ON THE SHAPE OF AMERICAN CITIES, I

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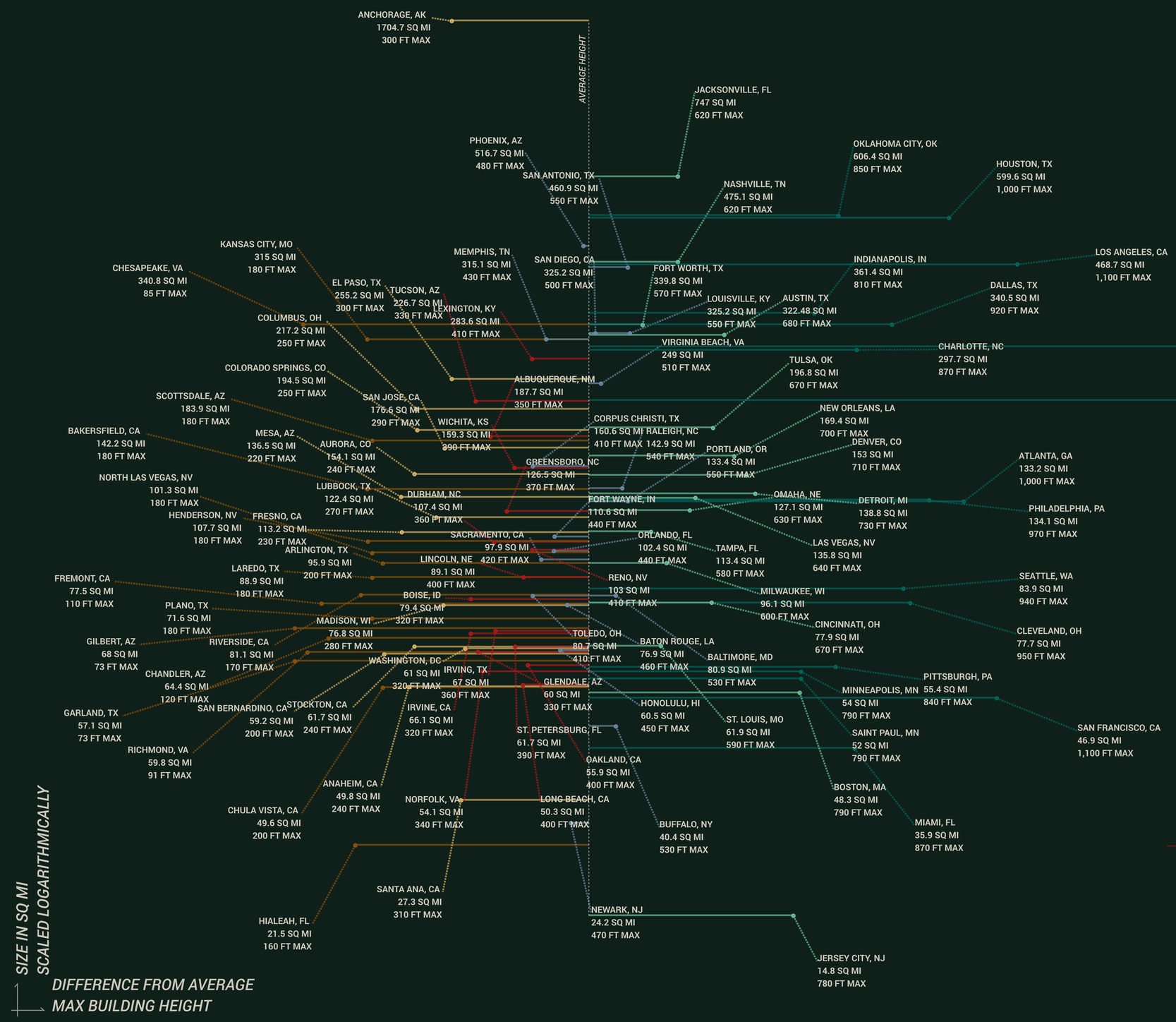
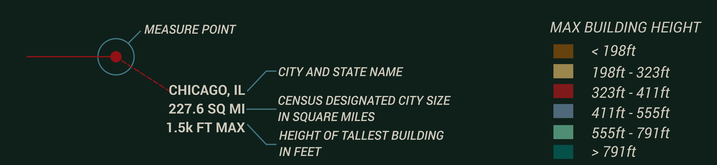


THE PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE OF AMERICAN CITIES IS ONE OF STREETS, VEHICLES OF VARIOUS SHAPES AND SIZES, PROPORTIONS.
THEIR SHAPE, IN THIS CONTEXT, IS ONE RICH WITH CONNOTATIONS AND PERSONAL SUBJECTIVITY, HERE WE EXPLORE THE OPPOSITE: WE DISPLAY OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENTS REGARDING THE SCALE OF AMERICA'S 100 MOST POPULOUS CITIES.



CITIES ARE PLACED VERTICALLY BY THEIR AREA AND HORIZONTALLY ACCORDING TO THE HEIGHT OF THEIR TALLEST BUILDING, RELATIVE TO THE CENTRAL AXIS WHICH REPRESENTS AVERAGE OF THE HEIGHT OF THE TALLEST BUILDING (WHICH IS ~491 FT).