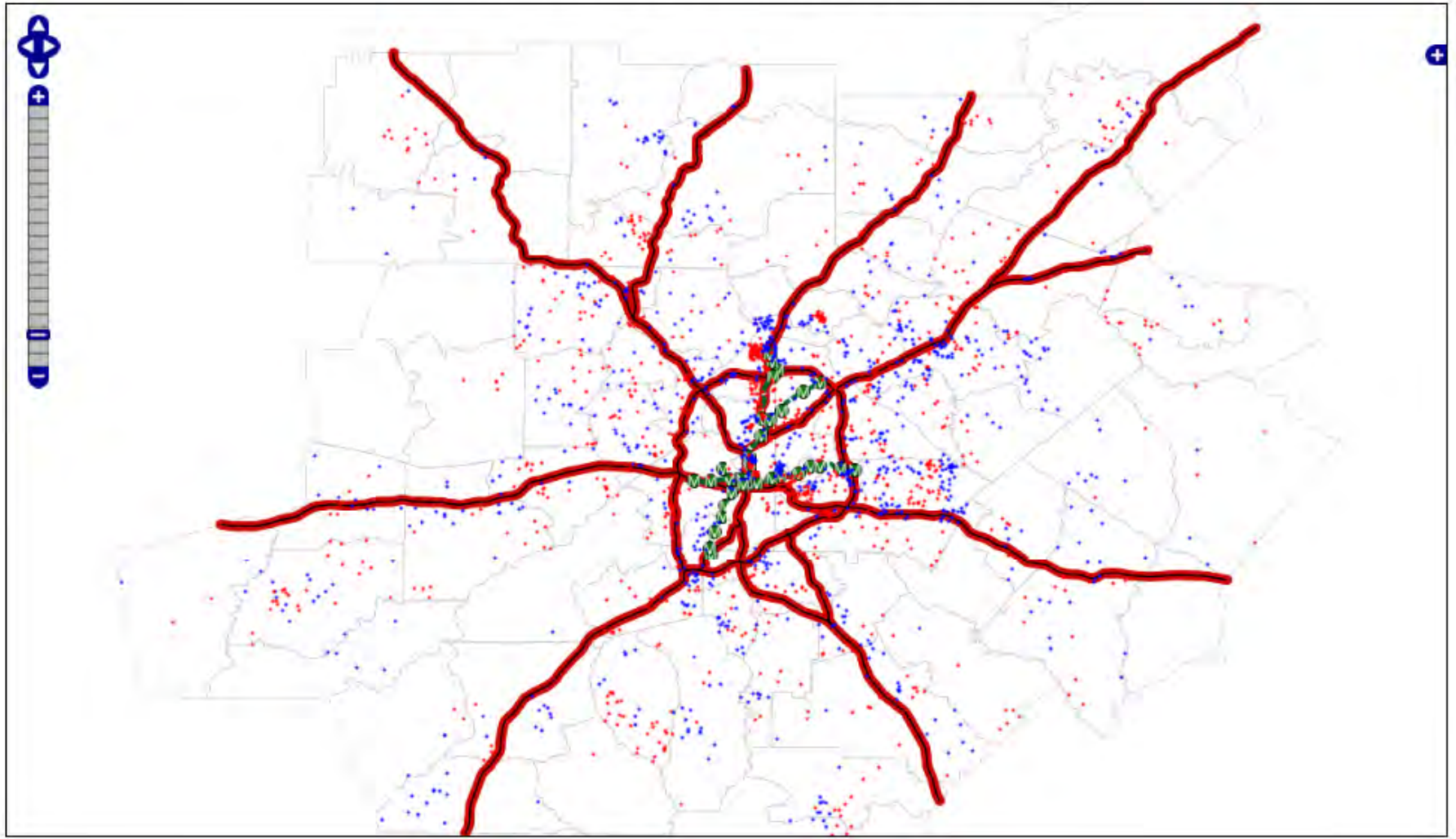
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## Change in **Multifamily** residential space between I01f and NB01 in 2035

