



ANNUAL REPORT

The state of Madison's transportation network, annual operations, and opportunities for the future.



2025

Nearly 700 dedicated people keep Madison moving.



We are planning
for a multimodal
future.



**Vision Zero and
Safe Streets**



**Redesigns &
Reconstruction**



North-South BRT



**Complete Green
Streets**



**Area Plan
Coordination**



Wayfinding



AAA Bike Network



**Interagency
Partnerships**



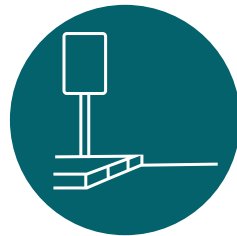
Pedestrian Plan



Passenger Rail



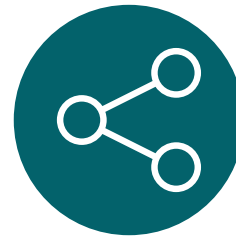
Let's Talk Streets



Curb Management



Intercity Bus



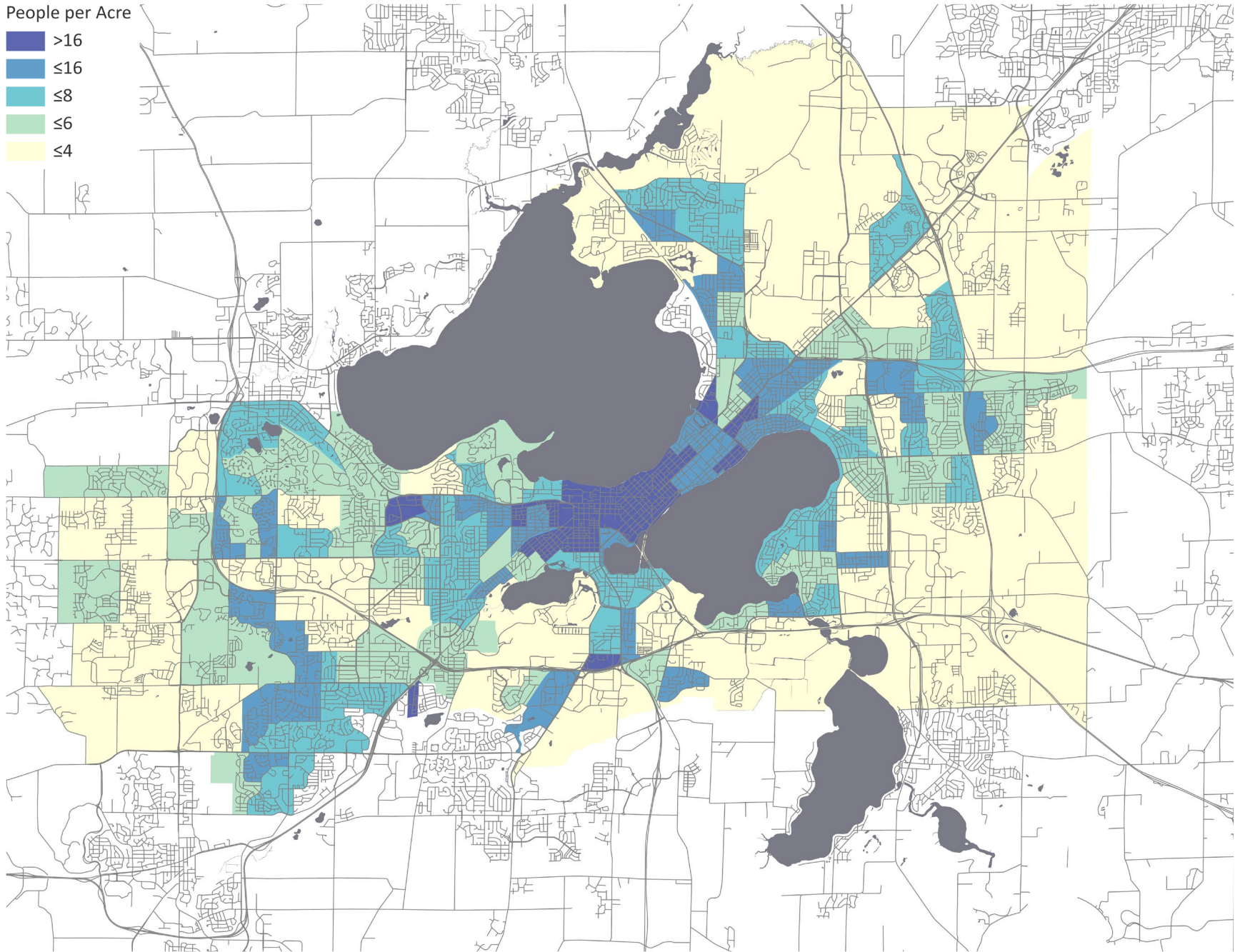
Transit Plan



**Transportation
Plan**

LAND USE + COMMUNITY CONTEXT

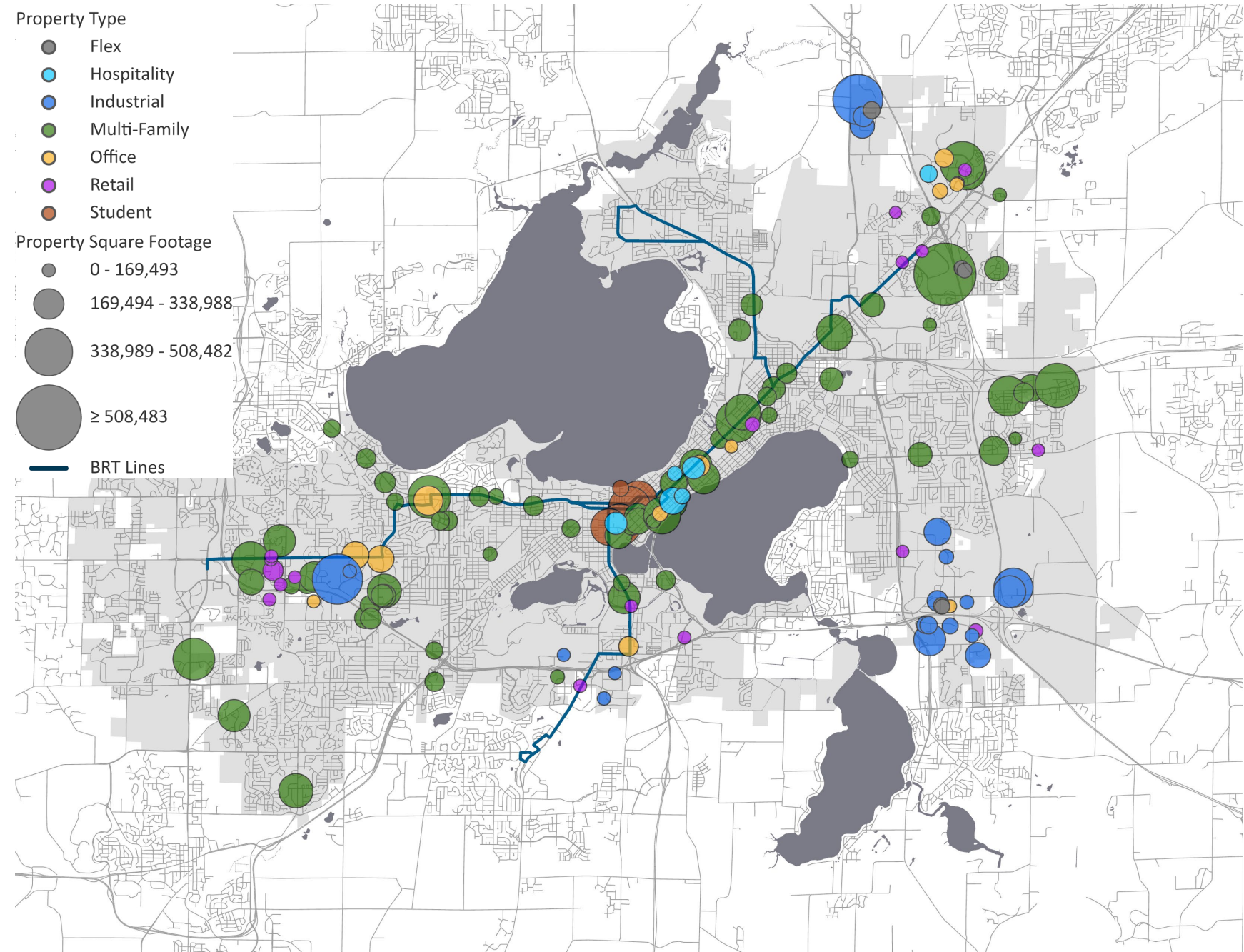
The lakes have created
a more compact and
more livable city.



