

# Vancouver Seattle Portland San Francisco



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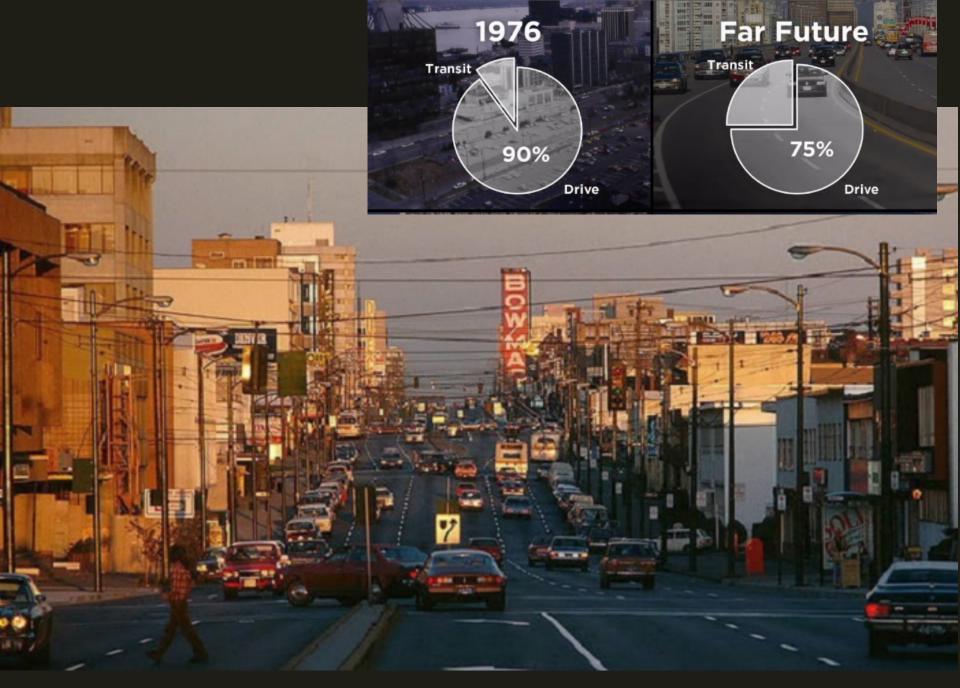
#### A bit of context



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# Too different? Can we somehow relate?









San Francisco, Embarcadero Freeway

LOOKING WEST
EMBARCADERO IN FOREGROUND

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#### Seattle is a world-class city — for traffic congestion

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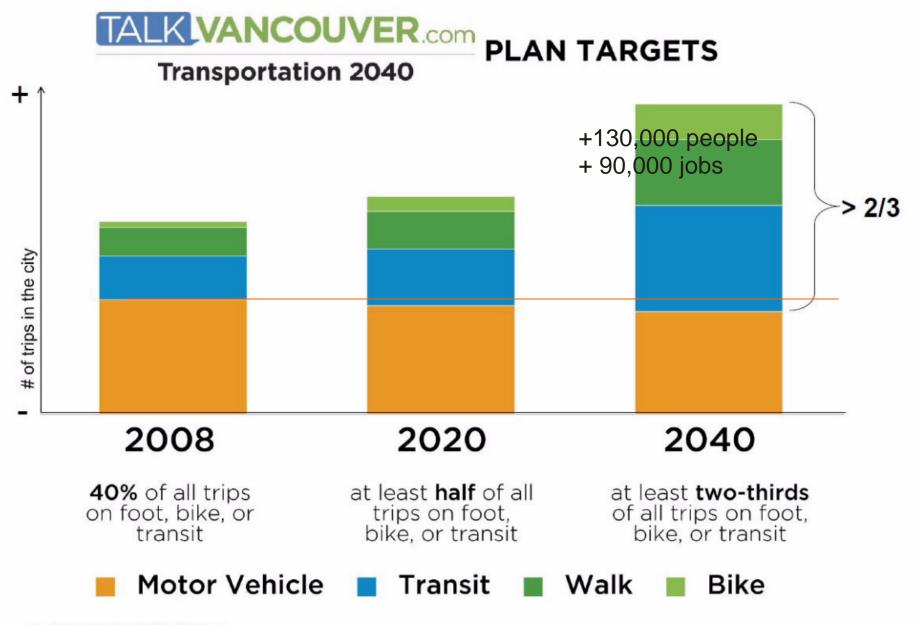
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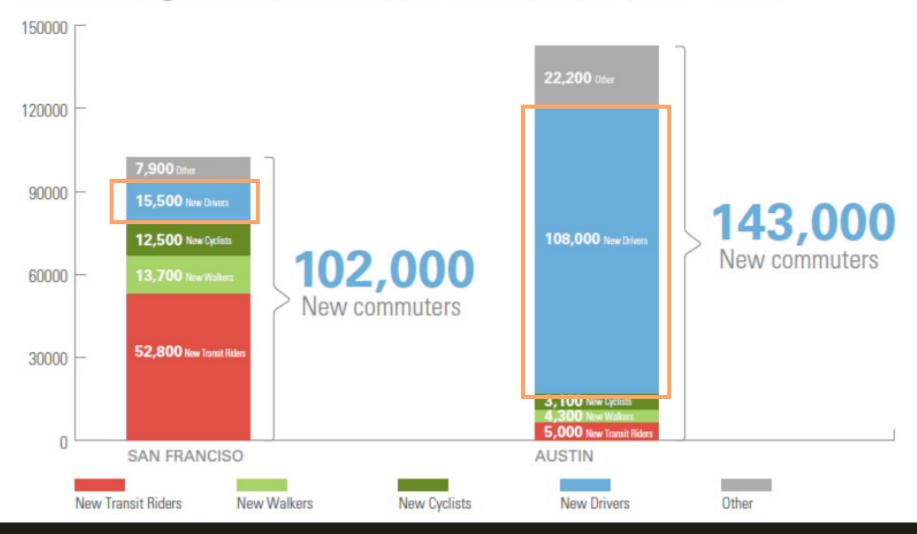
A 2015 emergency-repair job on an Interstate 5 South expansion joint near the West Seattle 1 of 2 exit clogged traffic through Seattle with backups reaching 13 miles north of the repair site. This view looks north from... (Mike Siegel/The Seattle Times) More ✓

