

The Village on Main Community
Improvement District

Transportation Needs in Dartmouth



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Agenda

1- Where We Are

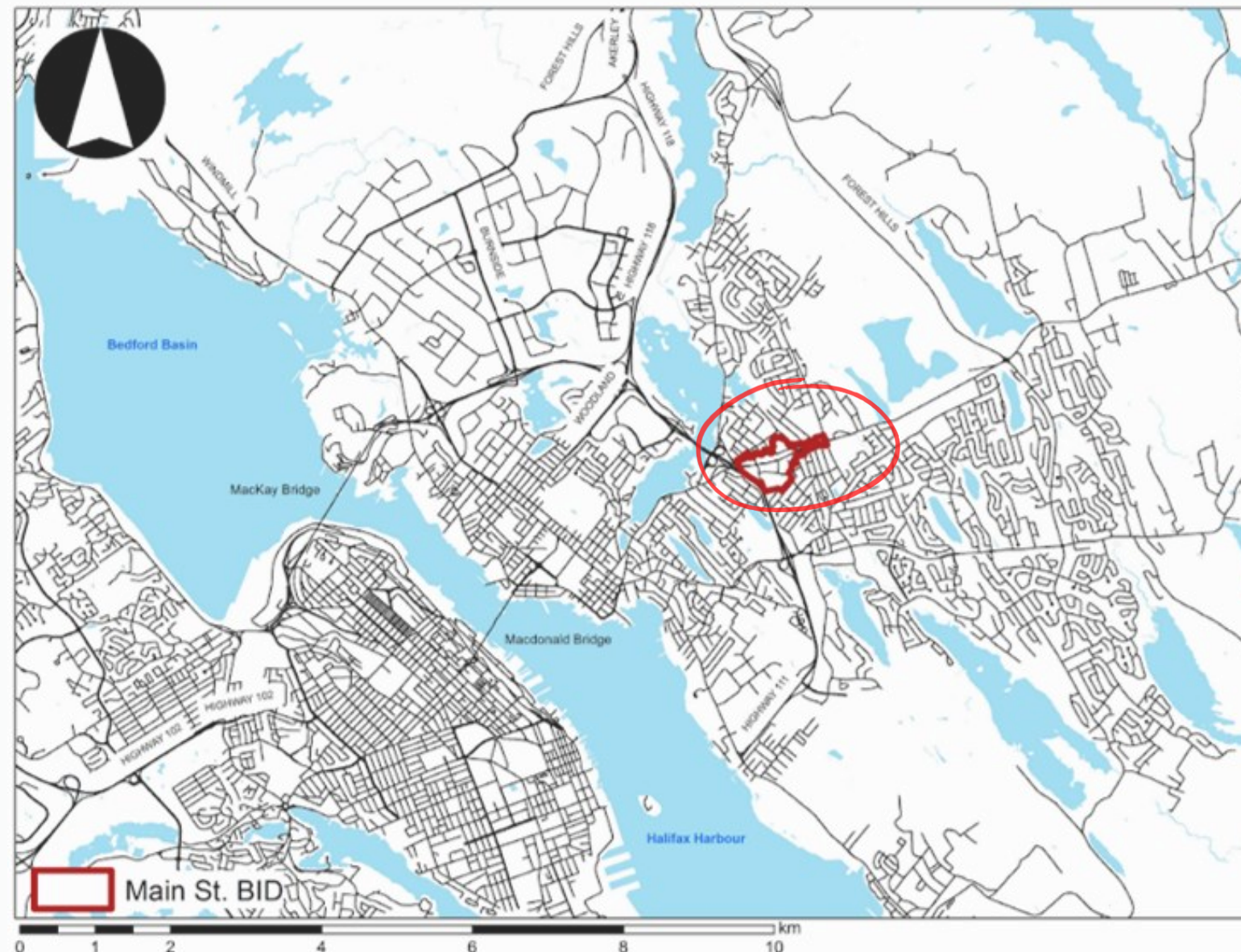


2- Why We're Here



3- What We Recommend

Where We Are



"URBAN CENTER FOR THE EASTERN SHORE"

