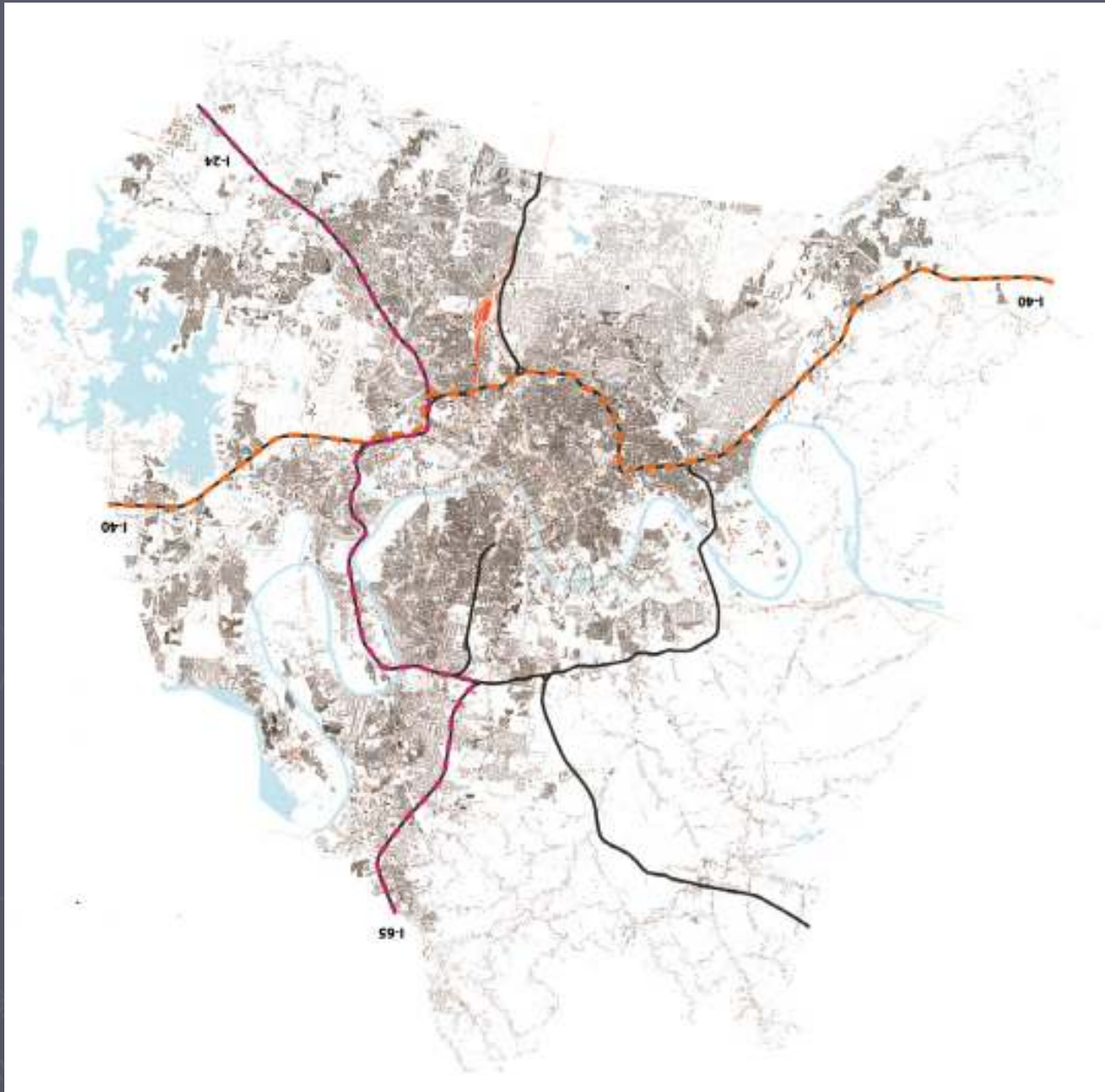


# What Transit can learn from New Urbanism

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# Charter of the New Urbanism

- ▶ The Region: Metropolis, City and Town
- ▶ The neighborhood, the district, and the corridor
- ▶ The block, the street, and the building



# The Region: Metropolis, Region, City

## A framework for transit

- ▶ A hierarchy of places connected by multiple modes
- ▶ Natural features shape movement and development patterns
- ▶ Regional destinations: employment centers, universities, major hospitals, cultural and sport venues
- ▶ Major intermodal points for passengers and freight: ports, airports, inter-city rail

# The Region: Metropolis, Region, City

## A framework for transit

- ▶ Transportation network responding to demand for freight and passenger movement
- ▶ Boundaries between government agencies, transit operators, funding entities



# Neighborhood, District and Corridor

## A framework for transit

- ▶ Transit oriented districts and corridors composed of many “fabric sites” and a small number of “gateway sites”
- ▶ Densities, use mix and design features that create walkability for pedestrian access to transit

# Neighborhood, District and Corridor

## A framework for transit

- ▶ Sensitivity to impacts of transit operations on neighborhoods and business districts
- ▶ Transfers between routes and modes – opportunities to concentrate activity





# Street, Block and Building

## A framework for transit

### ► Qualities of Traditional Urbanism

- Fine grain street network and development pattern
- Building meets the street
- Windows and doors to the street – frequent entries
- Architectural ornamentation
- Landscape and site design responsive to context

# Street, Block and Building

## A framework for transit

- ▶ Qualities of Traditional Urbanism as ingredients
- ▶ Design features that enhance identity and wayfinding
- ▶ Transit Users' experience as they move from the stop or platform to the surrounding area

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# Learning from New Urbanists

- ▶ Passionate and charismatic spokespeople with a unified message
- ▶ Unifying principles applied in a variety of ways and styles
- ▶ Multidisciplinary collaboration
- ▶ Persistent inquiry and professional progress
- ▶ Focus on implementation

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