Source: American Community Survey 2023 5-Year Estimates

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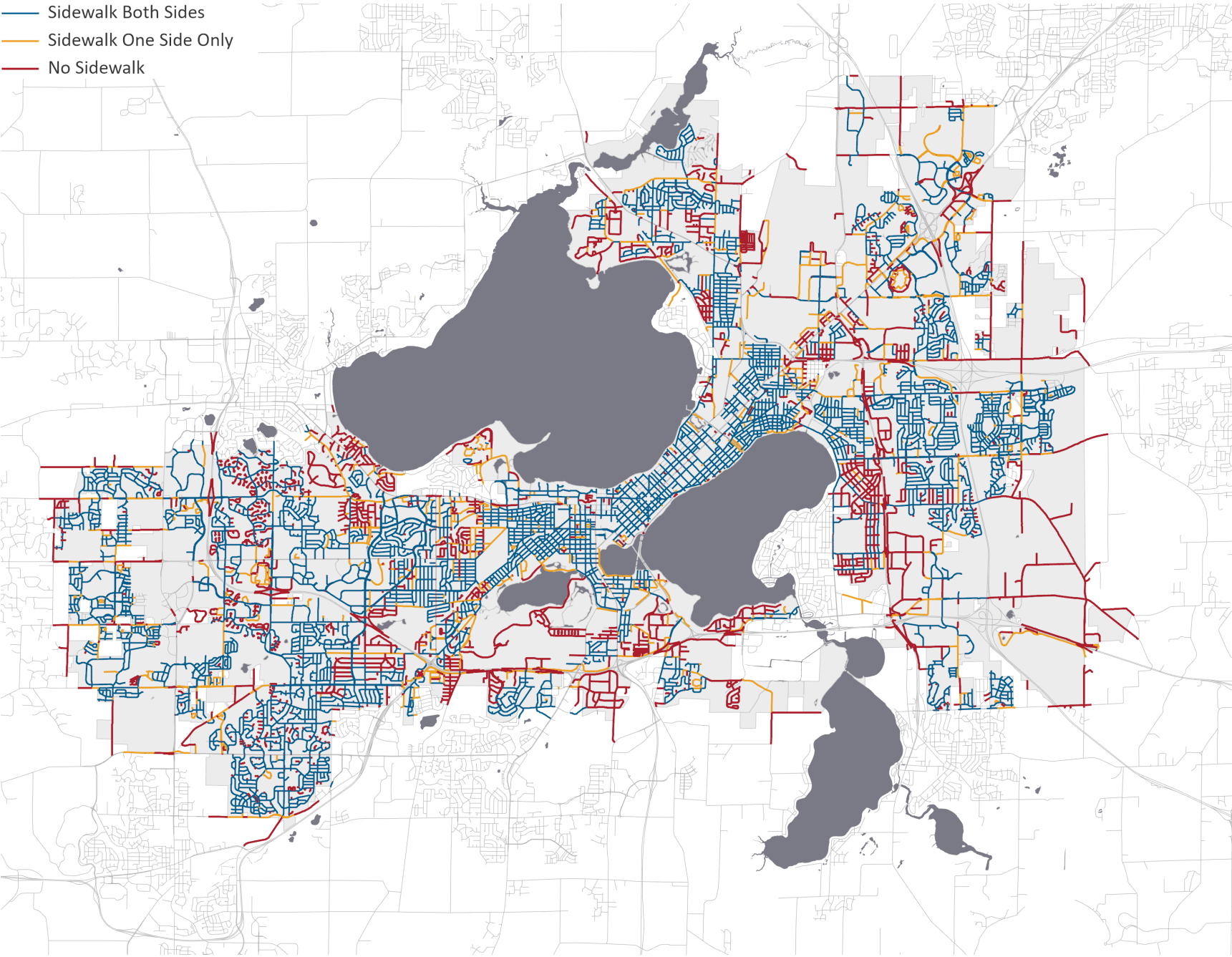
Half the city's growth over the last 5 years has happened along BRT corridors.



Source: CoStar Property Data, 2020-2025 and City of Madison.

PEDESTRIANS

73% of the streets in the city have sidewalks.

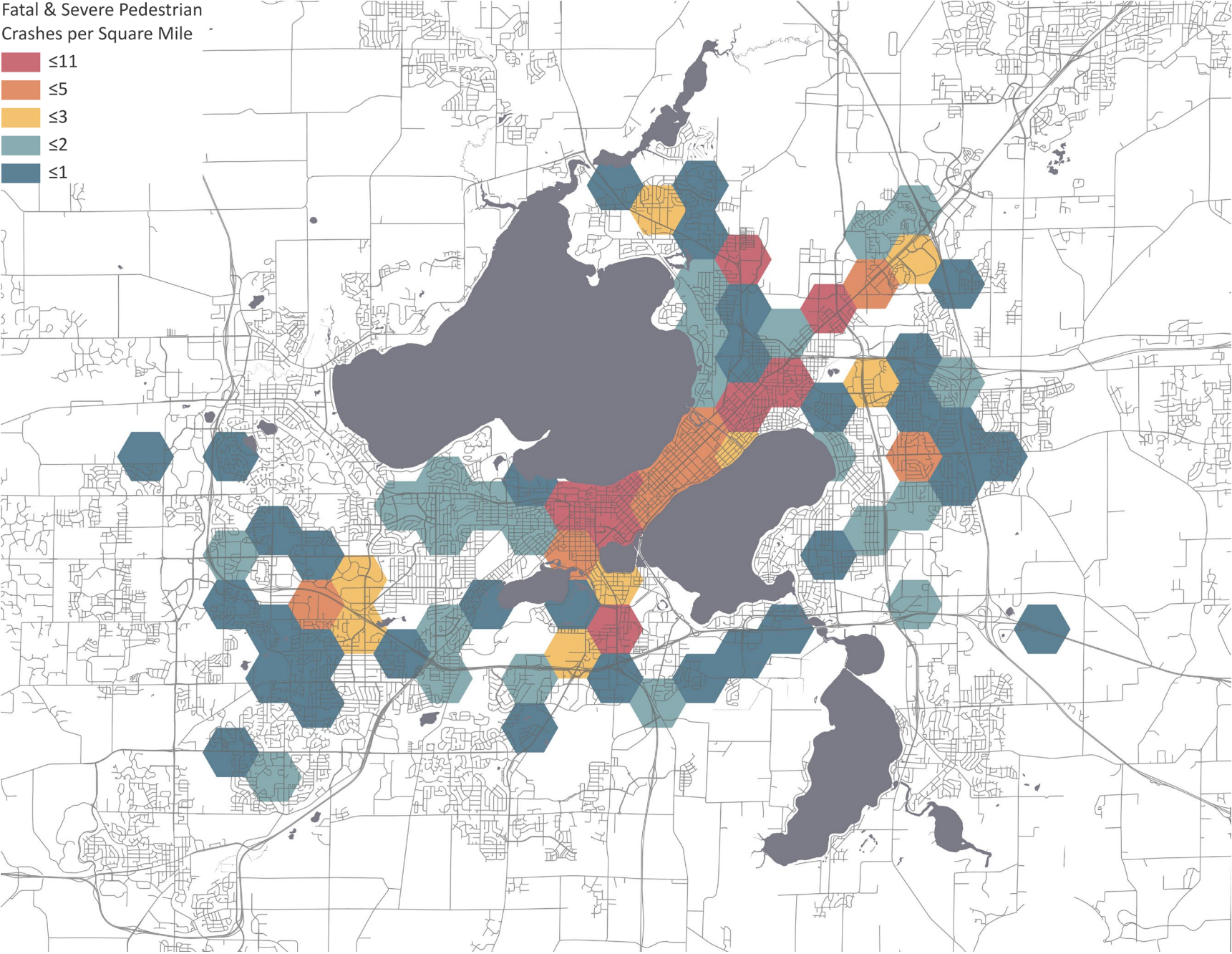


Pedestrians may need to detour ¼ mile to cross a street safely.



