



# HOUSING UNDERPRODUCTION IN THE U.S. :

*Economic, Fiscal, and Environmental Impacts of Enabling Transit-Oriented Smart Growth to Address America's Housing Affordability Challenge*

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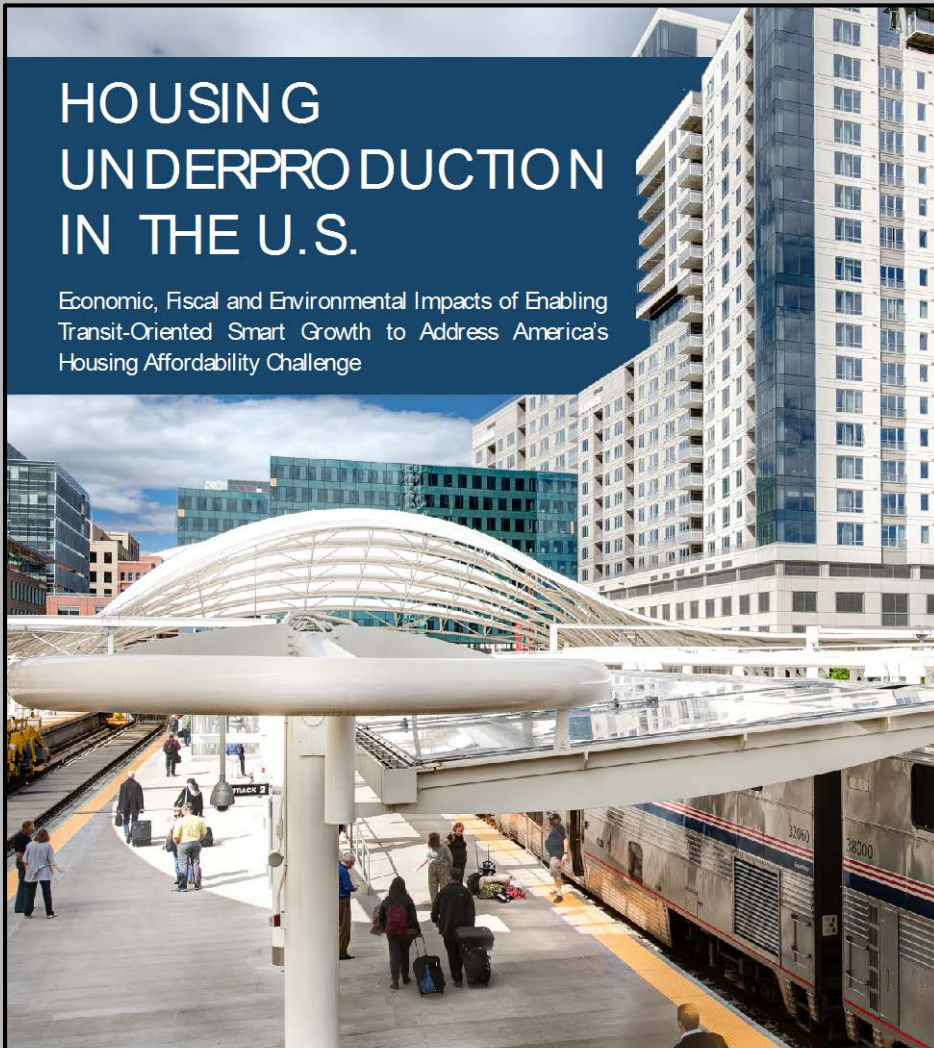
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Design policies to leverage existing transportation and other infrastructure to incentivize smart growth (TOD) to increase the production of housing units.



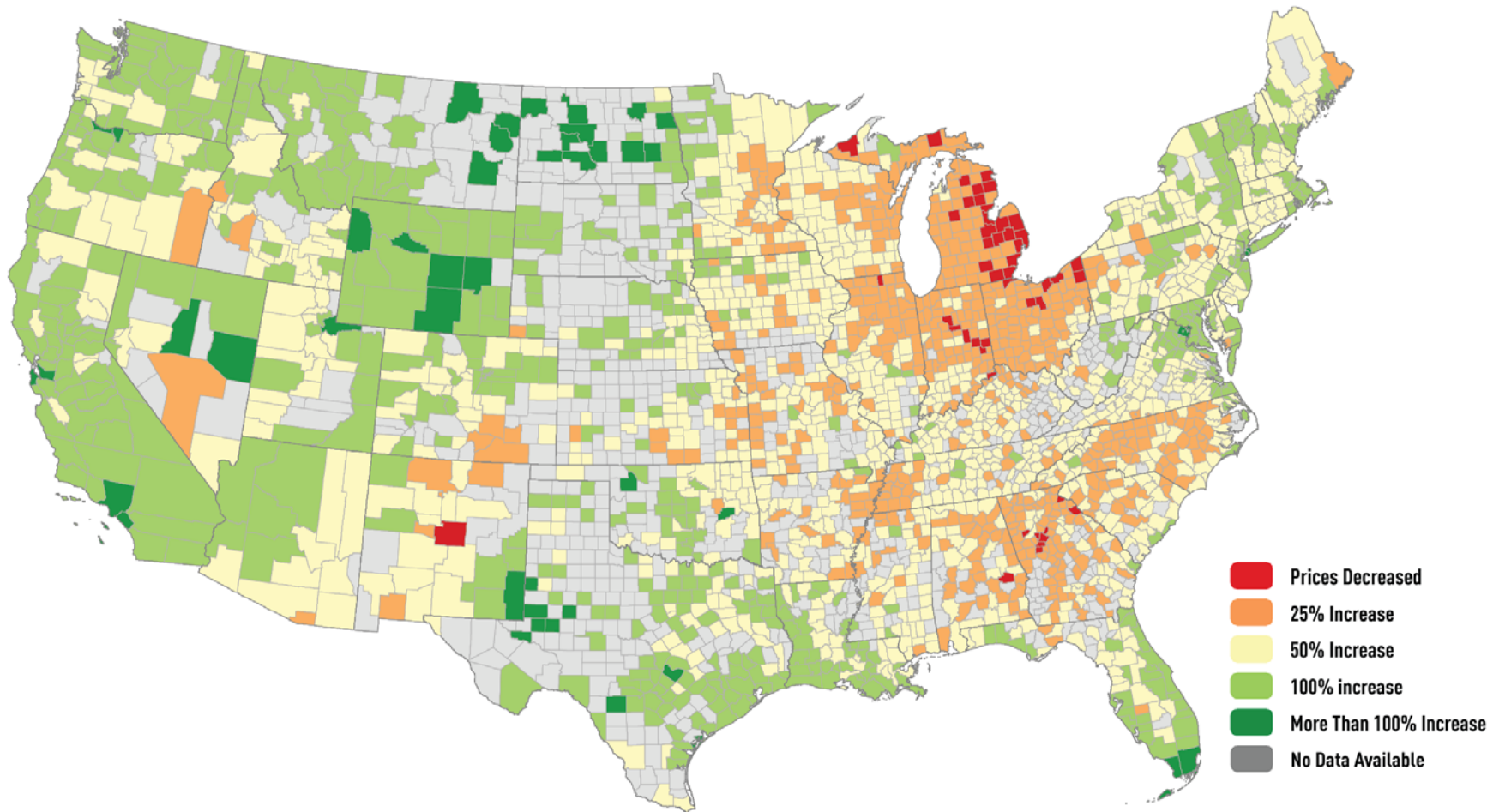
Contributes to existing literature through:

- 1) Econometric model to calculate housing supply elasticity and underproduction of units nationally
- 1) Create growth scenarios to analyze different economic, fiscal, and environmental impacts associated with increasing the production of housing
- 1) Use REMI to model dynamic economic and fiscal impacts over a 20 year production period

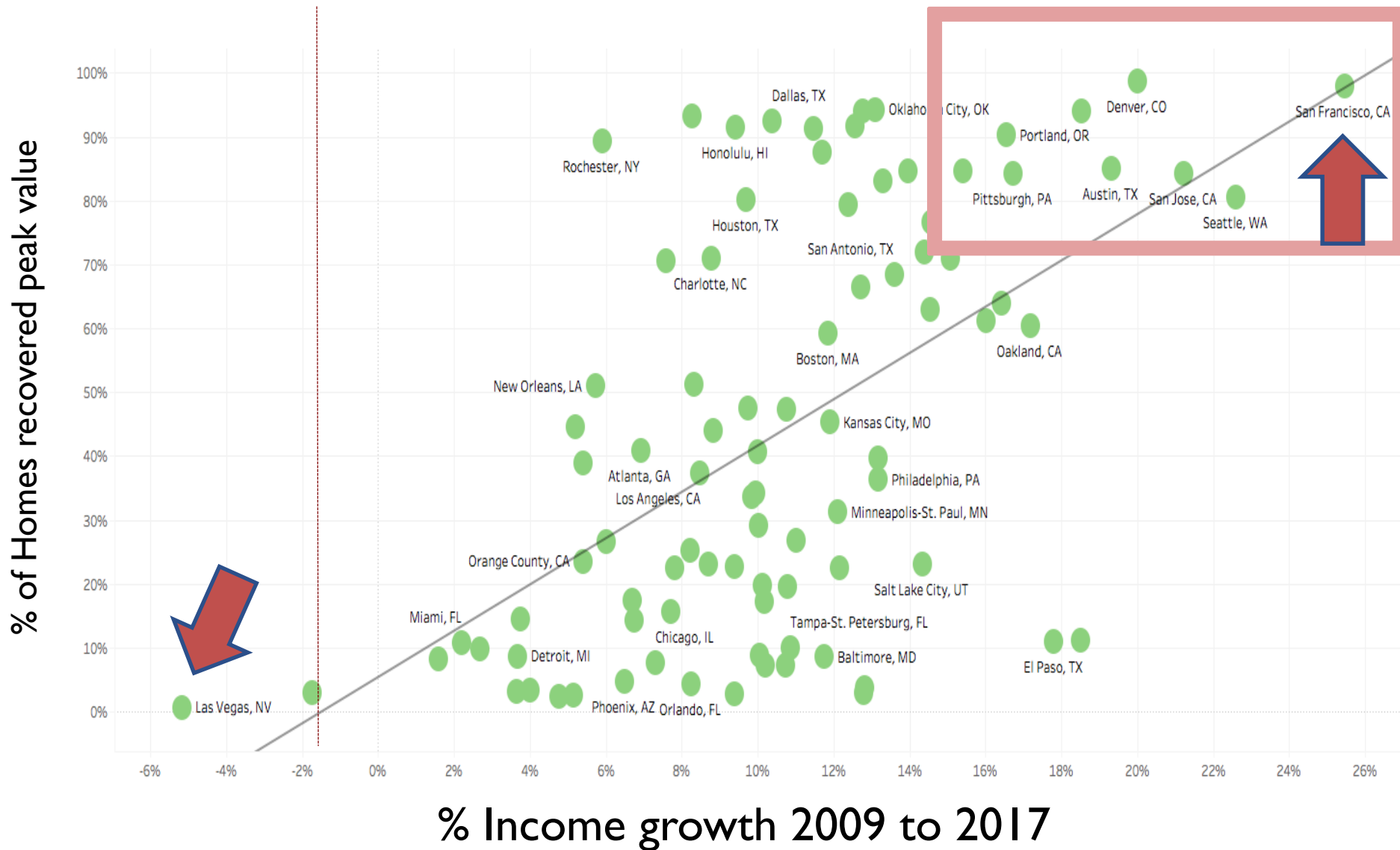
# Varied housing appreciation nationally since 2000



