

Regional Transit Services Commission

**Strathcona County Council Presentation
(Public Session)**

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An aerial photograph showing a wide river winding through a lush, green landscape. The river is surrounded by dense vegetation and some developed areas. The sky is blue with light clouds.

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

An aerial photograph showing a wide river winding through a lush green landscape. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a hazy sky. The foreground shows a golf course and some residential areas.

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>
Create an MOU, confirm governance design for the regional commuter entity. 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.	Phase 2 will finalize direction on four key areas for the regional entity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scope & Delivery• Funding & Fiscal Management• Administration & Logistics Management• Integration with planning & municipal functions	Upon approval of formal agreement a new commuter service entity would come into operation. Note: there will be a requirement for financial commitments from member municipalities; amount to be determined in phase 2.

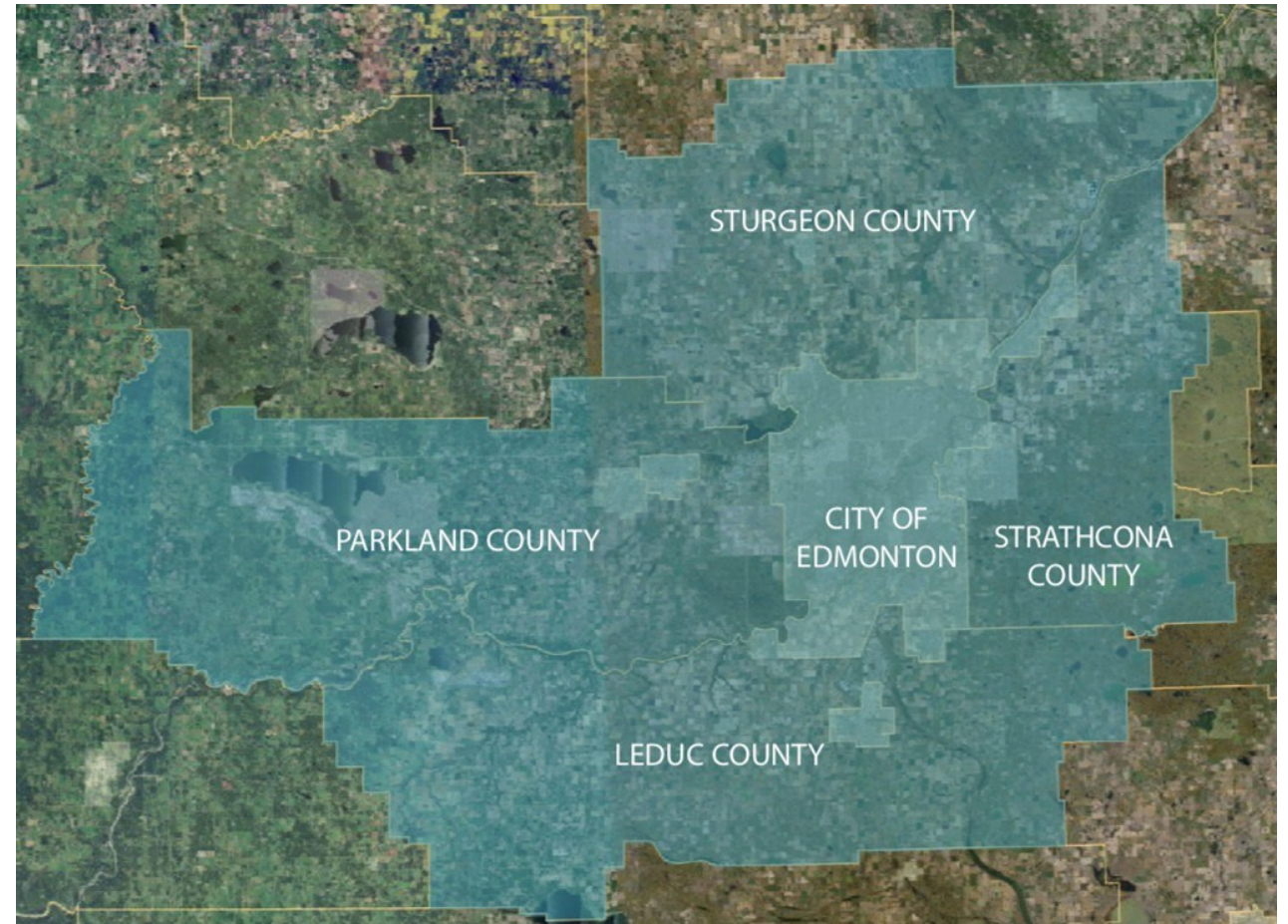
Proposed Services Area

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

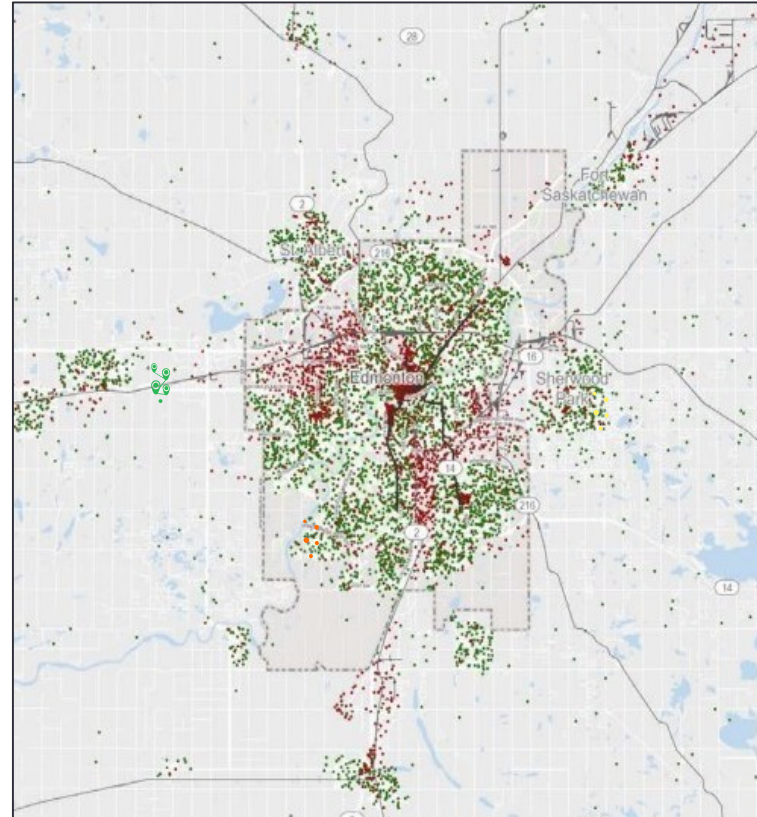
In the Region, the number of **daily transit trips** has increased by almost 9,000 since 2005, while the number of **daily car trips** has increased by about 236,000.