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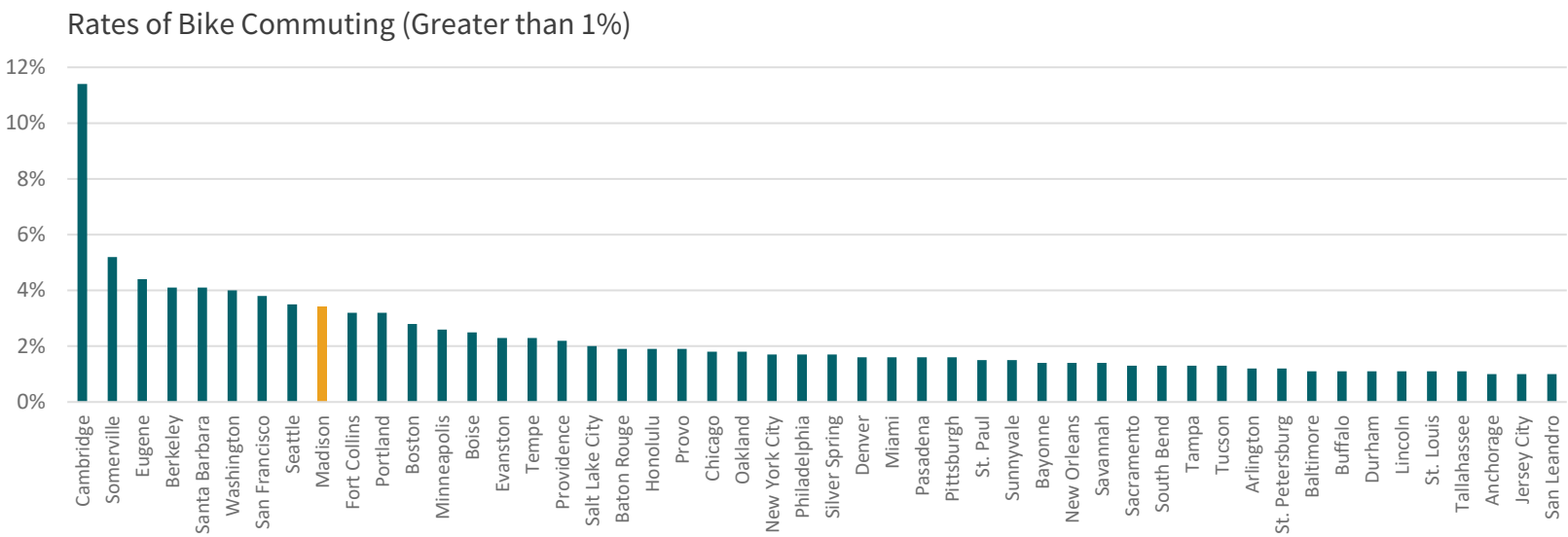
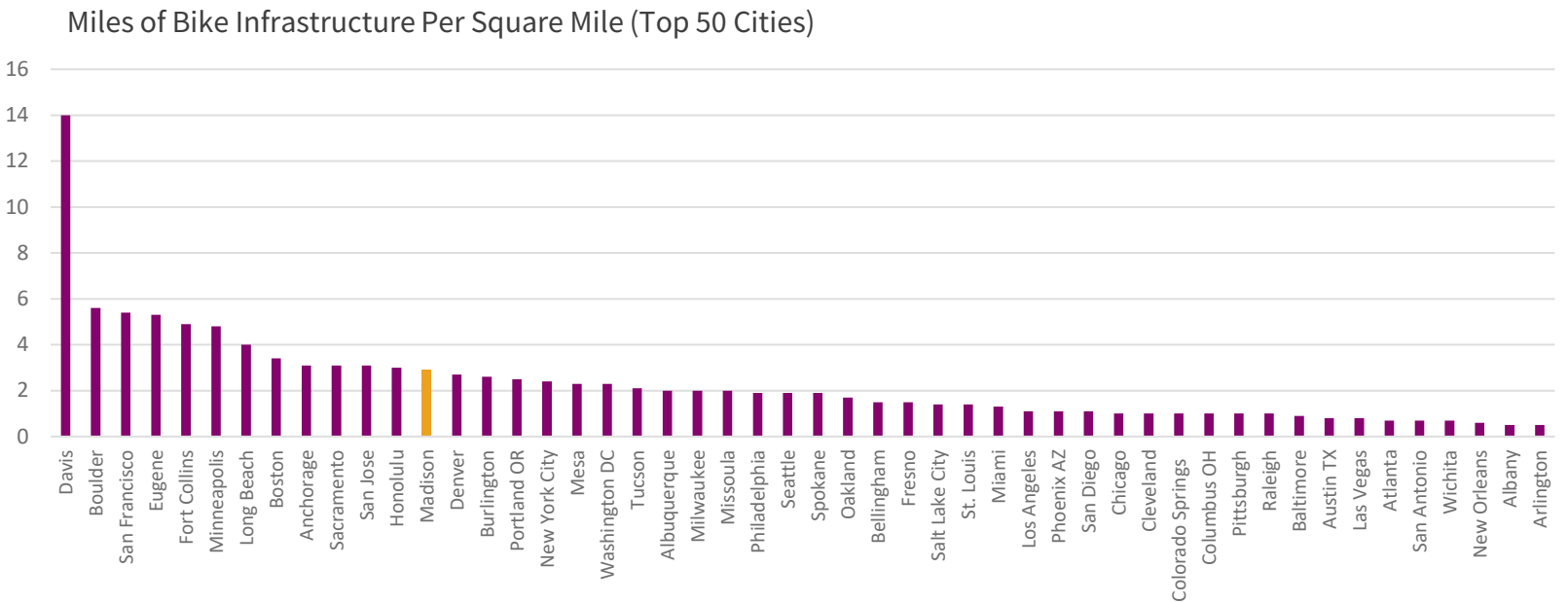
In 2025, 81 Madison pedestrians were injured and 3 were killed as a result of being hit by drivers.



