

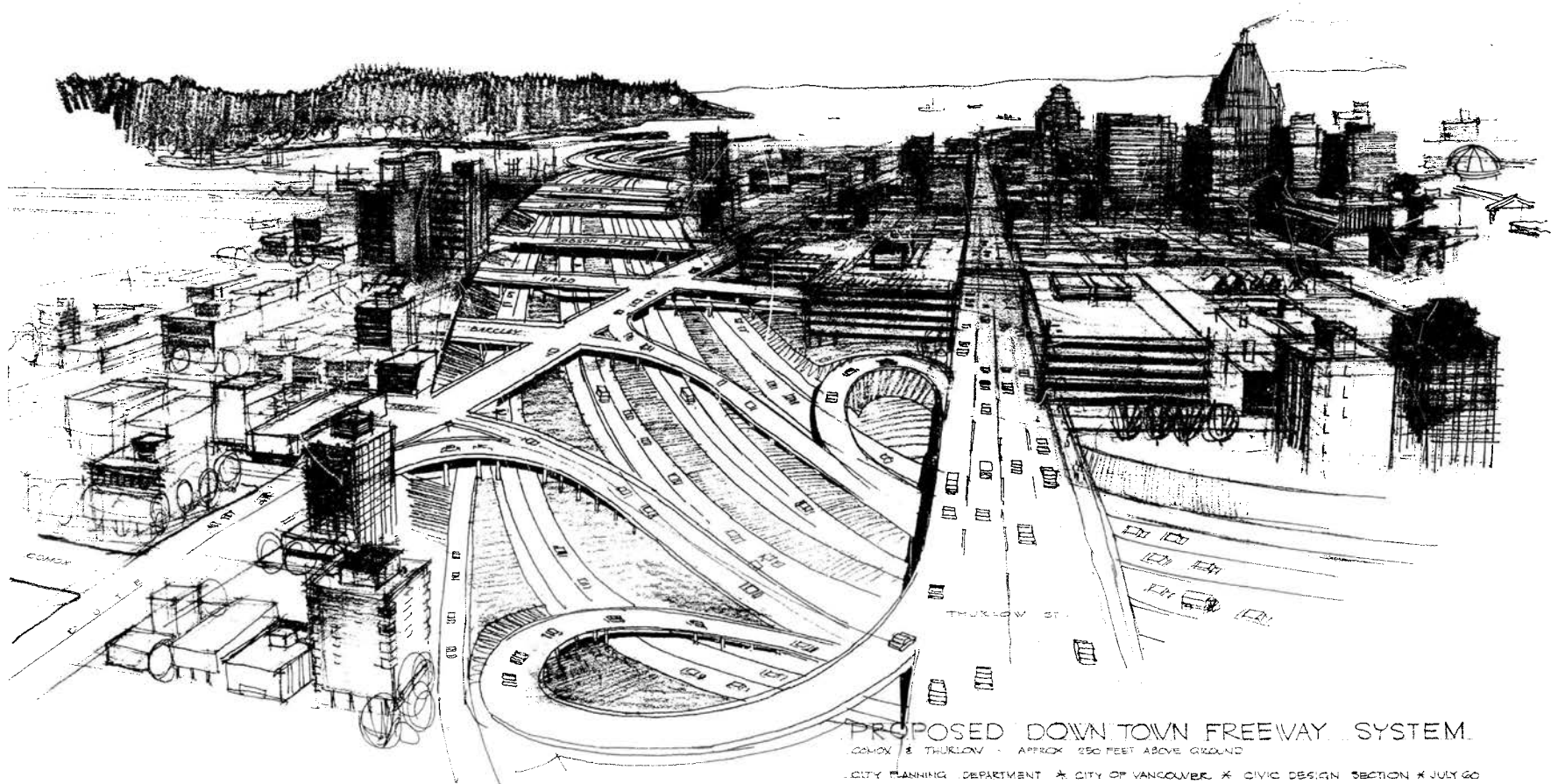
A scenic view of the Vancouver waterfront under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, the calm water of the harbor reflects the sky. Several boats, including a prominent white sailboat, are scattered across the water. The middle ground features a dense urban skyline with various high-rise buildings and a large, modern structure with a curved roof. In the background, the city gives way to a range of mountains under a few wispy clouds.

# GEORGIA & DUNSMUIR VIADUCTS TRANSFORMING VANCOUVER

city of vancouver | joint presentation from the departments of planning & development services + engineering



In every city's evolution there are opportunities to correct a past planning wrong...

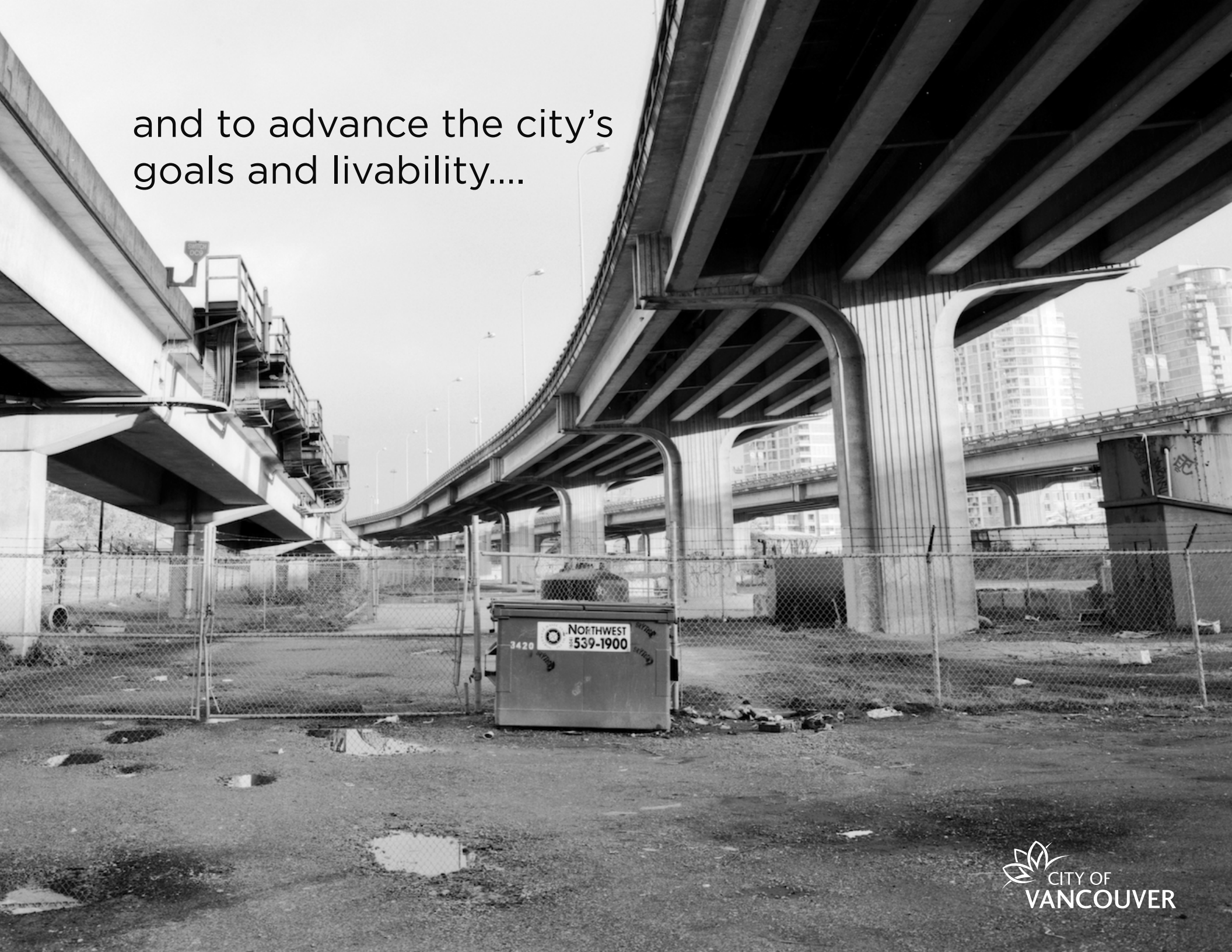


PROPOSED DOWNTOWN FREEWAY SYSTEM

COMOX & THURLOW - APPROX 150 FEET ABOVE GROUND

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and to advance the city's goals and livability....



Rethinking the viaducts provides an **opportunity to do both.**



# COUNCIL GOALS & PRIORITIES

Greenest City Action Plan 2020 (2011)

Transportation 2040 (2012)

Economic Action Plan (2011)

Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2012-21 (2011)

Healthy City Strategy (2012)

Vancouver Tourism Master Plan (2013)



GASTOWN

DTES

CHINATOWN

STRATHCONA

**VIADUCTS  
STUDY AREA**

GORE

PRIOR

MALKIN

NORTHEAST  
FALSE  
CREEK

QUEBEC

MAIN

**EASTERN CORE**

NATIONAL

WILLIAMS

CLARK

SOUTHEAST  
FALSE  
CREEK

TERMINAL

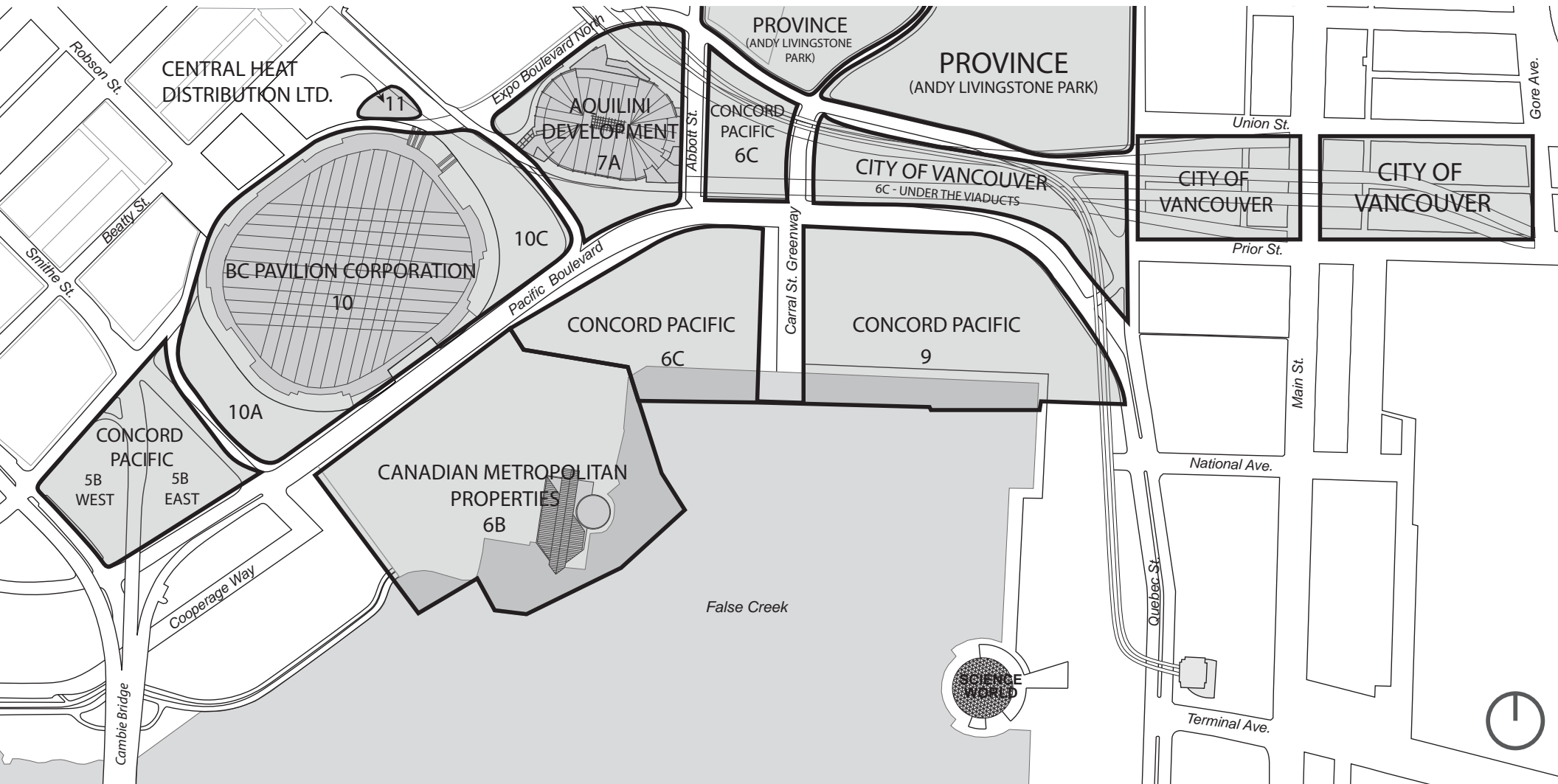
GRANDVIEW-WOODLANDS

GREAT NORTERN WAY

MOUNT PLEASANT



# STUDY AREA LANDOWNERS



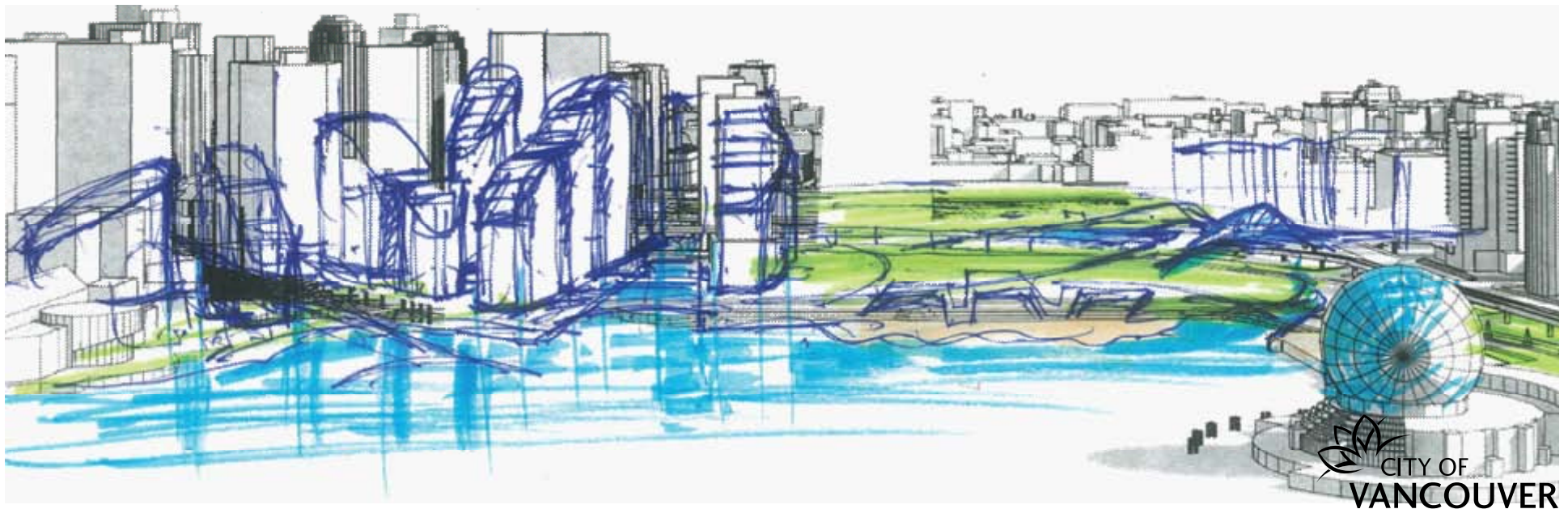
# IMAGINING A FUTURE WITHOUT THE VIADUCTS

Is this  
the best  
we can do?

**re:CONNECT**  
vancouver viaducts and eastern core

An open ideas competition  
[vancouver.ca/reconnect](http://vancouver.ca/reconnect)

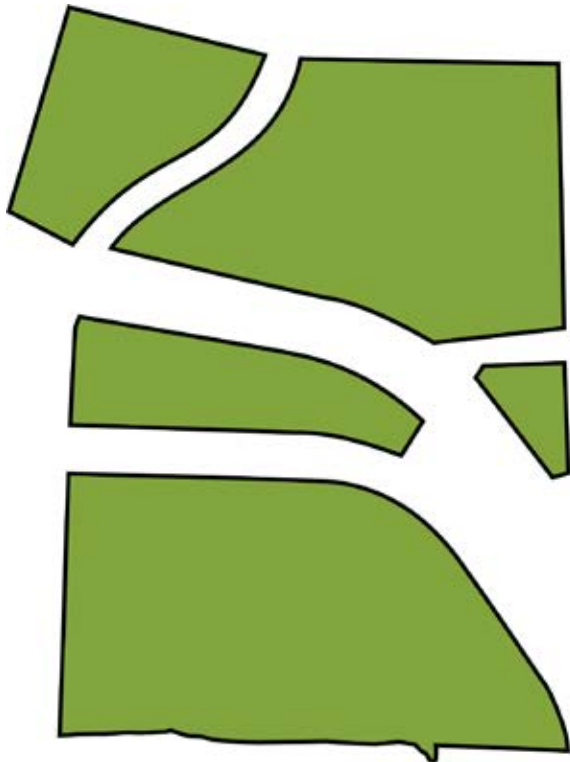
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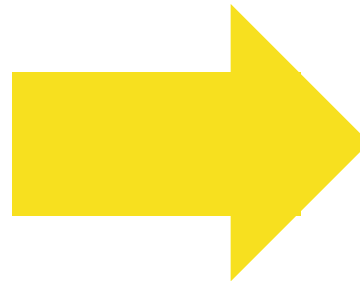
# INCREASE PARKS & OPEN SPACE

existing and planned parks



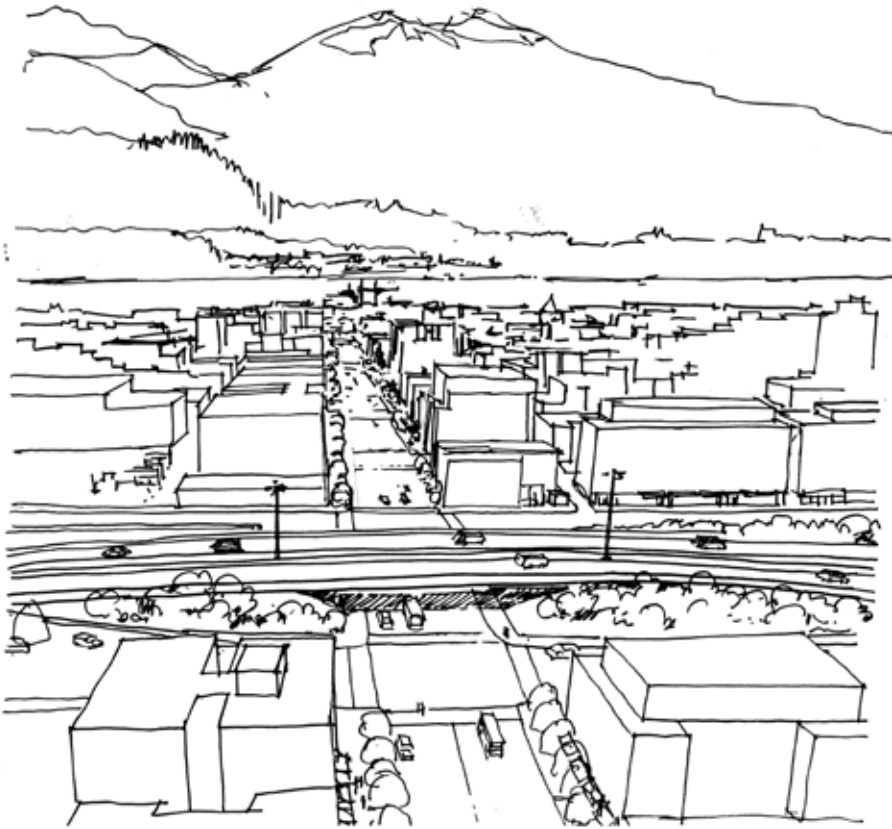
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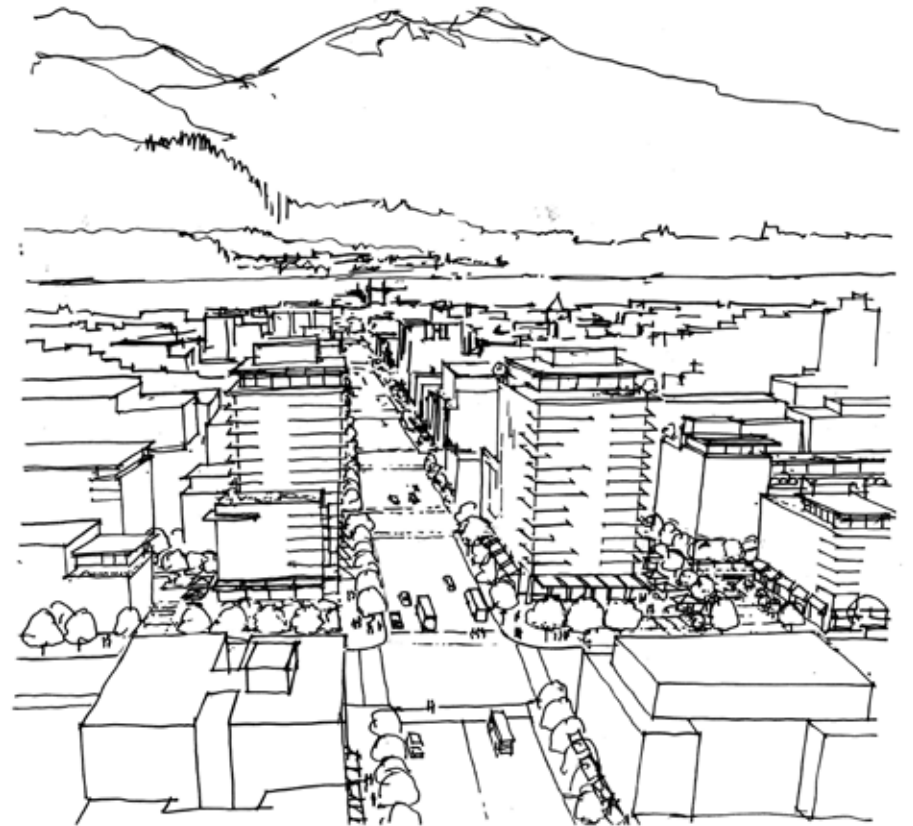


