



# FAIR TRANSIT SOUTH COOK

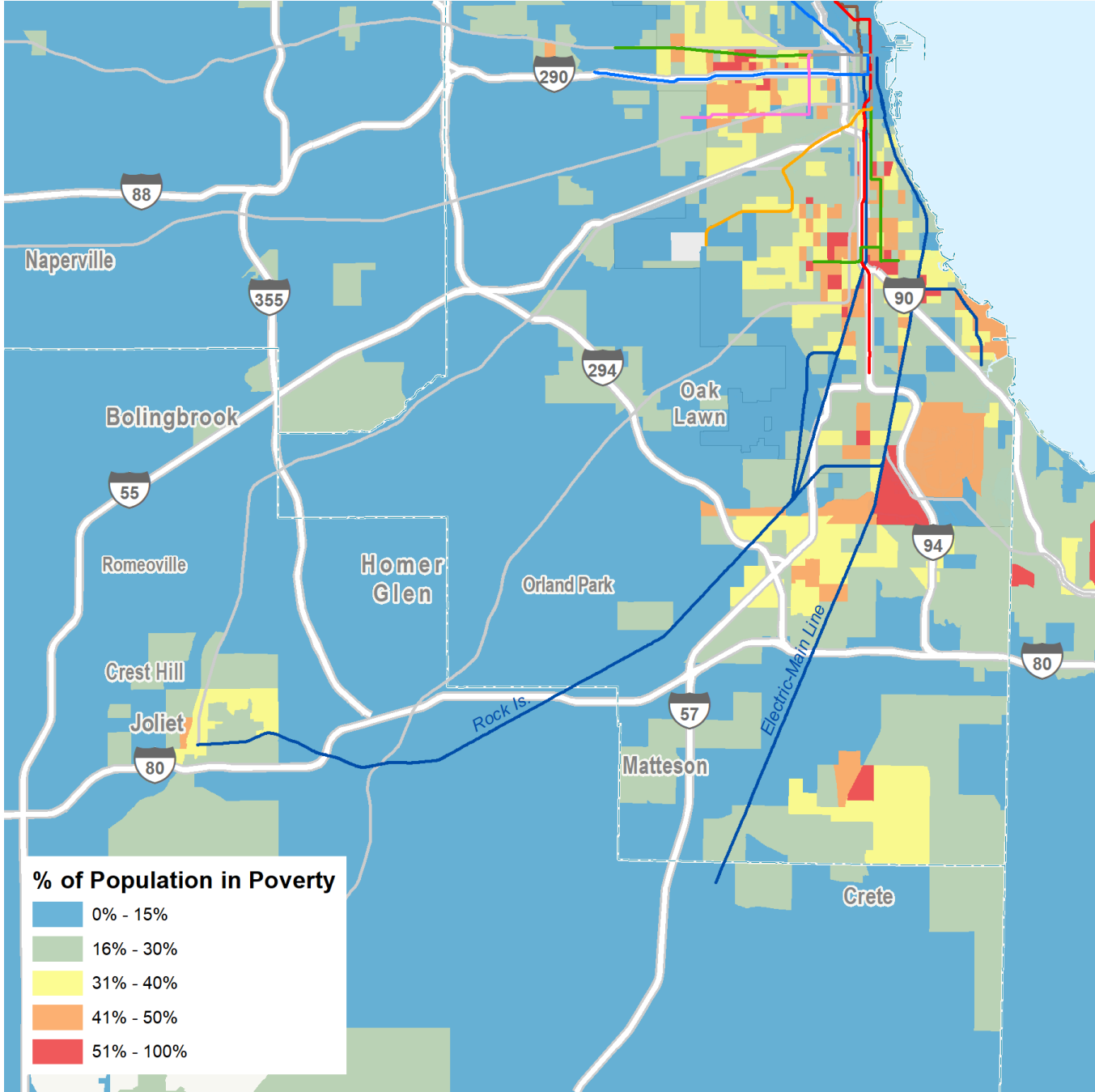
## Data Summary

October 2020

**CONNECTING  
COOK COUNTY**  
Beyond Transportation

# Why South Cook?

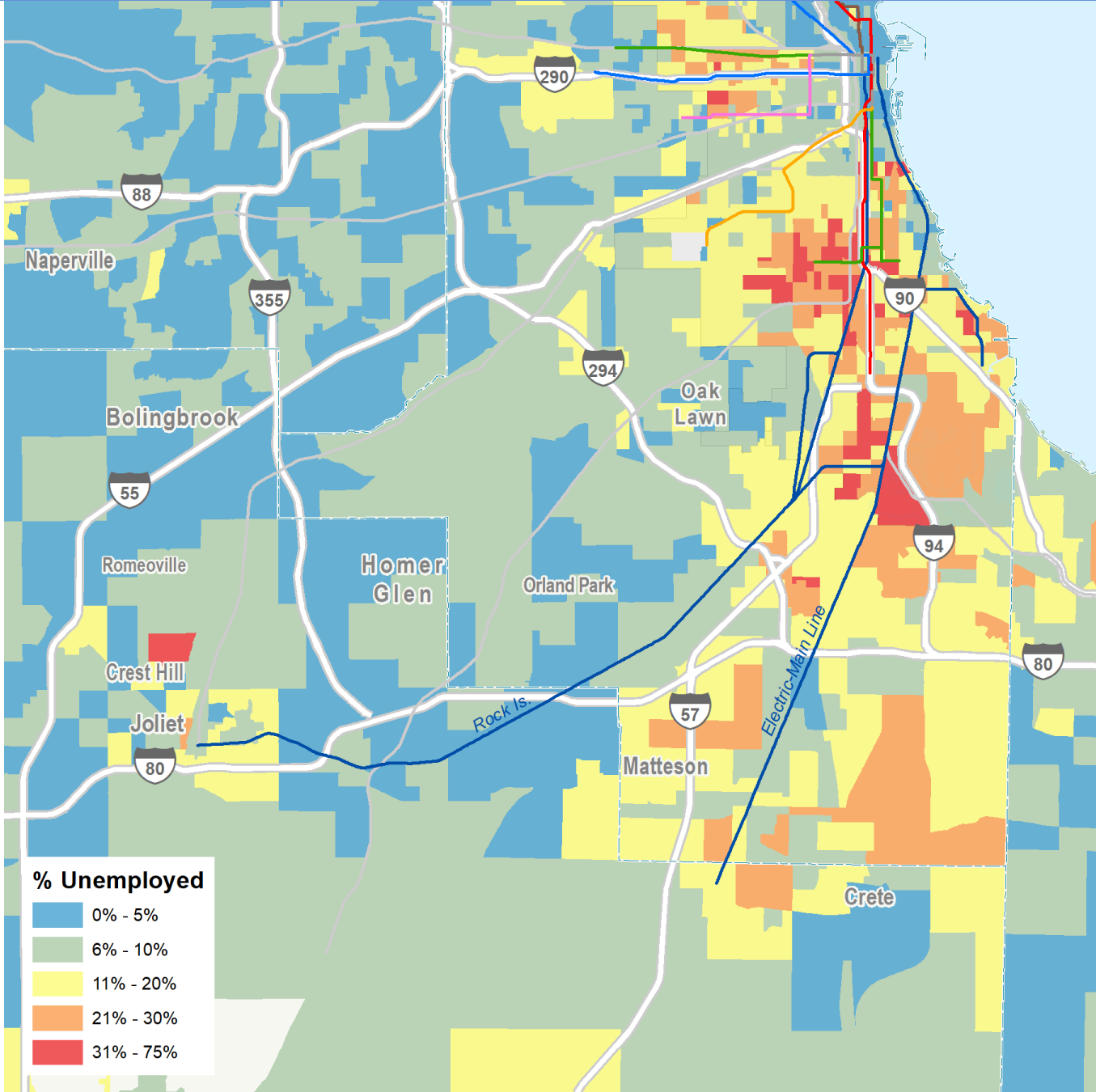
South Cook has a high percentage of population in poverty