Source: Wisconsin TOPS Lab 2015-2025

BIKES

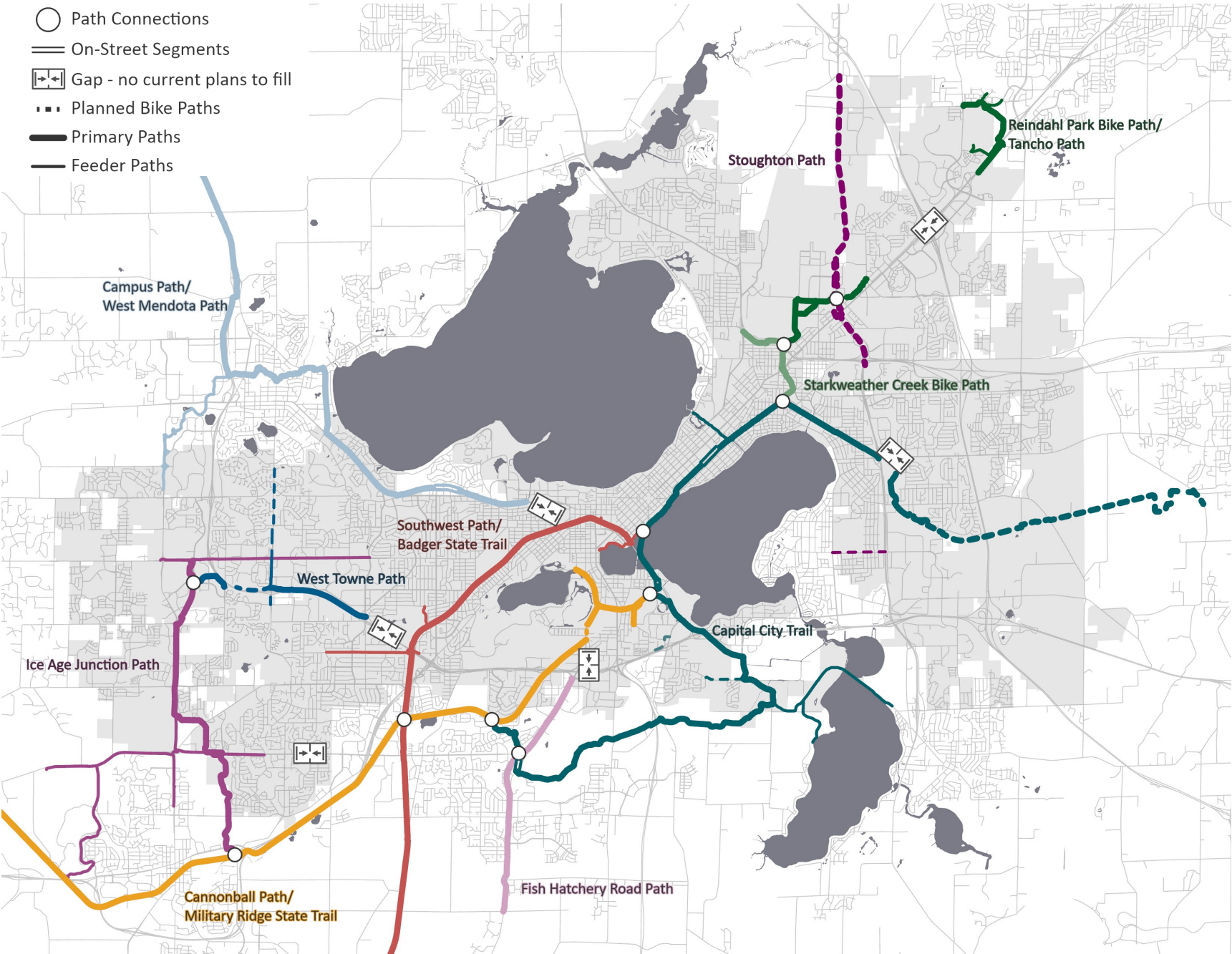
People in Madison bike three times as much as Americans in general.



Source: League of American Bicyclists and U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2024)

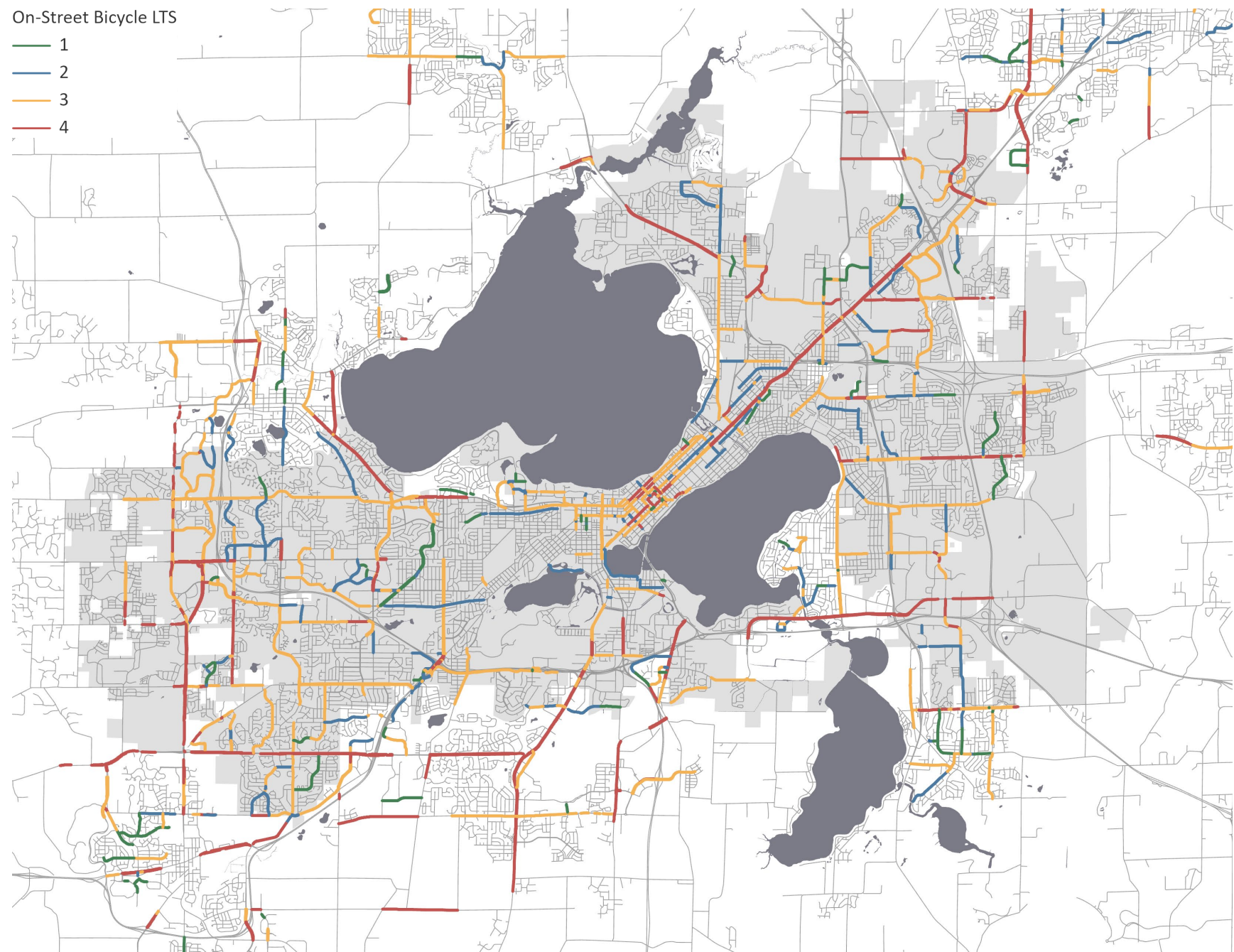
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Paths radiate in all directions from Downtown, but there are gaps in important places.