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# REPAIR MAIN STREET



**BEFORE**



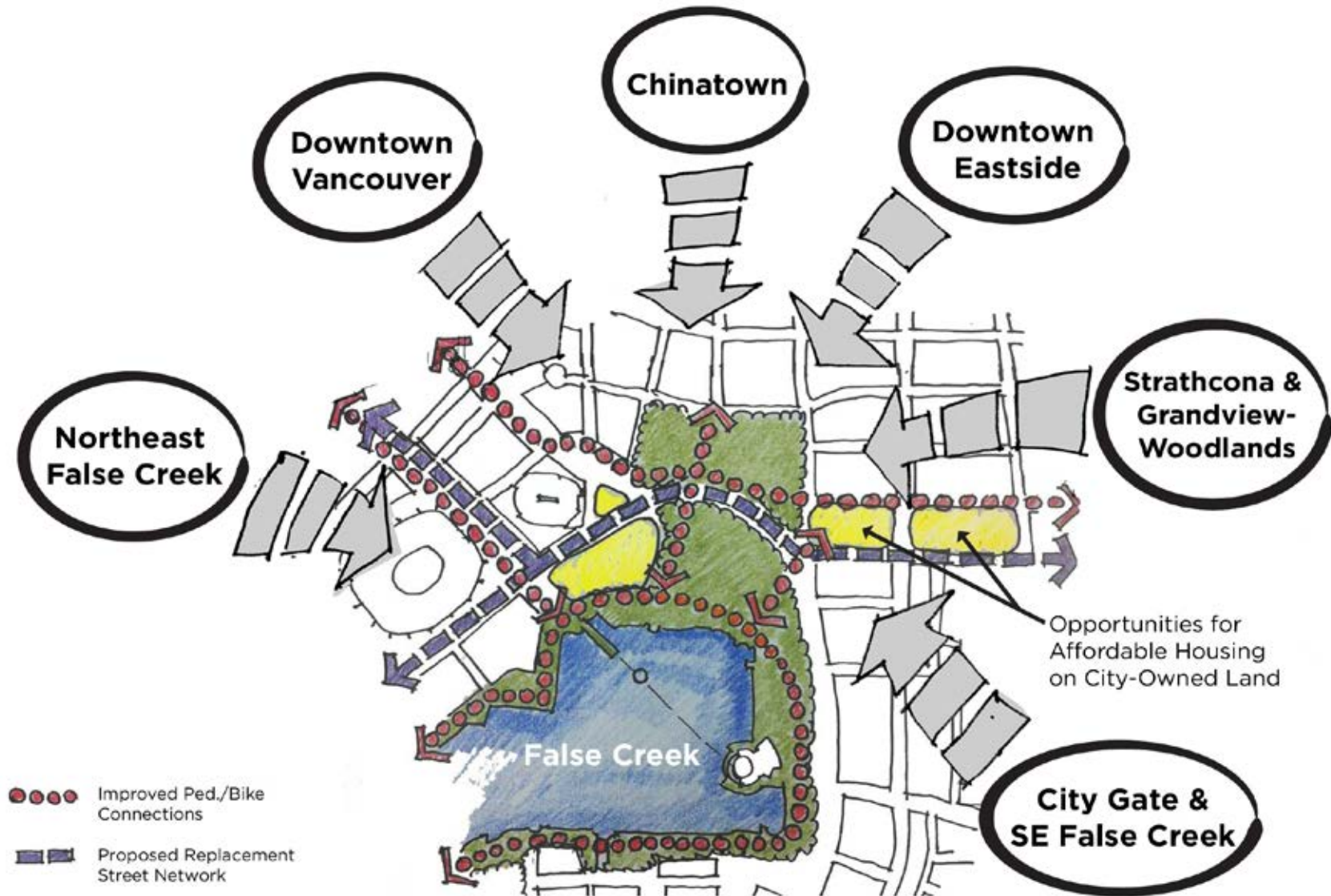
**AFTER**

# NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES



Main Street

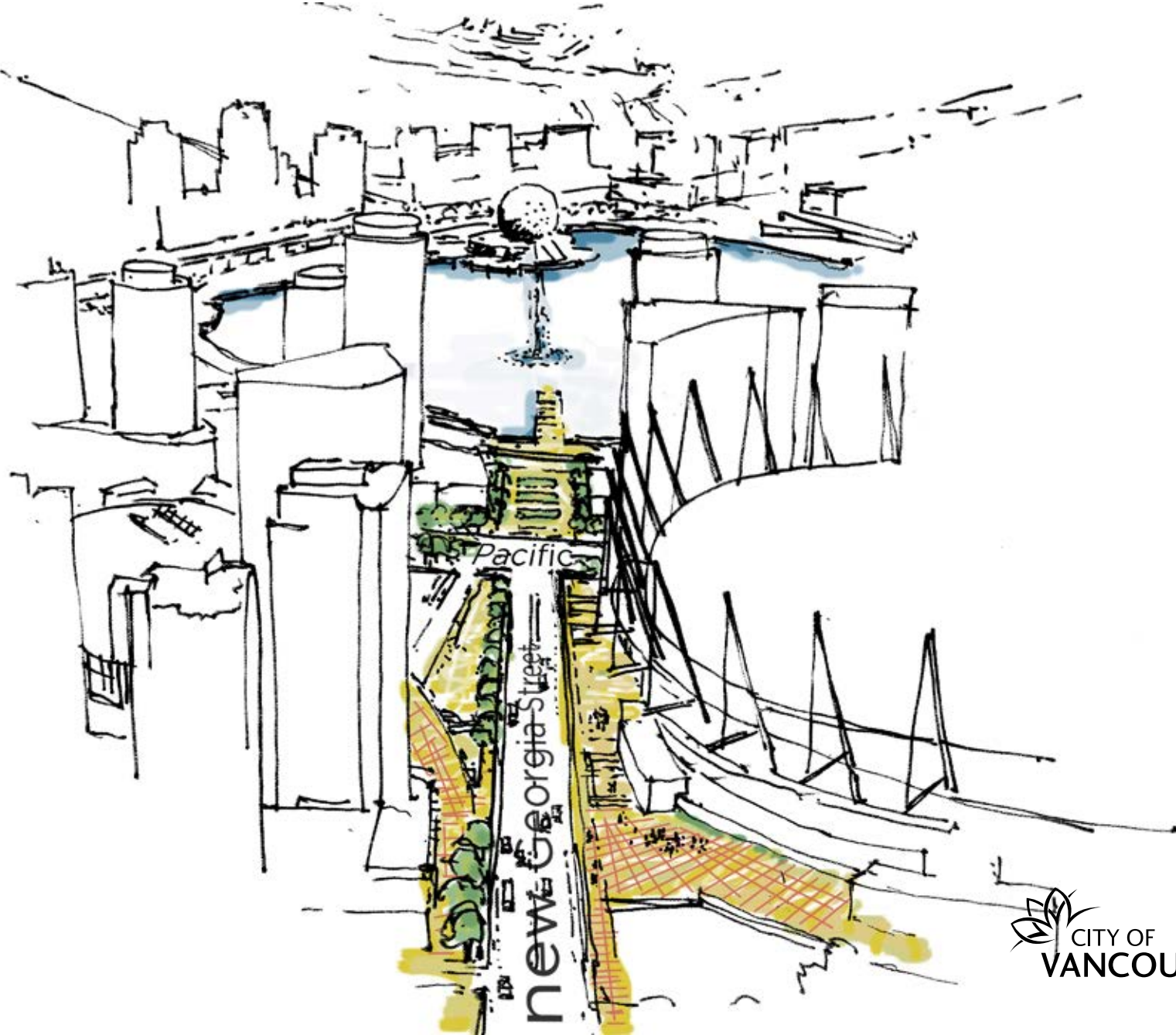
# RECONNECT COMMUNITIES



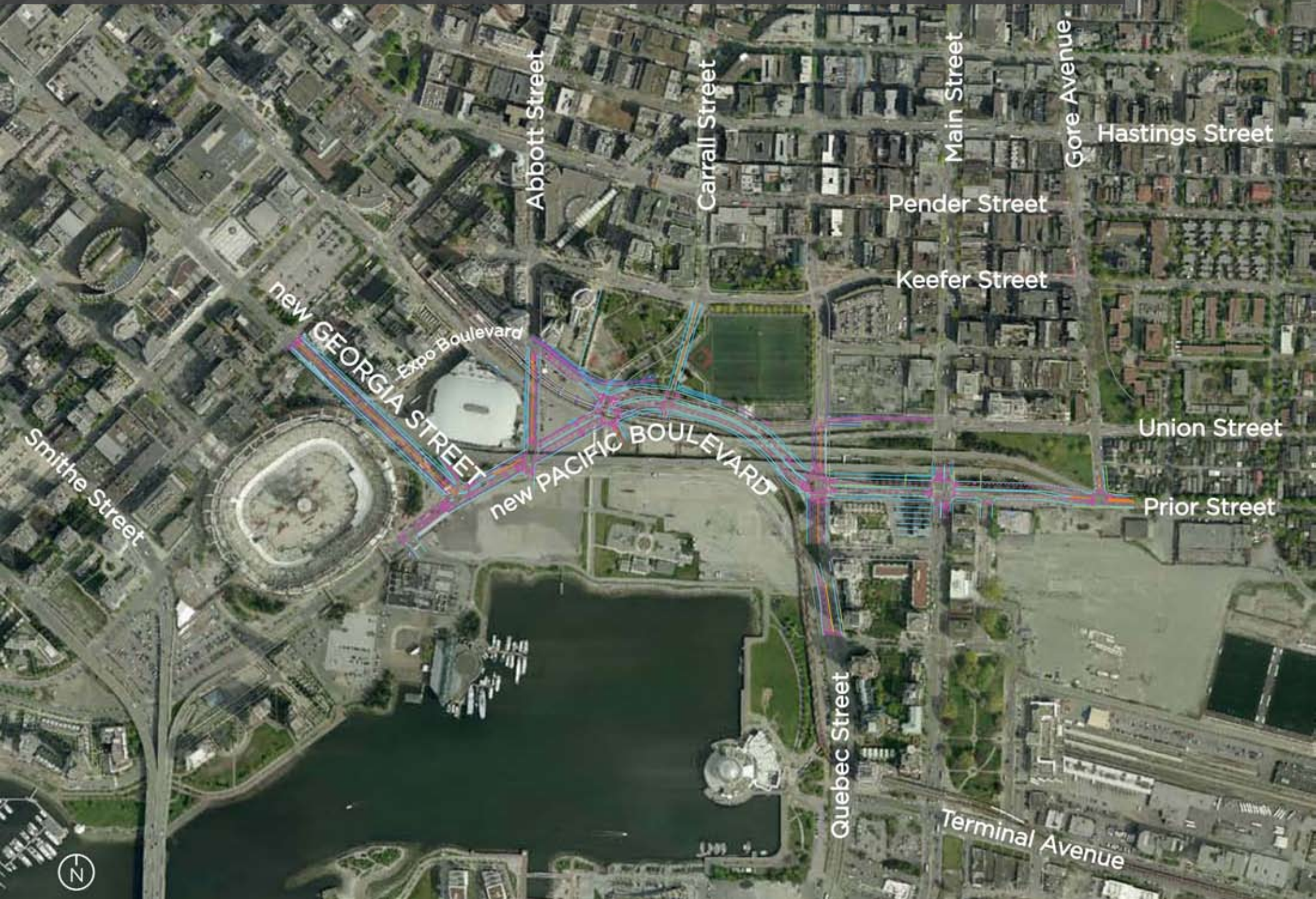
# IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN & CYCLIST AMENITIES

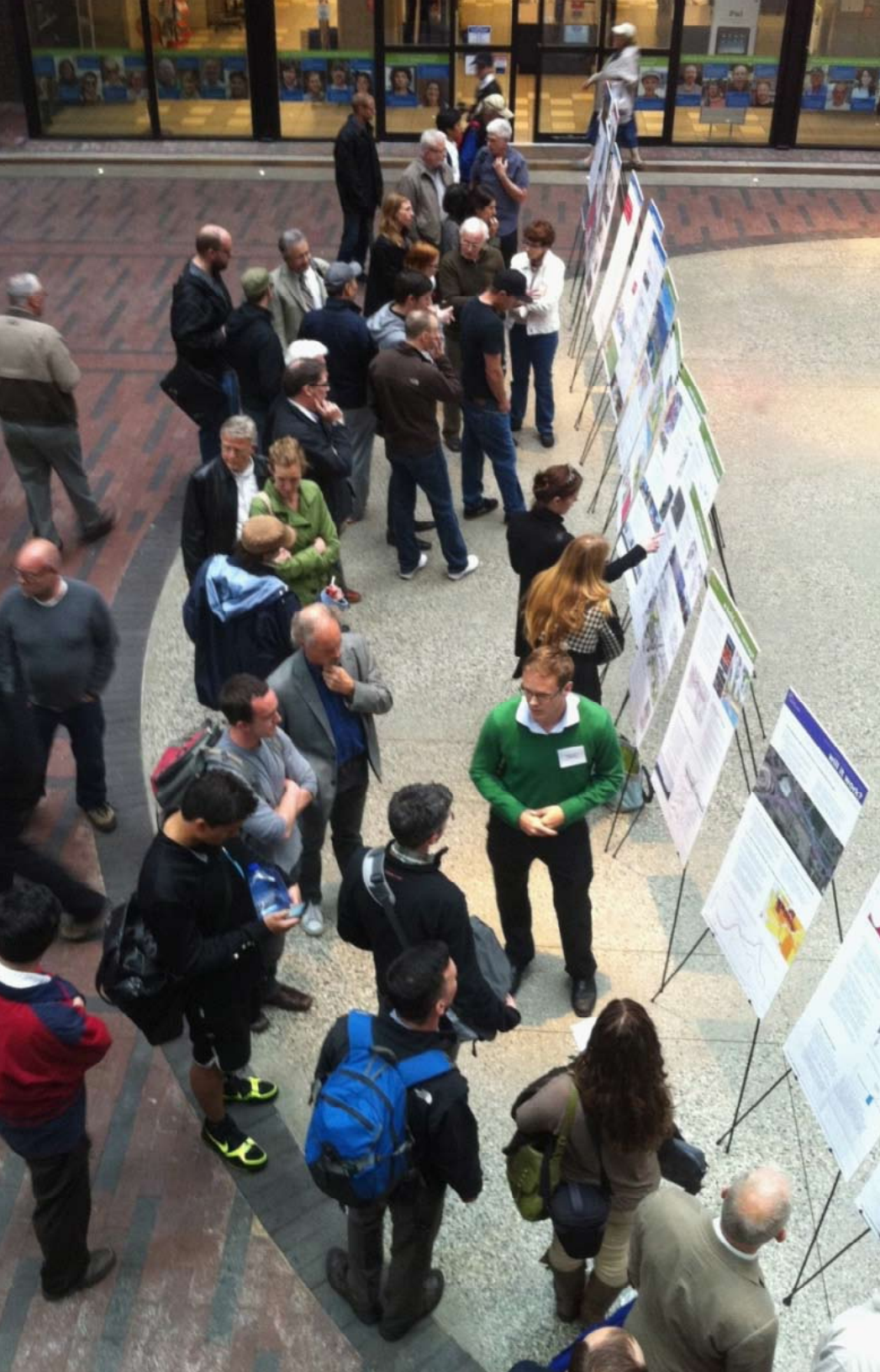


# GEORGIA STREET - WATER TO WATER



# MAINTAIN AN ESSENTIAL STREET NETWORK





## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Three Open Houses were held & attended by over 1,000 citizens  
Stakeholder Meetings with:

- Business Groups
- Representatives from Adjacent Communities
- Council Committees
- Transportation Interests
- Northeast False Creek Landowners

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**69%** indicated **support**, or **strong support** for the concept.



