



CAPITAL BIKESHARE STATIONS ANALYSIS

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AGENDA

01 users' needs

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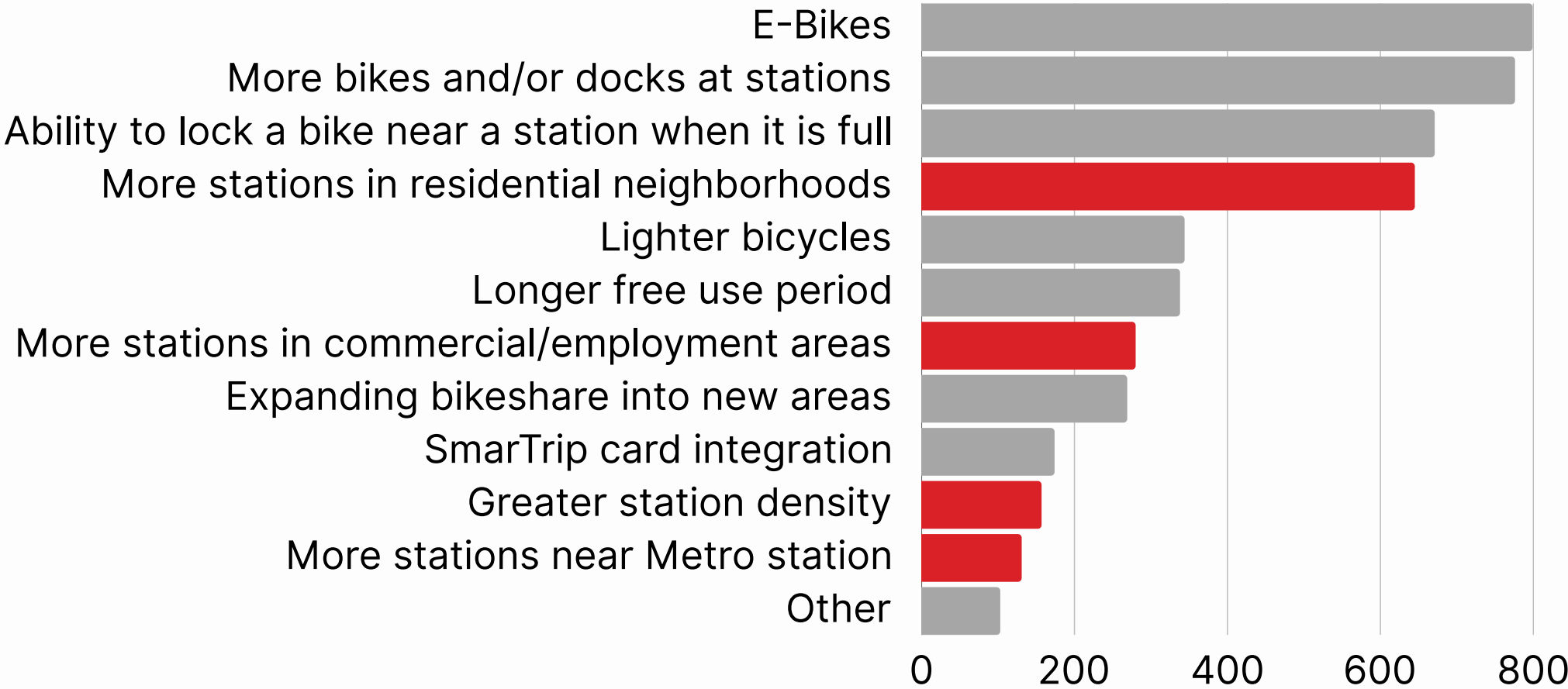


In 2011, Capital Bikeshare established a mission for the program:

