

Regional Transit Services Commission

City of St. Albert Council Presentation

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Historical Overview

- Numerous regional transit governance studies completed at Capital Region Board (CRB)
- Action necessary at local Council level to move forward
- 2014: St. Albert approached Edmonton to explore creating a single transit provider between the two municipalities



Historical Overview

- 2015: St. Albert and Edmonton Council's pass Motions to evaluate the integration of portions of their transit systems
- 2016 St Albert and Edmonton Council's:
 - Determine a Regional Commuter Service as preferred model;
 - Create the *Regional Commuter Service Task Force*;
 - Move forward with Phase-1 of 3-Phase Implementation Plan
- 2016: Metro Mayors Alliance Report, *Be Ready or Be Left Behind* published



Historical Overview

- 2017: St Albert and Edmonton established a Regional Commuter Service Task Force
 - Provides updates to CRB Transit Committee
 - Undertakes work in a manner that others can join in the future
 - Releases findings
 - Establishes MOU
 - Requests Provincial Government support



2017 Regional Commuter Service Task Force Findings

- Opportunity for greater collaboration across the region
- Review lessons and governance structures across Canada and U.S.
- Commission structure determined as best model
- Double Majority Voting structure established
- Identify costs for Phase 2 of Implementation Plan to be \$3.7 Million



2018: Regional Momentum

- Government of Alberta awards \$3.7 Million for Phase 2
- All 13 EMRB municipalities sign MOU, join Regional Transit Services Commission Transition Team
- RFP is released for consultant to work with Transition Team to complete Phase 2



Three Phases of Implementation

Phase 1 Governance Design <i>(Joint City Manager's Regional Commuter Service Task Force)</i>	Phase 2 (2018-2019) Establishment and Transition <i>(documents for incorporation developed; touchpoints for Council and Provincial approvals)</i>	Phase 3 (2020 -) Service Operation <i>(Formal agreement in place; Commission in operation)</i>
<p>Create an MOU, confirm governance design for the regional commuter entity.</p> <p>Invite other municipalities in the region to approve the MOU and participate in the regional entity as part of Phase 2 of this Implementation Plan.</p>	<p>Phase 2 will finalize direction on four key areas for the regional entity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scope & Delivery• Funding & Fiscal Management• Administration & Logistics Management• Integration with planning & municipal functions	<p>Upon approval of formal agreement a new commuter service entity would come into operation.</p> <p>Note: there will be a requirement for financial commitments from member municipalities; amount to be determined in phase 2.</p>

