



# URBAN TRANSPORTATION as a FACTOR in SOCIAL EXCLUSION: the VENICE Case Study



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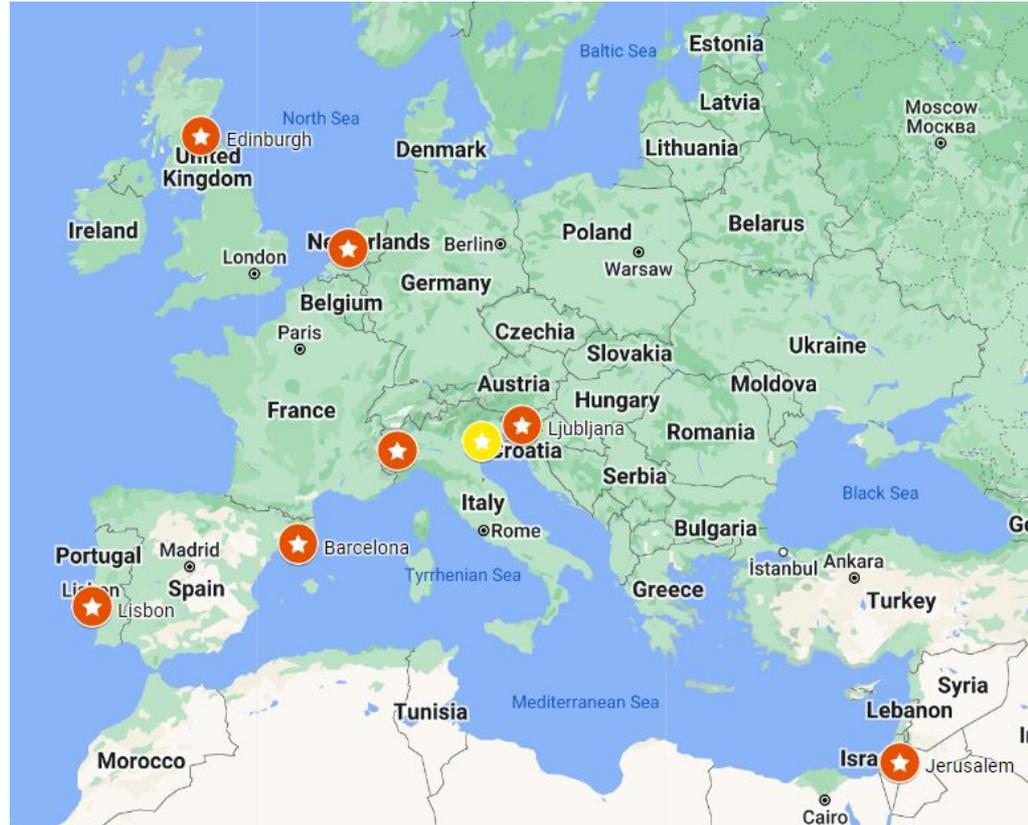


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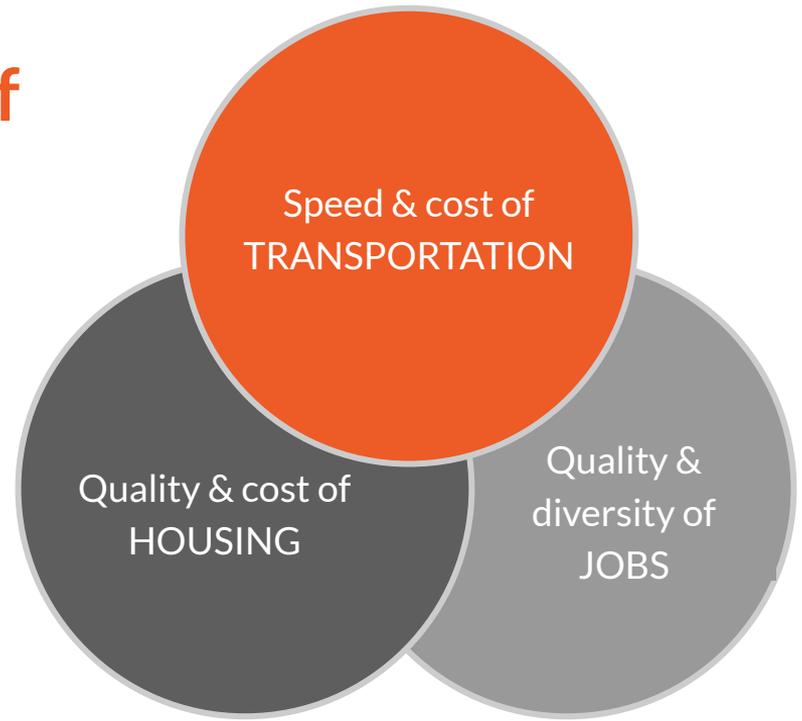
1. Identify social exclusions due to **overtourism**
2. Hypothesize possible **solutions**
3. Proposed shared **corrective policies**

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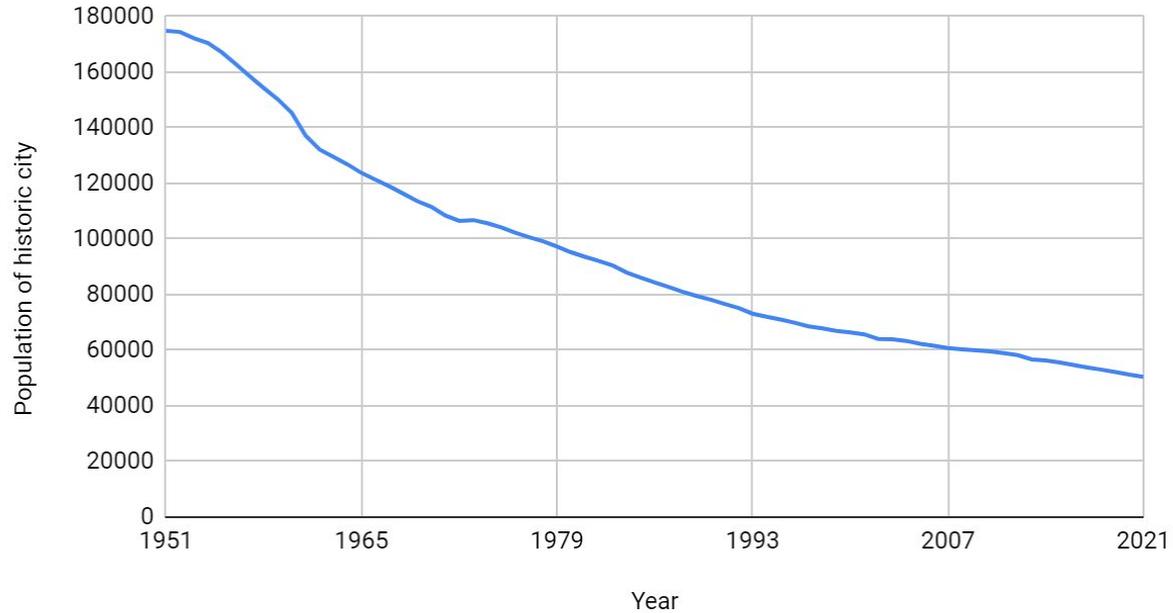




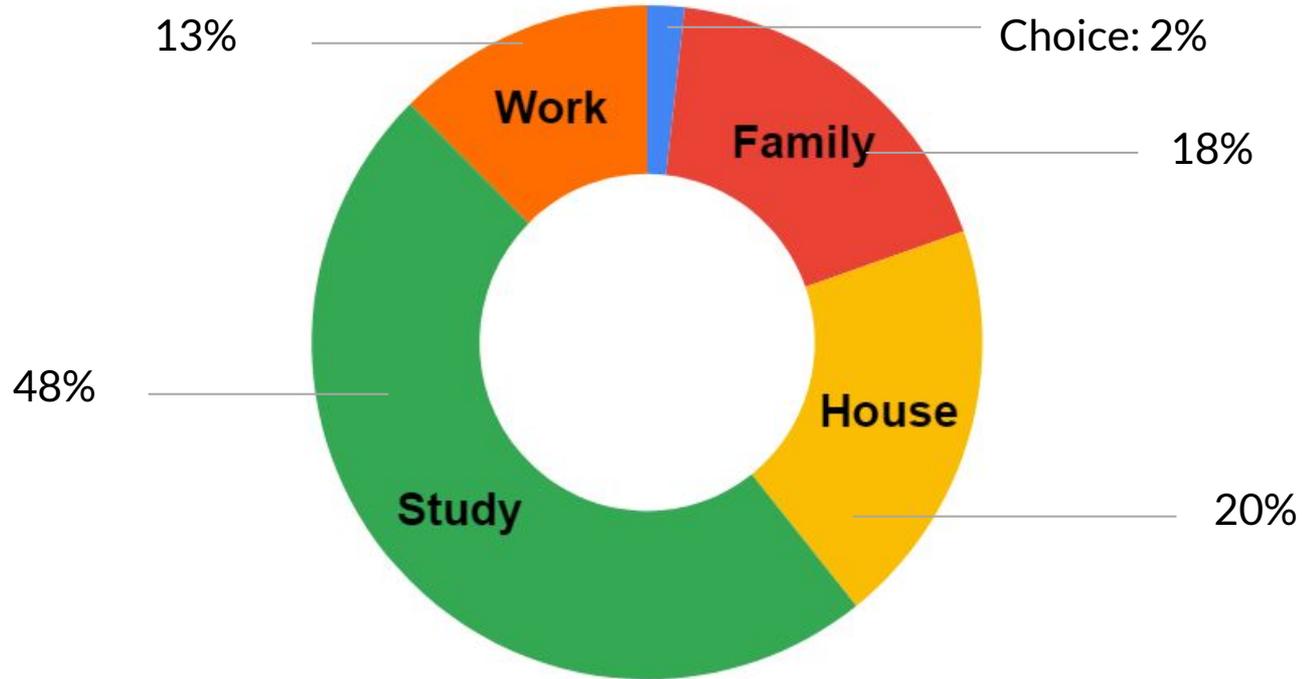
## Exclusion of residents



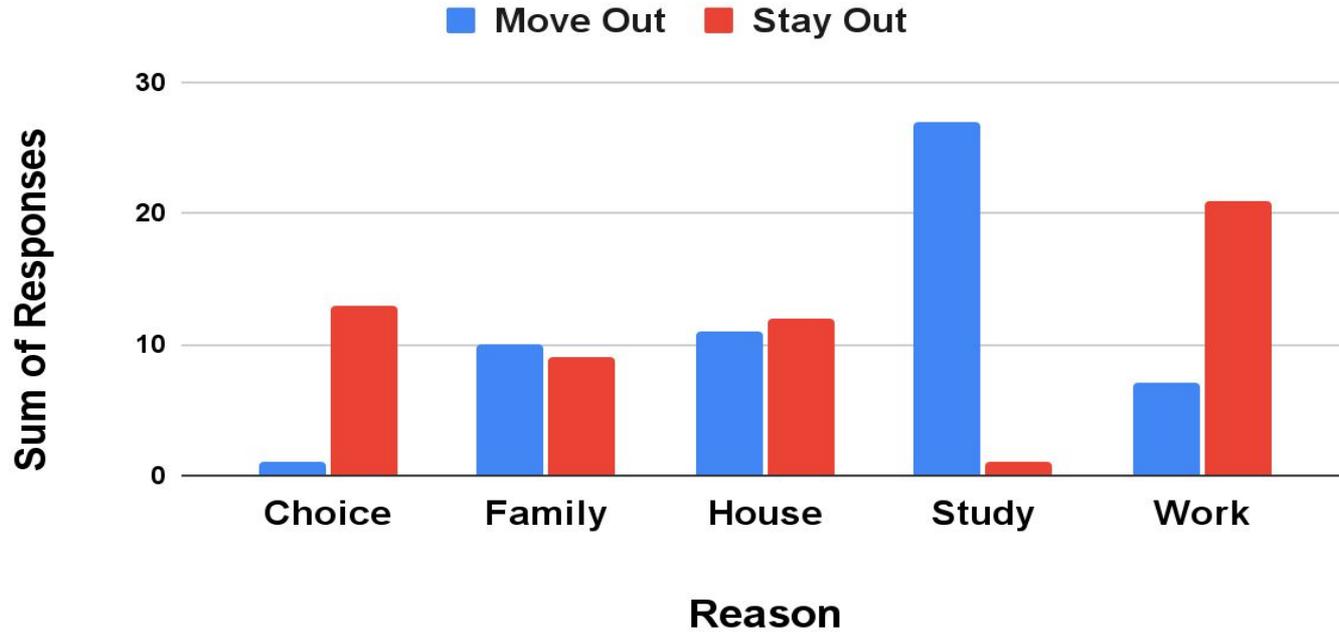
# The population of Venice has decreased by 125,000 since 1951



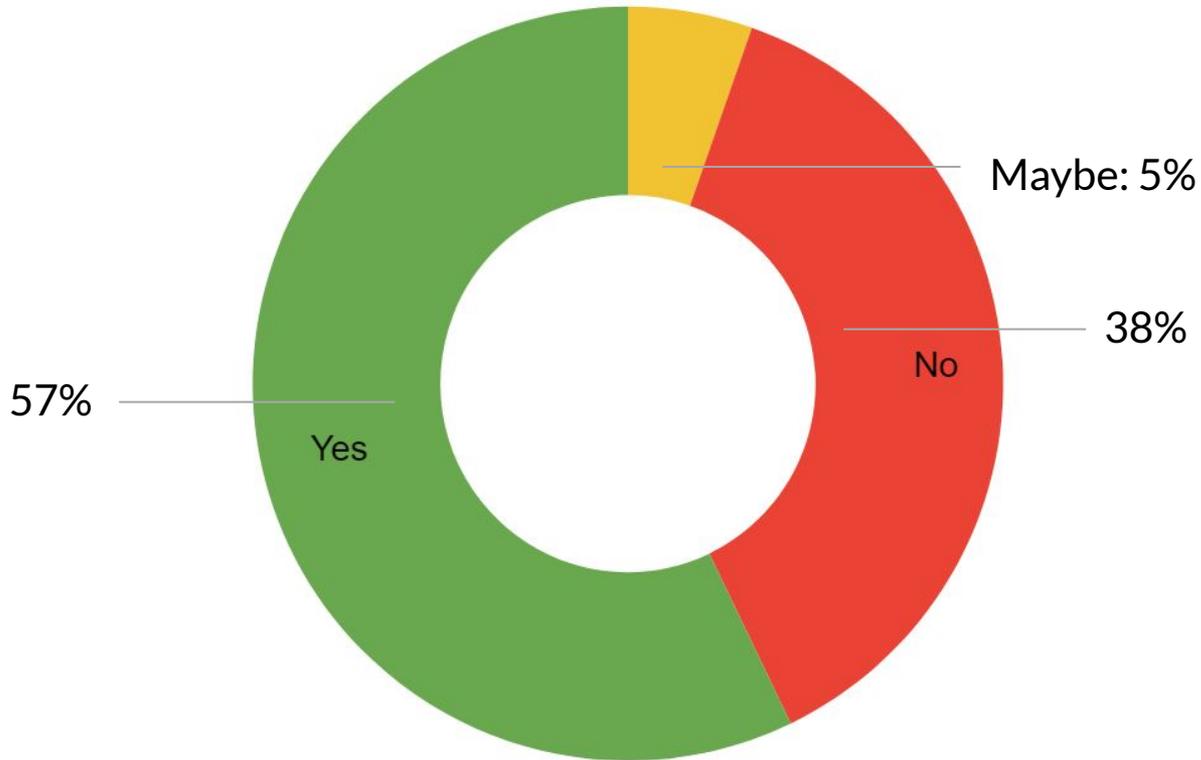
# Results from 56 interviews conducted by SmartDest show that residents migrate out for school...



