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Accessibility instruments for planning practice: Bridging the gap between academic research and decision-making

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The COST Action and our Objectives

The research – Accessibility changes after a new metro line

The workshop – Introducing accessibility measures to practitioners

Conclusions

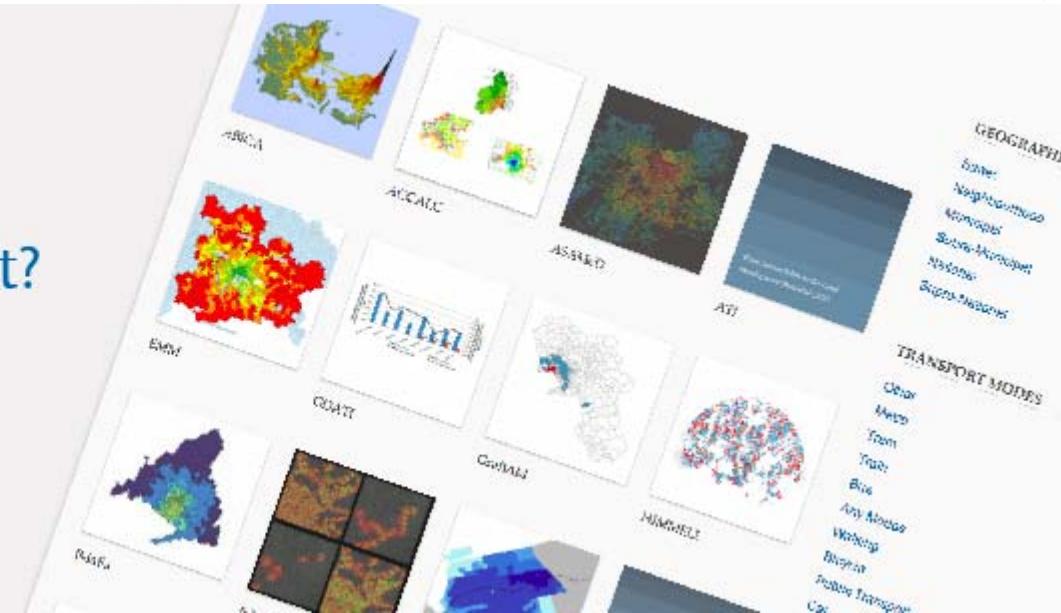
The COST Action



Accessibility Instruments for Planning Practice

Are you looking for an
Accessibility Instrument?

Find it here.



<http://www.accessibilityplanning.eu/>



Accessibility as a measure of opportunity or ease of access for people, with different attributes, to the activities they wish to engage in.

Hull, A.; Silva, C. y Bertolini, L. (Ed.) (2012). Accessibility Instruments for Planning Practice. COST Office, p. xv.

Objectives



COST Action: to introduce an easily understandable measure of accessibility to planning practitioners

Our WG: to analyze changes in accessibility after the opening of a new metro line

