

Proposed Amendment: Pedestrian Access Act

Boundary Expansion

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Current Ordinance - § 9.2.112

Sitting or Lying Down in Commercial Districts

Prohibits:	<p>Sitting, kneeling, reclining, and lying down on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The surface of any public right-of-way (“ROW”) ▶ Any object placed on the surface of the public ROW
When:	<p>7am–10pm daily 10pm–3am Friday & Saturday nights</p>
Where:	<p>Downtown: St. Vrain to Cimarron, and Wahsatch to I-25. Old Colorado City: W. Pikes Peak to W. Cucharras, and 23rd to 28th.</p>

“Public Right-of-Way”

Any publicly owned property intended or used for pedestrian, recreational or vehicular travel:

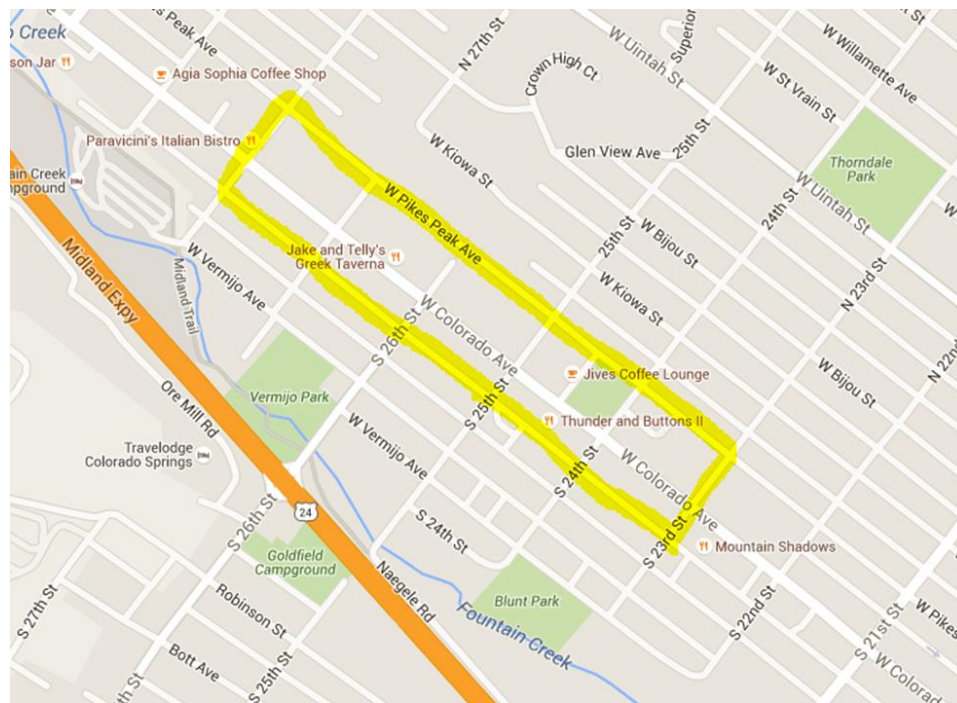
- Street
- Path
- Curb
- Sidewalk
- Alley
- Median
- Trail
- Parkway
- Traffic Island

Affirmative Defenses

- Medical emergency
- Disability requiring wheelchair, walker
- Commercial establishment in ROW
- Permitted parade, special event
- Objects intended for sitting
- Transit stop