Source: Esri Living Atlas, ACS

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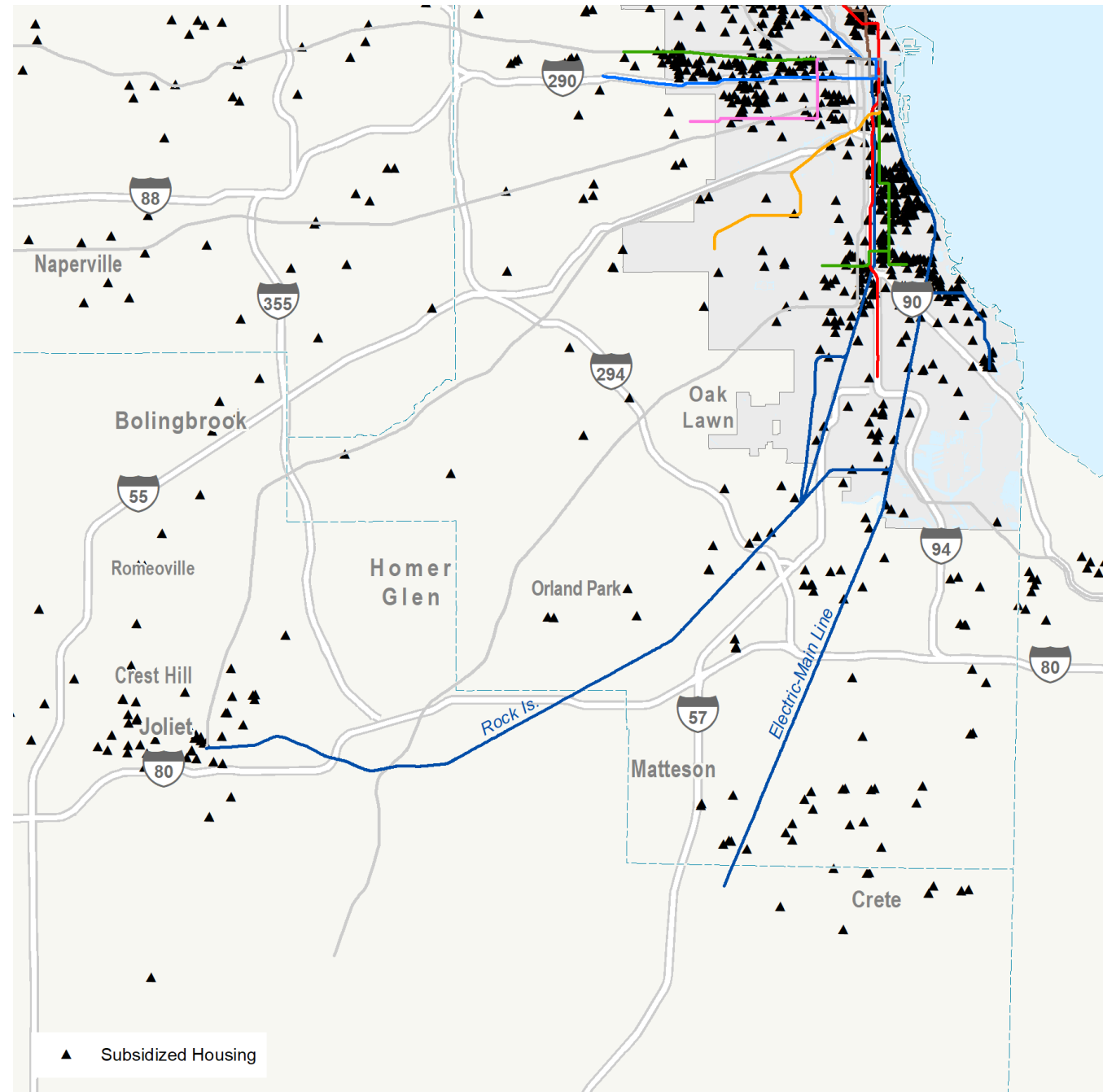
A large percentage of South Cook residents are unemployed