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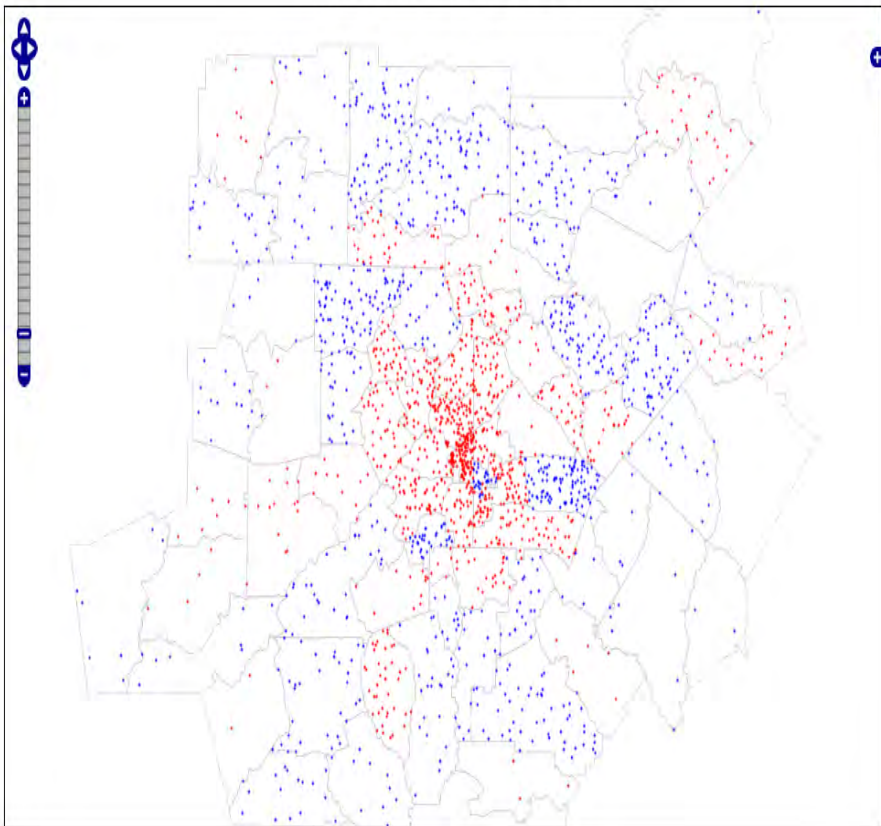
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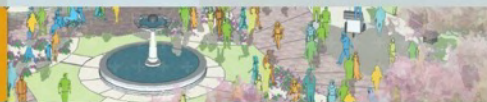
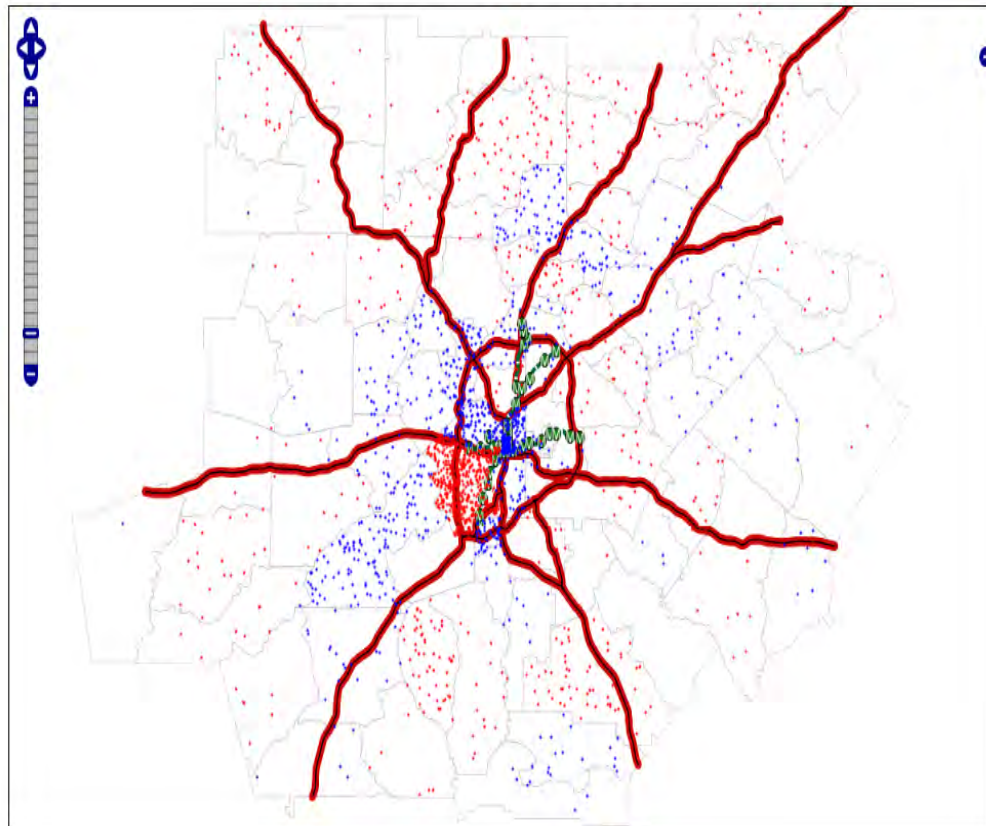
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## Change in Households (left); Labor (right) between I01f and NB01 in 2035

