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Walk and bike? In Manila?

Walking and cycling are hostile experiences in the city.

Poor walking and cycling infrastructure means even trips a 15-minute walk or bicycle ride away are taken via motor vehicles.







INTRODUCING

Paclyak

Walkability and Bikeability Index Modeling for Sustainable Mobility Planning

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PADYAK models street and areawide walkability and bikeability.







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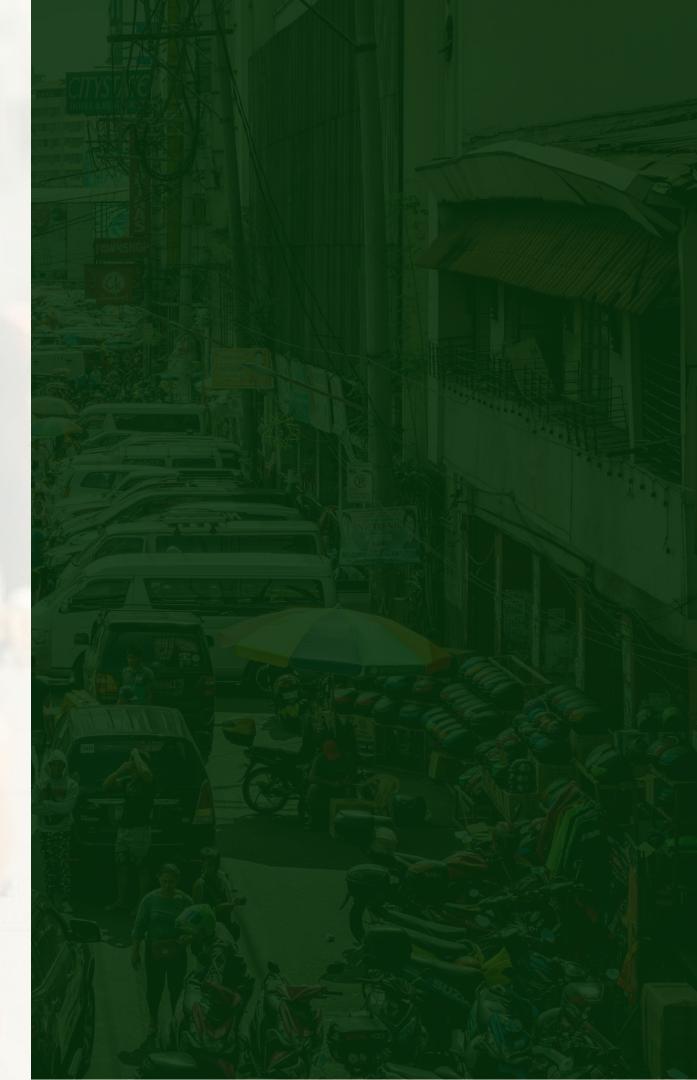
Walker and Cyclist Comfort



Discrete walkability and bikeability scores, considering street-level infrastructure, traffic speed and volume.



SIMULATE





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Walker and Cyclist Comfort



What distance will people trade for comfort? Route and area discomfort vs. distance curves.



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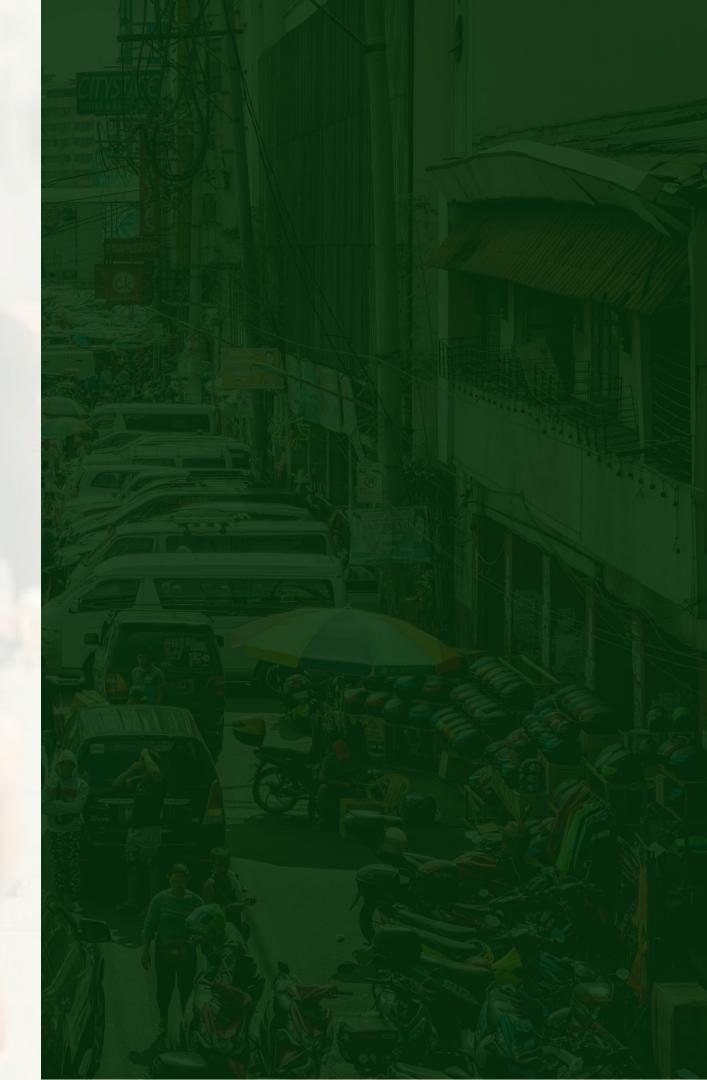
LGU Transport Interventions



What if a route was safer? more convenient? Model impacts on bikeability and walkability indices.