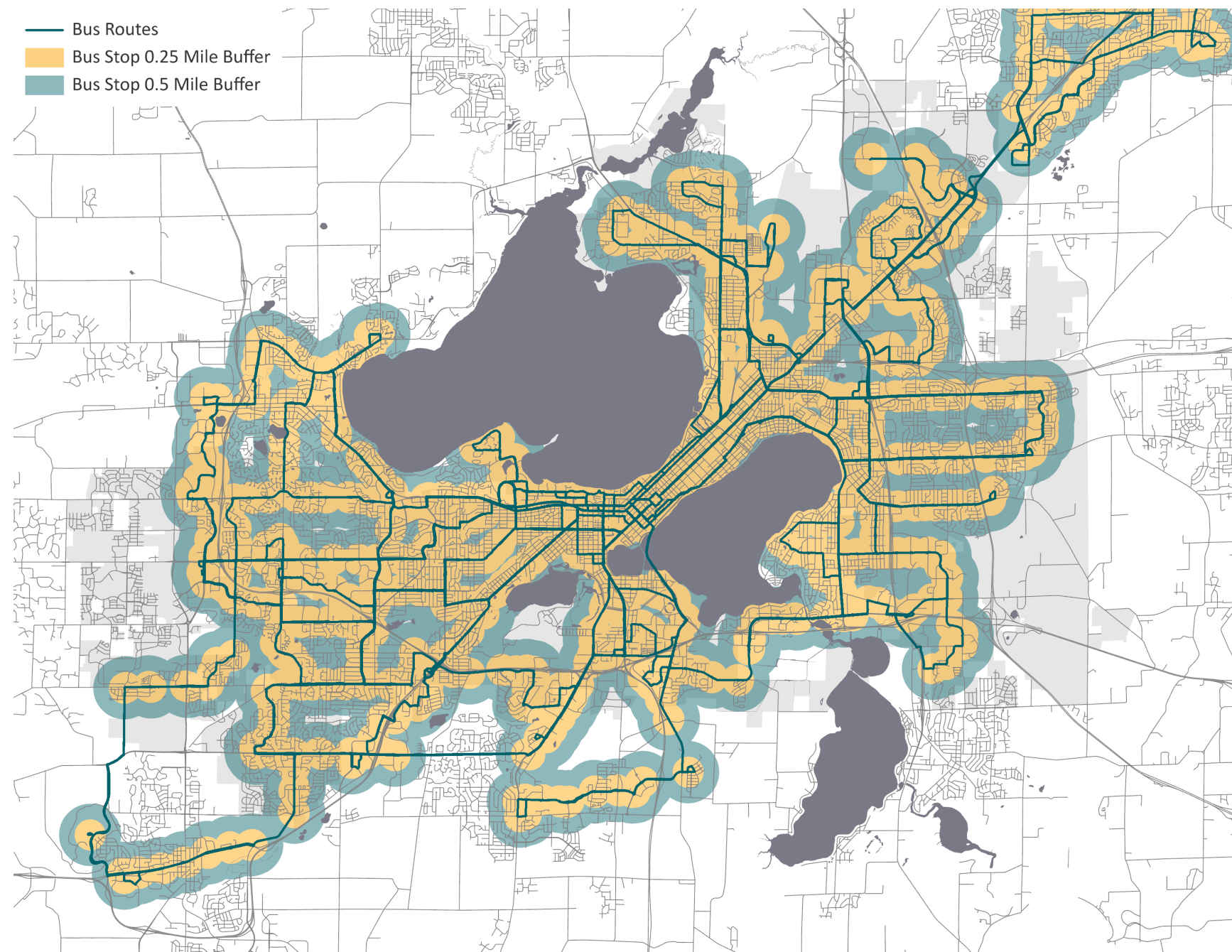
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Some major arterials have bike lanes, but some are low comfort, and some end abruptly.



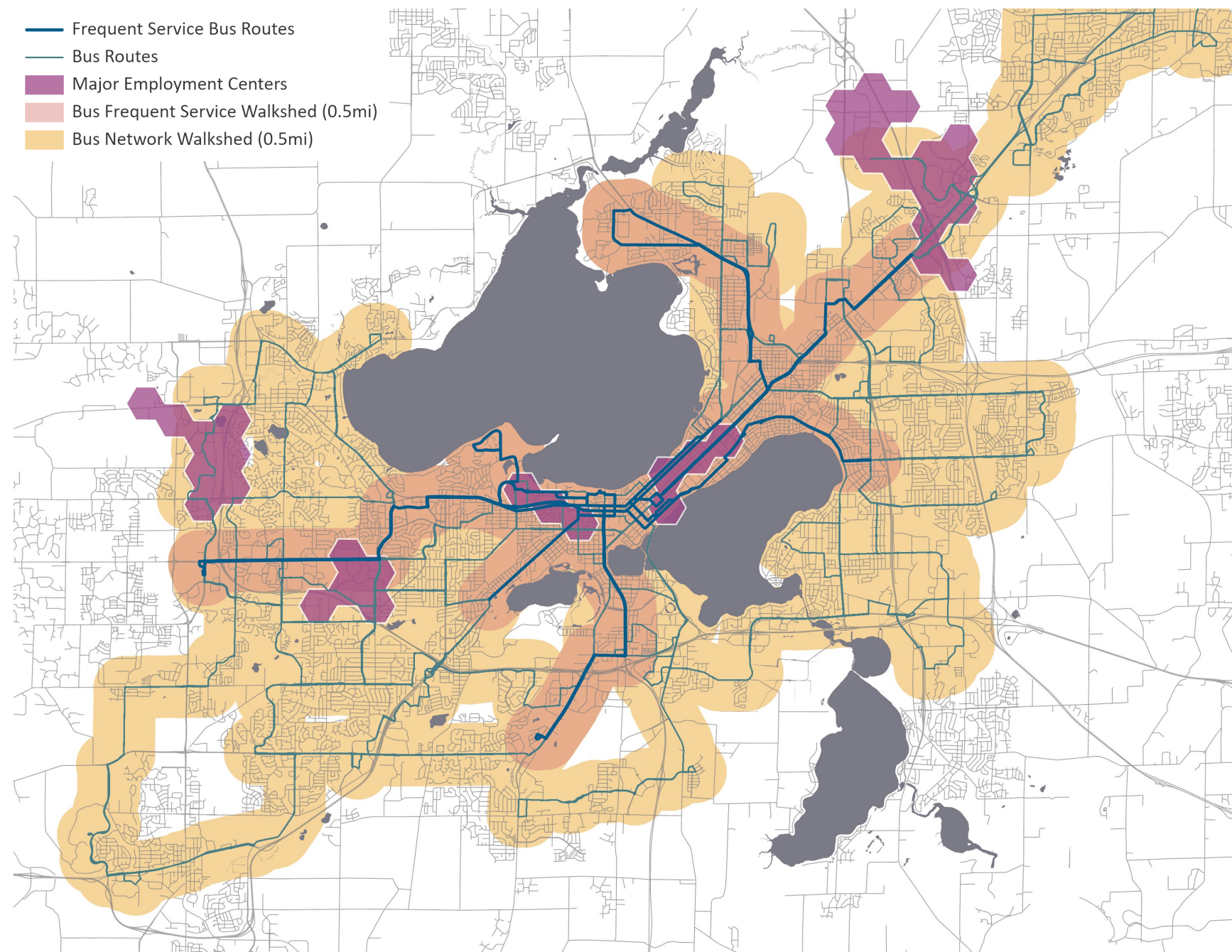
TRANSIT

94% of Madison residents are within ½ mile of a bus stop.



TRANSIT

Frequent routes serve the most important destinations and draw the most riders.



Source: Capital Area RPC. (2022). 2050 Regional Development Framework.

