



**How could getting  
around downtown  
by bus be better?**

**Let us know at two Open Houses:**

**June 22 - Strawberry Festival  
Barclay Heritage Square  
1-4 pm**

**June 26 - Vancouver Public Library  
3-8 pm**

**Or online at [vancouver.ca/downtownbusreview](http://vancouver.ca/downtownbusreview)**

# 2 What is the DBSR?



## Introduction



The City and TransLink are partnering on a Downtown Vancouver Local Bus Service Review (DBSR) to establish a common near term (one to five year) vision for the future of the downtown local bus network.

TransLink's current Vancouver/UBC Area Transit Plan was completed in 2005.

Since then:

- the downtown core has experienced significant employment and population growth;
- the Canada Line opened; and
- potential changes to the transportation network have been proposed.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SHAPING THIS VISION!

Please review the information provided and give us your feedback by:

- adding sticky notes to the presentation boards;
- speaking to one of our staff; or
- filling out a questionnaire in person or online at [vancouver.ca/downtownbusreview](http://vancouver.ca/downtownbusreview)

## Study Area



## Study Process - Get Involved!



June 2013

Fall 2013

Winter 2013

Phase

1

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### Issues and opportunities

- Understand current issues and gaps in the downtown bus network
- Identify opportunities to inform the development of alternative network designs

### Alternative network designs and evaluation

- Present alternative network design concepts of the downtown local bus network for public discussion
- Use feedback to evaluate alternatives

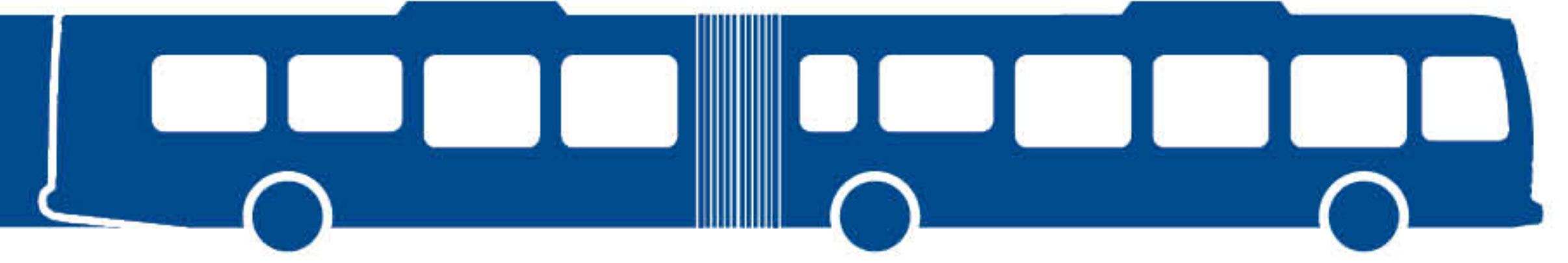
### Recommended network vision

- Recommend preferred alternatives
- Articulate a common near-term vision for the downtown local bus network

# 3 Scope and Objectives



## Existing Downtown Bus Network



### Study Purpose

**The purpose of this review is to:**

- better understand bus service in the downtown core
- identify opportunities and challenges
- develop alternative scenarios
- evaluate these alternatives and provide recommendations

The recommendations from this study will guide TransLink and City of Vancouver decision-making and implementation.