Source: Esri Living Atlas, BLS

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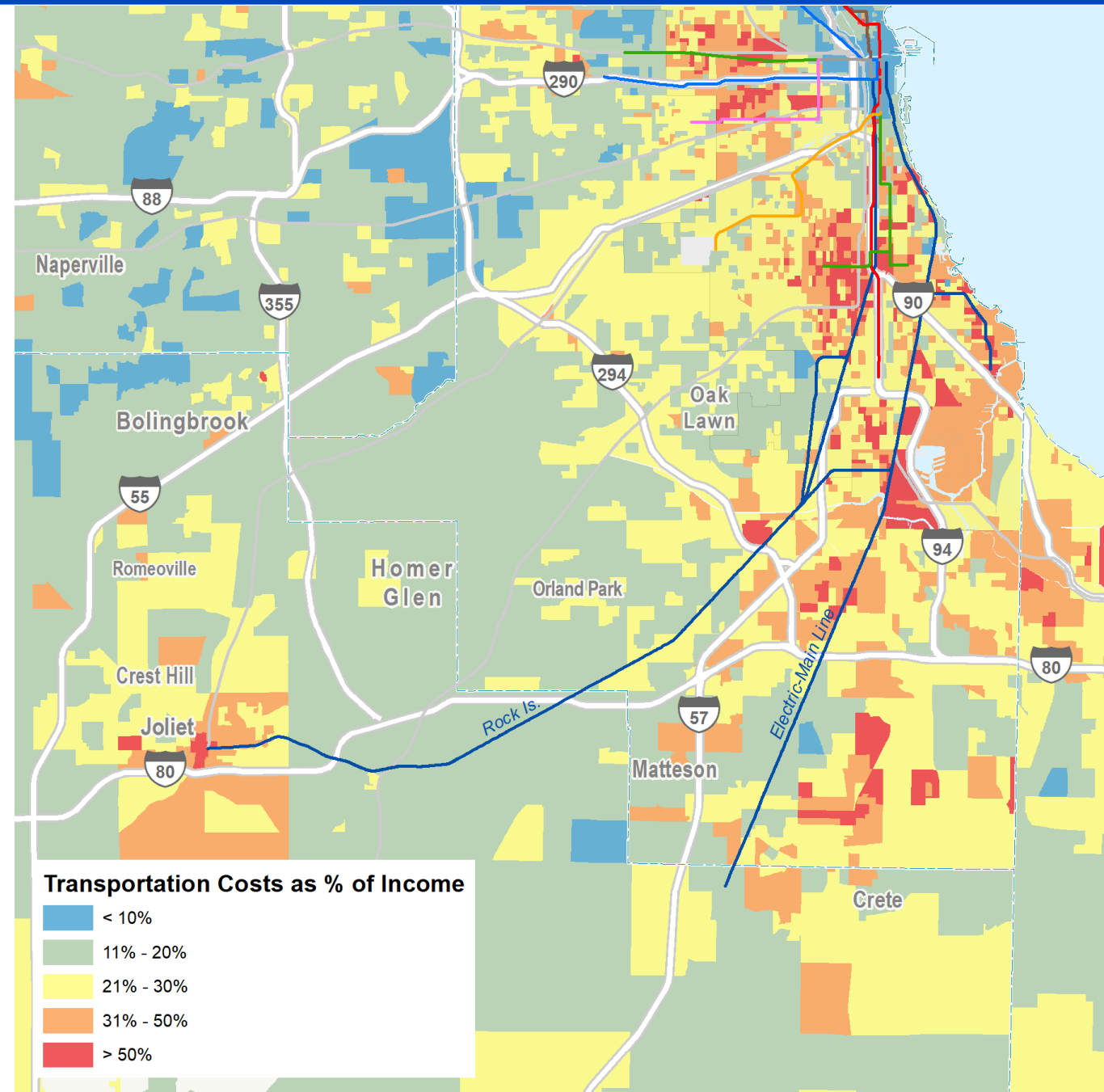
South Cook has a higher concentration of subsidized housing



Source: National Housing Preservation Database (2018)