CENTRAL DARTMOUTH

10 minute drive to 90,000 Dartmouth residents

197 BUSINESSES IN A 1KM RADIUS

68 health & wellness facilities

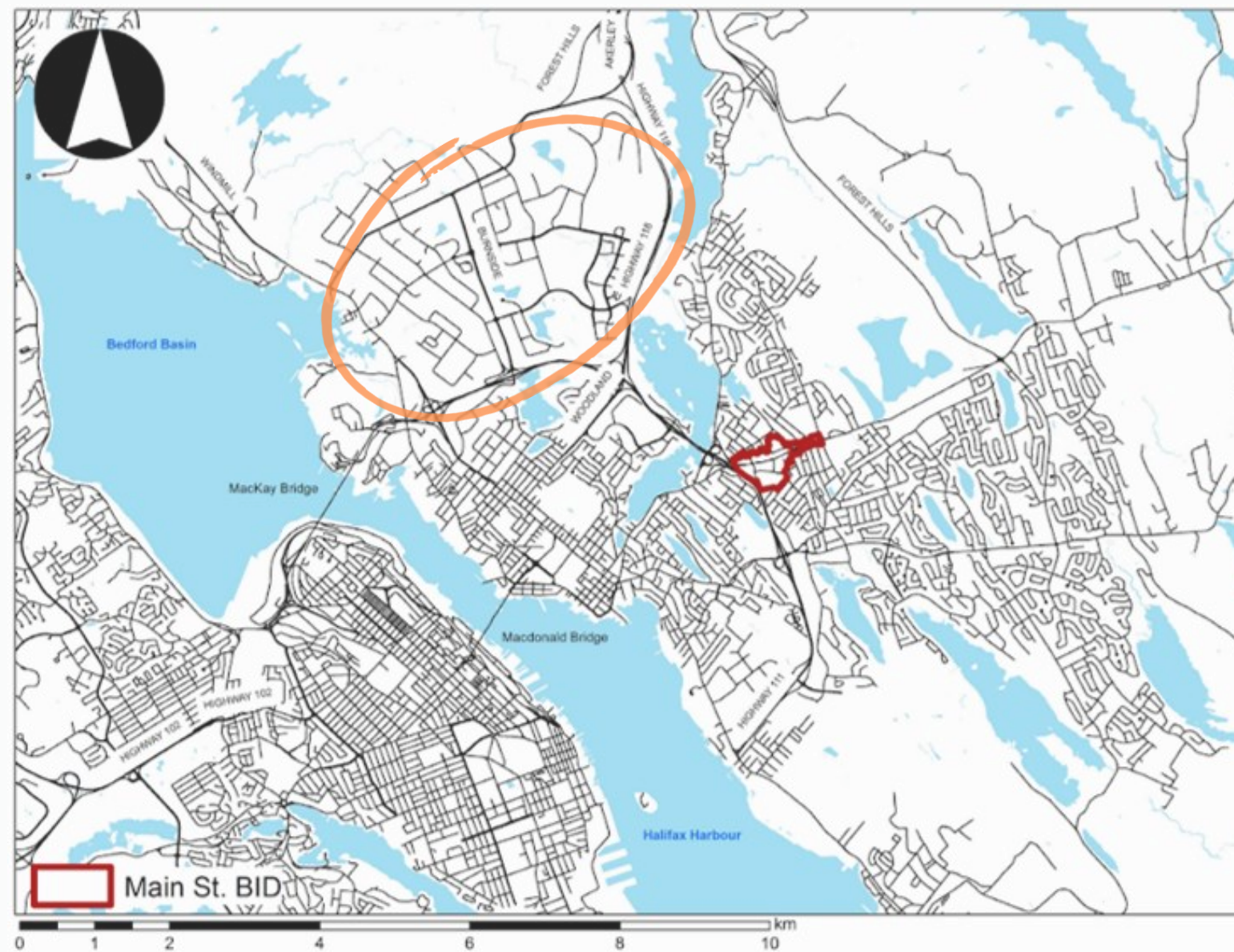
4 SCHOOLS, 5 CHURCHES

Elementary, Junior High, High School & NSCC – Akerley

1 OF 9 BIDS

Responsible for economic development

Burnside Industrial Park



2000 BUSINESSES

30,000 EMPLOYEES (2022)

78% SERVICE / 22% INDUSTRY



A COMMON VISION



HALIFAX TRANSIT'S MISSION STATEMENT:

"Working together to provide a safe, reliable, and sustainable transit system for all."

IMP VISION STATEMENT:

"Residents will have a choice of connected, healthy, affordable, sustainable travel options for moving both people and goods, through integrated transportation and land-use planning"

VILLAGE ON MAIN VISION STATEMENT:

" An inclusive and sustainable community where spaces and neighbours are welcoming and connected."

Why We're Here



AS ONE OF THE 9 BIDS UNDER AN
HRM AGREEMENT:

"established for
the purpose of carrying out economic
development within the Municipality...

...to help Halifax Regional Municipality to
identify business development priorities,
**resolve service delivery issues, make
business districts more attractive to
investors, developers and clientele and
otherwise assist the Municipality in achieving
its economic development mandate."**



VOM's Involvement & Timeline



2013

- VOM petition and letter submitted to HRM Transit
- Submitted demographic report with recommendations in response to Moving Forward Together
- Presented active transportation recommendations to HRM's Active Transportation committee

2015

- Designed pedway connection from Lakecrest to Waverly Rd.
- Attended Moving Forward engagement sessions (2015 -2016)
- Community Engagement of suggested transit changes
- Met with District 6 and 4 councilors with proposals (2015 -2016)

2016

- Formed a coalition with leaders in Dartmouth communities (The Dartmouth Thing) to address transit connections in all Dartmouth communities
- Prepared report with realigned routes to improve transit in Dartmouth without additional cost to city
- Prepared Public Infrastructure Plan listing how VOM requests line up with city documents and makes recommendations
- Presented request to city on behalf of The Dartmouth Thing Coalition.
- Submitted letter on behalf of all BIDs asking for transit amendments

2017

- Submitted funding application to design connection from Main/Lakecrest to Prince Albert Rd or Waverly Rd
- Report: The role of Active Transportation in Complete Communities
- Summary of Active Transportation as it relates to green space, complete communities, sustainability, age friendliness, and connectivity.
- Request submitted to Councilor of District 6 and all other Dartmouth Councilors.

2018

- Met with Dartmouth municipal election candidates with presentation
- Making The Case for Connections in The Village On Main outlining HRM's commitment to improving connectivity throughout their policy documents.

2019

- Engaged Planning Video Company, PlaniFax to develop video about gaps in transit for Dartmouth communities
- Active members of Leading With Transit coalition Leading With Transit, formed to recommend transit oriented design to stimulate growth/development (2019-2019)

2021

- Prepared Dartmouth Transit Challenges to new municipal councilors in Dartmouth districts
- Summary document of past efforts and recommendation status: Transit in VOM

HRM's Involvement & Timeline

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPAL
PLANNING STRATEGY (2014)

DARTMOUTH MUNICIPAL
PLANNING STRATEGY (2015)

MAKING CONNECTIONS:
2014-2019 HALIFAX ACTIVE
TRANSIT PRIORITIES PLAN

MOVING FORWARD
TOGETHER PLAN (2015)

