



Areas of Opportunity - Transit Accessibility Project



PURPOSE

To empower the City of Birmingham and its partner agencies with new strategies, community energy, and implementable projects that leverage public and private investment, bringing new hope and renewal to communities that have faced poverty and decline for far too long.

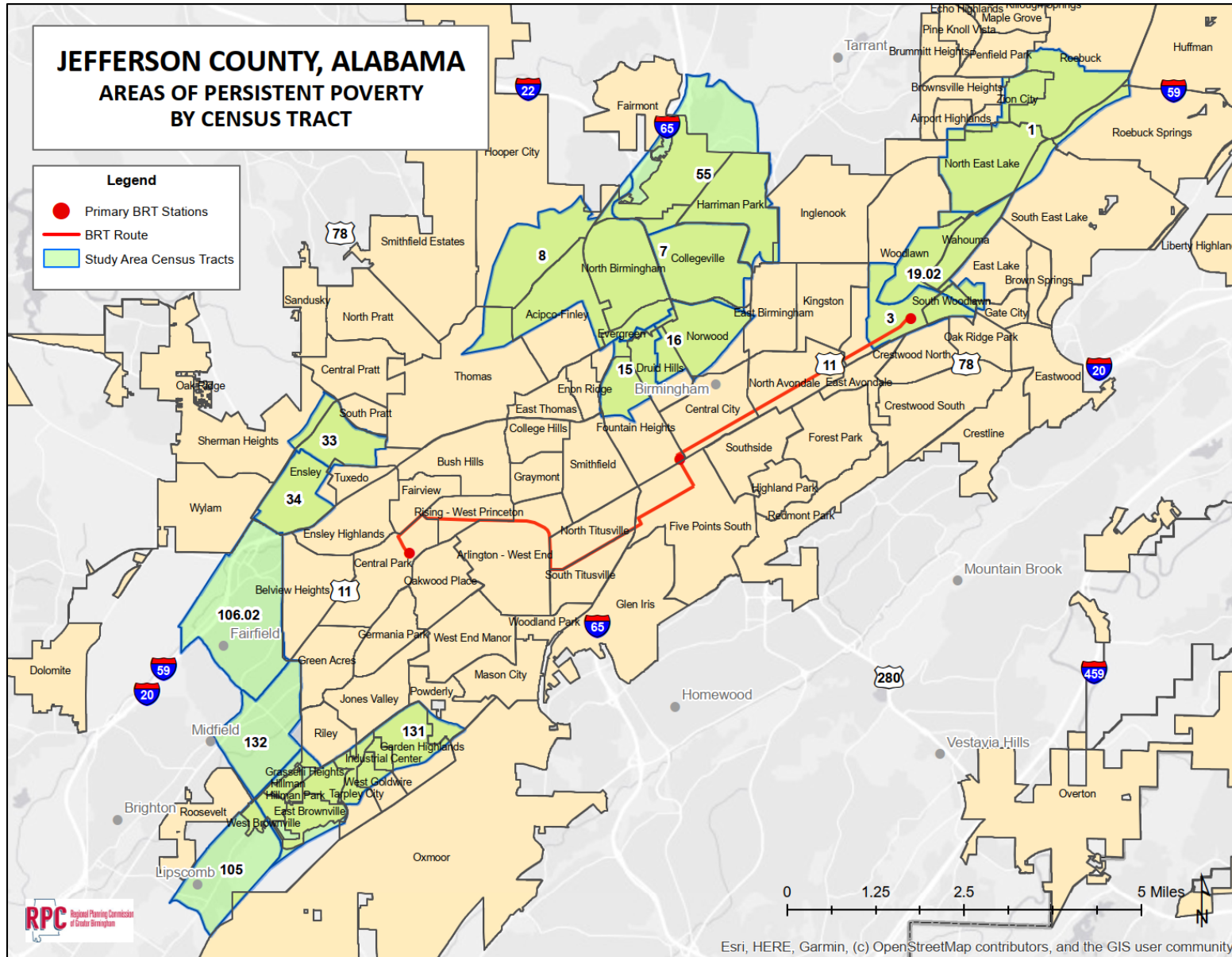
ALTERNATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Prepare alternatives considering six strategies to holistically address poverty.