Old Colorado City

Pikes Peak Ave. - north



28th St.
- west

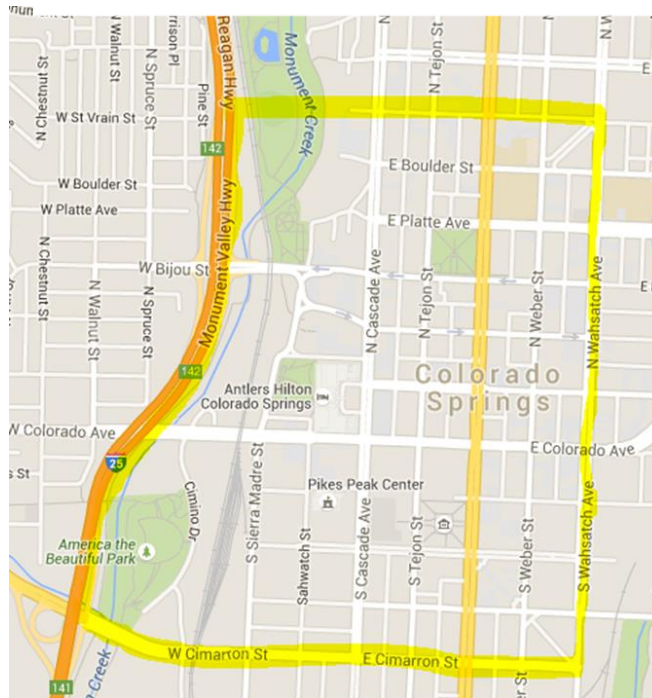
23rd St.
- east

West Cucharras Street - south

Downtown

St. Vrain- North

I-25 - west



Wahsatch Ave. - east

Cimarron Street - south

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Commander John Koch
Colorado Springs Police
Department; Gold Hill
Division



Why is the conduct unsafe?

Right-of-way is meant for travel

Sitting, kneeling, reclining lying down on ROW

- Obstructs / impedes / interrupts traffic flow
- Offenders prone to being preyed upon

Unsafe both for

- person using the right-of-way
- person sitting/kneeling/reclining/lying down (especially near licensed liquor establishments)



Carl's Junior
10/5/21



The Famous
10/12/21

Effective Tool

Mercurial Security Solutions (Downtown Private Security)

	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021
Number of times used Pedestrian Access Act as basis for contact	45	29	34	18

Effective Tool

Colorado Springs Police Department

9.2.112	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	0	0	0	4	5	0
Feb	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mar	0	0	1	0	1	2
Apr	4	1	1	1	0	0
May	0	1	2	0	2	1
Jun	0	0	4	1	1	2
Jul	0	0	5	1	2	1
Aug	1	1	2	0	3	2
Sep	1	0	8	1	4	0
Oct	5	0	1	0	0	1
Nov	5	0	0	1	0	1
Dec	3	1	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	19	4	24	10	19	12