#### So what's interesting?

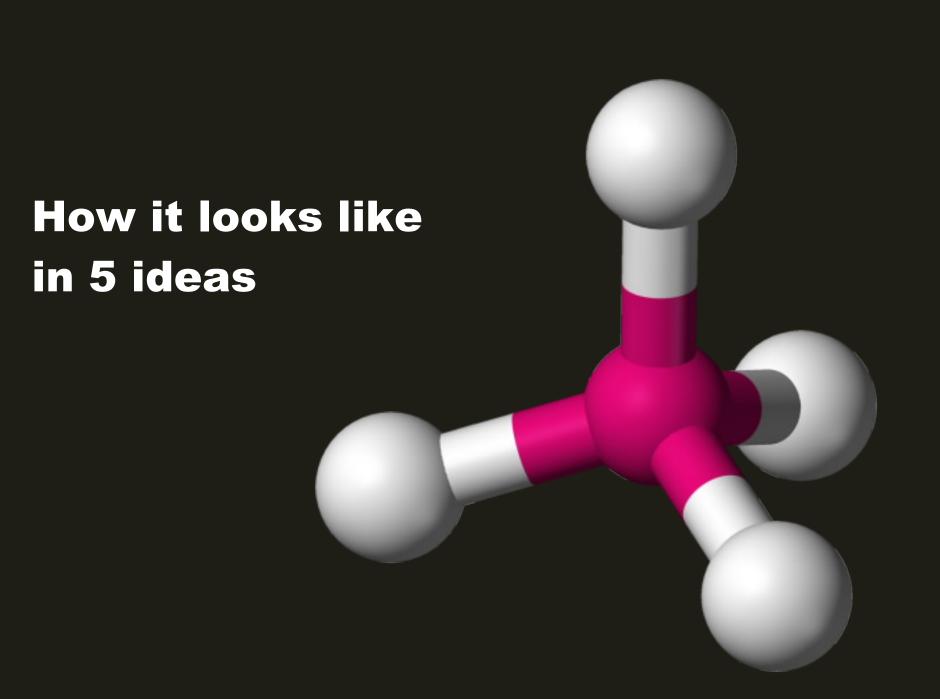




#### Commuter growth in Austin and San Francisco (2006 - 2015)







#### A disclaimer

#### 1. Access & streets





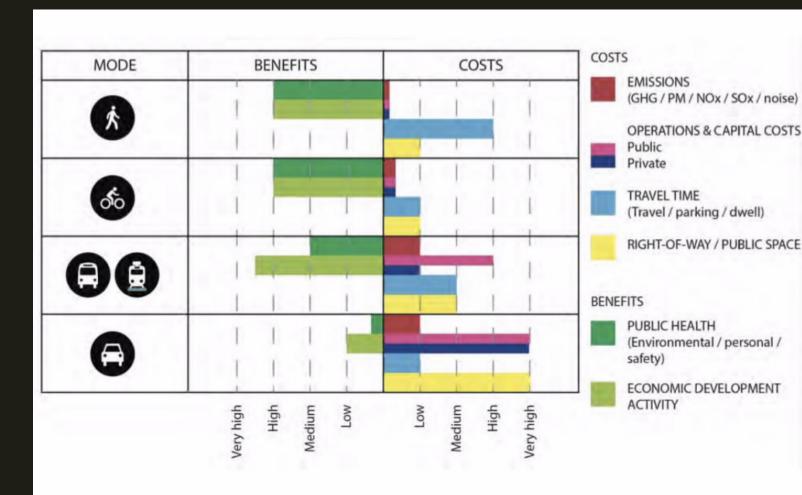






## 2. Moving people and goods

#### Clarity on costs and benefits

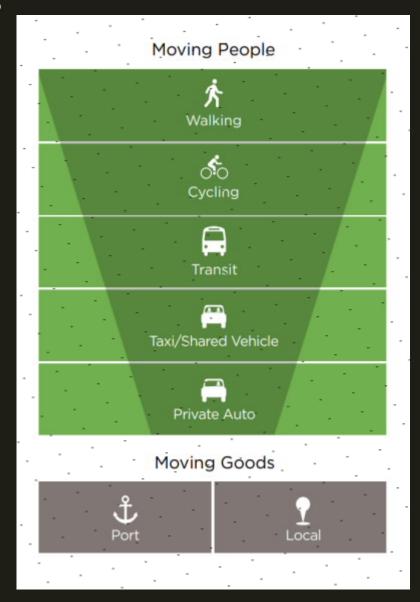




Integration

Modal benefits analysis inform investment priorities

## ... informing priorities



Vision of the needs, and the changing

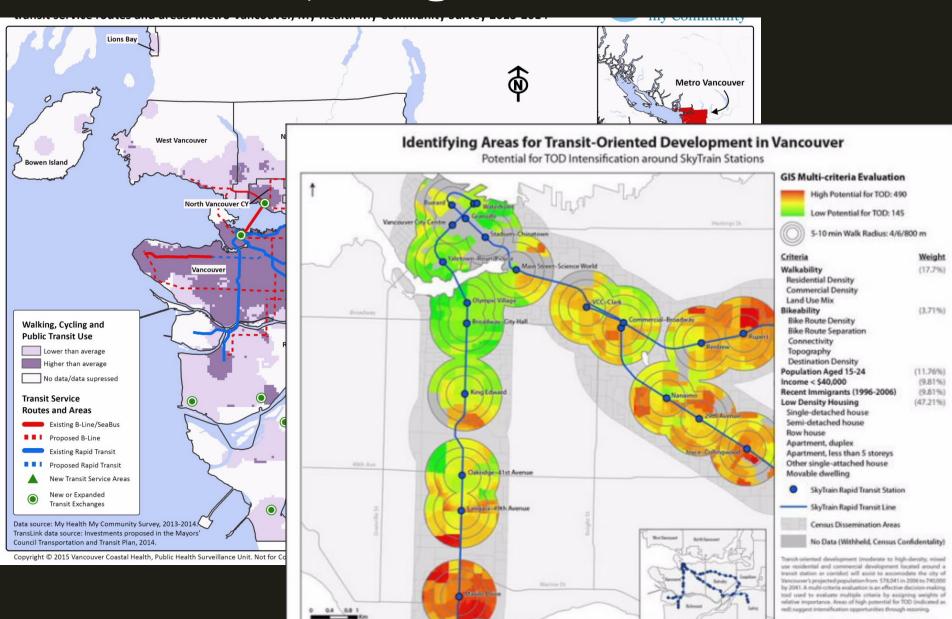
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SFMTA, presentation, San Francisco
Complete Streets Strategy, Timothy
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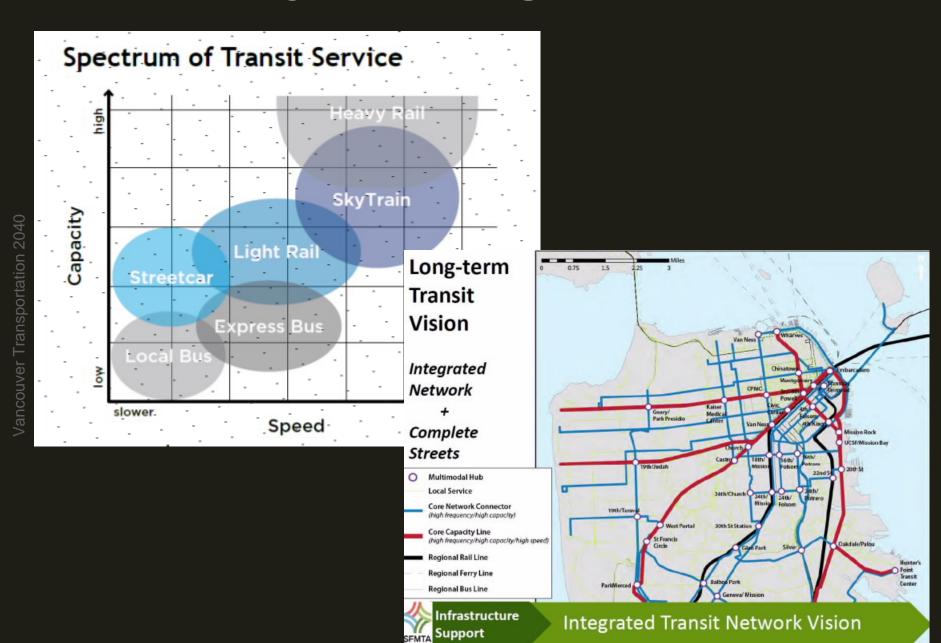
#### Efficient PT, integration