The research



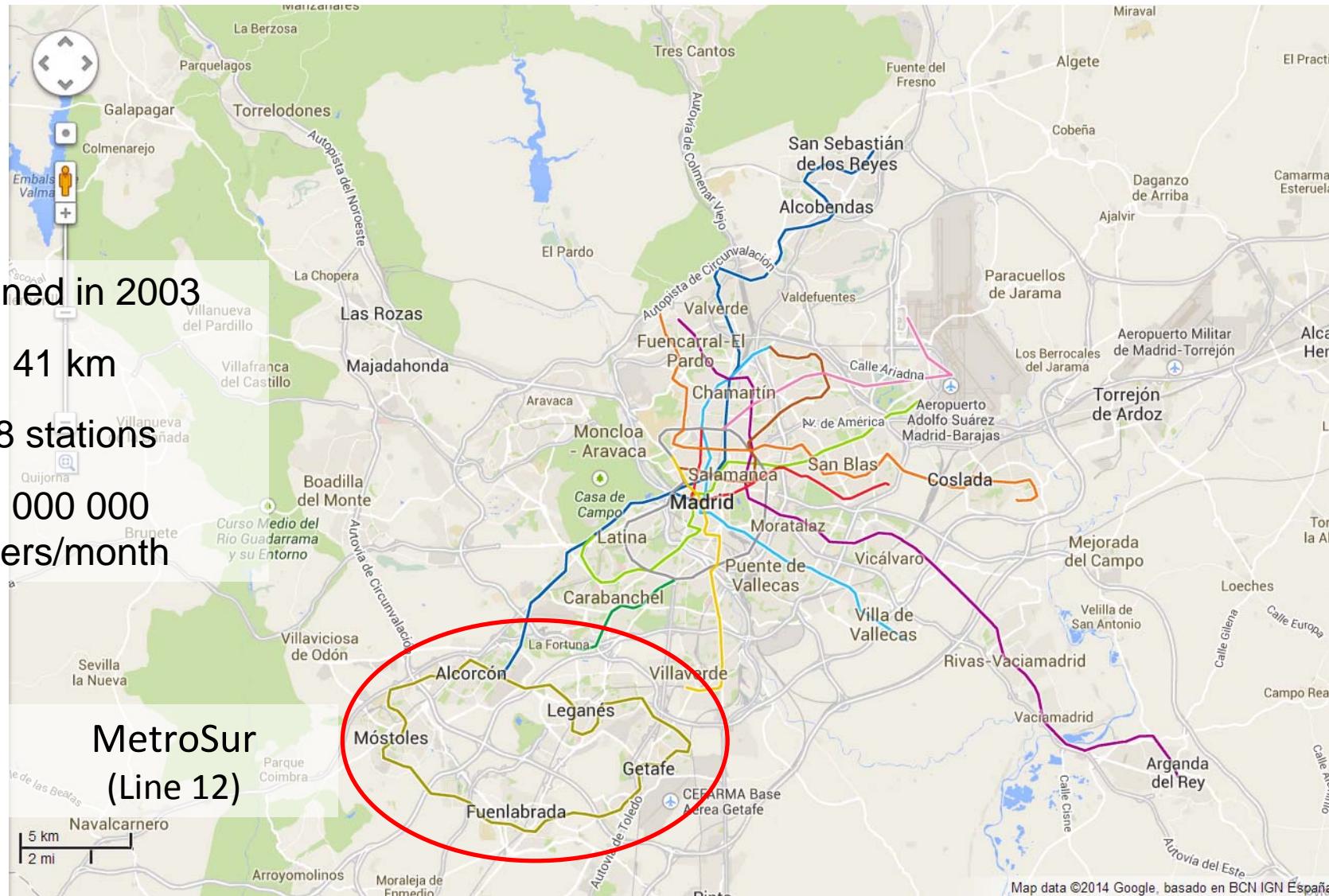
Opened in 2003

41 km

28 stations

3 000 000
users/month

MetroSur
(Line 12)



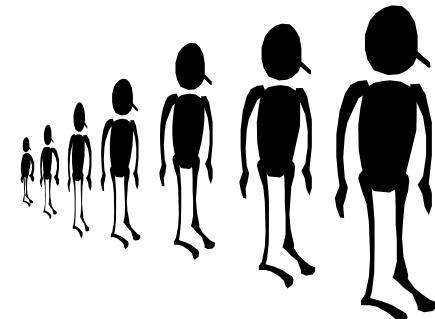
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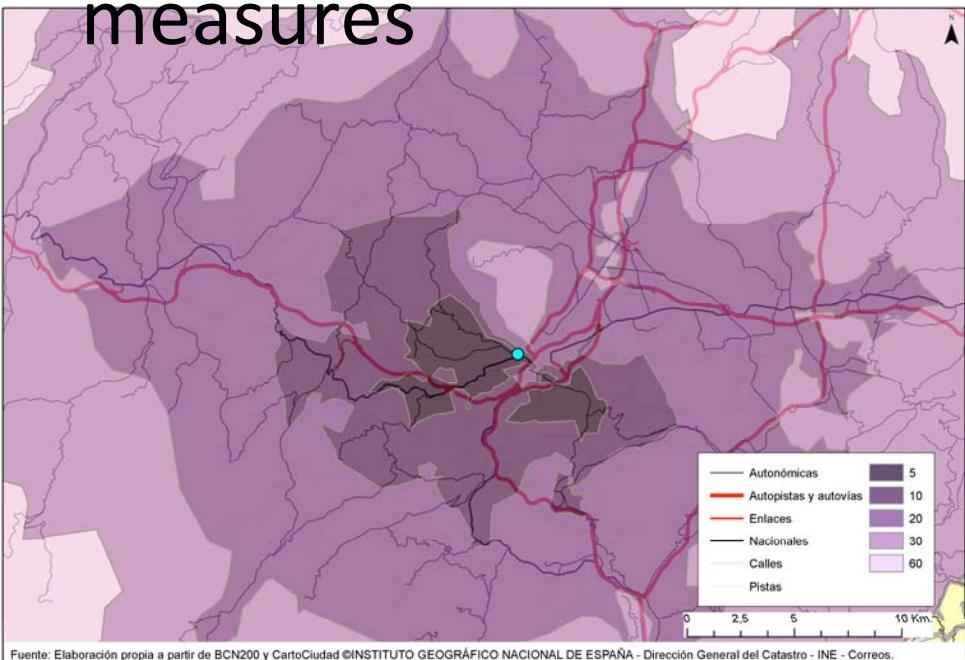
After the opening of the new metro line we expect:

1. A **decrease in travel time** and transportation stages to centres of interest
2. An **increase in the amount of opportunities** in terms of population and number of jobs



Methodology

Isocrhones
measures



Contour

Población según tiempos medios de acceso en el Municipio de Madrid

Cuadro: 4.3 Acceso de la población del año 2000, utilizando la red de transportes del 2000.

Centros de Transportes

Centro: Aeropuerto

Distrito	0-15 min	15-30 min	30-60 min	60-90 min	más de 90 min	Pob.	T.M.	T.M.P.	E.T.P.
21 BARAJAS	4.707 13,1%	30.342 84,4%	900 2,5%	-	-	35.949	20,2	19,7	0,5
16 HORTALEZA	-	3.882 2,6%	130.333 88,9%	12.451 8,5%	-	146.866	45,3	43,6	2,0
20 SAN BLAS	-	14.116 10,9%	105.407 81,7%	9.417 7,3%	-	128.940	44,6	46,6	1,6
15 CIUDAD LINEAL	-	-	189.804 84,9%	33.843 15,1%	-	223.647	50,4	51,4	1,9
4 SALAMANCA	-	-	118.805 80,9%	28.002 19,1%	-	146.807	56,8	56,3	2,0
5 CHAMARTÍN	-	-	77.760 55,7%	61.744 44,3%	-	139.504	58,3	57,8	2,6
7 CHAMBERI	-	-	9.959 6,7%	138.047 93,3%	-	148.006	64,2	64,5	2,6
3 RETIRO	-	-	5.273 4,4%	115.606 95,6%	-	120.879	66,6	66,5	3,0
1 CENTRO	-	-	8.214 6,2%	125.292 93,8%	-	133.506	67,9	68,3	2,9
14 MORATALAZ	-	-	-	106.917 100,0%	-	106.917	71,9	71,8	3,1
6 TETUÁN	-	-	1.077 0,8%	140.172 99,2%	-	141.249	71,8	71,8	3,1
19 VICALVARO	-	-	752 1,5%	51.002 98,5%	-	51.754	71,2	72,5	2,6
13 PUENTE DE VALLECAS	-	-	14.190 6,2%	214.579 93,8%	-	228.869	73,8	74,1	3,6
2 ARGANZUELA	-	-	1.744 1,3%	128.221 98,7%	-	129.965	75,8	75,8	3,4
12 USERA	-	-	2.832 2,4%	113.778 97,6%	-	116.610	77,8	76,7	3,4
9 MONCLOA-ARAVACA	-	-	-	92.411 85,2%	16.098 14,8%	108.509	79,6	77,0	3,2
18 VILLA DE VALLECAS	-	-	7.169 12,1%	34.275 58,0%	17.864 29,9%	59.108	85,5	77,9	3,8
17 VILLAVERDE	-	-	-	-	109.743 86,6%	16.941 13,4%	126.684	78,9	79,5
8 FUENCARRAL-EL PARDO	-	-	-	-	202.253 97,6%	4.936 2,4%	207.189	80,3	80,0
10 LATINA	-	-	-	-	190.240 74,9%	63.821 25,1%	254.061	85,0	85,0
11 CARABANCHEL	-	-	-	-	167.049 75,7%	53.512 24,3%	220.561	86,2	85,6
Total Municipio de Madrid:	4.707	0,2%	48.340	1,6%	674,2				2,9

