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#### Community Geography

The Basalt community profile includes data collected for the following transportation analysis zone(s) (TAZs) mapped at right:

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#### Housing/Demographic Data

- **2012 Population**: 3,954
- **Population residing year-round**: 92%
- **Lived in region > 1 year**: 89%
- **Households with children under 16**: 24%
- **Households receiving housing assistance**: 4%
- **Median annual household income**: $70,000

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey (ACS)
**Basalt Travel Patterns Community Profile**

### Commuting Data of Residents

**Basalt Region**
- **Vehicle available for commuting:** 85% (87%)
- **Average commute distance:** 19 miles (16 miles)
- **Average commute time:** 30 mins (25 mins)
- **Work and live in same community:** 10% (37%)
- **Different employer winter/summer:** 13% (8%)

### Commuting Data of Workers

**Basalt Region**
- **2012 Worker population:** 2,418 (48,385)
- **Employer provided bus pass (part/all):** 3% (18%)
- **Workers with free parking at work:** 100% (91%)
- **Different employer winter/summer:** 15% (8%)

### Transit Data

**% of Residents who...**
- **Own a bus pass/stored value card:** 69% (28%)
- **Live within 5 blocks of a bus stop:** 55% (43%)
- **Live over a mile from nearest bus stop:** 14% (34%)
- **Have taken VelociRFTA in last 30 days:** 76% (35%)
- **Have taken other bus in last 30 days:** 73% (39%)

### Barriers to riding the bus

- **Region**
  - **Other factors:** 50% (44%)
  - **Bus takes too much time:** 25% (27%)
  - **Need to make stops during commute:** 18% (22%)
  - **Bus stop is far from home:** 16% (10%)
  - **Bus stop is far from work:** 5% (8%)
  - **Job requires use of personal vehicle:** 4% (10%)

### Waking in Basalt

**% of residents who agree/strongly agree that...**
- **Bus stop is far from home:** 50% (58%)
- **Bus takes too much time:** 59% (62%)
- **Need to make stops during commute:** 68% (72%)
- **Bus stop is far from work:** 69% (79%)
- **Job requires use of personal vehicle:** 62% (68%)
- **Sidewalks are continuous:** 58% (68%)
- **Paths/trails available:** 60% (69%)
- **Safe Environment:** 60% (69%)
- **Convenient Access to Jobs/Proximity to Work:** 56% (68%)

### Riding the bus more frequently...

- **Region**
  - **Reduce fares:** 18% (36%)
  - **Increase service frequency:** 21% (31%)
  - **Other changes:** 16% (33%)
  - **Would not ride more often:** 11% (22%)
  - **Add more bus stops:** 10% (17%)
  - **Add new routes:** 5% (7%)
  - **Increase public education:** 4% (8%)

**Other Bus**
- **VelociRFTA:** 45%