Refer to Spacing Vancouver article published on Feb. 27, 2012. Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census, City of Vancouver, TransLink, UBC Health & Community Design Lab, UBC Cycling in Cities

Map by Victor Ngo, University of British Columbia

#### PT hierarchy and integration







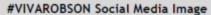
#### 3. Innovation is not only new tech













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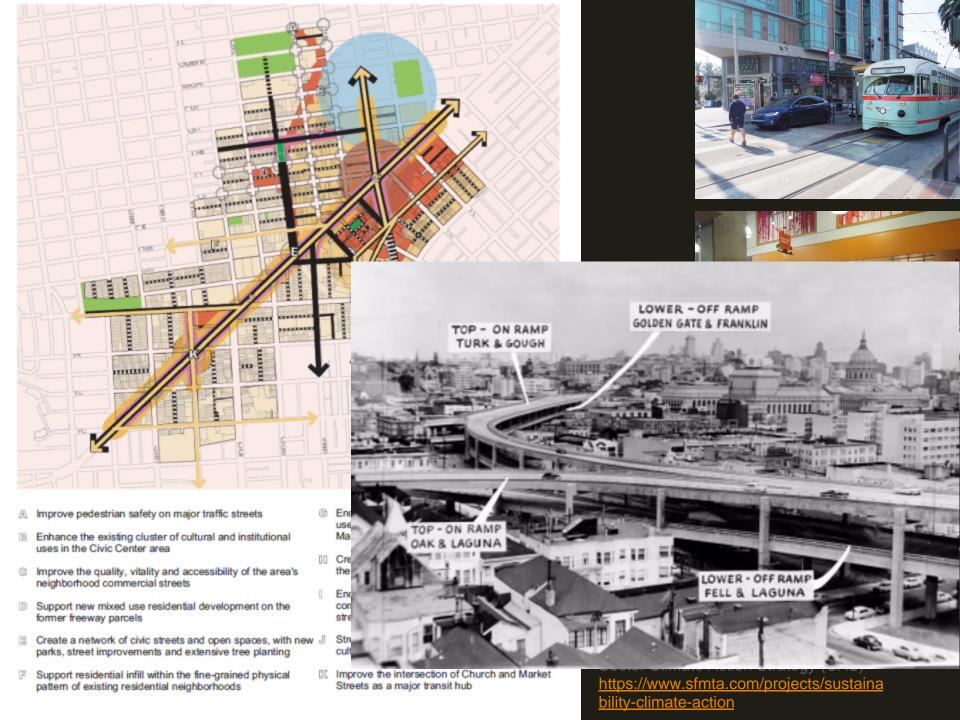
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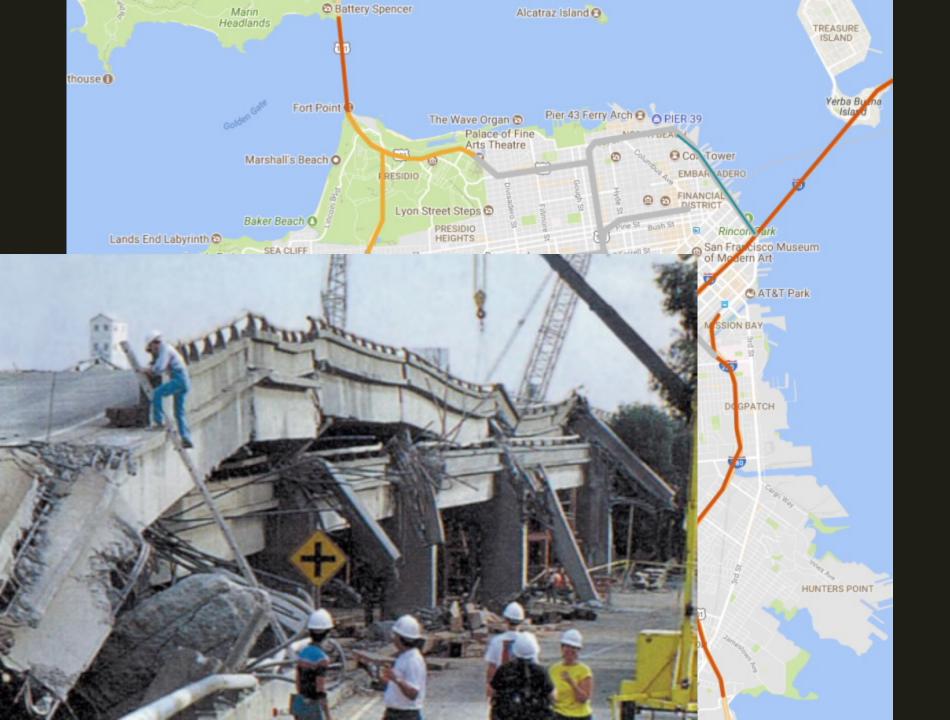
City of Vancouver - Summary of 800 Robson Public and Key Stakeholder Engagement













# 4. Density, but quality







San Francisco, mixed use, local shops, neighbourhood activity hubs



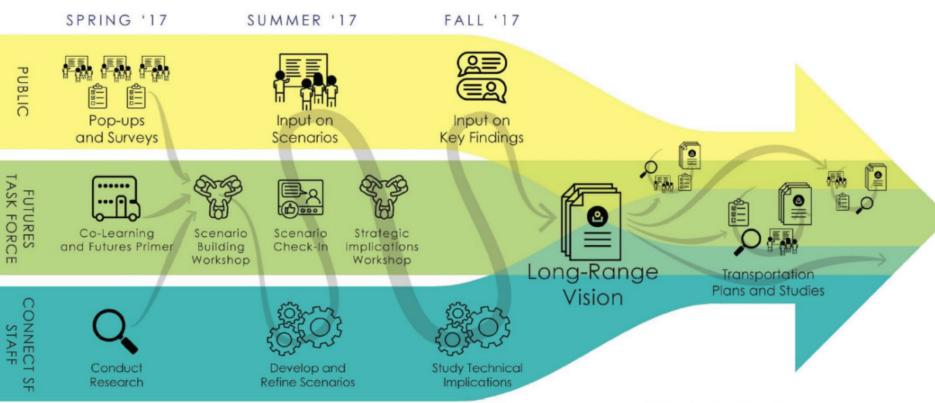






# 5. Evidence, vision, commitment

# ConnectSF Process



- Modal Studies
- SF Transportation Plan
- Transportation Element



Sustainable = healthier = safer = resilient = more equitable = better for the local economy