### Study Scope

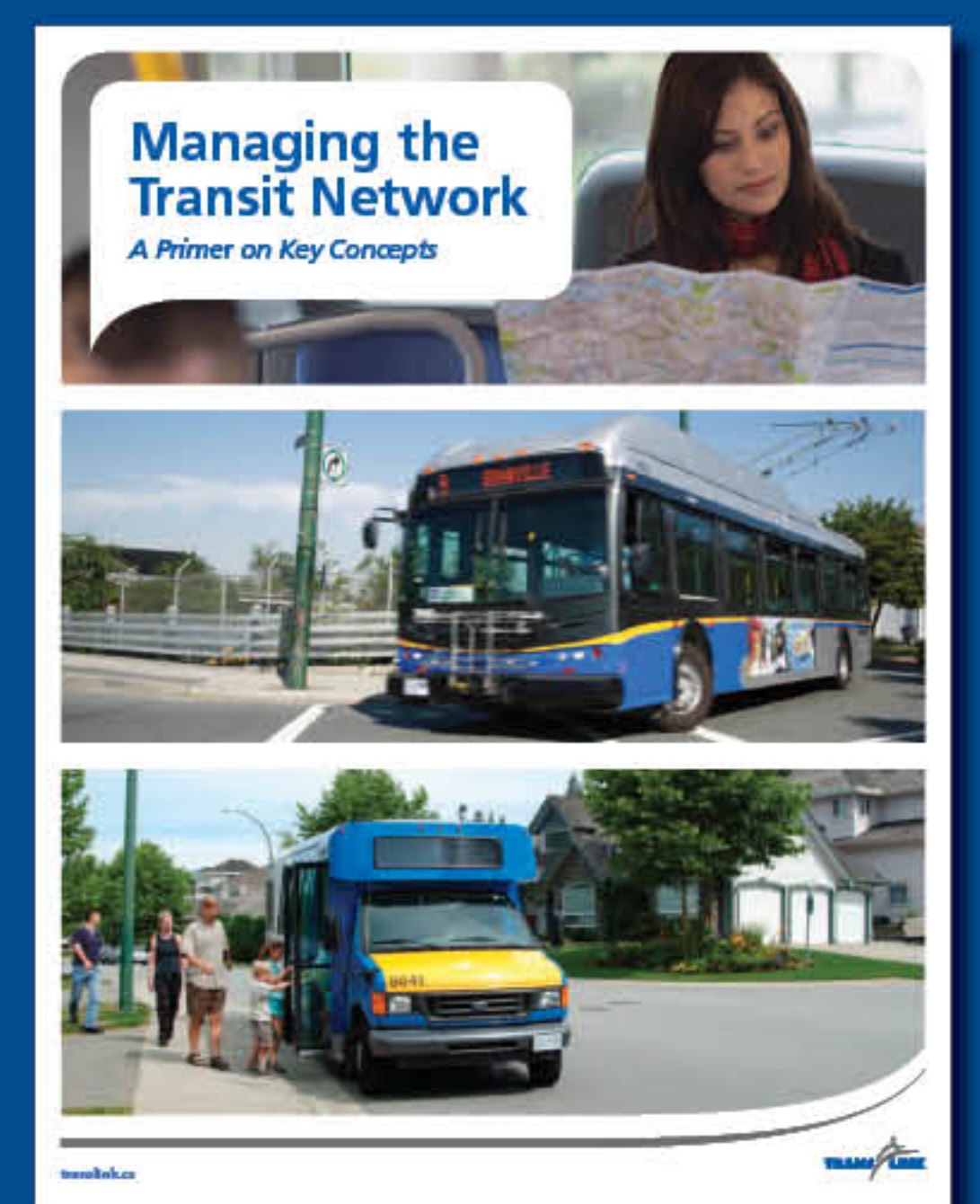
**The DBSR will look at:**

- routes
- bus service levels
- vehicle types
- trolley wires
- bus stops
- transit priority measures

**The DBSR will not look at:**

- regional bus services
- regional transportation policy or funding
- fare structure
- rapid transit