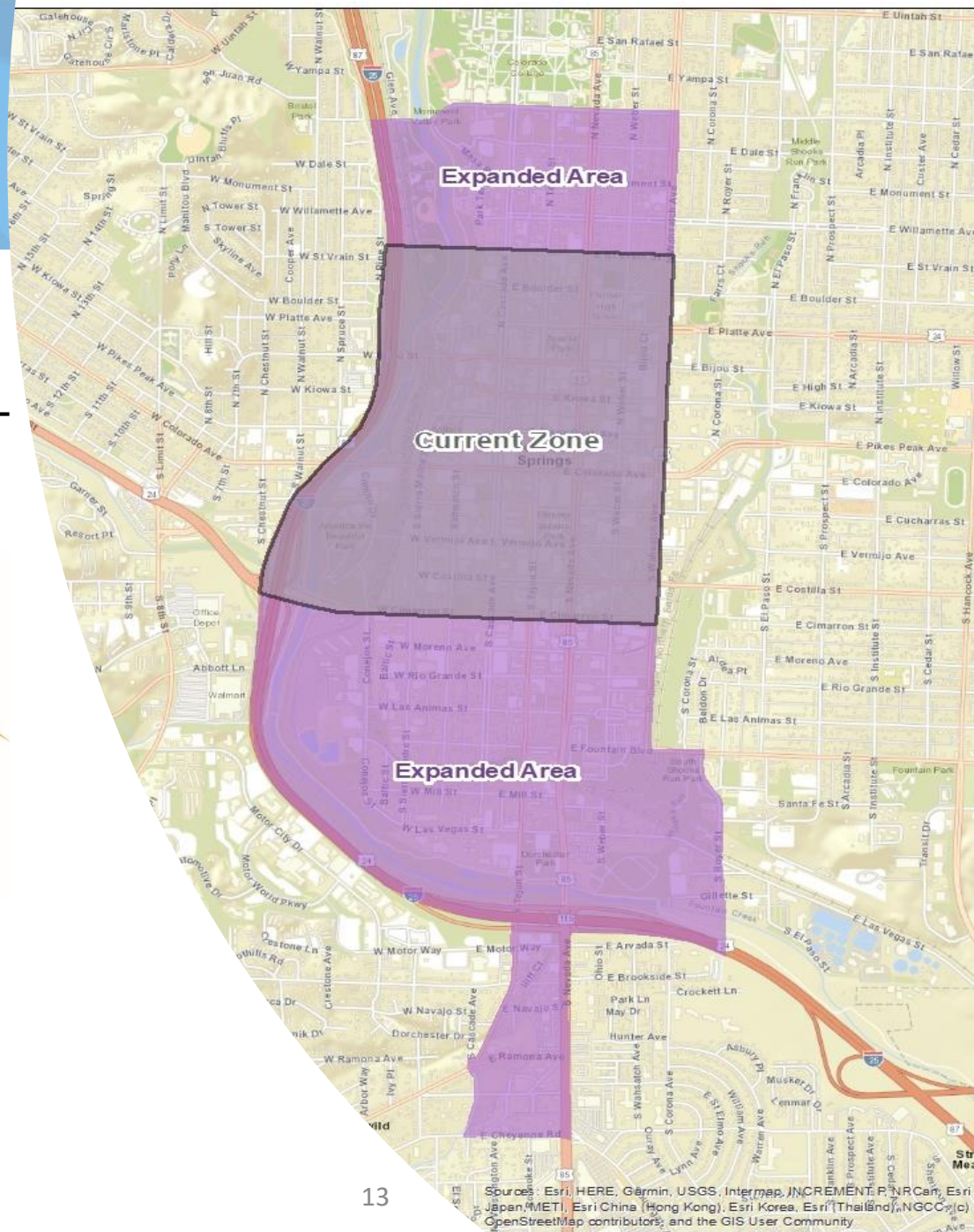


Enforcement of Related Ordinances

Colorado Springs Police Department

Tickets	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total	
8.4.105	12	24	35	65	136	Fires/Burn Ban/Restrictions
9.6.105	50	40	33	31	154	Urination or Defecation
9.6.107	16	13	29	22	80	Open Burning
9.6.110	38	44	198	203	483	Camping on Public Property
9.6.111	61	283	508	469	1321	Camping Riparian Zone
9.6.202	29	25	109	299	462	Littering
9.9.404	198	605	175	247	1225	Camping in Parks

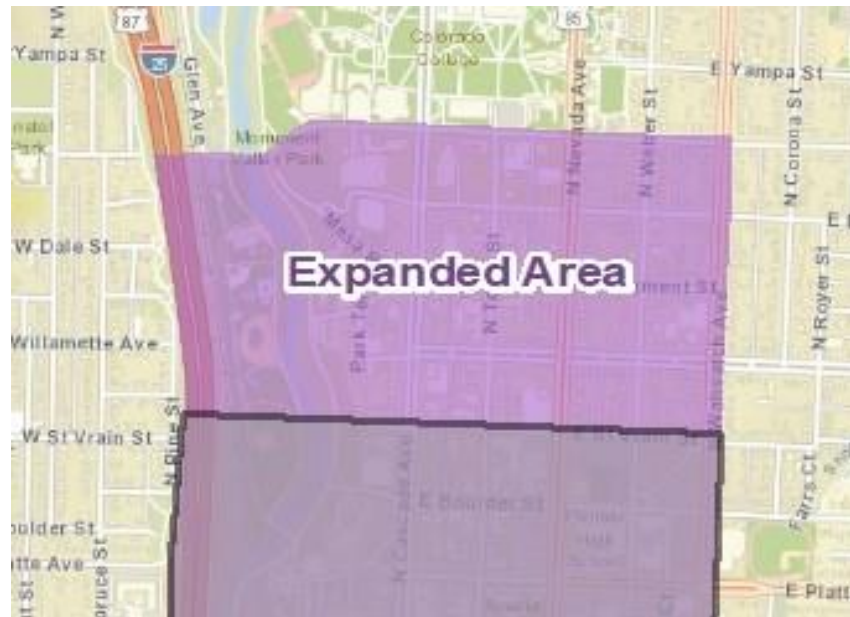
New Proposed Boundary



North Boundary

Cache La Poudre

I-25



Wahsatch Ave.