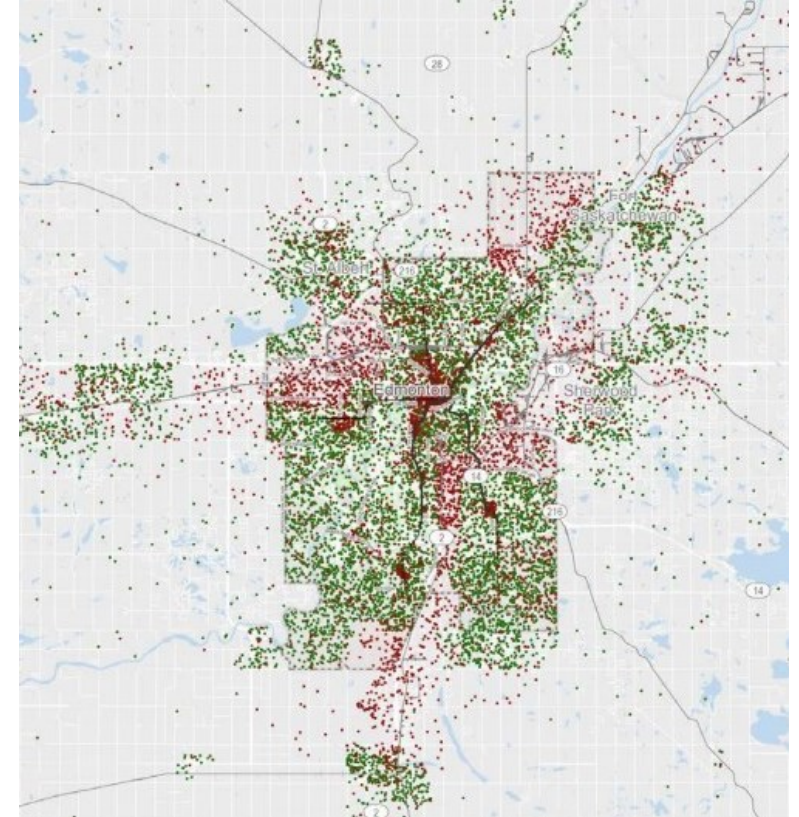
Future Growth of Region

- ▶ 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)

