



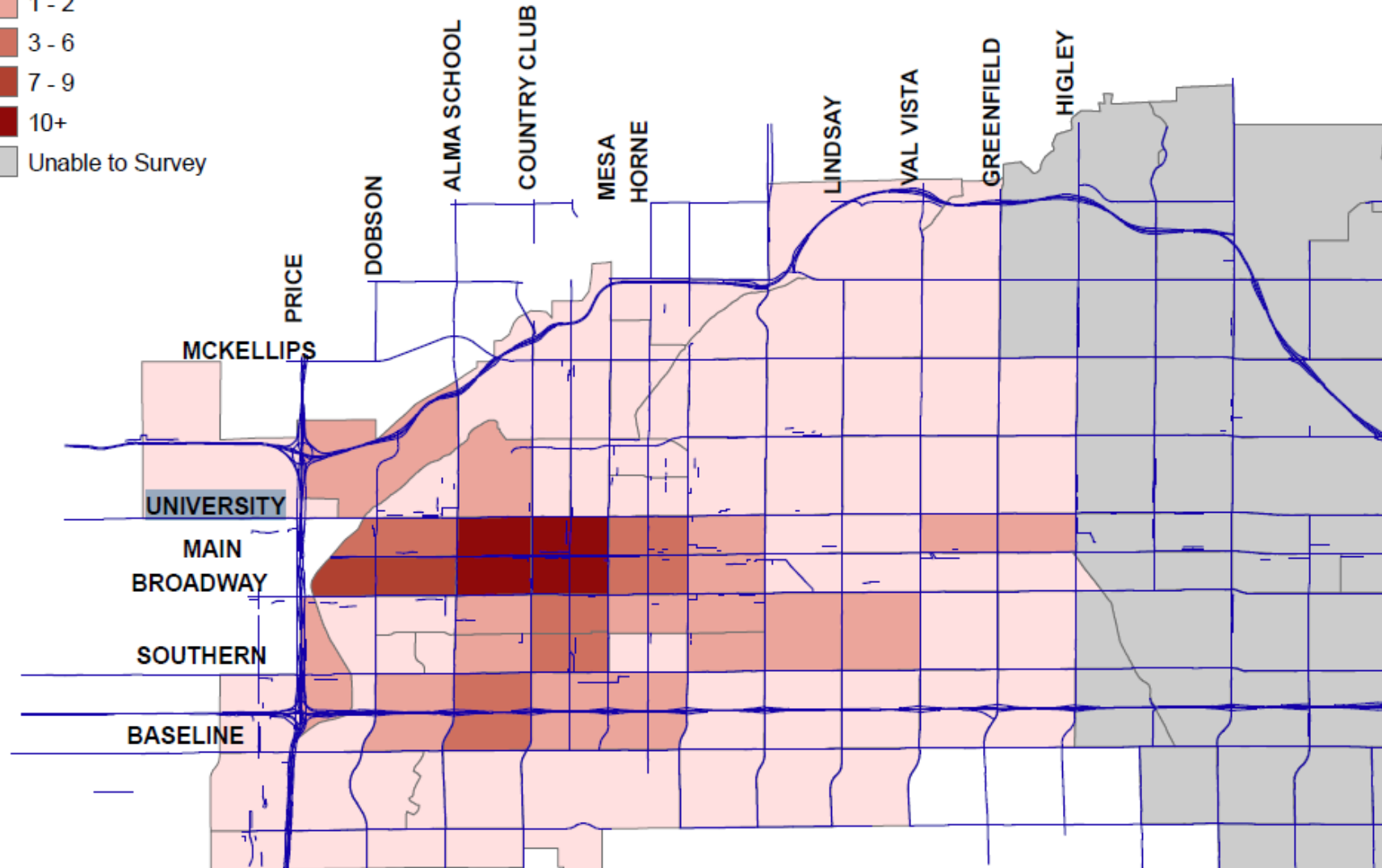
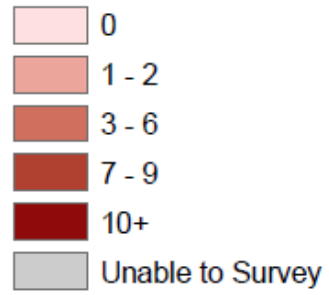
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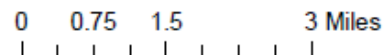
**HOMELESSNESS IN MESA:
SOLUTIONS UNDERWAY
REGIONAL * MESA-WIDE * DOWNTOWN**

**PUBLIC SAFETY
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Unsheltered Persons by Census Tract



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POSSIBLE REASONS FOR INCREASE

- Phoenix CASS overwhelmed, annex camping closed.
- Concentrated resources in Downtown Mesa; transit accessible.
- Temporary closure of Phoenix' Burton Barr Library; Mesa Main Library the only other valley library on light rail line.
- Not everyone chooses shelters – “Sober” restrictions; fewer available for families.