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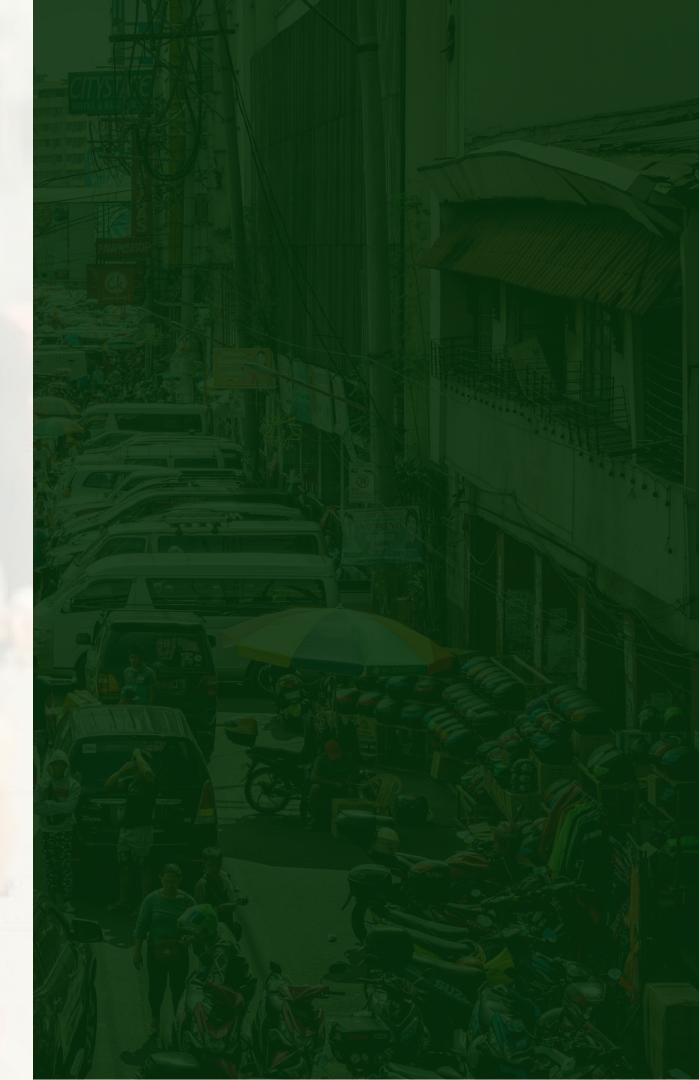
LGU Transport Interventions



What if security was more important?
Attractiveness? Changing the weight of walkability and bikeability components.



EVALUATE



Methodology

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DATA COLLECTION

- Data Cleaning on OpenStreetMap (OSM), merging with other datasets
- Data Generation (from street images)

2

INDEX DEVELOPMENT

- Discomfort Estimation
- Clustering and Clustering Analysis
- Walkability and Bikeability Curves

3

WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Interactive Map of Walkability
- LGU Dashboard
- Analysis of discomfort-vsdistance curves
- Route-finding (based on sensitivity to discomfort)
- Discomfort Recomputation (based on user-specified weights)



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Image and description are sourced from Planetary Health Philippines.

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Before pursuing the project, we consulted a mobility expert on Padyak's methodology.

Data Collection and Cleaning

OpenStreetMap (OSM) data

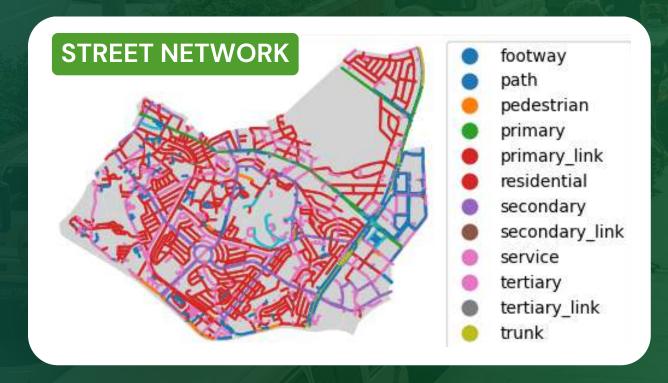
- Obtained from Geofabrik
- Street network data for the target city (Mandaluyong) with geospatial and physical descriptors
 - e.g., type of street/cycleway,
 sidewalks, parking, etc.

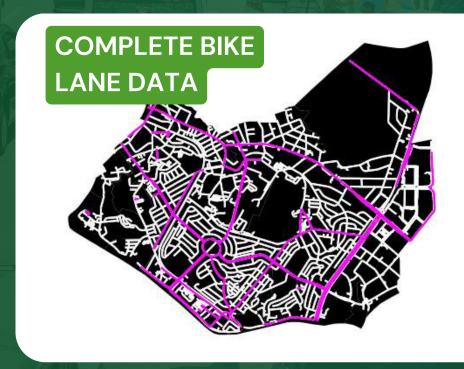
EDSA Road Traffic Accident data (Luz and Blanco, 2019)

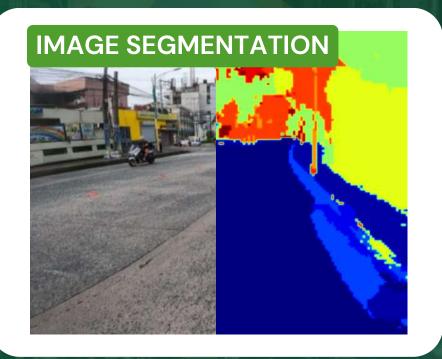
- Accidents with exact location
- Used for estimating relative accident risk for different segments of EDSA

Data Generation from Street-level Images

- Mapillary API, 2024
- Image segmentation
- Places365, SegFormer
- Road quality and object detection



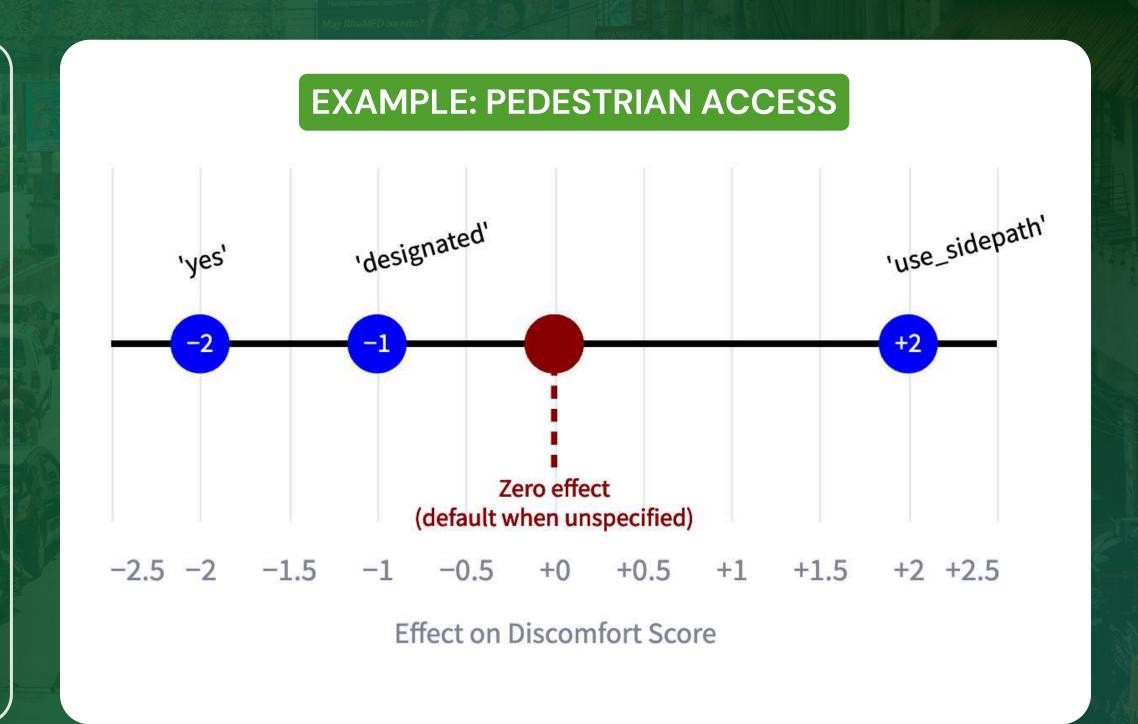




Discomfort Estimation

Cleaned OSM data to identify:

- Level of pedestrian/cyclist access to each street.
- Presence of sidewalks, crossings, car parking, and bike lanes (and the class of each bike lane)
- Other physical characteristics affecting sense of security, traffic safety, convenience, attractiveness of route (greenery), accident risk

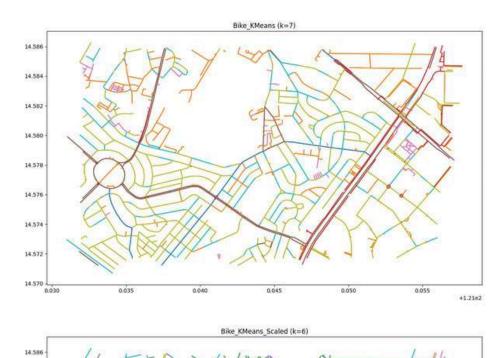


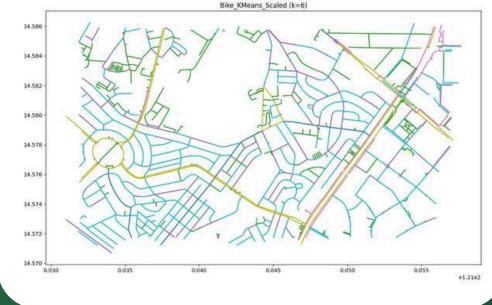
Clustering and Ranking of Streets

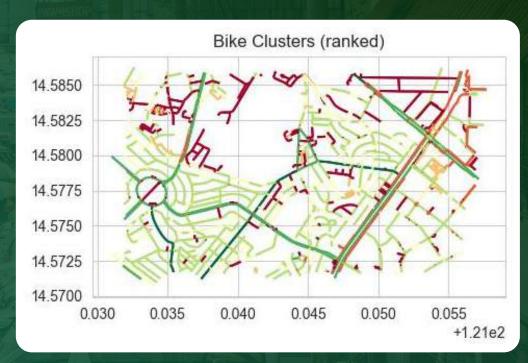
We apply clustering to group clusters based on features.