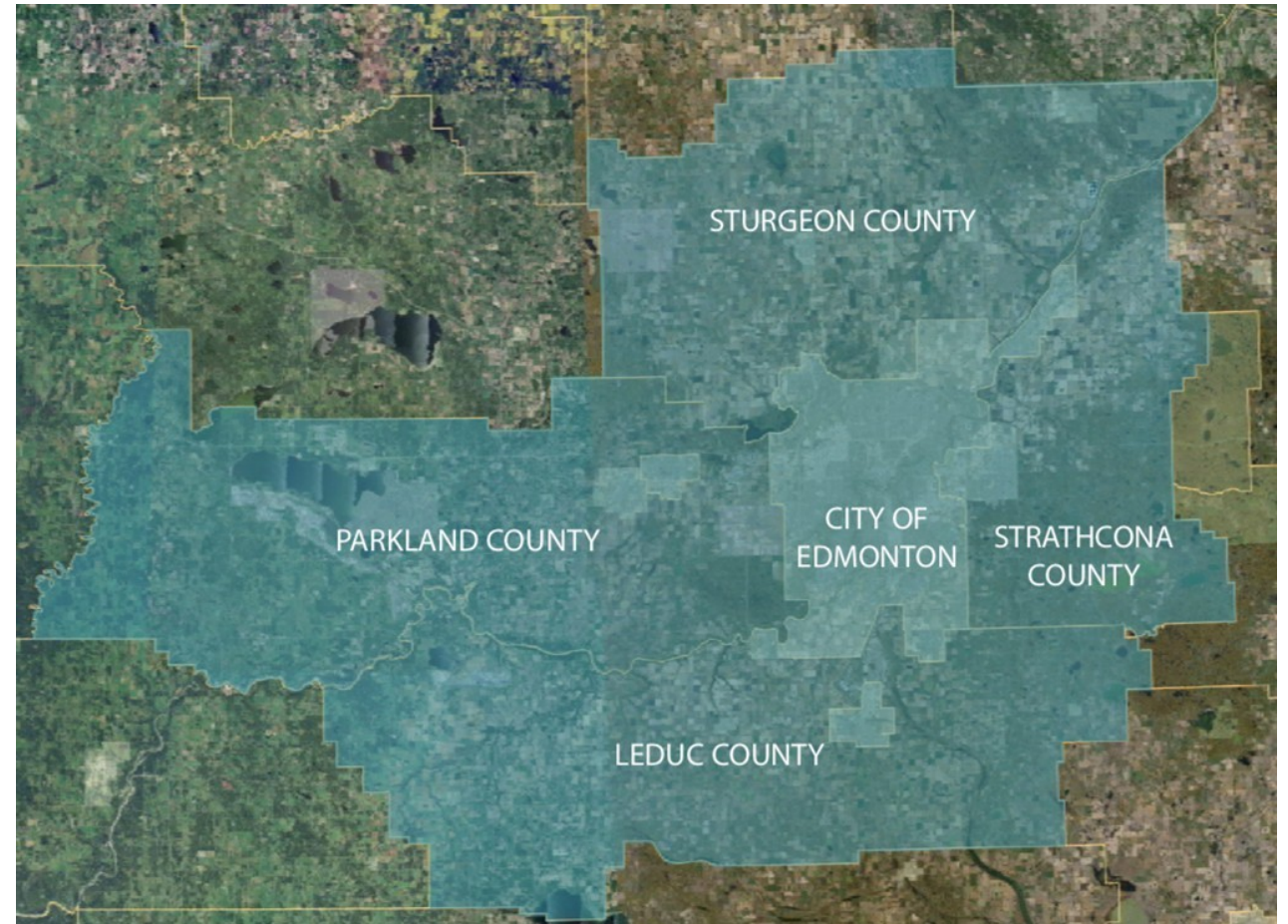
Proposed Services Area

The **13 municipalities and counties** in the RTSC represent the majority of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region, as shown in the study area map.

As of 2016, the **service area is home** to just over 1.3 million people, up from 1.14 million people in 2011.

Based on the 2015 Household Travel Survey, the **average length for a regional transit trip** is 21.5 km with up to 1 hour of travel

In the Region, the number of **daily transit trips** has increased by almost 9,000 since 2005, while the number of **daily car trips** has increased by about 236,000.

