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• **Census Block Group (BG)**
  1. contiguous area
  2. 600 persons < typical population < 3,000 persons
  3. cannot cross state, county, census tract boundaries
  4. may not account for terrain

• **Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ)**
  1. contiguous area
  2. typical population < 3,000 persons
  3. can cross state, county, census tract boundaries (crossing may create computational anomalies later)
  4. affected by terrain and commonality in accessibility
  5. strive for homogeneity in land uses as much as possible
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