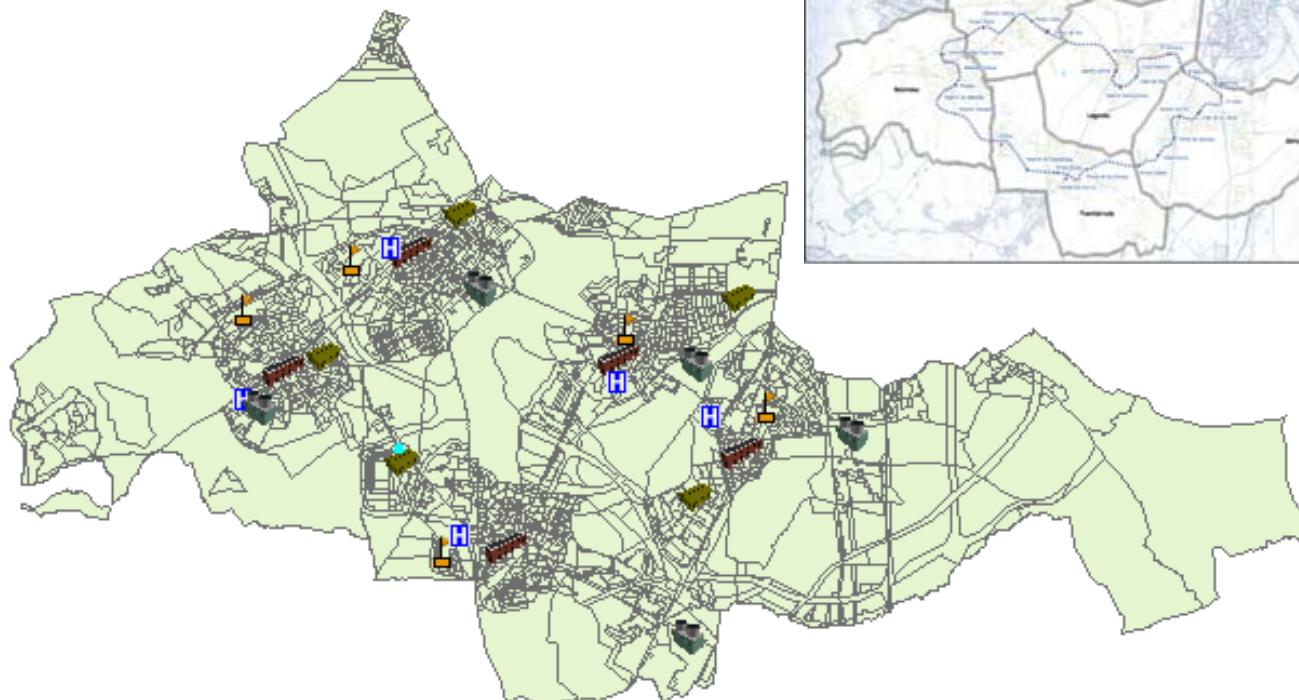
Impedance
Opportunities

Methodology

Contour measures

- “**Average Travel Time**”, ATT, based on the average travel time per trip
- “**Average Transfer Index**”, ATI, based on the number of stages during the trip
- “**Contour Catchment**”, CI, (Curtis, SNAMUTS): as the ratio of inhabitants and jobs within in an area of 30 minutes by public transport

The research



- Town Halls
- Universities
- Shopping Centres
- Hospitals
- Industrial states

**Accessibility
to 25 centres
2000 and 2009**



Scenarios

Year **2000**: Determination of levels of accessibility and coverage of public transport networks and healthcare in the Region of Madrid