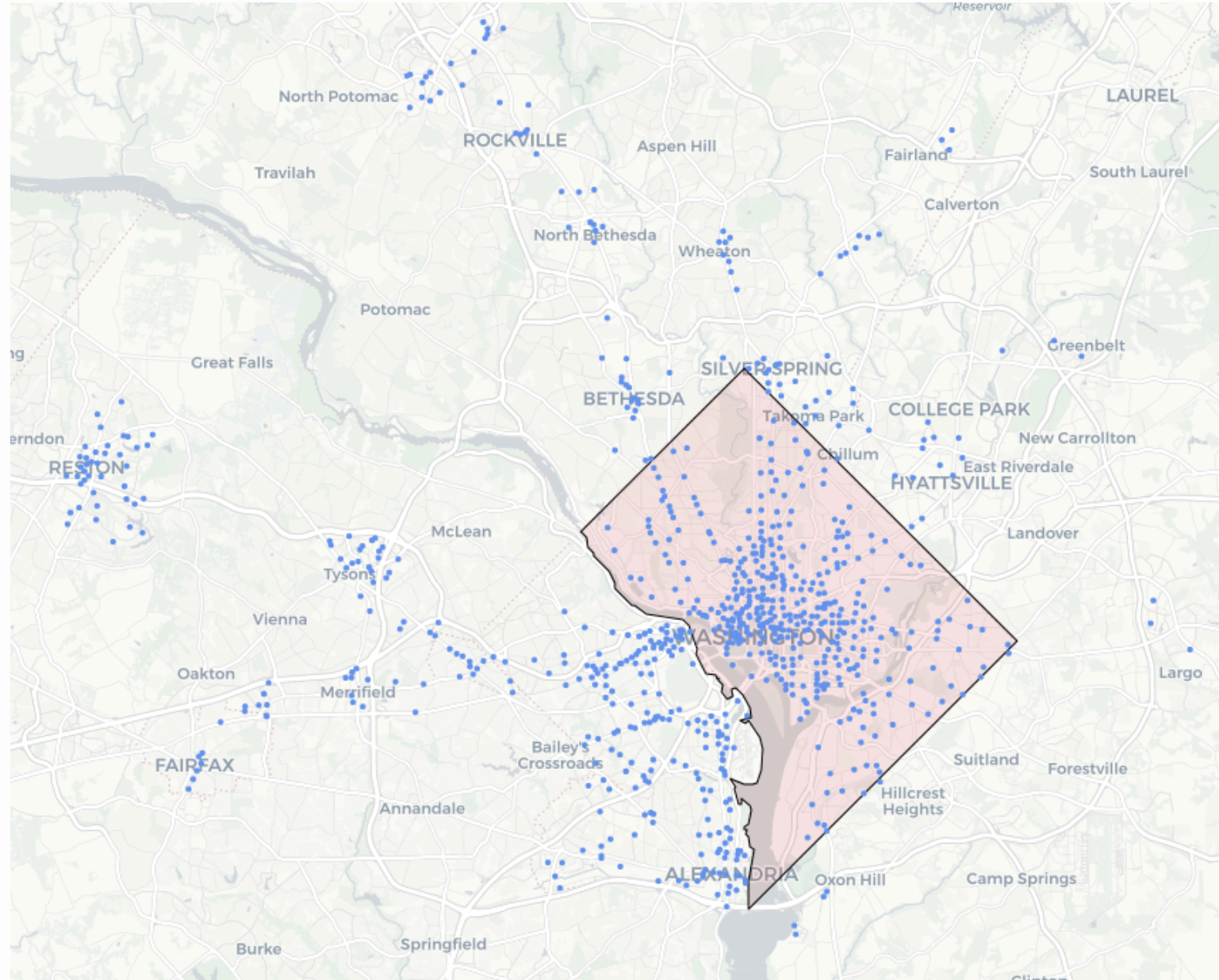
“to transform our community by providing a high quality, convenient and affordable bicycle transit system that will connect people to more places where they live, work, and play in the region.”