San Francisco, 2017 Transportation
Sector Climate Action Strategy (CAS)
<a href="https://www.sfmta.com/projects/sustaina">https://www.sfmta.com/projects/sustaina</a>
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# Healthier, Safer, Resilient and more Equitable Implementing the climate actions can also provide multiple important co-benefits including:

 Improving public health through the reduction of harmful air pollutants and through encouraging active transportation modes

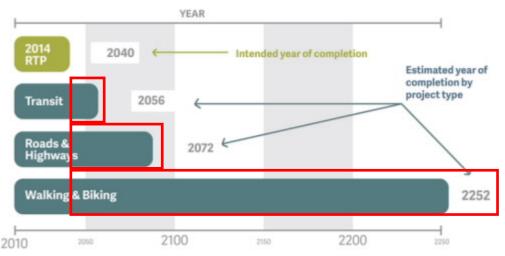
- Reducing congestion and travel time
- · Promoting dense and affordable development
- · Providing safe, reliable, efficient and affordable transit
- · Improving the public realm
- · Creating green jobs
- · Increasing resilience
- · Building a more equitable San Francisco

Therefore, each of the strategies are viewed in the context of these other co-benefits and the initial capital cost of implementing the strategies.



# Innovation in funding and delivery

At current rates of federal and state investment, greater Portland's planned transportation network will not be complete until 2252.



Estimated year of completion based on historic annual levels of state and federal investment in the Portland region, 1995-2010; does not account for projects funded solely through development or local revenues.

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### Click for a larger version.

Most people would like these improvements for their families and communities to come sooner than 2242.

This is a good opportunity to examine how we fund our transportation system.

# Portland Investment rates not aligned with

targets

# Transformation



### THANK YOU

# **QUESTIONS?**

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# Clarity on actions and (co)benefits

41 | Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy



# Changing context, revised solutions

# GEORGIA AND DUNSMUIR VIADUCTS/EASTERN CORE



#### **OBJECTIVE**

The viaducts are two elevated roadways connecting the False Creek Flats area to Downtown. Originally built in 1915 to bypass the tidal waters, rail lines, and industry below, they were rebuilt in the 1960s as the first step in a proposed freeway system that was abandoned after public opposition. Land use around these structures has changed a lot since then, leaving the viaducts as an isolated stretch of freeway connected at both ends to an urban street network. They are more expensive to maintain than ground-level roads, they divide historic neighbourhoods from False Creek, and they occupy two blocks of centrally located land.

#### STUDIES OR ACTIONS COMPLETED

City staff, working in collaboration with a team of urban designers, landscape architects, transportation and structural engineers, and cost consultants, developed a concept for the area that identified key opportunities. The proposal is to remove the viaduots and replace them with an at-grade road network, which repairs a major gap in the city's urban fabric, improves walking and cycling connections, creates new parks and open space opportunities, and generates nearly seven acres of developable land for housing—including affordable housing. Significant work has been done to ensure that effective transportation routes to and from the downtown core remain for people and goods movement. The conceptual planning and transportation analysis of this phase of work was shared widely with the public.

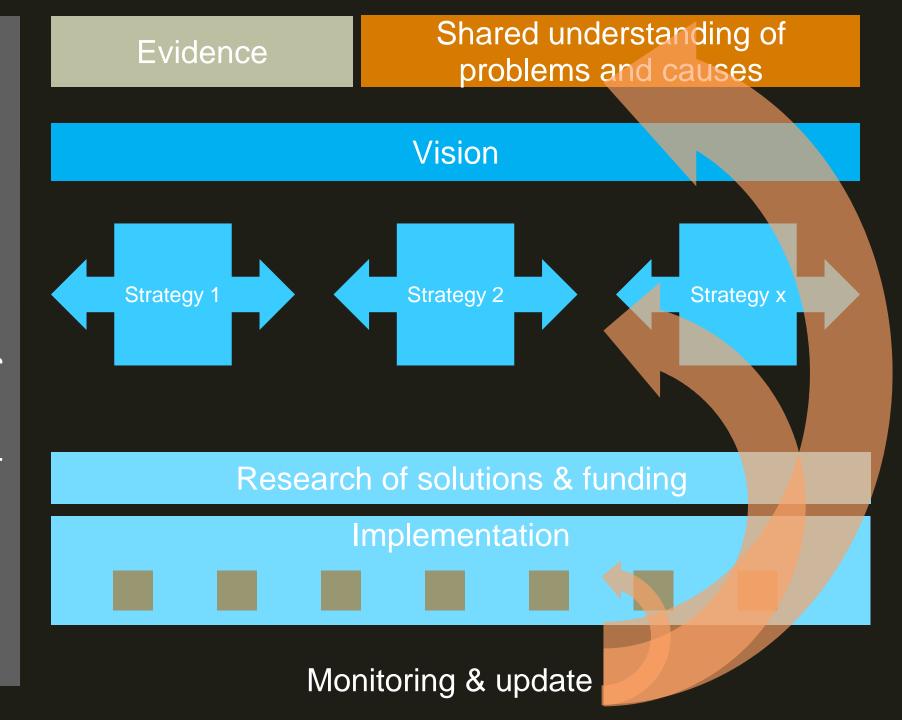
#### **NEXT STEPS**

The next step is to complete an area planning exercise for the viaducts that includes the surrounding Northeast False Creek lands, in parallel with work on the Eastern Core/False Creek Flats. Northeast False Creek/Viaducts area planning will focus on imagining a future with an at-grade road network that replaces the viaducts, and will explore what landowner agreements and financial strategies are necessary to make it a reality. The Eastern Core Strategy seeks to improve transportation connectivity in the broader area for all modes, while enhancing industrial and commercial activity. These area plans are anticipated to take up to two

years to complet with stakeholde communities, p future of the vice Vancouver Transportation 2040