TRANSIT

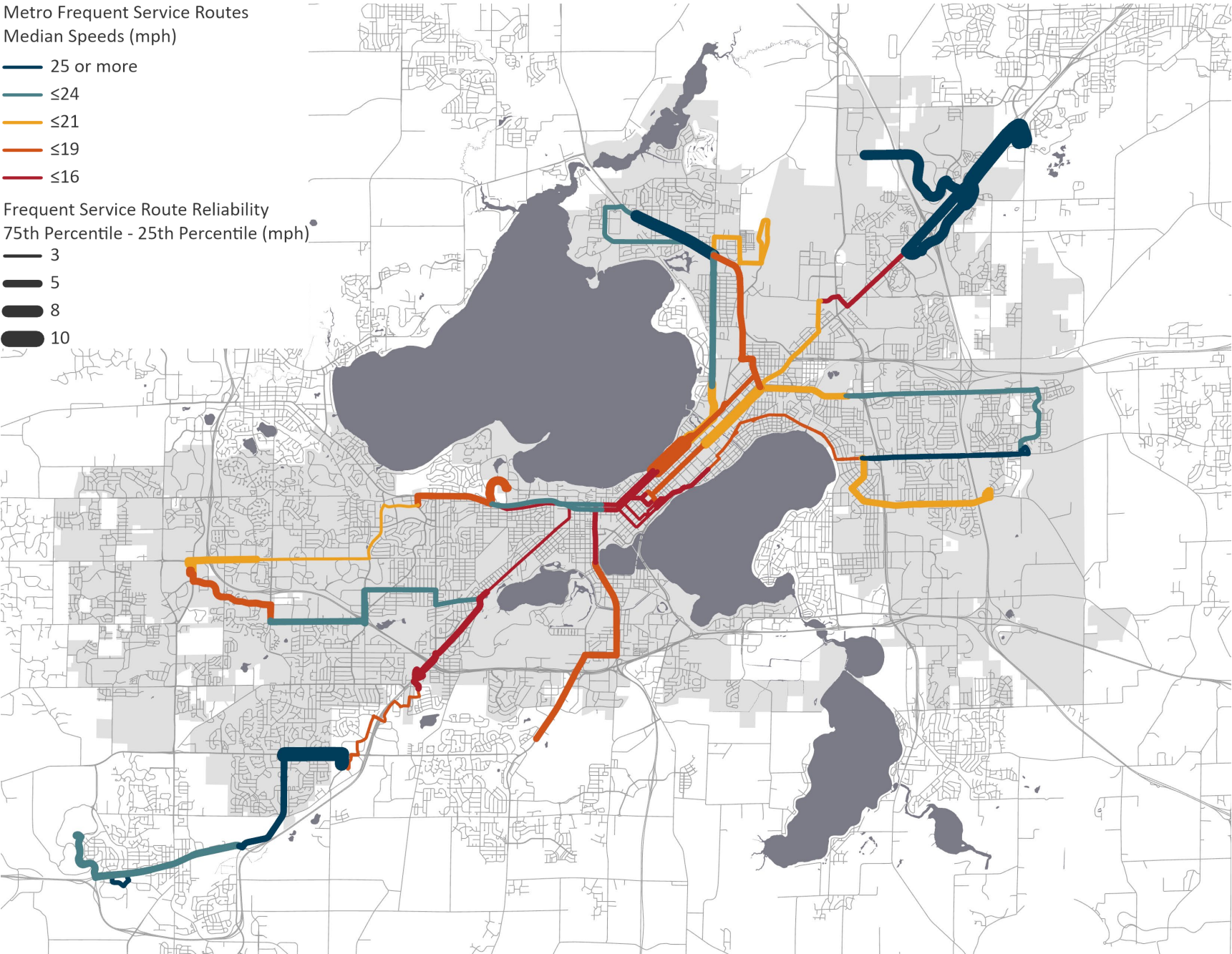
Metro bus routes arrive on time 74% of the times. But some parts of the system are slower and less reliable than others.

Metro Frequent Service Routes
Median Speeds (mph)

- 25 or more
- ≤24
- ≤21
- ≤19
- ≤16

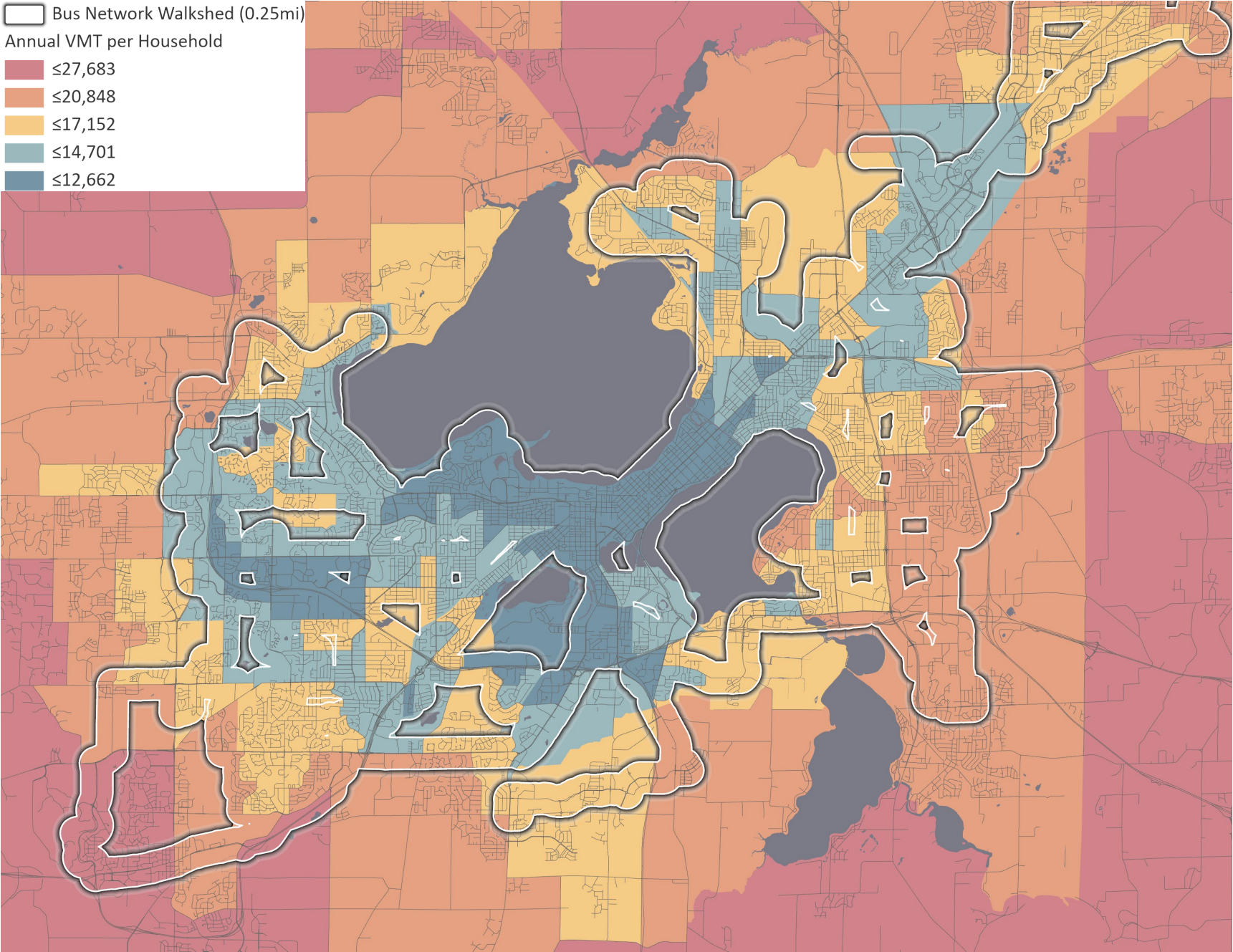
Frequent Service Route Reliability
75th Percentile - 25th Percentile (mph)