CALL FOR MORE STATIONS

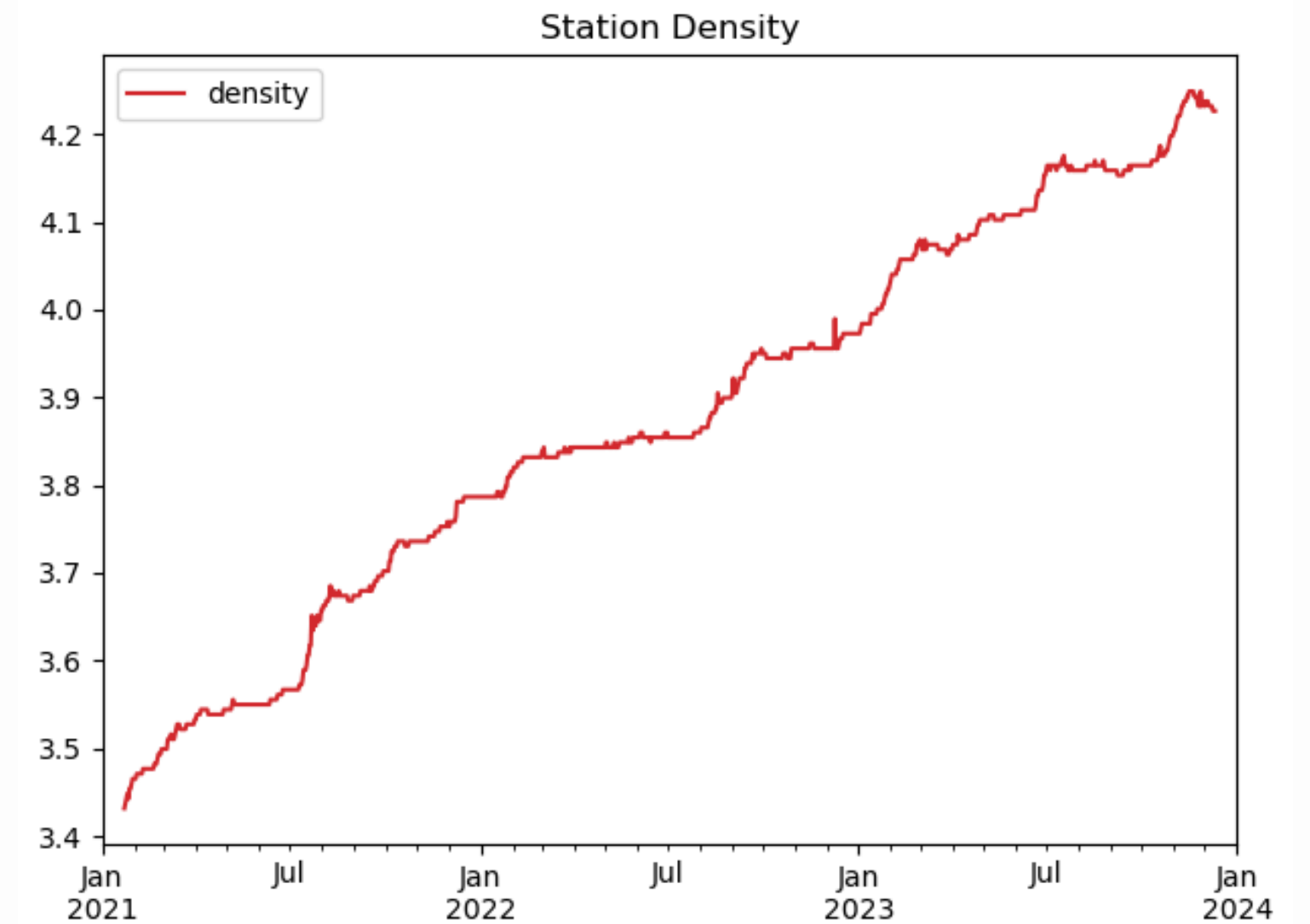
Member survey 2019, Table 4: Improvements most likely to increase ridership



OVERALL STATION DENSITY OVER TIME



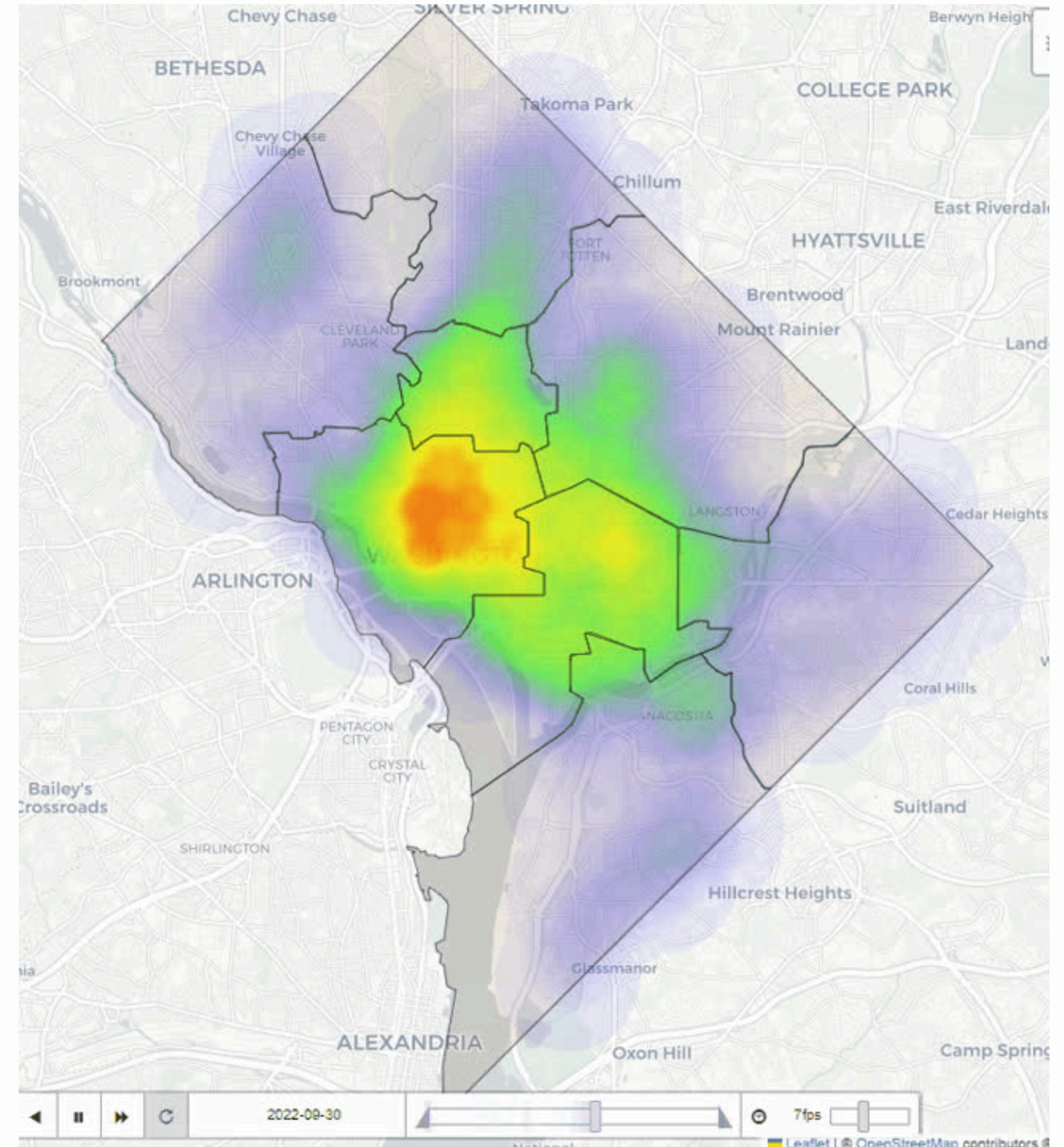
From 2021 to 2023 the station density has steadily increased



- 867 stations in the whole service area
- The following analysis will focus on Washington D.C.

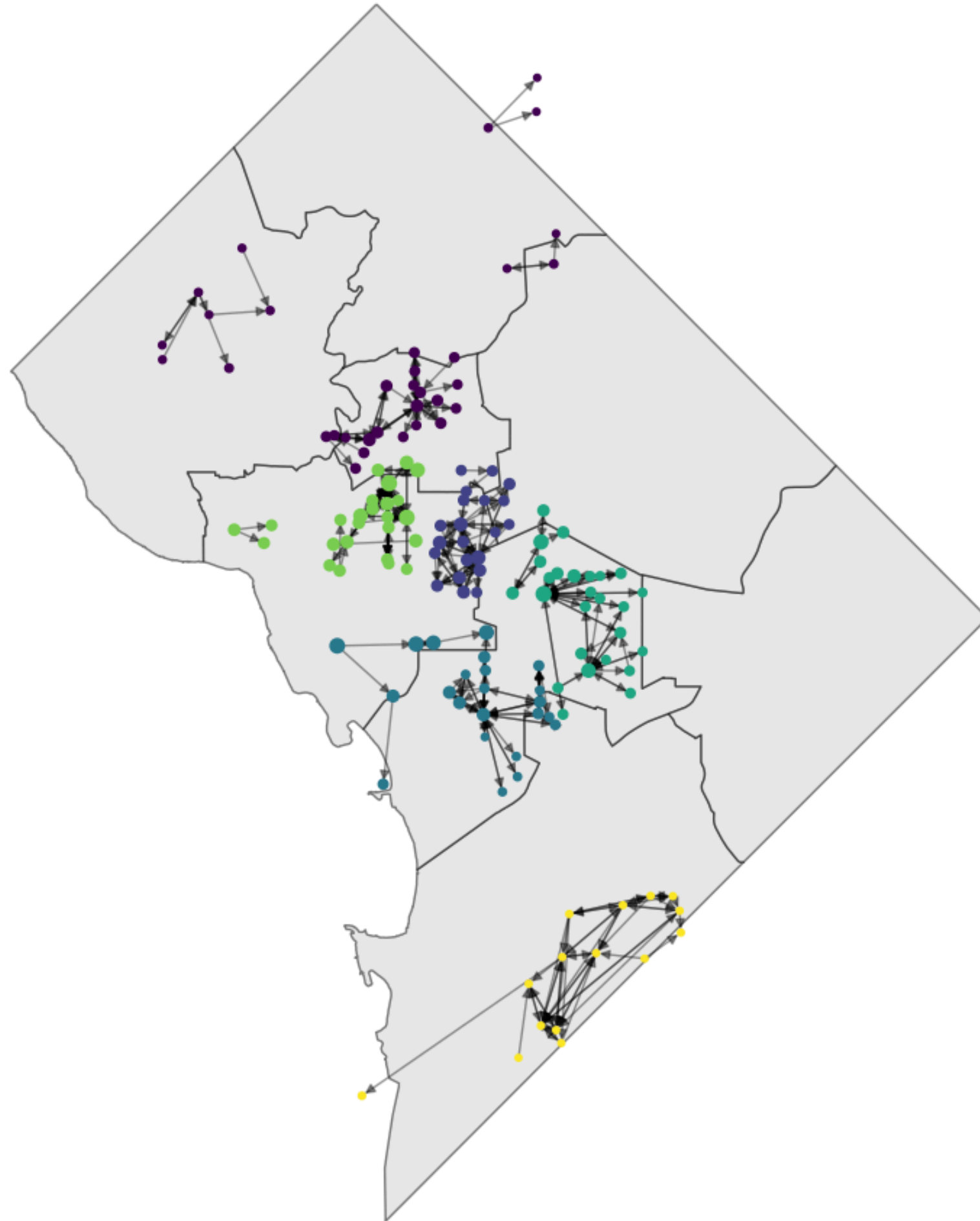
STATION DENSITY OVER TIME

- Stations per km² in log scale from 2021 - 2023
- Non-residential districts (Wards 1, 2 and 6): The density has significantly increased
- Residential districts (Wards 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8) only a slight increase

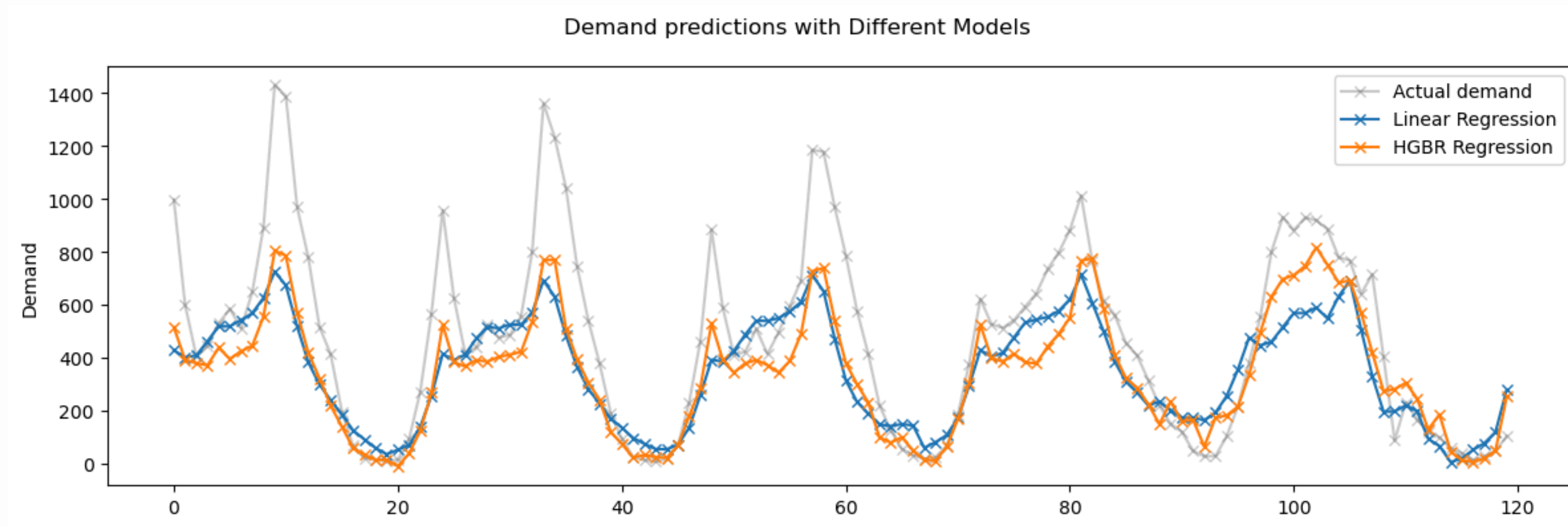


STATION GRAPH

- Station graph with
 - 712 nodes
 - 105437 edges
 - self-loops are not considered
- Community detection
 - Communities are strongly connected nodes of a graph.
 - Stations with a high traffic between them.
- Communities form around
 - public transport
 - points of interest



DEMAND FORECASTING



Features

- Weather
 - Temperature, Wind, Humidity
 - WMO Code
 - Apparent Temperature
- Time
 - Holiday, Time since last holiday
 - Month, Weekday, Hour of Day
- Ride Duration

Ridge Regression

- $R^2 = 0.55$
- MAE = 159
- RMSE = 216
- Coefficients are not sensible

Historic Gradient Boosting

- $R^2 = 0.67$
- MAE = 134
- RMSE = 185
- Can predict peaks
- Minima are well predicted

CONCLUSIONS



Station Density

- Station network expansion is going well.
- Residential neighbourhoods have to be target even more.

Communities

- Identified user patterns in the station network
- Operations should adapt the user's behaviour, such as the redistribution of bikes.

Forecasting

- Sophisticated models are needed to forecast the demand.
 - More Features
 - Network aspect
- Especially peaks are hard to detect, therefore capacity planning should be aware of this.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!