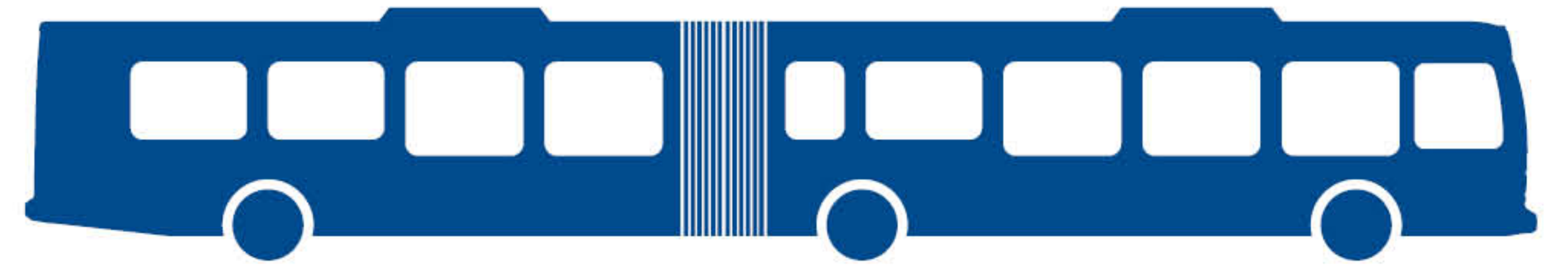
For a full overview of how TransLink makes decisions about where to add, change or reduce service when managing the transit network, please see *“Managing the Transit Network: A Primer on Key Concepts”*, or visit us online at: [translink.ca/networkmanagement](http://translink.ca/networkmanagement).



# 4 Past Changes Downtown



Significant population and employment growth has occurred downtown in recent years, creating new destinations to live, work and play.



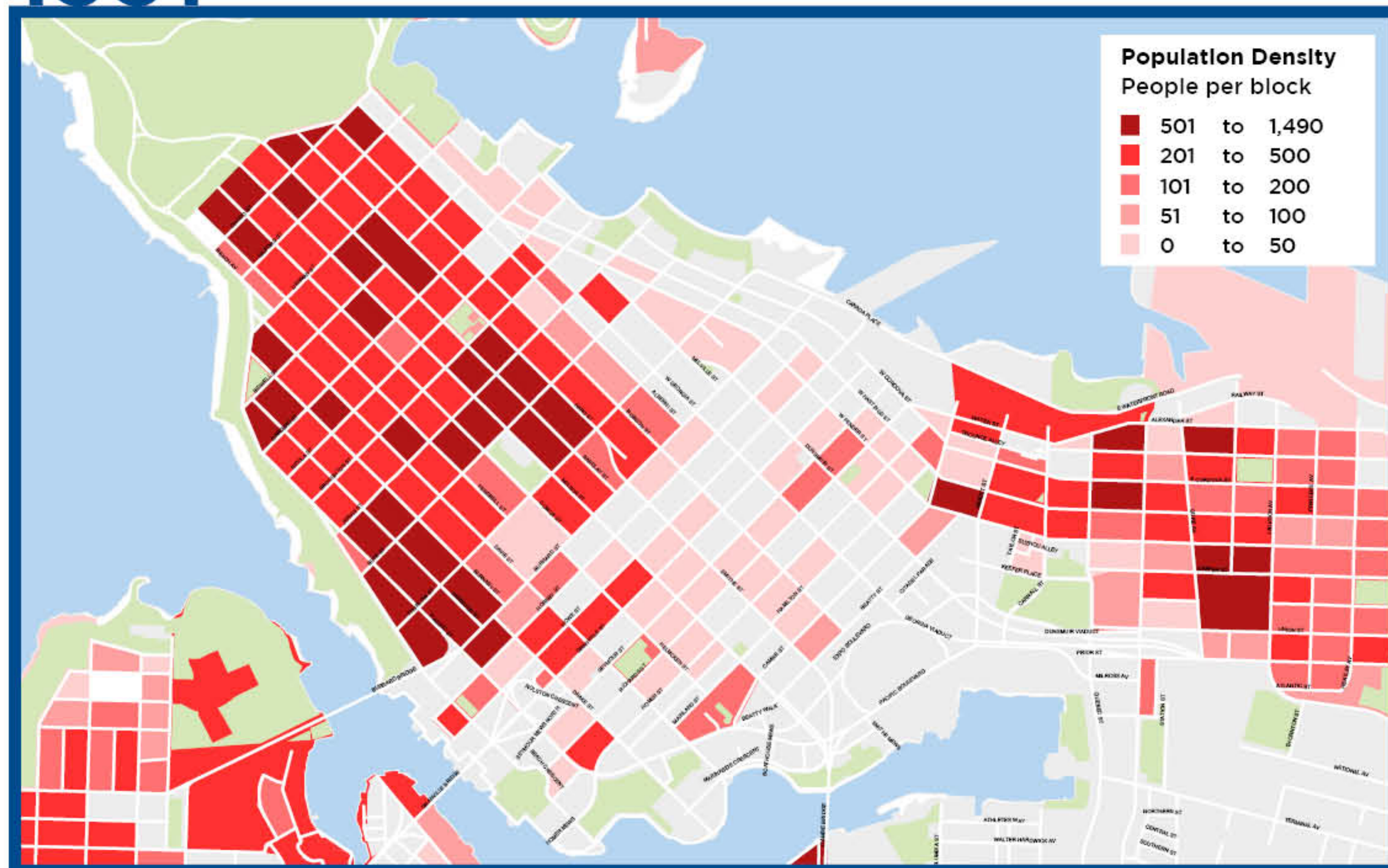
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Between 1991 and 2011, population more than doubled. Most of this growth occurred southeast of Granville Street.

