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# Advancing Edmonton's Safety and Security

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## Presentation Outline

- Safety and Security - Enabling the City Plan
- Highlights of Actions and Work Ahead
  - Transit Safety
  - Policing
  - Chinatown
  - Downtown
- Strategic context/ upcoming discussions

# Safety and Security - Enabling the City Plan

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## 1.0 I want to BELONG and contribute.

**Outcomes**  
Edmonton fosters wellness and mental health by providing opportunities for all people to engage in healthy life and supporting those who are isolated or marginalized.  
Edmontonians can connect to achieve their community and address Edmonton's heritage, diversity and engagement.  
Edmonton's city design fosters a sense of place, celebrating our unique attributes, diversity and opportunities within the region.  
Edmontonians demonstrate stewardship in the stewardship of the environment.

**BELONG**

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## 2.0 I want to LIVE in a place that feels like home.

**Outcomes**  
Edmontonians feel safe and secure in their communities and benefit from public spaces and infrastructure that support health and well-being.  
Edmontonians have the ability to live locally with access to diverse and affordable housing options in communities that support their lifestyle.  
Edmonton's growth and development results benefit the city and region.  
Edmonton is a leader in efficient, sustainable and resilient community design, development and energy.

**LIVE**

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## 3.0 I want opportunities to THRIVE.

**Outcomes**  
Edmontonians acknowledge and celebrate Indigenous heritage while honoring the diverse cultures, perspectives and experiences existing long before and in the world.  
Edmonton leads in a vibrant economy by supporting business and attracting skills, talent and investment.  
Edmontonians, entrepreneurs and investors share ideas, cultures and support to grow a diverse and resilient economy.  
Edmonton cultivates a shared economy by enhancing services and technologies responsive to the impacts of climate change.

**THRIVE**

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## 4.0 I want ACCESS within my city.

**Outcomes**  
Edmonton advances equity through access to currently available space, services, facilities and transportation networks.  
Edmontonians live closer to what they need and are supported by reliable, accessible, and safe transportation networks and greater connectivity across all travel modes.  
Edmonton's equity system connects residents in all capacities, meeting opportunities and being part of the region.  
Edmontonians benefit from increased public transit and high quality active transport alternatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**ACCESS**

## Highlights of Action - An Integrated Approach

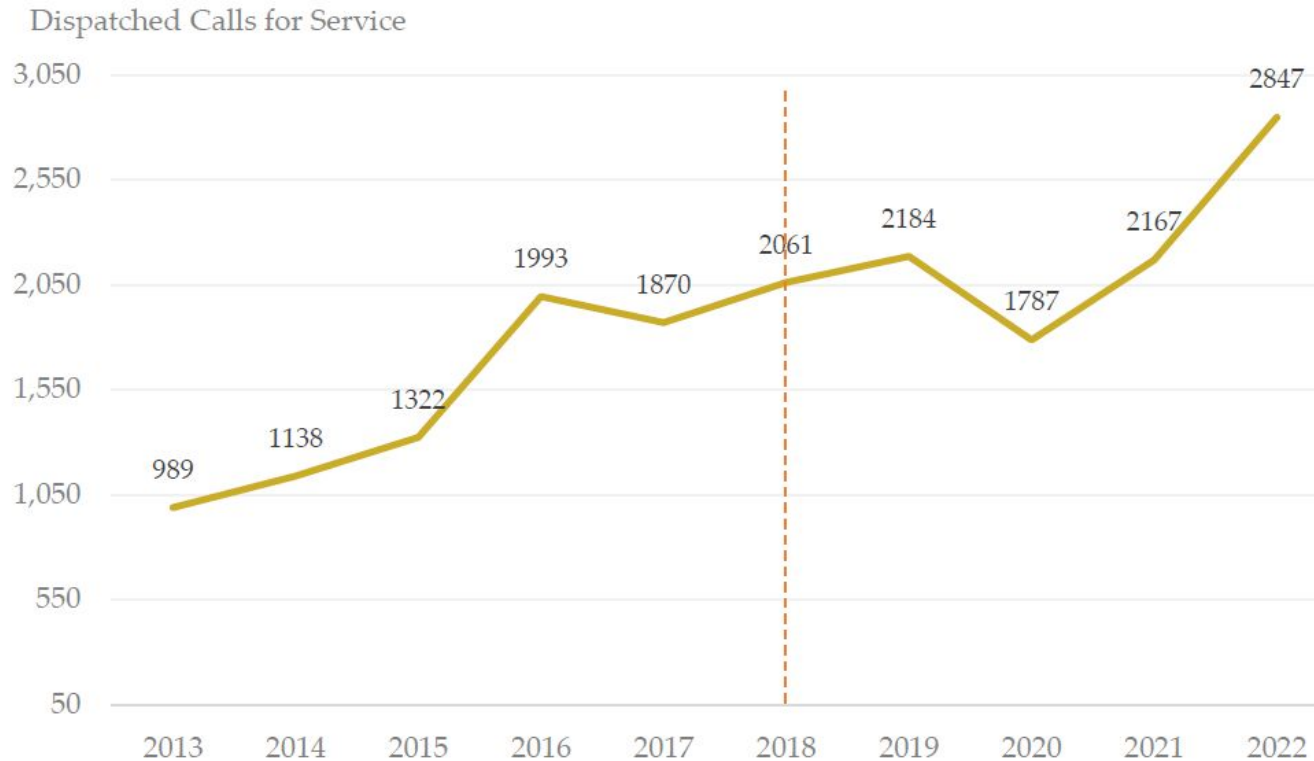
- Today's update is focused on:
  1. Transit Safety Plan
  2. Chinatown Recovery
  3. Downtown Vibrancy
- These are complex issues that must consider a wide range of perspectives

