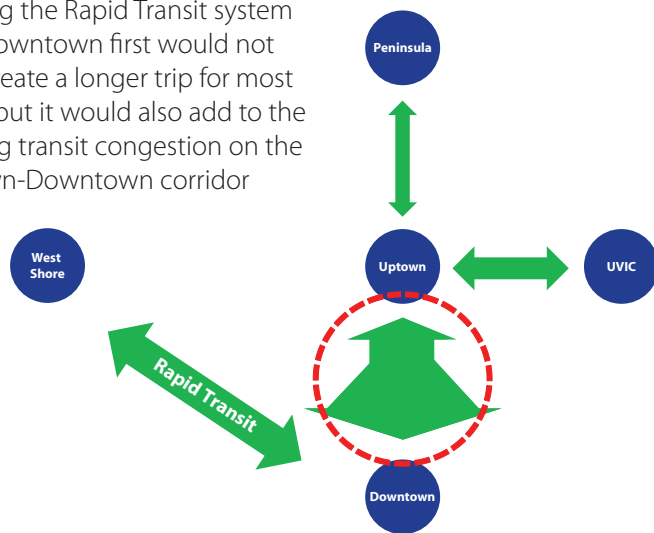


The Concept of System Balance for Rapid Transit

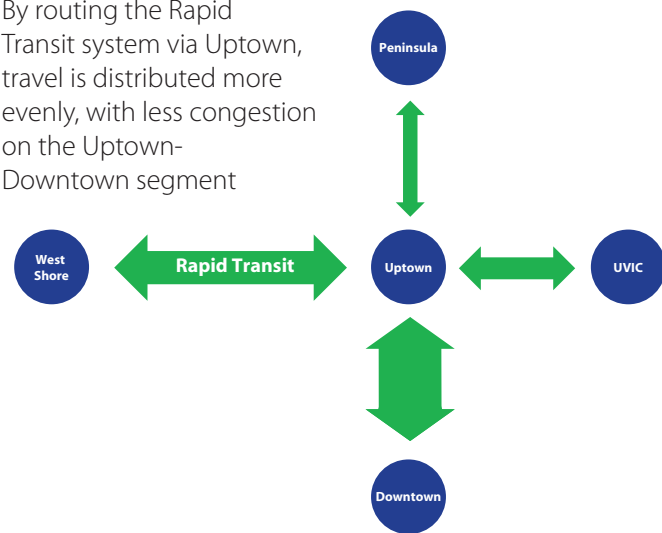
The Uptown-Downtown segment is already the most congested transit corridor in the region. The majority of West Shore-related travel is distributed throughout the region, and Uptown is a natural distribution hub.

Routing the Rapid Transit system into Downtown first would not only create a longer trip for most users, but it would also add to the existing transit congestion on the Uptown-Downtown corridor



Unbalanced System

By routing the Rapid Transit system via Uptown, travel is distributed more evenly, with less congestion on the Uptown-Downtown segment



Balanced System