# FEEDBACK & CONCERNS

While most of the feedback was positive, we did hear concerns about 3 key areas:

## 1. PROCESS

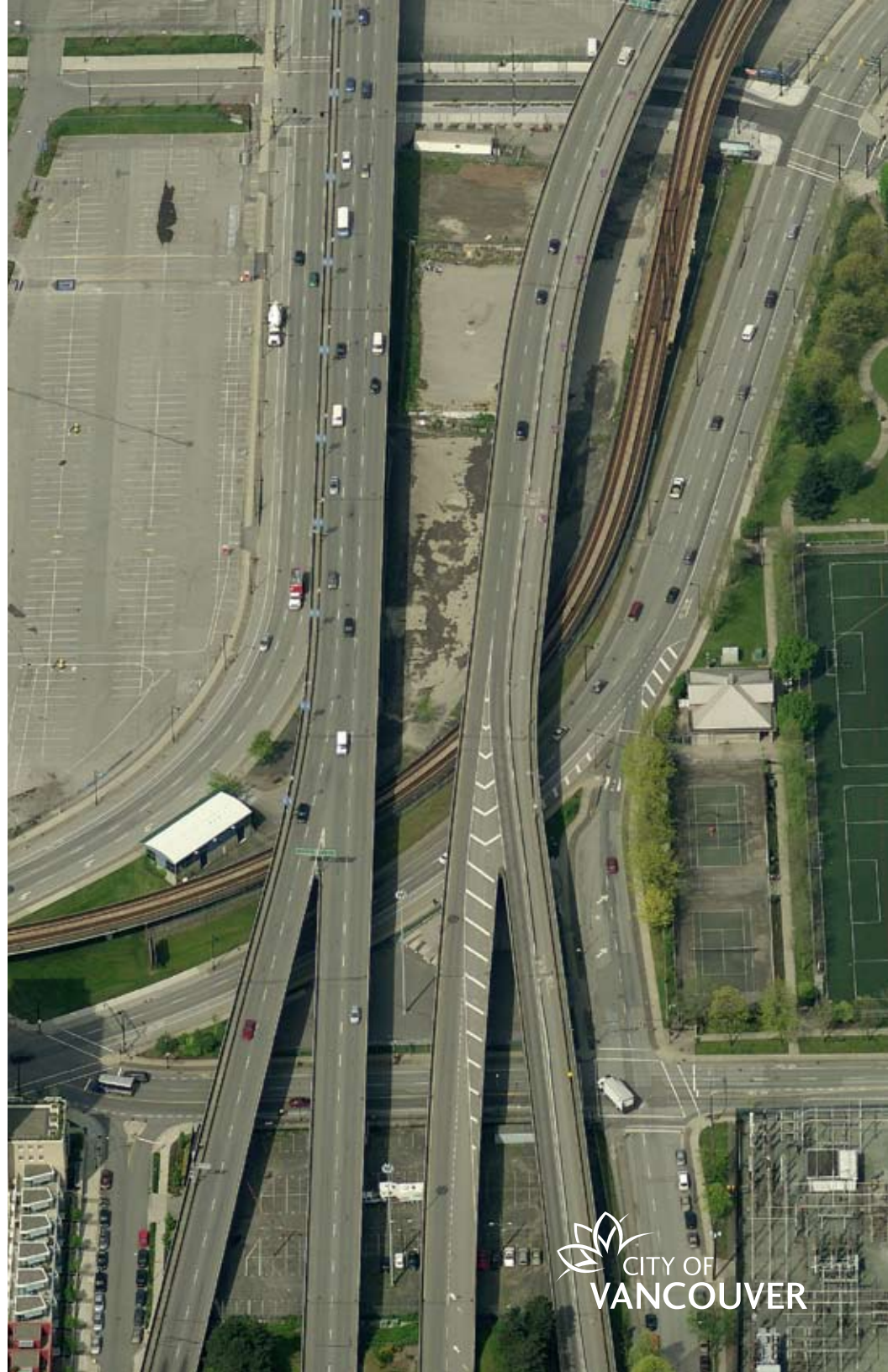
- More time was needed to absorb information and discuss;
- Ensuring alignment with other city processes (i.e. DTES and Grandview-Woodland Area Plans, Transportation 2040);

## 2. TRAFFIC

- Concerns were raised about impacts to parallel streets;
- A strong interest in traffic calming on Prior/Venables

## 3. NEFC

- Understanding impacts on adjacent landowners; and
- Potential impact for early delivery of Creekside Park.



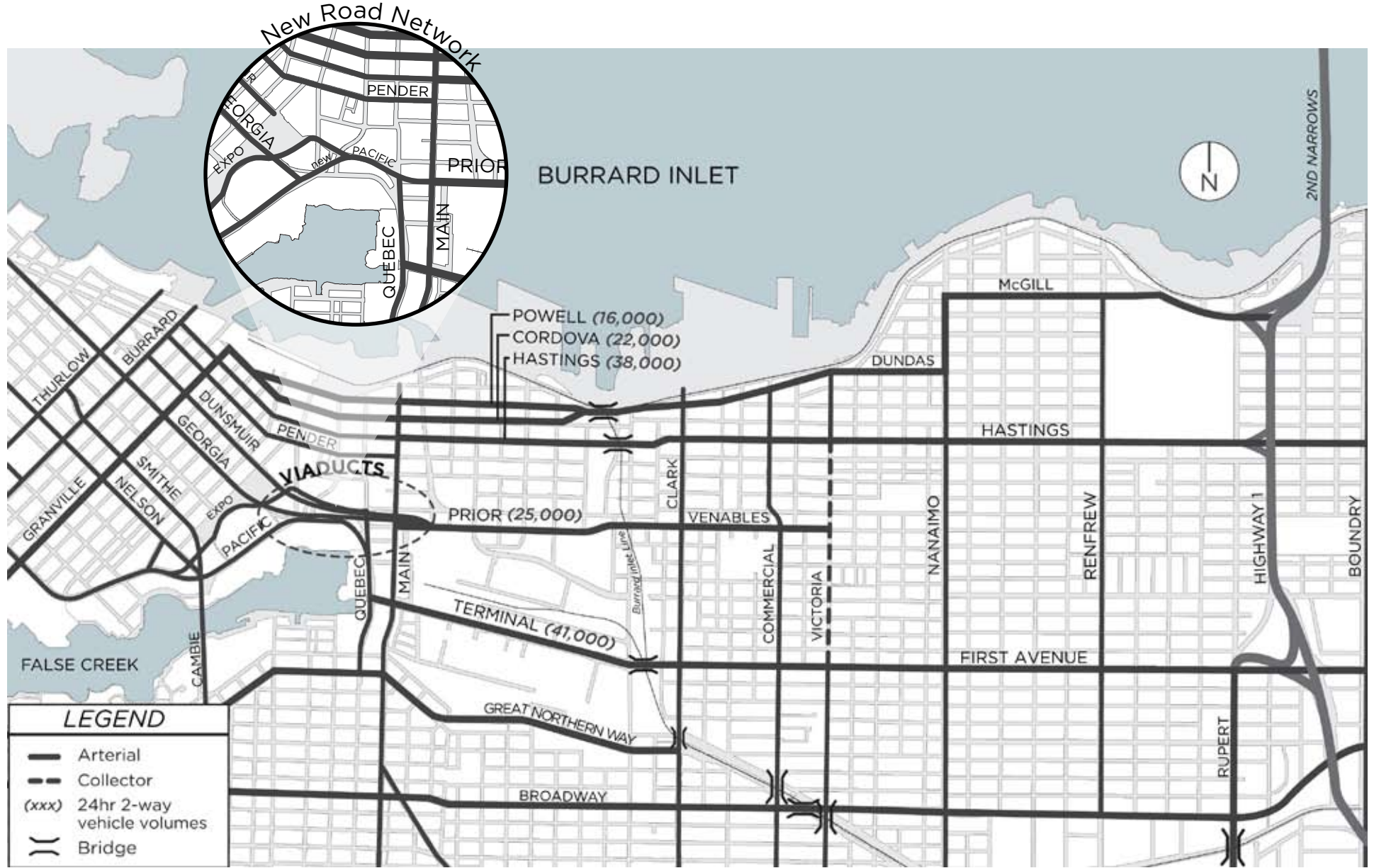


## COUNCIL KEY DIRECTIONS:

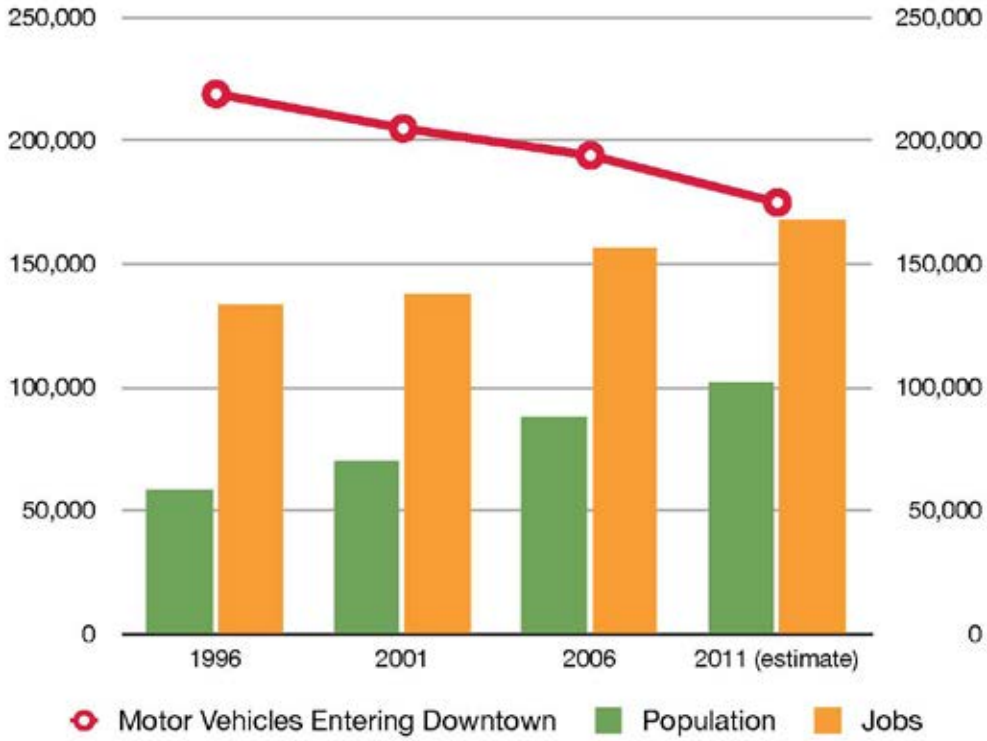
JULY 2012

- Commercial goods movement
- Explore east-west arterial alternatives to Prior/Venables
- Prior/Venables Street improvements
- Alignment with City goals
- Project timeline and delivery of amenities

# ARTERIAL NETWORK



# POPULATION & JOB GROWTH vs. VEHICLE TRIPS DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER, 1996-2011 (24 HOURS)



