

Passive Data Collection and Its Application to Tour-based Modeling

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Outline

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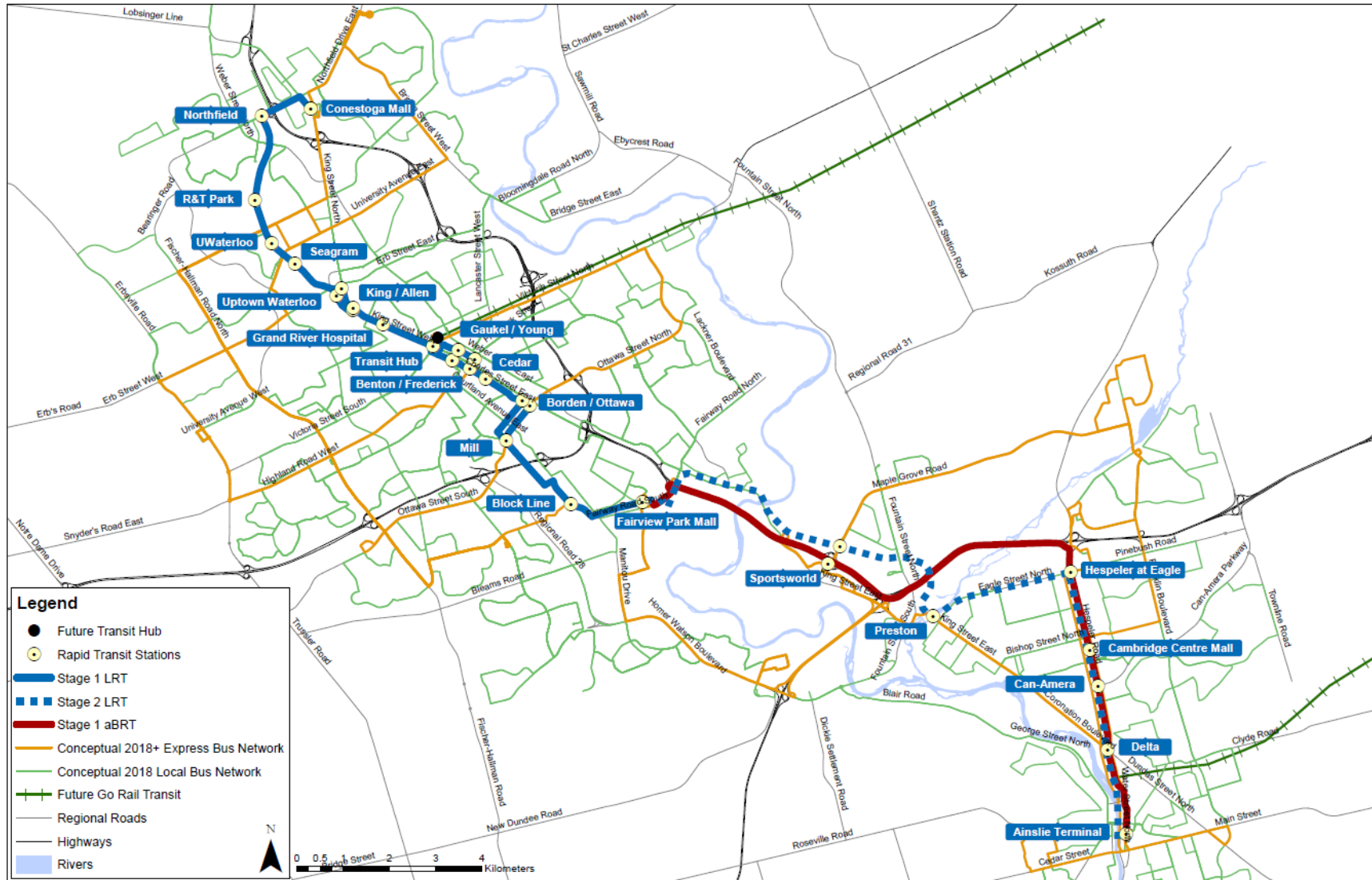
- Assessment of GPS and Self-reported Data in the City of Edmonton

