

# Is a New Arena a Good Fit for Downtown Edmonton?



Primary focus | Employment centre | Increased amenities High density | Mixed use | Transit and pedestrian oriented | Compact urban form

#### Create a vibrant downtown...



Improvement | Reinvestment | Office and retail growth Employment growth | Tourist destination Premier arts, culture, sports and entertainment centre

#### Conclusion:

There is strong alignment with City's official plans

# Peripheral vs. Central



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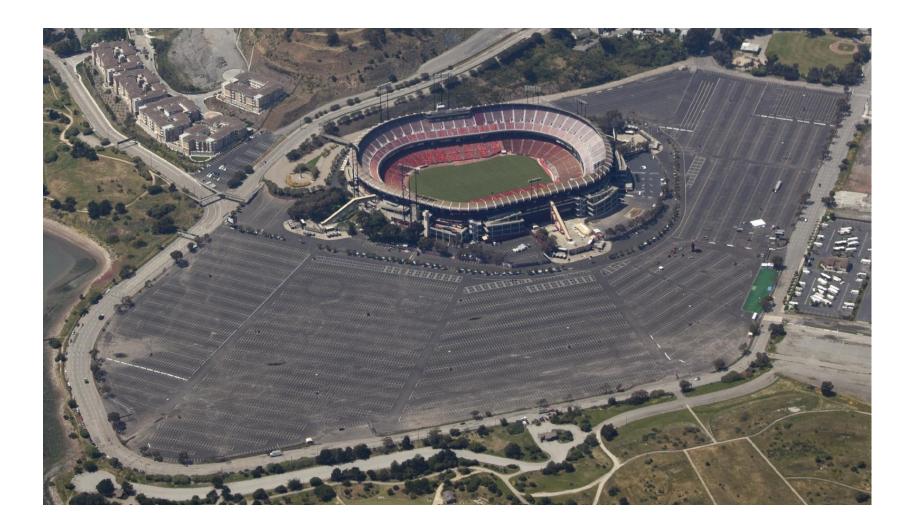








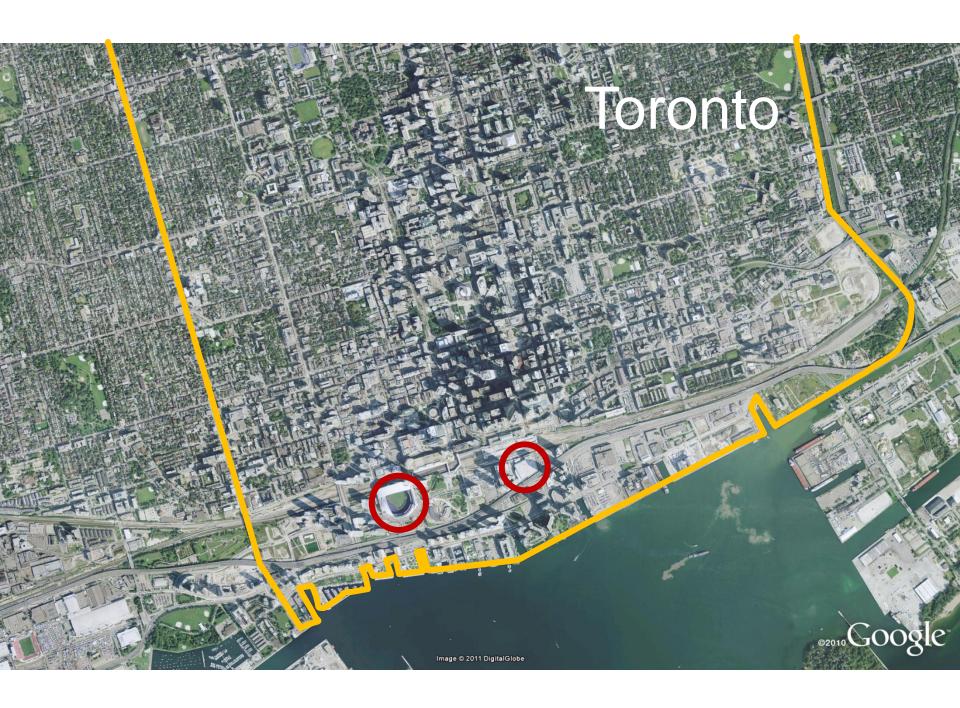
# Peripheral Scenario 2...Restricted



Candlestick Park, San Francisco

#### Central Scenarios...

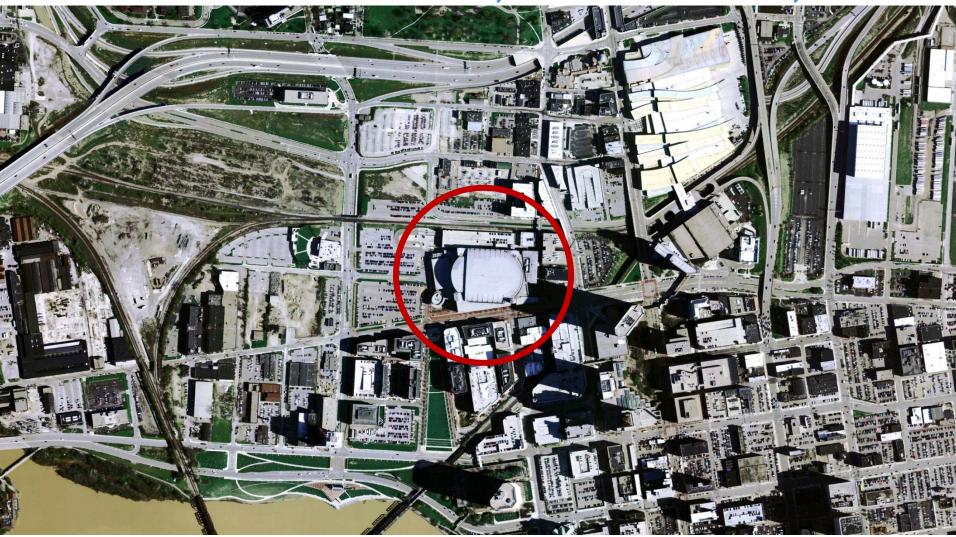
- Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver
- Columbus, San Diego







### Nationwide Arena, Columbus, OH



\$2B new investment | 3,500 new housing units 2.7 million visitors/year | 3,600 new jobs

# PETCO Park, San Diego, CA



\$4.25B new investment

#### Conclusion:

A central location has greater potential for achieving City goals than a peripheral one.

#### Potential Benefits...location

# Increased Vibrancy



# **Increased Safety**



# Increased Employment + Revenue



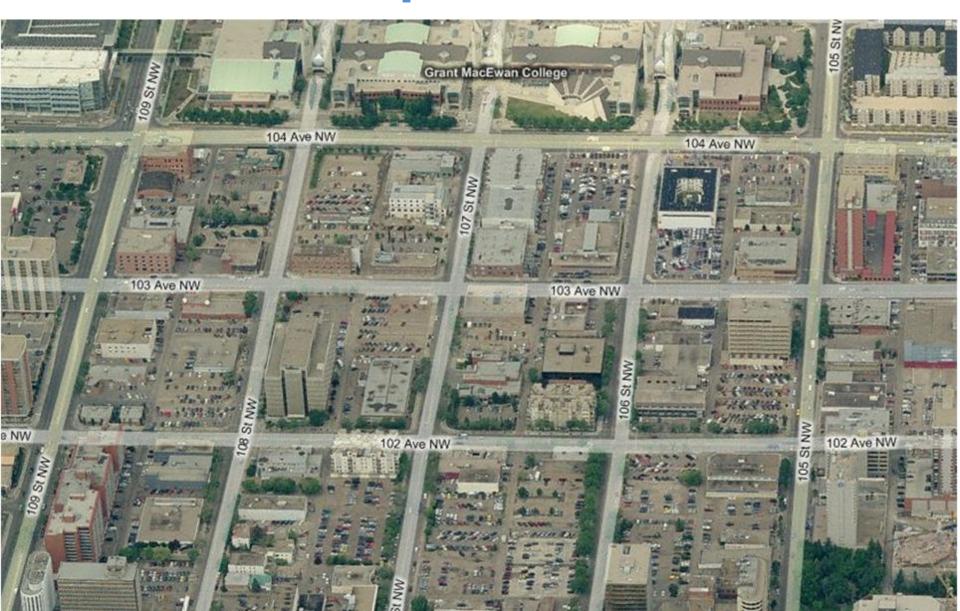
# **Enhanced Stature**



#### Infill



# **Spillover**



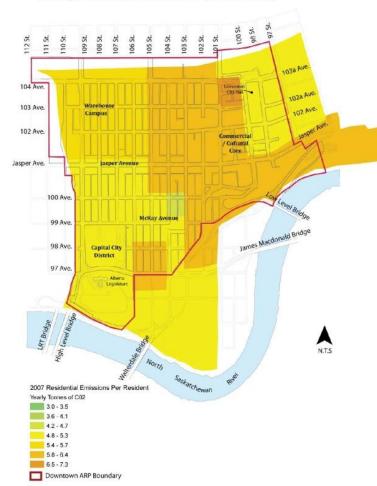
# **Increased LRT Patronage**



#### **Reduced GHG Emissions**

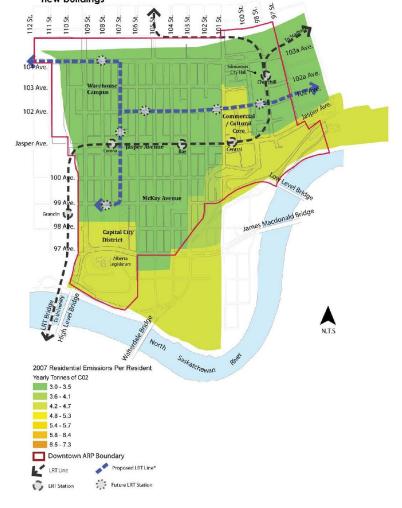
Downtown Edmonton Residential Emissions - 2007 Baseline (Modeled)