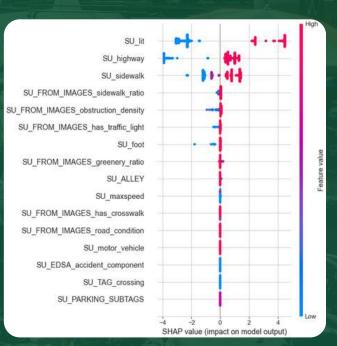
- K-Means with scaled data (0-1) vs unscaled.
- Rank the bikeability and walkability clusters based on Arellana et. al 2020 and Boongaling et. al 2022 respectively.
- XGBoost for determining weights (Gain score).
- SHAP explainer for interpretation.

CLUSTER COMPARISON



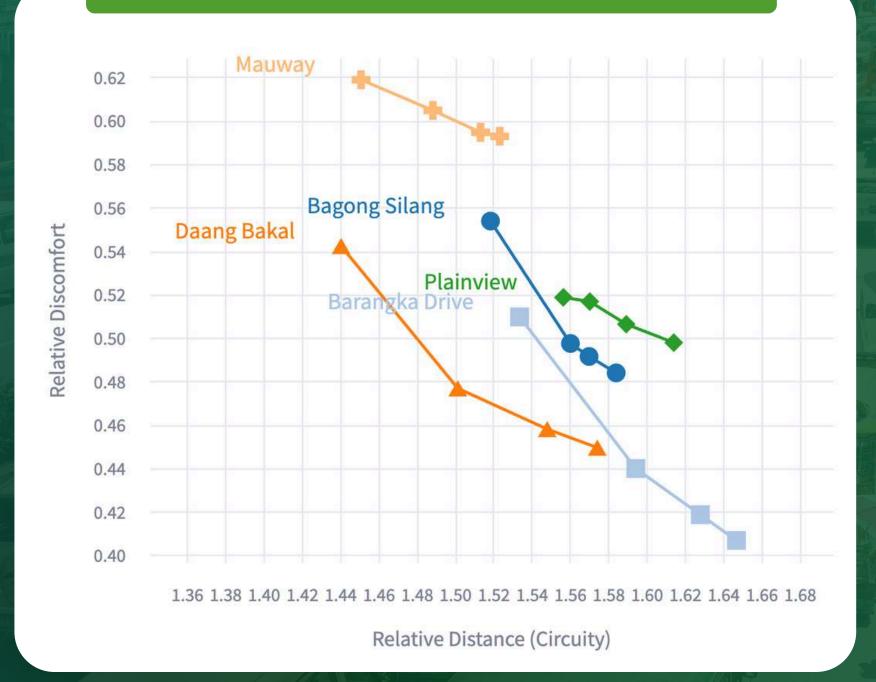






Discomfort-vs-Distance Curve

EXAMPLE: CURVES FOR 5 BARANGAYS



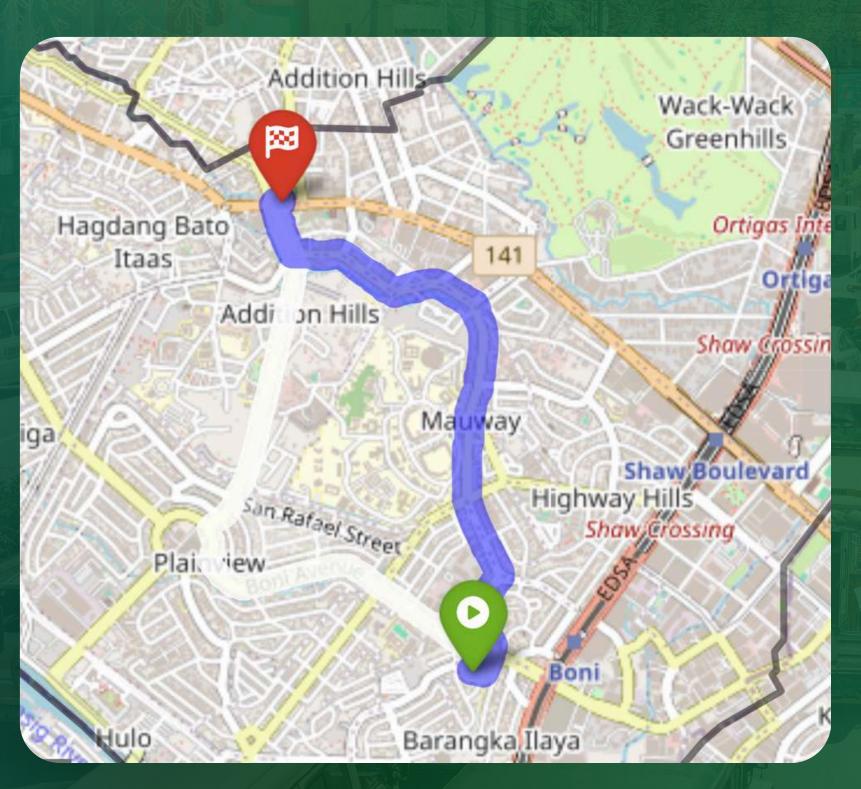
GOAL

Compare areas (barangays or cities) in a way that is interpretable and inclusive to different types of commuters.

 Pedestrians and cyclists have different levels of sensitivity to discomfort while commuting.

