

#### Urban Rail Studies Move Faster in 3D



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## Project



- Analyzing the impact of a future urban rail line in Austin
- "Build" versus "No Build"
  - City of Austin, University of Texas Austin, Advisory Committee, and Civic Analytics



Project





## **Project Workflow**

• Scenario planning: ArcMap + Envision Tomorrow + CityEngine





#### **Methods**

• Divided route in three subareas





### **Methods**

Ex: East Riverside

Population

28,366

- 46,007

17,641



- 2010 data & 2030 population and employment projections
- Find difference for each corridor – control totals.
  - Use building library (~ 75-80 building types)



### **Methods**

#### Chart 2: Employment from Future Development



#### Chart 10: Landscaping Water Use per Household, Future Development



Using building attributes: population, employment, estimated property tax revenue, people per acre, parking spaces, water use, etc...

#### **Chart 1: Residents from Future Development**



... we gain insight into "Build" and "No Build" scenarios.



# **Ensuring Accuracy**



- Feedback process with University of Texas
- Feedback process with Central Corridor Advisory Committee



## **Ensuring Accuracy**









CityEngine



- Low buy in at first
- How does 3D contribute?
- Not presented until mid-project



Envision Tomorrow

## Workflow







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Building Name	Lot Size (Sq Ft)	Building Lot Coverage	Parking Lot Coverage	Height (Stories)	Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
210 Barton Springs	69,131	100%	0%	17	4.05
300 E Riverside	186,367	45%	24%	5	1.27
High Density Apartment	101,054	70%	21%	4	1.98
Apt Low Density	65,340	35%	17%	2	0.19
Broadstone (RunTex)	66,503	100%	0%	6	3.16
Cityview	175,265	77%	0%	8	1.99
Grove Tract Lofts	789,510	21%	13%	2	0.27
Hyatt Garage & Ballroom	416,739	74%	3%	1	0.40
Lakeshore Lot 10	137,824	42%	18%	5	2.05
Lakeshore Pearl	261,273	29%	37%	5	0.82

## Workflow





#### Python Scripting: If (Bldng X) { divide into "Bldng X" lots }





#### Workflow



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66	scatter(surface, geometry, area / 150, uniform) { PutTree(rand(.4,1.5)
67	NIL
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69 Pi	atTree(scalar)>
70	3(0,0,0)
71	r(0, rand(360),0)
72	center(xz)
73	<pre>i(fileRandom("assets/vegetation/*.obj"))</pre>
74	s('scalar, 'scalar, 'scalar)
75	center (xz)

















#### Information

#### Shape618

Attributes
DEV\_TYPE Four Seasons Condos

#### Reports FootprintArea 1601.46

























## **Urban Rail Impact**



- More engagement
- Faster feedback
- New conversations
- Unique data validation
- Process moved faster



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