3. Current Work

- Passive data collection in the Region of Waterloo

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Background: LRT in the Region of Waterloo



Background: Literature Review

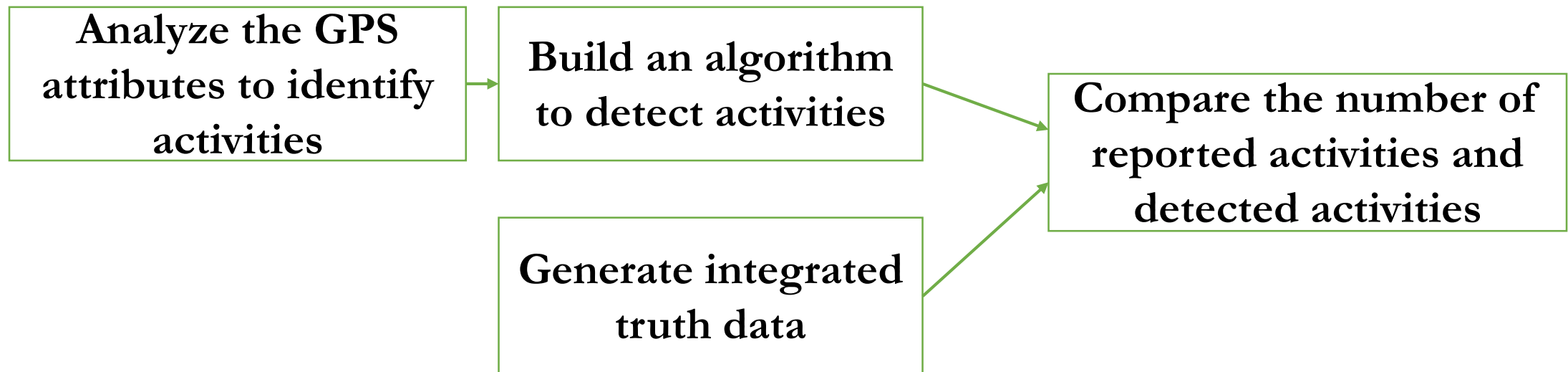
- **Urban sprawl and its impacts** (Ewing, 2008)
- **Benefits of urban core area with high density and high diversity** (Talen, & Koschinsky, 2014; Cervero, & Kockelman, 1997)
- **Approaches to measuring sprawl** (Malpezzi, 1999; Galster et al., 2000)
- **Tour-based activity model as a transportation modeling approach** (Gunn, van der Hoorn, & Daly, 1987)
- **Importance of the new data collection methods for tour-based modeling** (Casello & Usyukov, 2014; Nour, Hellinga, Casello, 2016;)

Background: iCity-ORF: First Annual Presentation

- **Transportation Data Collection**
 - Traditional survey-based methods
 - New passive methods exist for multiple modes (video and loop detection, AVL/APC data, WiFi and Bluetooth detection, smartphone app)
- **Smartphone App**
 - Collected Data (GPS coordinate, bearing, speed, acceleration, battery, network info)
 - Characteristics (iOS, Android, battery efficient, minimum interaction from users)