- 3
- 5
- 8
- 10



CARS AND TRUCKS

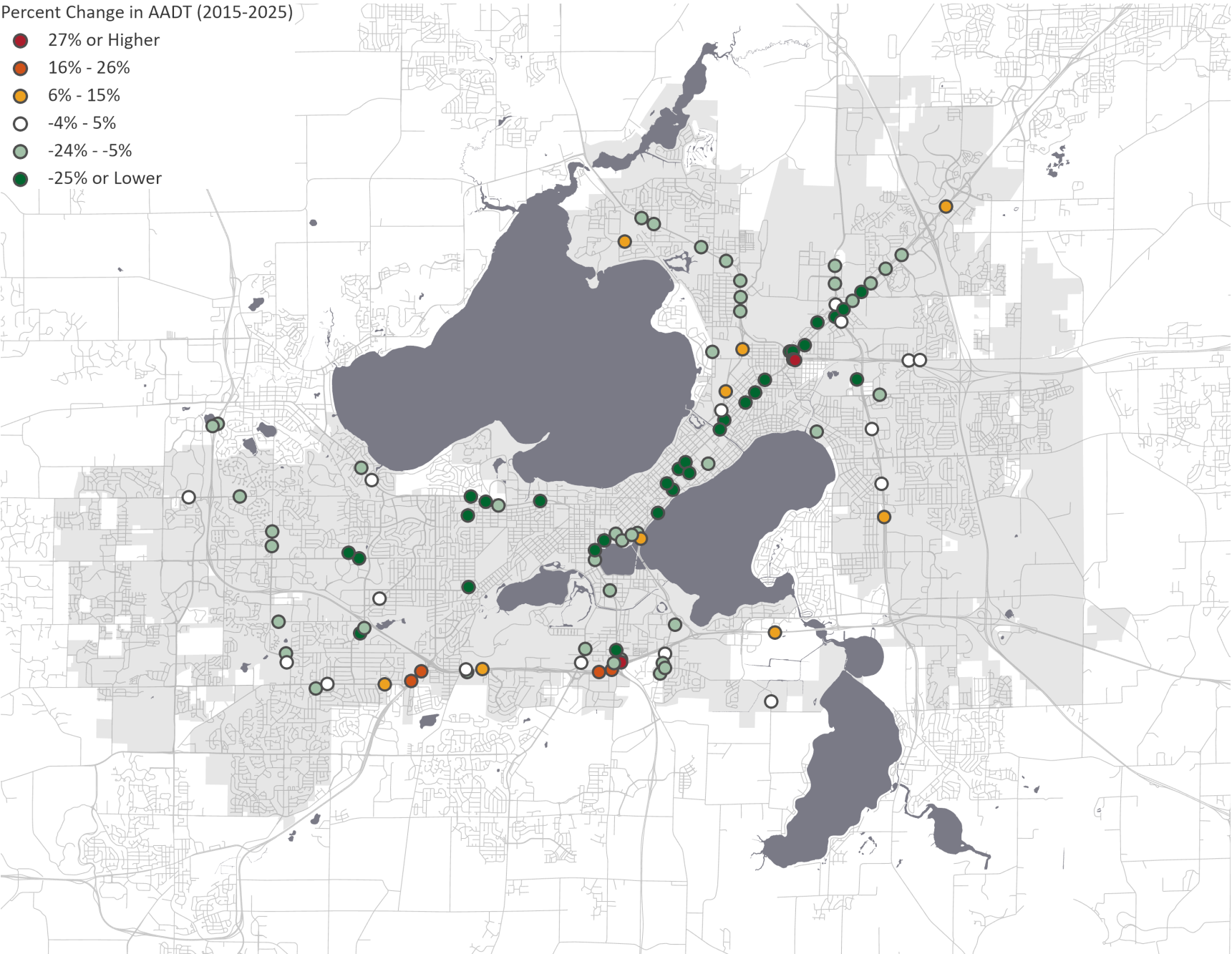
Residents of central
Madison drive less
than half as much as
residents in the
suburbs.



Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology. (2025). H+T Index. <https://htaindex.cnt.org/>

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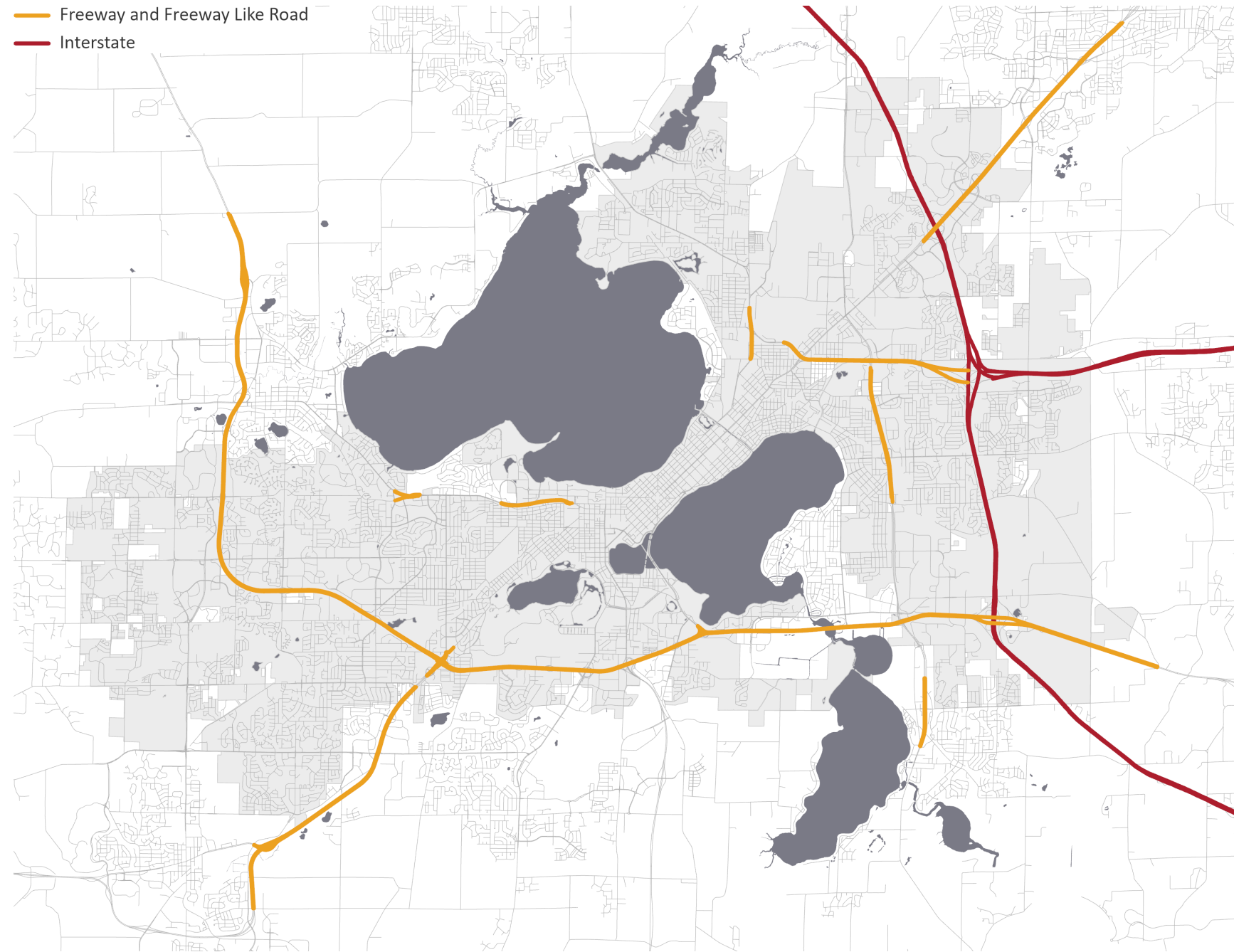
The population of the isthmus increased 14% from 2015 to 2025, but traffic decreased by 15%.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Transportation. (2025). *Traffic Counts*.