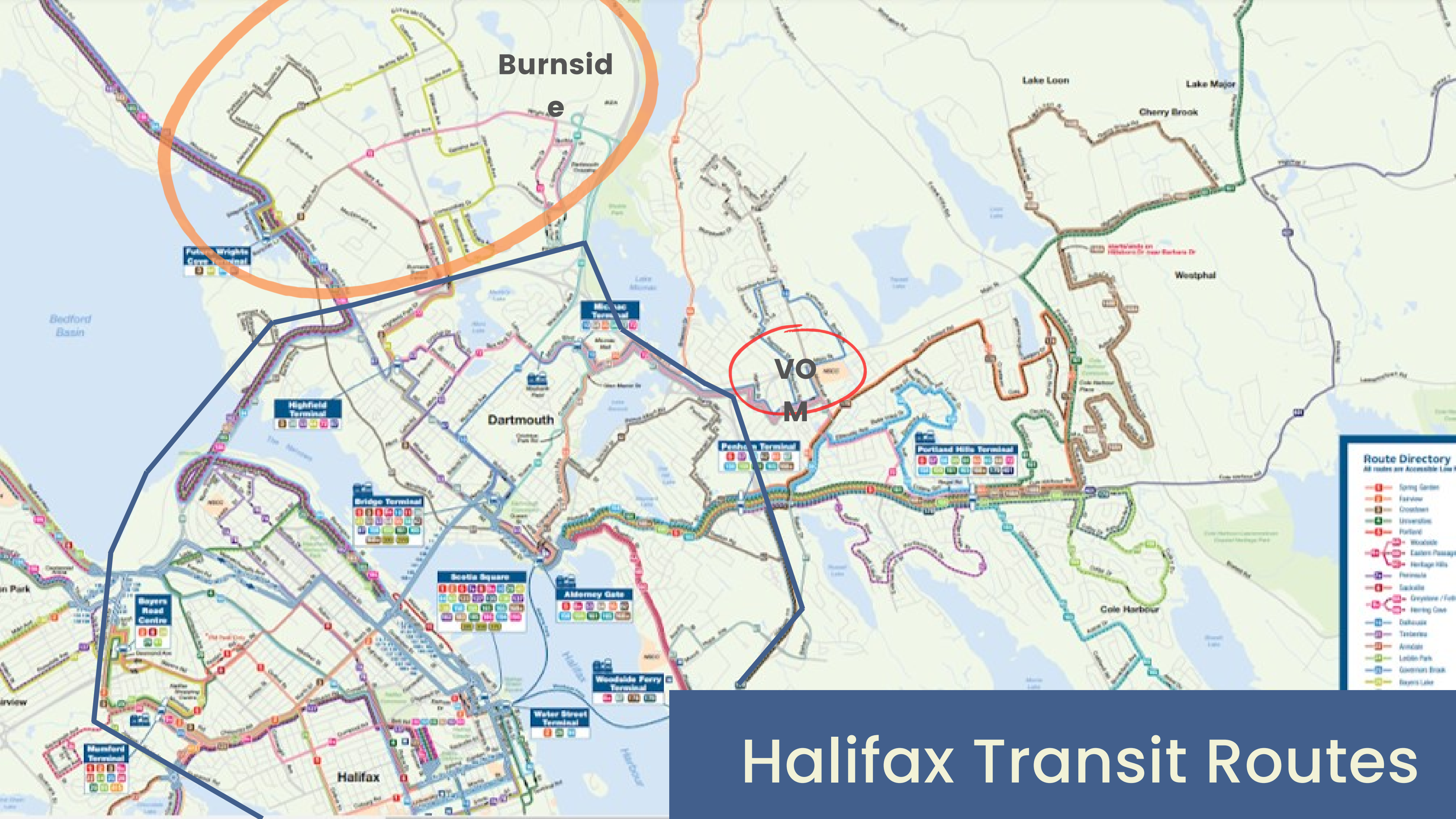
INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN
(2017)

HALIFAX INDEX (2021)

CENTRE PLAN (2021)

HALIFACT (2021)

HALIFAX INCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC STRATEGY (2022)



Burnside

VOM

Halifax Transit Routes

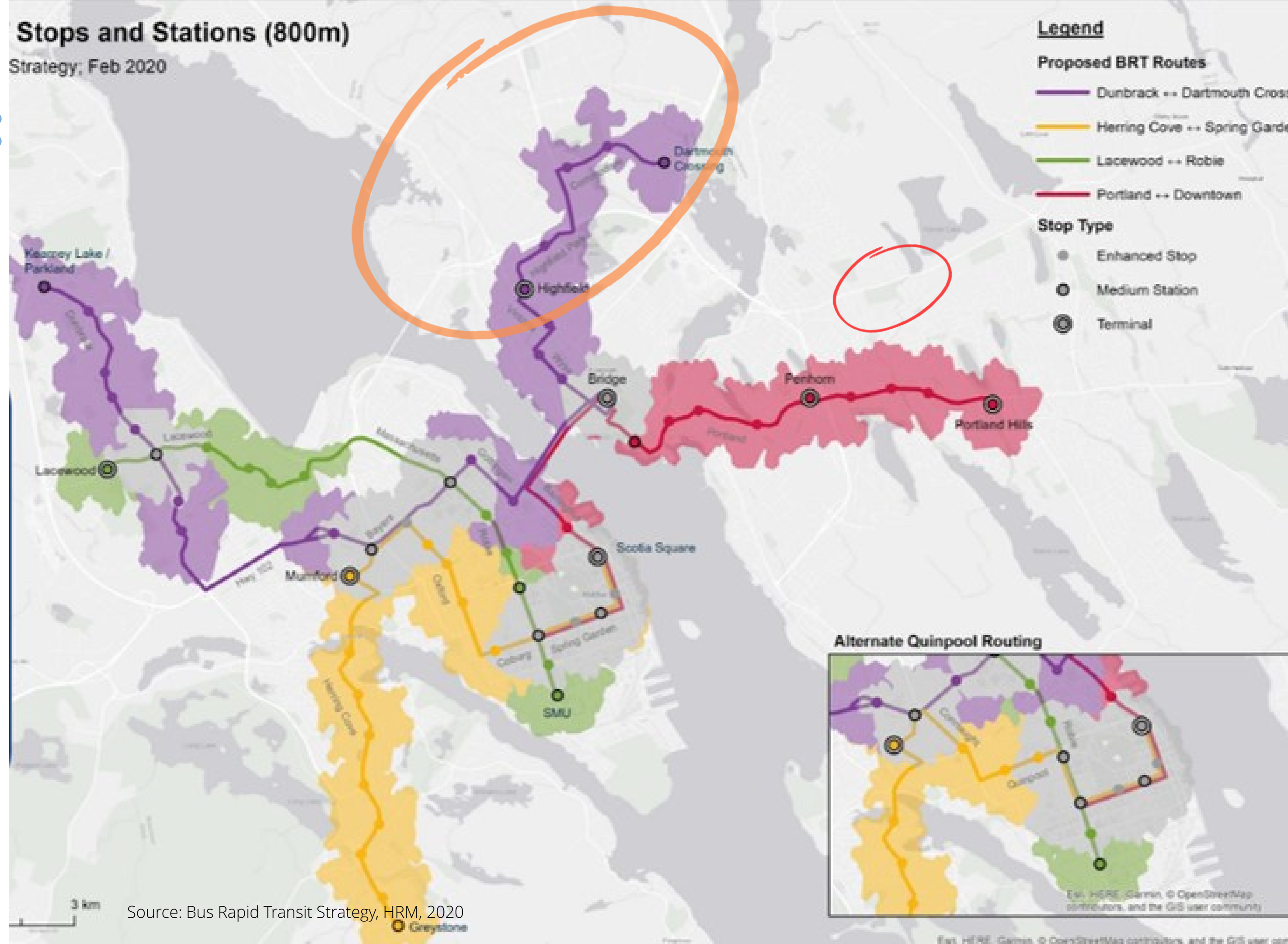
BRT Routes:



UNBALANCED
ATTENTION

Stops and Stations (800m)

Strategy, Feb 2020



"The average increase in driving in the entire region is approximately 1.5-2%.