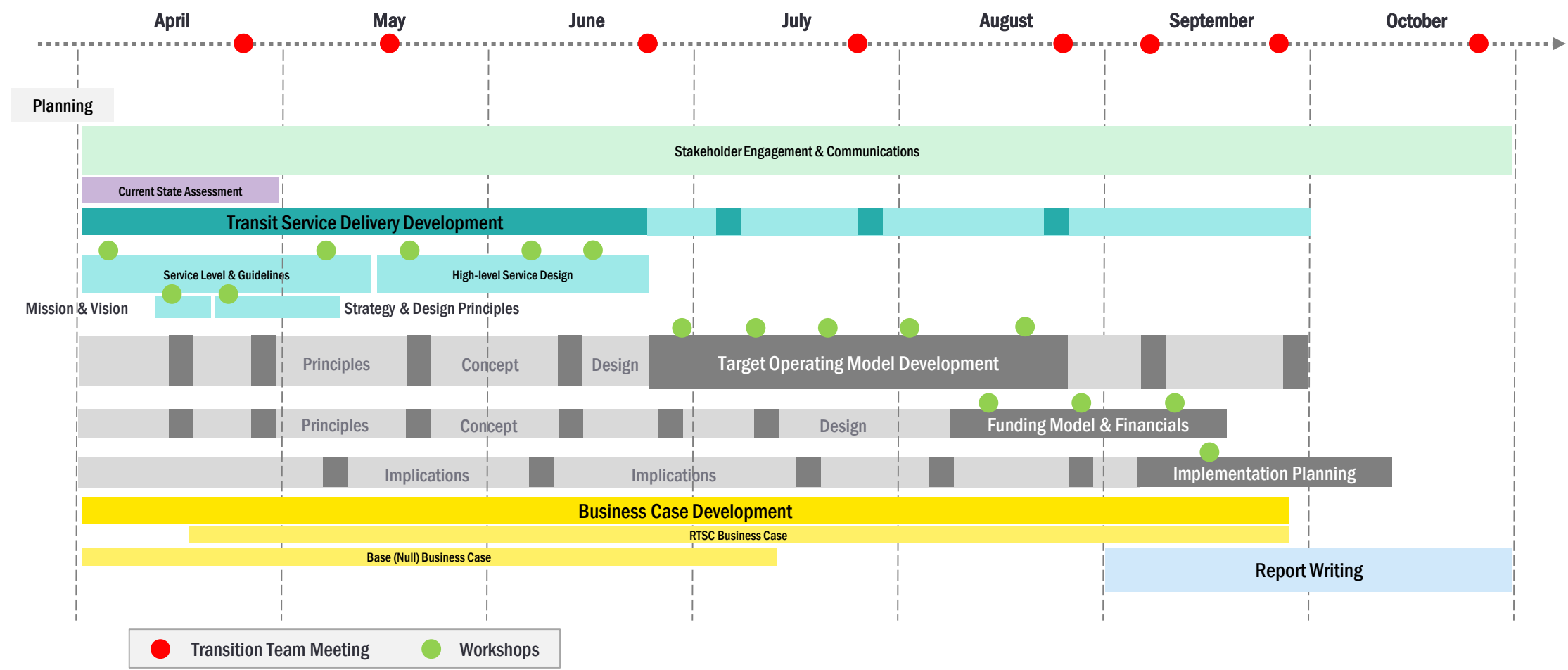


Population and employment

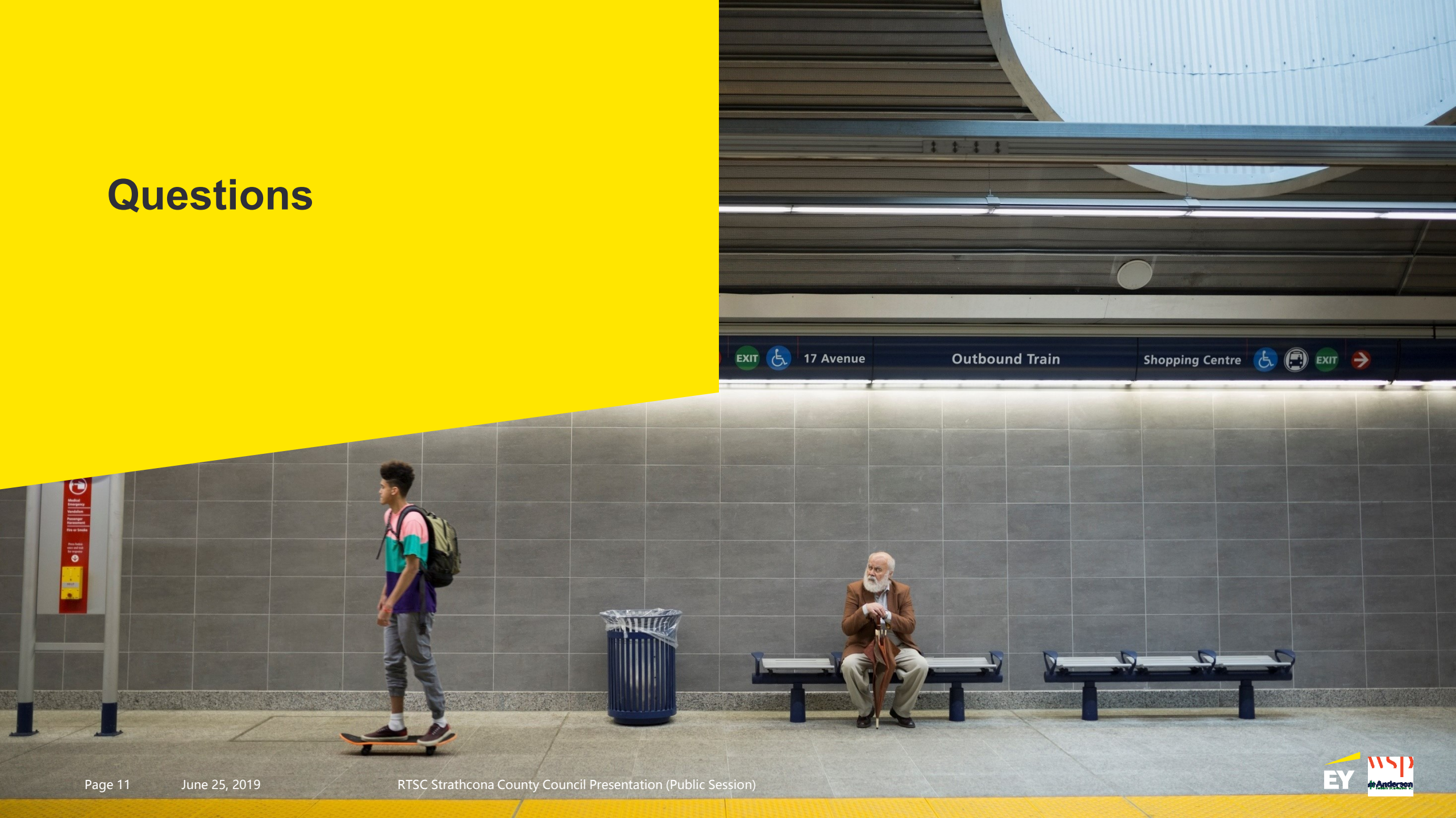
- 1 dot – 300 jobs (red) / residents (green)

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

High-level Project Schedule



Questions



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