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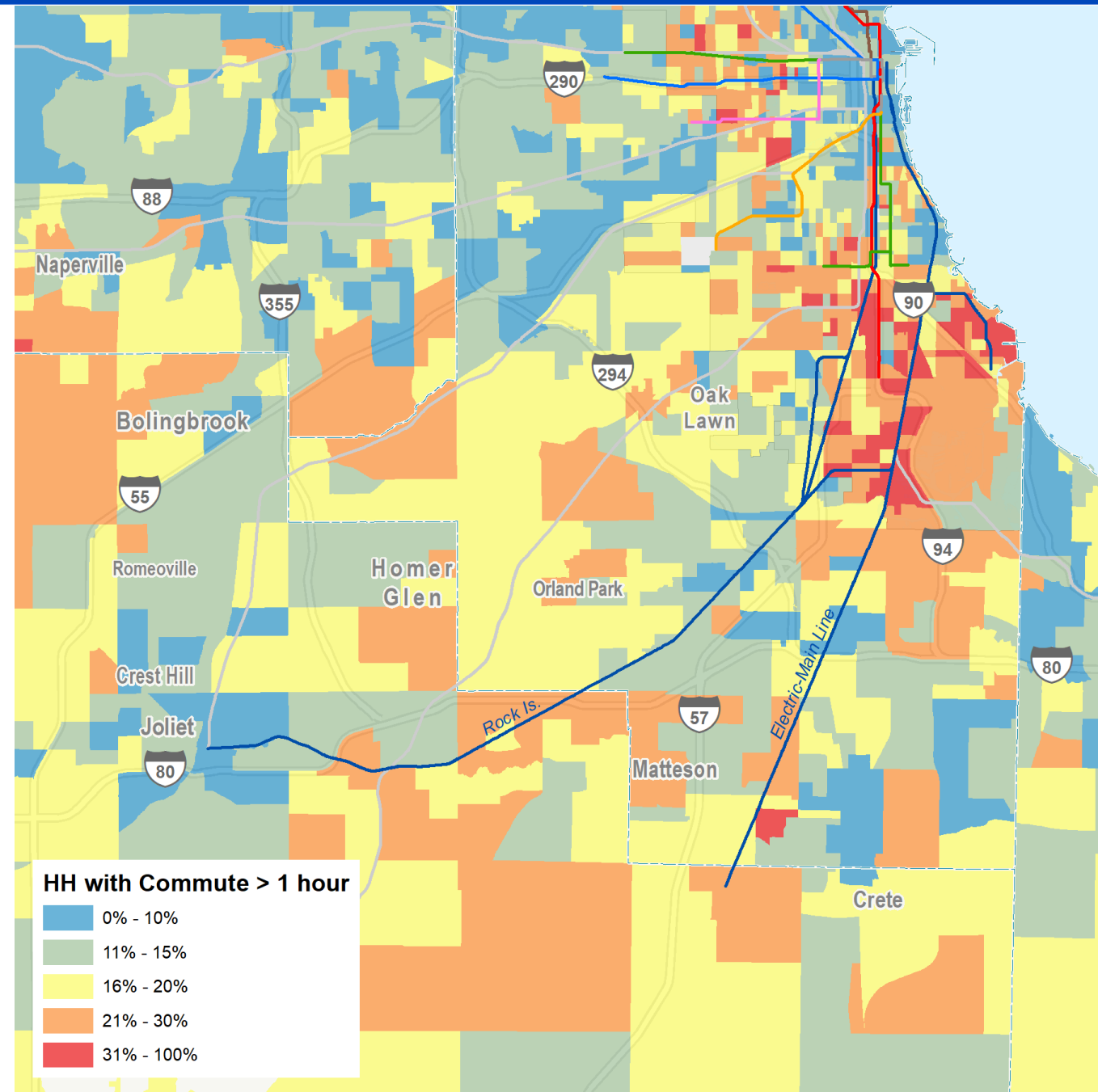
A large percentage of residents in South Cook spend 50% or more of their income on transportation