The **largest increase in driving** is in Central Dartmouth, increasing by about **10-16%.**"

- Integrated Mobility Plan Implementation Update, 2021

Gaps in Service



- Completed Transit Priority Lanes
- Transit Priority Corridor
- Transit Signal Priority

PUBLIC TRANSIT NETWORK

Source: Integrated Mobility Plan Implementation Update, HRM, 2021

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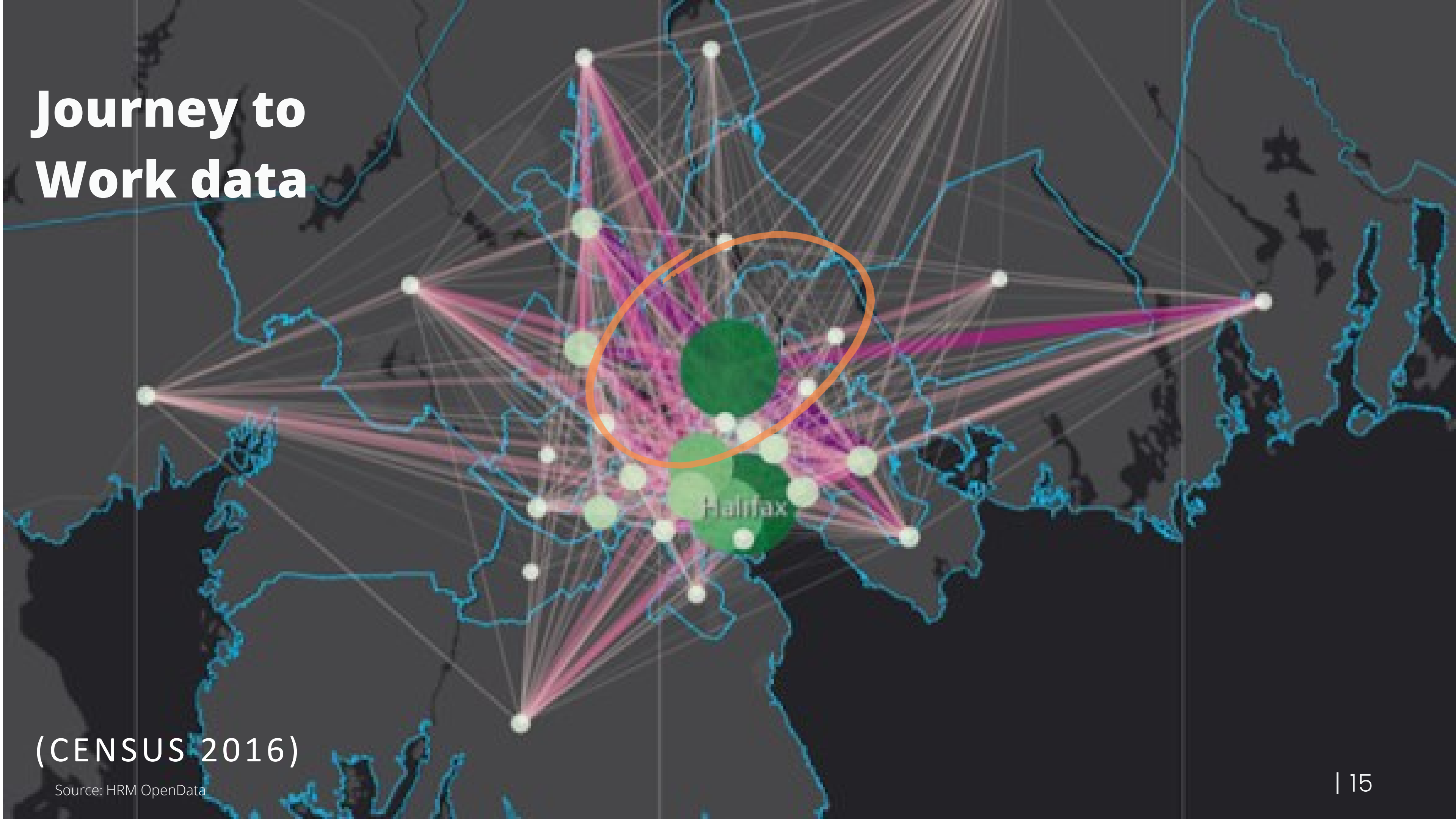
Existing 'AAA' Bikeway
Planned 'AAA' Bikeway



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Source: Integrated Mobility Plan Implementation Update, HRM, 2021

Journey to Work data



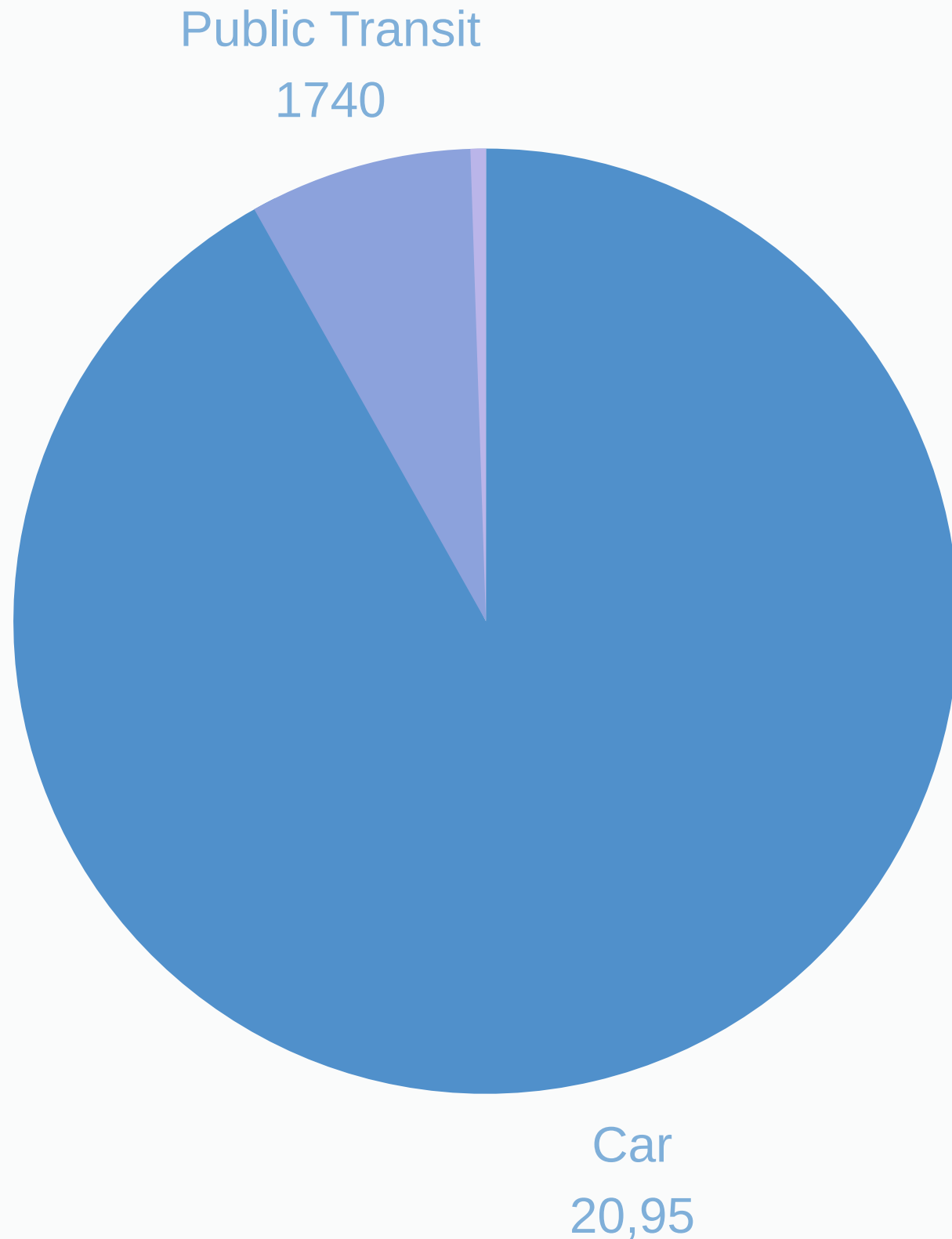
(CENSUS 2016)