## AVERAGE CHANGE IN HOME PRICES BY COUNTY 2000-2016

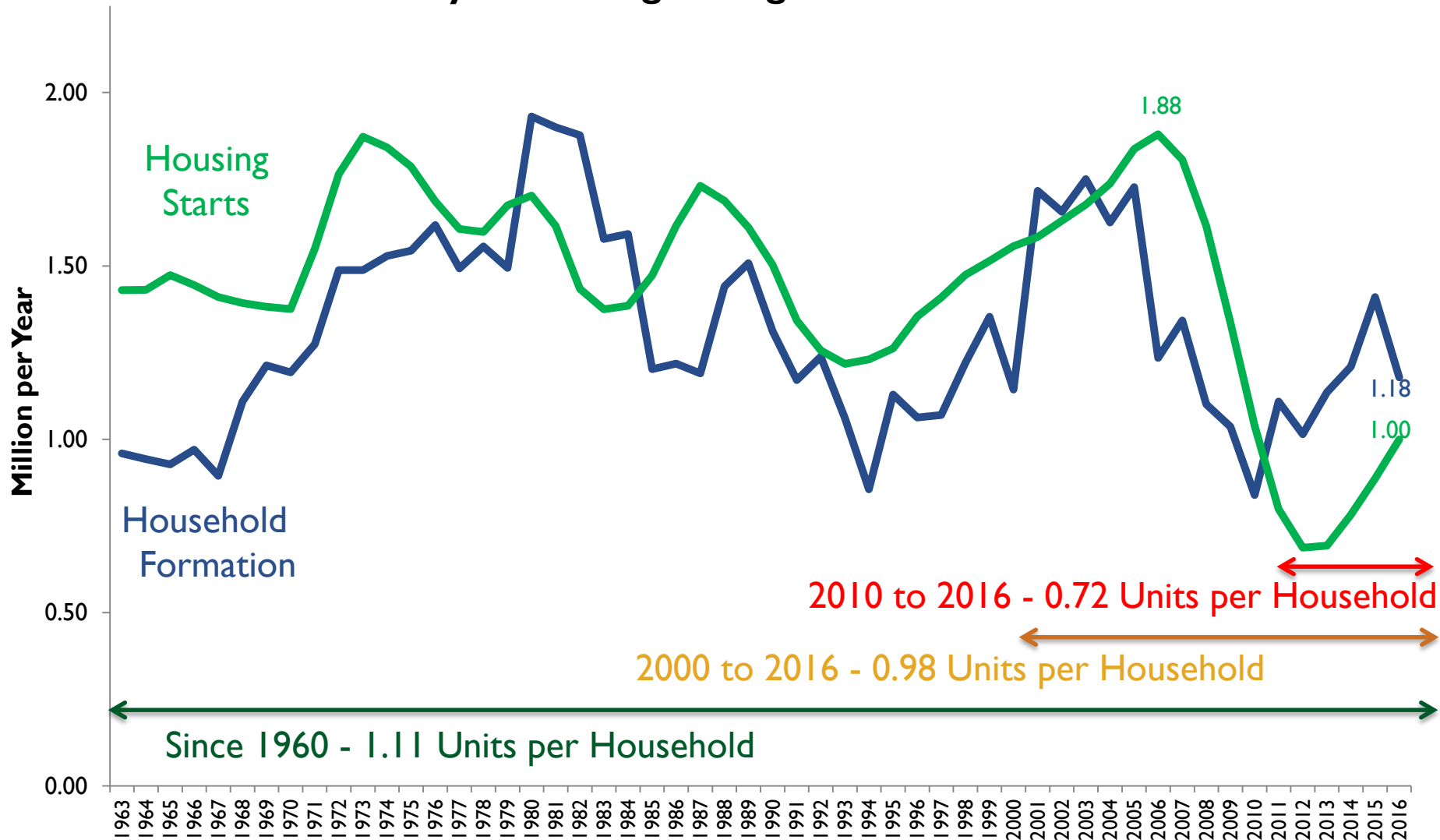


# Income growth drove individual home price recovery



# Housing starts haven't kept pace with household formation

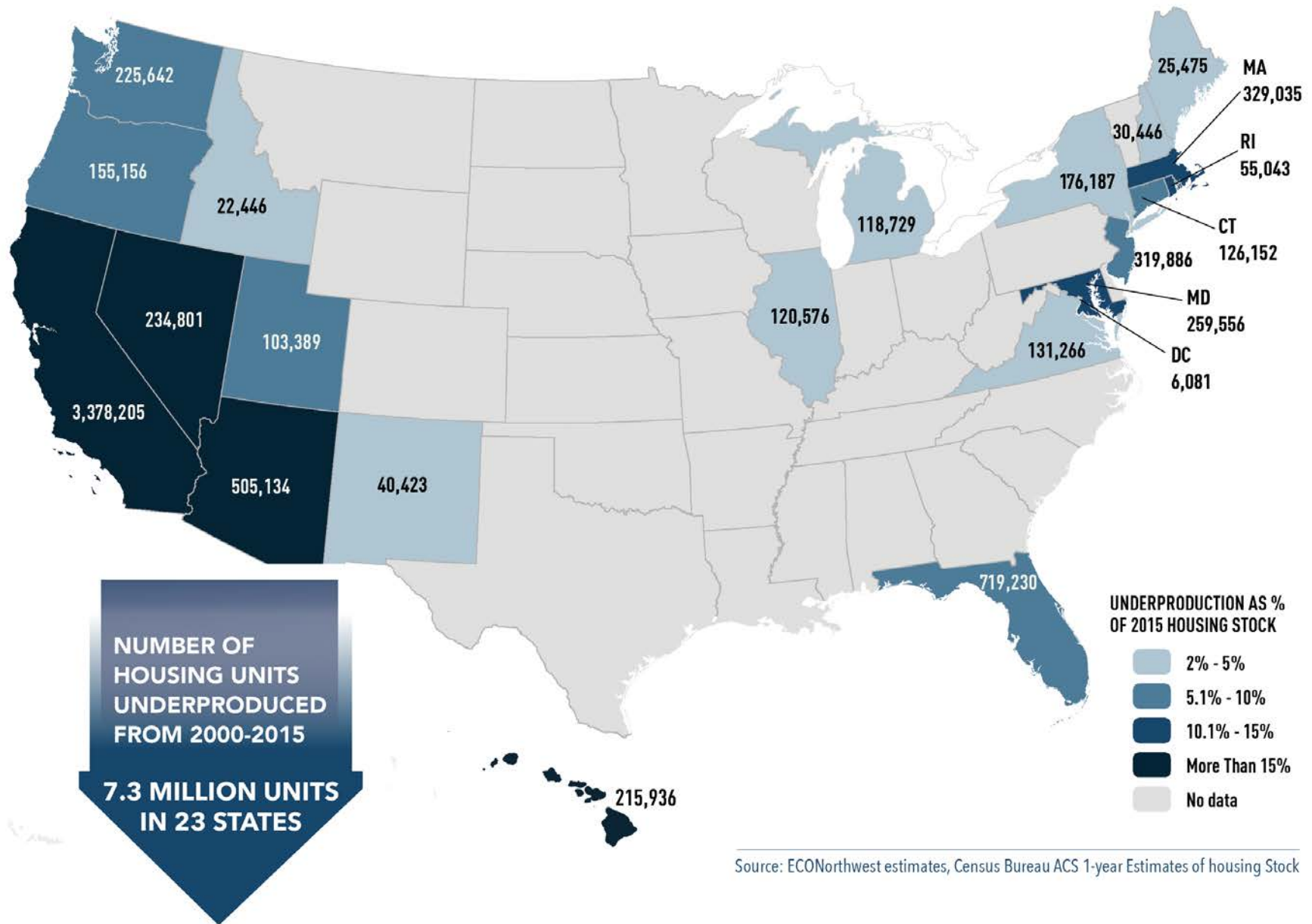
**U.S. Household Formation vs. Housing Starts**  
5 year moving average in millions



- Task 1) Quantify underproduction of housing
- Task 2) Model growth scenarios
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# 7.3 million housing units under produced from 2000 to 2015



Source: ECONorthwest estimates, Census Bureau ACS 1-year Estimates of housing Stock

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How = Housing Prototypes



Where = Growth Scenarios

# Housing Prototypes

Units are distributed as 3 prototypes:



Single Family  
5 Units per Acre

Tower  
High Rise 6+ stories  
240 Units per Acre



Medium Density  
Up to 5 stories  
120 Units per Acre



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APARTMENT COURT  
— — MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING —



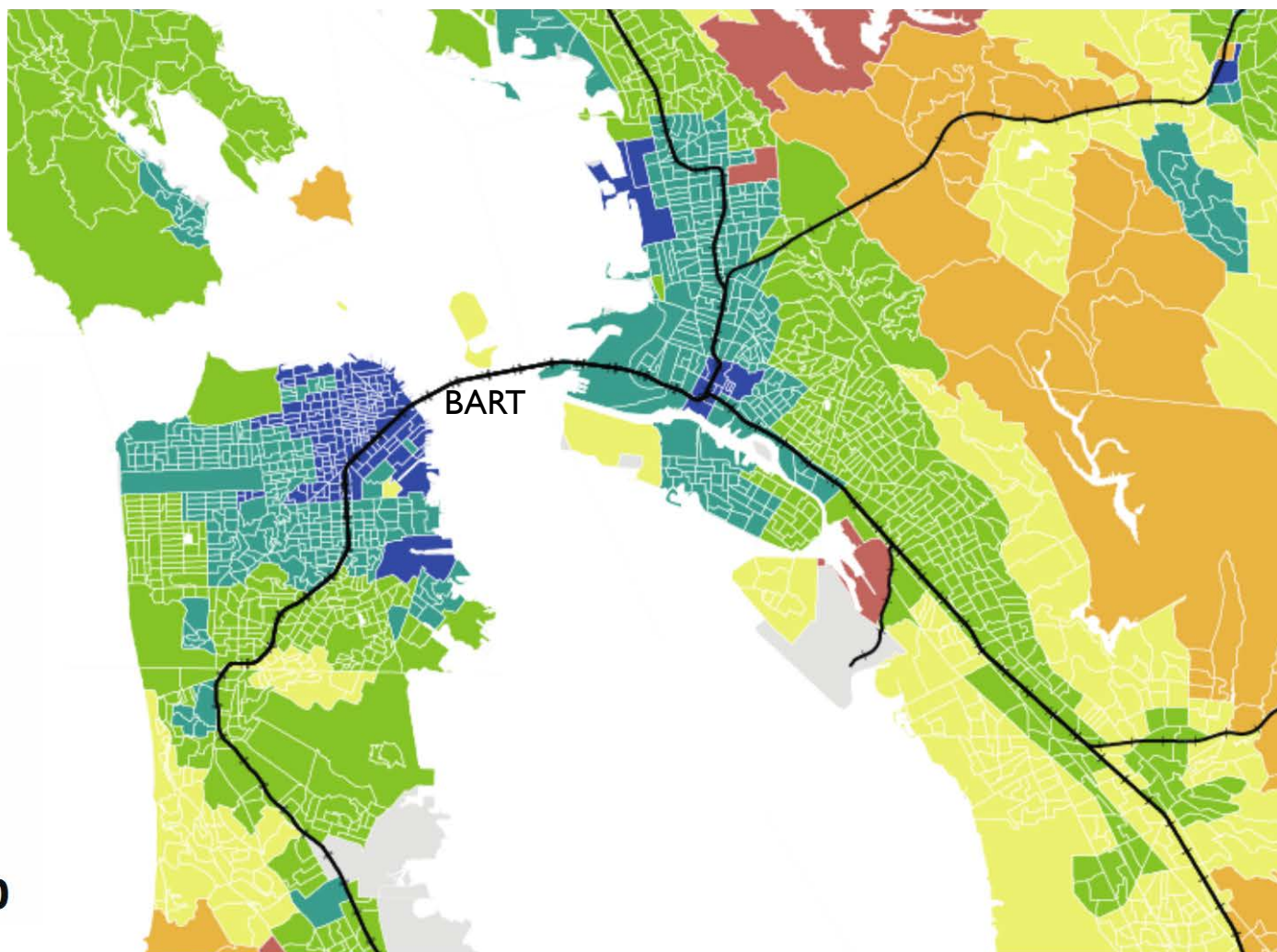
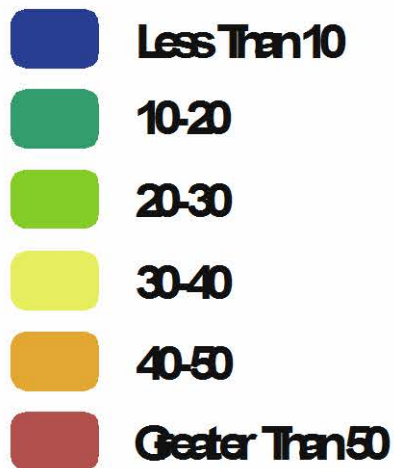


# VMT in the Bay Area lower in station areas

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF SMARTER GROWTH: LOWER VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED



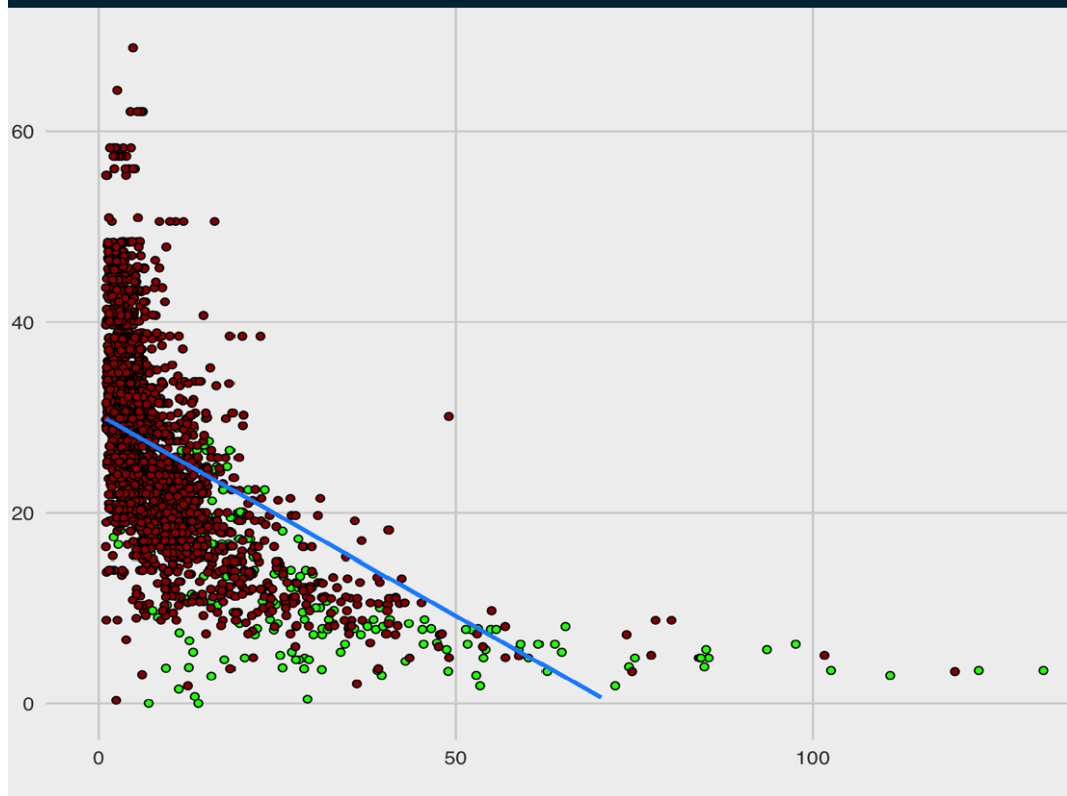
### HOME BASED VMT PER HOUSEHOLD





# VMT vs. Housing Density in the Bay Area

## HOUSING DENSITY AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED IN THE BAY AREA



### IN THE BAY AREA

	MEDIAN HOUSING DENSITY	99TH % HOUSING DENSITY
TRANSIT CORRIDOR	12	125
NON-TRANSIT CORRIDOR	5	43
	MEDIAN VMT	99TH % VMT
TRANSIT CORRIDOR	18	44
NON-TRANSIT CORRIDOR	28	57