Source: CNT H+T Affordability Index

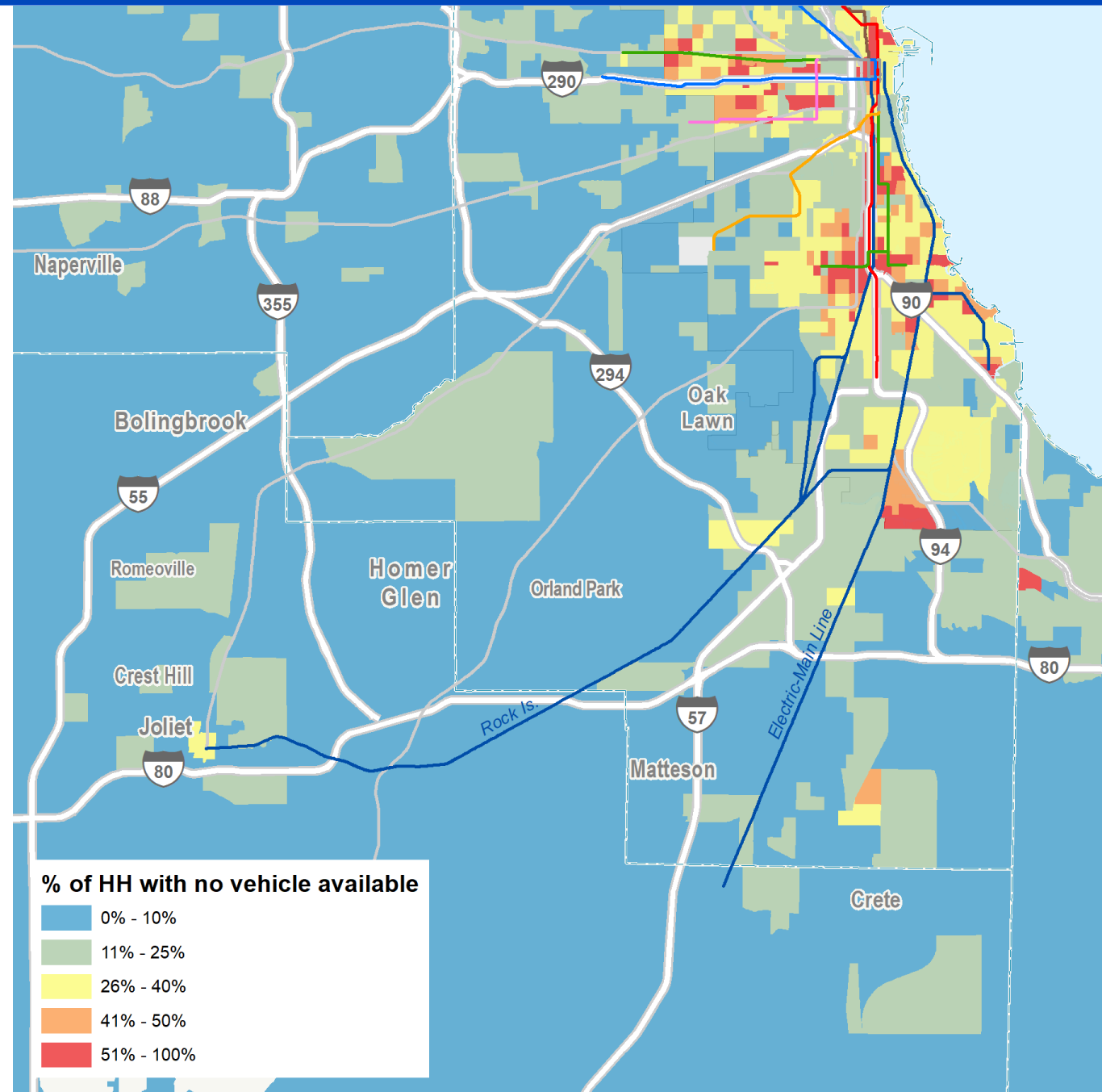
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A large percentage of residents in South Cook spend over 1 hour commuting to work