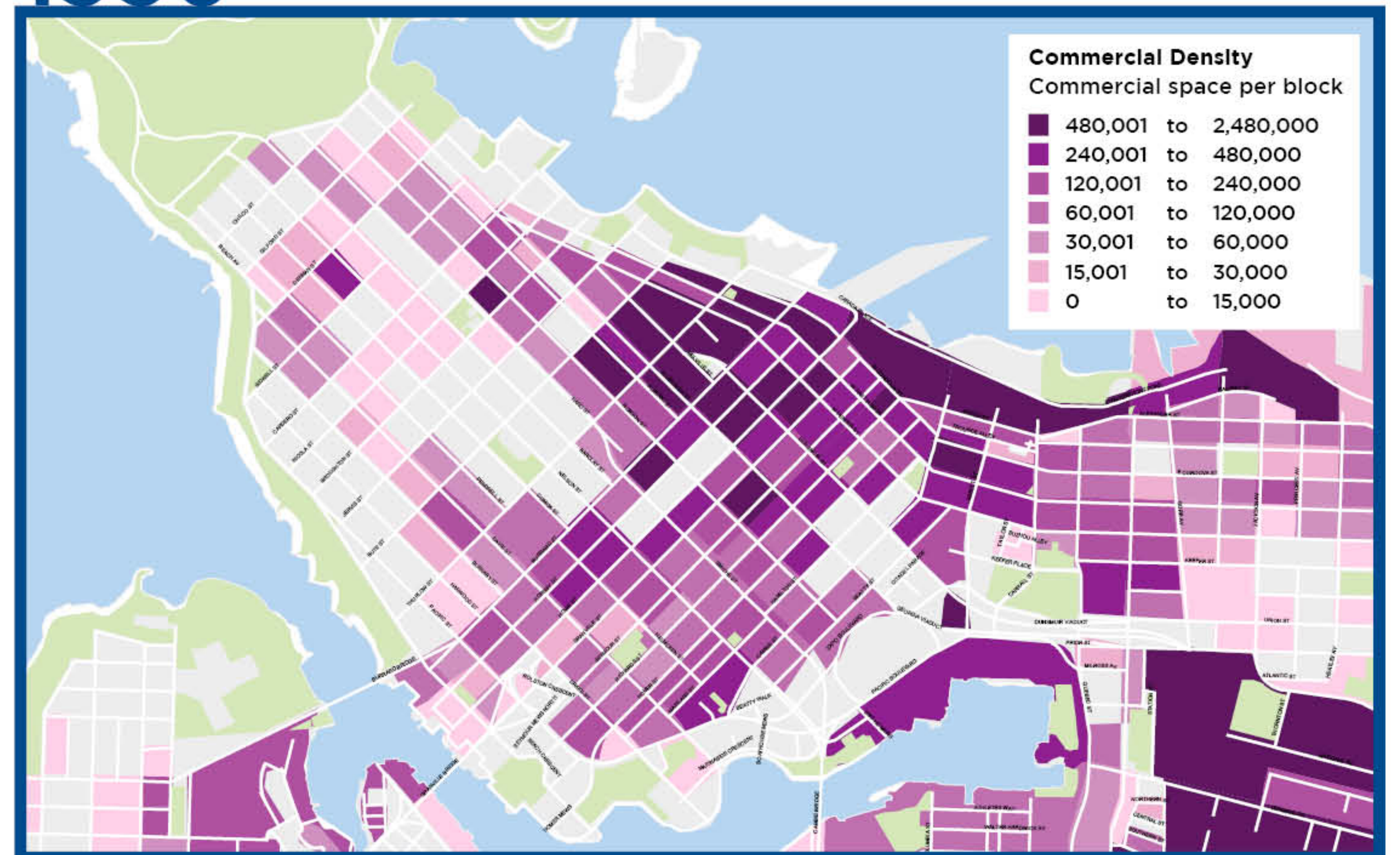
## Employment

Between 1996 and 2008, downtown commercial floor space increased by 43%.