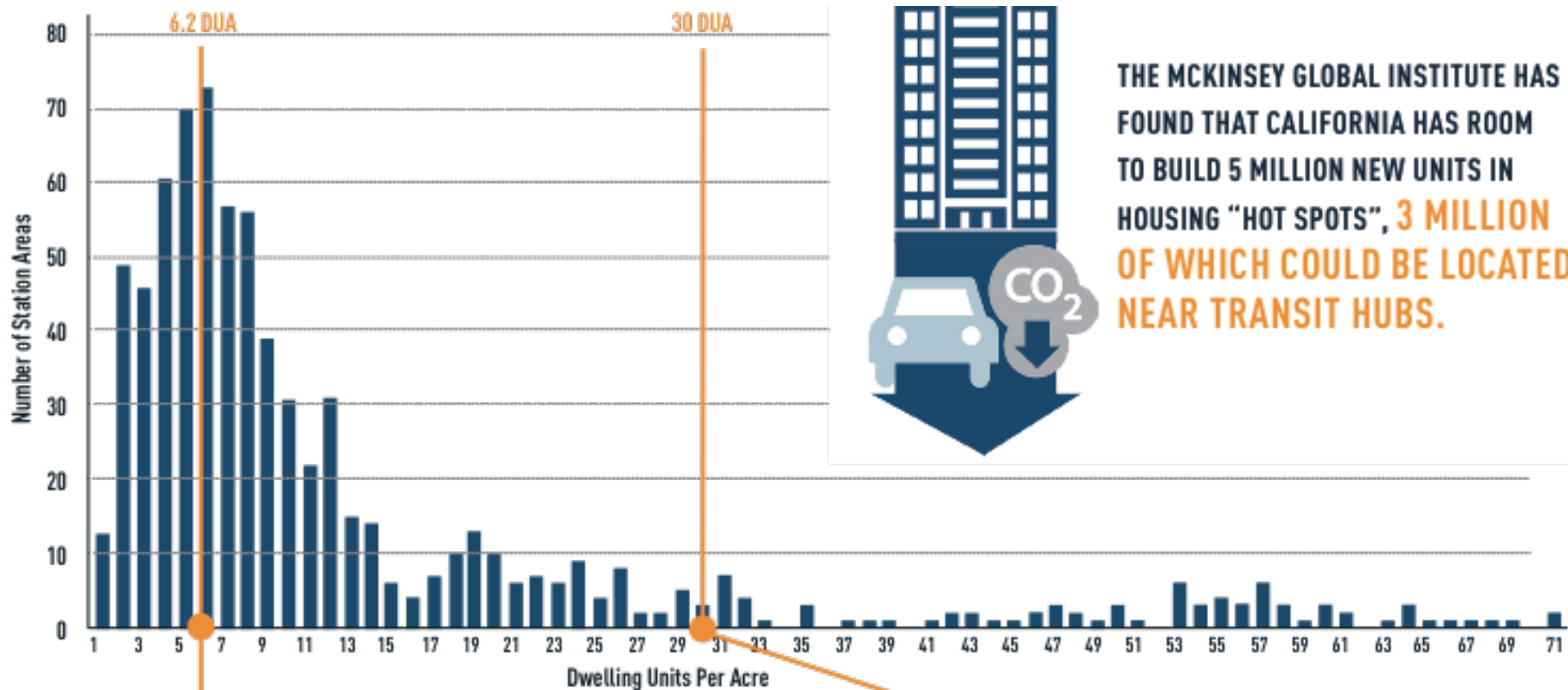


OUTSIDE A 1/4 MILE OF TRANSIT



WITHIN A 1/4 MILE OF TRANSIT

# Station Area Housing Density in California



THE MCKINSEY GLOBAL INSTITUTE HAS FOUND THAT CALIFORNIA HAS ROOM TO BUILD 5 MILLION NEW UNITS IN HOUSING "HOT SPOTS", **3 MILLION OF WHICH COULD BE LOCATED NEAR TRANSIT HUBS.**



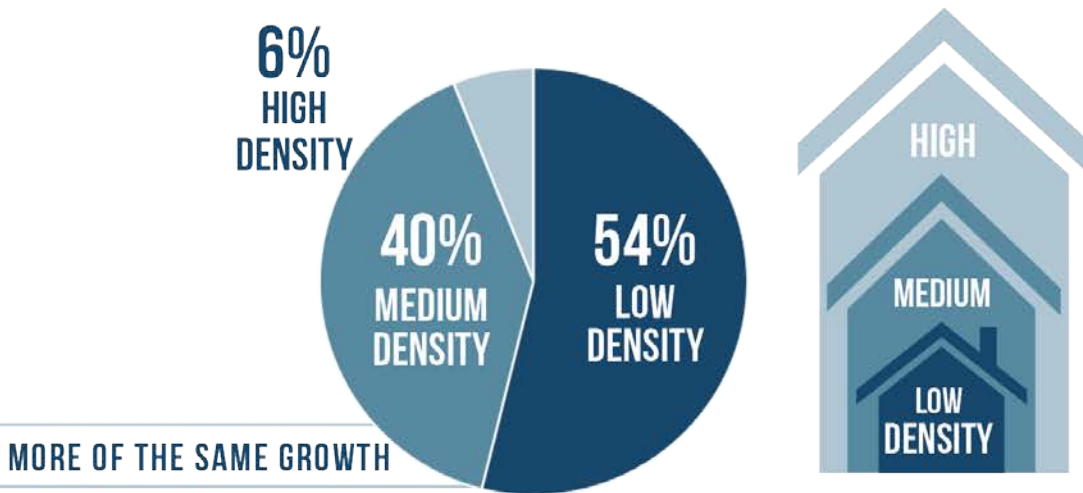
Land around CA transit stations is currently underdeveloped: current median unit density is 6.2 dwelling units per acre.