each blue dot is 14.2, each red dot is -14.2



each blue dot is 5180000.0, each red dot is -5180000.0

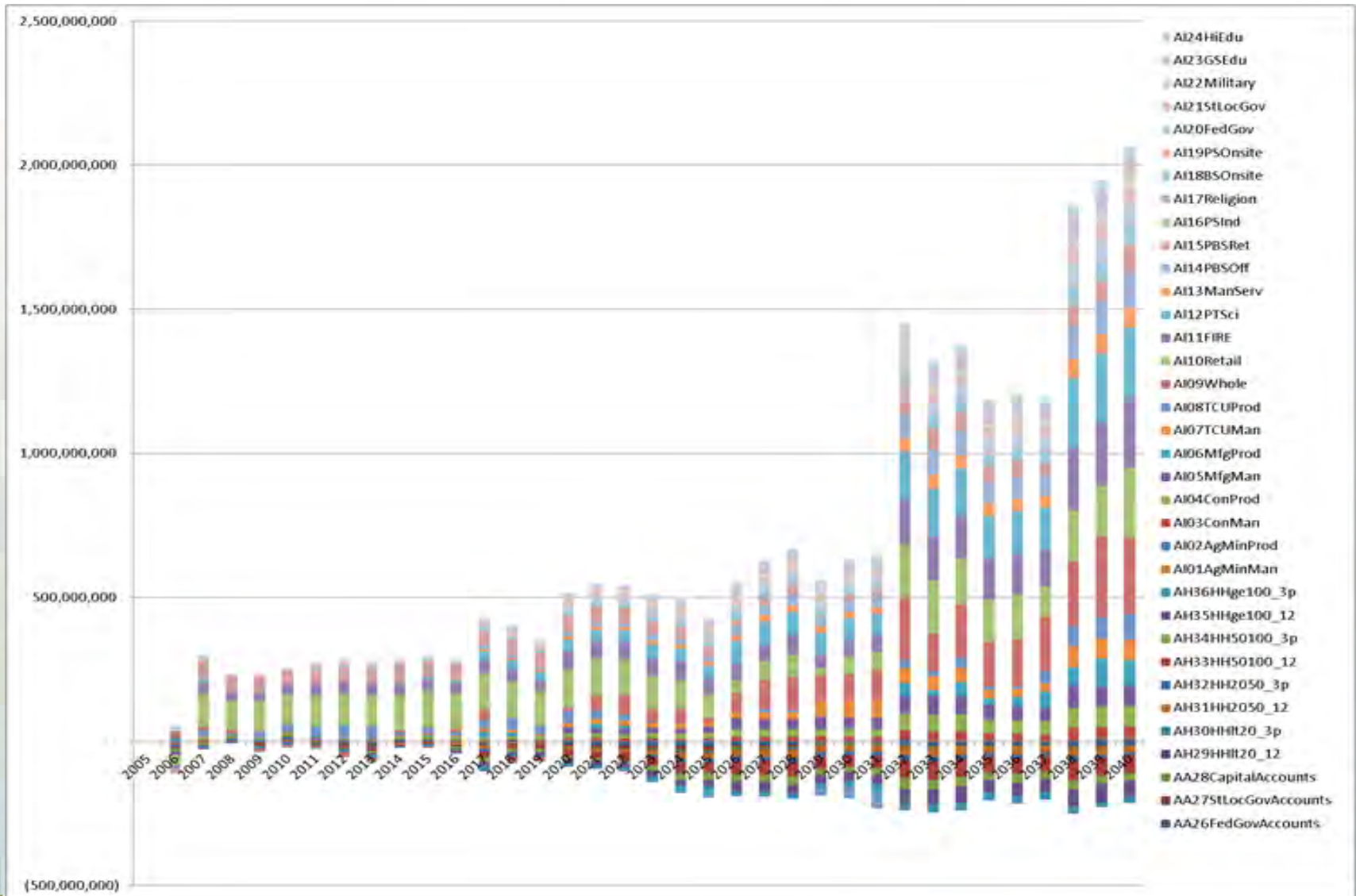


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# Change in benefits by activities between I01f and NB01 from 2005 to 2040



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# Where We're **Not** At--Overview

- **Challenge of Model Output for Conformity**
  - **Nature of Output**
    - HH Matrix Expansion
    - HH to Population
    - Output \$ to Jobs
  - **Too Much “Change” from Expectations**
  - **Little “Real” Ability to Adjust Output**
- **No Full Integration with REMI**
  - **Still Driven at Industry Level by IMPLAN**
- **No Automatic Integration with ABM**
- **Buy-In for Scenario Analysis**