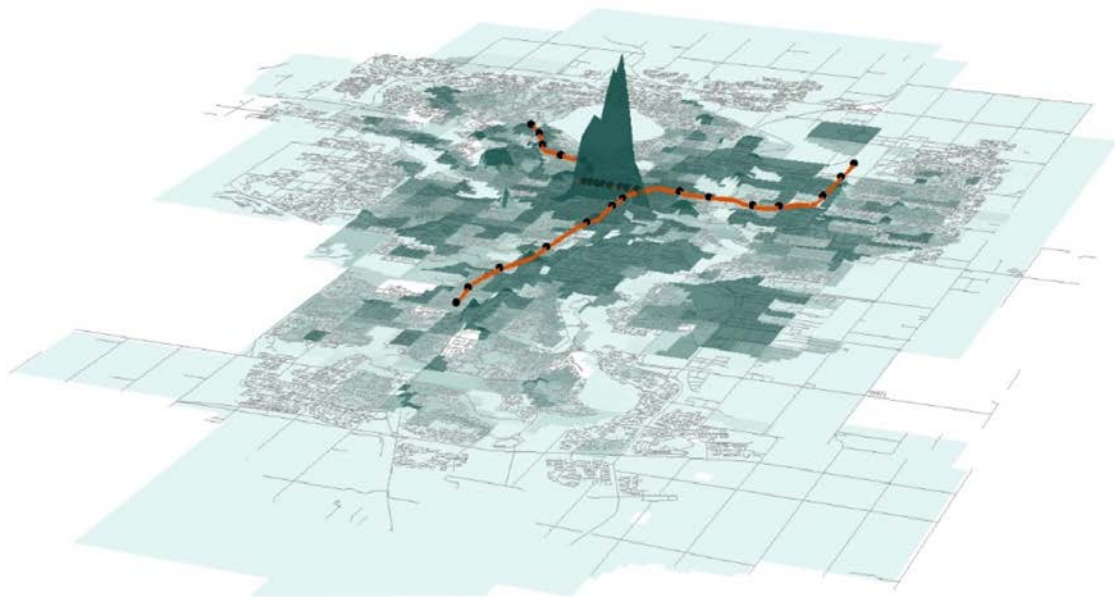
Application Example: Assessment of Travel Data in the City of Edmonton

Can GPS data collected by smartphone be an effective supplement to traditional travel survey?

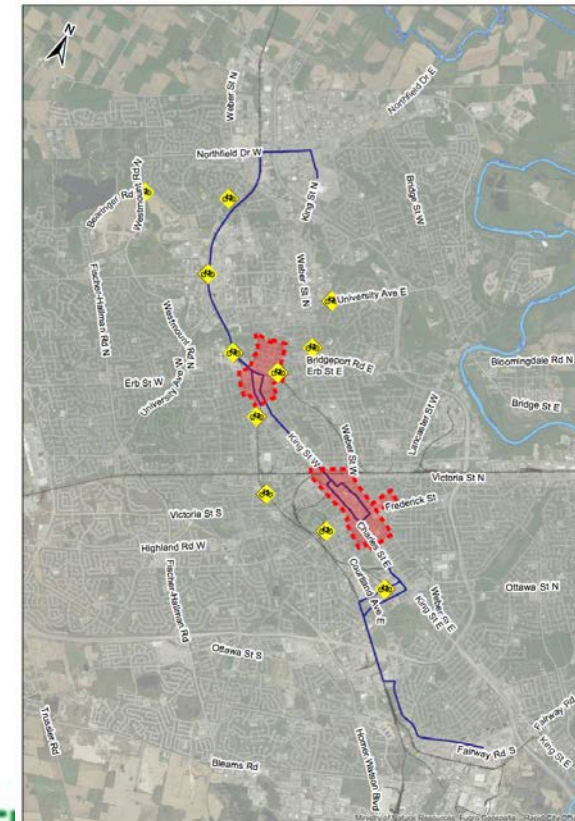


Current Work: Goals

Urban core intensification



Building vibrant urban places



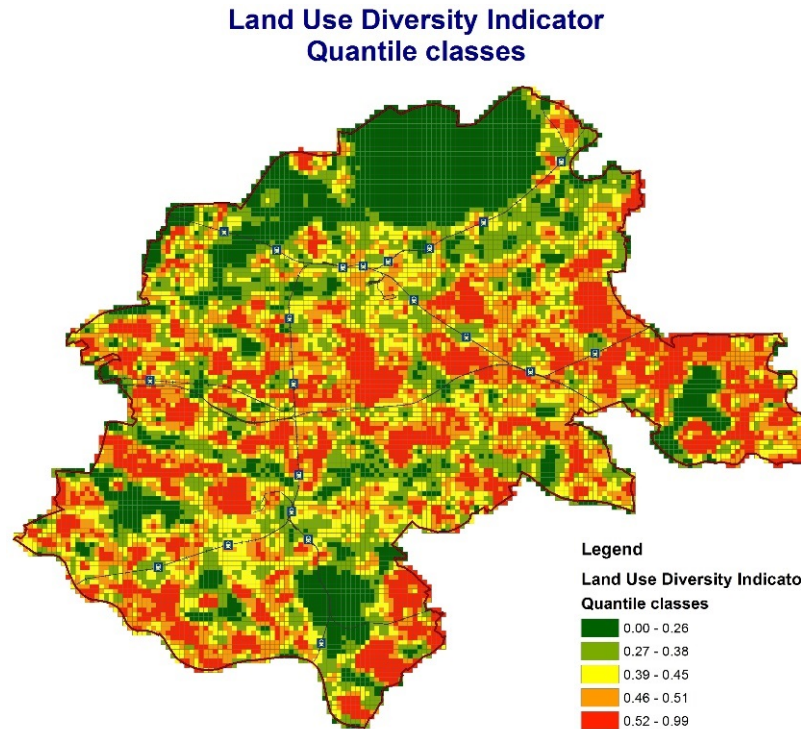
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Current Work: Measurement of Land Use Diversity