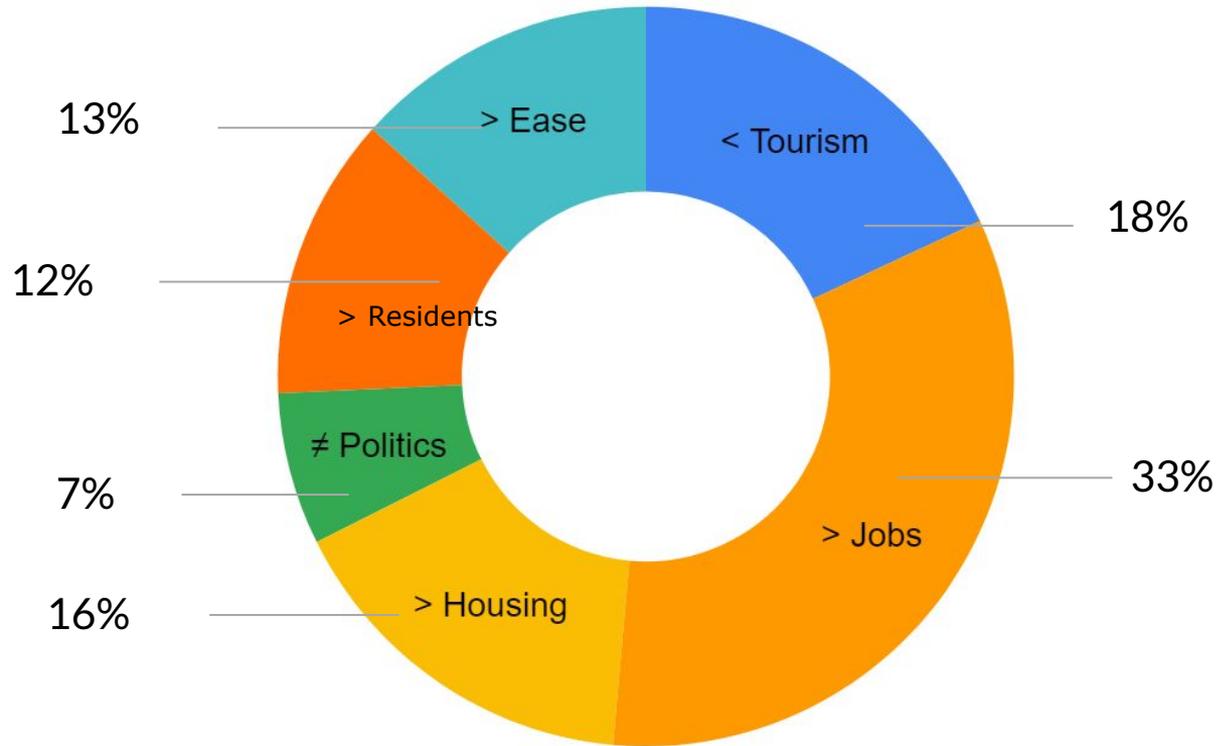
# and remain away because of work



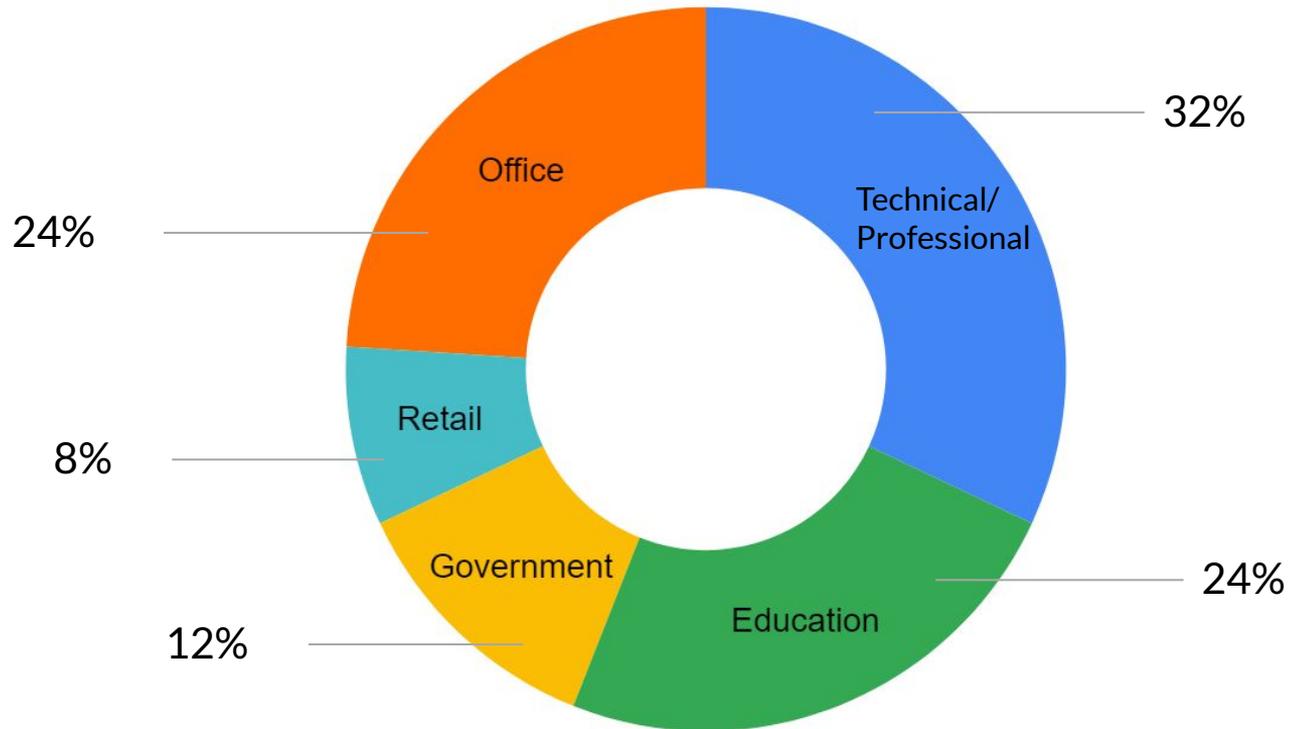
## ...but would love to return to Venice



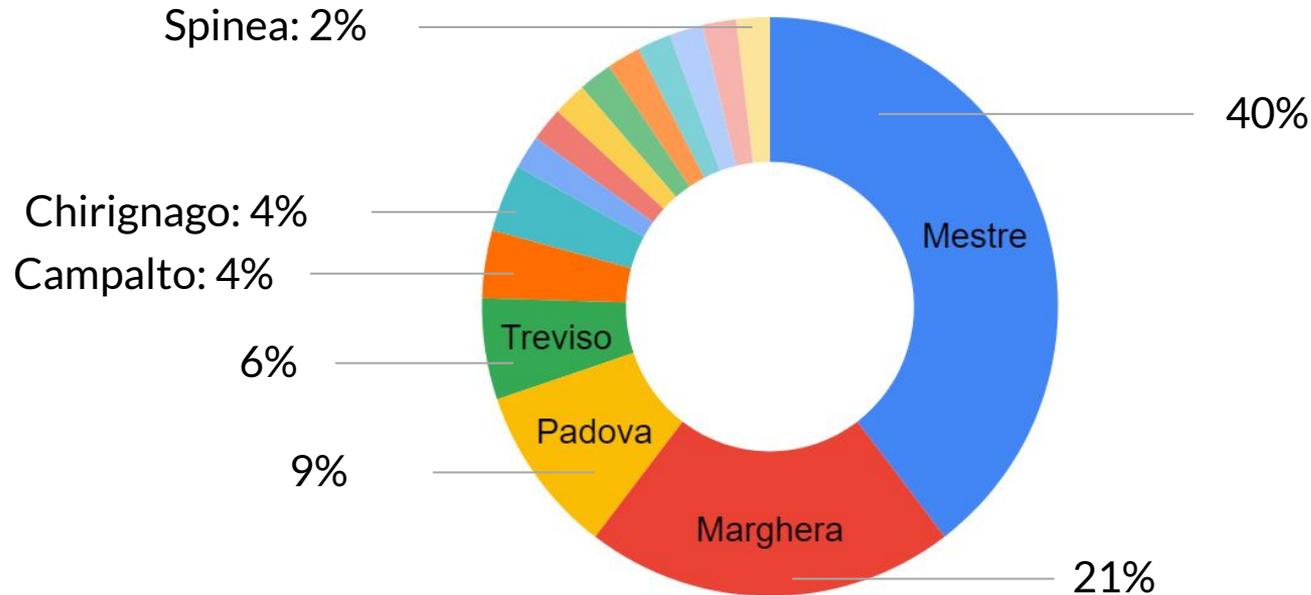
# ... if Venice had more jobs, more homes and fewer tourists



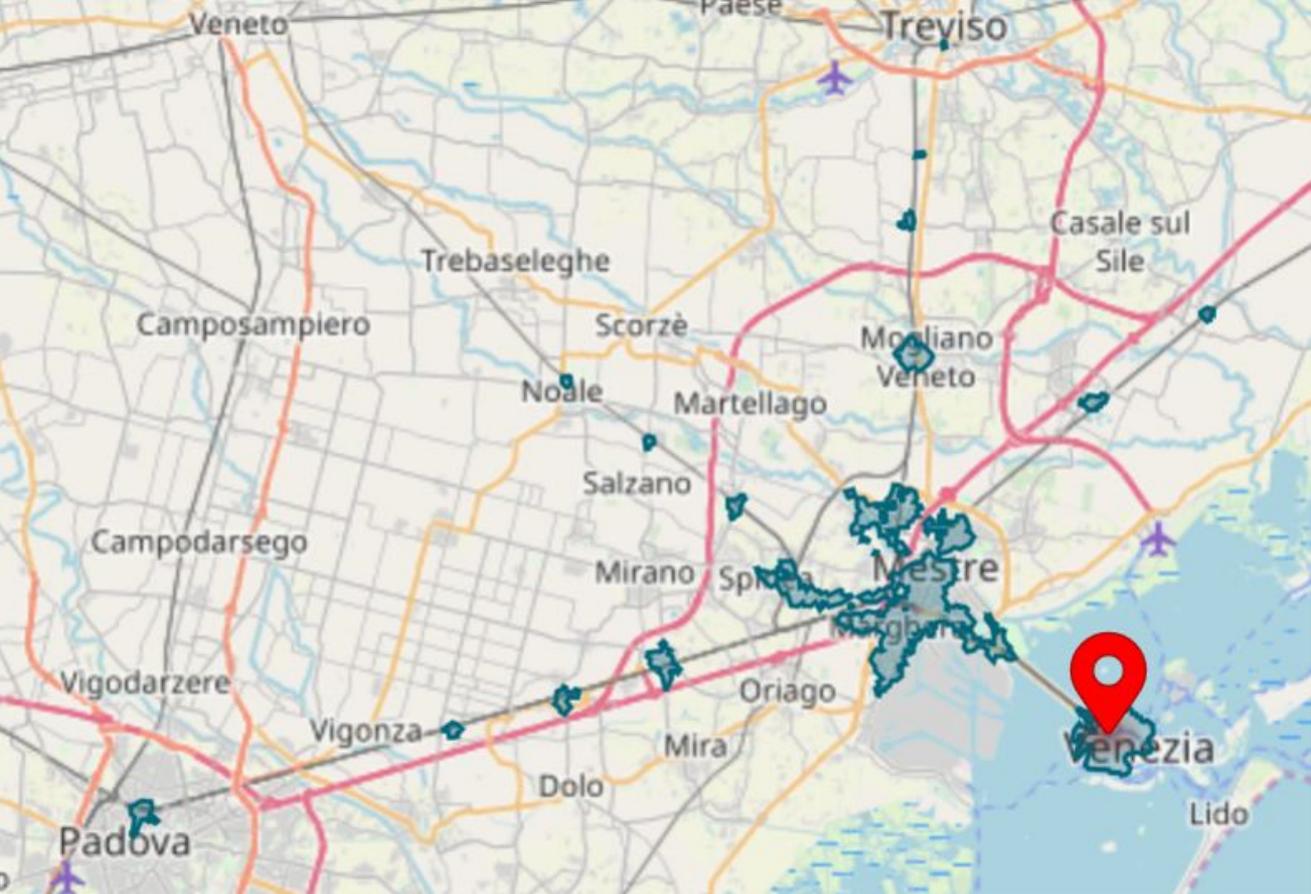
# Some residents work outside of Venice in higher-end jobs



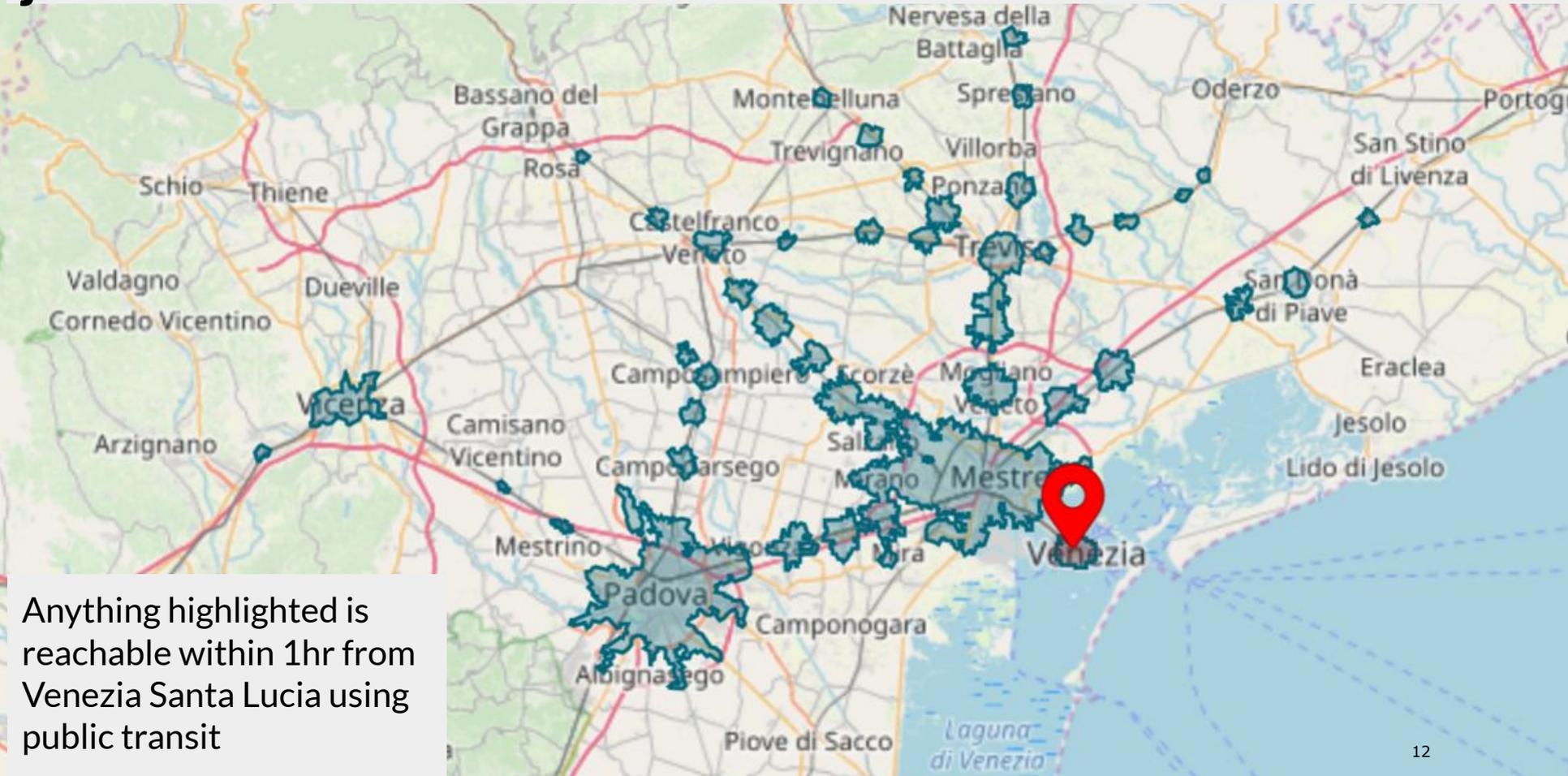
# And commute to (and from) relatively close destinations on the mainland



# Commuters with high-paying jobs are commuting to destinations on the mainland that are reachable within 30 minutes



# Getting commuters to the mainland faster would make more jobs accessible within a 1hr commute



Anything highlighted is reachable within 1hr from Venezia Santa Lucia using public transit

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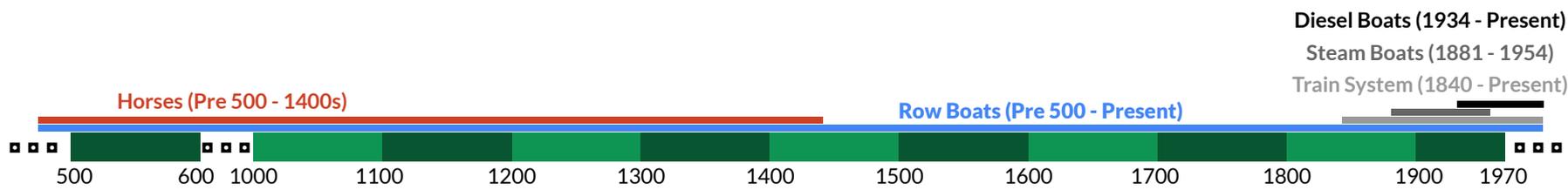
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# Evolution of Transportation in Venice

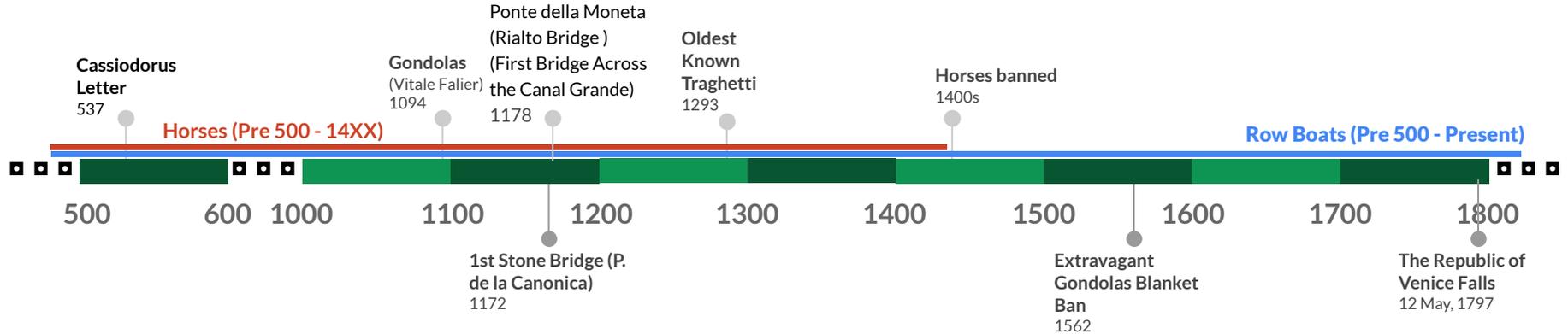
# Evolution of Transportation in Venice



# The Groundwork for Future Changes, 500 - 1800

## Row Boats (Pre 500 - Present)

Since the founding of Venice in 497 AD, row boats have been used to traverse between the mainland and the historic city, as well as moving within the historic city. Many different types of row boats can be found throughout the history of Venice, but the most common and popular choice were Gondolas, thin, traditional, flat-bottomed Venetian rowing boat, well suited to the conditions of the Venetian lagoon and gifted to the people of Venice in 1094 by the Doge (leader) at the time, Vitale Falier. Today, traghetti are used to cross the Canal Grande in certain spots.



## Horses (Pre 500 - 1400s)

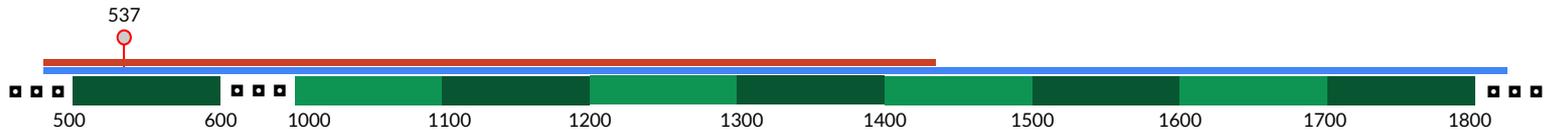
Horses were used to traverse within the historic city in the early history of Venice. They were useful in crossing smaller canals because they could wade through the waters while carrying products and people. As Venice began to add cobblestone walkways, horses became less popular because they would slip on the slick stones. When Venice added retaining walls to the sides of the islands, horses were no longer easily able to climb into and out of the water, making them even less popular. In the 15th century, they were outright banned by the Venetian noble class, preferring Gondolas as the main travel method within the historic city.

