

Appendix B: Study Area Memorandum

Reconnecting Communities Study Area Memorandum

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to detail the methodology and outline the study area boundaries for the seven (7) focus areas for the regional Reconnecting Communities Study.

Definitions

Disconnected Community

Low-income communities that were physically separated and/or displaced by transportation infrastructure such as highways and railways that created barriers to access and opportunities such as work, education, open spaces, medical and other community services, and retail further burdened by safety, health, and mobility impacts and historical disinvestment.

Transportation Network Buffer

The study area encompassing a 0.5-mile buffer on either side of San Diego's major transportation networks, including highways and railways.

Dividing Infrastructure

Transportation infrastructure such as highways and railways that was built through neighborhoods, separating them and disrupting connections between communities.

Methodology

Definition of focus area boundaries shall be based on the following criteria:

- Data Analysis Outputs
- Transportation Network Buffer
- Dividing Infrastructure
- Population Density, Safety and Land Use
- Regional Context and Project Opportunities

Data Analysis Outputs

Based on the analysis completed for Task 1: Data Acquisition and Analytics Development, staff developed a High-Medium-Low Map demonstrating areas most impacted by level of disconnection and sociodemographic metrics. Focus areas shall prioritize areas with a density or concentration of census block groups scoring high within a neighborhood or area within a city.

Transportation Network Buffer

Focus areas shall primarily utilize census block group boundaries that fall within the Transportation Network Buffer. While the majority of the focus area boundaries may align with the census block group geographies, to best retain data integrity for the Existing Conditions analysis, some boundaries shall align with the Transportation network buffer to prioritize areas closer to the dividing infrastructure and subject to other relative factors.

Dividing Infrastructure

Focus areas shall be relative to the transportation infrastructure and surrounding area. Focus areas shall center, to best ability, the dividing infrastructure as the primary barrier to propose project opportunities. Focus area boundaries shall consider the dividing infrastructure, surrounding area context, and promote opportunities for reconnection within the focus area.

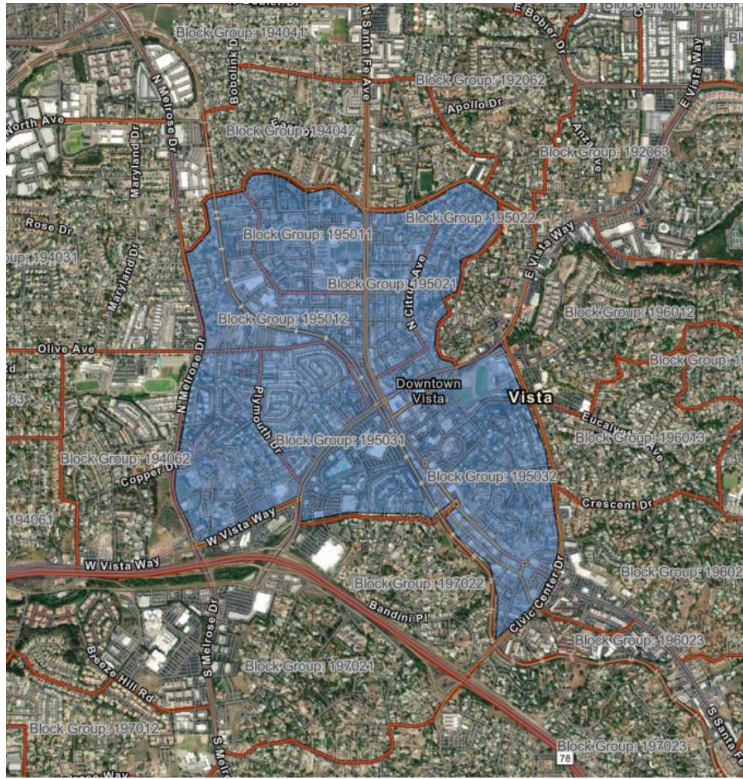
Population Density, Safety and Land Use

Focus area boundaries shall include population density, safety, and land use considerations. Focus areas boundaries may include areas with greater population density, prevalence of crashes as demonstrated by SANDAG's Safety Focus Network, and land uses where there are more movement and activity such as residential, commercial, educational, and mixed uses.

Regional Context and Project Opportunities

Focus area boundaries shall also integrate other factors such as geography, topography, community and political support, and feasible project opportunities. Focus areas shall also consider different types of disconnecting infrastructure and project opportunities to help shape solutions for reconnecting communities projects.