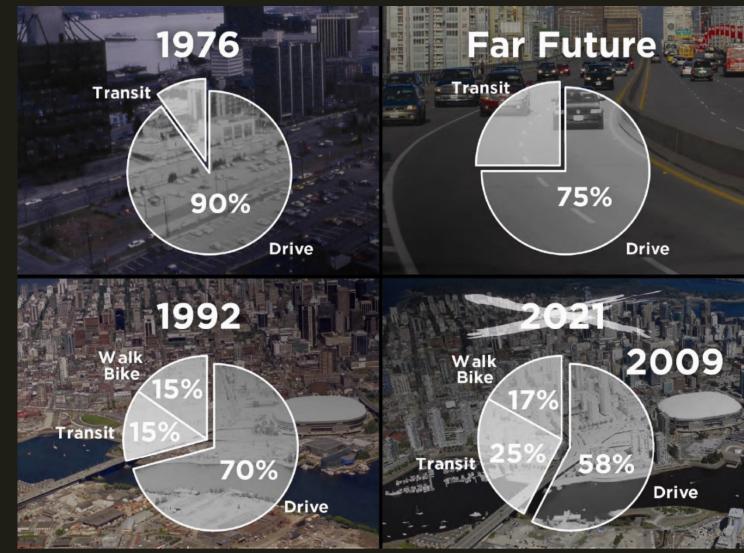




# Vision Before Budget

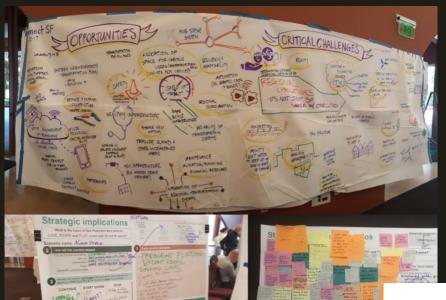
In turn, our planning approach and process has changed. While previous plans focused first on budgets and how to slice the investment pie, Transportation 2035 first sought to define a vision for what the region's transportation system ought to look like in 2035, and then identified, in broad strokes, those policies and investments that would carry out that vision (see page 6). In our desire to put priorities before projects, we made a special effort to look beyond simple infrastructure solutions, and to consider a range of operational improvements and policy innovations.

# **People movement**



Vancouver

# Making clear links



# City of Vancouver - Local Government

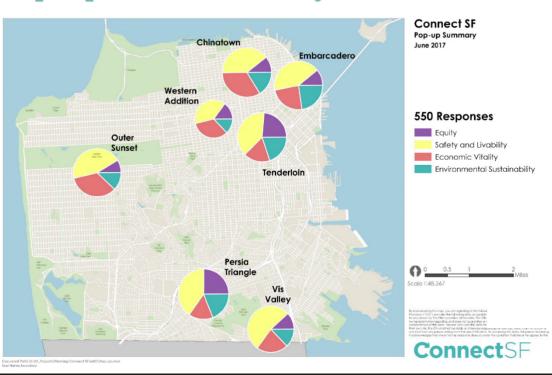
Our public spaces are alive with activity all year round. Where in Downtown Vancouver do you like to go to experience public life during the autumn months?

Learn more at http://vancouver.ca/placesforpeople/ #PlacesforPeopleVan



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# Pop-Ups: Core Values by Location



## Completing the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit & Transportation

	Entire 10-Year Vision	Phase One Approved / Underway	Phase Two Working Assumptions	Phase Three Remaining Investments
Bus Service	25% increase 11 new B-Lines	10% increase 5 new B-Lines	6% increase 2 new B-Lines	9% increase 4 new B-Lines
SeaBus Service	1 new SeaBus     10 min peak frequency	1 new SeaBus     10 min peak frequency		
HandyDART Service	30% increase	15% increase	7% increase	8% increase
SkyTrain & West Coast Express (WCE)	114 Expo/Millennium Lines cars     22 Canada Line cars     10 WCE cars + locomotive	28 Expo/Millennium Lines cars     22 Canada Line cars     5 WCE cars + 1 new locomotive     Upgrades to Expo/Millennium & Canada Line stations	86 Expo/Millennium Line cars (including Broadway Extension)     Upgrades to Expo/Millennium & Canada Line stations	5 WCE cars      Upgrades to Expo/Millennium & Canada Line stations
Major Projects	Millennium Line Broadway Extension     Surrey-Langley Rapid Transit     Pattullo Bridge Replacement	Pre-construction on Broadway     Extension     Pre-construction on Surrey-Newton-Guildford LRT     Design for Pattullo Bridge Replacement	Construction of Broadway Extension     Construction of Surrey-Newton- Guildford LRT     Construction of Pattullo Bridge Replacement     Pre-construction on Surrey-Langley LRT	Construction of Surrey-Langley LRT
Major Roads Network (MRN)	MRN expansion: 1% annual increase + one-time 10% increase  MRN upgrades: \$200M  MRN seismic: \$130M	MRN expansion: 1% annual increase     + one-time 10% increase     \$50M (25% of Vision)  \$32.5M (25% of Vision)	\$40M (20% of Vision) \$26M (20% of Vision)	\$110M (55%) \$71.5M (55%)
Walking & Cycling	Regional Cycling \$131M  Walking Access to Transit: \$35M	\$41.3M (32% of Vision) \$12.5M (36% of Vision)	\$23.8M (18% of Vision) \$10M (29% of Vision)	\$65.9M (50% of Vision) \$12.5M (36% of Vision)
Transit Exchanges	13 new or expanded transit exchanges	3 updated transit exchanges, in addition to 2 exchanges as part of Surrey pre-construction work	2 upgraded transit exchanges	6 upgraded transit exchanges
		Phase One investments dependent on enabling	Working assumptions as of Feb 2017	Subject to refinement after Phase Two

legislation for new regional development fee

TRANS LINK

development

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### SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

**DIVISION:** Sustainable Streets

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Adopting the 2017 Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy, which provides a framework for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and for increasing the resilience of the transportation system in advance of future climate impacts.

#### SUMMARY:

- The City Charter mandates that the SFMTA develop a Climate Action Strategy.
- San Francisco is a global climate action leader and achieved two significant climate goals in 2017.
- First, San Francisco's annual greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by 28 percent from 1990 levels and second, over fifty percent of all trips were made by transit, walking and bicycling.
- The transportation sector accounts for 46 percent of citywide greenhouse gas emissions and is heavily dependent on carbon intensive fossil fuels. In addition, many of San Francisco's vital transportation corridors, assets and facilities are located along the shoreline which could be significantly impacted by projected sea level rise and coastal flooding events.
- In order to meet the climate goals, the transportation sector will need to be transformed.
- The 2017 Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy provides a framework for the reduction of emissions from the transportation sector and for increasing the resilience of the transportation system.

### ENCLOSURES:

- 1. SFMTAB Resolution
- 2017 Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy

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### RISING TO THE CHALLENGES

Our world is constantly changing. Vancouver faces a number of challenges—some old, some new, some global in nature, and others unique to our region. With commitment and creativity we can face our transportation future head-on by supporting our economy, protecting the environment, and improving quality of life for everyone.

### A GROWING CITY WITH LIMITED ROAD SPACE

The city is growing. Over the next 30 years, we're expecting about 130,000 new residents and close to 90,000 new jobs, bringing more trips and more life to the city. The street network is largely built out, leaving few opportunities for building new roads, but by using our existing streets more efficiently we can move more people in the limited space we have.