Average Emissions Per Resident: 5.7 tonnes of C02/yr



Downtown Edmonton Residential Emissions - Green Buildings (Modeled)

Average Emissions Per Resident: 3.3 tonnes of C02/yr Scenario Assumptions: 11,000 New Jobs and 11,500 new dwellings New LRT Lines, 1.5km New Bike Routes, New Local Transit Conenctions Increasingly stringent energy standards are assumed to apply to all new buildings



# **Downtown-Wide Catalyst**



# Potential Challenges...design

# **Blank Walls**



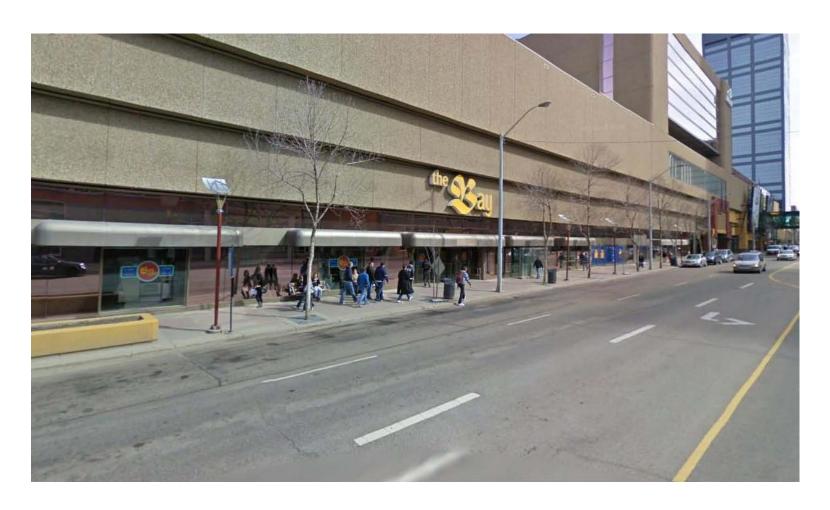