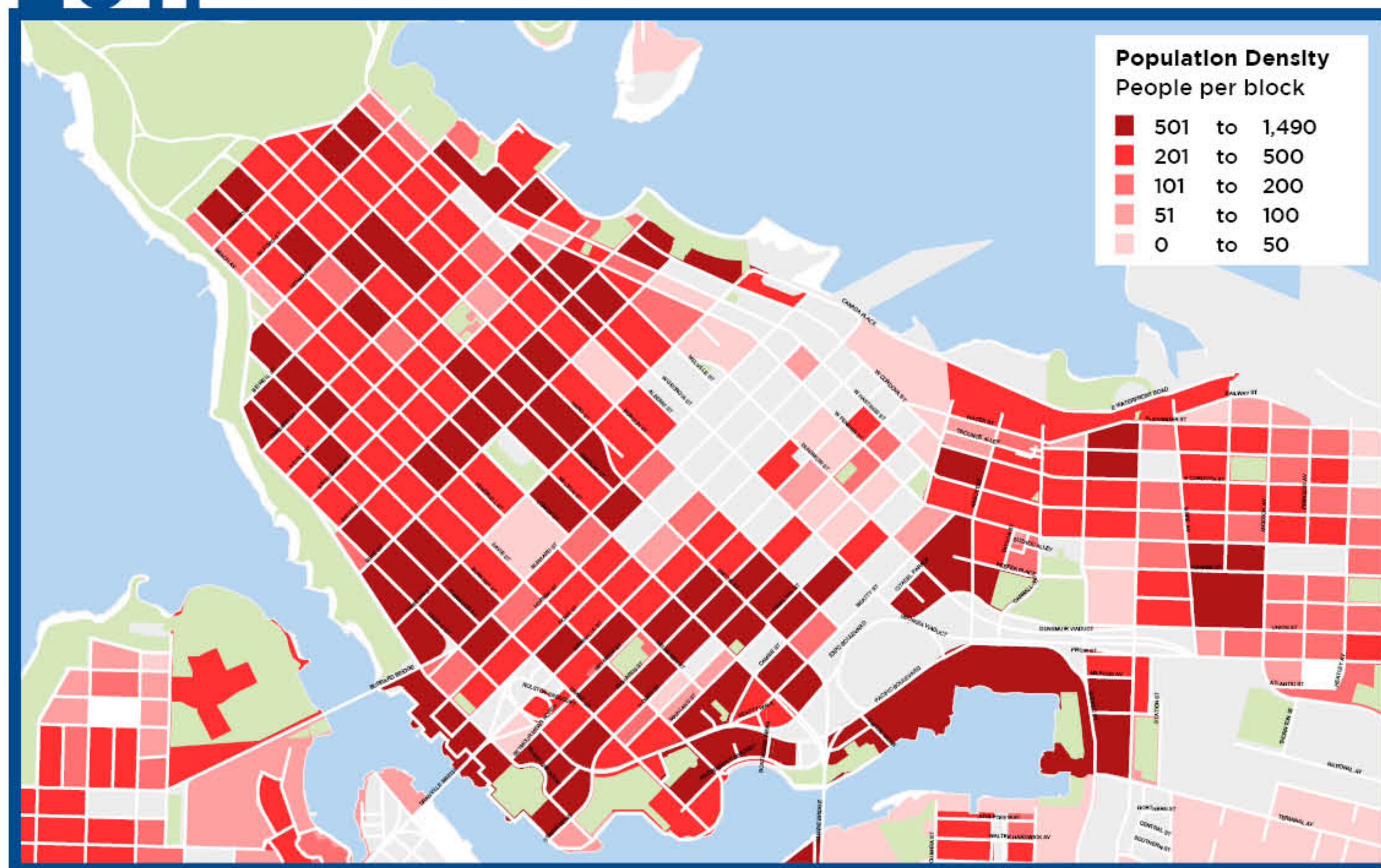
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