POPULATION

+75%

1996 - 2011

JOBS

+26%

1996 - 2011

VEHICLES ENTERING DOWNTOWN

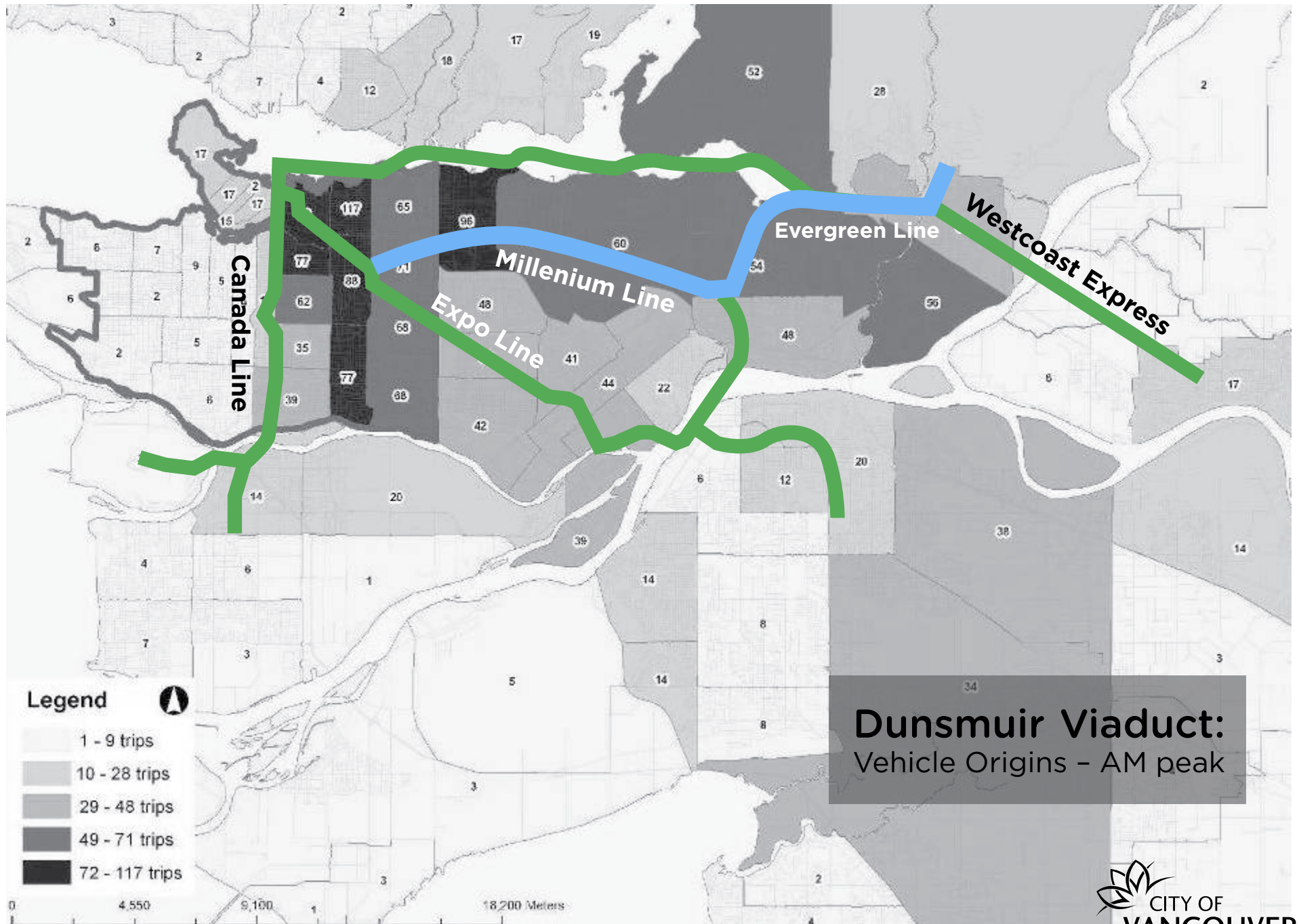
-20%

1996 - 2011

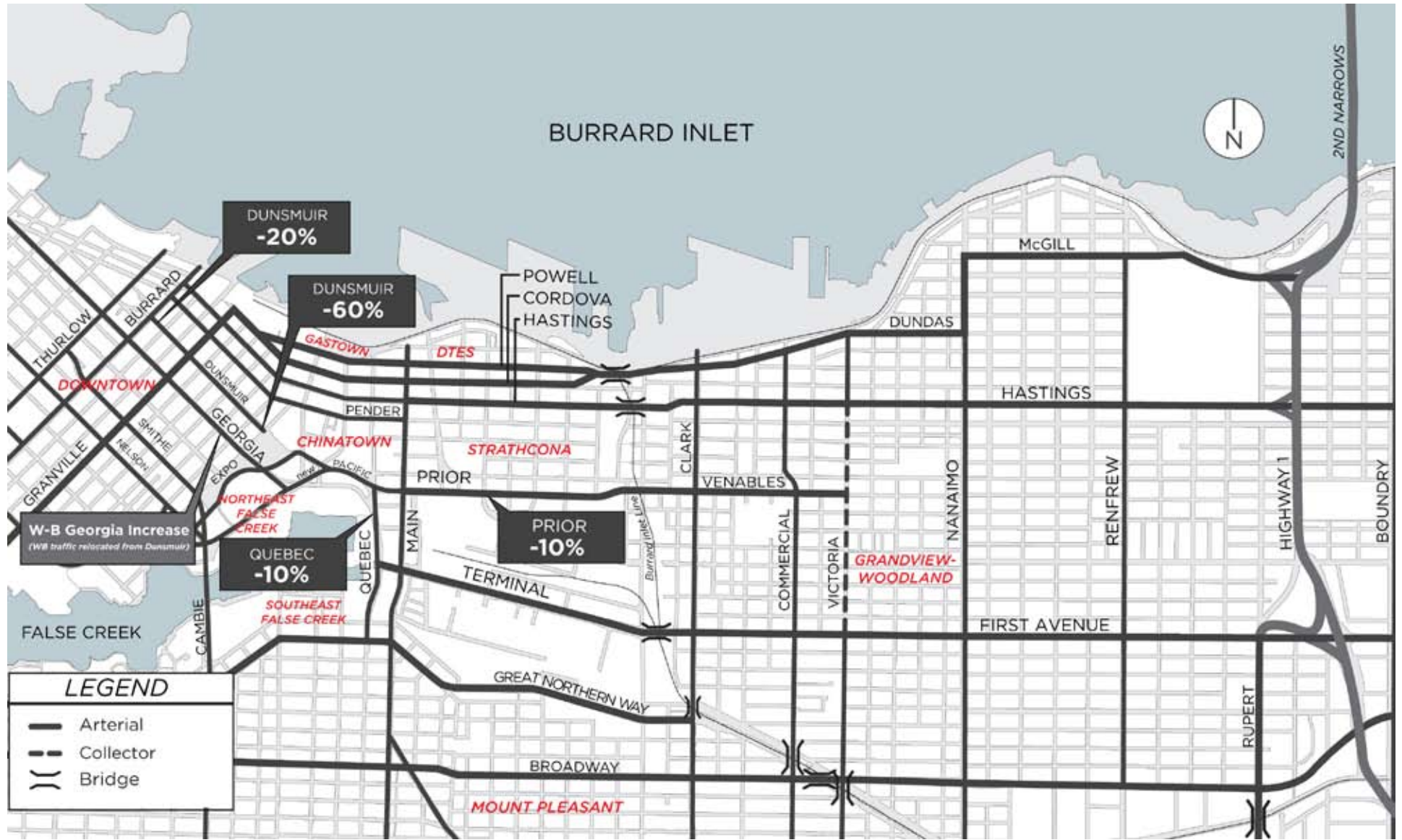
Source: City of Vancouver estimates based on screenline counts and census information. Change in population & job numbers have been rounded to the nearest 1%, and screenline counts to the nearest 5%.