- **Economic Development**
- **Community Advocacy**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Multi-modal Connections**
- **Transit**



STUDY AREA



PROJECT TIMELINE

Project will be performed in 3 stages

Stage 1* – Challenges and Opportunities



6 - 8 months

Stage 2* – Alternatives and Partnerships



6 – 8 months

Stage 3* – Implementation Initiatives



3 - 5 months



Full Project Timeline 18 months

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- Identify challenges for areas of persistent poverty
- Evaluate existing transit services
- Review existing and future conditions for multi-modal transportation
- Offer land use, equitability, accessibility and sustainability recommendations
- Develop transit alternatives
- Support RPCGB, BJCTA and the cities of Birmingham, Fairfield, Midfield, and Lipscomb to take maximum advantage of grant opportunities

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community Connections are the Key!
WHO ARE WE MISSING?



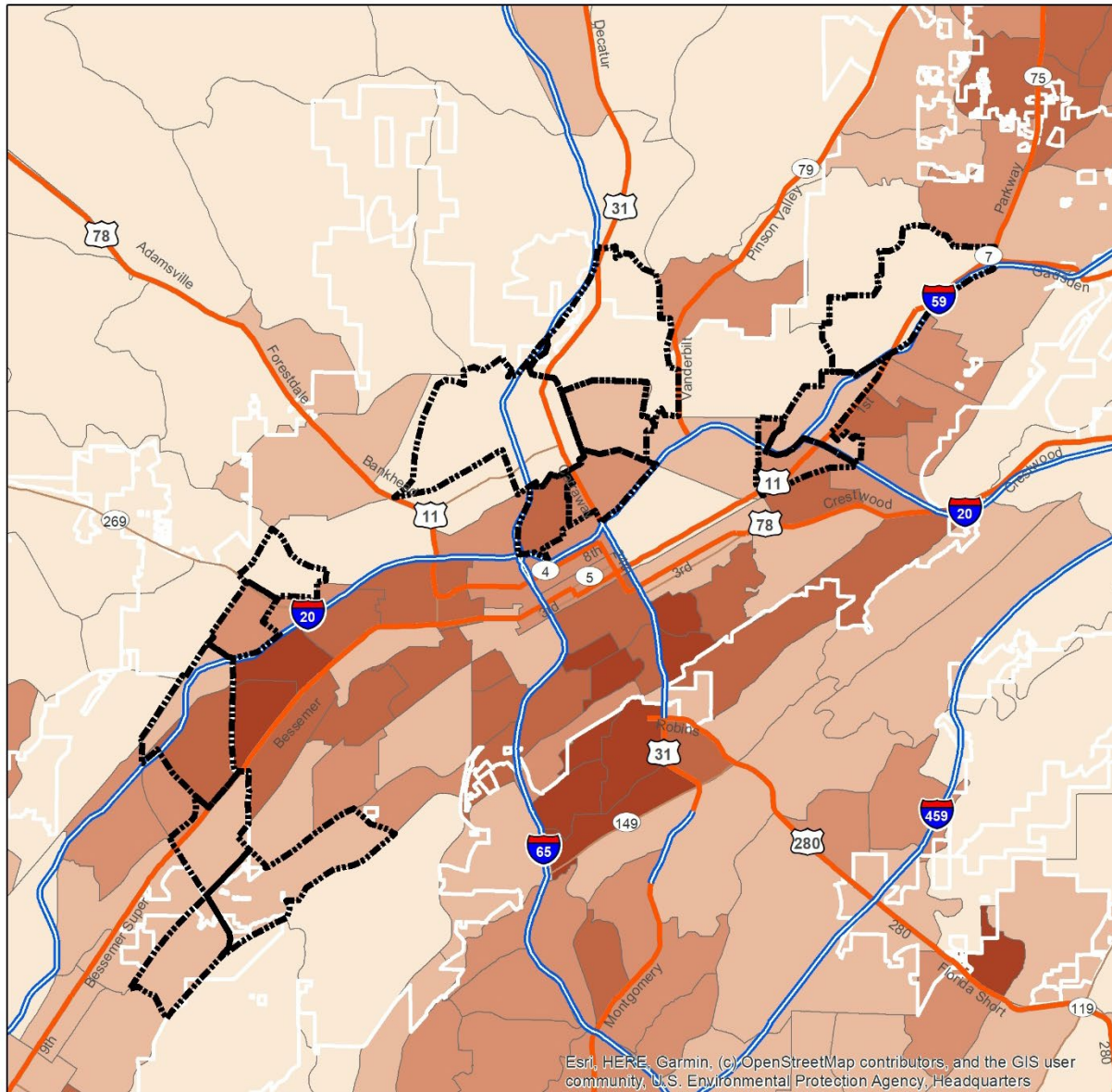
CURRENT INITIATIVES

Region	Birmingham-wide	Community / Neighborhood
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)• Regional Transportation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imagine Birmingham (2013 Comp Plan)• Prosper Initiative• Reconnecting Communities Grant / Transit Capital Investment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Birmingham Framework Plan• Eastern Area Framework Plan• Western Area Framework Plan• City Center Master Plan










EXISTING CONDITIONS

POPULATION DENSITY



Legend

-  Study Area Persistent Poverty Tracts (2019)
-  City of Birmingham
- Population / sq. mile (by census tract)**
-  < 1000
-  1000 - 2000
-  2000 - 3000
-  3000 - 4000
-  > 4000