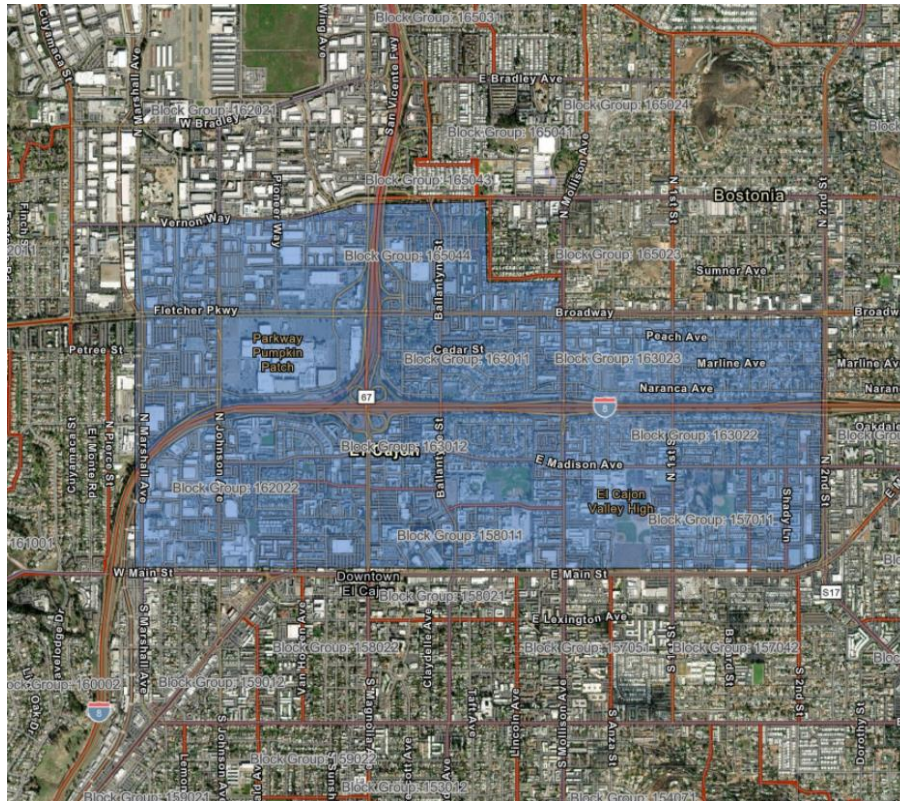
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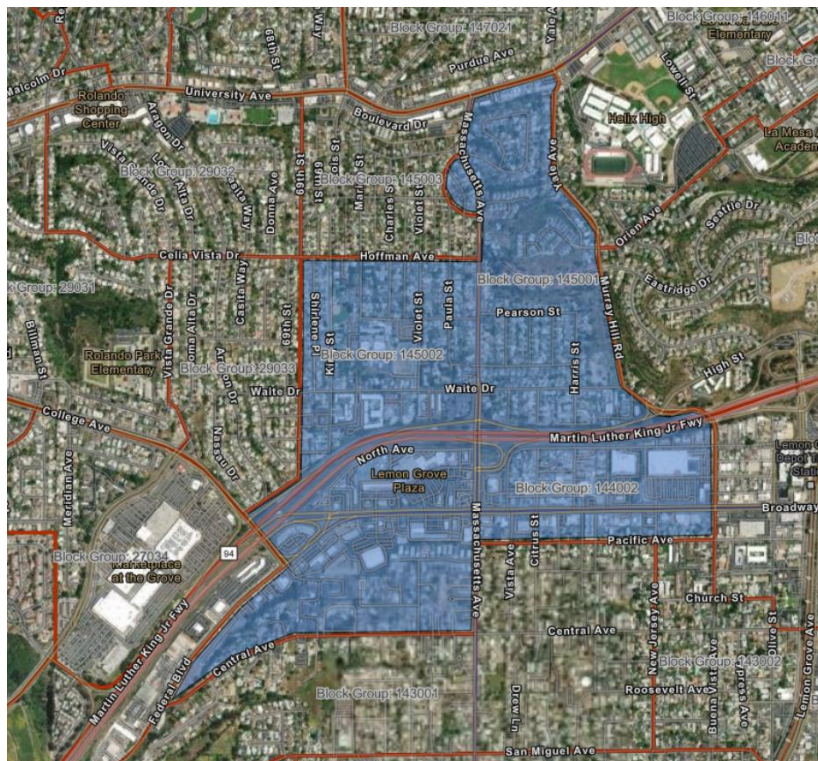
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