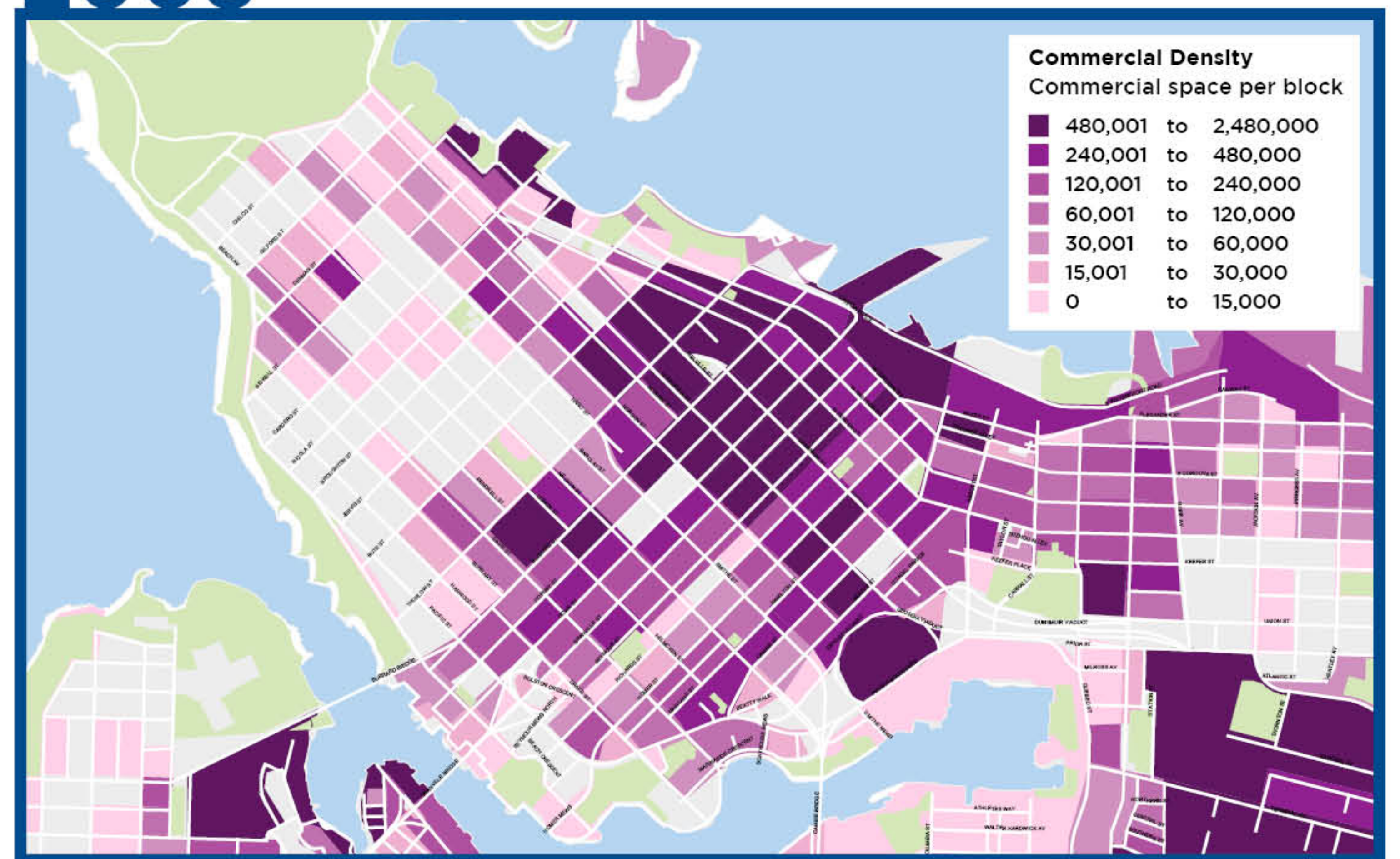
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2008