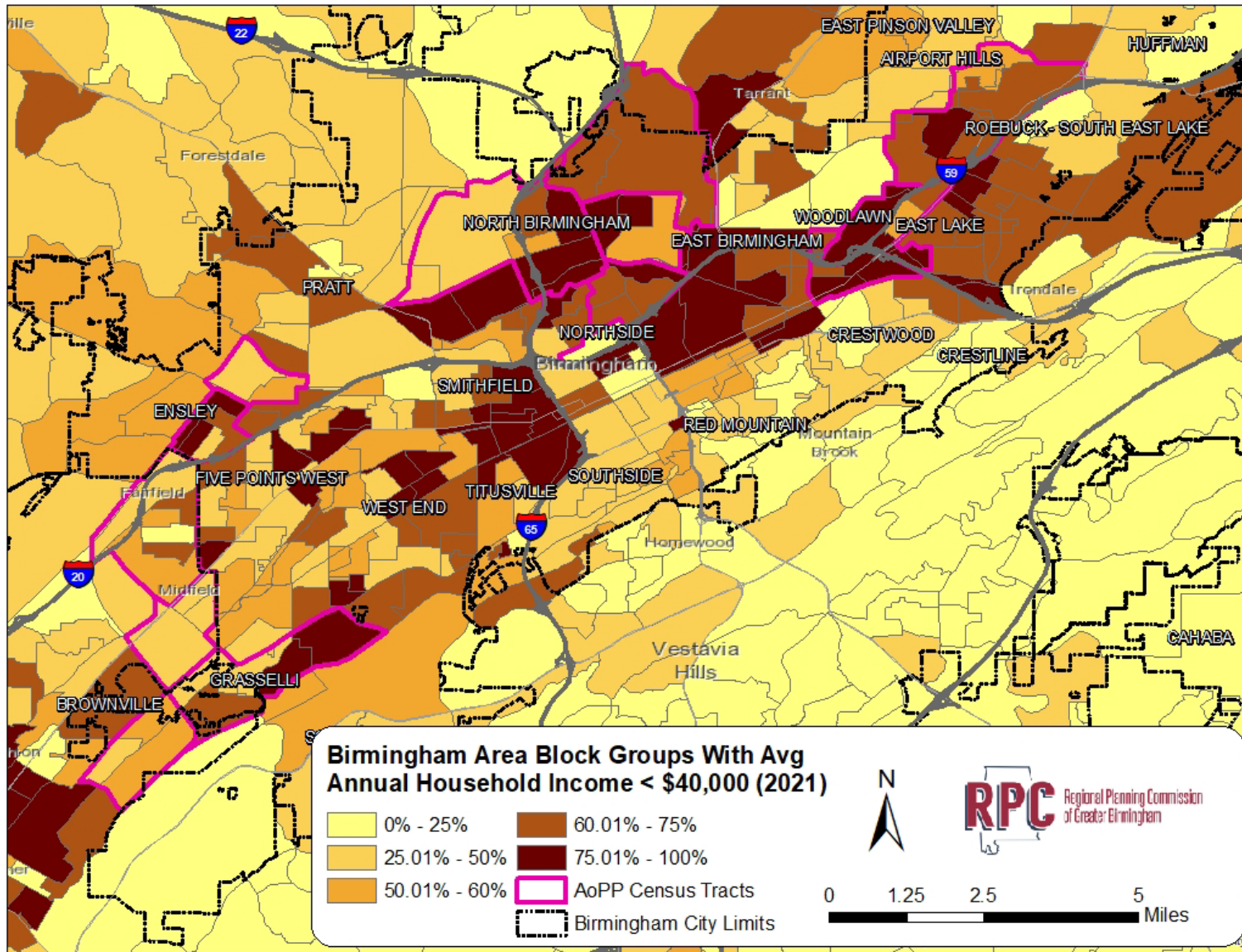


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