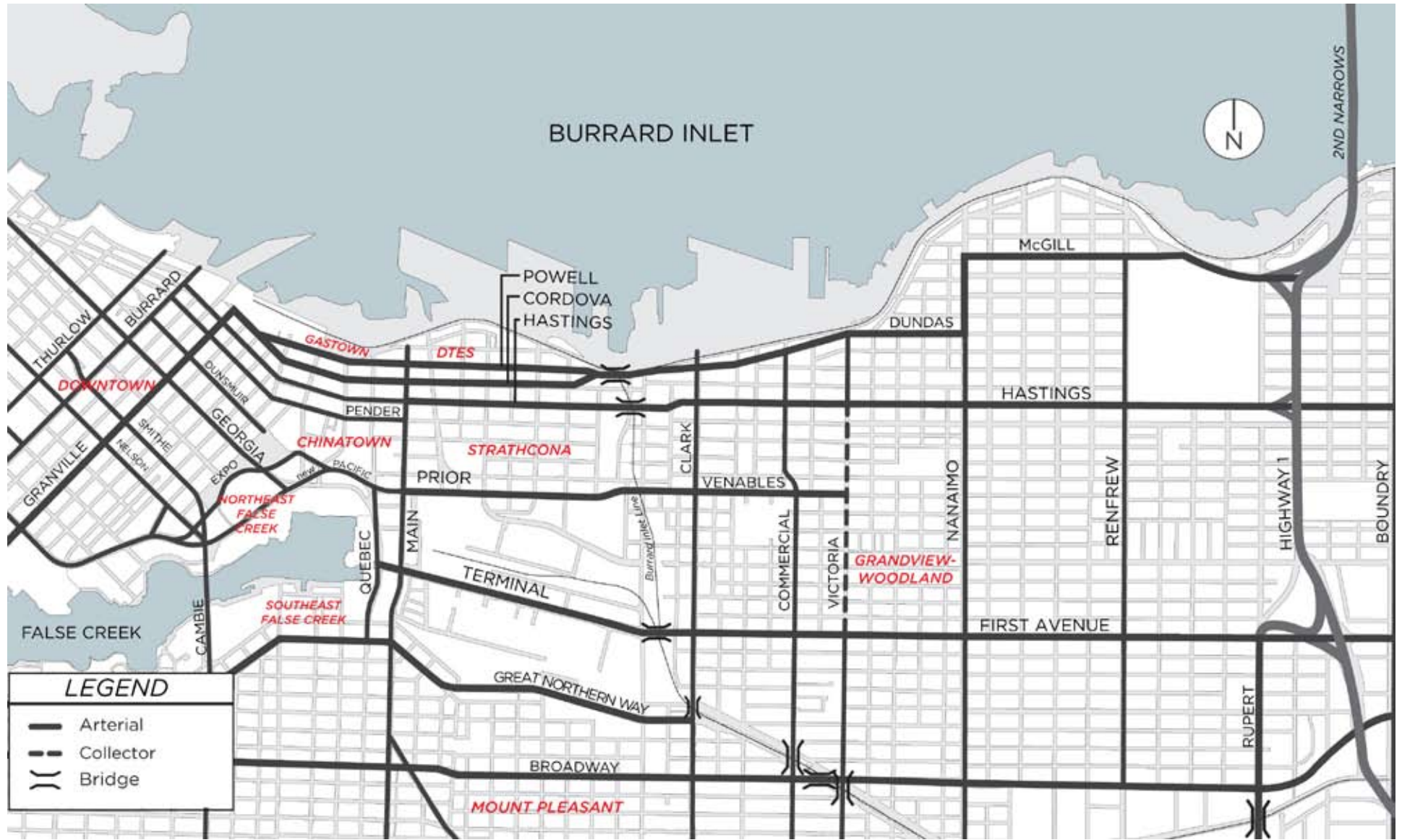
# EVERGREEN LINE & UPGRADES



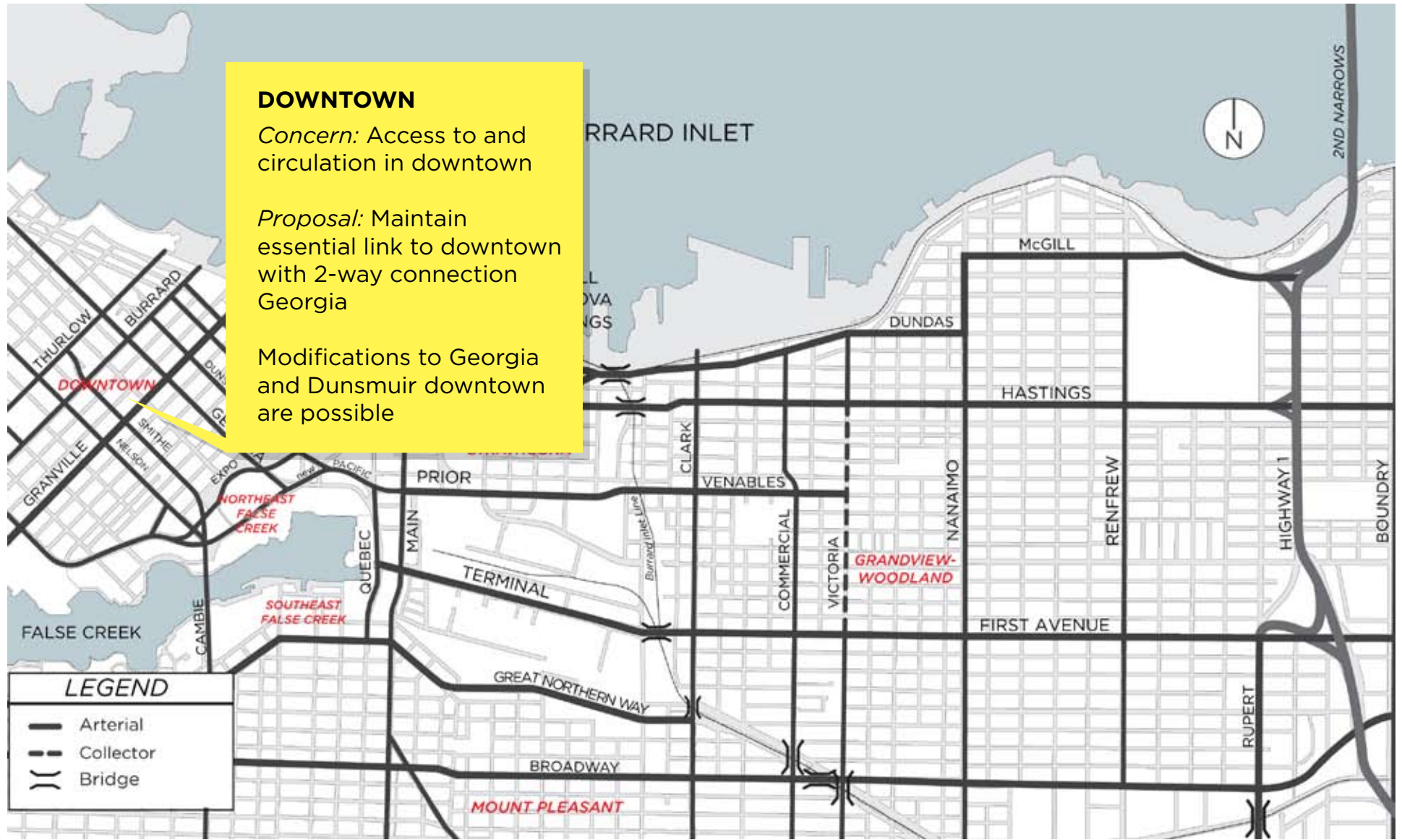
# HOW WILL TRAFFIC CHANGE?



# LOCAL COMMUNITIES

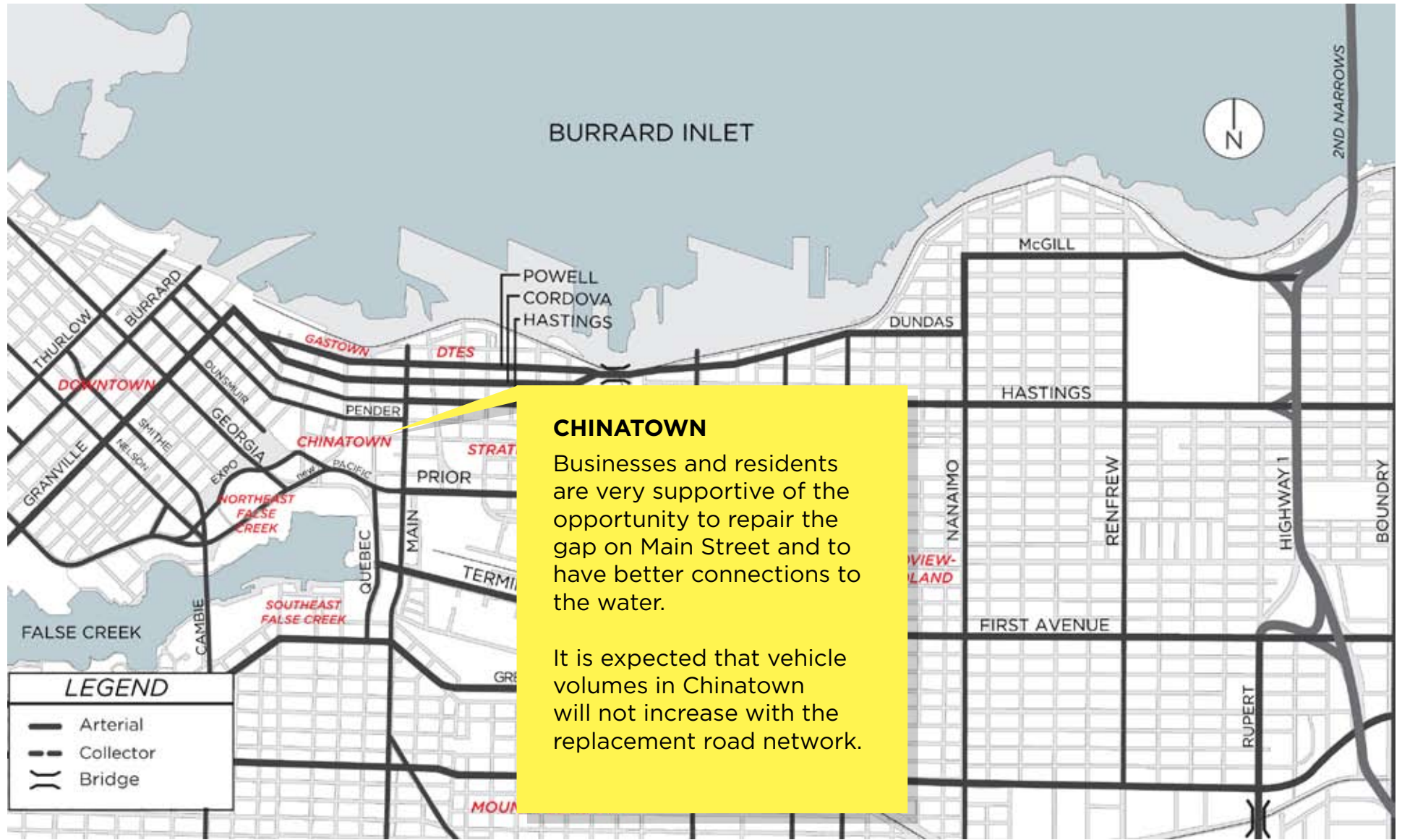


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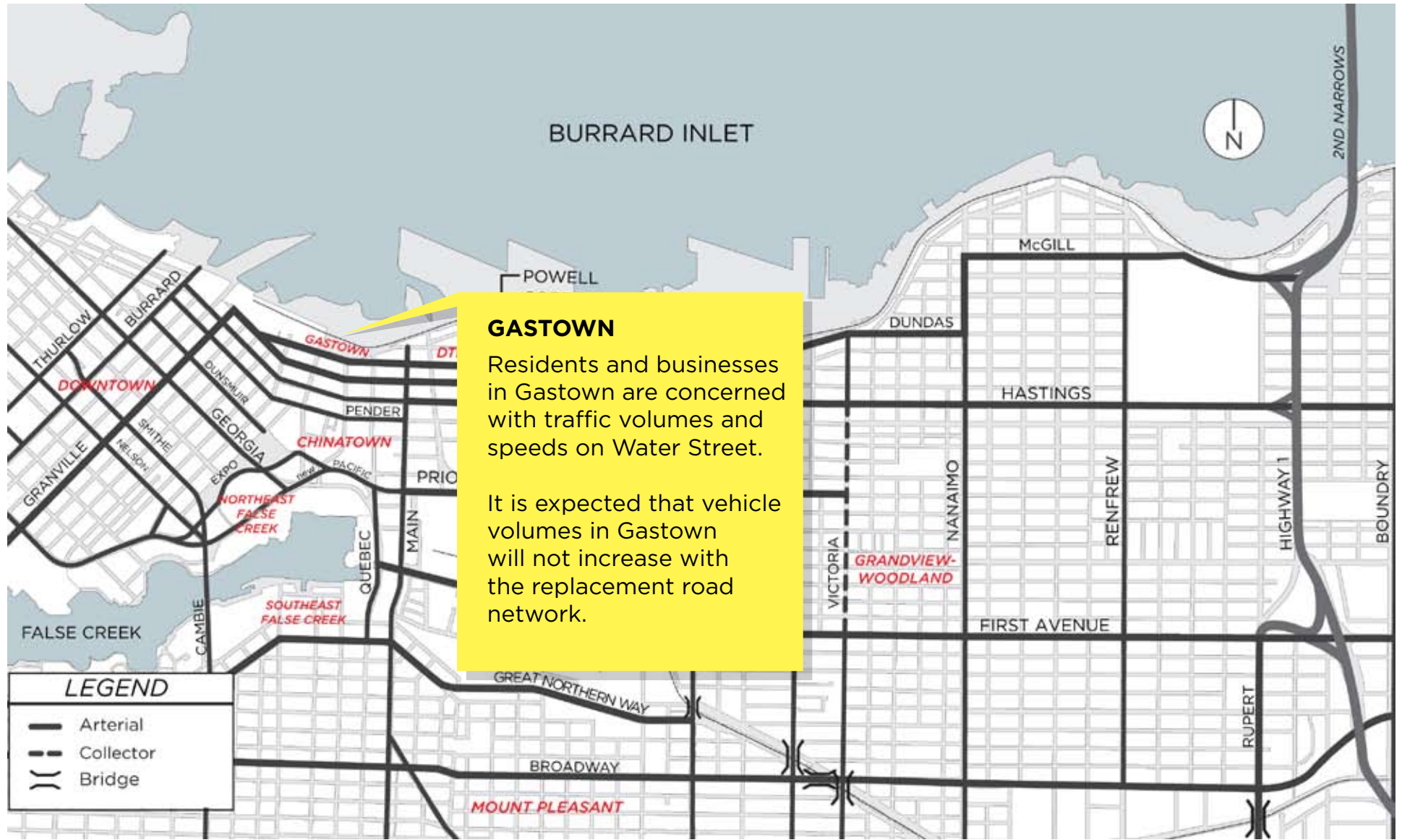