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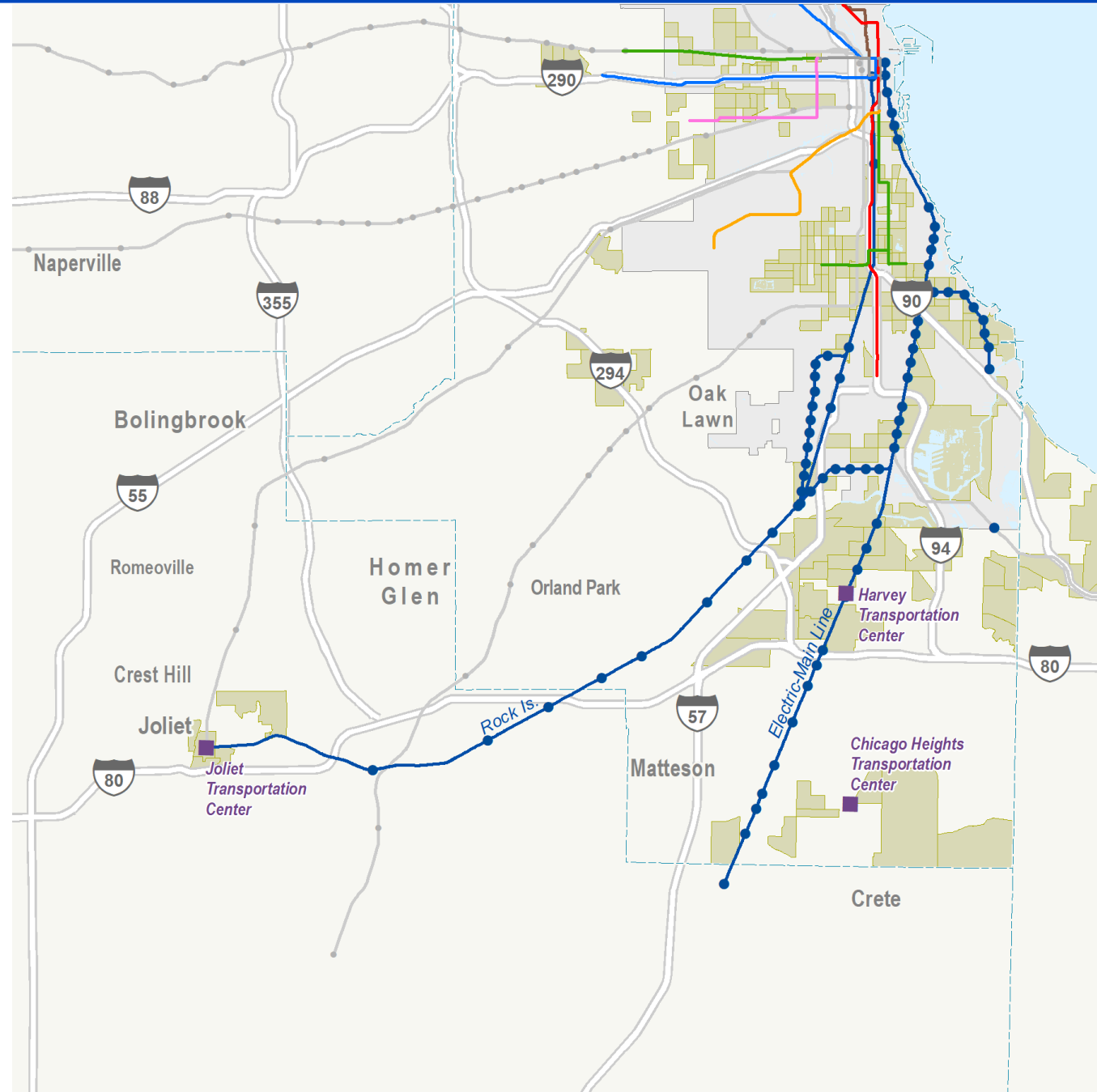
A large percentage of households in South Cook do not own a personal vehicle



