## Boomburbs at "Buildout"

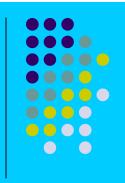
## Future Development in Large, Fast-Growing Suburbs



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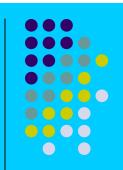
#### What is a Boomburb?



- Incorporated places with > 100,000 people.
- Not the largest city in their Metropolitan Area.
- Double-digit growth rates for the past 3 decades.
- Mostly in Southwestern U.S.
- Are located in the nation's 50 largest metropolitan areas as of the 2000 census.
- Baby Boomburbs are smaller versions 50 to 100K.

#### **The 54 Boomburbs**

Arizona: Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Scottsdale, Tempe



California: Anaheim, Chula Vista, Corona, Costa Mesa, Daly City, Escondido, Fontana, Fremont, Fullerton, Irvine, Lancaster, Moreno Valley, Oceanside, Ontario, Orange, Oxnard, Palmdale, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, Santa Clarita, Santa Rosa, Simi Valley, Sunnyvale, Thousand Oaks

Colorado: Aurora, Lakewood, Westminster

Florida: Coral Springs, Hialeah, Pembroke Pines, Clearwater

**Nevada:** Henderson, North Las Vegas

**Texas:** Arlington, Carrollton, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Mesquite, Plano

Other States: Naperville, IL; Salem, OR; West Valley City, UT; Chesapeake, VA; Bellevue, WA





California: Antioch, Apple Valley, Chino, Cupertino, Davis, Fairfield, Folsom, Gardena, Hemet, Hesperia, Laguna Niguel, Livermore, Lynwood, Milpitas, Mission Viejo, Napa, Petaluma, Pittsburg, Pleasanton, Rialto, Roseville, San Marcos, Santa Cruz, South Gate, Tustin, Union, Vacaville, Victorville, Vista, Yorba Linda

**Colorado:** Greeley, Longmont, Thornton

<u>Florida</u>: Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Davie, Deerfield Beach, Del Ray Beach, Lauderhill, Margate, Miramar, North Miami, Plantation, Sunrise, Tamarac

**Georgia:** Marietta, Roswell

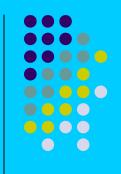
Illinois: Elgin, Orland Park, Palatine

**Maryland:** Frederick, Gaithersburg

Minnesota: Brooklyn Park, Burnesville, Coon Rapids, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Maple

Grove, Plymouth

## **More Baby Boomburbs**



Missouri: Lee's Summit, St. Charles, St. Peters

**Oklahoma**: Edmond, Norman

Oregon: Beaverton, Gresham, Hillsboro

**Texas:** Denton, Flower Mound, Lewisville, Missouri, Round Rock, Sugar Land

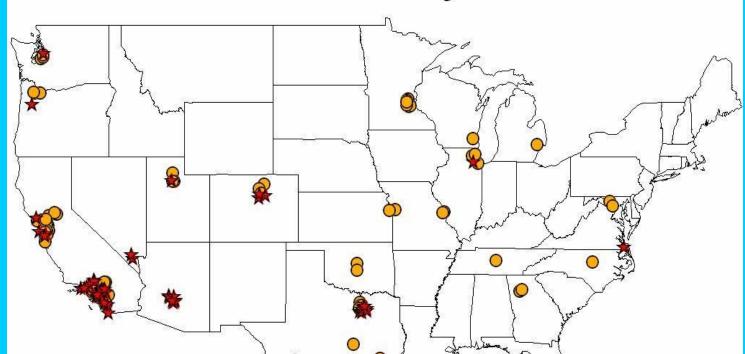
**Utah:** Layton, Sandy, West Jordan

Washington: Federal Way, Kent, Renton

Other States: Cary, NC; Murfreesboro, TN; Olathe, KS; Rochester Hills, MI;