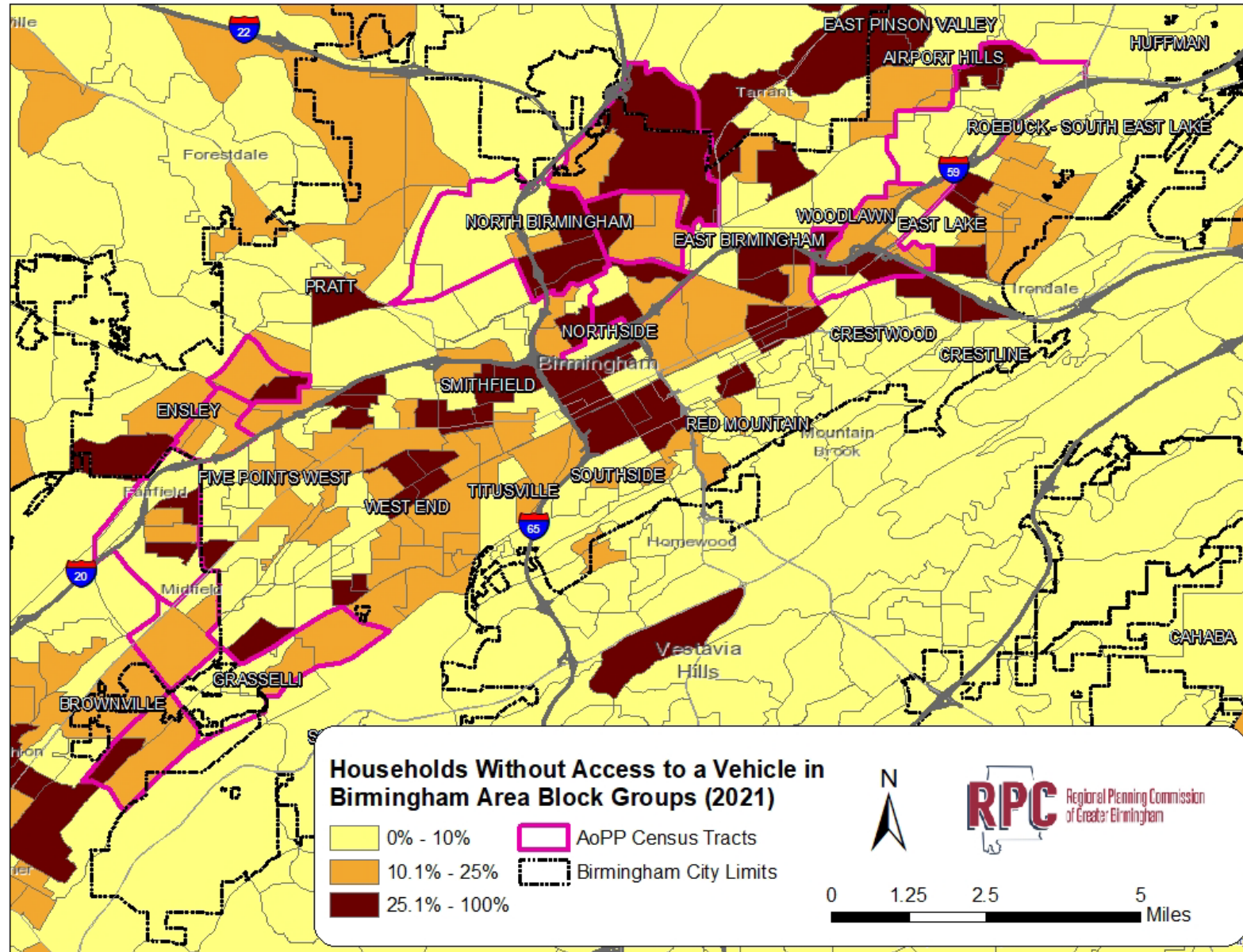
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Source: Decennial Census 2020, US Census