# **Pedway Impact**



# Winter



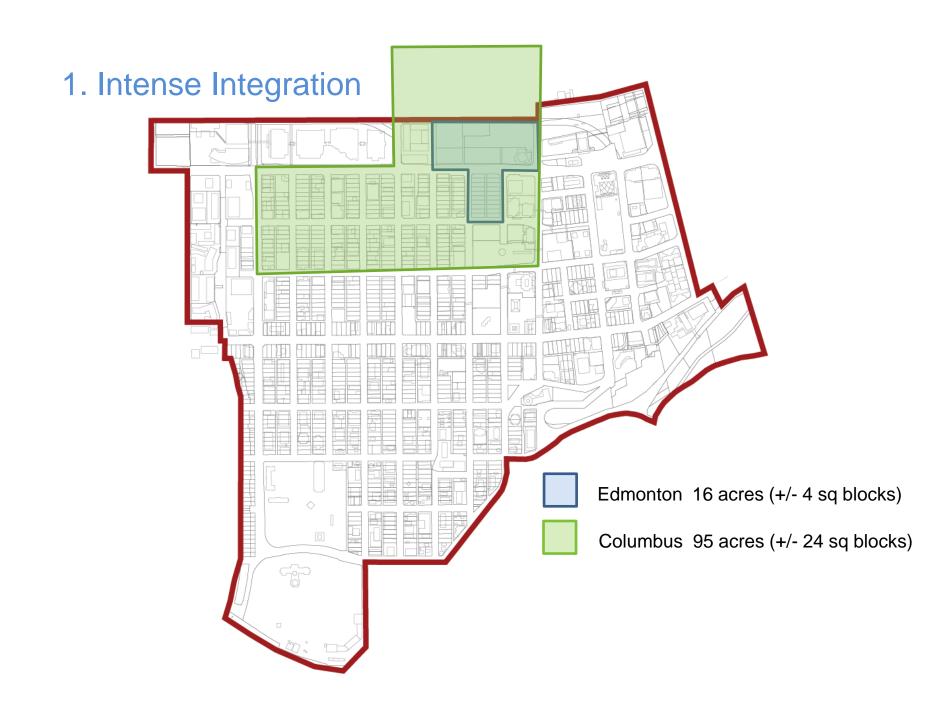
### **Inward Focus**

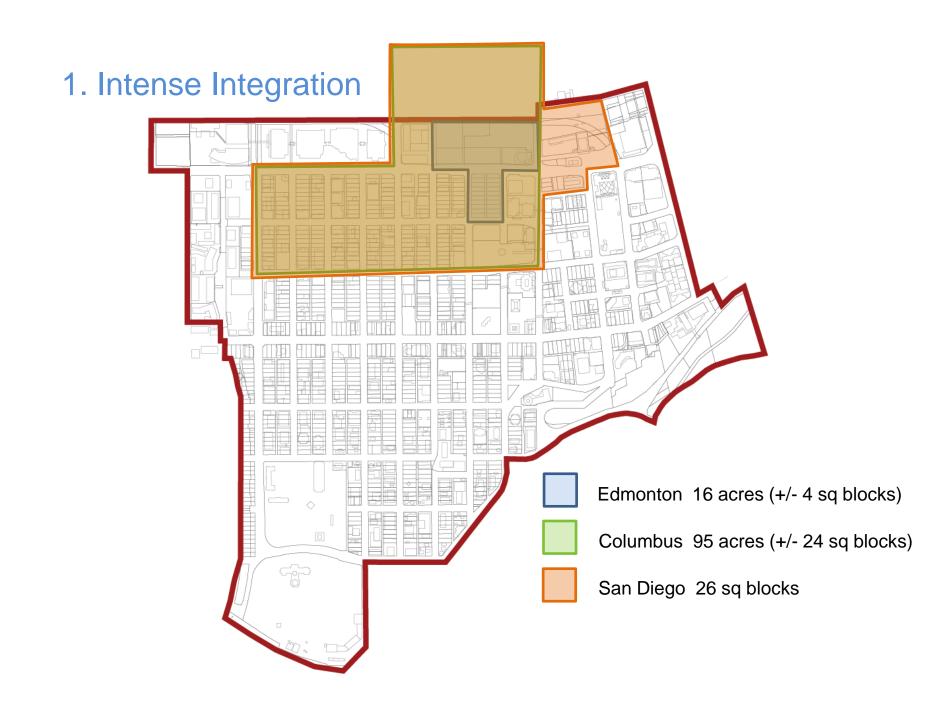


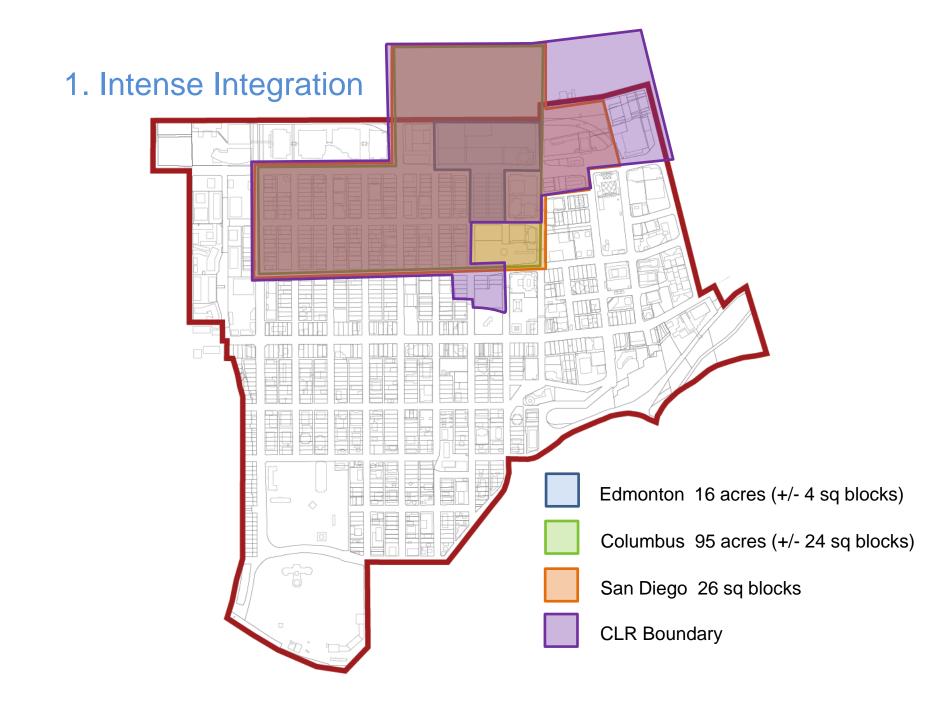
# Conclusion: Benefits are best secured with a downtown location; challenges are best addressed through appropriate design.

#### **5 Considerations**

# 1. Intense Integration Edmonton 16 acres (+/- 4 sq blocks)













#### 5. Multiple Catalysts

