Based on Reggiani et al. (2021)

How curves are computed



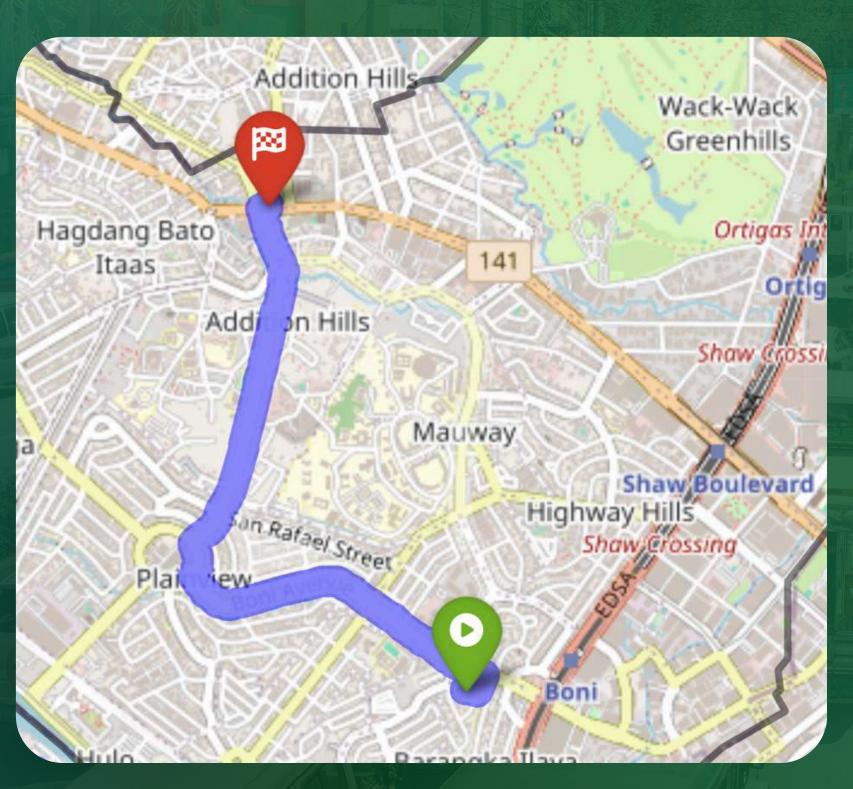
EXAMPLE

From Boni Ave (near Pioneer St) to a commercial area on Shaw.

Types of cyclists:

• Low sensitivity to discomfort: Prefers to take the shortest path.

How curves are computed

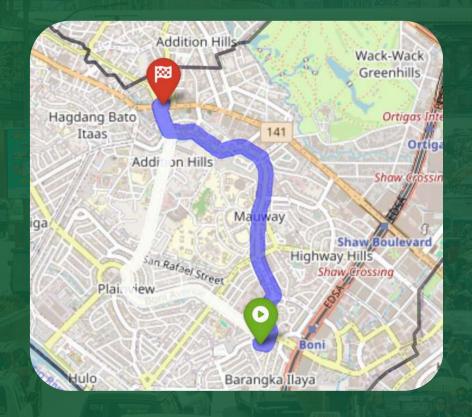


EXAMPLE

From Boni Ave (near Pioneer St) to a commercial area on Shaw.

Types of cyclists:

 Higher sensitivity to discomfort: Takes a detour on a more bike-friendly route, to reduce discomfort.





Low sensitivity (shortest route)

High sensitivity (detour)

Relative Distance/
"Circuity":

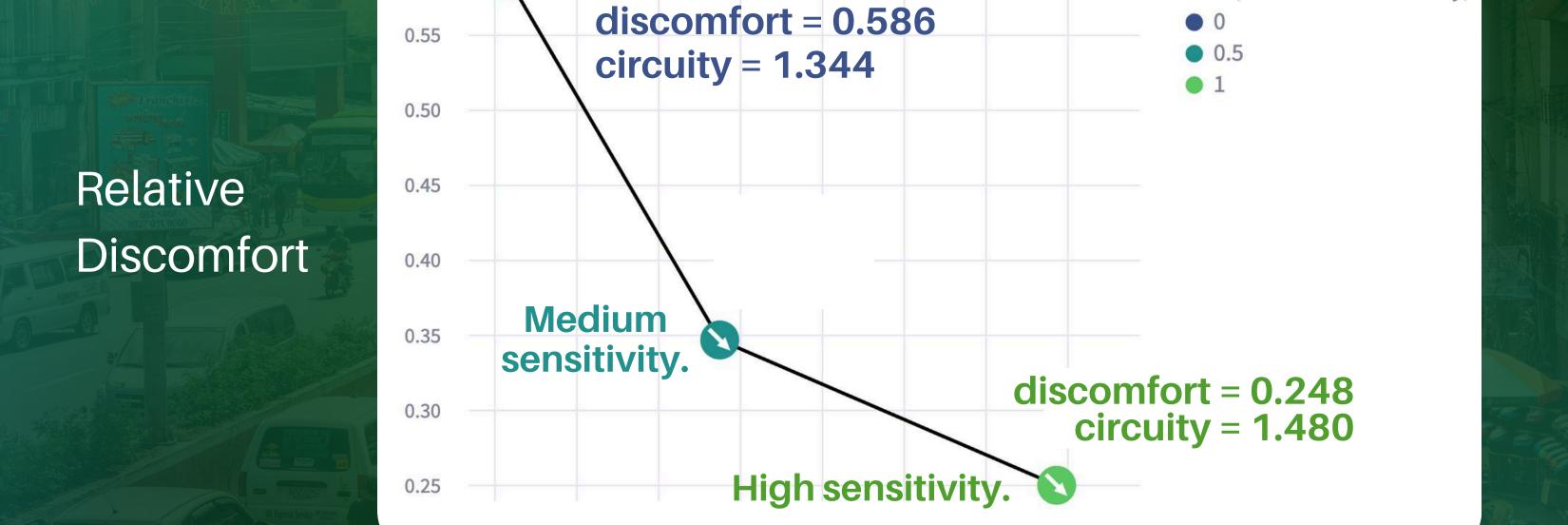
Relative Discomfort:

1.344

0.586

1.480 vs.

0.248



Beta (Discomfort Sensitivity)

Low sensitivity.

1.34

1.36

1.38

1.40

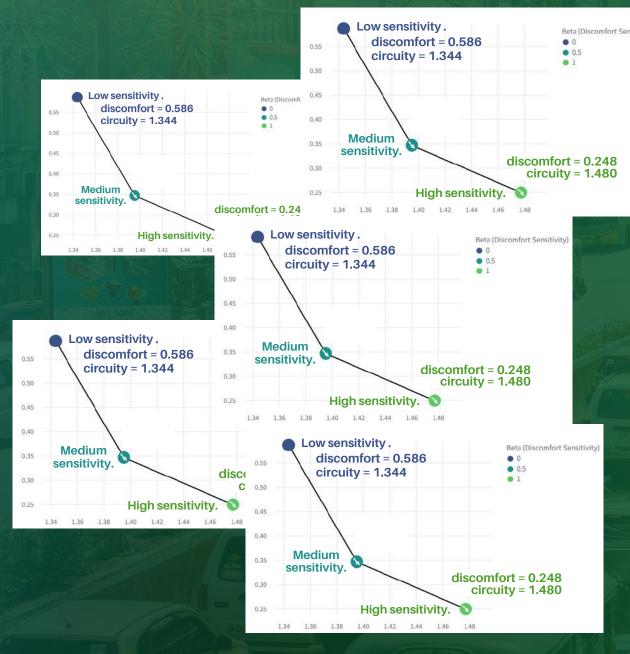
1.42

1.44

Relative Distance or "Circuity"

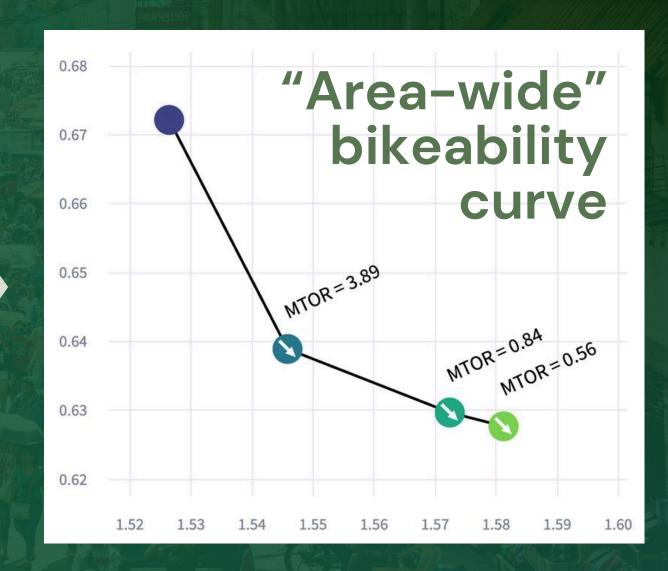
1.46

1.48



Curves for different origins and destinations

Expected Value* for all origins and destinations in an area



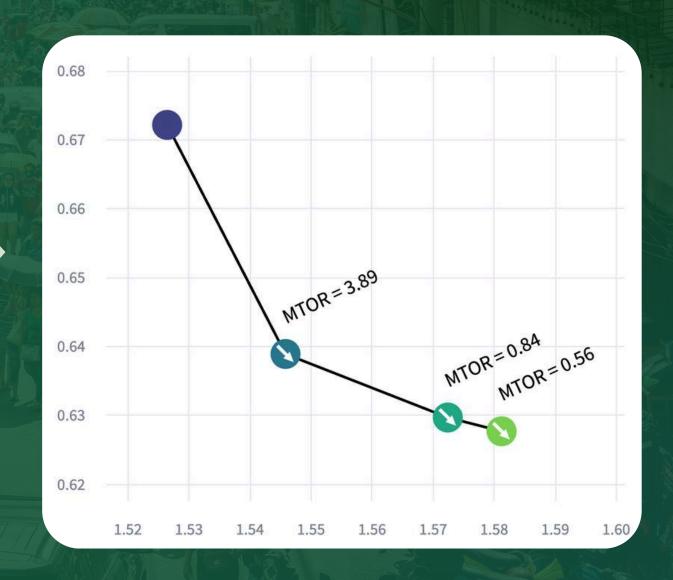
EXAMPLE: CURVE FOR 1 BARANGAY (BRGKA. ILAYA)



Expected Value* for all origins and destinations in an area

*Based on estimation of demand for cycling or walking.

"How likely is it that someone needs to travel to/from each place?"