Year **2009**: own computation with identical methodology

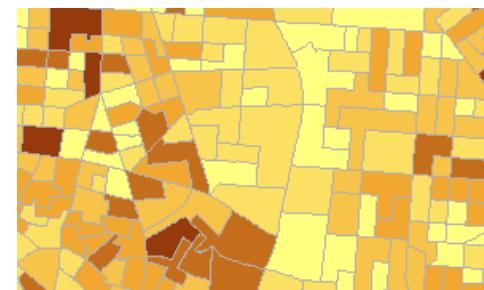


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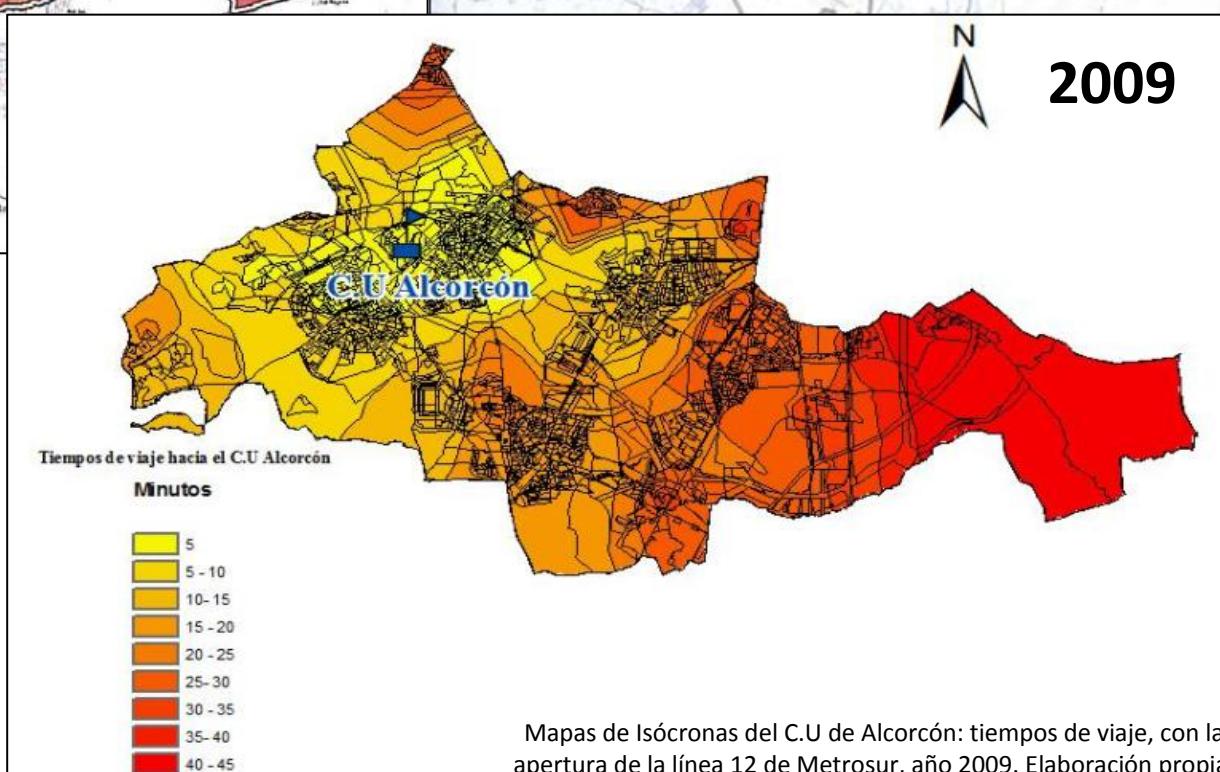
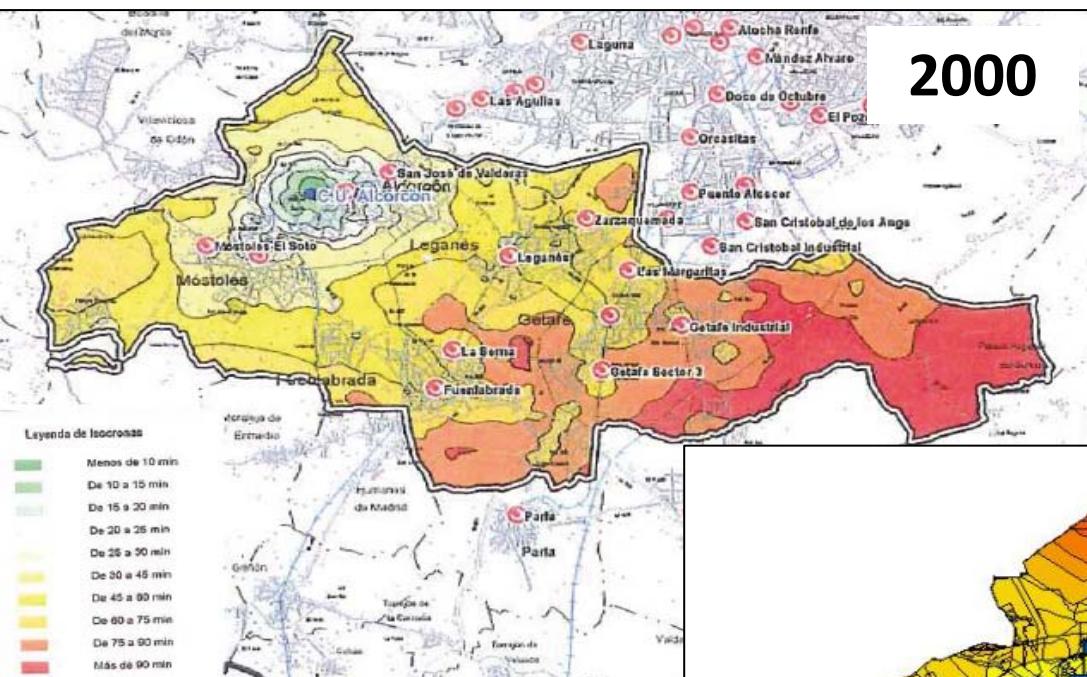
Offer: Location of centres