The Vertical Housing Program can increase median unit density around transit stations to 30 dwelling units per acre, which would effectively address the existing housing shortfall.

# Growth Scenario Prototype Distribution Nationally

## More of the Same

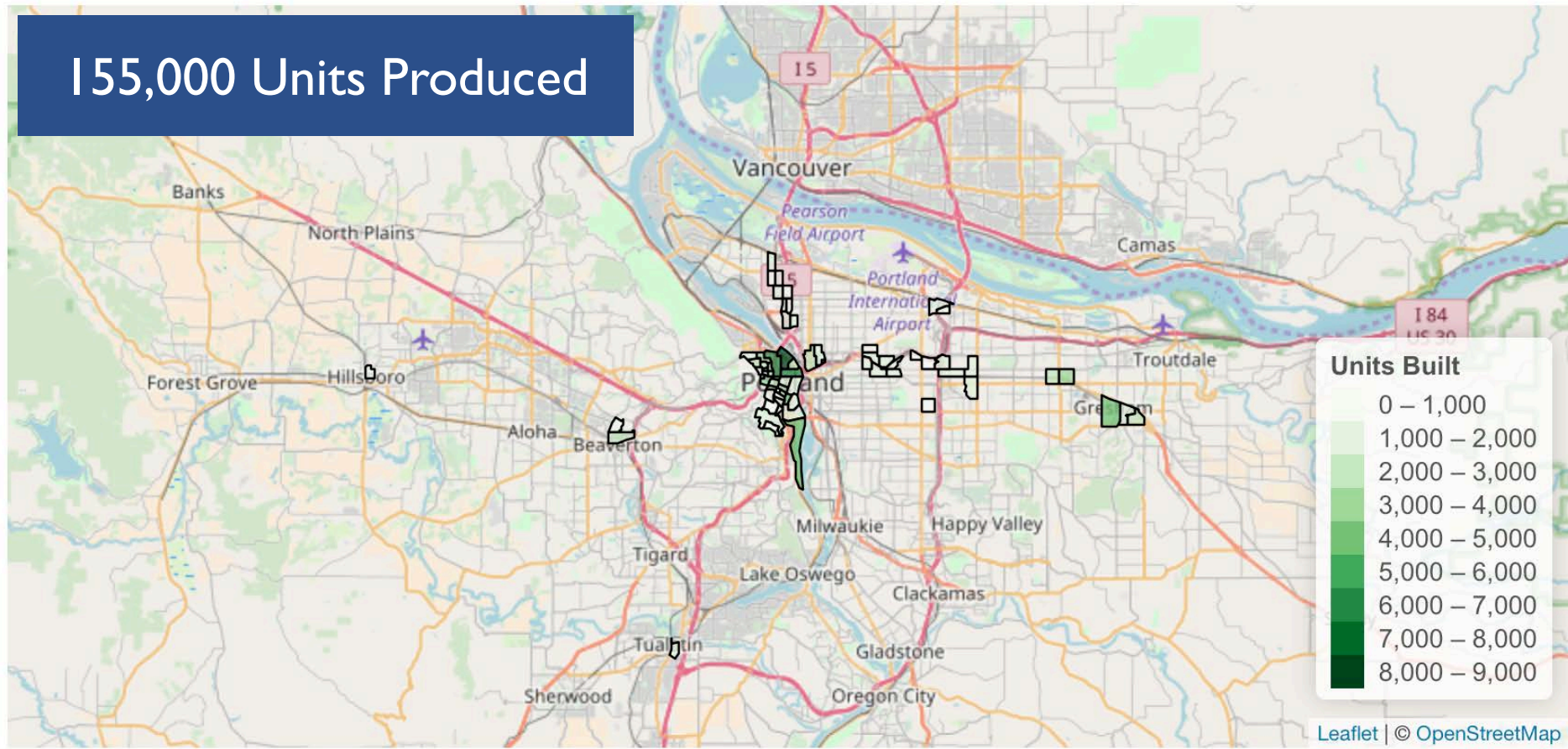


Assumes same growth pattern will continue

Why create a max density scenario?

# Growth Scenarios – Portland Example

155,000 Units Produced



Prioritize low VMT transit stops

300% increase within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of transit

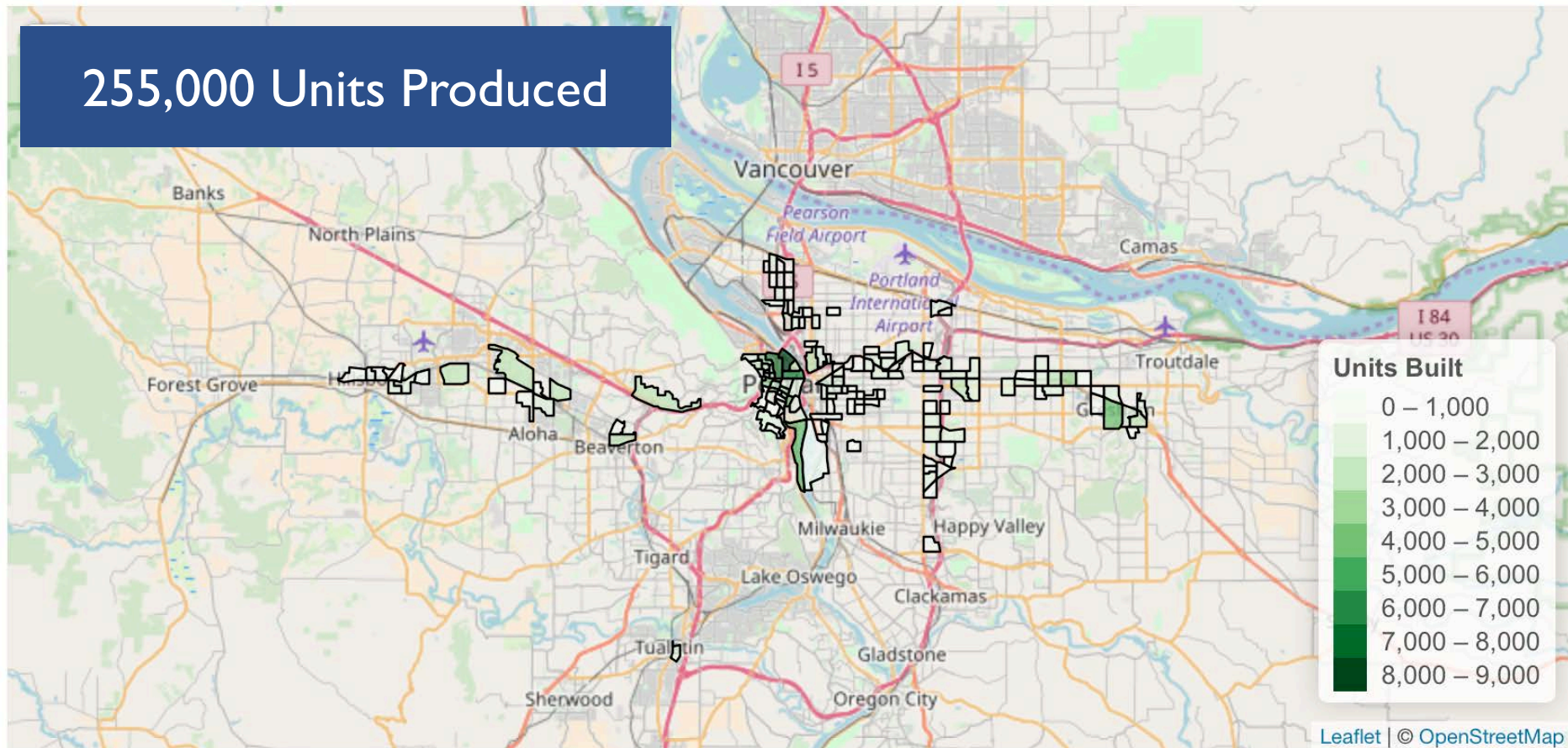
200% increase within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of transit