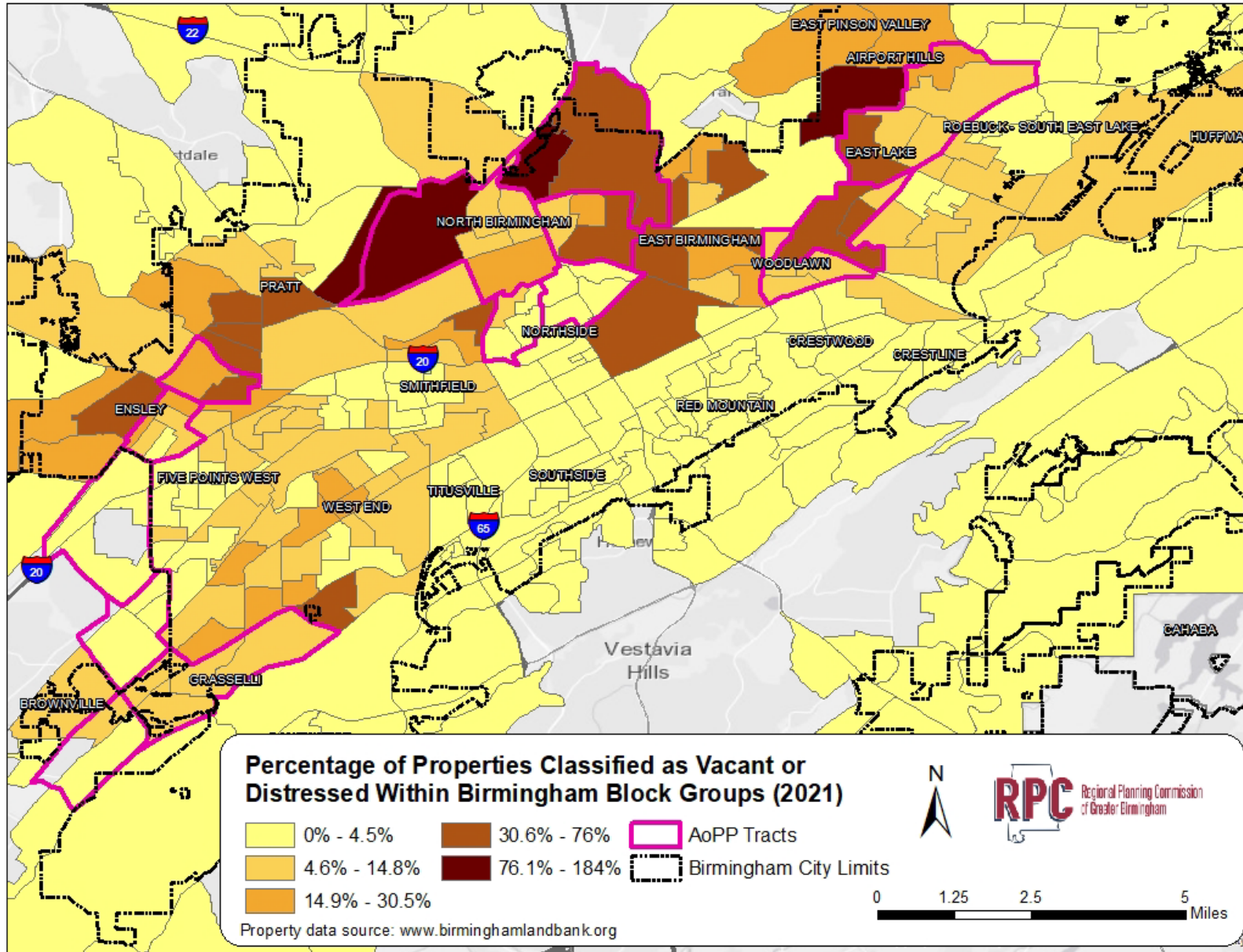
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SALARY



