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15-MINUTE CITY: A CASE STUDY IN KÜÇÜKÇEKMECE, ISTANBUL

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INTRODUCTION

Why this case. The 15-minute city seeks everyday needs within a short, safe walk, with longer trips linked to public transport. Suburban districts are harder: larger blocks, gated fronts and big roads. **Aim:** Measure who in Küçükçekmece can reach key services within 15 minutes on foot, diagnose where and why access fails, and turn the findings into a short, actionable plan.

OBJETIVOS

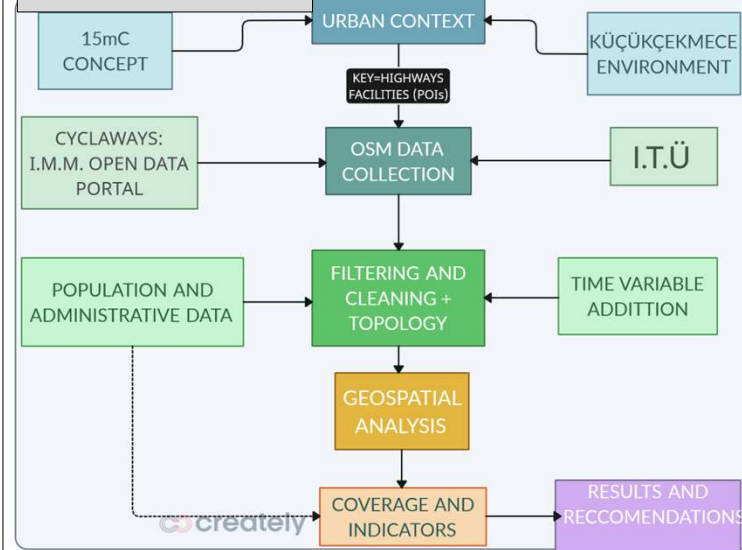
PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:

- Measure 15-minute walking access to everyday services and identify block-level fixes and siting moves to close the gaps.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- Build a clean **walkable network** (4 km/h).
- Map **15-minute areas** for each service (healthcare, pharmacies, education, supermarkets, social centres, parks, bus/Metrobüs stops).
- Intersect** with residential land to estimate **population covered** by neighbourhood.
- Classify gaps** (missing services vs. detours/poor crossings).
- Validate** with Closest Facility routes at suspicious edges.
- Summarise into **simple KPIs** and **strategic actions**.

METHODOLOGY



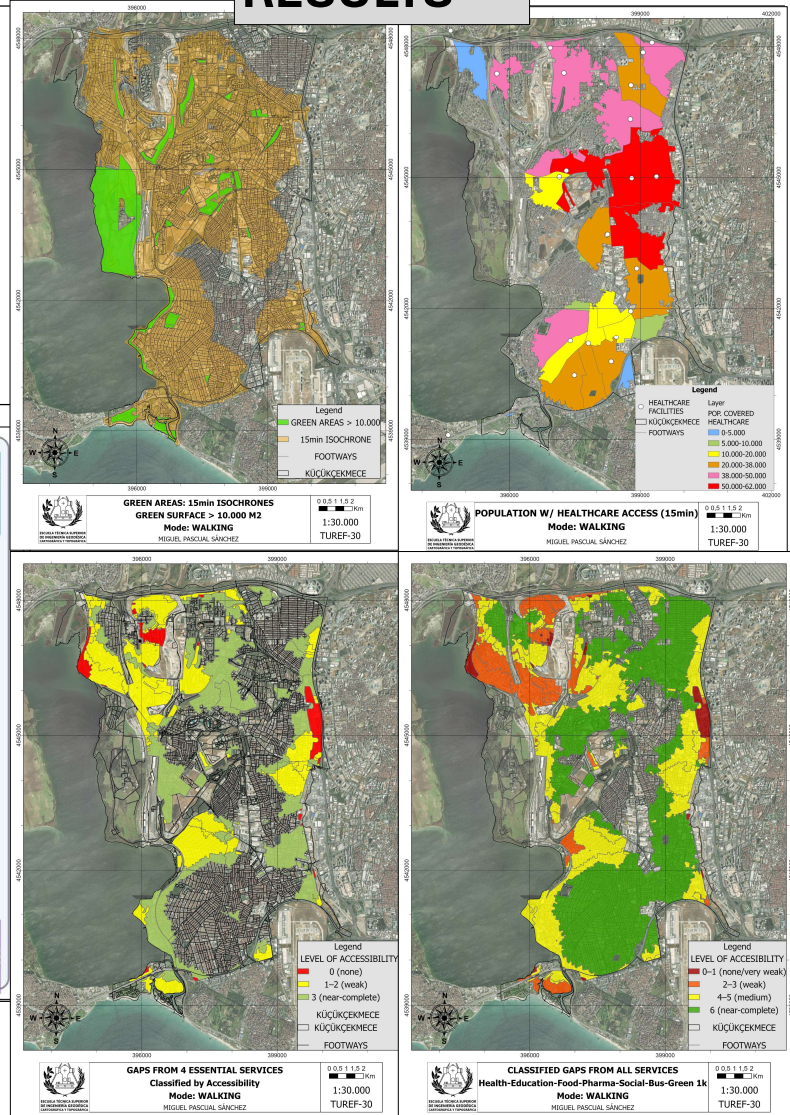
RECOMMENDATIONS & CONCLUSIONS

- Quick links & crossings** on the **eastern belt** and **NW seams** to remove detours.
- Add one clinic** (or multi-use health point) in **Kanarya**; co-locate with the walking and bus spines.
- Food retail**: encourage medium stores in **Kanarya** and the east; prioritise ground-floor fronts on main streets.
- East-side Green Belt (flagship)**. A shaded **walk+bike loop** connecting near-miss areas to services and to Metrobüs/Marmaray.
- Most objectives met**: the method is replicable; mapping + coverage + validation produce clear, actionable gaps.
- Track progress**: % residents $\leq 15'$ by service; essentials score (0–4); all-services score (0–7); door-to-stop $\leq 5'$; # new crossings/links; km of protected links.

KPIs

- % residents $\leq 15'$ by service (walking).
- Essentials score 0–4 (healthcare, education, food, park).
- All-services score 0–7 (full set).
- Door-to-stop $\leq 5'$ (bus/Metrobüs).
- New crossings/short links built.
- Km of protected walk/bike links added.

RESULTS



NOTES

- Walking SA: 15 minutes, 4 km/h, polygons+lines, dissolve, 50 m trim.
- Residential mask: excludes non-residential uses (industrial, parks/forest, cemeteries, rail, farmland), checked with imagery.
- Facilities: hospitals/clinics/doctors, pharmacies, schools, supermarkets, social centres, parks, bus/Metrobüs.
- Population: latest available neighbourhood totals (limited to residential land).
- Validation: Closest Facility on edge cases; if connectivity error \rightarrow fix network \rightarrow rebuild \rightarrow rerun

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