Network: Pedestrian access and public transport- EMME

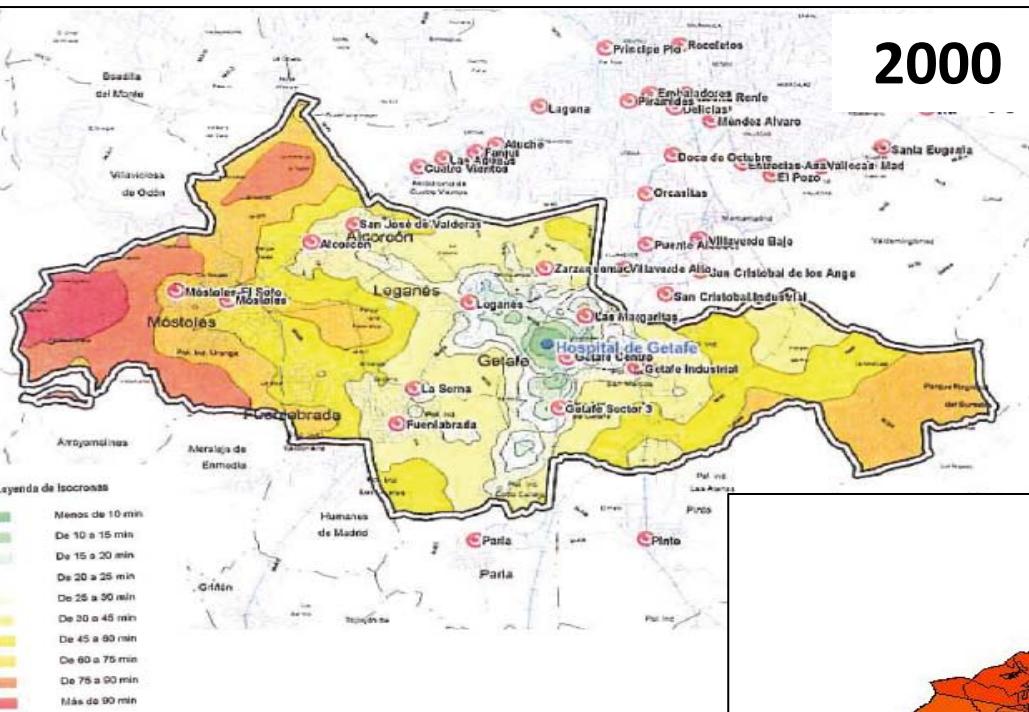
Demand: Population (census tracts)



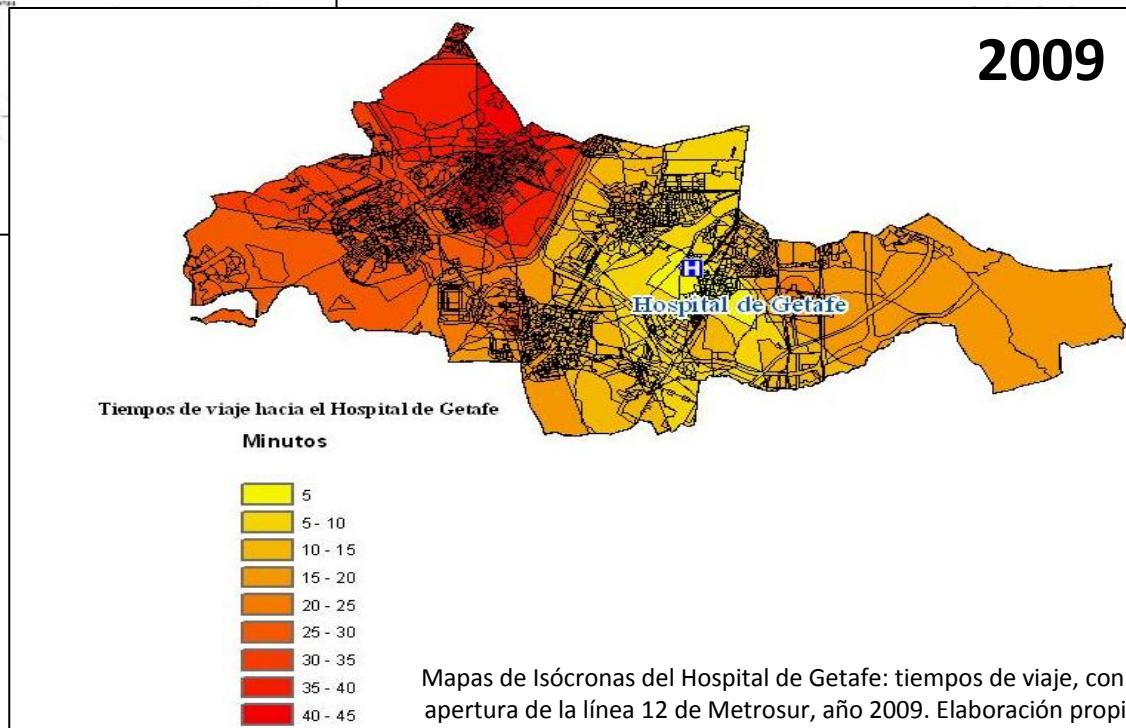
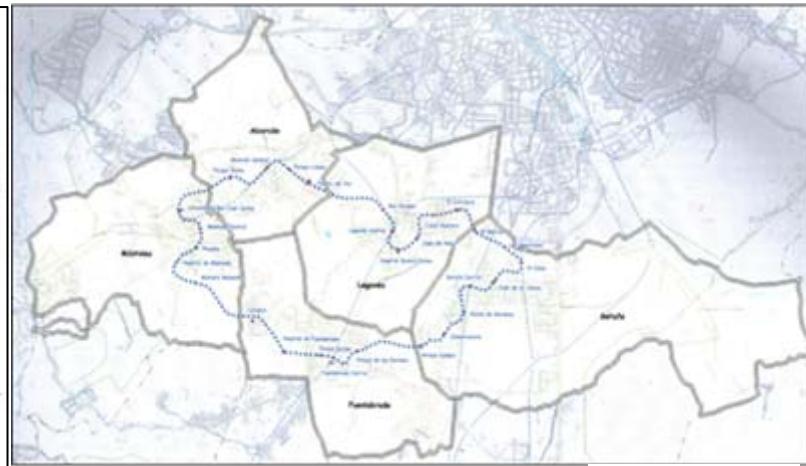
The research