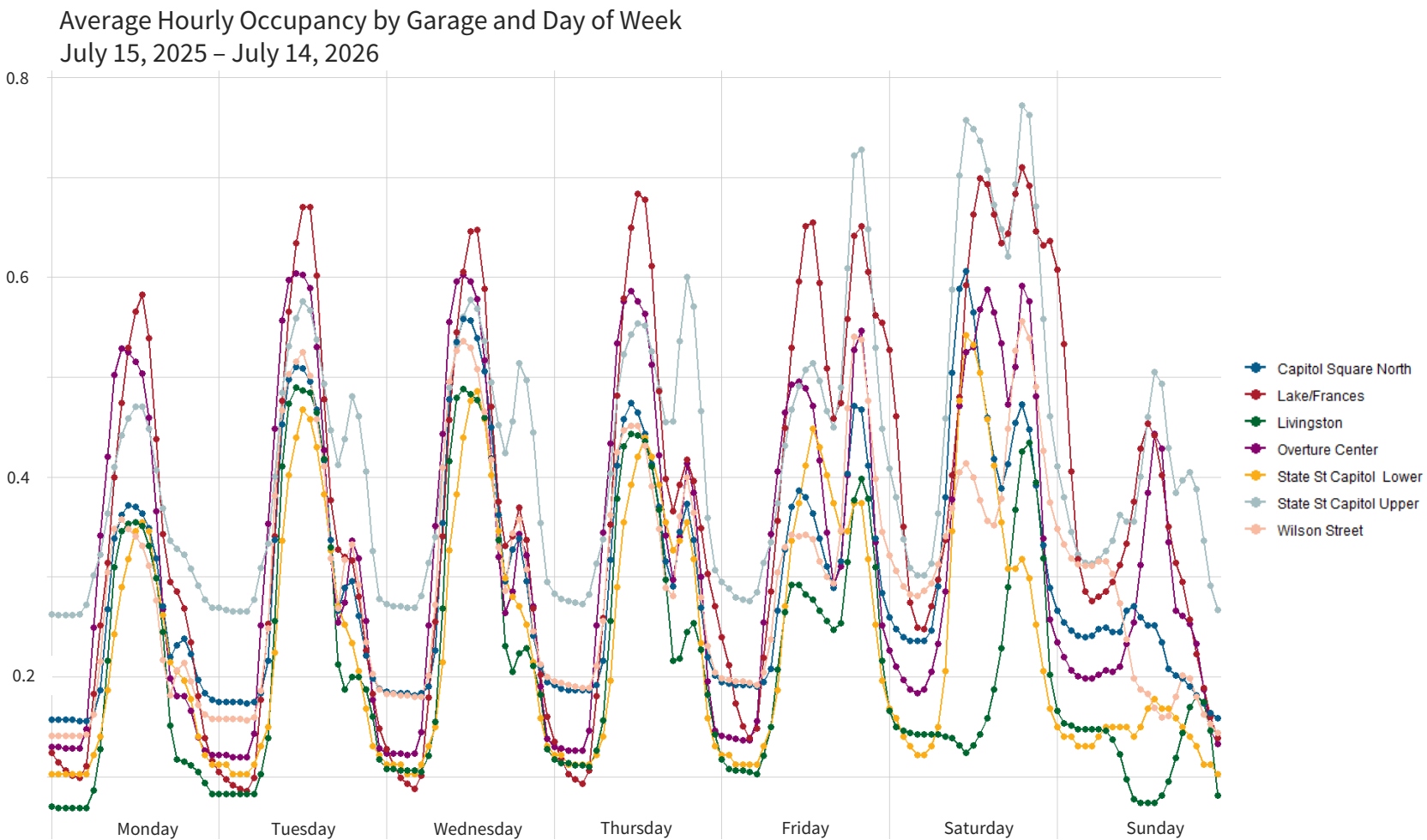
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Unlike most US cities, Madison has no freeways near downtown. But there are segments of freeway-like roads.

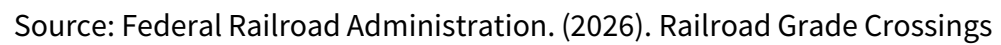


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The busiest time for city garages in Saturday night.

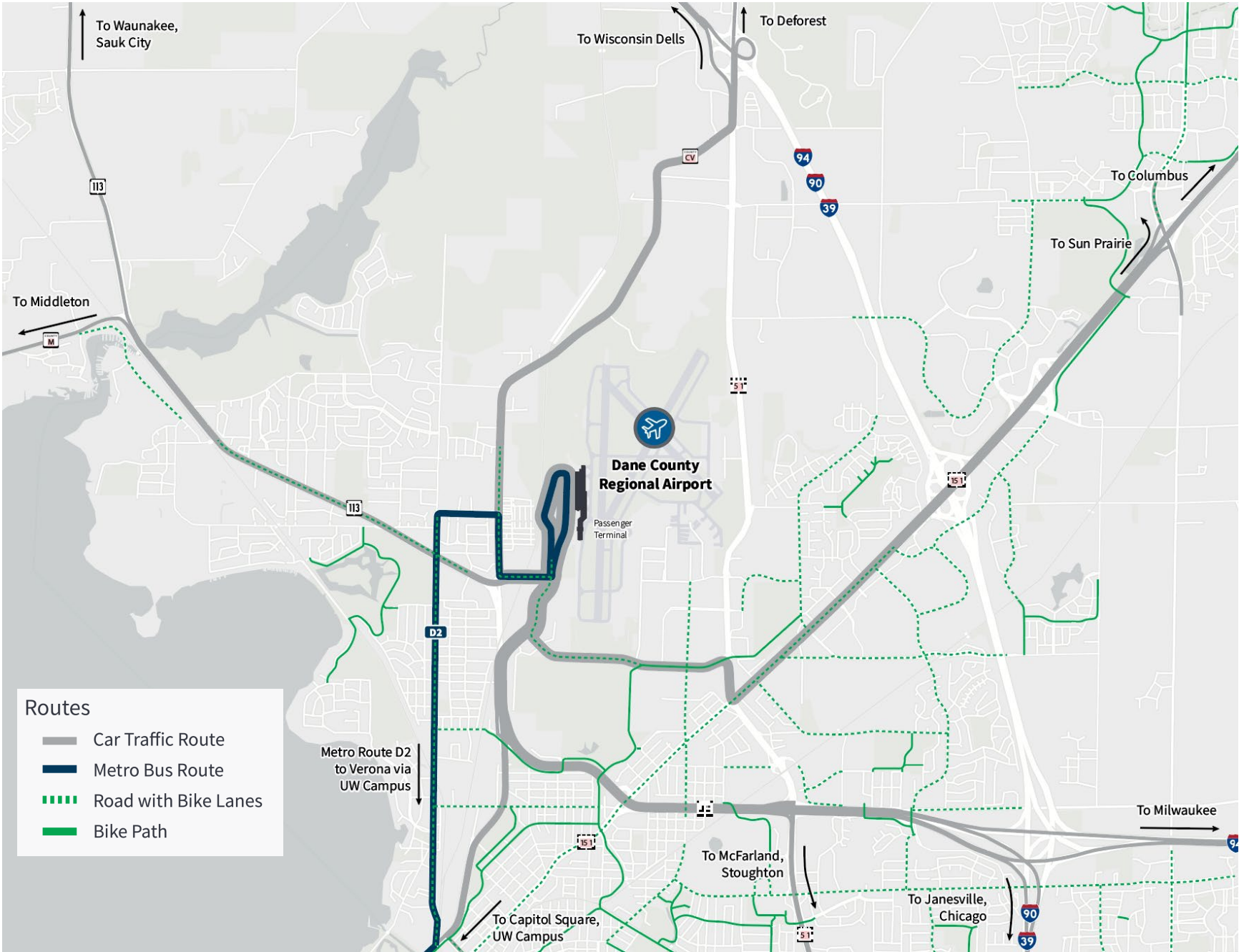


Rail lines converge on Madison but carry few trains.



PLANES

Airport access is uneven by mode and direction.



An aerial photograph of a city street during sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The street is lined with various buildings, including a prominent red brick building on the left and a large white building with a green dome on the right. A teal rectangular box with the word "QUESTIONS?" in white capital letters is overlaid on the left side of the image. The street has a crosswalk and a blue bus is visible at the bottom. A large tree with red leaves is in the bottom left corner.

QUESTIONS?