The 5 keys to unlocking the potential of a great city

A great city is not just about the buildings, transportation and other infrastructure. It’s about the experience—the streets, parks, jobs and services and memories made with family and friends. This creates community and the everyday vibe of work, play and a better way of life.

We’ve identified great cities who have partnered with CH2M to unlock their potential.

Capacity
The scope and scalability of essential infrastructure systems—water, sanitation, energy, transportation, housing and communication—to serve its population, accommodate growth and promote wellness and quality of life.

Livability
The optimal mix of character, history, culture, public spaces, aesthetics and social services that make a city unique and welcoming to residents and visitors alike.

Connectivity
The integration of digital and physical communication networks, data, smart technologies and processes to efficiently connect all community members and services in ways that enhance agility, collaboration, productivity, public health and safety.

Viability
The ability to attract diverse talent, interest and investment to stimulate sustained business and economic growth, including essential resources such as a skilled workforce, advanced industries, thriving commercial centers and innovation incubating universities and technologies.

Resiliency
The planning and development of resilient infrastructure and systems that make communities resistant to and manage impacts from extreme weather, climate change events and other hazards.

In nearly 10 years, we’ll have 40 megacities with 30 million or more people living in them, comprised of 250 cities.

More than half of all people live in cities, that proportion is projected to grow to two thirds by 2050.

The Singaporean government’s Crossrail program will bring 1.5 million people to within 45 minutes of city center.

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Seattle is integrating a 2 miles of the city’s waterfront bike path providing a safe link to downtown neighborhoods and improving access and sustainability for thousands of people each day.

Following Superstorm Sandy, New York City is constructing a 2-mile coastal protection solution that will protect more than 110,000 vulnerable citizens.

Aurangabad, India is developing a 10,000-acre industrial city with a goal of creating more than 300,000 jobs.

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We invite you to explore and share your thoughts.

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