Vancouver has one of the busiest transit systems in North America. Unlike in most cities, transit demand far exceeds capacity, but ongoing funding challenges have limited service improvements. If stable, long-term funding can be found, strategic investments will increase transit capacity, helping us meet existing and future demand, and enabling us to reach City, regional, and provincial transportation targets.

#### COSTS OF SEDENTARY LIFESTYLES

The financial burden of physical inactivity is substantial, costing the provincial health care system more than \$570 million in 2005. About 45% of British Columbians are overweight or obese, and the rate of obesity in BC children has nearly tripled in the past 25 years. We can help reverse this trend by making active transportation choices like walking and cycling more convenient and comfortable, so that physical activity becomes part of the daily rhythm of life.

#### HIGH COST OF HOUSING

Vancouver is an expensive city and the high cost of living is a concern for many residents. Although housing costs are usually viewed as the main problem, transportation is a big part of the solution. We can help residents save thousands of dollars each year by reducing the need to drive or own a car. Complete communities—where homes, workplaces, and schools are near to each other—and inexpensive transportation options help to reduce household costs.







# Utilize land use to support shorter trips and sustainable transportation choices.

### BACKGROUND

It is often said that the best transportation plan is a good land use plan. Land use and the built environment influence travel behaviour in a number of ways, often referred to as the "Five Ds of the Built Environment":

- Destinations locating major destinations and centres at rapid transit stations or along corridors makes them easy to serve efficiently with frequent transit
- Distance a well-connected, fine-grain pedestrian network enables shorter, more direct walking connections and is easier to serve cost-effectively with transit
- Density higher levels of residential and employment density support more local amenities within walking and cycling distance, and justify high levels of transit service
- Diversity a diverse mix of land uses and housing types makes it easier to live, work, shop, and play without having to travel far
- Design well-designed buildings and public realm create interesting places where people feel safe to walk or cycle

Good land use decisions have been and will continue to be a major part of Vancouver's success with transportation. Over the years, we have strived to build complete communities that bring people closer to their daily destinations and make walking the easiest and most convenient option for many trips. We design buildings that put "eyes on the street" to foster feelings of safety, and locate density to support efficient transit service.



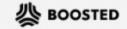




he first thing you should know is that a car is not going to do much good. Traffic here is horrible—10th worst in the country! So if you do have a vehicle, you might want to save yourself some time and chuck it in a lake. Drivers here spend an average of 55 hours a year stuck in traffic, and 58 hours a year looking for parking. Don't waste your precious youth decaying in a car.







# There is a new way to ride to work.



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## What are Corridor Strategies?

### What is Corridor Planning?

- Different scales: parcel, station, corridor, region
- Corridor Planning examines the areas around each station along a single transit line

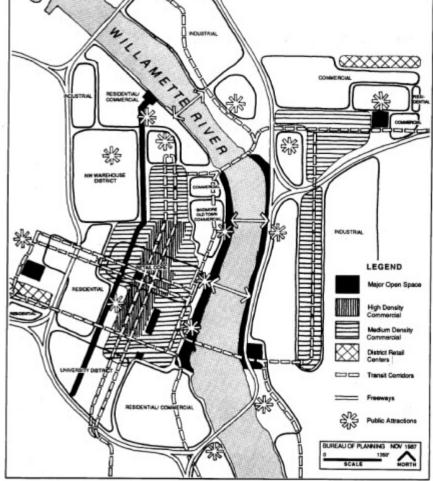
### What is on the table?

- Recommendations at corridor level, station area type level, or local or regional level
- · Recommendations at the state level
- Recommendations for non-profit and private partners

### What is NOT on the table?

- Going beyond scope or resources
  - -Station area planning
  - -Alignment determination





"Transit corridors are the spine for future growth. The most intense development will locate along the transit corridors."—Central City Plan

CONCEPT PLAN

# **Serious delivery**

... using the momentum, building on it

## **COMPLETE STREETS**



Goal: By 2025, increase the number of "complete streets" throughout the city which encourages sustainable mode shift, increases safety and improves the public realm.

Streetscapes design and amenities play a large role in determining mode choice and travel behavior, and thus per-capita greenhouse gas emissions. Past investments prioritizing the movement and storage of automobiles explain much of the transportation sector's high percentage of greenhouse gas emissions. A 2014 study found that only 2.4 percent of street space in San Francisco was devoted to transit-only or bike-only lanes even though automobile trips account for fewer than half of all trips.5 In order to change this paradigm, urban centers such as San Francisco need to build "complete streets" which include pedestrian, bicycle, and streetscape improvements as part of any planning or construction projects in the public right-of-way. These changes will help advance mode shift goals, increase public safety and improve public health and the public realm. The San Francisco Better Streets Plan contains a definition of a "complete street":

"..streets are designed and built to strike a balance between all users regardless of physical abilities or mode of travel. A Better Street attends to the needs of people first, considering pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, street trees, stormwater management, utilities, and livability as well as vehicular circulation and parking."

growth in commutes by foot (13,000) and bike (12,000) are nearly double those by car (15,000).





Figure 3-7 Cycling Facilities Illustration



Bicycle paths far away from motor vehicles



Local neighbourhood streets with little traffic and low speeds



Major streets, provided they have bike lanes separated from traffic with a physical barrier