South Boundary

I-25

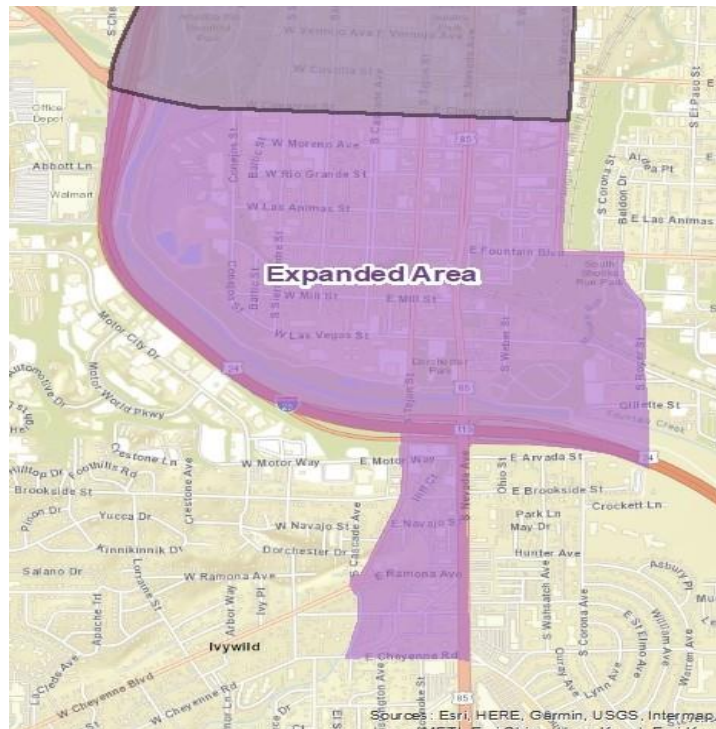
Wahsatch Ave.

E. Fountain Blvd.

S. Royer St.

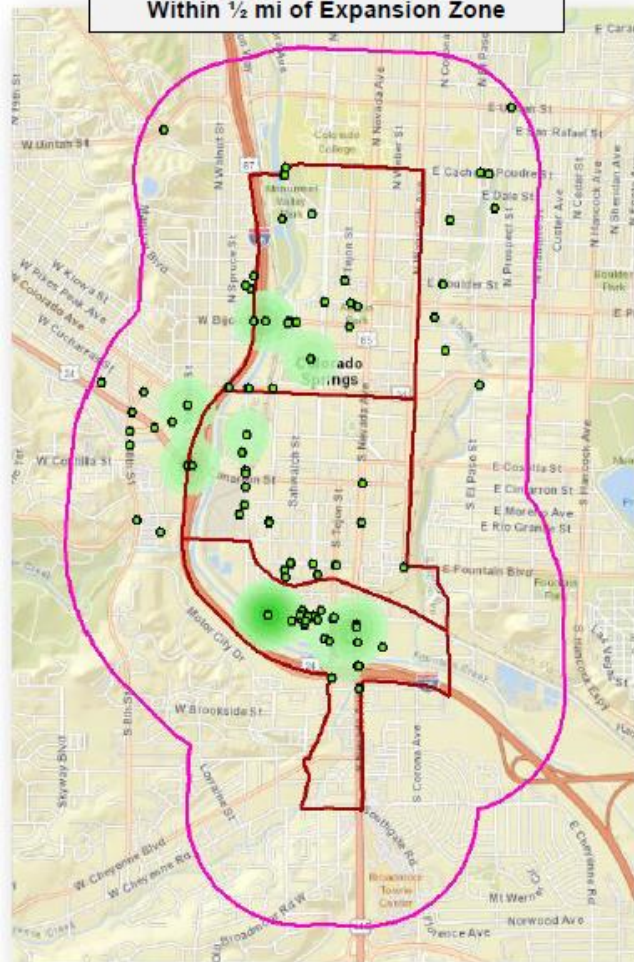
S. Nevada Ave.