Demand Estimation

OpenStreetMap (OSM) data

- Point of Interest (POI) data: amenities, buildings, land use
- Intersection density (higher implies more demand)

Population density data

 Obtained from Data for Good at Meta (2022)

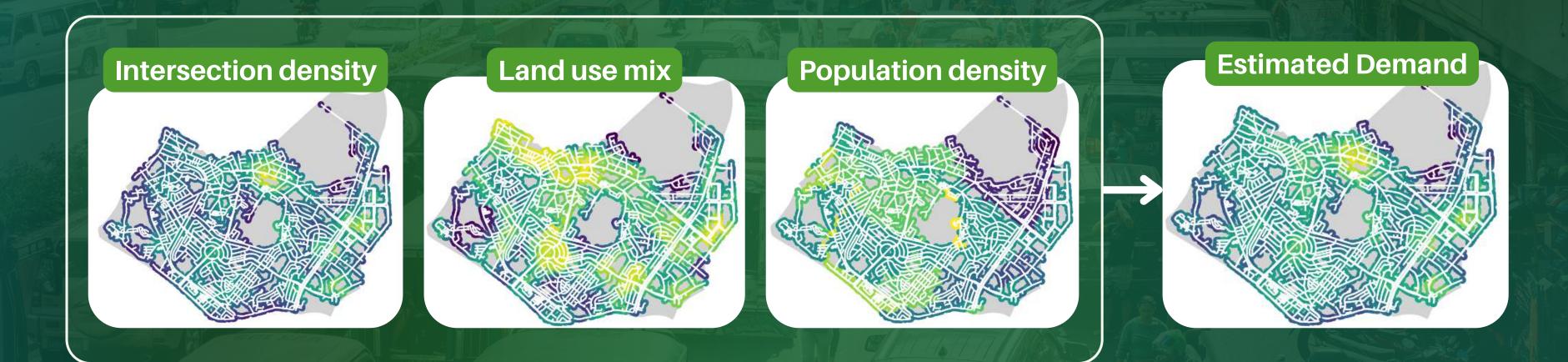


These components are based on USA EPA (2021) and Frank et al. (2009).

Demand Estimation

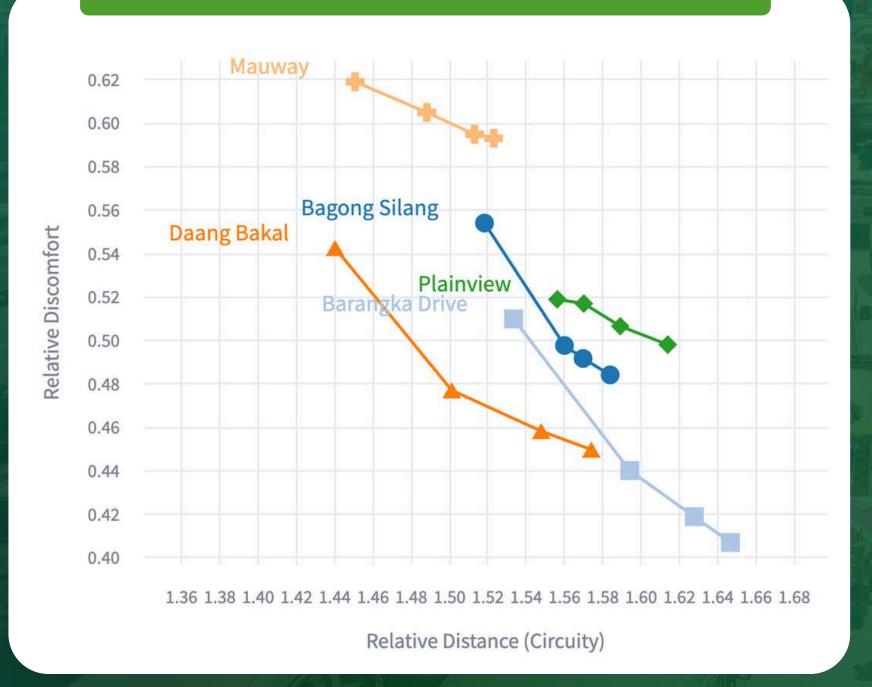
Purpose: To ensure the relevance of our metrics.

Certain routes in the city should matter less to our metrics because fewer people actually need to use them.



Comparing curves for different areas

EXAMPLE: CURVES FOR 5 BARANGAYS

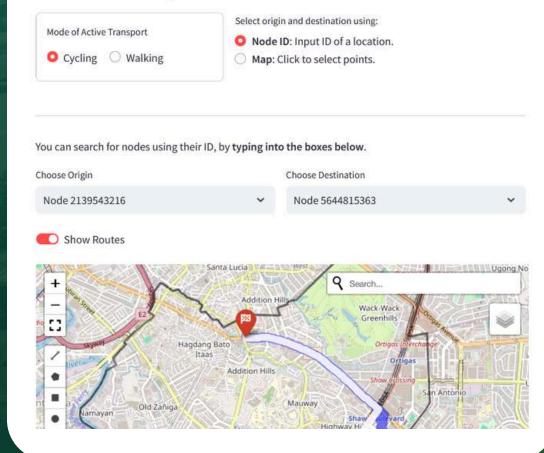


- Closer to the **bottom left** is ideal.
- Near the bottom:
 - Lower overall discomfort
- Near the left:
 - Lower overall circuity (shorter routes)