Source: BCAA data.

## Canada Line



- The Canada Line opened in 2009 linking Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport to downtown Vancouver
- Waterfront station expanded
- Two new rapid transit stations were added downtown (Vancouver City Centre and Yaletown-Roundhouse)

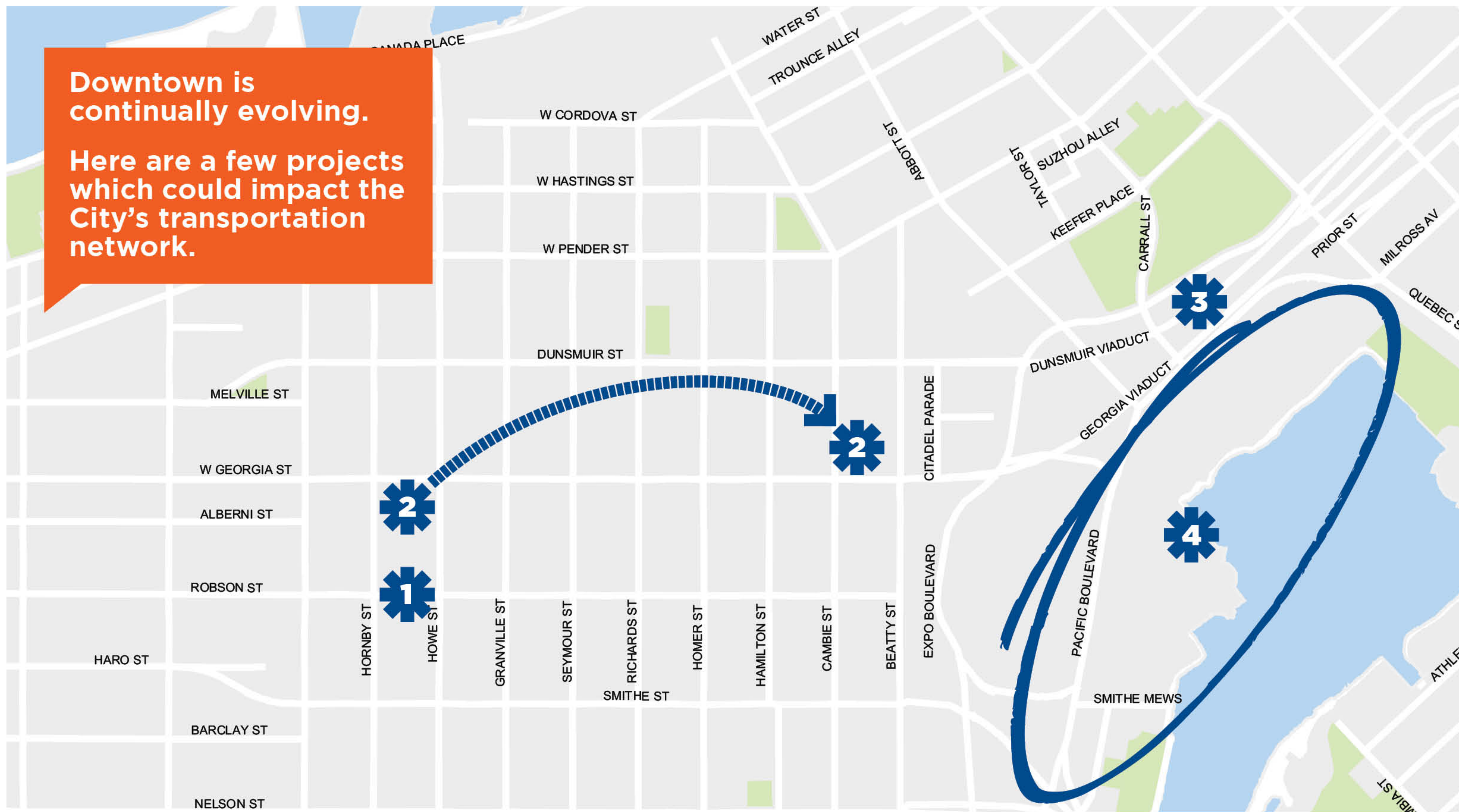
# 5 Potential Changes Downtown



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Downtown is continually evolving.

Here are a few projects which could impact the City's transportation network.



## 1 800 Robson



From mid-June to early September, VIVA Vancouver transforms the 800-block of Robson between Hornby and Howe into a pedestrian-only plaza. City staff have been asked by Council to evaluate this program and the potential for a permanent plaza.

The DBSR will consider impacts on downtown bus routes (in particular the number 5 and N6 trolley bus), and identify alternative routes and required infrastructure.

## 2 Vancouver Art Gallery



The Vancouver Art Gallery has tentative plans to move to a new site on the northeast corner of Georgia and Cambie. The proposal includes closing a portion of Cambie Street to create a new public plaza.

The DBSR will consider the proposal and potential impact of closing Cambie Street at Georgia on the number 17 trolley bus, and the effects on turnaround and layover locations for North Vancouver bus routes (240, 241, 246, 247).

## 3 Viaducts



City planning and engineering staff are working with a design team to develop a concept that considers changes to the viaducts. This concept will explore a replacement road network and the potential for new parks and mixed-use development.

The DBSR will consider the potential impacts of the proposed development and new road network on bus service.

## 4 Northeast False Creek



The Northeast False Creek "Directions for the Future Report" outlines a vision for a vibrant, active hub of commercial and residential space to play, work and live.