SOLUTIONS UNDERWAY

- Navigators (Downtown, Main Library)
- Housing Our Heroes initiative. Chambers Veterans Resource Center.
- Creative problem-solving approach (partner with navigator; education; medical and victim service; enforcement as an incentive to seek help).
- Main Library— policy updates; space reorganization; navigator.
- Pioneer Park— Proactively preparing for fall/winter reopening via design, added park ranger/police patrols, uniformed officer at Festival (food truck) Forest.

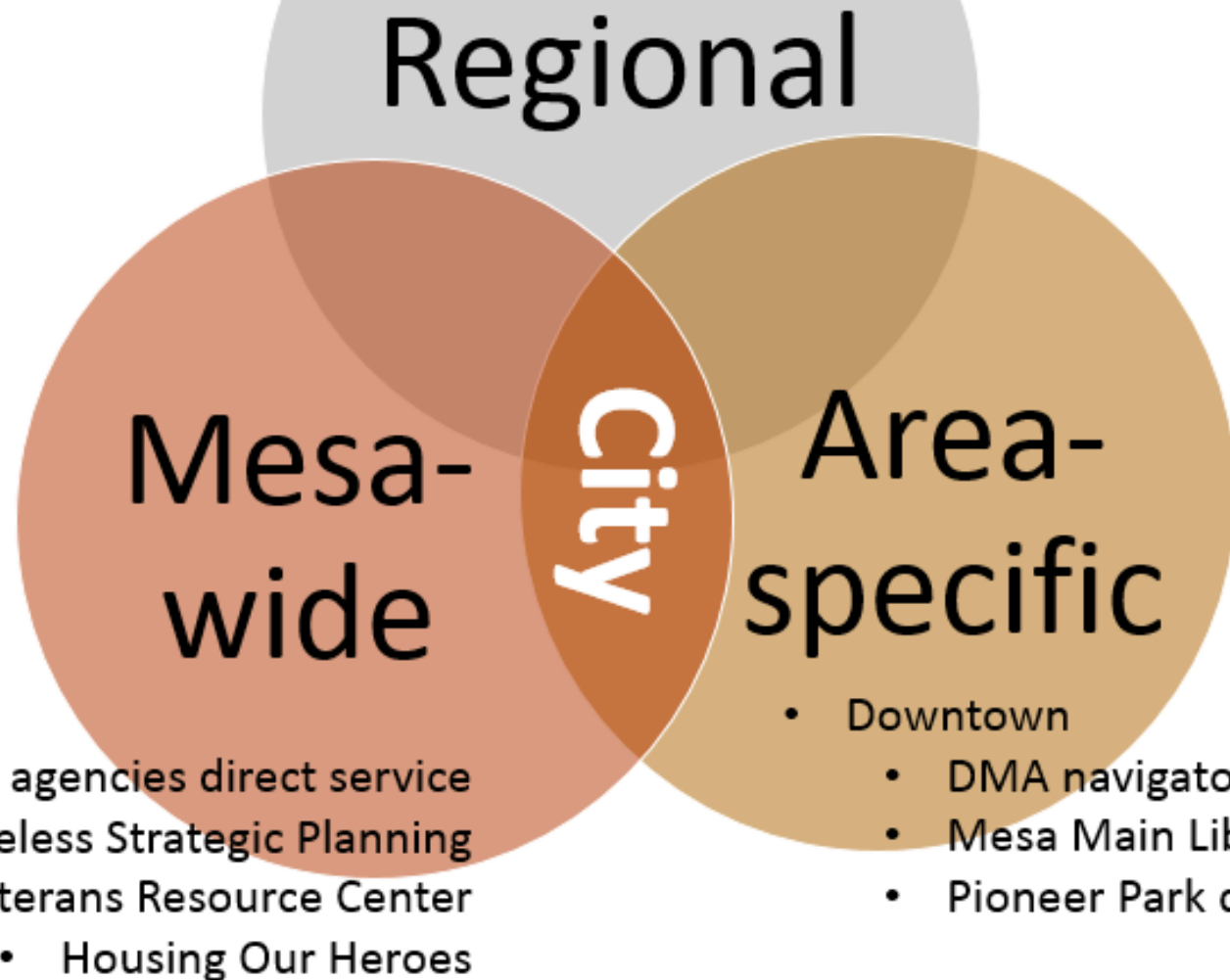


SOLUTIONS UNDERWAY

- Regional Partnerships; strategic distribution of federal funding.
- Paz de Cristo/MARC— new jobs search/placement.
- With County funding, East Valley partners interested in mapping out a new project that will provide a day center-type approach.
- Regional “By Name Listing” for Veterans— partnership with Phoenix
- Metro: End of the line interventions/assistance in Phoenix. Respect the Ride safety and security program.



- MAG Regional Continuation of Care
 - Regional Coordinated Entry, Point in Time Count, HUD Funding Distribution
- Human Services Campus, East Valley Collaboration, Valley Metro



Reducing Homelessness in Mesa

- Non-profit agencies direct service
- MUW Homeless Strategic Planning
 - Mesa Veterans Resource Center
 - Housing Our Heroes
- Downtown
 - DMA navigator
 - Mesa Main Library Navigator, space reorganization
 - Pioneer Park design, patrols



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QUESTIONS?

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