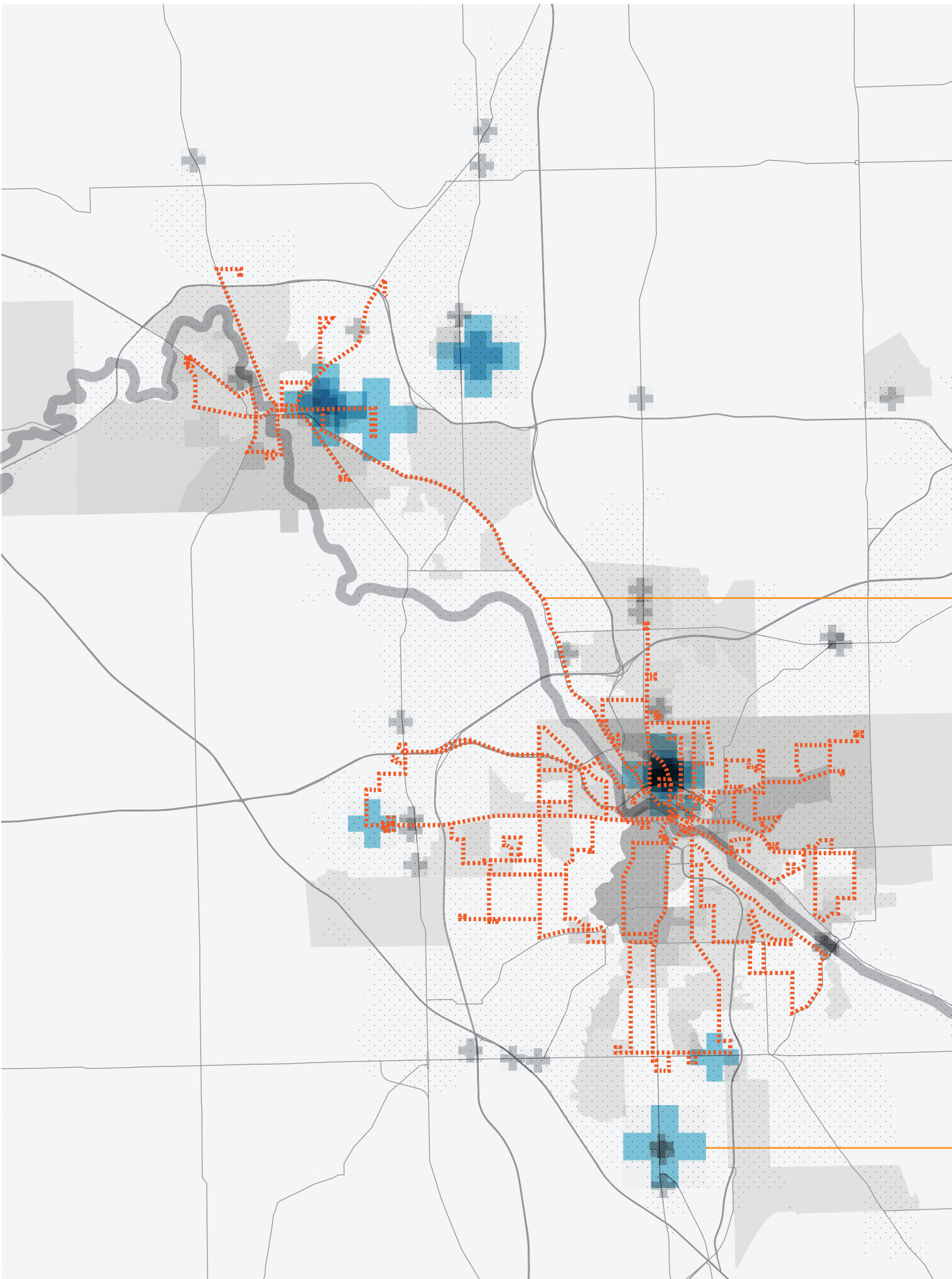


MAPPING HEALTH: ACCESS & EQUITY



MAHONING COUNTY



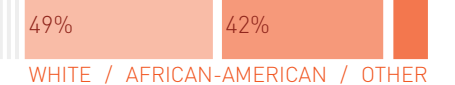
17.6% poverty
15.3% disability

TRUMBULL COUNTY



17.5% poverty
14.8% disability

YOUNGSTOWN CITY



36.2% poverty
20% disability

WARREN CITY



35.6% poverty
18.3% disability¹

The Western Reserve Transit Authority (WRTA) recently expanded its bus system to include more routes and run more frequently, but gaps in service remain, particularly at night and on weekends. For residents of urban Warren and Youngstown—disproportionately minority populations—it can be difficult to reach suburban health facilities outside of regular business hours.

Mercy Health’s Boardman Hospital, south of Youngstown, is the region’s only full OB/GYN facility in the wake of the Northside Hospital closure. Located in a southern suburb, the facility is not currently served by WRTA access, leaving expectant mothers without a car unable to reach it by public transit. Redundancy in a relatively small region may be economically unrealistic, but consolidation risks leaving less-mobile residents without equal access.

¹ - 2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Mahoning/Trumbull Counties

“I’m always hesitant to blame the current economic downturn for our health issues. It’s been 40-plus years of decline here. **I have never lived in a Warren that isn’t in decline.**”

Lisa Ramsey, Deputy Director, Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership