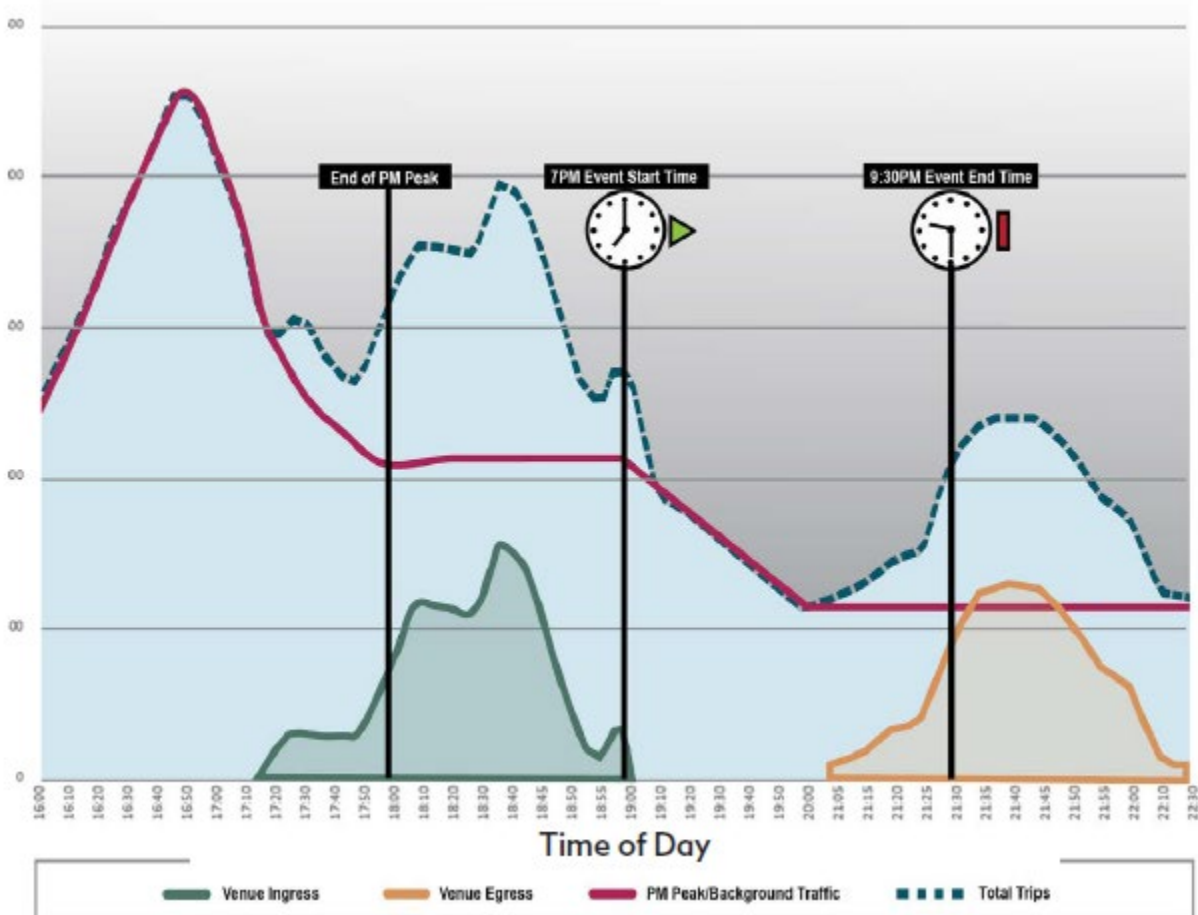


What about traffic?

Traffic analyses were completed as part of the Downtown Event and Entertainment District conceptual design which also considered the concept design for dedicated transit lanes on 1st Avenue.

For large events, detailed traffic analyses were conducted to determine if traffic in Downtown would worsen. To be conservative, it was estimated that event-goers on opening day will make similar modal choices to those of current Downtown visitors, with over 70% choosing to drive and only 10% riding transit. Anticipating a worst-case scenario where over 75% of patrons do not seek to enjoy Downtown and only arrive within the hour before an event (6-7 pm), capacity analyses were conducted at many primary intersections near the District Core during this ingress peak. While some intersections remain busy close to the District Core, the overall volume of new car trips is less than the existing evening peak of traffic, resulting in less congestion overall.



What about parking?

Parking analyses were completed as part of the Downtown Event and Entertainment District conceptual design.

Downtown Saskatoon is well-served by parking lots and parkades, as well as hundreds of on-street spaces. In Downtown Saskatoon at 7pm – the typical peak period for a large event – there are over 11,000 spaces within a fifteen minute walk of the Event Centre's front door. Over 8,000 of these spaces are vacant in the evenings, thanks to office workers having gone home by this hour. This represents an enormous opportunity in two ways. First, the District can efficiently utilize existing parking without over-constructing unneeded supply. Secondly, existing parking owners can benefit from new demand for their facilities, spreading the benefits of an event across Downtown.

For a full-house show at the Event Centre and assuming no change in travel modes for people attending the event (i.e. majority of attendees traveling by private vehicle), modeling results show that over 6,000 more cars will be parking in the Downtown for a 7pm show, however over 2,000 spaces would still remain vacant in the evening within a fifteen minute walk of the venue.



Existing Evening **Parking** Demand by Zone



Future Evening Parking Utilization at Full Buildout with Event Centre