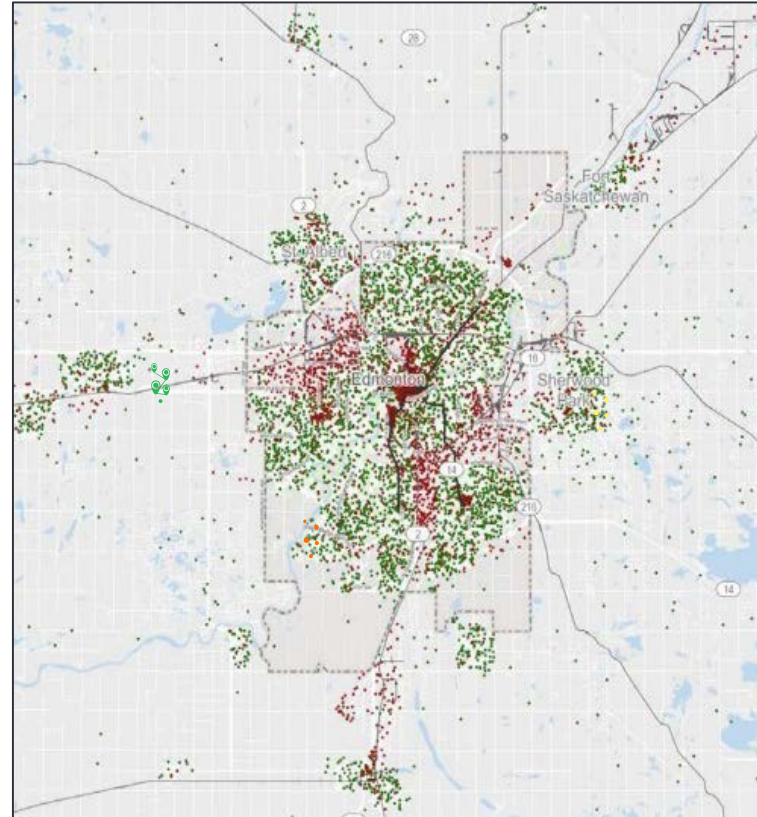


Future Growth of Region

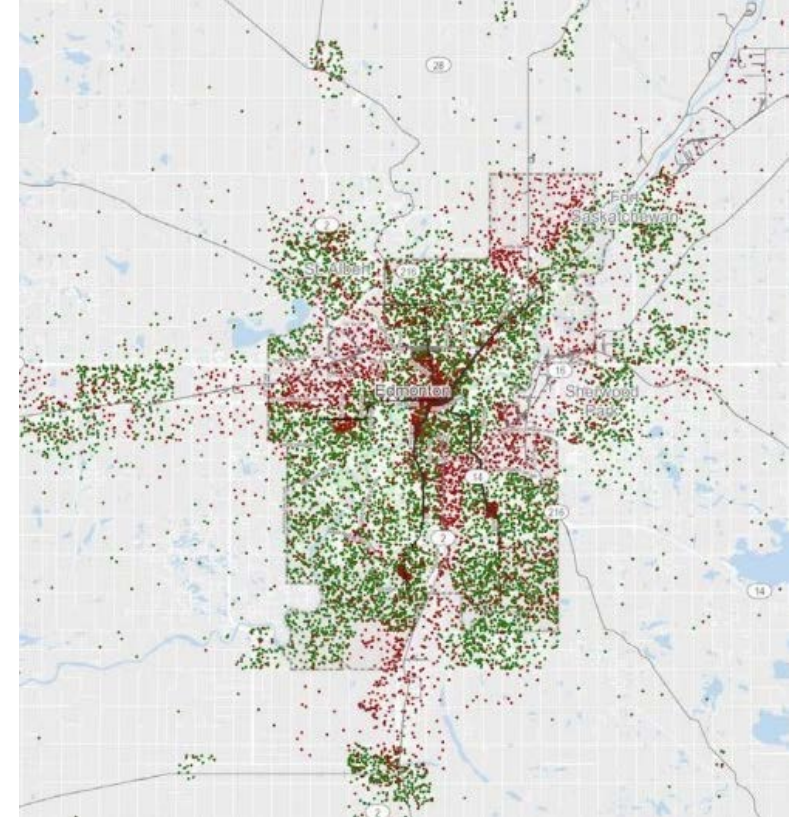
Why planning for regional transit today matters for tomorrow

- ▶ Regional forecast for **2020 population is 1.5M, by 2065 this is 3.0M** with 2.0M in the City of Edmonton and 0.9M in the region
- ▶ **Regional employment grows** from 767,000 to 1.5M jobs
- ▶ In the long term growth scenario the **boundaries between communities become less and less recognizable**

2020 (1.5 M)



2065 (3.0 M)



Population and employment

- 1 dot – 300 jobs (red) / residents (green)

Source: Mass Transit Backgrounder Report: Edmonton's Transit System in Context, City of Edmonton, February 7, 2019

Select Priorities



Building a
Transportation
Network



Environmental
Stewardship



Economic
Development



Growth Policy
Framework

Regional Transit Services Commission (RTSC) Linkage

- Moving people in an efficient and effective manner “through integrated modal planning and regional cooperation”
- Increasing neighbourhood vibrancy by providing connection to infrastructure and amenities
- Reducing emissions by increasing transit offerings and reducing vehicles on the road to minimize environmental footprint
- Optimization of routes to minimize energy outputs
- Supports employment growth by connecting employers with people across the region
- Efficient mobility services across the region increases awareness of St. Albert as a preeminent location to live, visit and invest
- Preparing for population growth patterns in both St. Albert and regionally
- Helping to remove barriers of mobility in the region