S. Tejon St.

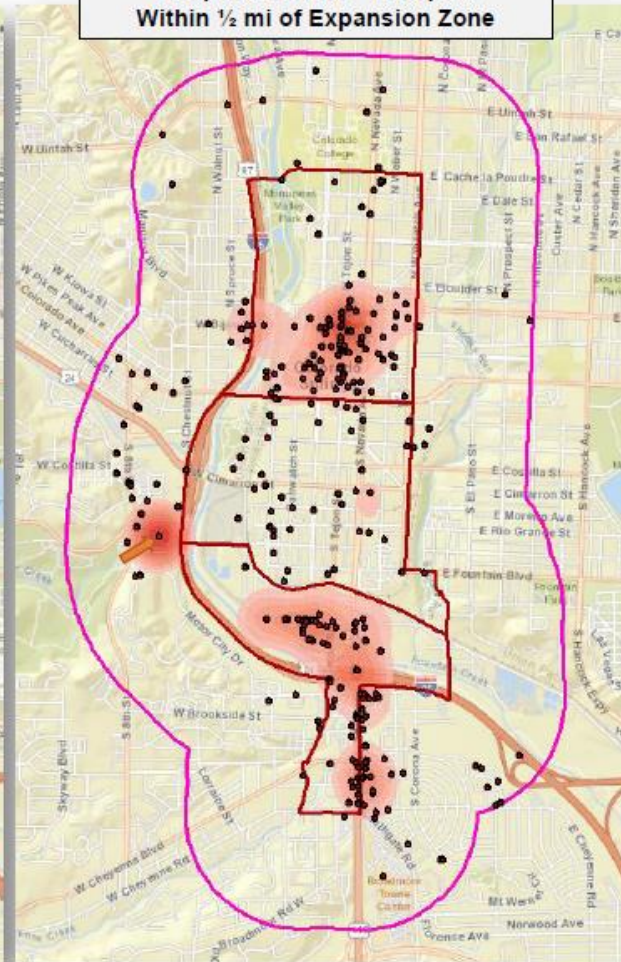


E. Cheyenne Rd.

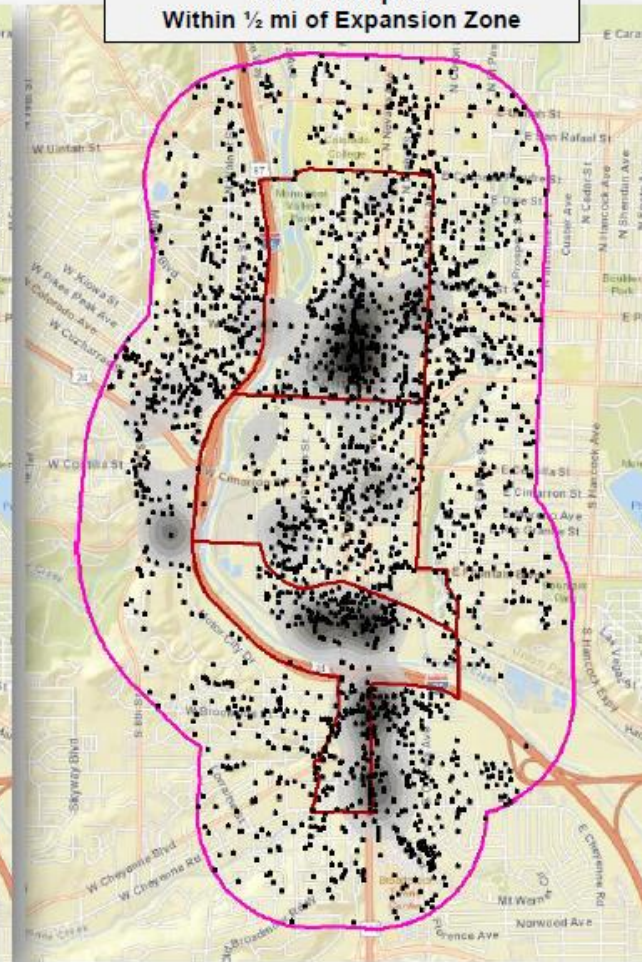
**Camping Tickets – Hotspots
Within ½ mi of Expansion Zone**



**Trespass Tickets – Hotspots
Within ½ mi of Expansion Zone**



**CFS – Hotspots
Within ½ mi of Expansion Zone**



Please note: Hotspots indicate areas of increased activity. Although only one point may be visible, multiple incidents have occurred at the same address. Example - the Trespass Tickets Hotspot located at Walmart only shows one point (➔), however, 182 tickets were issued at this location.