# Highlights of Actions and Work Ahead

## ENHANCED TRANSIT SAFETY PLAN

- Transit Community Action Team foot patrol program (Safety)
- Transit Safety Working Group and Downtown Pedway Working Group with external partners (Integration / Collaboration)
- Audits of LRT Stations & Transit Centres; renovation of 101 Street Bus Shelter using CPTED principles (Perception of Safety)
- Permanent COTT model with a total of 7 teams
- Bystander Awareness Campaign (Safety)
- Continued collaborative focus on addressing root causes of safety concerns that are felt more acutely in transit spaces (Well-being)
- Joint deployment of police and TPOs while including community in problem solving initiatives at transit facilities (Integration / Collaboration)

# EPS Dispatched Calls for Service to LRT & Transit Centres by Year



# Actions

1. Implementation of the 10 Squad Model
2. Providing supplementary support through Healthy Streets Operations Centre (HSOC) teams to transit locations within the HSOC Community Safety Zones.
3. Guns and Gangs Strategy
4. Funding announcement for 50 positions for Transit Safety

## Actions Con't

1. Implementing body-worn video cameras on transit police officers. This will enhance the transparency and accountability of police officers.
2. EPS is currently aggressively recruiting and training police officers.



# Highlights of Actions and Work Ahead

## CHINATOWN RECOVERY

- Funded two grants for enhanced security to Chinatown and Area Business Association
- Implemented street level intervention / programming:
  - Daily street cleaning
  - Needle pick up
  - Public Washrooms
  - Window Repair Program
- Implemented \$1.0M Chinatown Recovery Fund
- Activated Healthy Streets Operations Centre
- Administration continues to offer avenues for diverse perspectives on the path towards safety outcomes and solutions

# Highlights of Actions and Work Ahead

## DOWNTOWN VIBRANCY

- City investments are having positive impacts
- Focused on vibrancy's contribution to safety
- Funding support for projects through Downtown Vibrancy Fund
  - \$6.5M to 61 projects, including \$2M to Public Safety projects
- Public Spaces Improvements
  - \$1M in funding for lighting projects in 2022, additional investment in 2023
- Edmonton Economic Incentive Construction Grant Program
- Enhanced cleaning, beautification and infrastructure improvements

## Strategic Context/ Upcoming discussions

- Administration will provide continued updates to Committee & Council through the remainder of the year
- Primary takeaways
  1. Complex national issue
  2. Making progress, and more work ahead
  3. Taking an integrated approach

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# Questions