EMRB Growth Plan

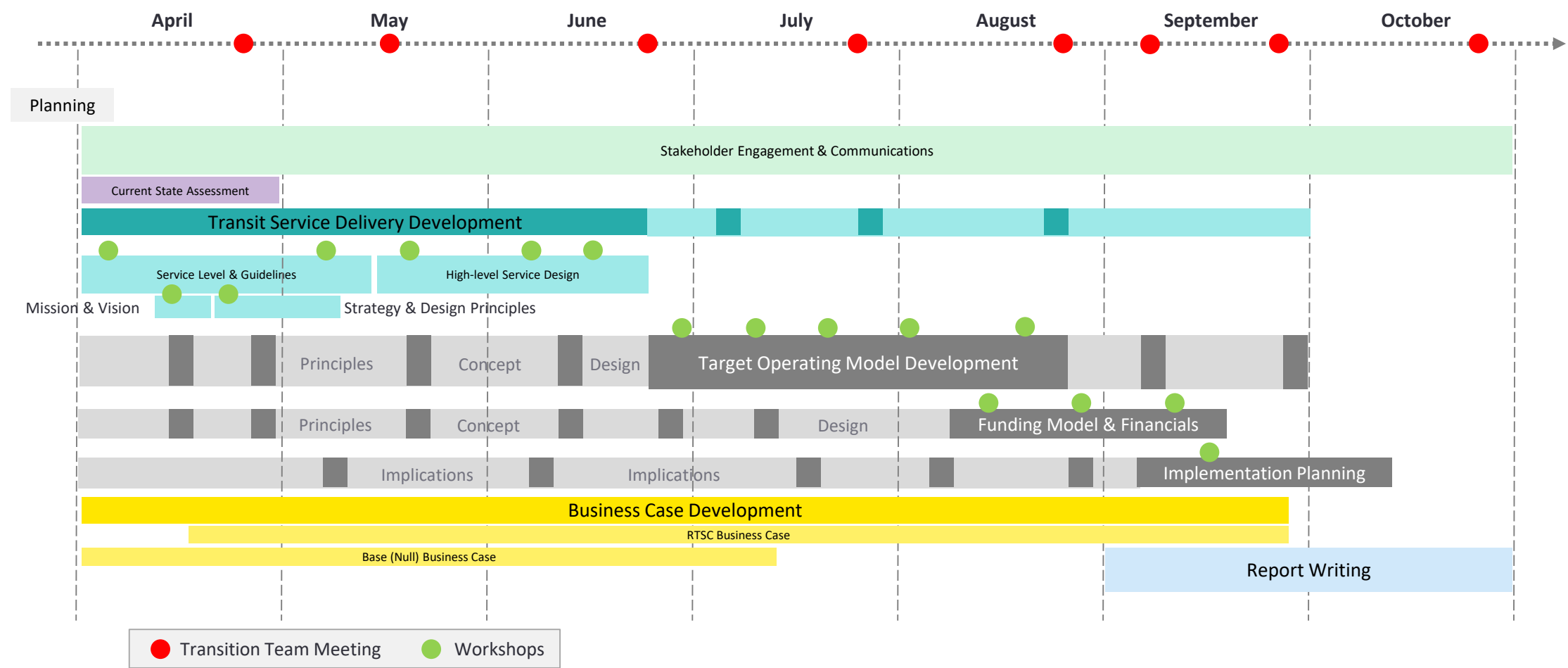
RELEVANT Guiding Principles from the EMRB Vision and Growth Plan

“Collaborate and coordinate as a Region to **manage growth responsibly**. We will work together to create a Region that is well managed and financially sustainable with a shared commitment to growing responsibly and achieving long-term prosperity.”