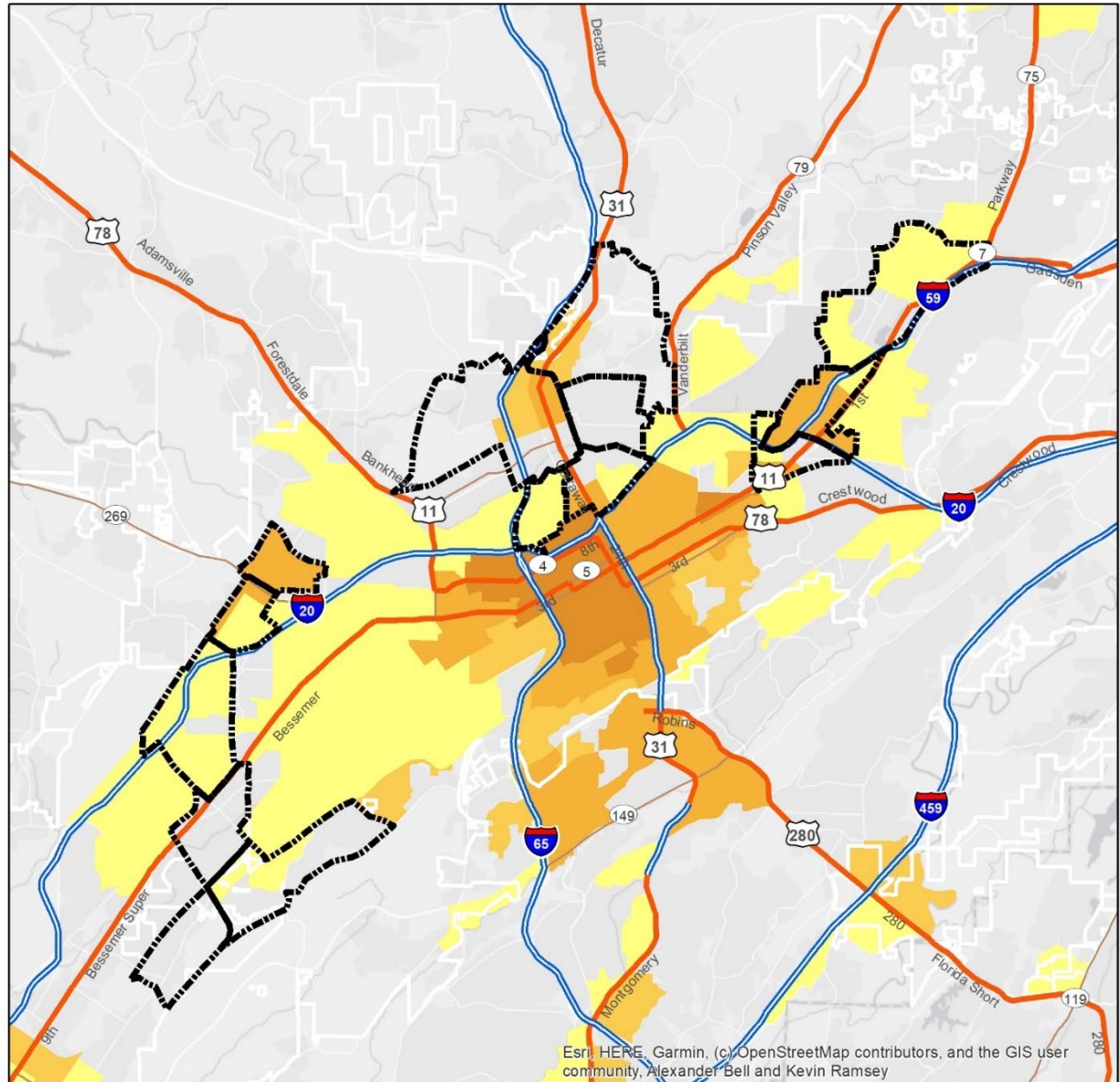
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT VEHICLE ACCESS



VACANT OR DISTRESSED HOMES



EMPLOYMENT ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSIT



Legend

- Study Area Persistent Poverty Tracts (2019)
- City of Birmingham

% of regional jobs accessible by transit

- Less than 5%
- 5% - 10%
- 10% - 20%
- 20% - 35%
- 35% - 50%
- 50% - 75%
- greater than 75%