The research



Mapas de Isócronas del Hospital de Getafe con respecto a los municipios: Alcorcón, Fuenlabrada, Getafe, Leganés y Móstoles, del año 2000. Fuente: CRTM.



Mapas de Isócronas del Hospital de Getafe: tiempos de viaje, con la apertura de la línea 12 de Metrosur, año 2009. Elaboración propia.

The research



No.	Activity Centers	ATT (min) 2000	ATT (min) 2009	% reduction
1	Alcorcón Town Hall	36.8	30.1	18.20
2	U.C. Alcorcón	48.4	35.2	27.27
3	C.C San José de Valderas	39.4	34.1	13.45
4	I.A. Urtinsa	40.3	35.3	12.40
5	Alcorcón Hospital	38.7	32.7	15.50
6	Getafe Town Hall	41.8	38.2	8.61
7	U.C. Getafe	43.2	41.9	3.00
8	C.C Sector 3	50.5	37.4	25.94
9	I.A. Los Ángeles	62.2	58	6.75
10	Getafe Hospital	37.2	35.8	3.76

The research



Ratio of inhabitants within 30-minute transit

No.	Activity Centers	CI(r) 2000	CI(r) 2009	%Increase
1	Fuenlabrada Town Hall	0.25	0.32	31
2	U.C. Fuenlabrada	0.16	0.24	52
3	C.C Loranca	0.29	0.30	2
4	I.A. Cobo Calleja	0.08	0.8	0
5	Fuenlabrada Hospital	0.02	0.26	>100
6	Leganés Town Hall	0.39	0.42	9
7	U.C. Leganés	0.31	0.34	9

The research



- There was an important reduction in travel time towards the selected activity centres
- Alcorcón and Fuenlabrada were the most benefited municipalities
- The highest reduction was towards U.C. Alcorcón (University Rey Juan Carlos).
- Isochrone maps were able to highlight the changes generated in the reduction in travel times
- Contour catchments (CI) showed that there have been significant changes in all the municipalities

The workshop



WORKSHOP

Evaluation 1. (15 Minutes)

Pre workshop survey

Understanding the current understanding & perceptions of accessibility instruments and current use of these instruments

Evaluation 2. (5 minutes)

Post workshop survey Testing the usability of the instrument and the use (application) of the instrument

Evaluation 3. (30 – 45 minutes)

Debrief - Semi-structured Focus Group?