# Cassiodorus wrote about early Venetians



*“Therefore diligently repair  
the ships which you keep tied  
to the walls of your houses  
like animals,”*

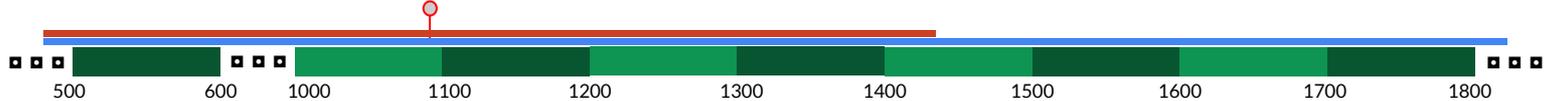
- Cassiodorus, 537



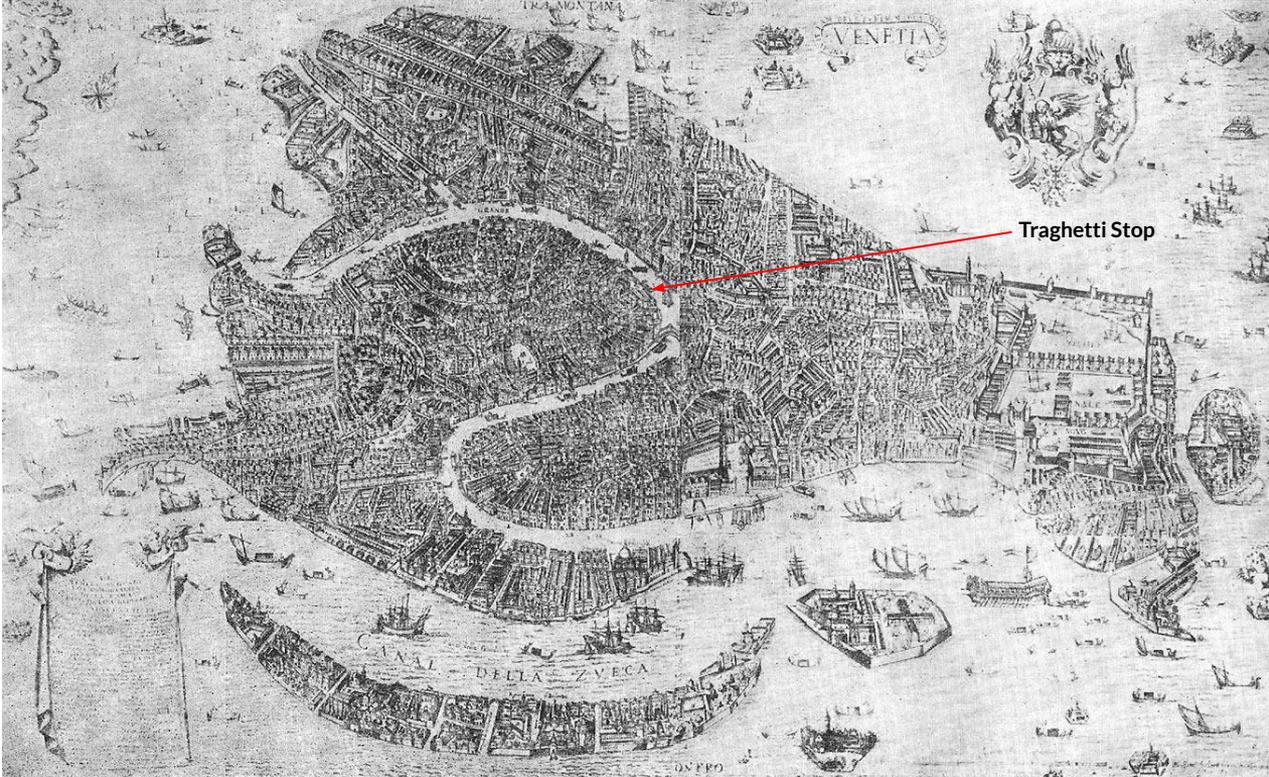
# A new form of row boat is used to reduce canal crowding



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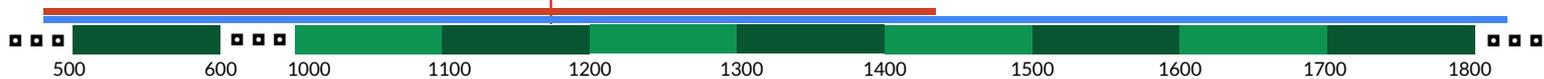
# Traghetti are the most important transportation system



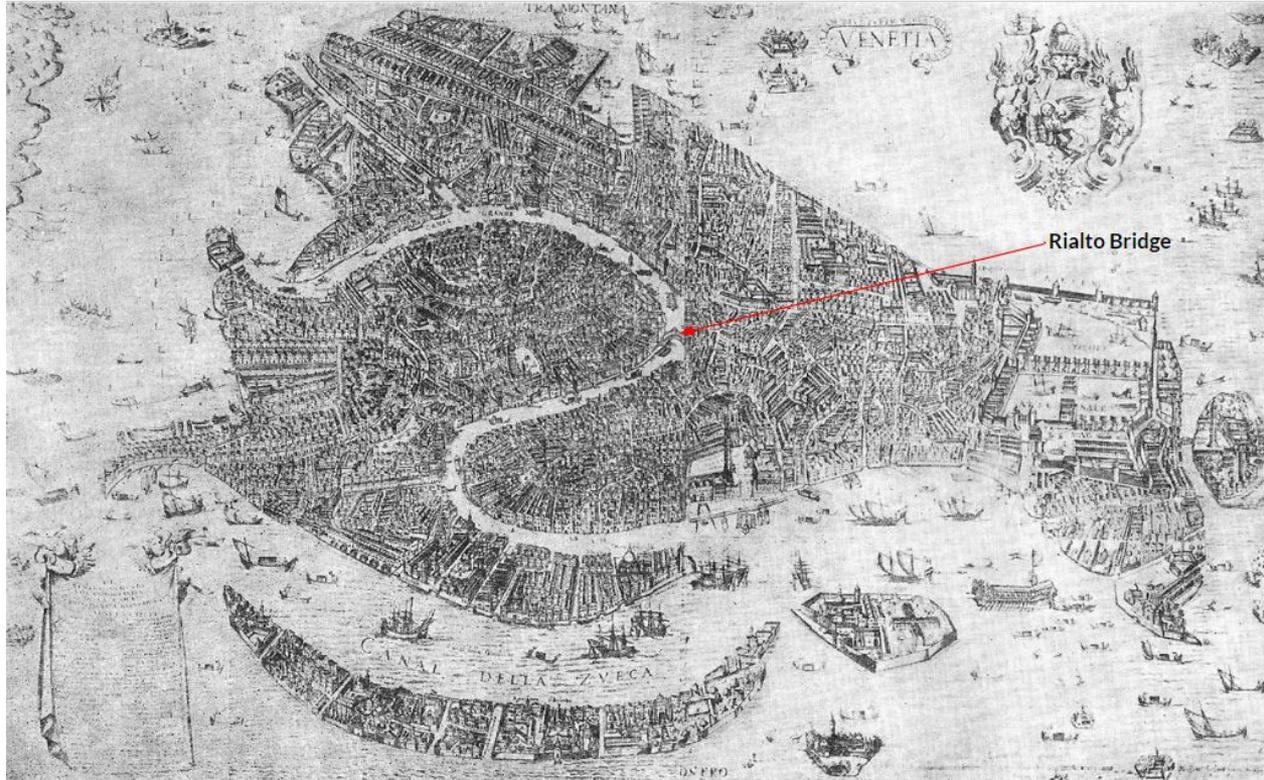
# The stonefication of Venice led to the downfall of horses



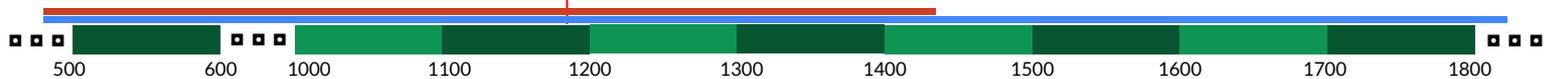
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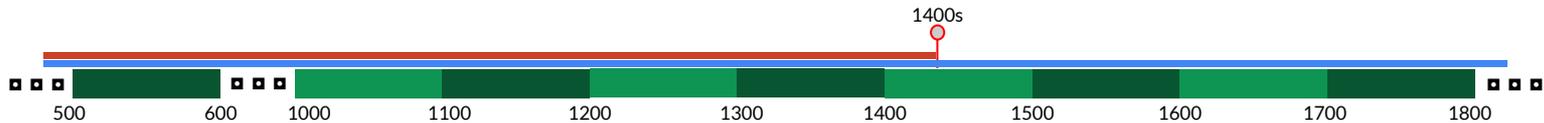
# The Rialto was the first dry connection over the Canal Grande

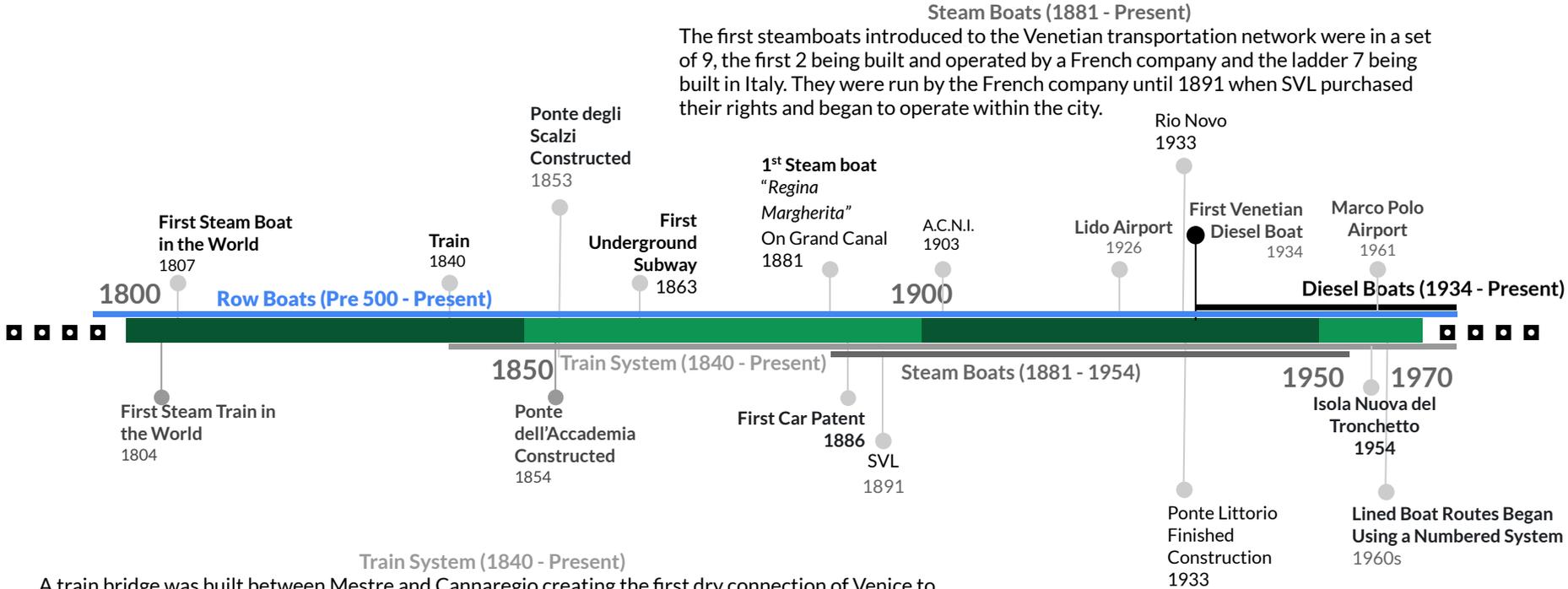


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# There were only boats and bridges between the 14th and 19th century





**Steam Boats (1881 - Present)**

The first steamboats introduced to the Venetian transportation network were in a set of 9, the first 2 being built and operated by a French company and the latter 7 being built in Italy. They were run by the French company until 1891 when SVL purchased their rights and began to operate within the city.

**Train System (1840 - Present)**

A train bridge was built between Mestre and Cannaregio creating the first dry connection of Venice to the mainland. This bridge, being 2.4 miles long, ended with the Santa Lucia Train Station which was the last stop in the Milan to Venice railway line. The bridge allowed for more people and goods to arrive into the historic city and at a faster rate.

**Diesel Boats (1934 - Present)**

Diesel Boats were added to the A.C.N.I fleet in 1934 with the introduction of the first seven boats.

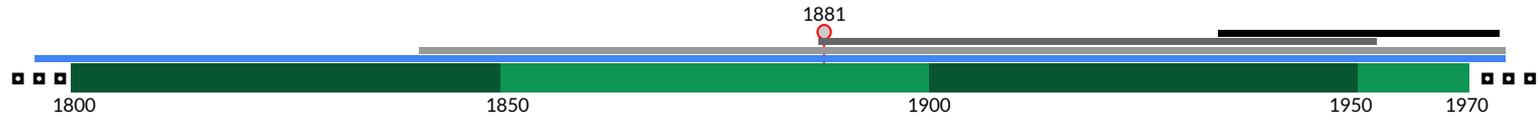
# Train Bridge, 1840



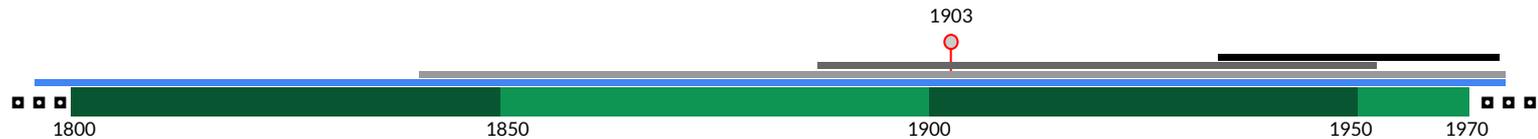
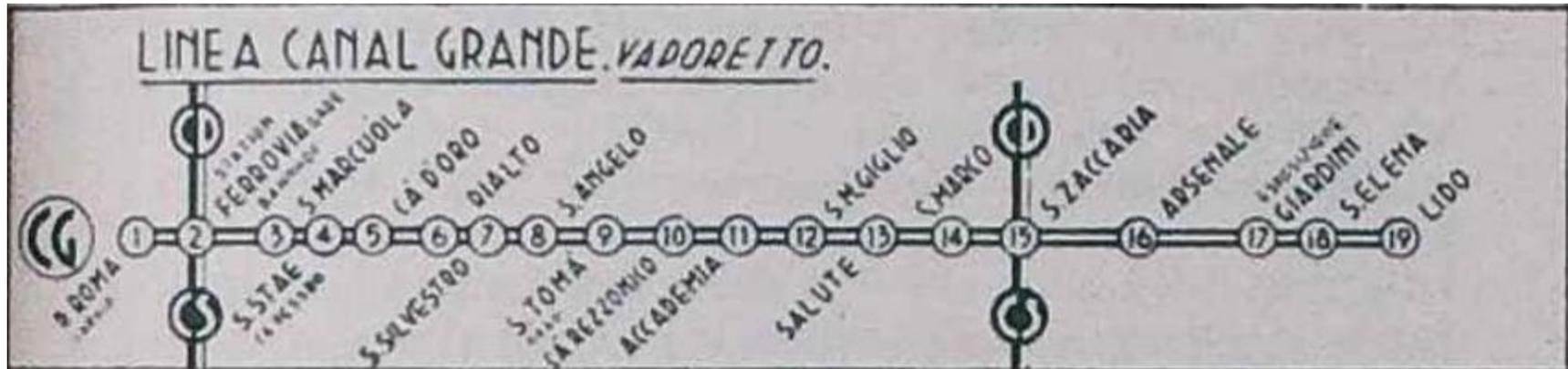
# The second step in transportation evolution were steamboats

Regina Margherita

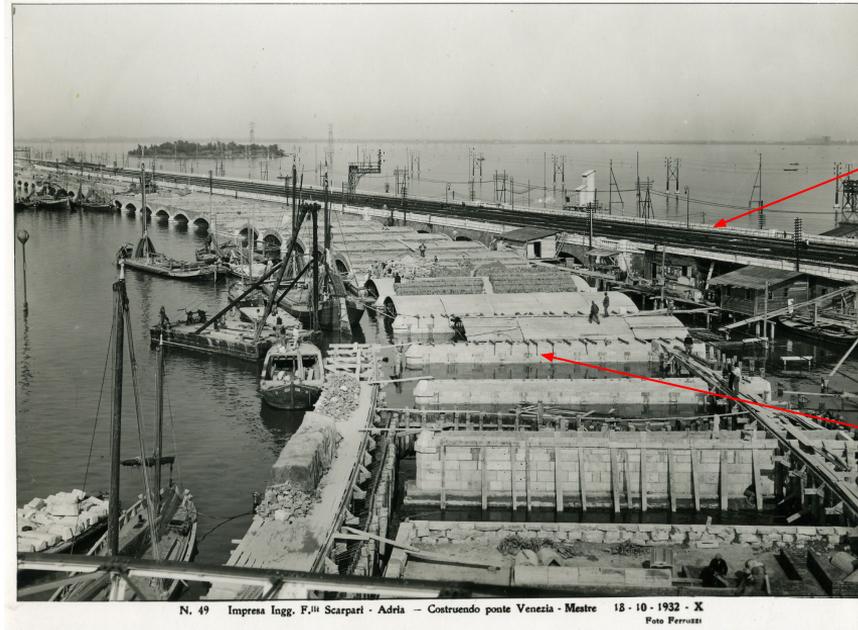
Venice's First Steam Powered Boat



# ACNI takes over the public boat transportation

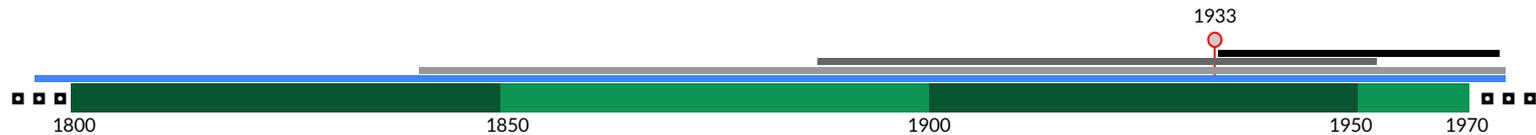


# Car bridge allows for faster travel

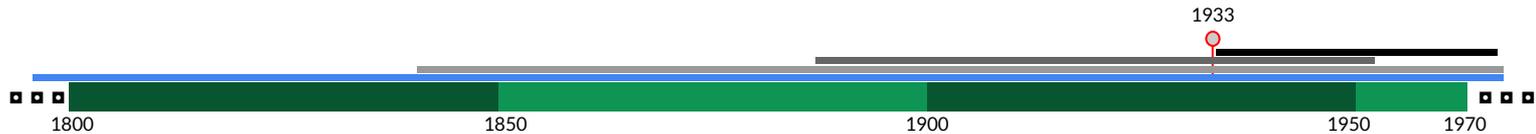
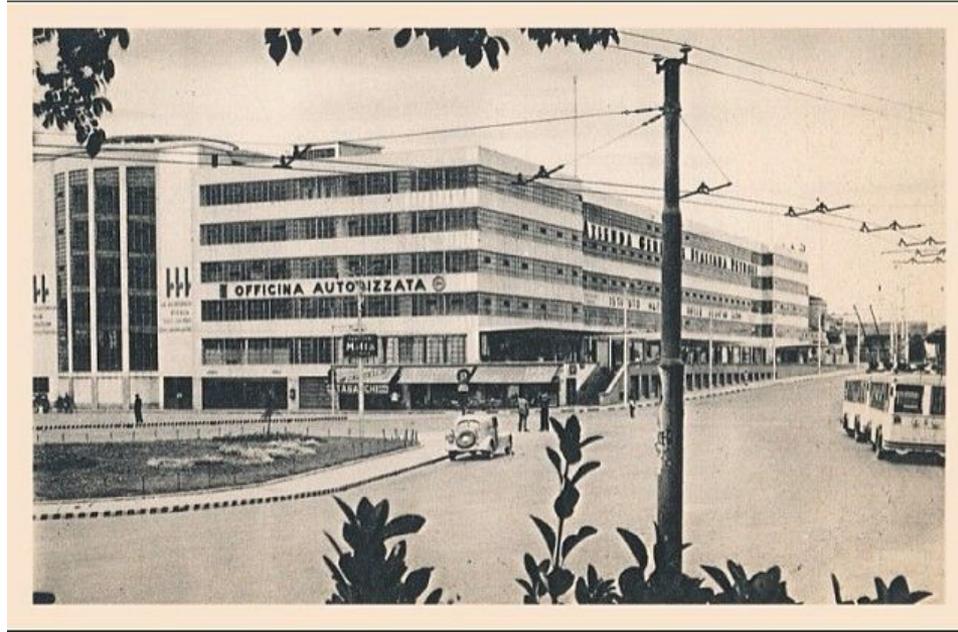