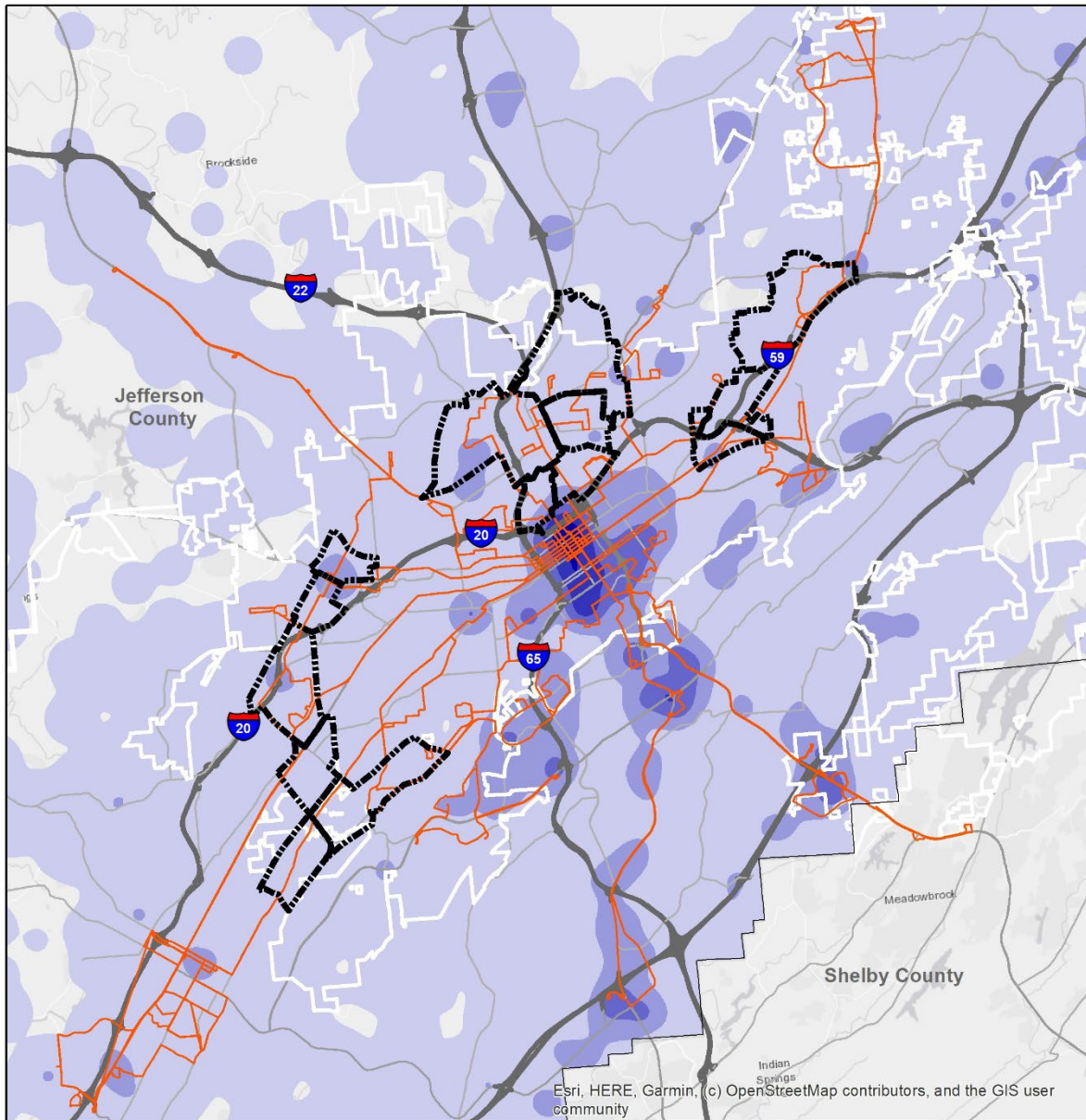


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EMPLOYMENT DENSITY

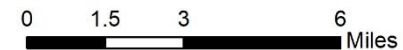


Legend

-  Study Area Persistent Poverty Tracts (2019)
-  Transit Routes 2020
-  City of Birmingham

Density of All Jobs, 2019 (Jefferson County)

-  5 – 1,993 jobs/ sq. mile
-  1,994 – 7,959 jobs/ sq. mile
-  7,960 – 17,901 jobs/ sq. mile
-  17,902 – 31,821 jobs/ sq. mile
-  31,822 – 49,718 jobs/ sq. mile



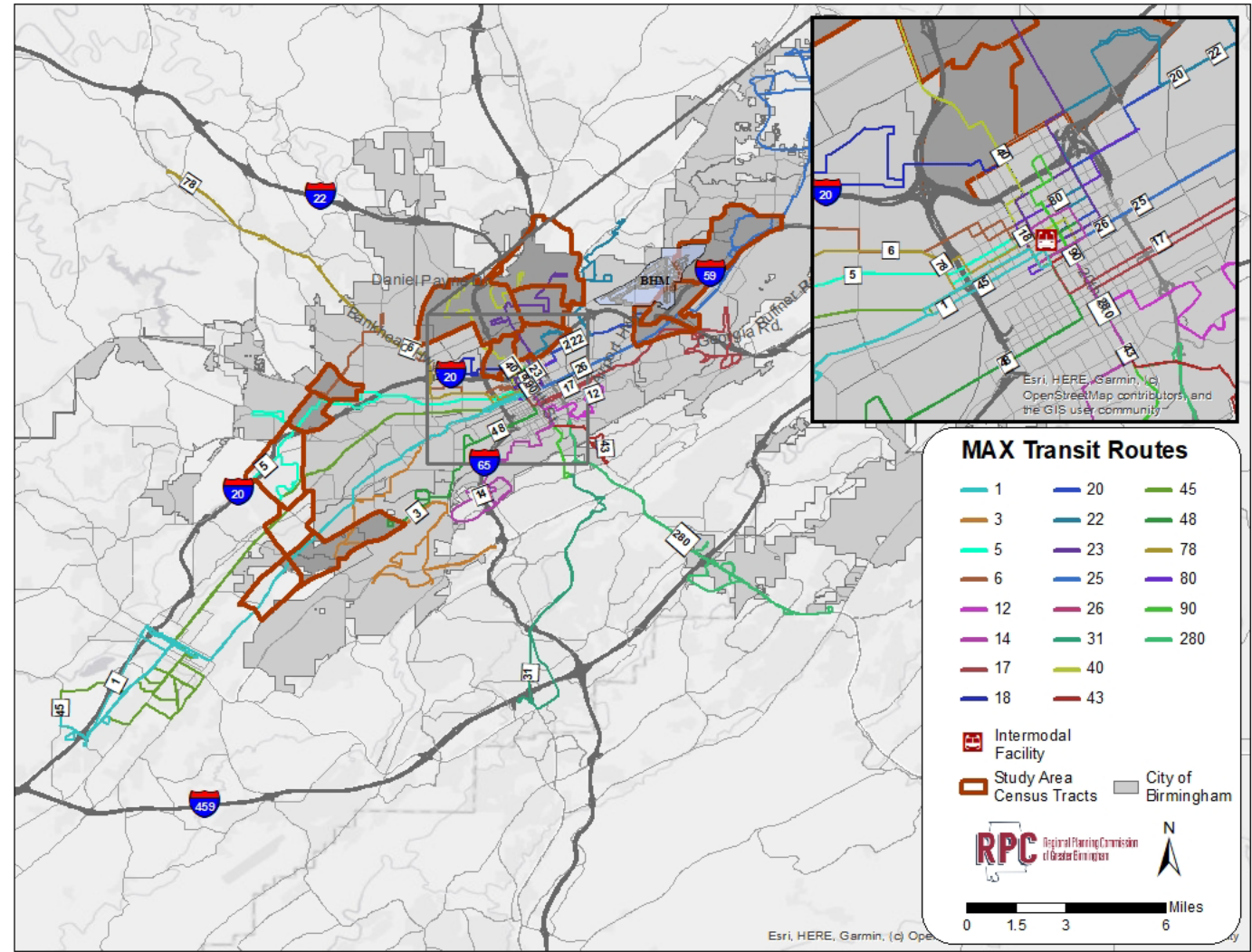
AVAILABLE TRANSIT OPTIONS

BJCTA

- 21 Fixed Routes
- Paratransit
- Birmingham Express (BRT)

Via

- Microtransit (on demand)



OTHER TRANSPORTATION

- Micromobility
 - E-Bikes
 - Scooters
- Roadways
- Items that Prohibit or Promote Transportation Access
 - I – 65
 - Airport
 - Railroad

PROJECT TEAM

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