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Resource Identification Information

CITATION

TITLE Western Queens and Bus Company Routes, New York NY, May 2016

PUBLICATION DATE 2016-05-19

EDITION may2016

PRESENTATION FORMAT mapDigital

SERIES

NAME NYC Mass Transit Spatial Layers

RESPONSIBLE PARTY - POINTOFCONTACT

ORGANIZATION'S NAME Newman Library, Baruch CUNY

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PLACE KEYWORDS

KEYWORDS City of New York, 2395220, Borough of Bronx, 978756, Borough of Brooklyn, 978759, Borough of Manhattan, 979190, Borough of Queens, 979404

THESAURUS

TITLE Geographic Names Information Service (GNIS)

ALTERNATE TITLES ANSI INCITTS 446:2008

PUBLICATION DATE 2008-01-01

PLACE KEYWORDS

KEYWORDS Bronx County, 36005, Kings County, 36047, Nassau County, 36059, New York County, 36061, Queens County, 36081, Westchester County, 36119

THESAURUS

TITLE US Census ANSI/FIPS

ALTERNATE TITLES ANSI INCITTS 38:2009 (Formerly FIPS 5-2) & ANSI INCITTS 31:2009 (Formerly FIPS 6-4)

PUBLICATION DATE 2009-01-01

TEMPORAL KEYWORDS

KEYWORDS 2016

THEME KEYWORDS

KEYWORDS Buses, Local transit, Commuting, New York City Transit Authority, Transportation

THESAURUS

TITLE Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)

PUBLICATION DATE 2015-02-17

DESCRIPTIVE KEYWORDS

KEYWORDS Downloadable Data

THESAURUS ArcIMS Metadata Service Content Types

ABSTRACT

This line layer was created from the GTFS data feeds from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to represent local bus routes in western Queens and the MTA Bus Company routes, which are known locally as "express buses". Because of the way the MTA classifies its bus lines and data, local buses for Queens are split into two separate files; in this file, routes designated with the letter Q and immediately followed by a number are local bus routes. The remaining routes are the express buses, which are long-distance coaches that take passengers from areas of the outer boroughs to midtown and downtown Manhattan and back, with limited stops. A python script was written to take the data files as input and plot and save them as a spatial layer in the local state plane coordinate reference system. Lines in this layer represent individual bus routes over a roadway for a specific direction; they were generalized from the GTFS format where lines depicted individual services. The unique ID is route_dir, which is a combination of the bus route id and its direction. This layer was created as part of the NYC Mass Transit Spatial Layers series, and is updated biannually to account for changes in the transit system.

PURPOSE

This dataset is intended for researchers, policy makers, students, and educators for basic geographic analysis and mapping purposes. It was created by the GIS Lab at the Newman Library at Baruch College CUNY as part of the NYC Mass Transit Spatial Layers series, so that members of the public could have access to well-documented and readily-usable GIS layers of NYC mass transit features.

DATASET LANGUAGE English

DATASET CHARACTER SET utf8

STATUS completed

MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY biannually

RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS

CONSTRAINTS

LIMITATIONS OF USE

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LEGAL CONSTRAINTS

ACCESS CONSTRAINTS licenseUnrestricted

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SPATIAL REPRESENTATION TYPE vector

PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT Microsoft Windows 7 Version 6.1 (Build 7601) Service Pack 1; Esri ArcGIS 10.2.0.3348

EXTENT

EXTENT DESCRIPTION

City of New York

GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

BOUNDING RECTANGLE

EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE true

WEST LONGITUDE -74.016842

EAST LONGITUDE -73.700771

NORTH LATITUDE 40.933765

SOUTH LATITUDE 40.565791

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 2016-04-01 00:00:00

ENDING DATE

INDETERMINATE TIME unknown

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The direction of a bus route is indicated with a 0 (which means that the bus runs either northbound or eastbound) or a 1 (the bus runs either southbound or westbound). Routes designated with a letter Q followed immediately by a number are local buses in Queens. The remaining routes are the bus company or express routes. The bus company buses are long-distance express services that make minimal stops. For buses bound for midtown or downtown Manhattan, riders can only board the bus at the outer borough stops (no one may disembark) and may only disembark at Manhattan stops (no one may board). The inverse is true for outer borough-bound buses. The mid-section of each route is express, and no stops are made.

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Spatial Representation - Vector

LEVEL OF TOPOLOGY FOR THIS DATASET geometryOnly
GEOMETRIC OBJECTS
OBJECT TYPE composite
OBJECT COUNT 163

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Reference System Information

REFERENCE SYSTEM IDENTIFIER
VALUE 2263

CODESPACE EPSG
VERSION 10.2

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Data Quality Information

SCOPE OF QUALITY INFORMATION
RESOURCE LEVEL dataset

LINEAGE

LINEAGE STATEMENT

This line layer was created using the data feeds from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The MTA provides text files that contain route information in a General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) format, and are geographically referenced so they are able to be plotted. Python scripts were written to take the text files as input and plot and save them as a spatial layer. The text file used for plotting is 'shapes.txt' and provides geographically referenced data for the routes in the form of points. The first script plots these points and creates a layer file, which is then converted to a polyline layer and saved as a shapefile. The second script joins the new line shapefile with two text files, 'trips.txt' and 'routes.txt', which contain additional relevant information provided by the MTA. The 'routes.txt' file was modified to exclude the routes_desc field, as this field consistently exceeded the maximum allowable character count for a shapefile. This field was removed and a new text file called 'notes' was created which includes the route description information.

After the routes were plotted from their native GTFS format, the lines represented individual bus services for different times and days of the week. Additional processing was done to simplify these lines; the dissolve tool was used to create lines that represented an individual bus route that travels in one direction. Attribute columns that

were blank, redundant, or that represented information that was only relevant to specific services and not to individual routes were removed. The final layer was reprojected from NAD 83 to NY State Plane Long Island in feet. The unique ID is route_dir, which is a combination of the bus route id and its direction. This layer was created as part of the NYC Mass Transit Spatial Layers series, and is updated biannually to account for changes in the transit system.

SOURCE DATA

LEVEL OF THE SOURCE DATA Metropolitan Transportation Authority

SOURCE CITATION

TITLE MTA NYC Transit Shapes, Trips and Routes Files

PUBLICATION DATE 2016-04-01

SOURCE DATA

LEVEL OF THE SOURCE DATA US Census 2014 TIGER Line Shapefiles

SOURCE CITATION

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PUBLICATION DATE 2014-08-19

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FORMAT

NAME Shapefile

VERSION

NIL REASON missing

TRANSFER OPTIONS

TRANSFER SIZE 1.86

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Metadata Information

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MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY biannually

MAINTENANCE NOTES This metadata was updated by Frank Donnelly in June 2016.

METADATA CONSTRAINTS

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