Train Bridge

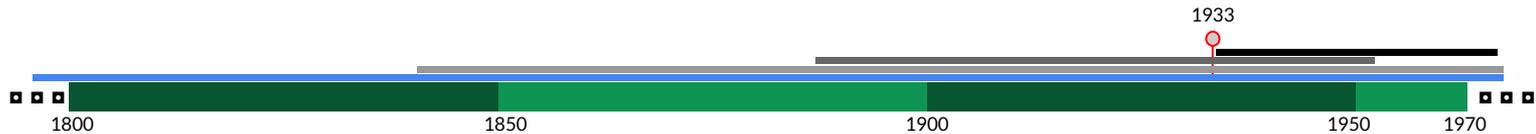
Ponte del  
Littorio



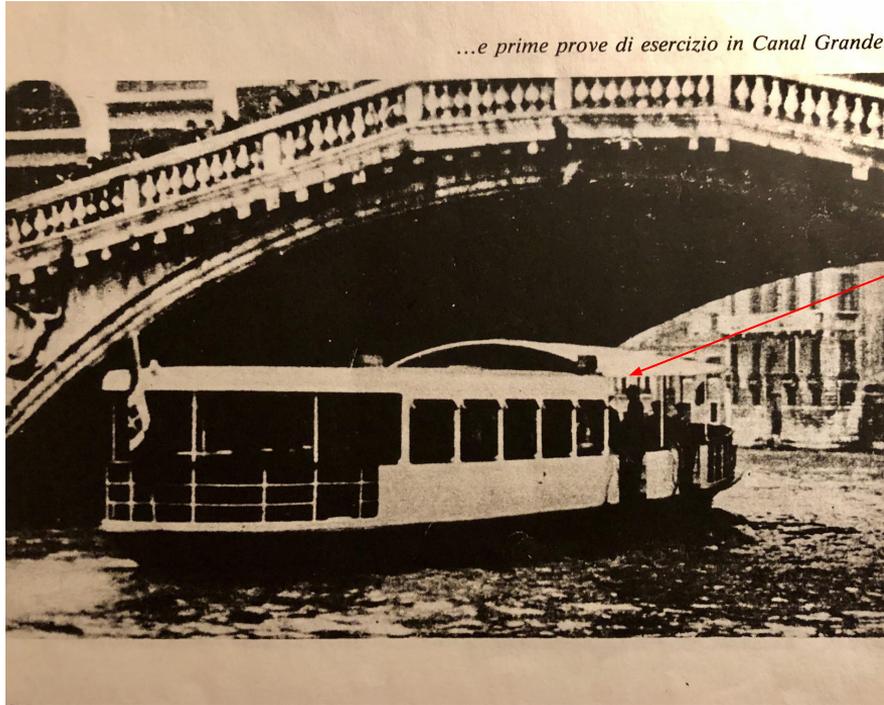
# With a car bridge comes the need for parking



# Rio Novo was constructed to connect Piazzale Roma

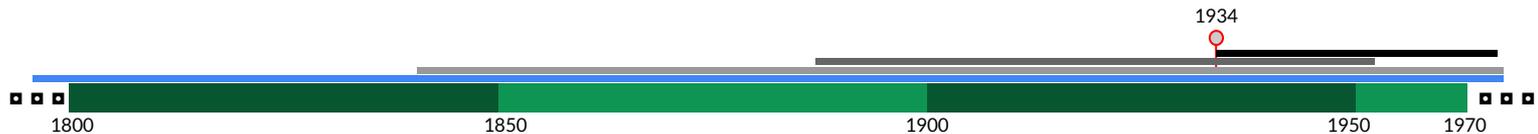


# Diesel boats were also purchased and used before WWII

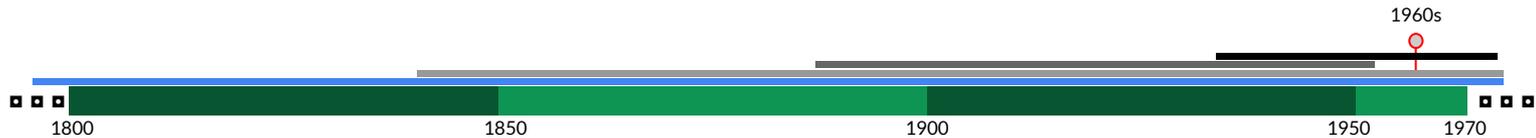
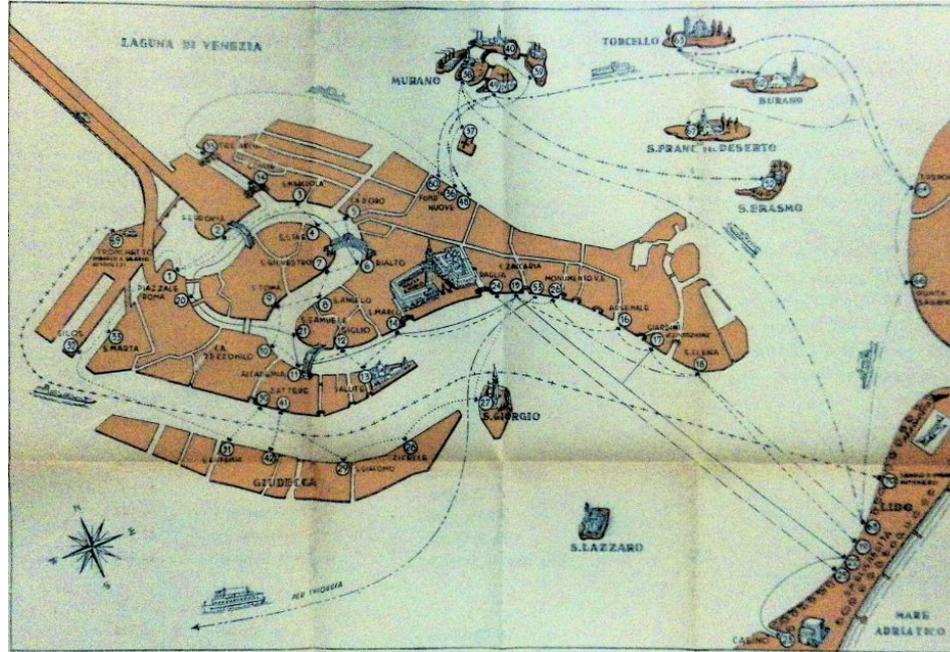


NO. 42 Annibale  
Foscari (now  
HIPOPOTAMO)  
on its Maiden  
Voyage

One of the boats  
in the First Fleet  
of Venetian Diesel  
Boats



# Prior to the 1960s, only linear routes (not circular) were used to traverse the historic city



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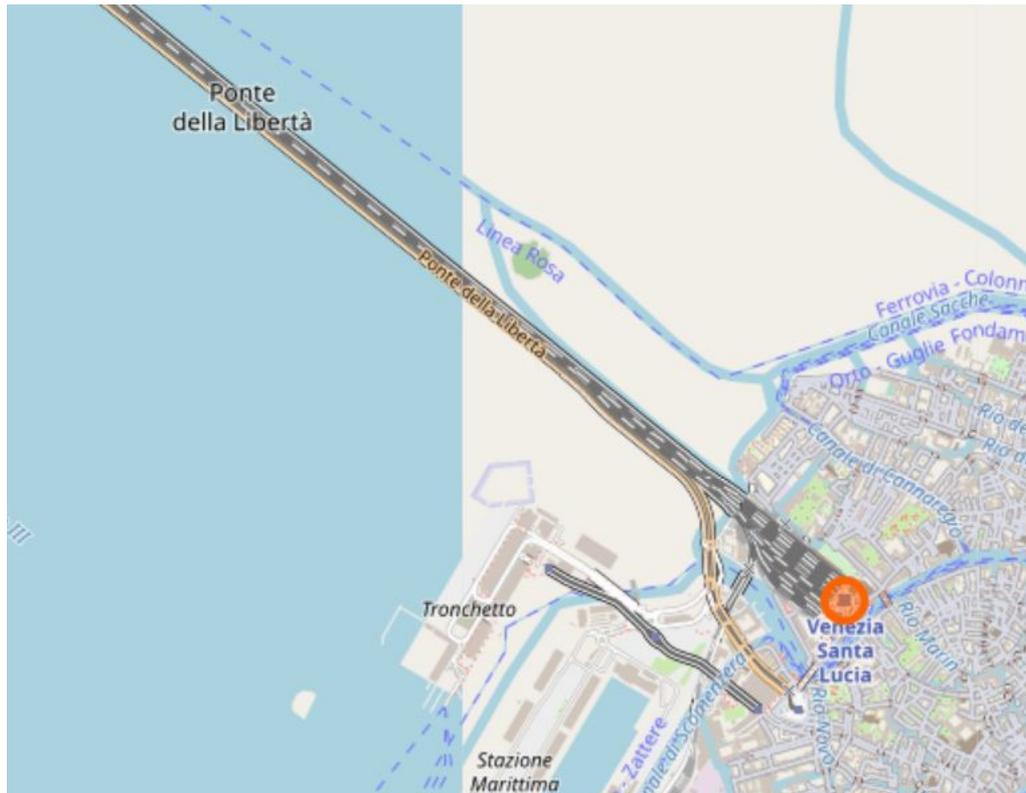
# Current Transportation System

# Getting in and out of Venice

# The Ponte della Libertà brings commuters out of Venice by road and rail. There are also boat routes, especially from Marco Polo airport



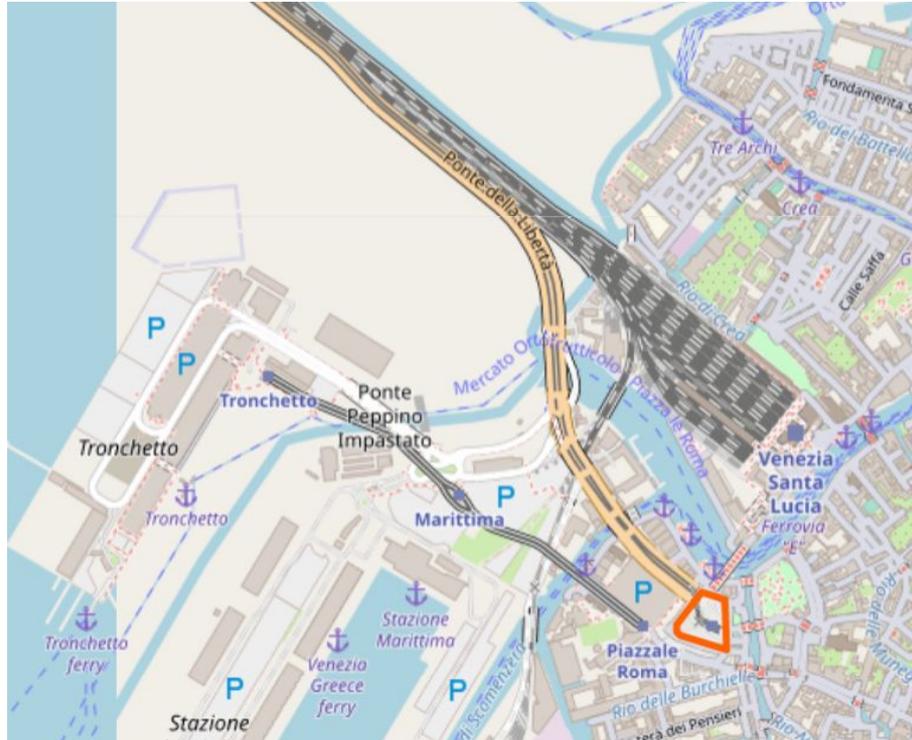
# Everyday, 371 trains arrive at Venezia S. Lucia, and 378 trains depart from the station



# The Ponte della Libertà also carries transportation over road



# Multiple bus companies, including ACTV and ATVO, have bus routes with terminus at Piazzale Roma



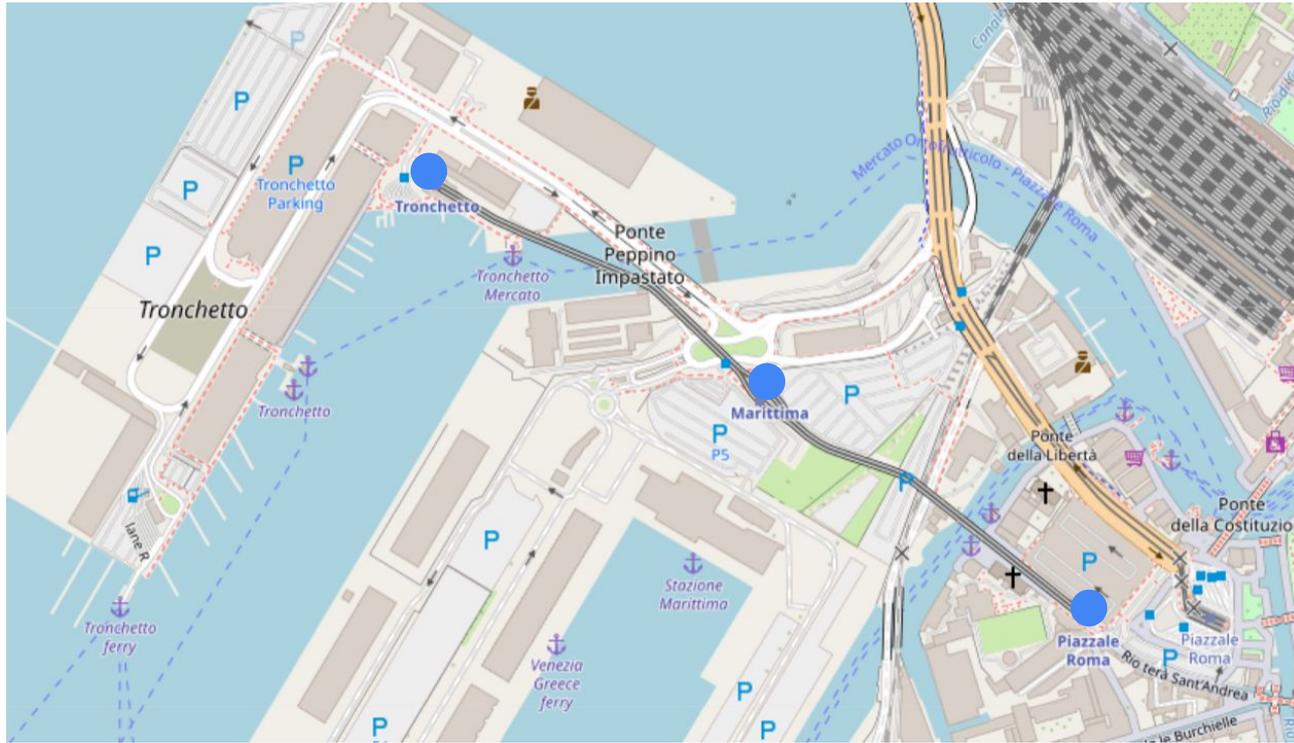
# Trams connect commuters to Mestre and Marghera

Line T1 Favaro - Venice  
Line T2 Mestre - Marghera.