Waukesha, WI

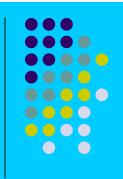
#### **Boomburbs and Baby Boomburbs**



- **★** Boomburbs
- Baby Boomburbs



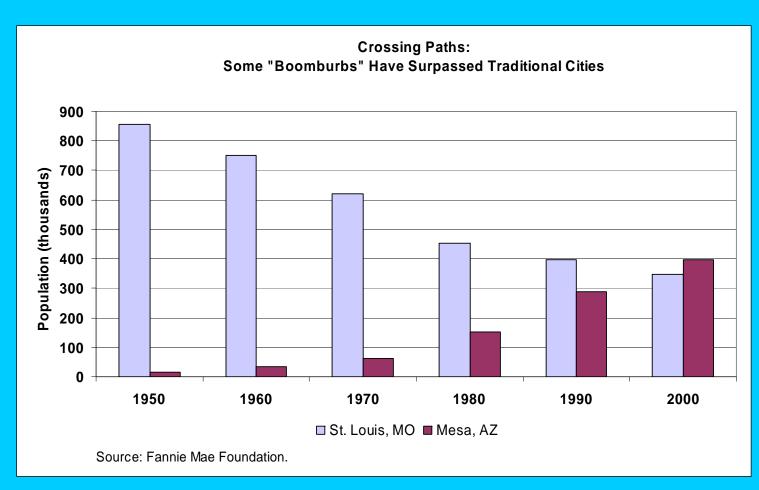




Region	No. of Boomburbs	No. of Baby Boomburbs	Total in Region
MW/NE	1	14	15
West	41	43	84
South	12	29	41
Total	54	86	140

#### Mesa vs. St Louis: 1950-2000



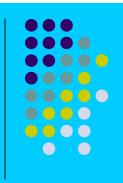


#### "Buildout"



- Refers to the point at which development has reached a city's borders or has exhausted largescale greenfield options
- Controversial topic
- Not just how much land remains, but how it will be used

### **Boomburb Buildout Survey**



- 140 Surveyed, 87 provided complete answers
- 41 Boomburbs, 46 Baby Boomburbs
- Telephone and In-Person interviews
- Matrix provided in conference paper

## **Questions for Planning Depts:**



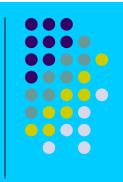
- What percent of the city was left until buildout?
- What year would buildout occur?
- What will be the buildout population?
- Grow denser or less dense?
- Plans for passenger rail?
- Plans for transit-oriented development?
- Plans for mixed-use development?
- Plans for annexation?

## **Buildout Analysis Findings:**



- More than half the Boomburbs will be at their buildout point by 2020
- Most Boomburbs expect to grow denser
- Over 1/3 have stopped annexing land
- Many have < 10% of land left to develop</li>
- Almost half have or are planning passenger rail connections and a significant share of these places expect TOD

#### "Builtout" Boomburbs



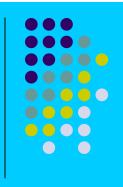
Tempe, AZ Sunnyvale, CA

Mission Viejo, CA Lakewood, CO

Oceanside, CA Hillsboro, OR

Santa Ana, CA Palatine, IL

#### **Transit and The Ballot**



- 55 Transportation Initiatives in 2004 election
- 17 Affected Boomburbs--16 included provisions for transit, not just roads.
- 14 Passed

#### **Case Studies**

- "The Holdouts"
  - Gilbert, AZ
  - Chandler, AZ
  - North Las Vegas, NV
- "Town and Country"
  - Garland, TX
  - Plano, TX
  - Lakewood, TX
- Politics of Buildout:
  - Scottsdale vs. Tempe, AZ
  - Riverside, CA
  - Fontana, CA



## Gilbert, Arizona: The Biggest "Town" in America



- Reluctant City
- No Light Rail, Thank You
- Land Locked
- Mostly Single Use
   Development Planned



# Chandler, Arizona: Planning for Less People



- "Quality Only"
- Big House, Big Lot
- Upscale Infill in the Downtown



## North Las Vegas, Nevada: Big Skies, Small Lots



- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Fast Rising Home Prices
- Affordable Housing?



## Plano, Texas: From Boomtown to Built Up 'Burb



- Mayor Recognizes
   Niche
- TOD at DART Station
- Competition from neighboring Baby Boomburbs



## Lakewood, Colorado: Arlington, VA of the West



- Growth slowing
- Fewer traditional families
- Light Rail
- Planning for Infill



## Scottsdale vs. Tempe

- Rusk's Cities Without Suburbs
- Tempe decided not to annex
  - Did not want split in neighborhoods
  - Flat tax base
- Scottsdale did annex
  - Low-density buildout plans
  - North/South split

### Riverside, California



- Went from 78 to 90 acres
- Building high-end housing
- Simultaneous expansion and densification
- Growth is bifurcated by income

### Fontana, California

- A Tale of Three Cities
- Income Disparities
- Power shift to affluent neighborhoods
- Ward based government?





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