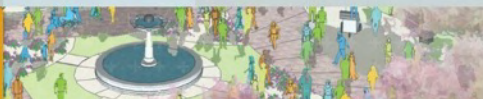
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# SO, Current and Future Work Program

- **Model Output for Conformity**
  - Achieve Calibration for Baseline TARP
  - Changed Nature of Output (Progress)
    - for TDM
  - Tools to Analyze & Modify Output
    - Mapit>>WEAVE/ Leaflet
    - Zoning
    - Adjustment
- **LATER, full Integration with REMI**
  - Still Driven at Industry Level by IMPLAN
- **LATER, Automatic Integration with ABM**
- **Parallel Scenario Work...**



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# Sales Tax Policy Analysis

- **Scenario 1:**
- Forecast the expected land use impacts of improved transit
  - Propensity to redevelop around transit due to:
    - Improved accessibility
    - Higher forecast rents
  - Resulting increases in use.

# Sales Tax Policy Analysis

- **Scenario 2:**
- Look for places where zoning is restricting development around transit.
- Increase zoning in the model
- Determine if developers in model use the higher density

# Sales Tax Policy Analysis

- **Scenario 3:**
- Add TOD developments to PECAS explicitly
- Let PECAS forecast what other development does NOT occur if control total fixed
- Look at impact on travel model ridership, congestion

# Atlanta “Vision” Analysis


- **City of Atlanta Design Studio**
- The Goal of 1.5 Million WITH...
  - Aesthetics
  - Economic Sustainability
  - Equity
- Scenario I: Getting to It with Existing Zoning and Controls
- Scenario II: Test Desired Zoning Changes
- Others: Which Zoning and Incentive Changes “Work”
- Workshop Next Week with HBA and COA Staff

# Overall Assessment/ Lessons Learned

- **Terrific Theory with “Genius” Consulting**
- **State of the Art...**
- **Ability to Leverage Work for Others**
- **Complexity**
  - Data Hungry & Synthesis Challenges
  - Elusive Understanding of Structure
  - Never Ever Done
- **Staff (and Consultant) Hungry**
  - Long, Long Lead Time >> Expense
- **CHANGE IS HARD**
  - Expectations of Staff
  - Expectations of Management
  - Appeal of the New and Shiny

# Other Resources-I

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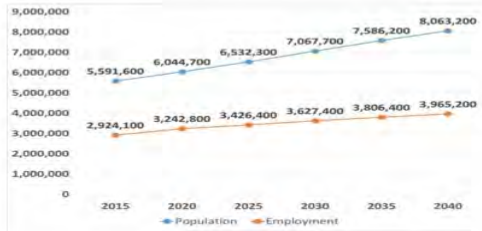
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Forecasts

ARC has developed a new series (called Series 15) of population and employment forecasts for the 20-county region through the year 2040. These data support the transportation project prioritization and land use planning that is the basis of The Atlanta Region's Plan, a long-range blueprint for sustainable growth over the next 30 years. ARC forecasts total population, total households and household population, total jobs, and job change by sector, and (for travel model purposes only) households by income by size.



Year	Population	Employment
2015	5,591,600	2,924,100
2020	6,044,700	3,242,800
2025	6,532,300	3,426,400
2030	7,067,700	3,627,400
2035	7,586,200	3,806,400
2040	8,063,200	3,965,200

ARC's Series 15 forecasts anticipate, for 2040, just over 8 million persons in our 20-county area along with about 4 million jobs. From 2015 to 2040, the 20 county Atlanta Region is forecast to add 2.5 million residents. Average annual growth rate 2015-2040 is a modest 1.5%, which while strong (and higher than during the recession) is a departure from more robust historical trends. The average annual regional population growth rate between the 1950s and the 2000s was 3%. Employment for the 20 county Atlanta Region is projected to increase by 1.04 million jobs between 2015 and 2040. The average annual employment growth rate during this period is forecast at 1.2%.

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DATA

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[Population: Total population change, 2015-2040](#)

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COUNTY PROFILES

Forecast infographs have been created for the 10-county region. To go directly to your county, see below:

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FORECASTS THROUGH THE YEARS

[Historical forecasts](#)

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- John Abraham and HBA
- Contacts for/in Other Areas

# Other Resources--II

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## Population & Employment Forecasts

The Atlanta Regional Commission forecasts the 20-county Atlanta region will add 2.5 million people and 1.5 million jobs by 2040. Much of the population growth will take place in existing suburbs, but significant growth is also expected in the region's core.

County and regional information can be accessed in the interactive dashboard below. One-page summaries are also available for the region's 10 core counties.

### One-Page Summaries

#### + 10 County Population & Employment Forecasts