Source: HRM OpenData

Daily incoming workers:

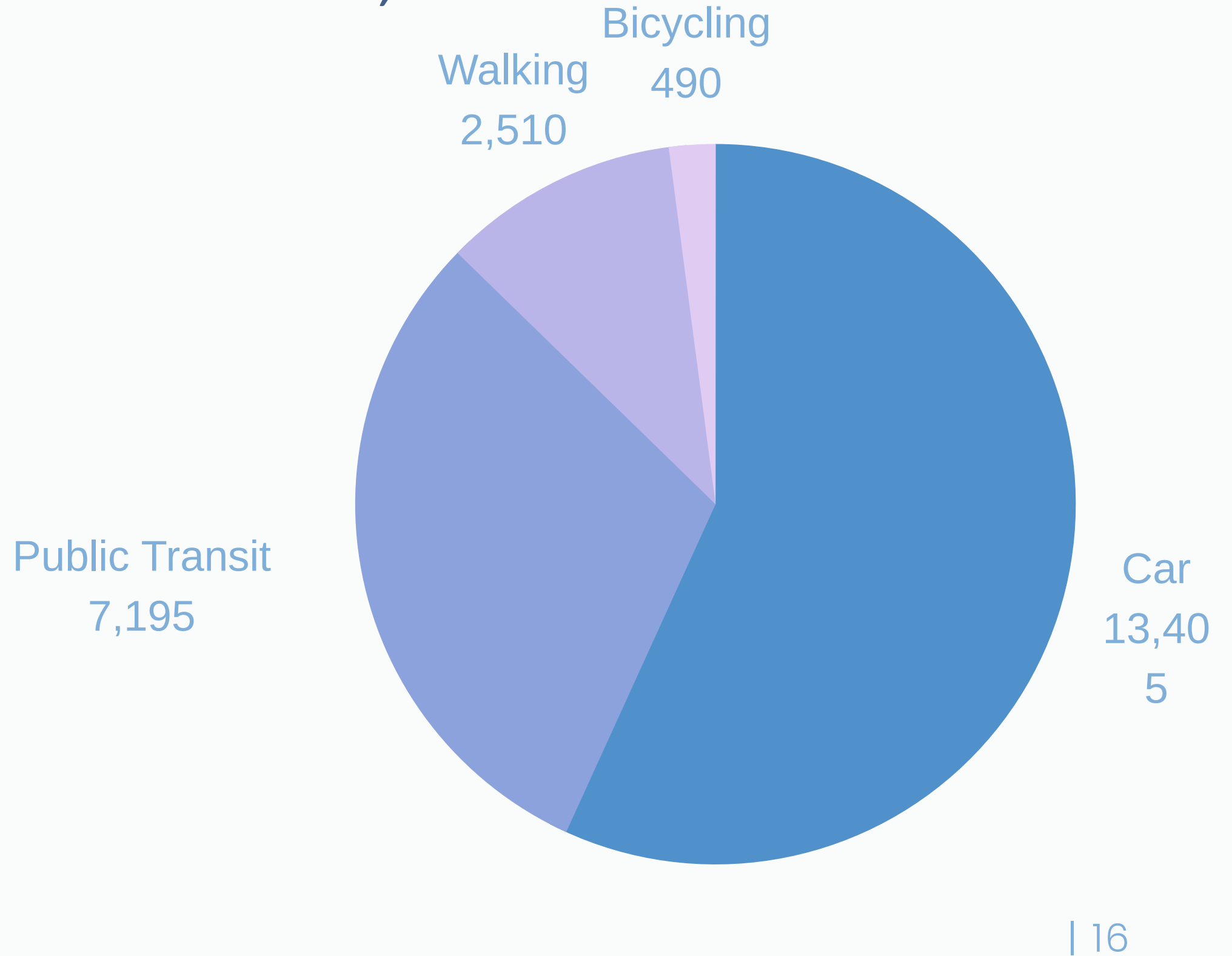
Burnside Industrial Park:

23,120



Downtown Halifax:

23,650



Key Issues



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CONNECTING HUBS

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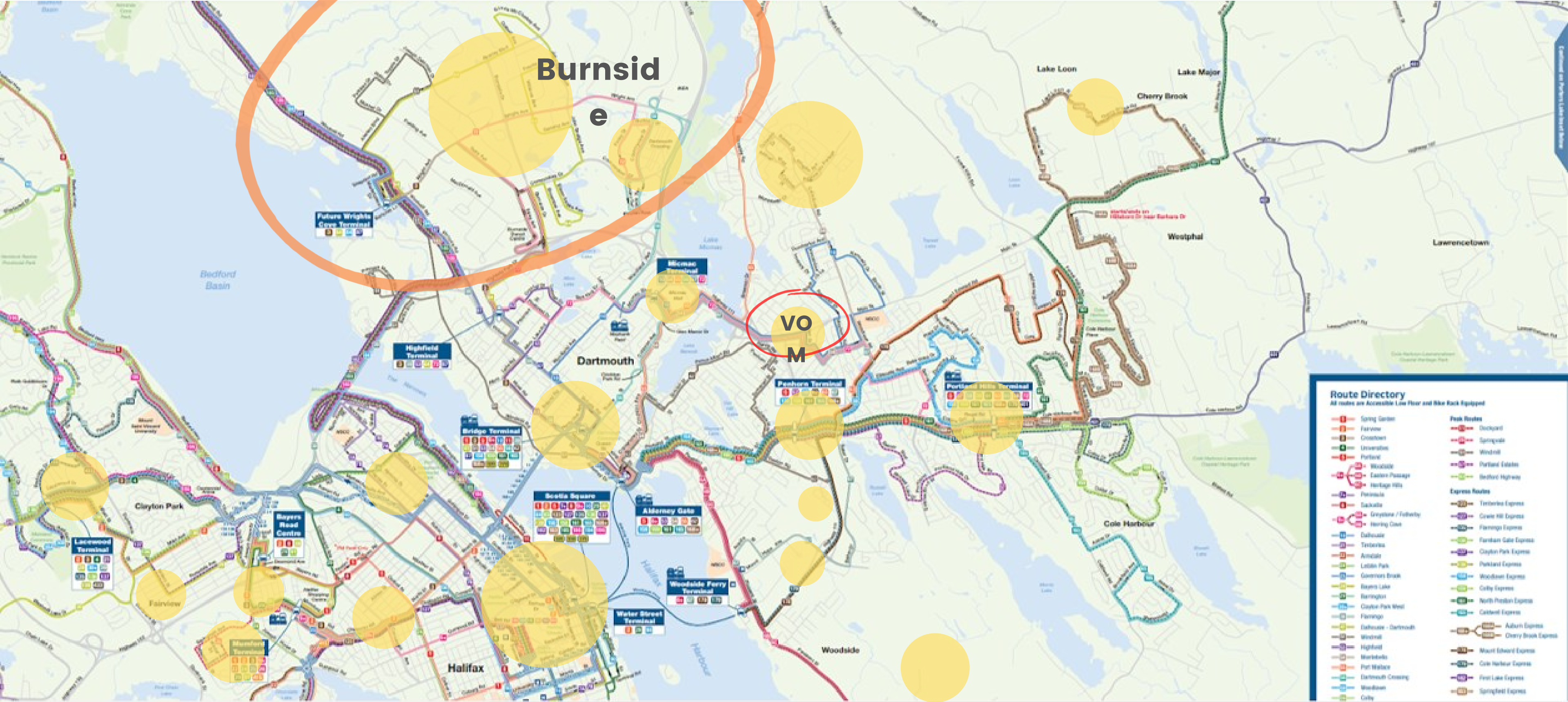
DARTMOUTH VS HALIFAX:
SERVICE & ATTENTION

3

HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT
CONNECTIONS

4

PROJECTED GROWTH AREAS



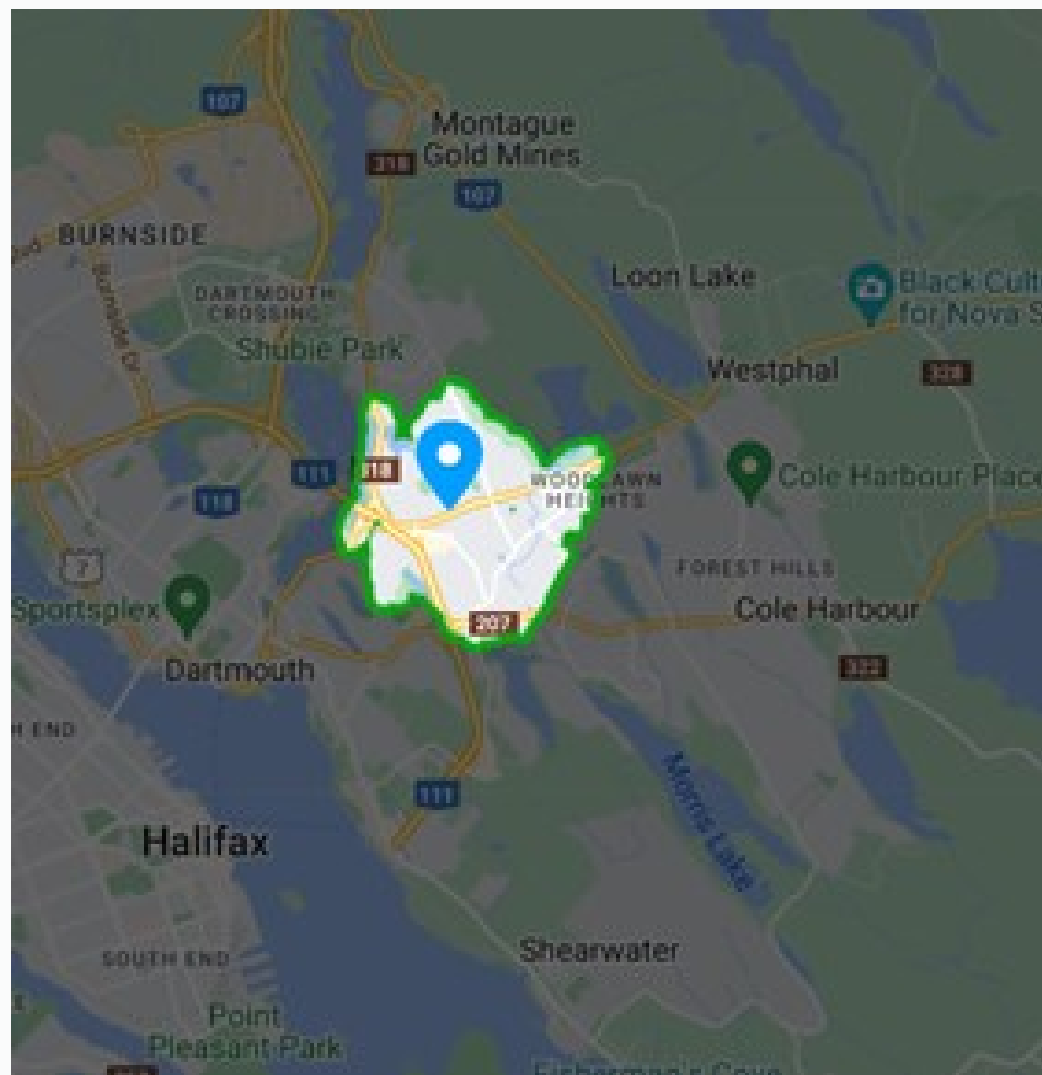
CONNECTING HUBS

Priority transit corridors based on residential and employment hubs.