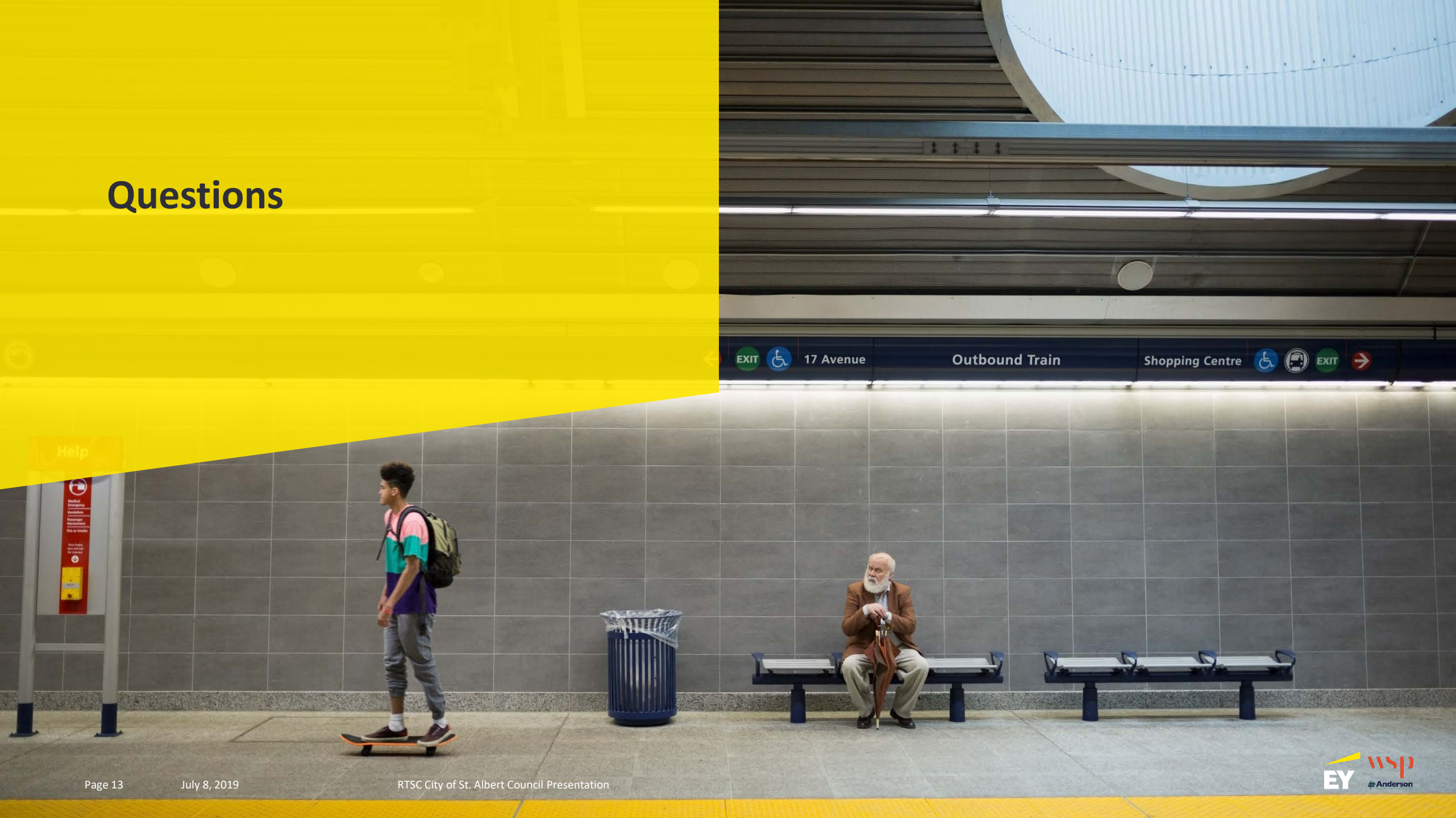
“Ensure effective regional mobility. Recognizing the link between **efficient movement of people and goods and regional prosperity**, we will work towards a multi-modal and integrated **regional transportation system**.”

“Recognize and celebrate diversity of communities, and promote an excellent **quality of life across the Region**. In **planning for growth**, we will recognize and respond to the different contexts and scales of communities, and provide a variety of housing choice with easy **access to transportation**, employment, parks and open spaces, and community and cultural amenities.”

High-level Project Schedule



Questions



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