99% of Units in  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mile Transit Corridor



# Growth Scenarios – Portland Example

255,000 Units Produced



Prioritize low VMT transit stops

300% increase within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of transit

200% increase within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of transit

83% of Units in  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mile Transit Corridor



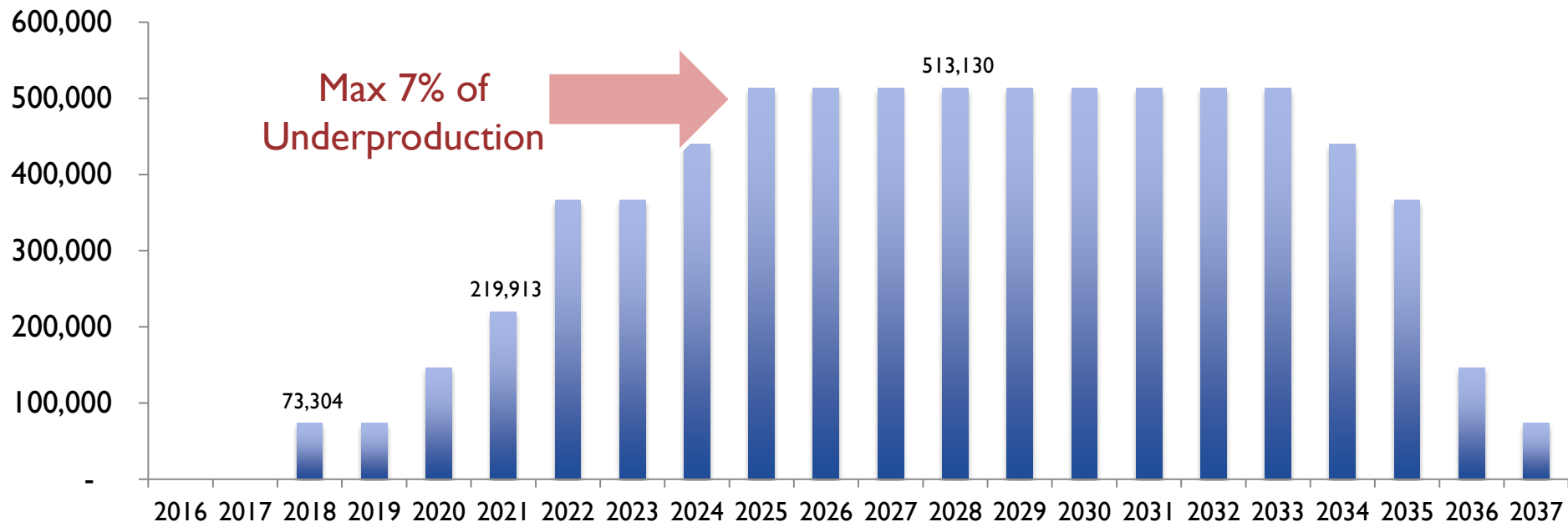
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- If additional housing were built in each scenario (step 2) to meet underproduction amounts (step 1), what economic and fiscal impacts would be supported?
- Use REMI PI+ model to estimate impacts related to increased housing production

# Modeling Additional Housing Production

- 1.18 Million Starts in 2016, 1 million average last 5 years
  - 1/20<sup>th</sup> of total underproduction is 366,000 units
  - Represents a 31% increase in current unit production
- Industry needs time to train labor to ramp up production
- Production in max year is less than previous cycle peak

