

# CityStudio Vancouver Overview and Challenges



## CITYSTUDIO VANCOUVER

### Overview

CityStudio Vancouver is an innovation hub that brings together city staff, students, faculty and community to co-create experimental projects that make Vancouver more sustainable, liveable and joyful. Their mission to innovate and experiment with the ways cities are co-created, while teaching students the skills needed to succeed in today's economy and inspire action in the community and government.

### Challenges

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#### Challenge 1

##### Waste reduction

How can municipal government effectively influence citizens to reduce consumption of single-use items, while adhering to pandemic safety protocols? How can we create a toolkit of promising best practices?

##### Next steps

1. [Complete enrolment survey](#). This survey is mandatory and failure to complete may result in ineligibility to compete.
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#### Challenge 2

##### Mental Health during pandemic

The impact of the pandemic on citizens' mental health is a critical issue facing all municipalities. Citizens face common barriers when accessing mental health support.

**Using an equity and inclusion lens, what policies, processes, and programs can municipal governments adopt to effectively support citizens' mental health?**

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#### Challenge 3

##### Mobility

Due to the pandemic, the norm has shifted to people working from home, reducing vehicle use for commuting. While this is a critical change, it is important that communities and neighbourhoods are intentionally designed (and redesigned) to decrease vehicle commuting for other activities in a citizens' daily life (e.g. running errands, going to school, etc.) as well.

**What policies, processes, and/or best practices does a municipal government need to consider to decrease citizens' vehicle usage while ensuring strong communities and robust local economies?**

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