Citizen Generated CFS

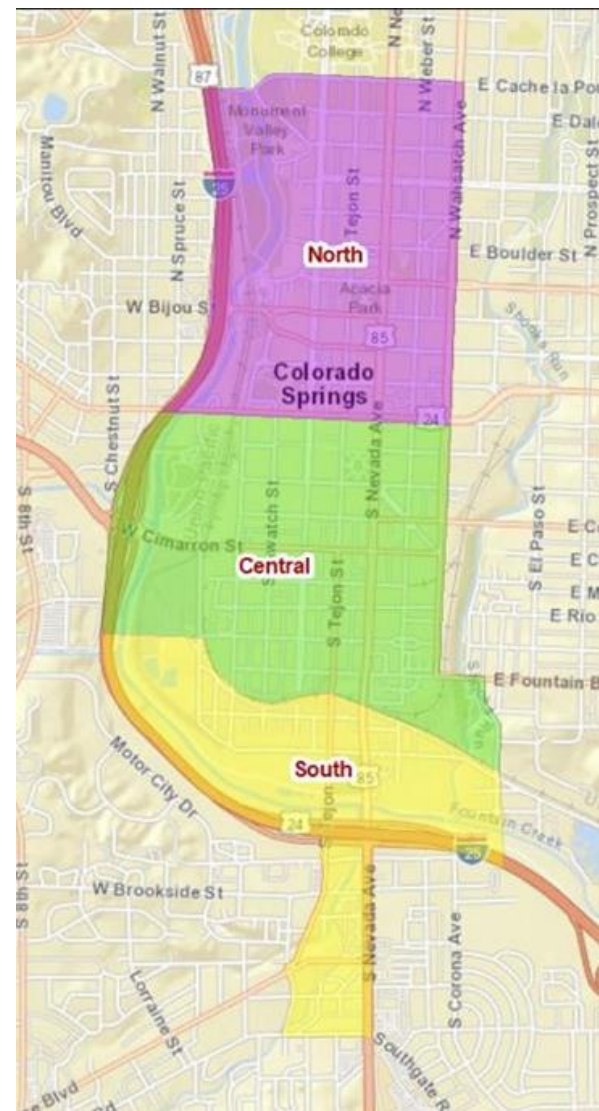
(Oct 2019 to Sept 2021)

CallType	Citizen Generated by Area			Grand Total
	Central	North	South	
CAMP	96	68	141	305
DIST	593	1000	895	2488
SUSP	194	318	276	788
TRESP	21	29	21	71
TRESPI	598	937	662	2197
Grand Total	1502	2352	1995	5849



Officer Initiated by Area

(Oct 2019 to Sept 2021)



CallType	OIA by Area			Grand Total
	Central	North	South	
CAMP	162	186	170	518
DIST	25	243	59	327
SUSP	251	938	571	1760
TRESP	39	215	65	319
TRESPI	48	262	81	391
Grand Total	525	1844	946	3315

E. Las Vegas – Springs Rescue Mission (12/06/21)



S. Nevada – Dorchester (12/06/21)



Boundary Expansion

- High concentration of civic, commercial, historic, recreational and residential properties
- **Robson Arena, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum, Weidner Field, and S. Nevada corridor** development; these new developments bring a big increase in pedestrian traffic.
- High pedestrian, recreational, vehicular traffic
- Locations of most complained-of conduct

Data

CAMP: Camping

DIST: Disturbance

SUSP: Suspicious Person

TRESP: Trespassing

TRESPI: Trespassing in Progress (suspect on scene)

Implementation

- 60-day educational grace period for newly expanded boundary

Cost

- No Staffing Increases Expected
 - Downtown Substation Staffing
 - 21 Officers
 - 6 HOT Team Members (Homeless Outreach Team)
 - » One HOT Team Sergeant
 - 12 Downtown Area Response Team Officers (DART)
 - » Two DART Sergeants
 - HOT and DART Officers will patrol OCC, S. Nevada Corridor, and Downtown Area
 - Time To Process Violators
 - Serve and release