Source: Esri Living Atlas, ACS

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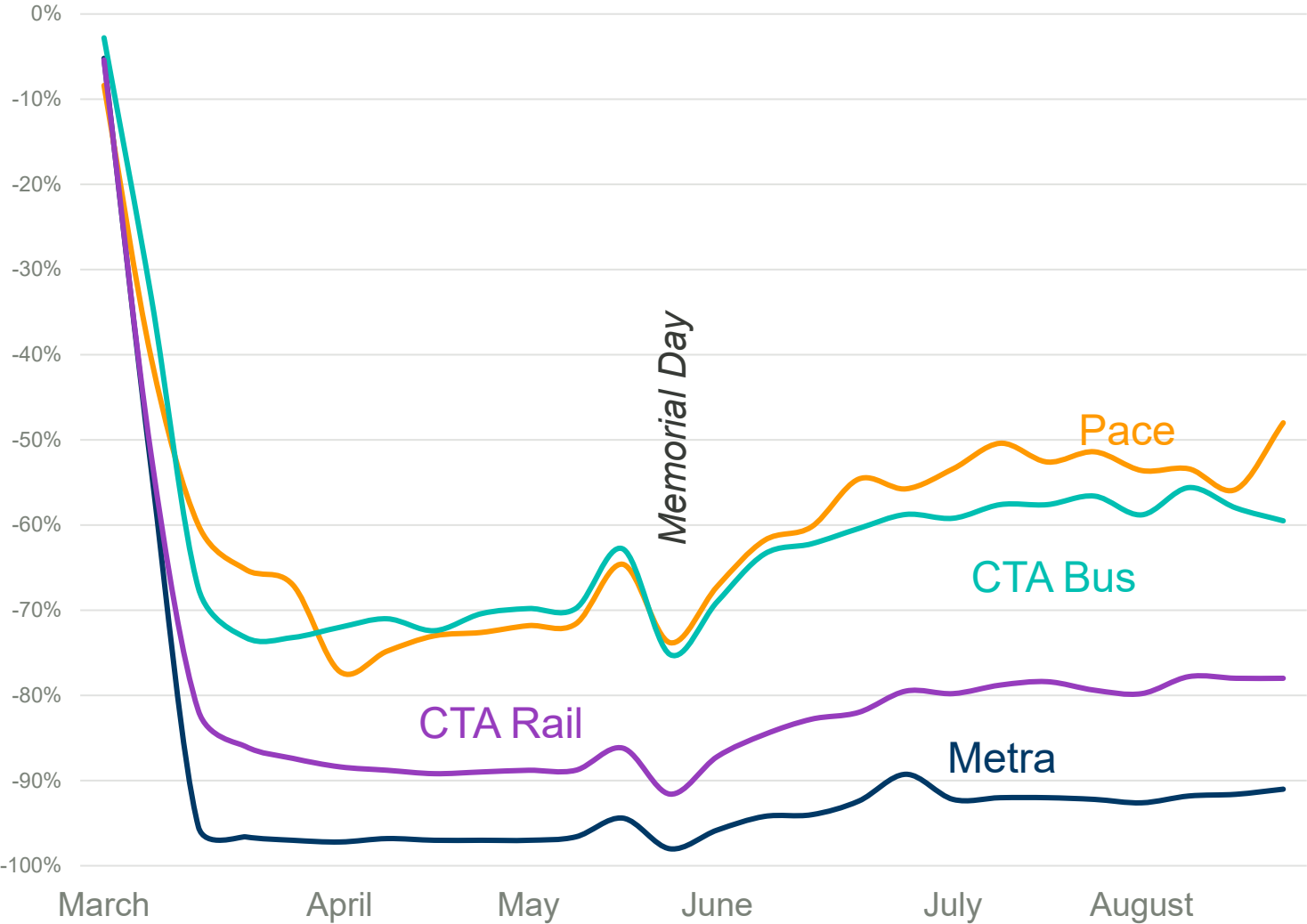
Several opportunity zones are located in South Cook – improved transit could further catalyze economic development





# Ridership Data During COVID-19

Systemwide one week rolling average



- Bus ridership is recovering faster than rail, but remains flat since mid-June
- CTA rail is recovering slightly faster than Metra rail
- South Side ridership faring better than elsewhere as of June 2020 reporting

Source: RTAMS

# Ridership Data Highlights

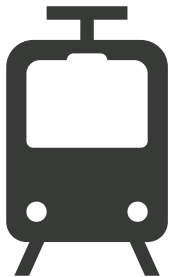


Ridership  
June 2019 - 2020



**64%** ↓  
Systemwide

**53%-56%** ↓  
Southside

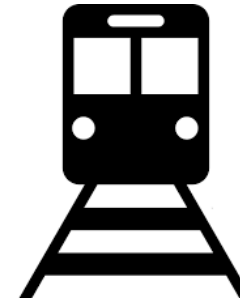


**85%** ↓  
Systemwide

**67%-77%** ↓  
Southside



Ridership  
June 2019 - 2020



**94%** ↓  
Systemwide

**90%** ↓  
Metra Electric

**92%** ↓  
Rock Island District

# How will improved transit serve the South Cook community?

Provides **relief to existing riders** (transit dependent, critical workers, weather impacted riders)

Encourages **new riders** to take transit instead of driving

Further agency **commitment** to equitable transit service