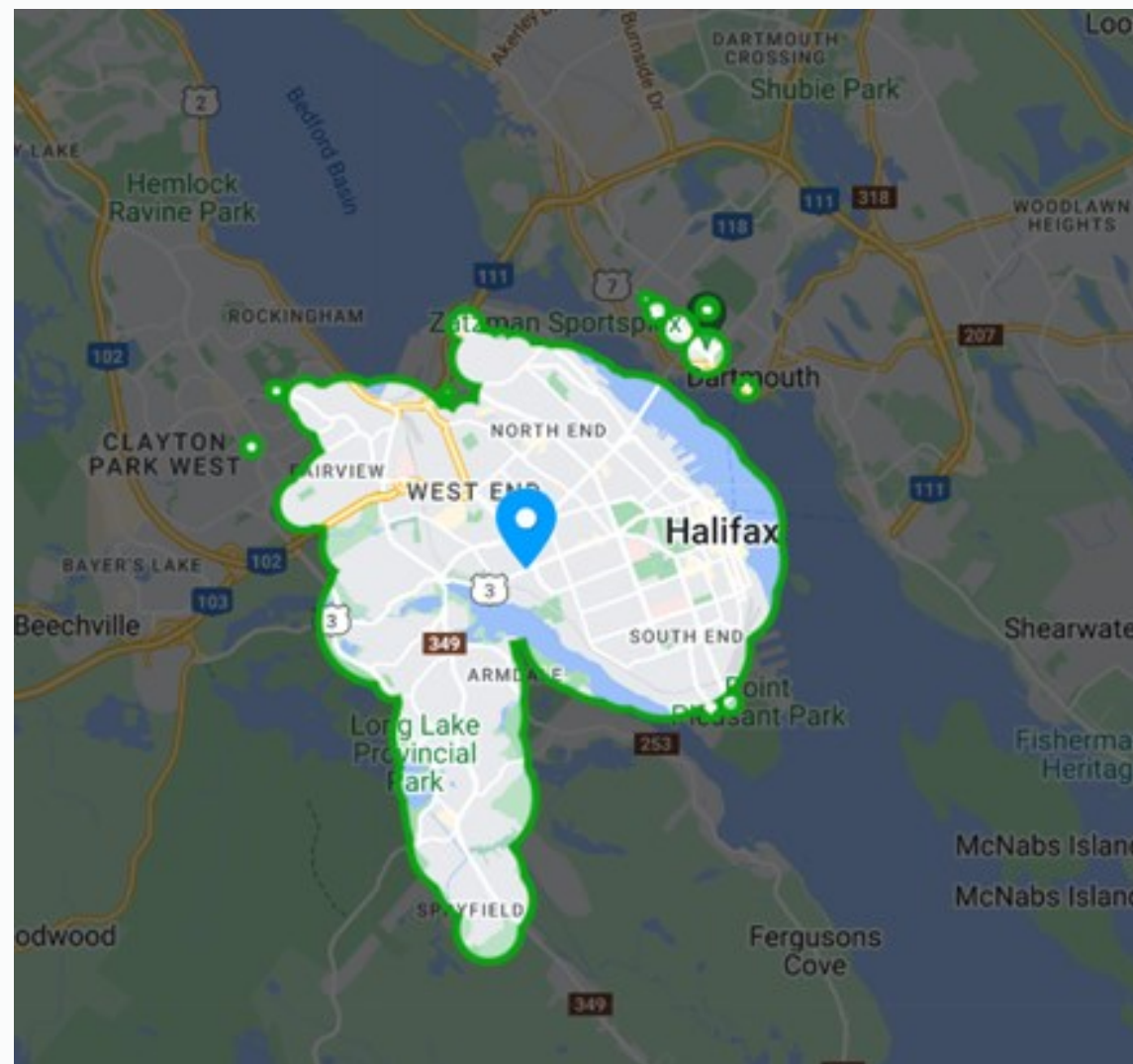
2 Dartmouth vs Halifax

HOW FAR CAN YOU TRAVEL IN 30 MINUTES BY BUS?