Stop added  
in 2015

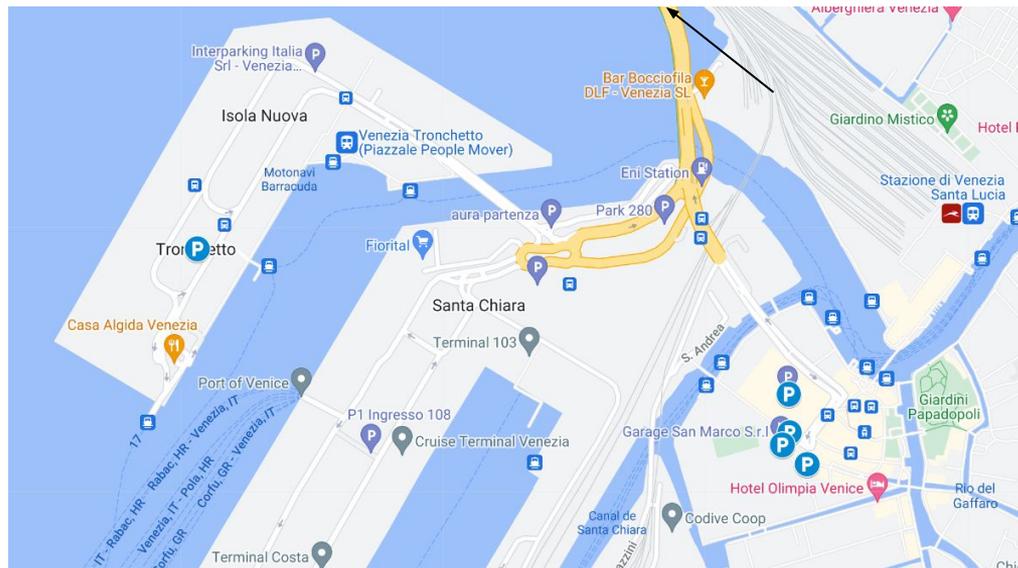
# The People Mover moves 3200 people hourly between 3 transportation hubs in 4 minutes



# There are 8200 parking spots in the historic city

Parking Facility	Number of car parking spots available	Cost to park for a day
Tronchetto	3957	€ 22 for 24h
Municipal Parking	2196	€ 35 for 24h
San Andrea	102	€ 72 for 24h
Aree portuali	1000	€ 78 for 24h
San Marco	900	€ 45 for 24h
Parcheggio Doge	45	€ 45 for 07:00 - 01:00 (not open 24/7)
Total	8200	n/a

Parcheggio San Giuliano



# Ferry Boats transport cars and cargo between Lido and the mainland

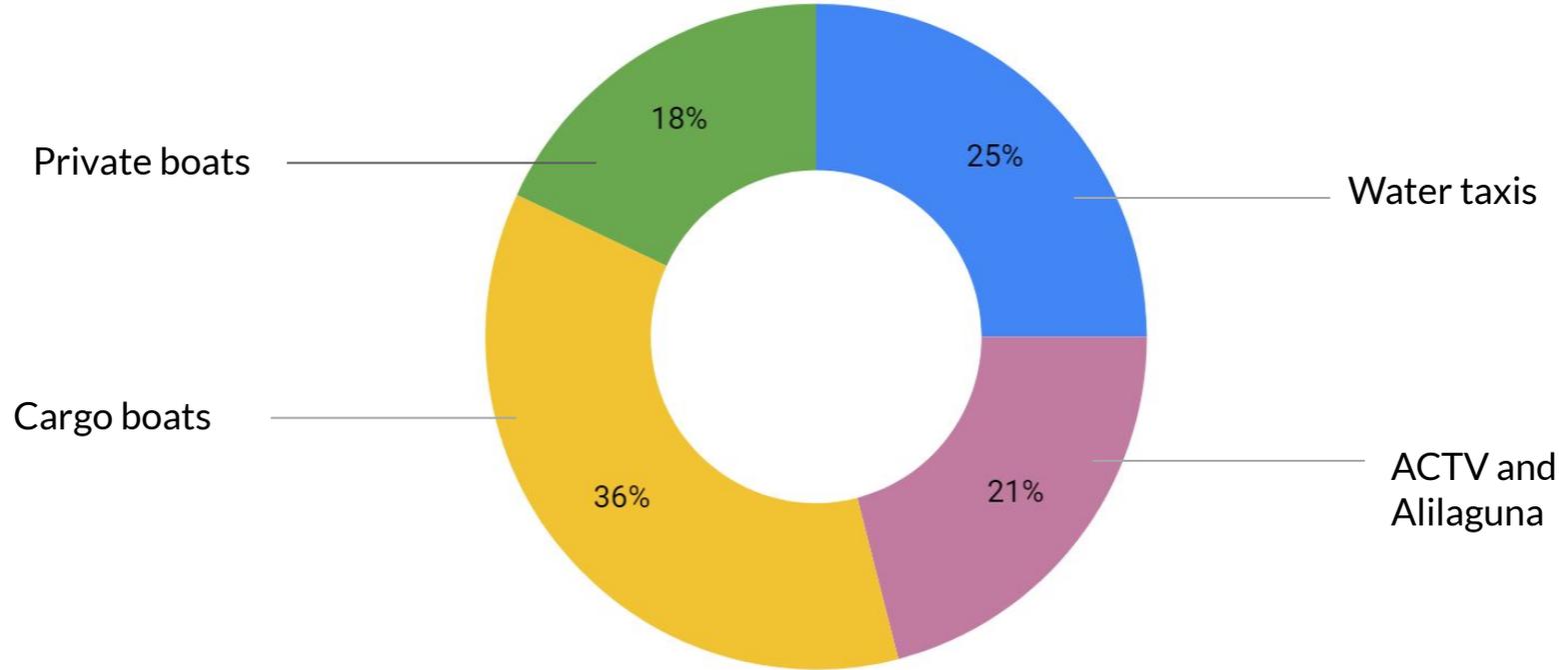


A trip on Line 17 from Lido S.Nicolò to Tronchetto lasts **35 minutes**  
Approximately **70 cars** can fit on a Ferry Boat

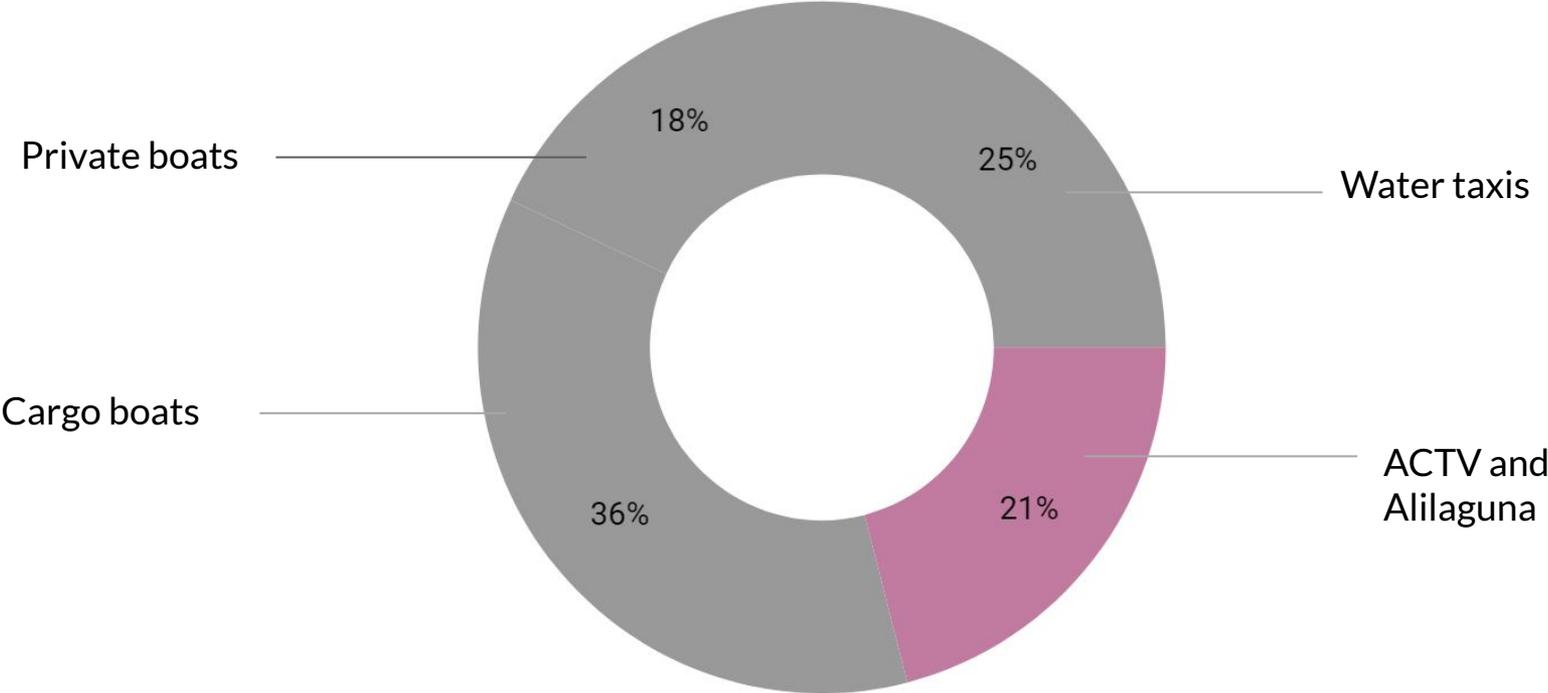
# Boats can provide transportation over water to the historic city



# There are four main types of boats in the Venetian canals



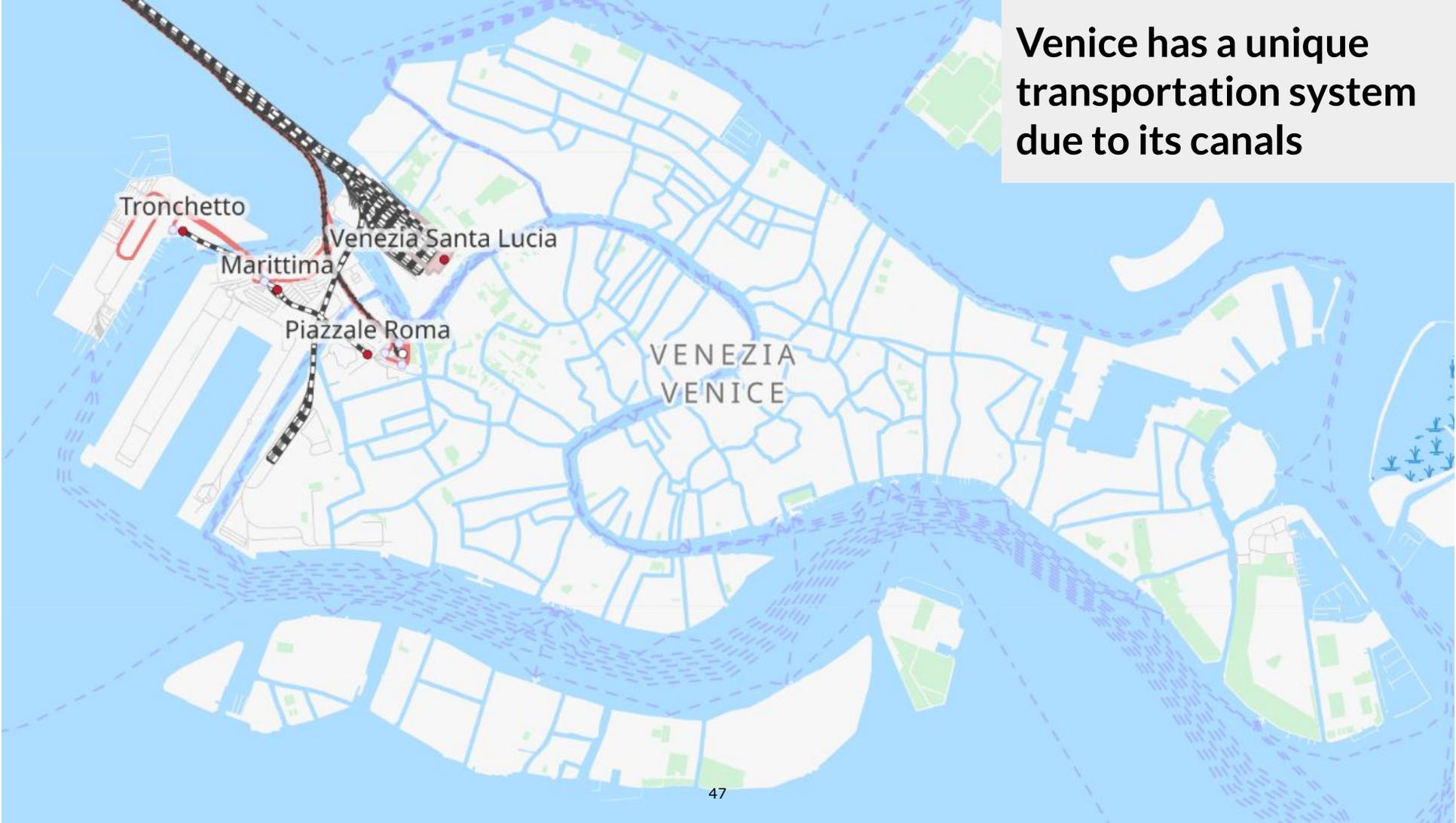
# Lined public transportation boats don't cause a lot of traffic



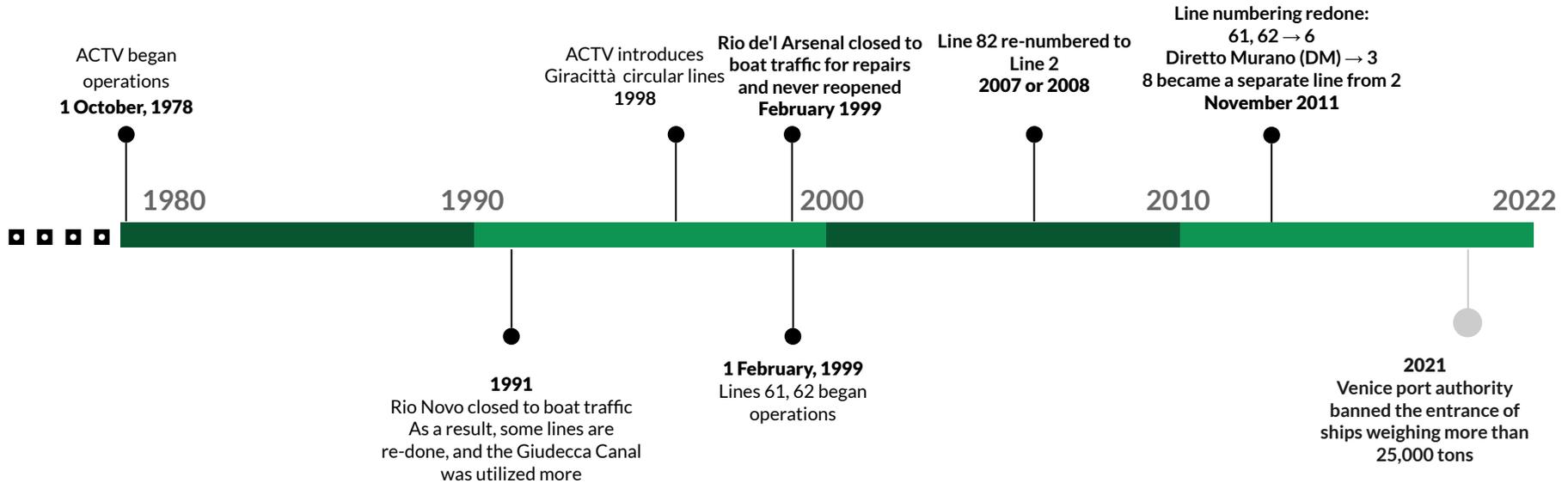


# Getting around within the historic city

Venice has a unique transportation system due to its canals



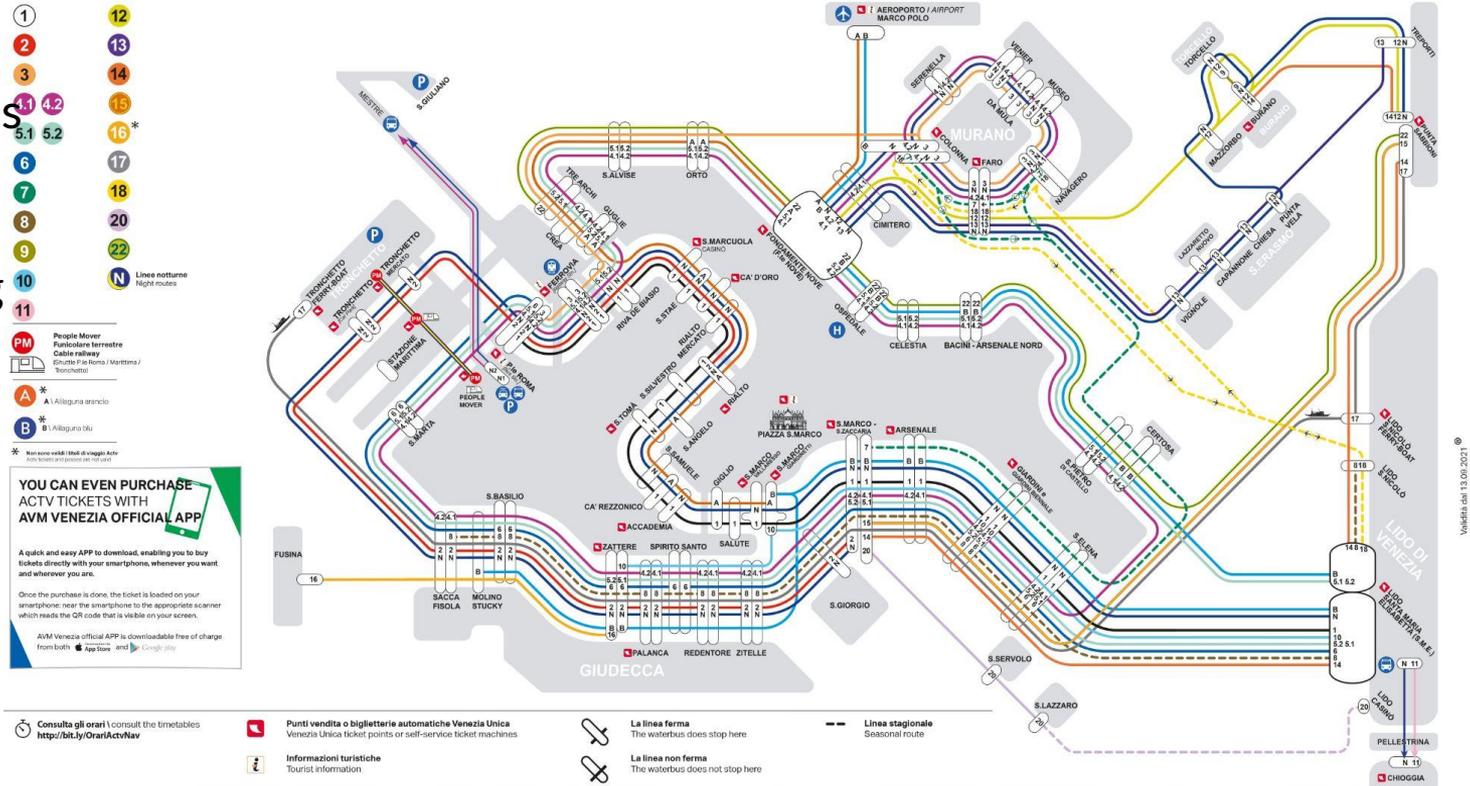
# ACTV has adapted and evolved since its inception