Major streets, provided they have bike lanes

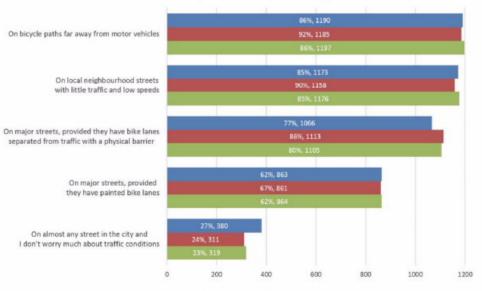


Figure 3-8: Bicycle Facility Preferences

# Sure it's secure

Almost any street in the city regardless of traffic conditions

#### Number of Respondents Comfortable Biking in Each Condition



■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016

Vancouver Bicycle infrastructure assessment, City of Vancouver





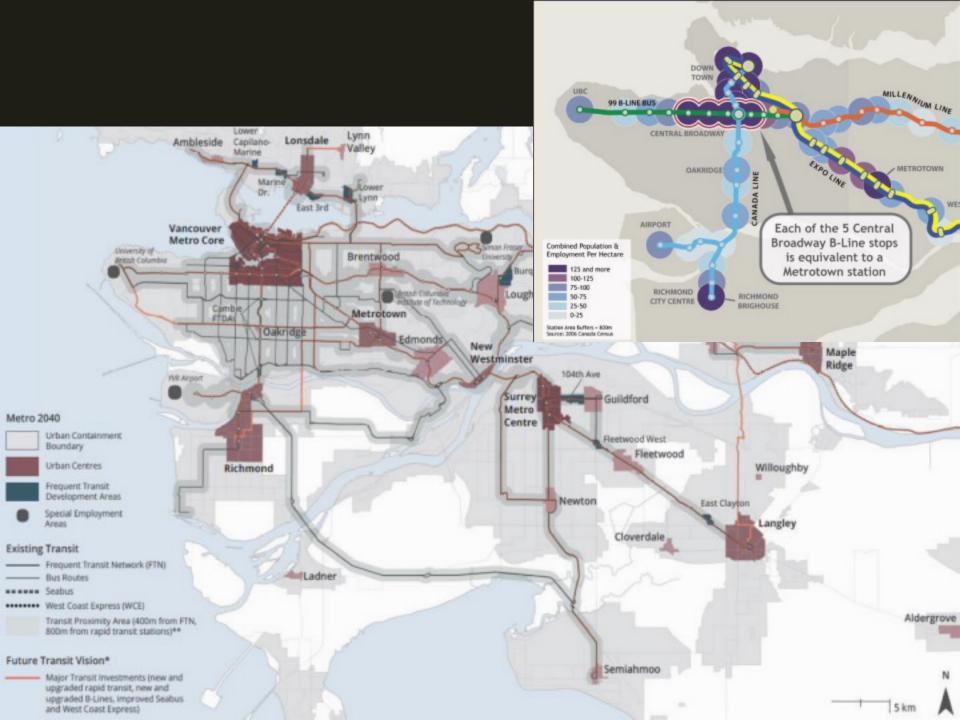
Suitable for AAA facility

Unsuitable for AAA facility

The general approaches to creating AAA cycling routes on city streets are:

bikeways on quiet streets, protected bike lanes, and off-street pathways appeal to people who are interested in cycling but concerned for their safety.<sup>2</sup>

- Ensuring low motor vehicle speeds and volumes on local streets, or
- Providing physical separation on busy streets



# Long-term Transit Vision

Integrated Network +

Complete Streets

Multimodal Hub

**Local Service** 

Core Network Connector (high frequency/high capacity)

Core Capacity Line
(high frequency/high capacity/high speed)

Regional Rail Line

Regional Ferry Line

Regional Bus Line





Integrated Transit Network Vision

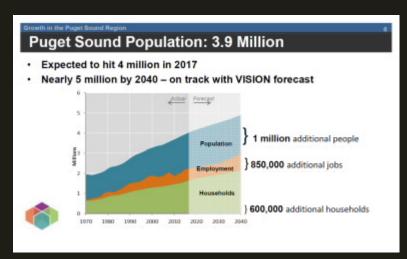
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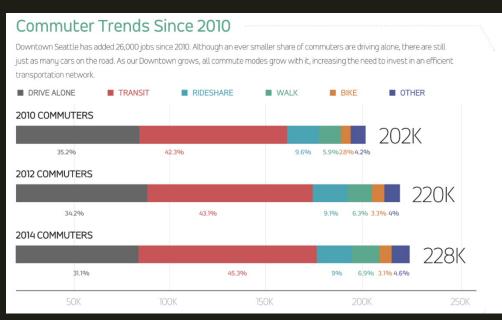
# Same bridge, more capacity



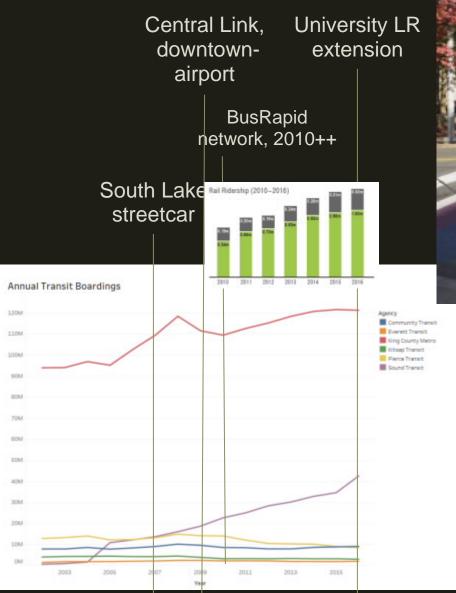
# **Growth and shift in mobility**

## Seattle





## **Seattle**





## **Housing Density**



Transit Centers

Core Transit Streets

#### Units Per Net Acre

0 - 15

15 – 30

30 – 45

45-90

90 - 150

**>** 150

Parks

Much of San Francisco's housing is clustered in the older, more urban neighborhoods in and around the downtown. These areas are relatively dense, and support a wide variety of retail and neighborhood services. They also enjoy relatively frequent and reliable transit service. Together, these amenities make it easy to live with fewer cars.

Our parking requirements fail to recognize that many parts of San Francisco work well precisely because they support a lifestyle less dependent on cars. Many places were built before

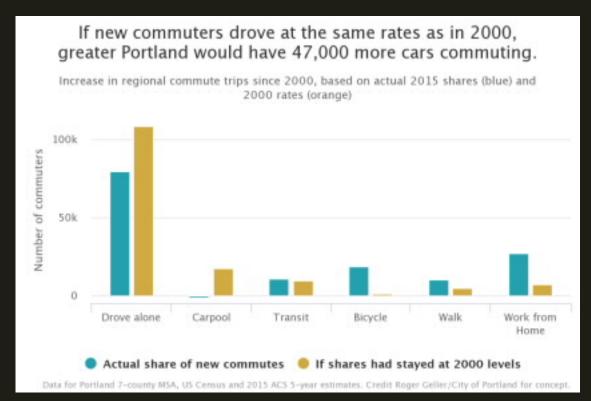
the advent of the automobile, are easily accessible on foot and by transit, and have a variety of neighborhood-serving shops within an easy walk of home. They rely on a critical mass of people and activity in close proximity, providing access to a wide variety of goods and services close by. If we can revise our parking requirements to build on these urban qualities, new development can add to the character of our city, rather than detract from it.

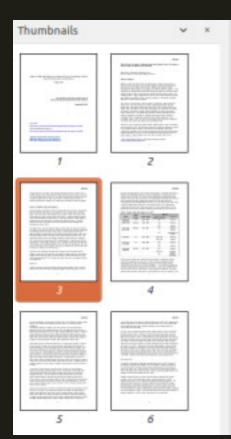
## Car Ownership

# **Growth and shift in mobility**

## **Portland**

Reliance to car decreasing, but still high, despite image!





notable example is the recent elimination of vehicle traffic in Times Square in New York City. Increasingly common in the U.S. are "road diet" projects that re-allocate a portion of the public right-of-way for modes other than cars, though such projects do not necessarily decrease the capacity of the roadway as measured by vehicle throughput.

## Impacts of Highway Capacity Expansion

ncreased highway capacity can lead to increased VMT in the short run in several ways people shift from other modes to driving, if drivers make longer trips (by choosing onger routes and/or more distant destinations), or if drivers make more frequent trips Noland and Lem. 2002; Gorham. 2009; Litman. 2010). Longer-term effects may als households and businesses move to more distant locations or if developmen atterns become more dispersed in response to the capacity increase. Capacity expansion can lead to increases in commercial traffic as well as passenger trave Duranton and Turner, 2011).