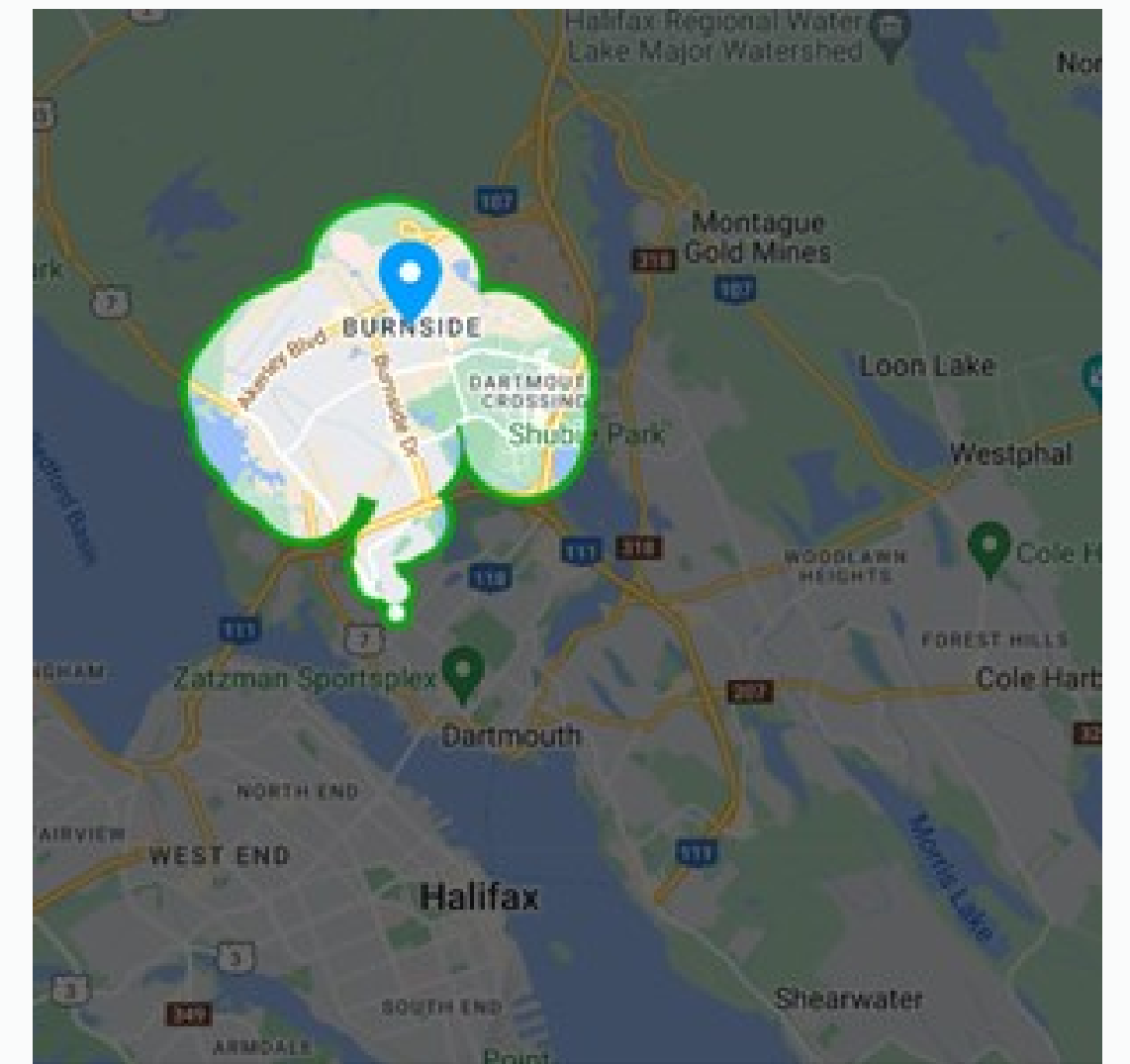
MAIN STREET



QUINPOOL ROAD

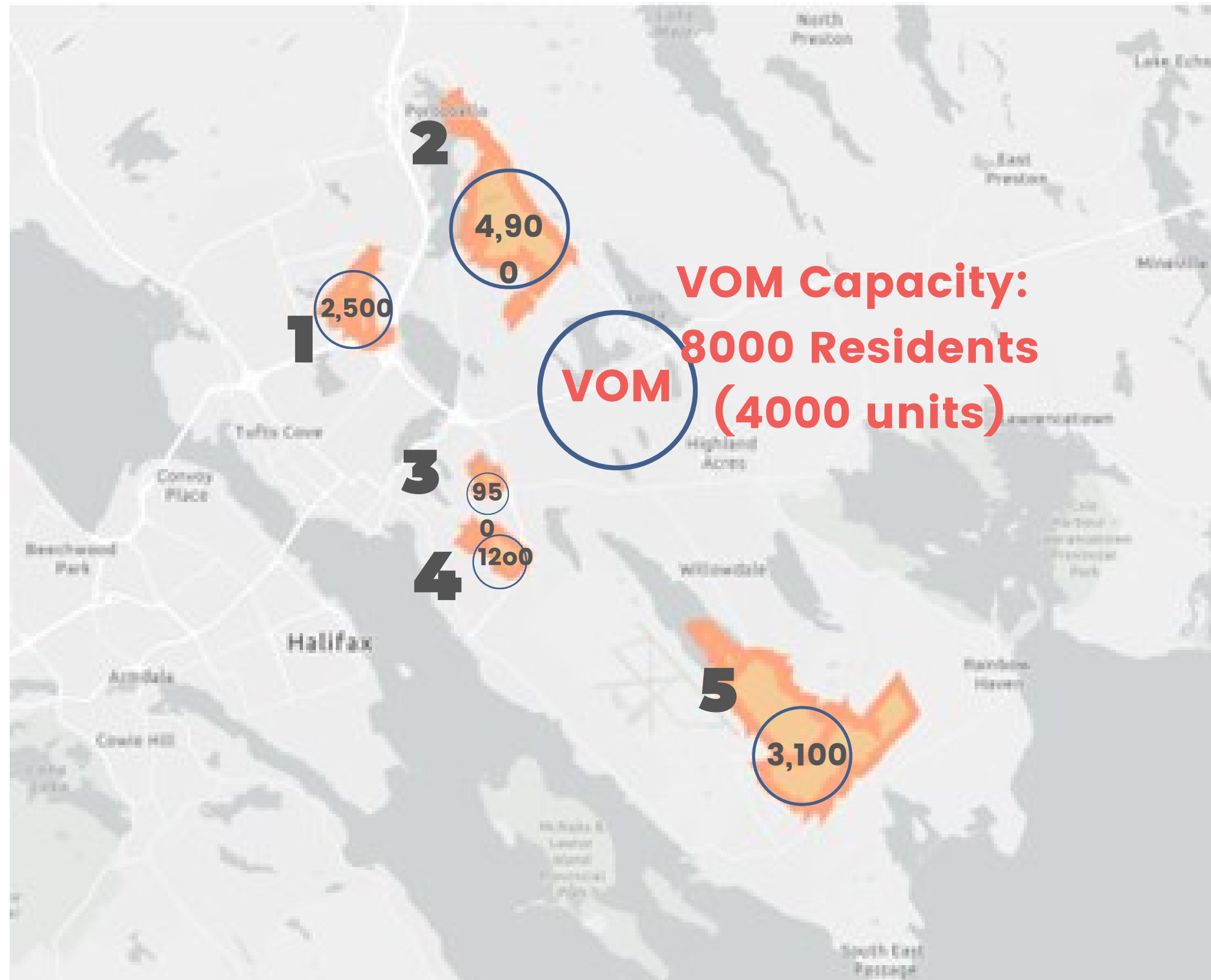


BURNSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK



3 Projected Growth Areas:

Special Planning Areas



- 1** Dartmouth Crossing
2,500 Units
 - 2** Port Wallace
up to 4,900 units
 - 3** Penhorn Mall
950 Units
 - 4** Southdale-Mount Hope
1,200 Units
 - 5** Morris Lake
3,100 Units
- Total: 12,650 Units**



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HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT CONNECTIONS



& LACKING TRANSIT CONNECTIONS

Accessible transit connections are vital in areas with affordable housing.

Can we expect people to drive to a food bank?

RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Closer working relationship between BIDs and Halifax Transit; BIDs and the Active Transportation Team

2

Improved alignment of transportation with hubs (especially employment hubs)

3

Work on narrowing disparity between Halifax and Dartmouth communities (Equity in transit)

Thank you!



ANY QUESTIONS?

GET IN TOUCH!



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