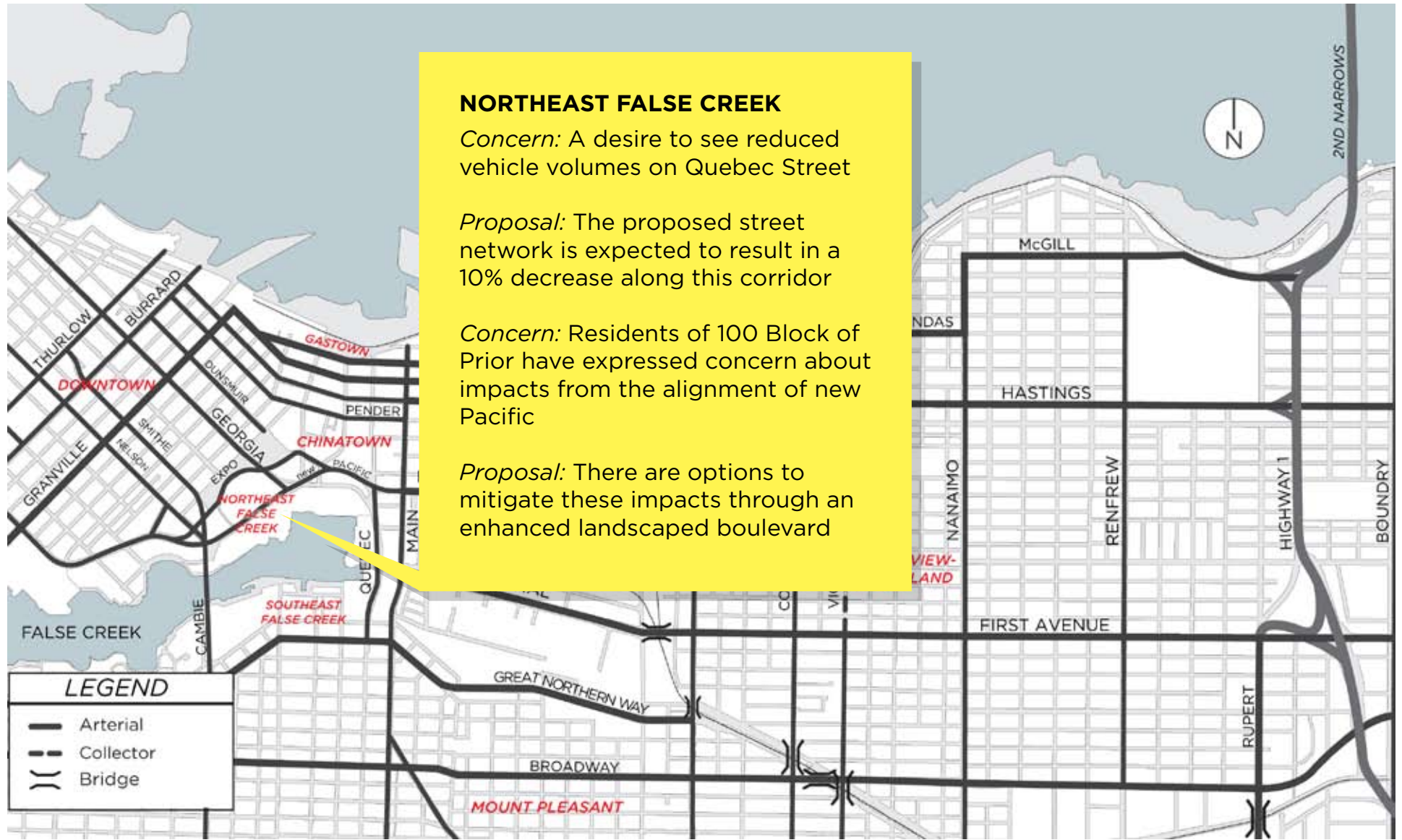
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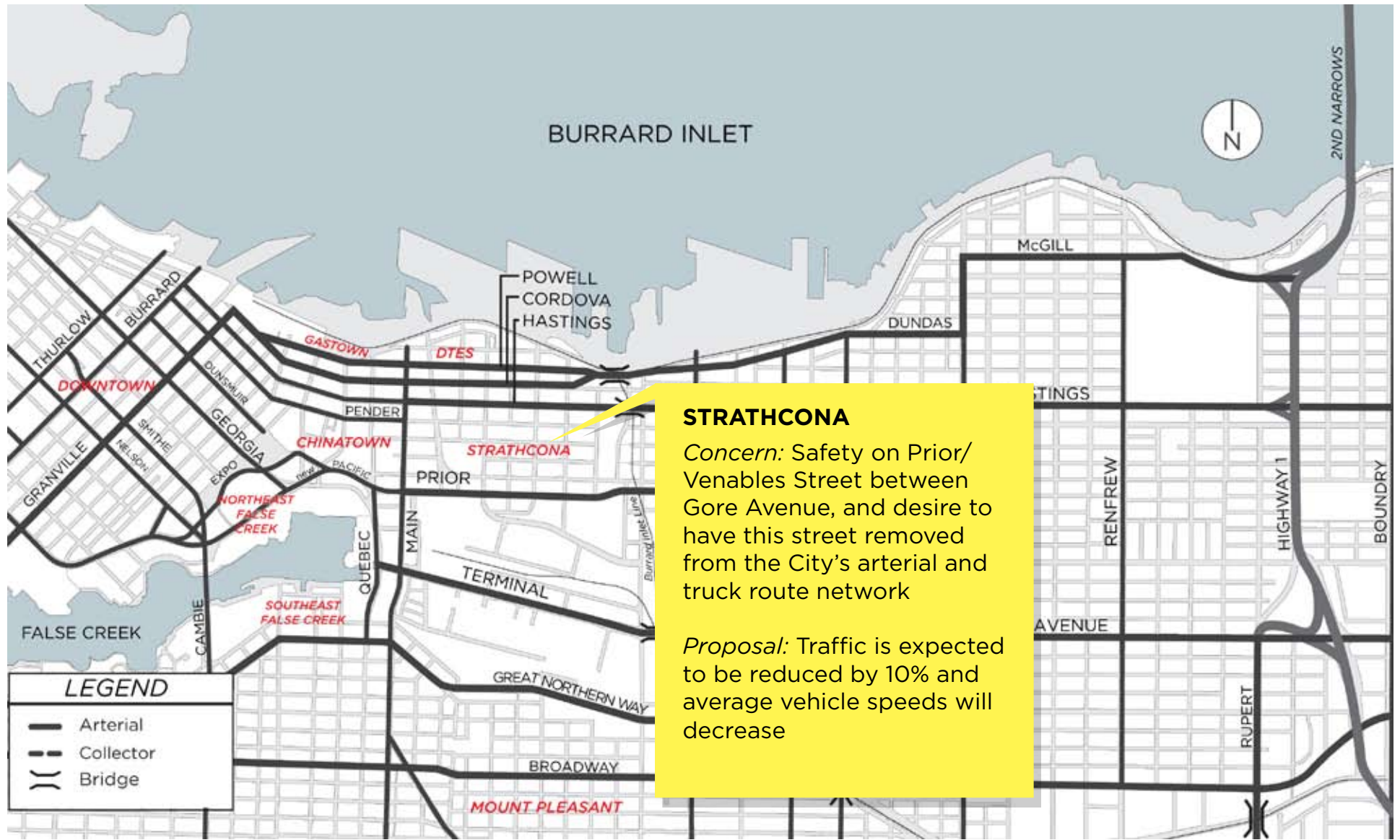
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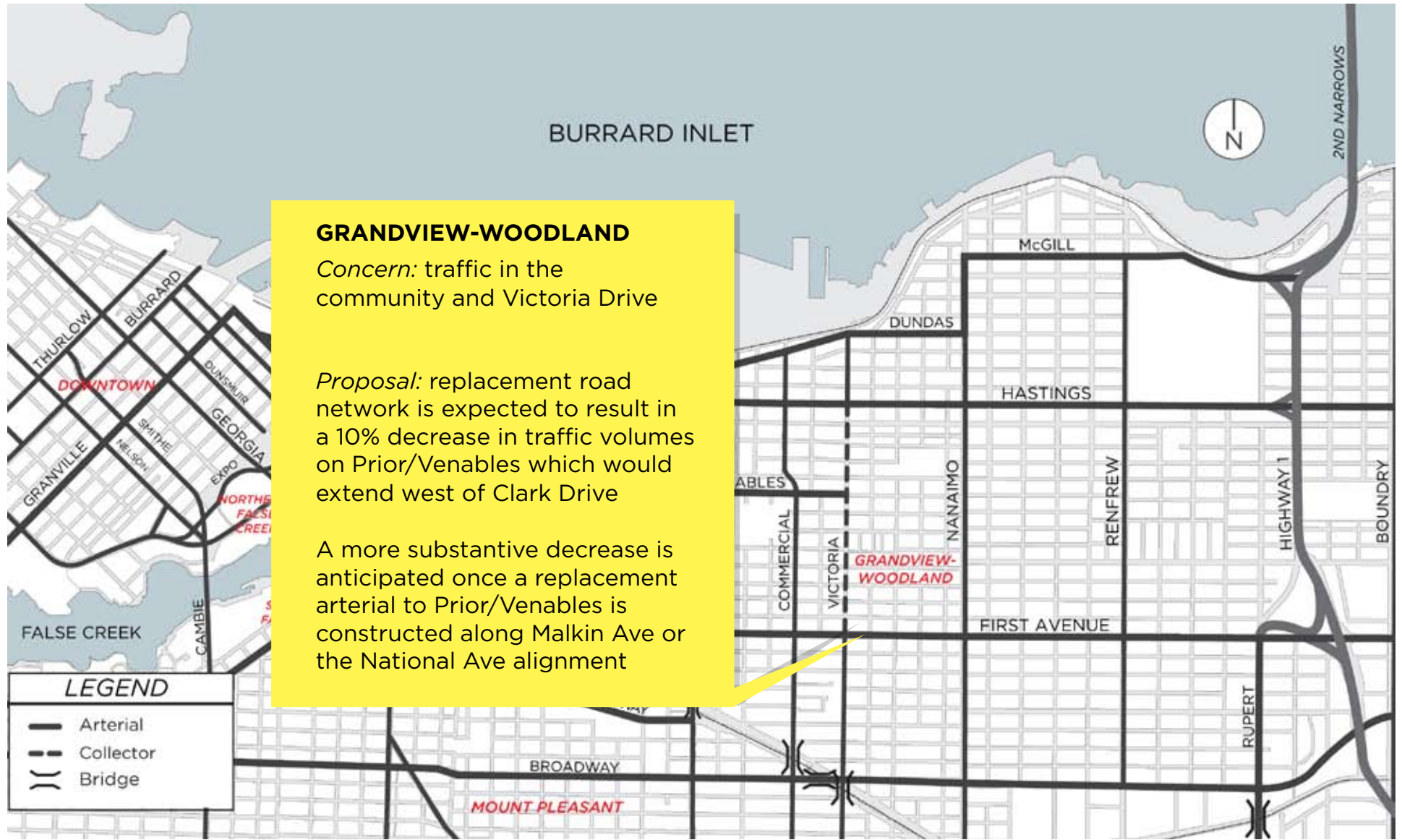
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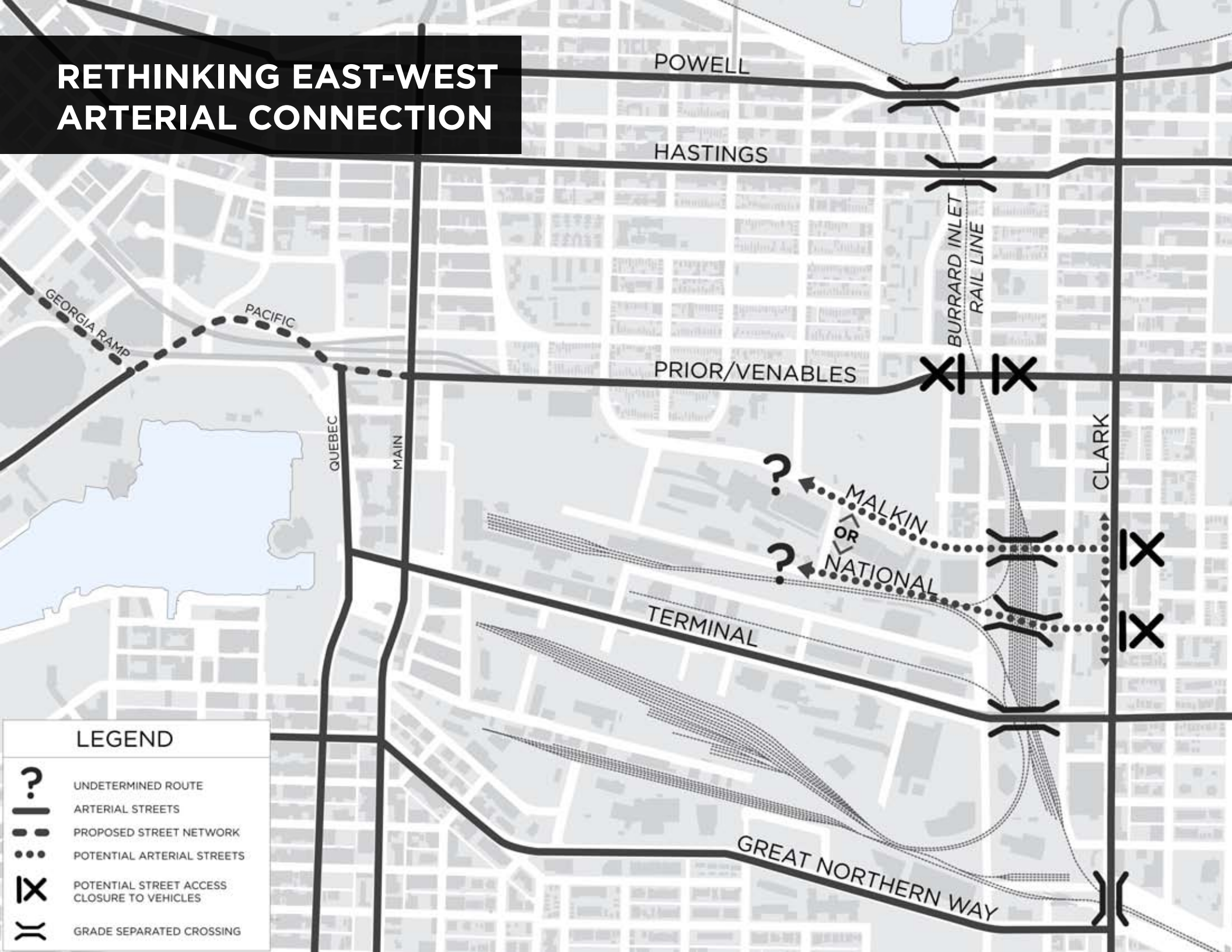
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# RETHINKING EAST-WEST ARTERIAL CONNECTION



POWELL

HASTINGS

PRIOR/VENABLES

TERMINAL

GREAT NORTHERN WAY

BURRARD INLET  
RAIL LINE

CLARK

MALKIN  
OR  
NATIONAL

GEORGIA RAMP

PACIFIC

QUEBEC

MAIN

## LEGEND

UNDETERMINED ROUTE

ARTERIAL STREETS

PROPOSED STREET NETWORK

POTENTIAL ARTERIAL STREETS

POTENTIAL STREET ACCESS  
CLOSURE TO VEHICLES

GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING

# PRIOR/VENABLES STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Since July 2012 the following measures have been implemented:

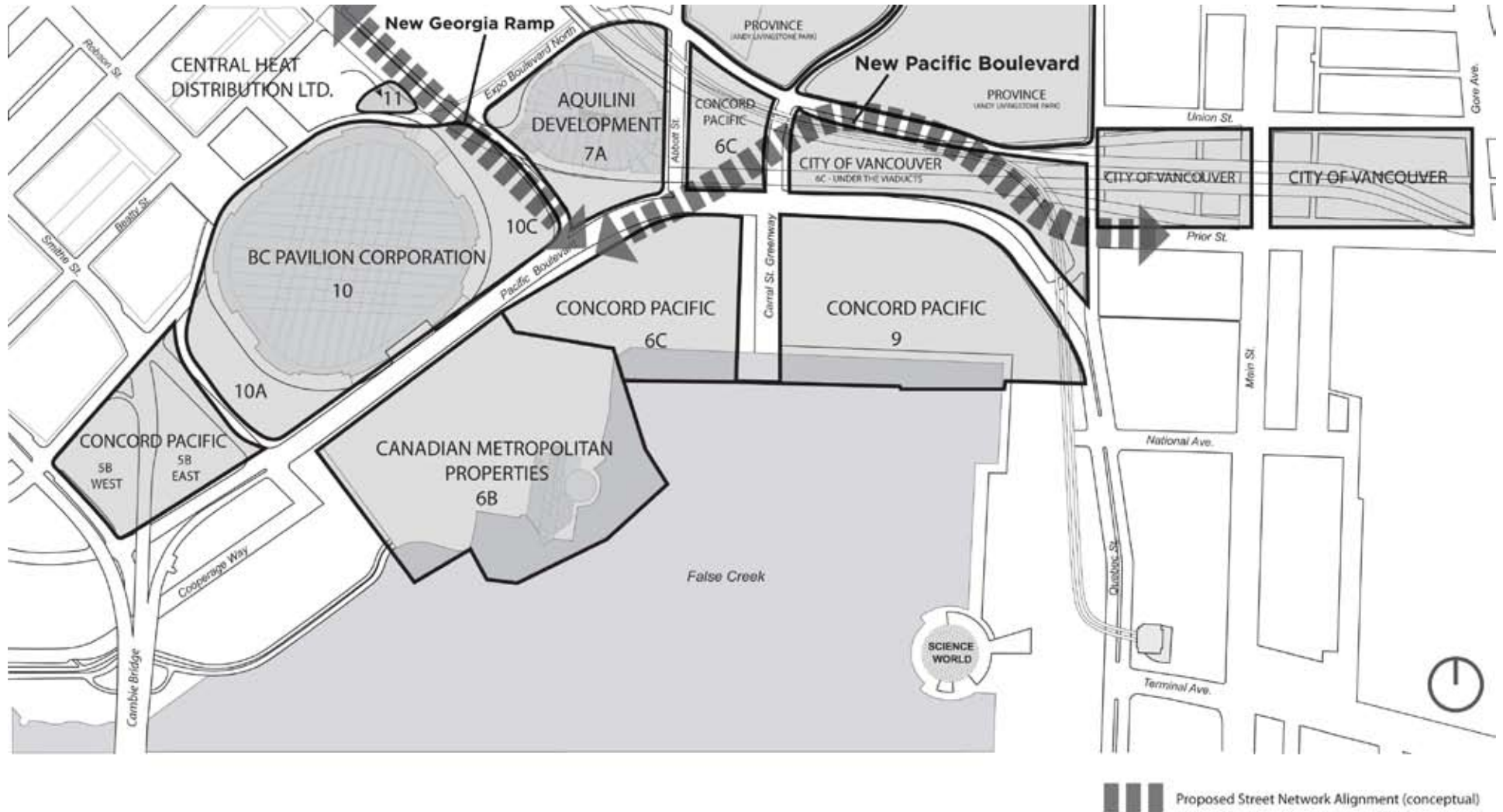
1. Relaxed parking restrictions on north side of Prior Street (September 2012);
2. Installed new pedestrian signals with count-down timers (October 2012); and
3. Improved visibility of traffic signal at Campbell & Prior (January 2013).

## Road Safety Audit

Staff have initiated this safety review in consultation with the community.

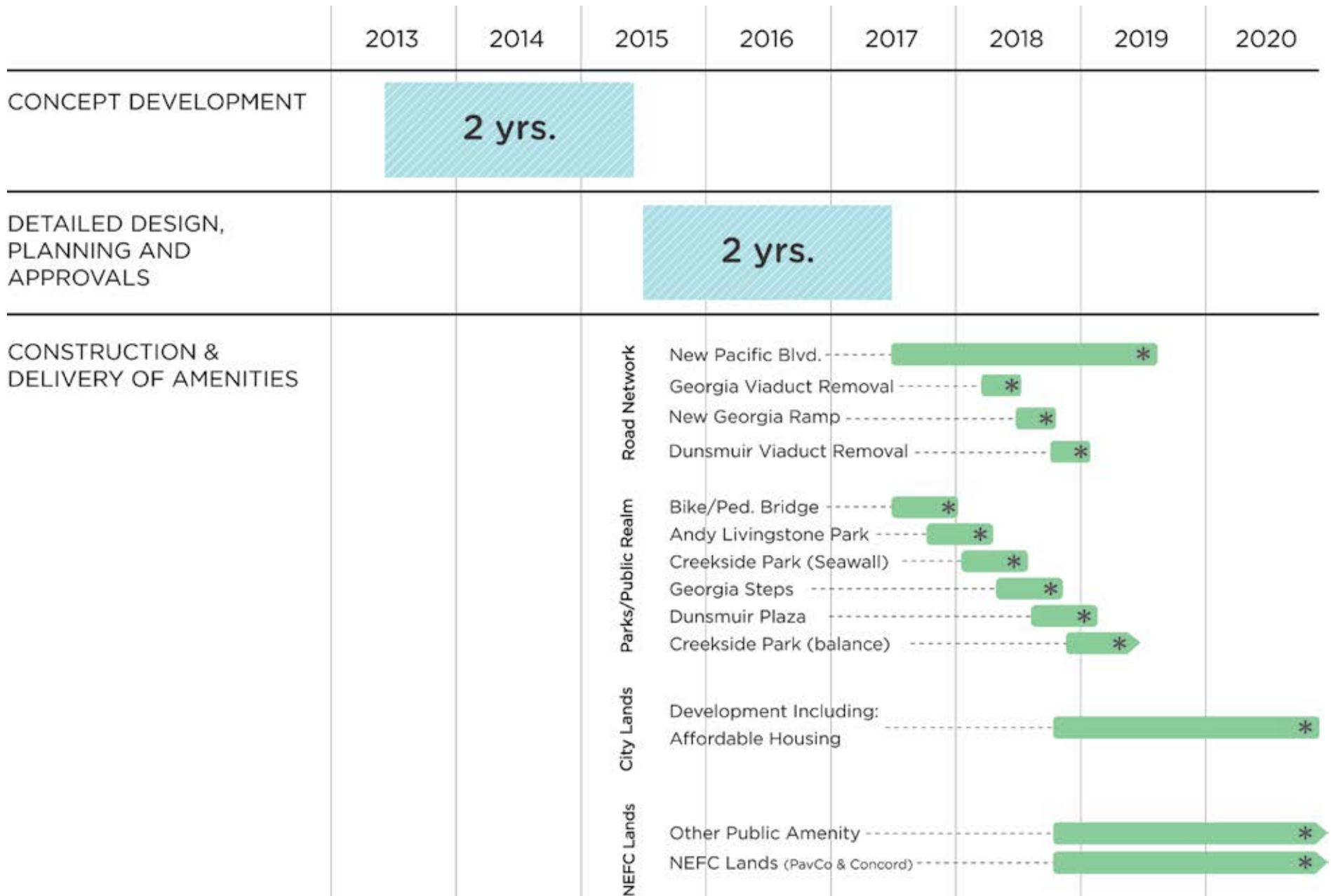


# LANDOWNER NEGOTIATIONS & PROJECT TIMING





# DELIVERY OF AMENITIES



# PLANNING AREAS

**VIADUCTS  
STUDY AREA**

**EASTERN CORE**



# REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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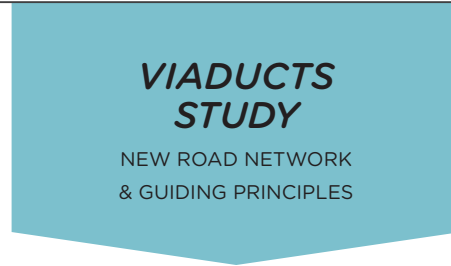
- A.** Adopt a Work Program to Advance Viaducts/NEFC Planning
- B.** Adopt a Work Program to Advance Eastern Core Planning
- C.** Adopt Viaducts Guiding Principles

# WORK PROGRAMS

STEP 1.

*The Idea*

**WE ARE HERE.**

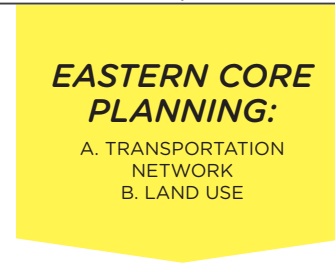


*Council Decision: "Advance Work"*



STEP 2.

*Developing the Plans (2yrs.)*

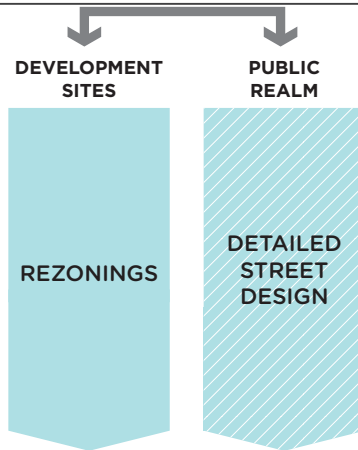


*Council Decision: "Go Ahead"*



STEP 3.

*Planning & Approvals and Construction (2yrs.)*



# VIADUCTS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

(June 2013)

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1. Reconnect the Historic Communities and the False Creek Waterfront
2. Expand Parks and Open Space
3. Repair the Urban Fabric
4. Explore Housing Development and Place-Making Opportunities on the City Blocks
5. Create a Vibrant Waterfront District
6. Increase Efficiency of the Street Network
7. Improve Connectivity between Downtown, NEFC and the Waterfront
8. Enhanced Pedestrian and Cyclist Movement
9. Develop a Fiscally Responsible Approach
10. Engage Residents and Stakeholders in a Meaningful Way

# EASTERN CORE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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1. Retain and intensify 'back of house' industrial functions
2. Increase job capacity, with a focus on green jobs and economy
3. Ensure that food security and the food economy continue to have a strong presence in the Eastern Core
4. Create and foster a unique sense of identity
5. Plan for the long-term presence of rail
6. Celebrate and enhance arts and culture
7. Recognize the historic importance of the area
8. Identify opportunities to create new and enhanced public gathering spaces
9. Seek creative and/or temporary uses for underutilized land
10. Improve traffic circulation by introducing new streets and pedestrian/cyclist connections
11. Maintain an efficient network of arterial streets essential for goods movement
12. Consult the public and all stakeholders in a meaningful way



# OTHER CITIES



# A LEGACY OF GREAT CITY BUILDING CONTINUES