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## Senate Bill 375 - Resources for Target Setting

This webpage provides links to resources related to the target-setting portion of statewide implementation of Sensia SH 375 (SE 271), By June 20, 2010, ARB must propose draft regional generatures gas reduction largets for passanger vehicles in 2020 and 2005, and adopt final targets by September 35, 2015.

#### Click on the links below for quick neelgation to each topic area. \* Bill Information

- Regional Planning Information.
- . Regional and Local Agency Information . Other State Agency SS 375-Avieted Activities
- Other ARS Related Activities and Information

## Bill information:



58 375 mandates several changes to regional planning practice to better integrate land use. Yousing and transportation planning at the regional level and streamlines the environmental review process for certain tupes of projects. Below are links to the texts of SB 375 and SB 575, the companion legislation is SB 575. as well as a summary document highlighting some of the key requirements of SB 375 and a fact sheet from the Consmit's office.

- Tax of 58 375
- Description of some key elements of 50: 375
- Text of companion legislation, 58 575.

#### Regional and Local Agency Information:



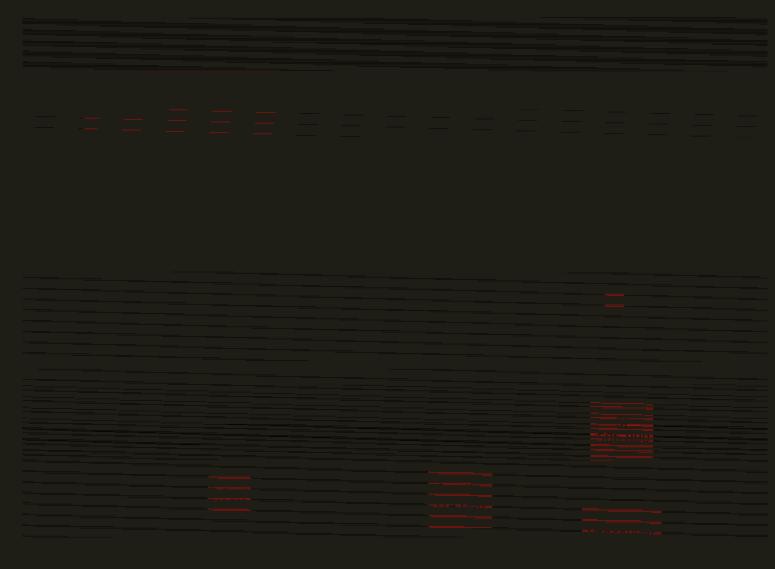
58 315 recessitates increased collaboration arrong ARB, metropolitan planning organizations (HPOs) and air districts during the largest setting process and other phases of implementation, with input horn local agencies and other stakeholders. Below are links to the regional and local agencies that will assuit in the larged setting effort, as well as important model and data information from the MPCs.

- Links to California NPOs and Air Distrots. Map of California NPOs
  - Map of California Air Clubrots
- California Air Pollution Correct Officers
   California Association of Councils of Assertation
- California State Association of Counties . Institute for Local Conservment.
- Local Government Commission MPO Model Self-Assessment for RDAC
   MPO Data Summary Spreadsheet for MTMC
- \* MFC Data Notes for RTAC

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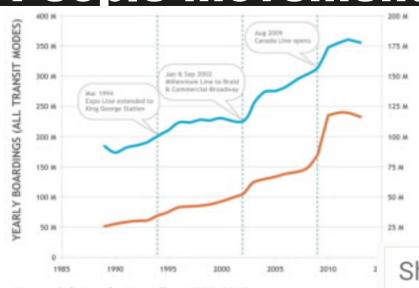


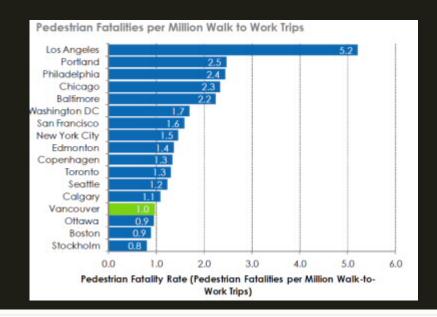




THIRD STREET.

## **People movement**



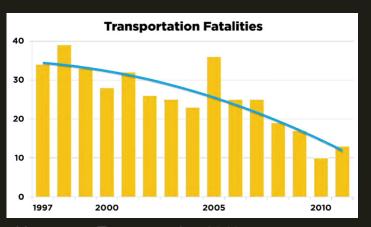


## TransLink Yearly Boarding 1989-2013

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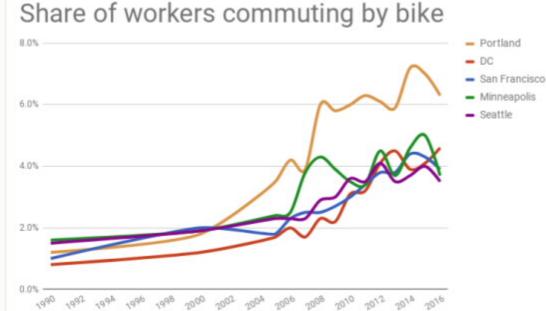


## Vancouver



BOARDINGS - SKYTRAIN

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# Active drivers licenses, 10 years

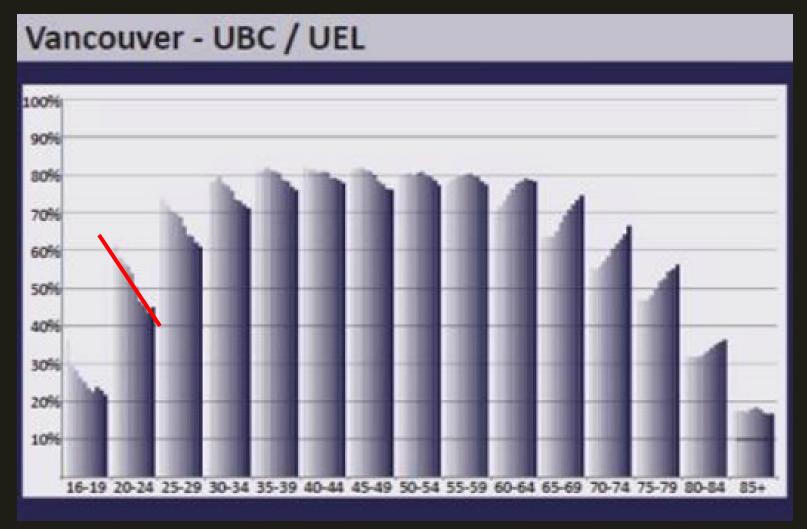




Figure 9. Pedestrian Ratings for Conditions of Crossings.