Measuring spatial indicators of land use diversity:

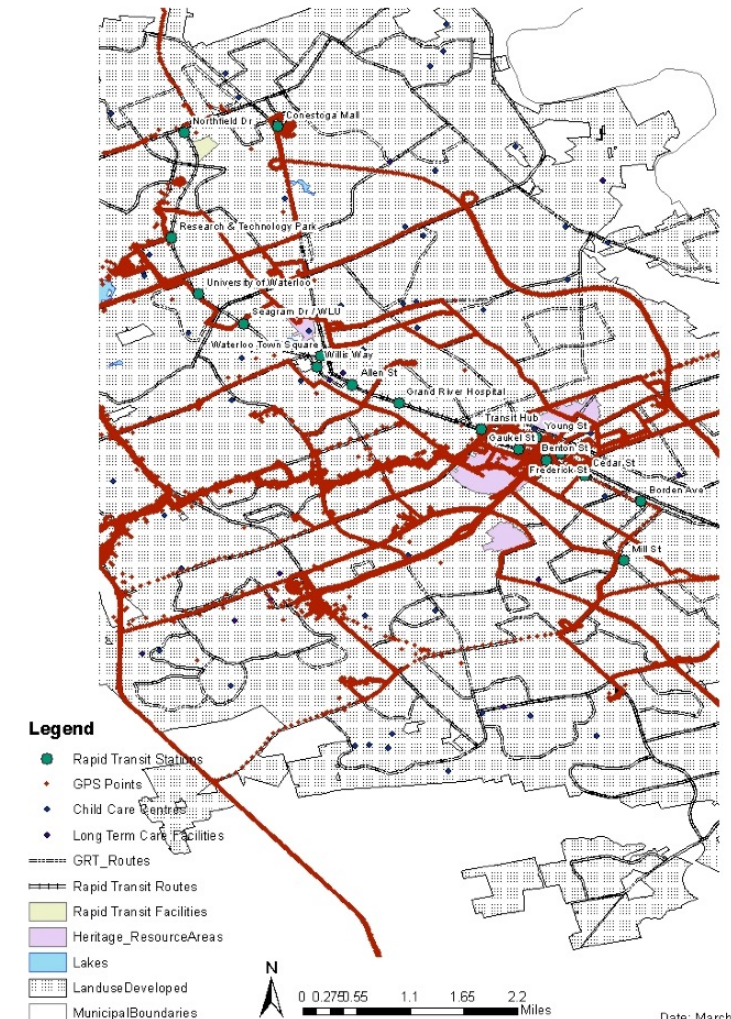
- Entropy index
- Land use mix index



Current Work: Passive Data Collection in the Core Area

- **Passive Data Collection – Smartphone collected GPS data**
 - Access mode from origin to activity center
 - Duration of pedestrian tour in study area
 - Distance traveled for pedestrian tour
 - Number of activities completed on tour
- **Web-based Demography Survey**
 - Demographics /household composition of participants

Raw Data 1/26/2017-3/28/2017



Future Work: Data Analysis

- LRT operation: January 2018
- 12 months data collection after the introduction of LRT
- Record pedestrian tours as a function of access mode + attraction locations + land use

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