Exploring the factors that affect usability of the instrument and the use (application) of the instrument

Evaluation 4. Working Group Panel Assessment

Assess the **outcomes** from each Accessibility Modeling exercises



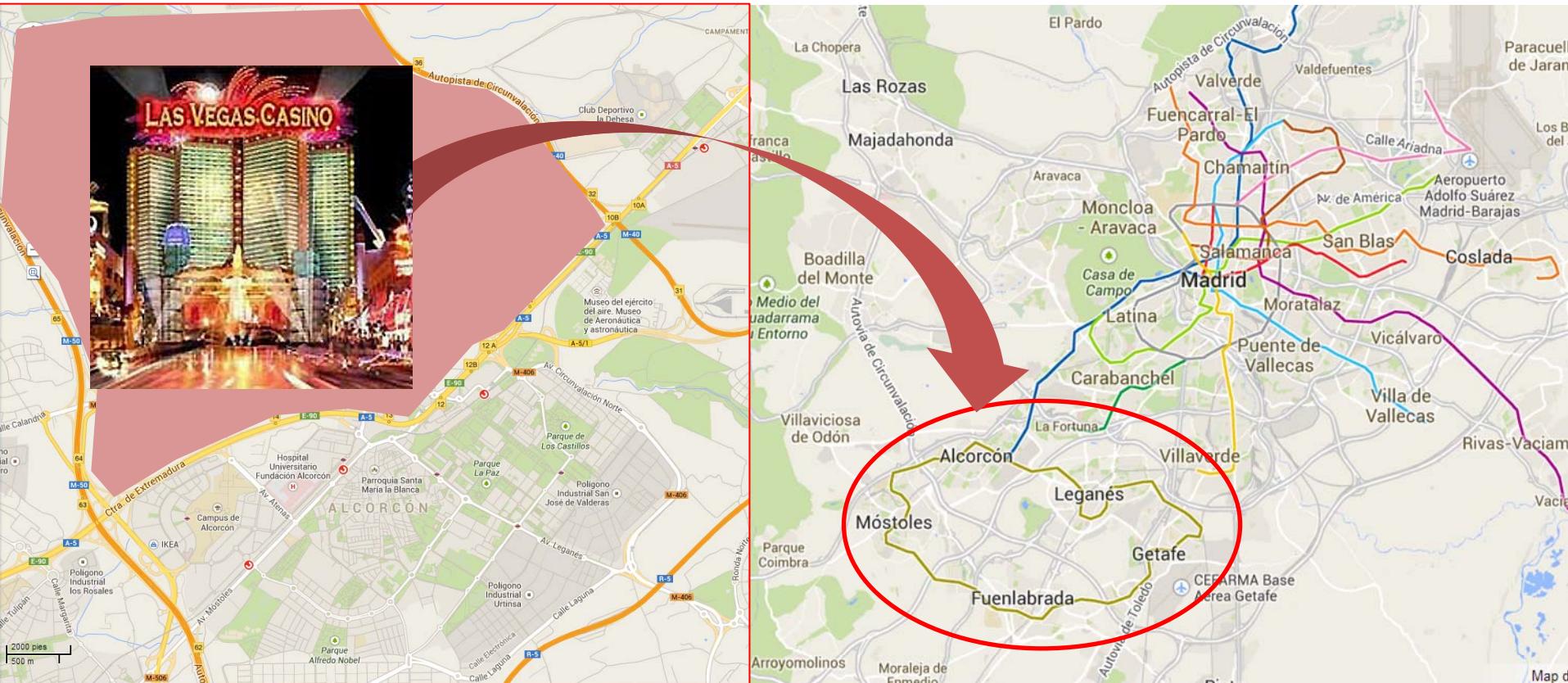
Participant



Workshop Facilitator

The workshop

The implications of the development of a new mega-leisure facility on the accessibility of Southern Madrid



The workshop



Participants profile

#Participants: 5

Male Female	3 2
31-45 45-60	3 2
Transport planner Urban planner Researcher	1 3 1
Public organization	4 1



The workshop



How can we **increase accessibility** without **collateral effects** in other parts of the city?

The workshop



- The project will impact accessibility in all modes of transport, thus actions should consider all modes jointly.
- Maintenance and eventual improvement of current accessibility levels should be a key goal. This might imply adding new lanes, modifying public transport fees, take advantage of new railway investments, and so on.
- Intersectorial planning is a must, and GIS are seen as an adequate tool to integrate information from different sources.

Conclusions



- Contour measures indicated the impact of the new infrastructure
- The suggested indicator (i.e isochrones) is deemed useful to practitioners, albeit subject to improvements. The main strength is its simplicity and ability to be integrated with other datasets in a GIS.
- Isochrones must be included sustainable mobility plans linked to new developments
- There is a need of a better integration of data sources to better analyze land use and mobility needs through a transverse perspective



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