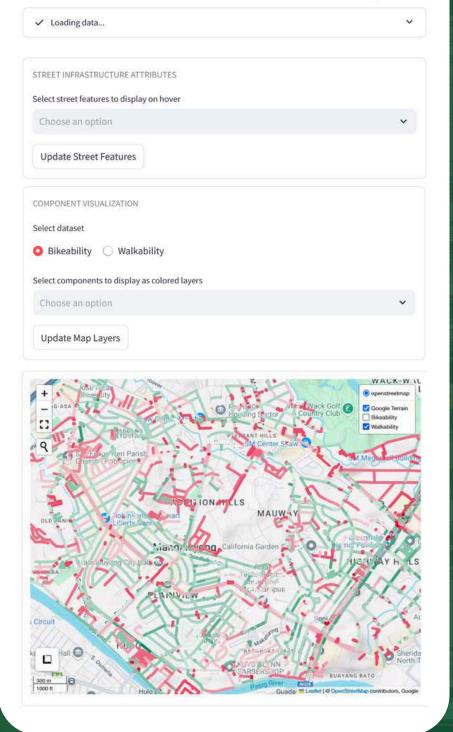
This plot is easy to interpret: Daang Bakal (orange) and Barangka Drive (light blue) are more cyclist-friendly for within-barangay trips.

Web Application Development

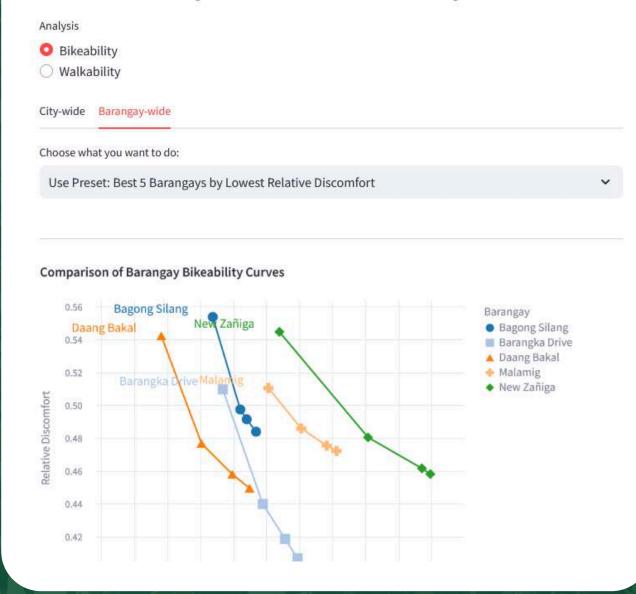
Find Routes based on Discomfort Sensitivity



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Bikeability and Walkability Curves





Streamlit is an open-source Python framework for data apps.



Let's see PADYAK in action.

padyak-pjdsc.streamlit.app

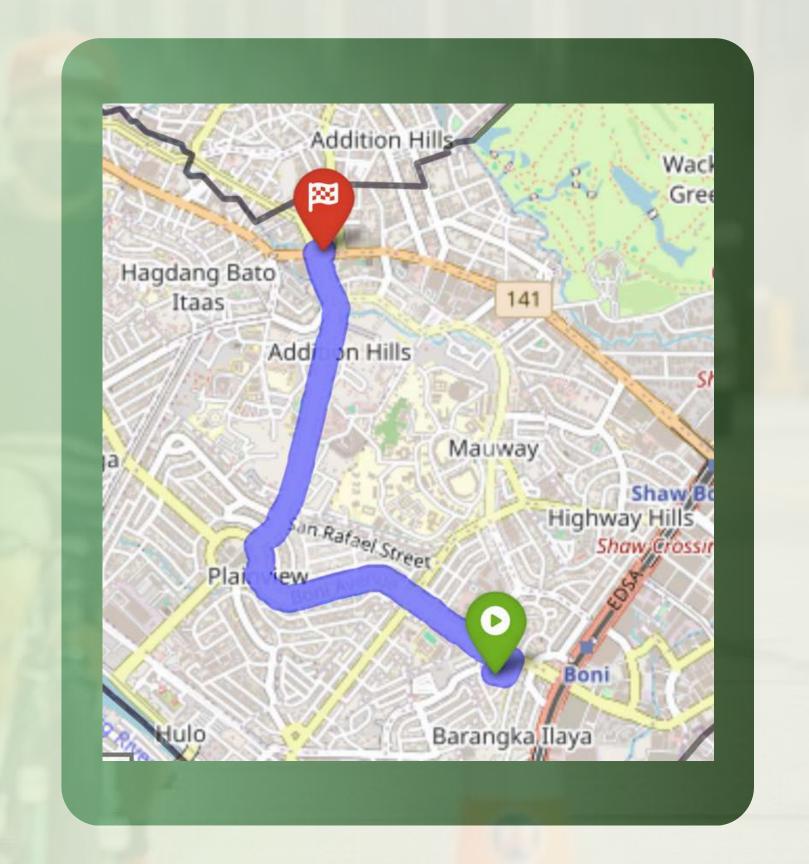






Case: Pioneer St. to Shaw Blvd.

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Next Steps and Future Potential

Instead of clustering, a survey of streets

To determine an initial sample of walkability and bikeability scores

Padyak for commuters

Crowdsource info on walkability/bikeability components, Route planning facilities

Further Analysis

Implementation of Padyak to other cities can allow city-level comparisons.





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