The buildout of this vision would introduce a high-density neighbourhood and new roads not currently serviced by buses.

The DBSR will consider the the proposed vision and the impacts that the hub may have on downtown bus ridership patterns and potential routing.

# 6 What we've heard...



More bus service to south side of Stanley Park needed

Bus layover at Denman and Davie impacts neighbourhood

Central West End not easily accessible by transit

Coal Harbour transit connections

Improve bus connectivity between the West End and Downtown

Closures of Granville Street

Improve bus connections to Yaletown

Seasonal closure of 800 Robson Street impacts buses

Improve bus connections to Canada Line

More service needed in the CBD, Gastown, and Chinatown

**Identified Concerns**

The City and TransLink have received feedback about transit through the downtown community plans, Transportation 2040 plan, and the Vancouver/UBC Area Transit Plan.

The Downtown Bus Service Review is an opportunity to develop solutions for issues identified with bus routes, connections, stops and layovers.

**Legend**

- Orange line: Frequent Transit Network
- Blue line: Canada Line
- Yellow line: Expo/Millennium Line
- Brown line: SeaBus
- Purple line: West Coast Express

# 7 Have we missed anything?



Please use the sticky notes provided to write down your ideas and post them on this board!

What are your most popular destinations?

What improvements can be made to the downtown local bus network?

How could neighbourhoods downtown be better connected?

Are there any stops that could be improved? Where and how?

## Have we missed anything?

Please take a sticky note and attach your comments to this board.

Also, please make sure to fill out a questionnaire either here or online. Your feedback will help shape the future downtown local bus network!