## Additional Housing Production Per Year

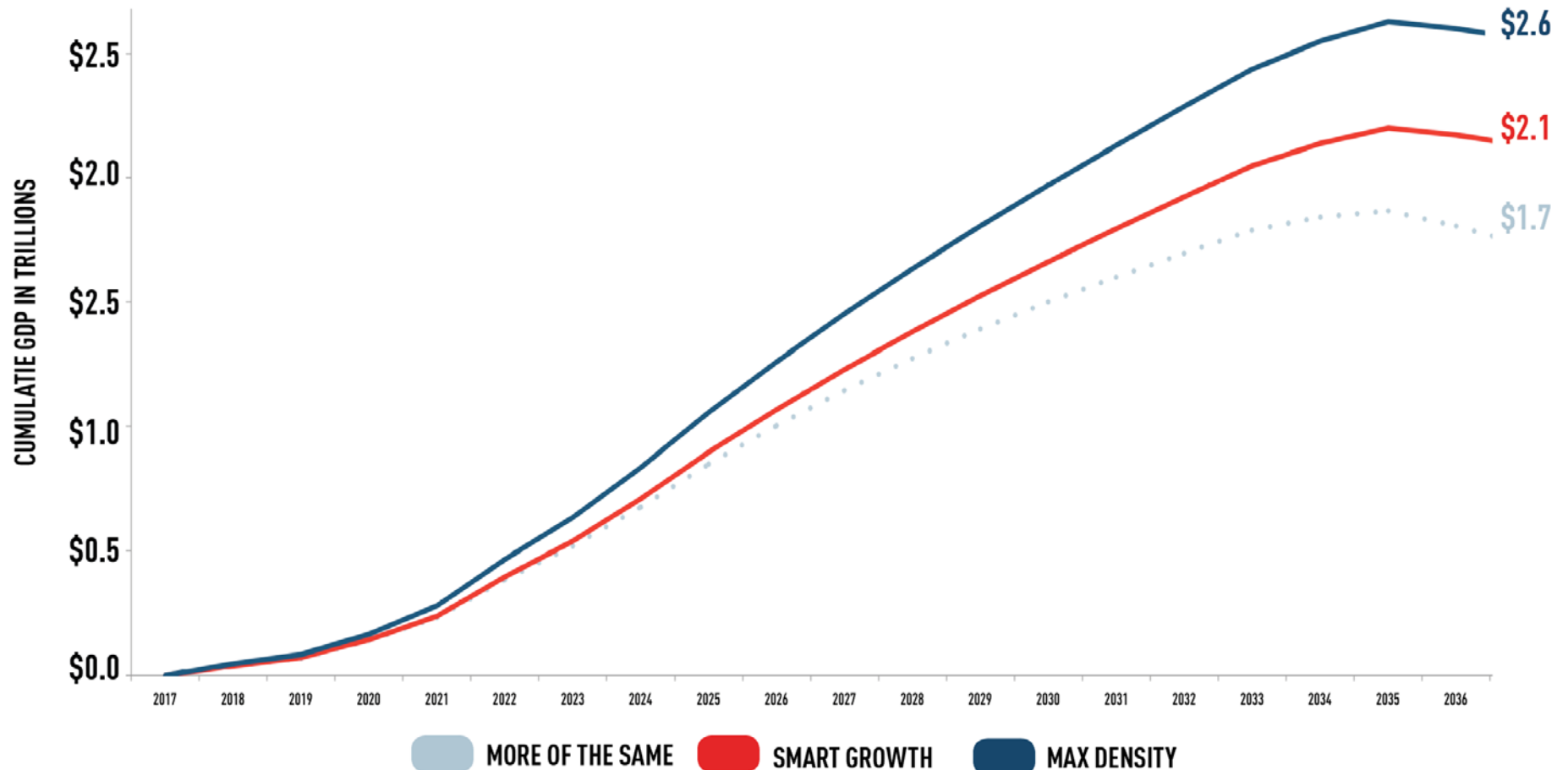


Smart growth generates an additional \$400 million in GDP



## U.S. CUMULATIVE GDP BY SCENARIO

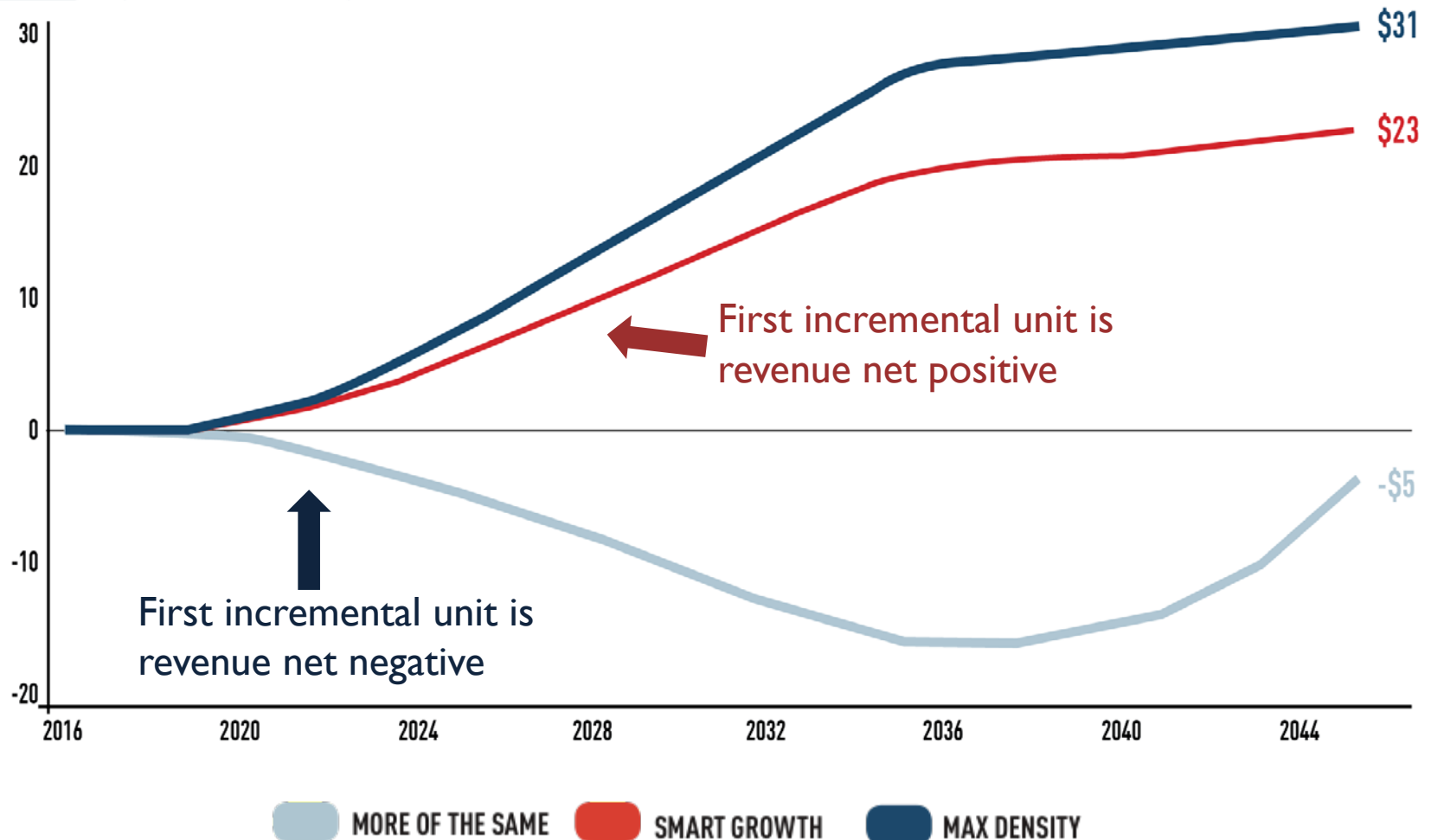
### 20-YEAR PRODUCTION PERIOD COMPARED TO BASELINE



# Smart Growth marginal unit production generates positive revenue



## NET FISCAL REVENUE (IN BILLIONS)





Smart Growth scenario generates positive fiscal revenue

## Cost of infrastructure is not supported by fiscal revenue in More of the Same

GROWTH SCENARIO	TOTAL ACRES REQUIRED	INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION COST	INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL O&M SPEND	TOTAL IMPACT FEES	PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	NET TAX REVENUE
MORE OF THE SAME	602,051 <sup>1</sup>	\$612,041,200,836	\$14,223,456,016	\$54,272,253,249	\$204,353,021,677	\$(367,639,381,926)
SMART GROWTH	148,442	\$84,741,386,954	\$3,506,937,451	\$39,904,589,077	\$225,193,796,354	\$176,850,061,026

### Smart Growth vs. More of the Same:

- Generates positive fiscal revenue
- Reduces VMT impact by 16%\*
- Uses 25% of the land footprint
- Delivers a variety of housing units across the income spectrum

Note: Local fiscal impacts calculations do not include local services such as education, public safety, etc.

\* Draft finding in forthcoming national report update

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