Corposanto & Raven, 2022

# Water buses are the main mode of transportation in the canals

- 26 water bus lines
- 160 boats
- 150 floating pontoons
- Up to 1150 passengers per hour on Line 1



# ***Vaporetti* are used on Lines 1, 2, 7, 13, and Night lines**



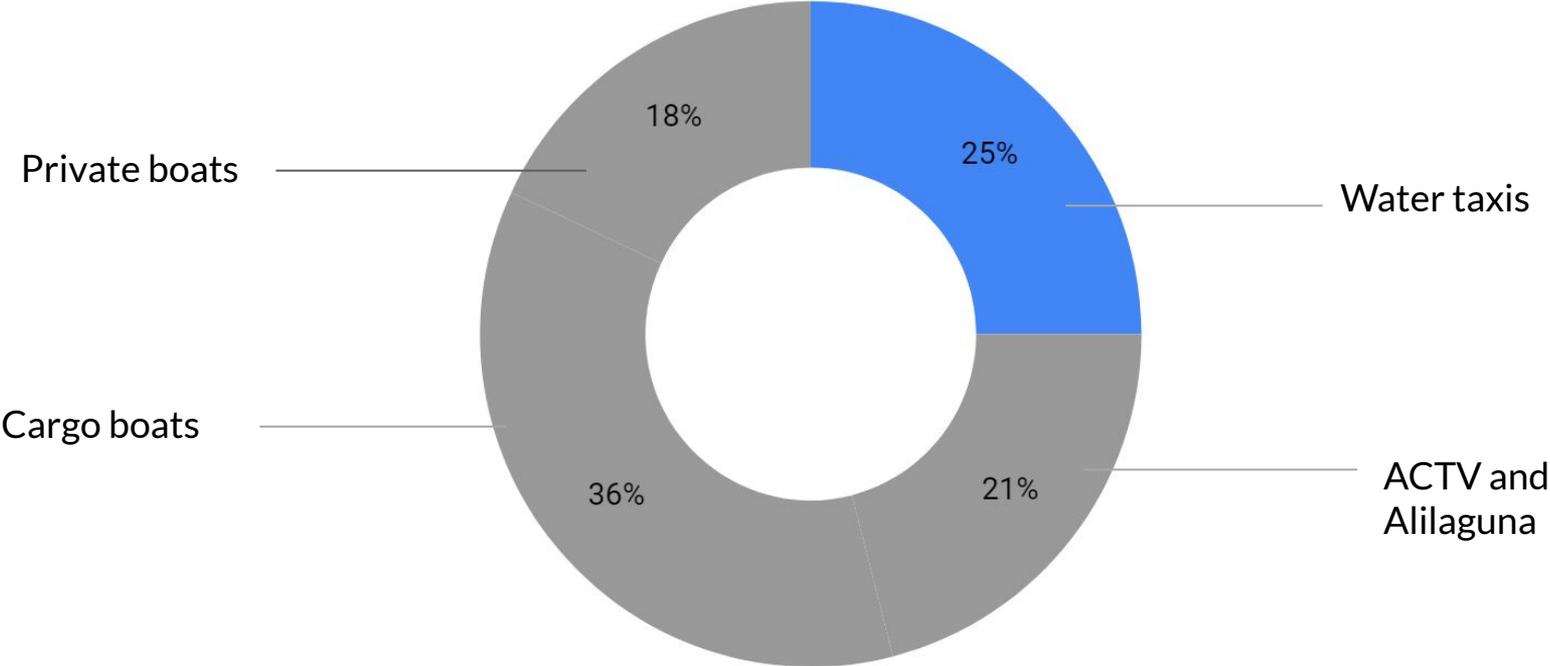
Passenger capacity: 215-230

# **Motoscafi are used for Lines 3, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 6**



Passenger capacity: 150

# Private water taxis are point-to-point transportation



# There are 250 licensed taxis

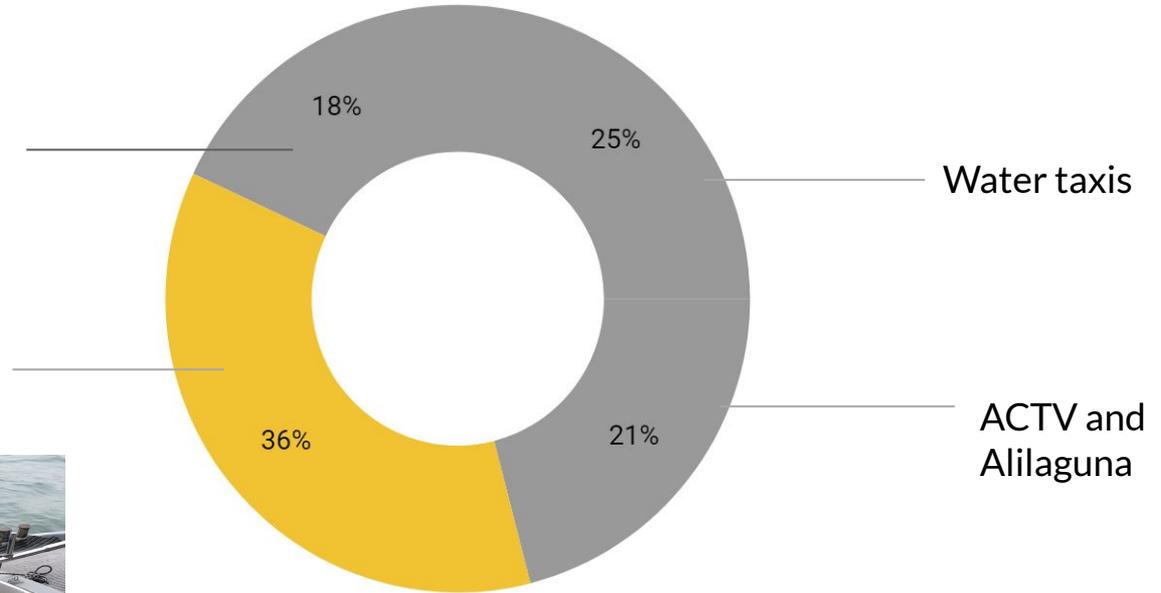


# There are 410 licensed cargo boats

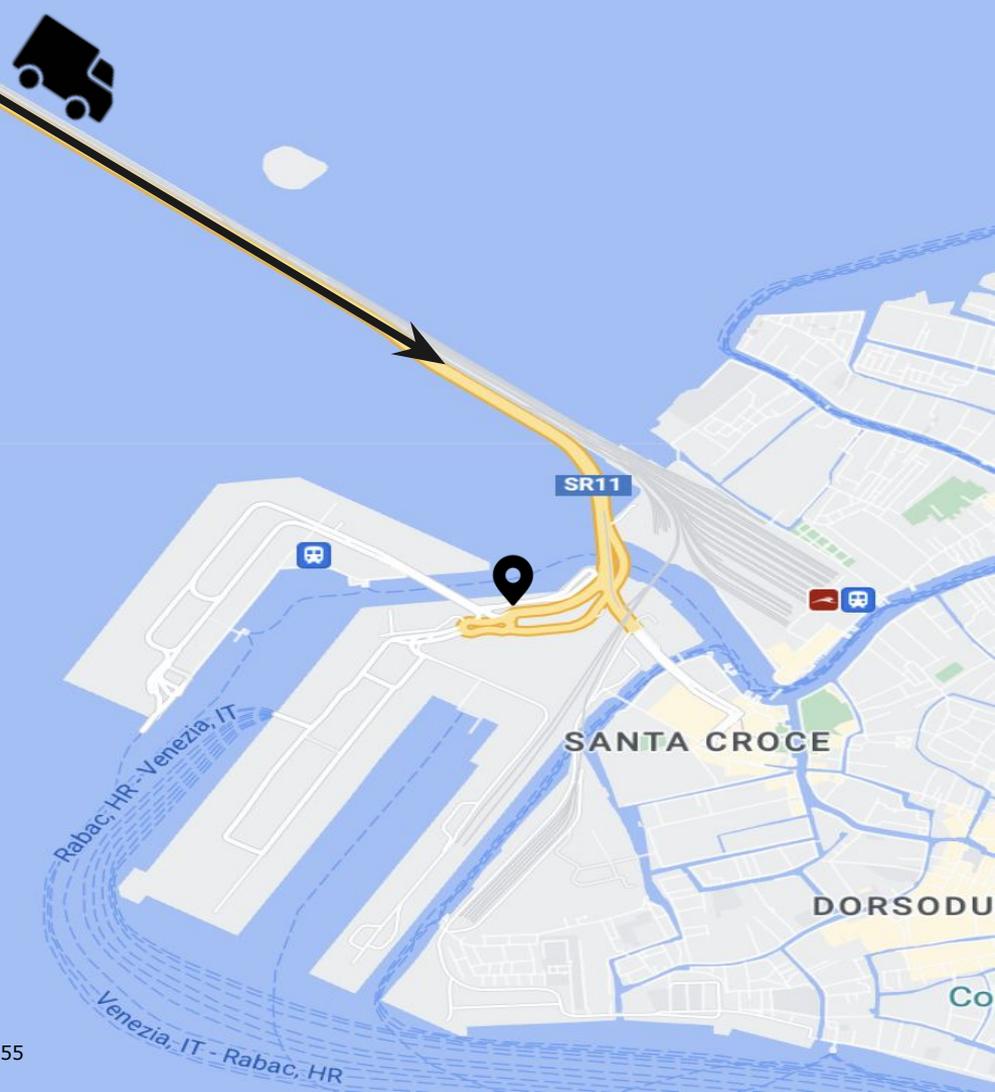


Private  
boats

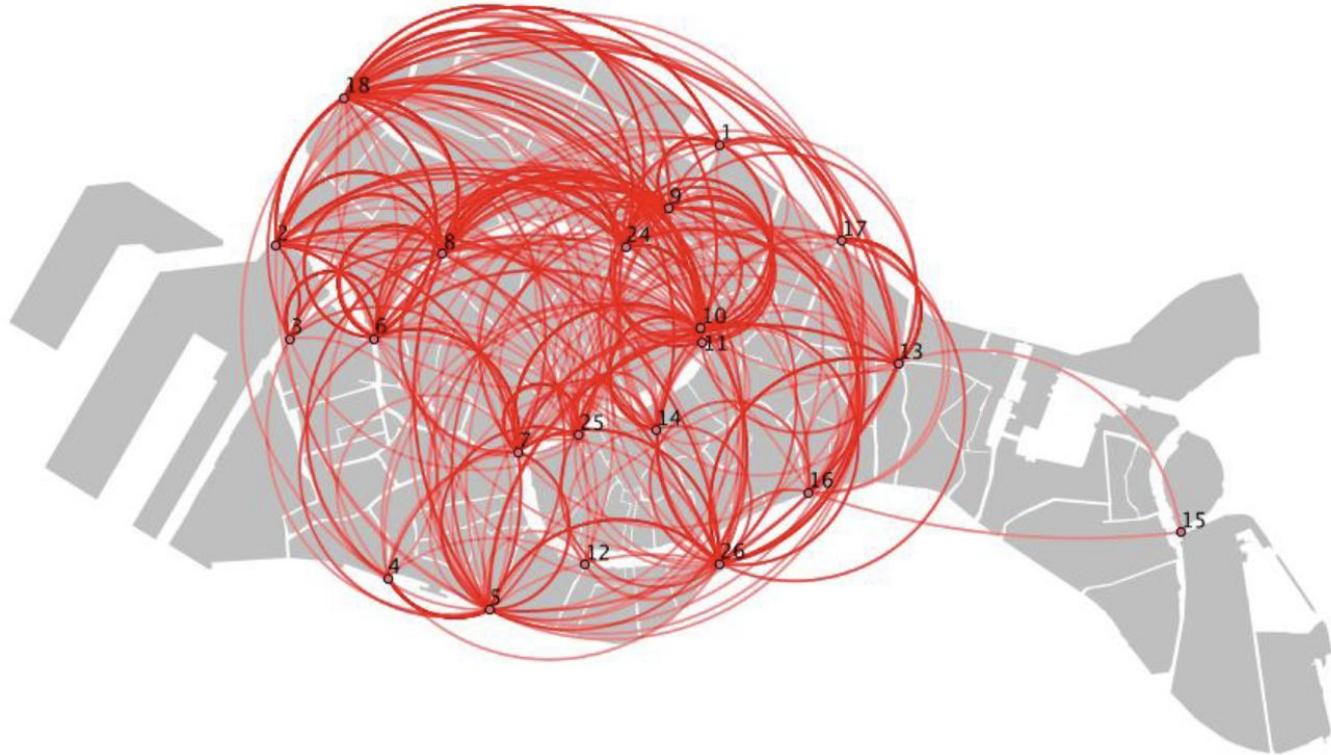
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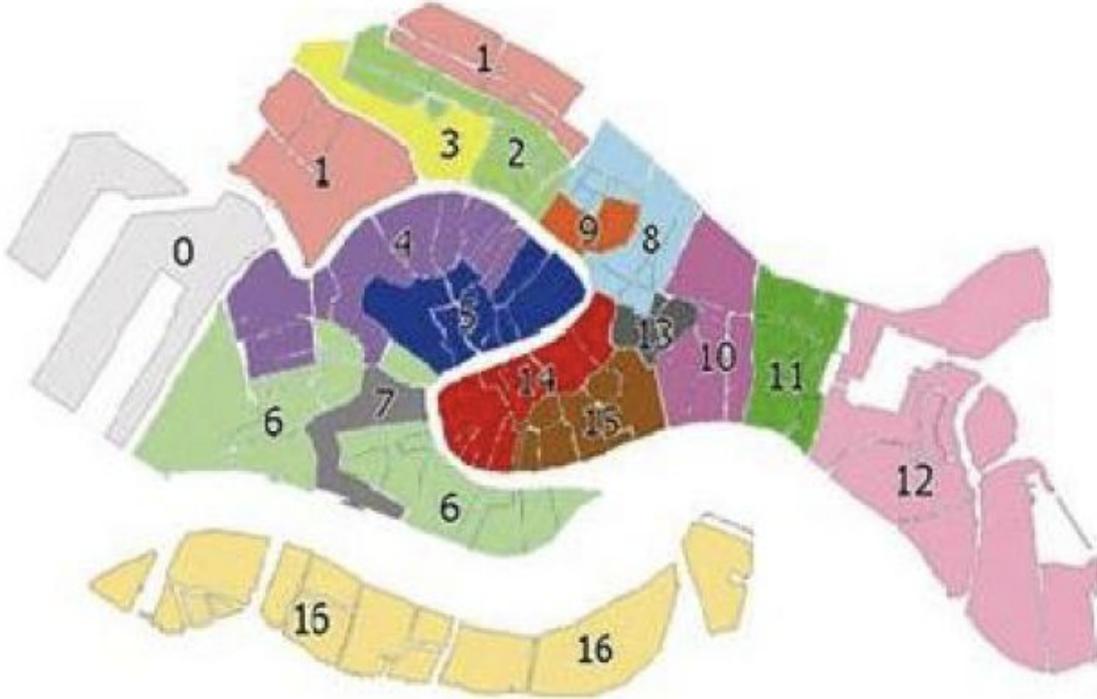
# Trucks deliver cargo products to Venice



**Cargo boats deliver around 32,000 packages every day with a total distance of 3,000km**



In 2001, a group of students from WPI suggested a system of cargo delivery by location instead of by product



# Problems with the current system

# There are too many boats in the canals



# Fog limits the operation of boats

There are cancellations and delayed to regular ACTV lines because it's not safe to navigate



# ***Acqua alta* limits the ability of boats to cross under bridges**

Boats can usually get to their destination, but need to re-route to avoid low bridges



# ***Moto ondos* causes damage to canal walls and buildings**

It's estimated that it costs up to **\$11,680** to fix one square meter of damaged canal wall (2013)



# Speed limits can mitigate the effects of *moto ondosso*, but they slow down traffic



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# Exploration of a Sublagunare in Venice

- 1911
- Ing. Daniele Donghi
- Set of bridges, trams, and underwater passages
- Throughout the historic city, mainland, Lido, Pellestrina, and Chioggia
- Underwater connection between Lido Quattro Fontane and San Zaccaria

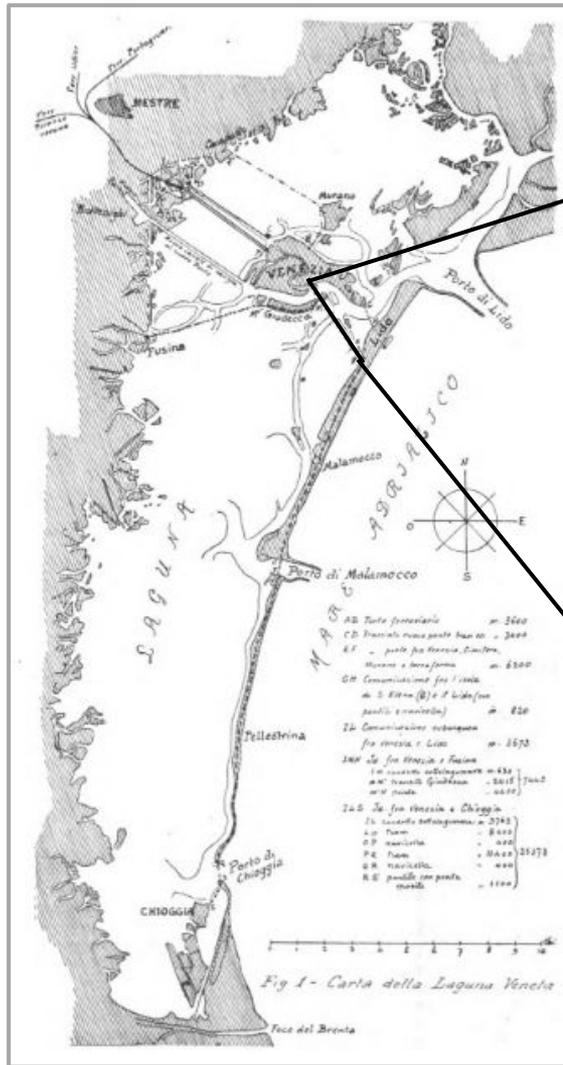
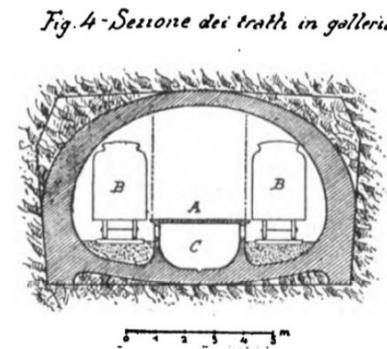
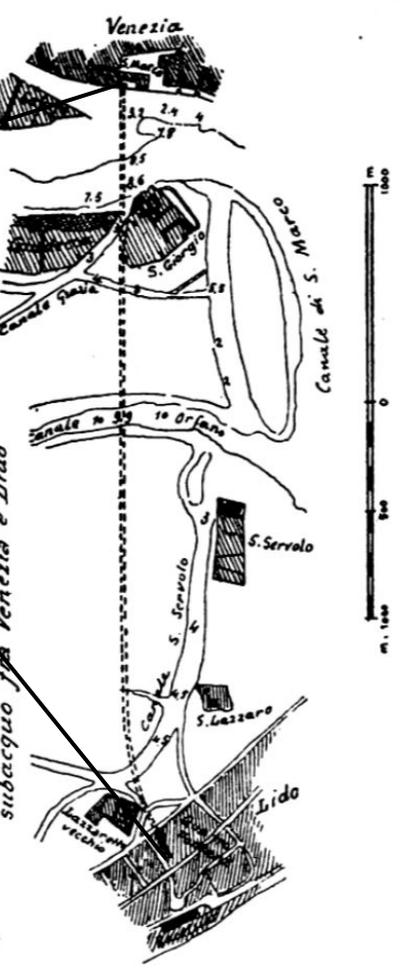


Fig. 2 - Planimetria generale dell'allacciamento subacqueo fra Venezia e Lido



Pedestrian tunnel flanked by electric trams

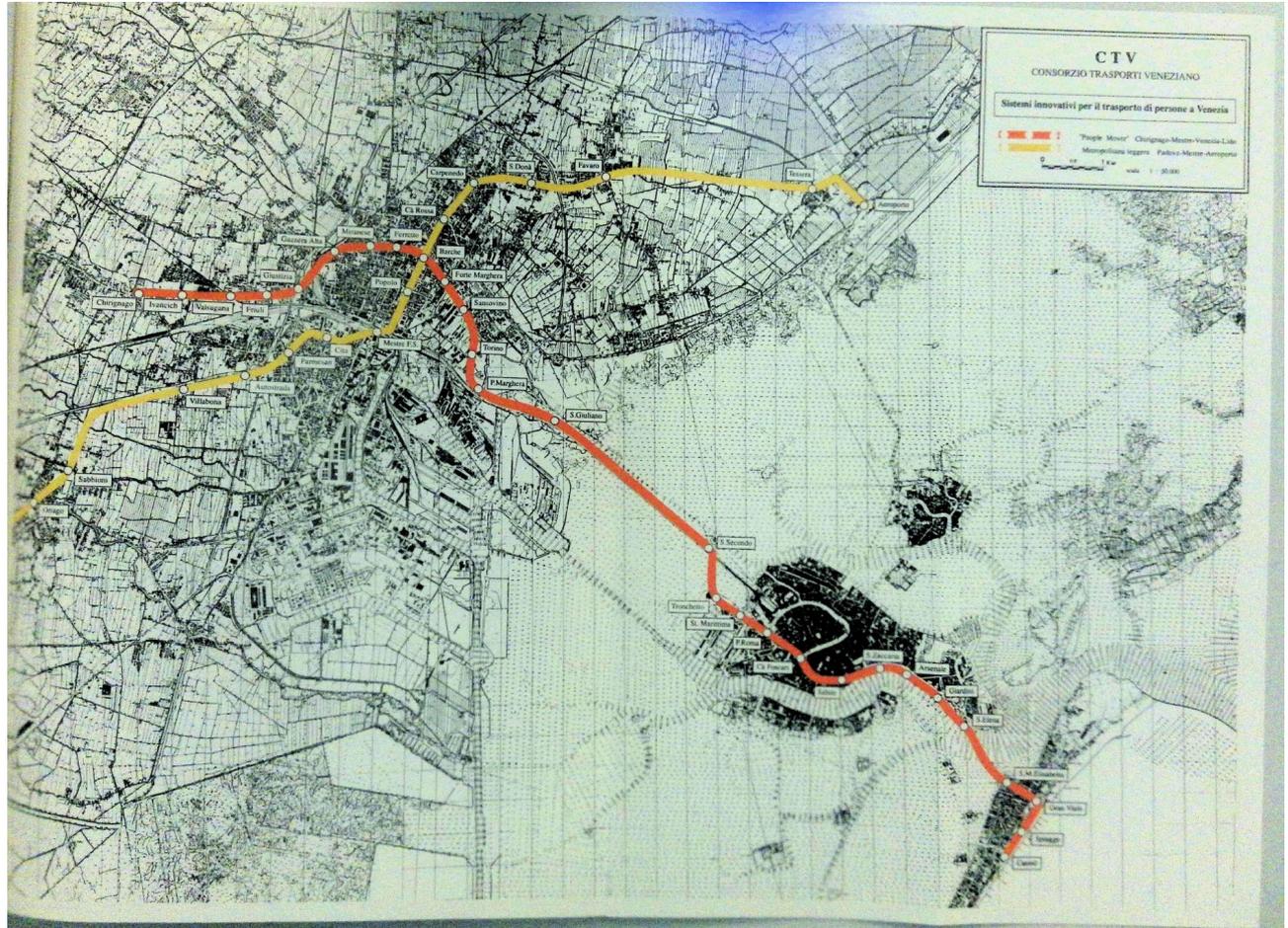
- 1933
- Ing. Miozzi
- 1 sublagunare route
- Connecting Venice, Mestre, Lido, Chioggia



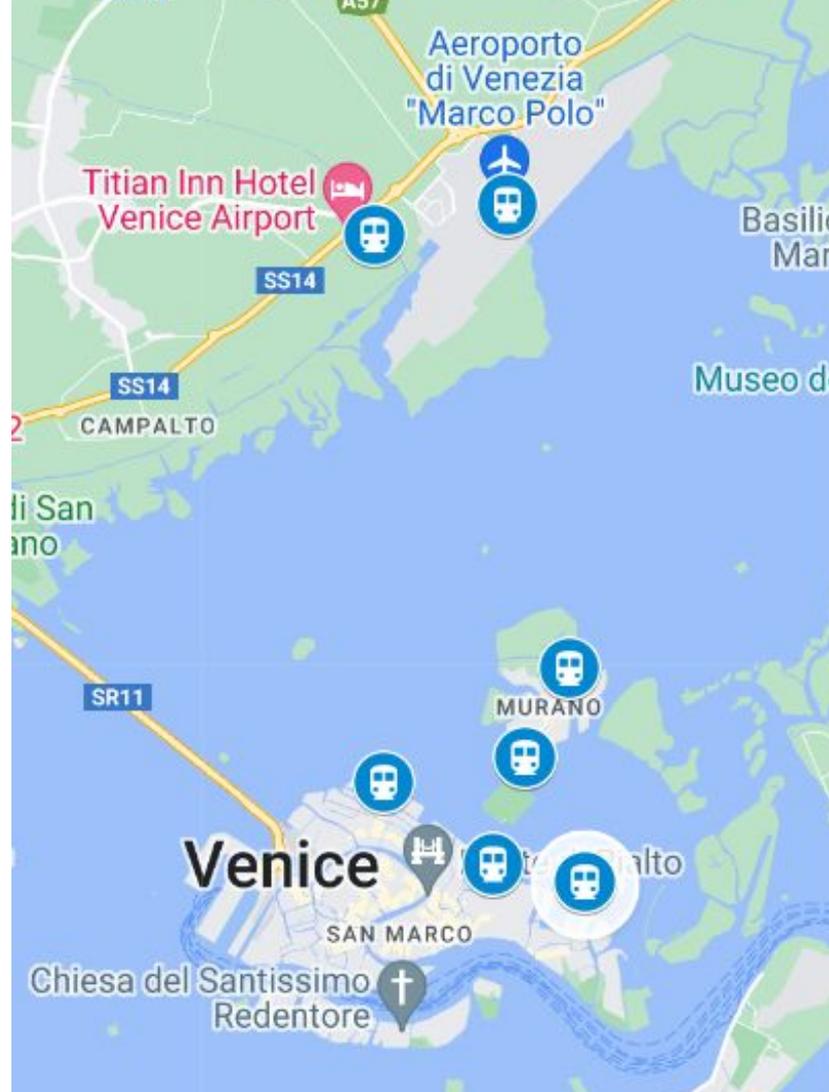
- 1959
- Town Plan
- Motor road and underground highway
- Ponte della Libertà to a proposed eastern terminal via F.te Nove



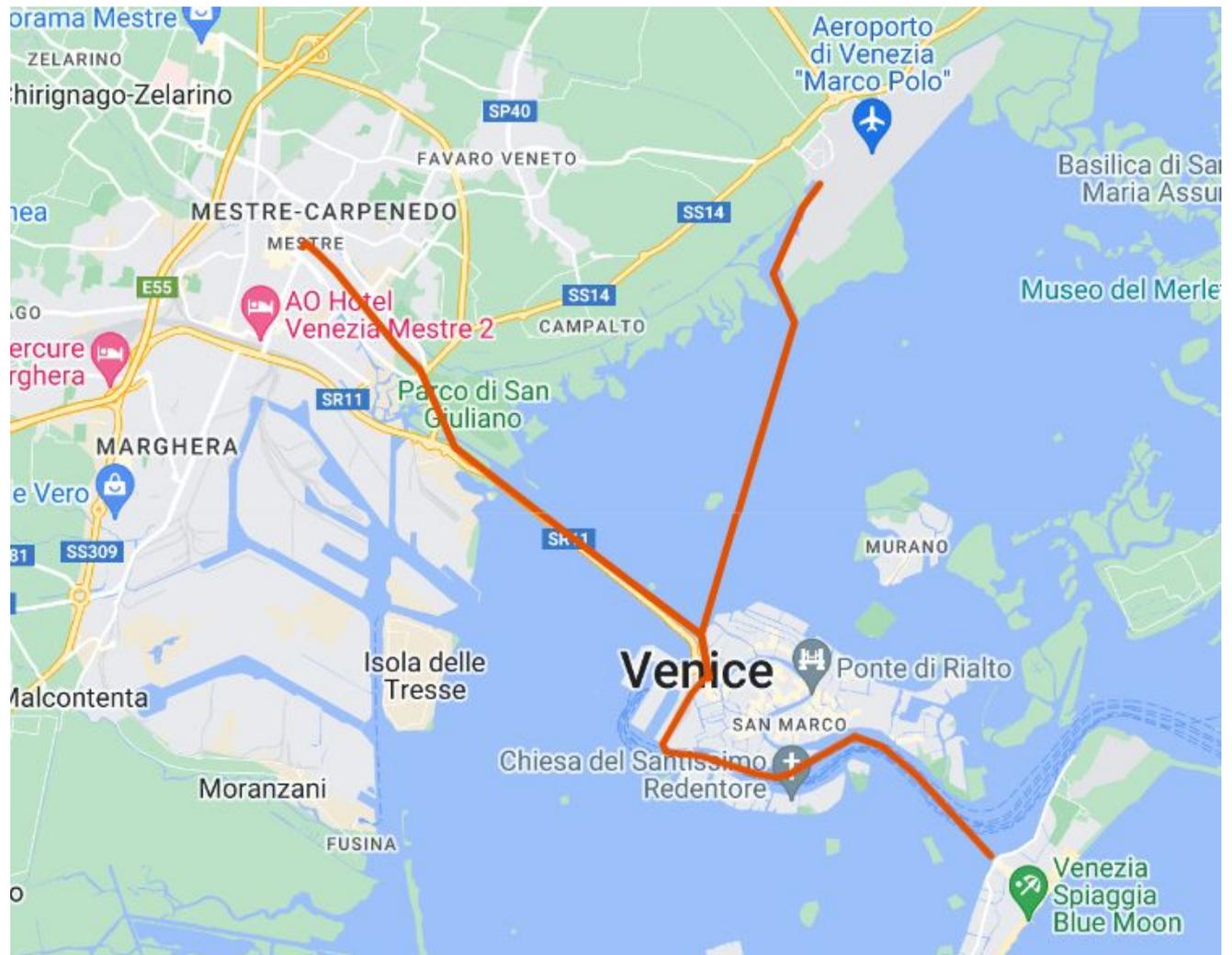
- 1990
- Consorzio Trasporti Veneziano
- 2 lines of tram and *sublagunare*
- Mestre/Marghera, historic city, Lido

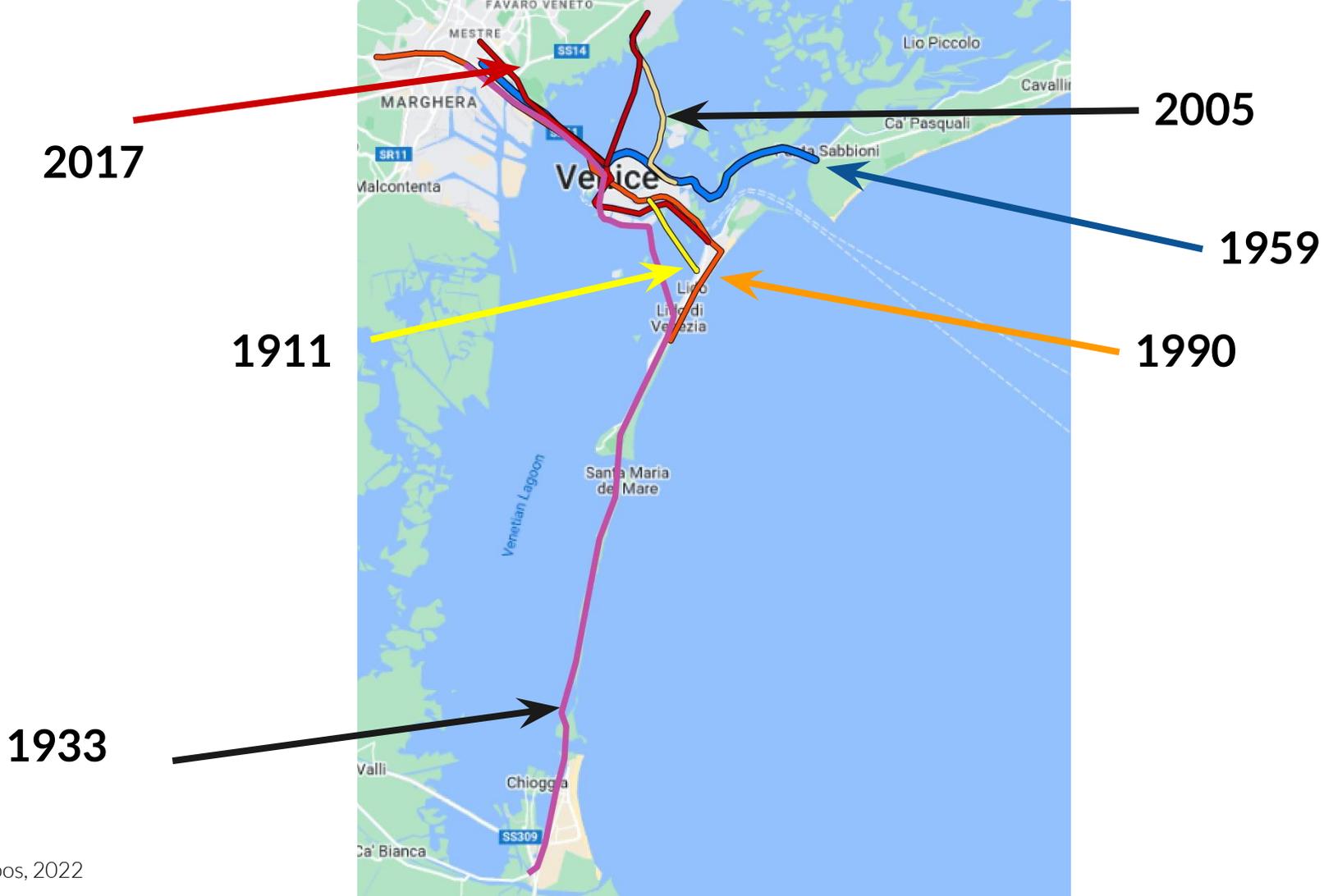


- 2005
- Mayor of Venice
- *Sublagunare*
- Airport/Favaro, Murano, historic city

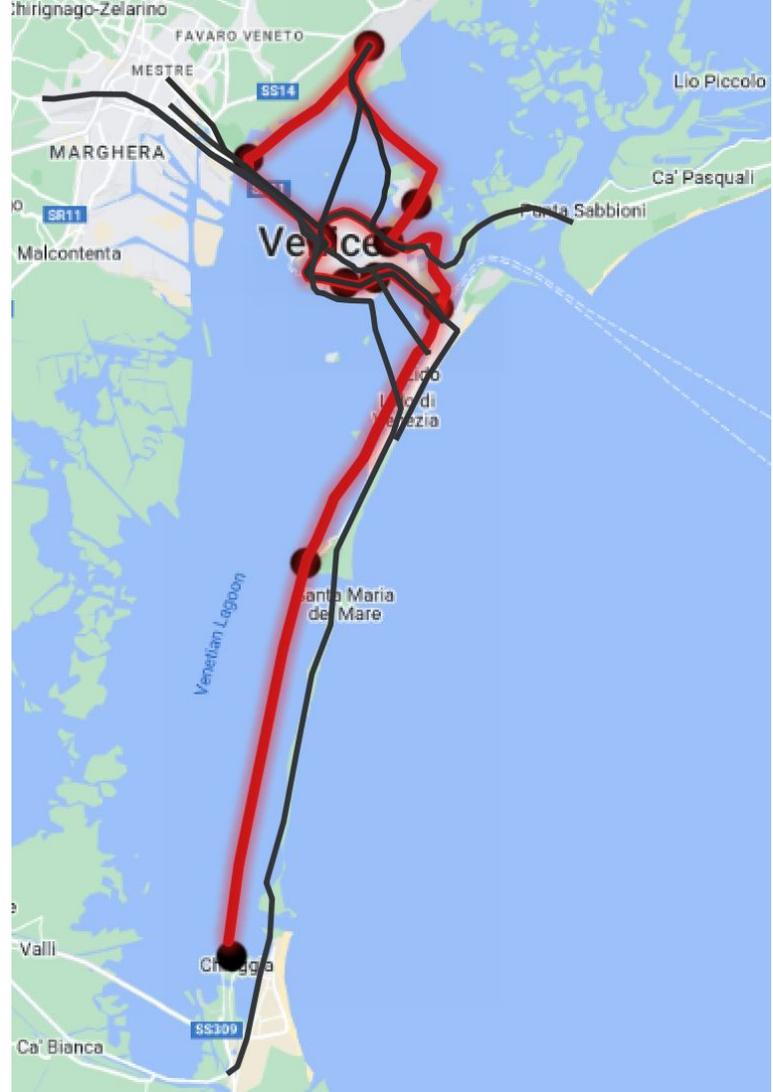


- 2017
- WPI students
- Extension of 2005 proposal



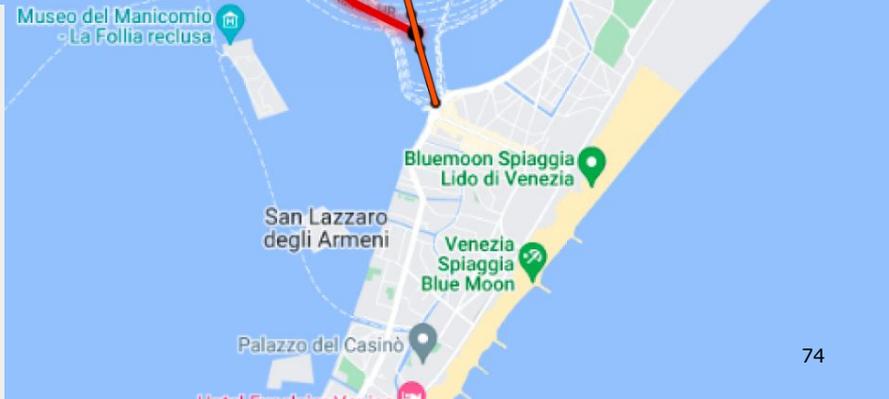
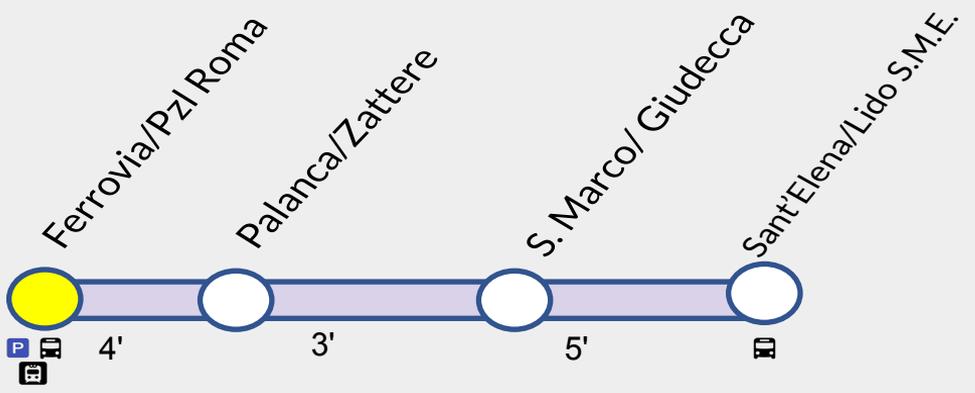
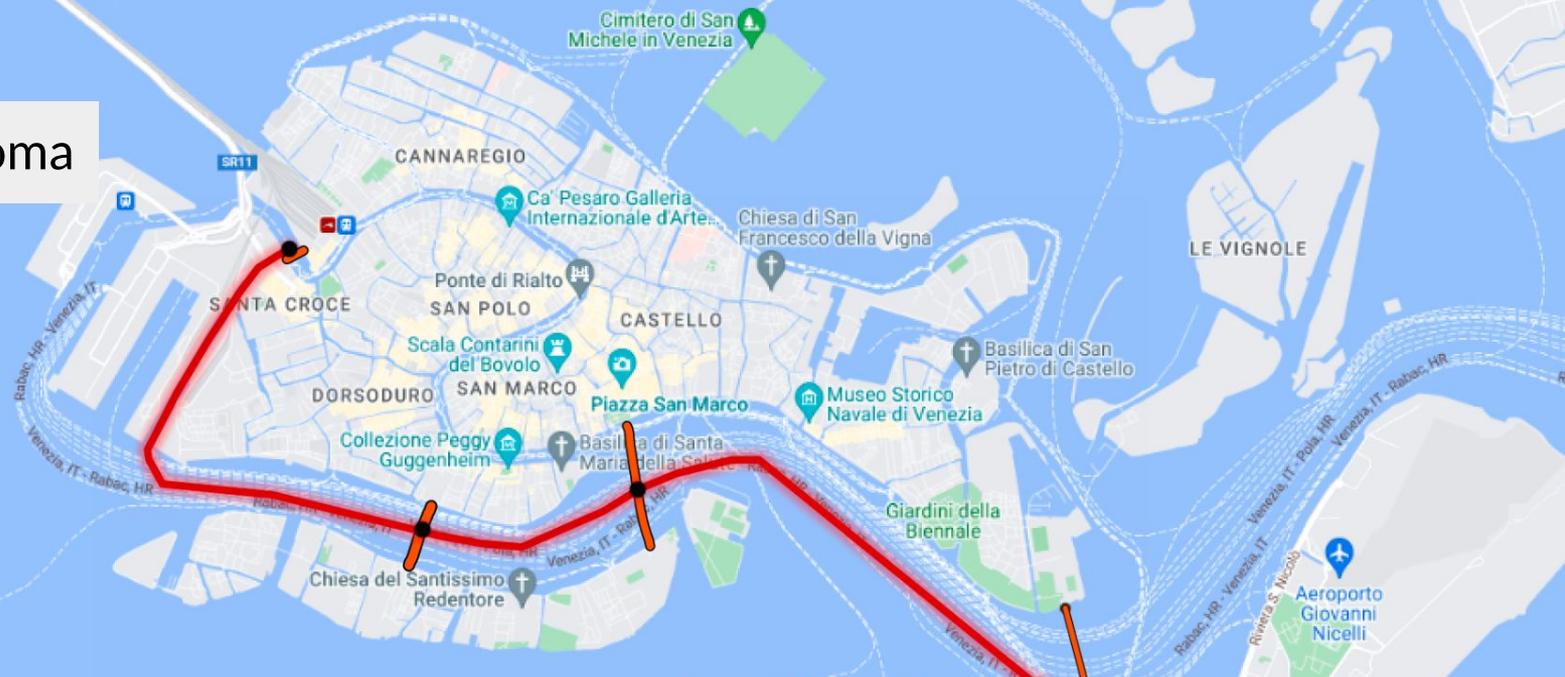


# **A faster way in and out of Venice**



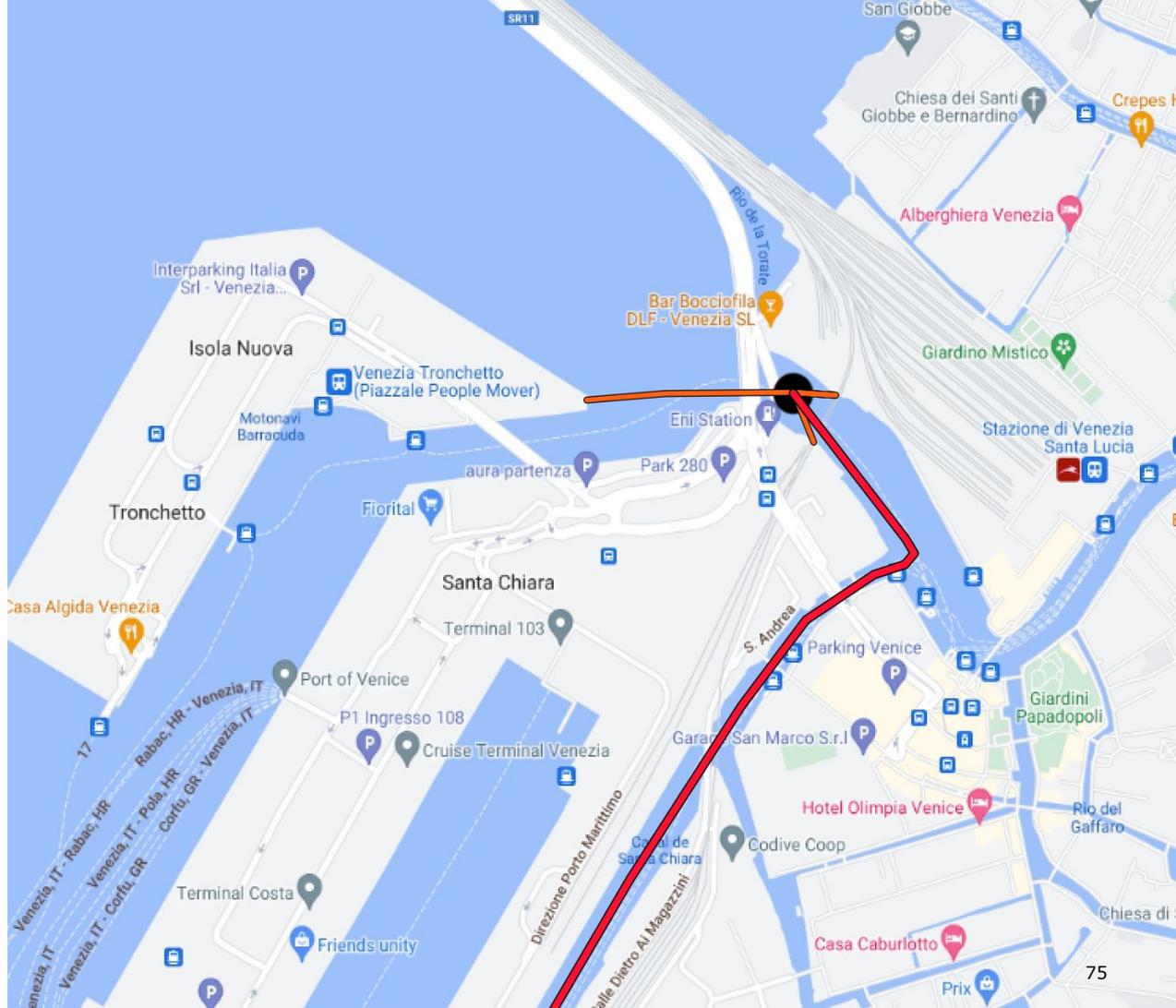
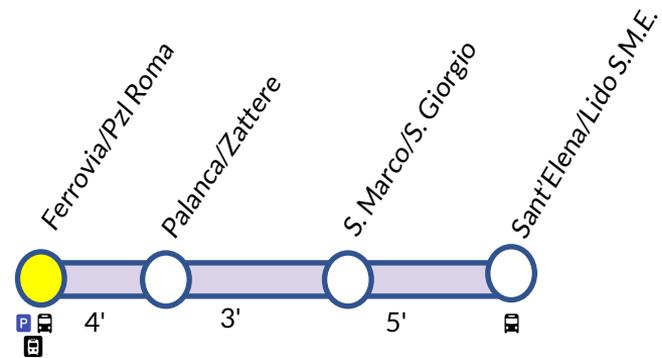
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## Ferrovia/Pzl Roma

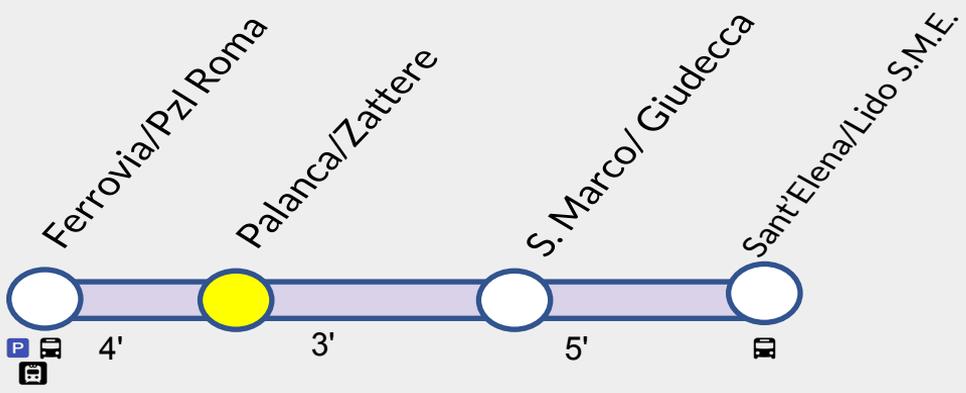
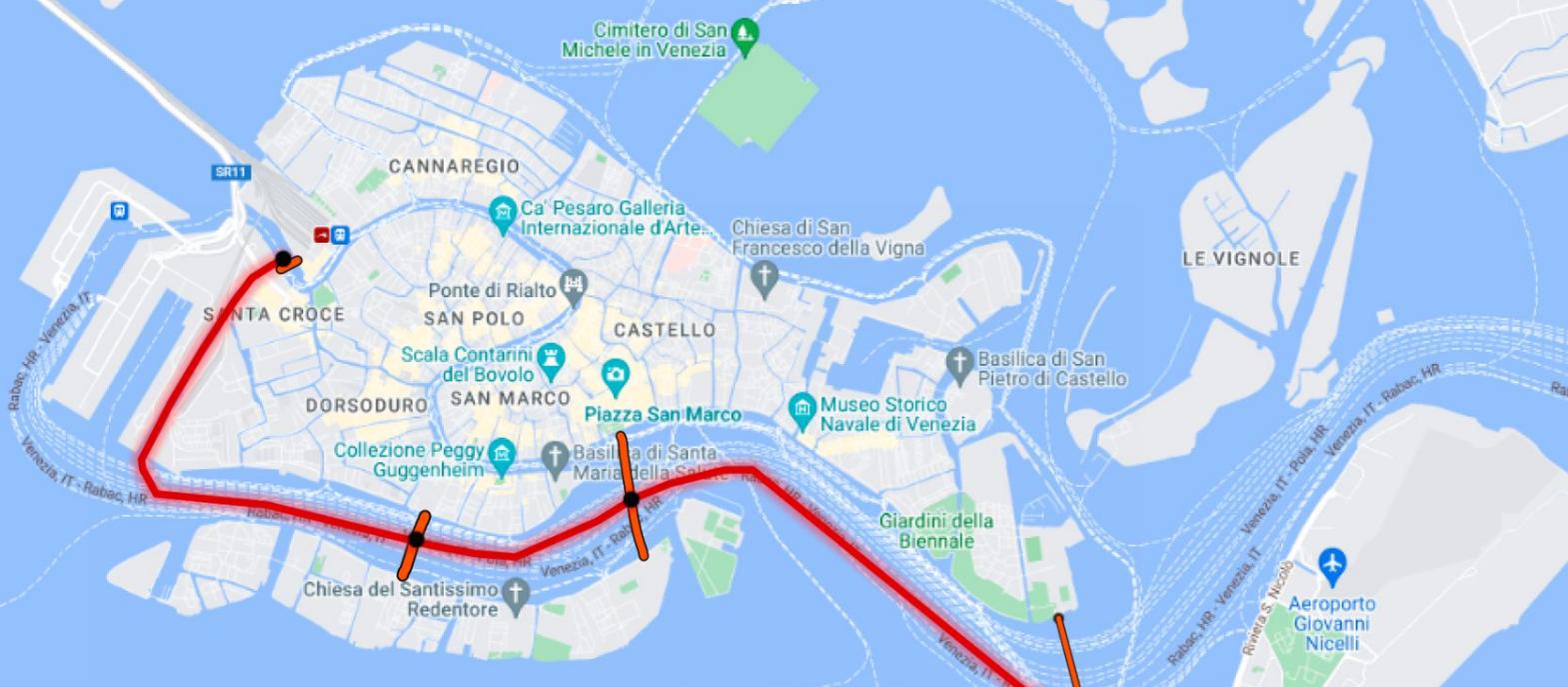


# Ferrovia/Pzl Roma/Tronchetto

- Access to the mainland
- Quick access to Ferrovia



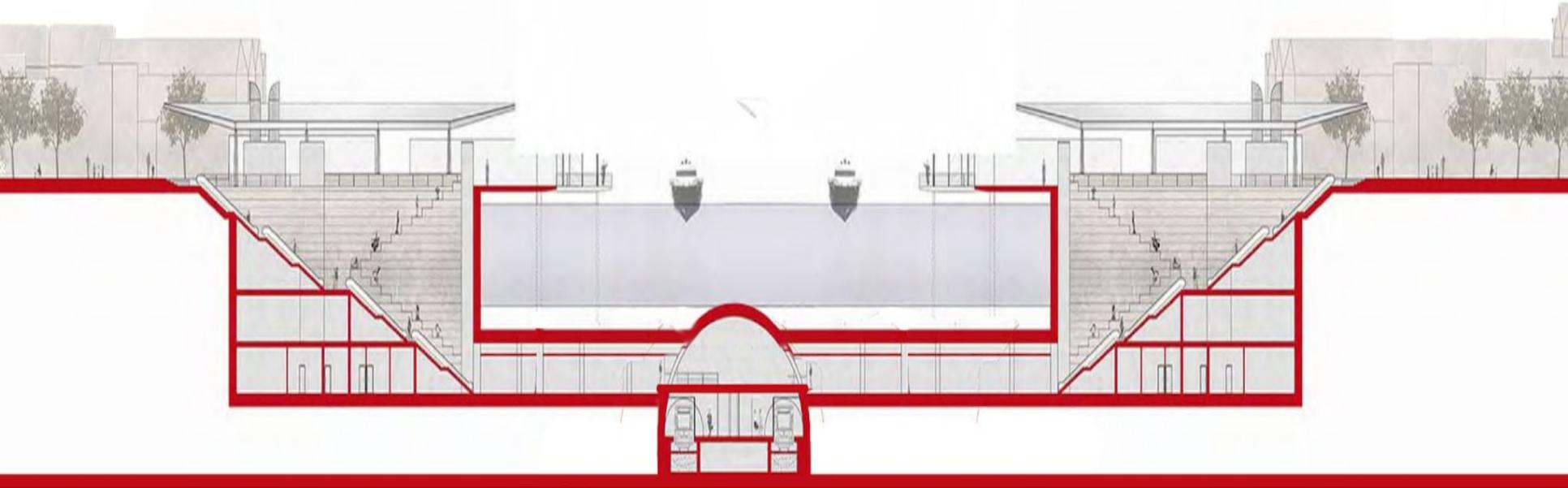
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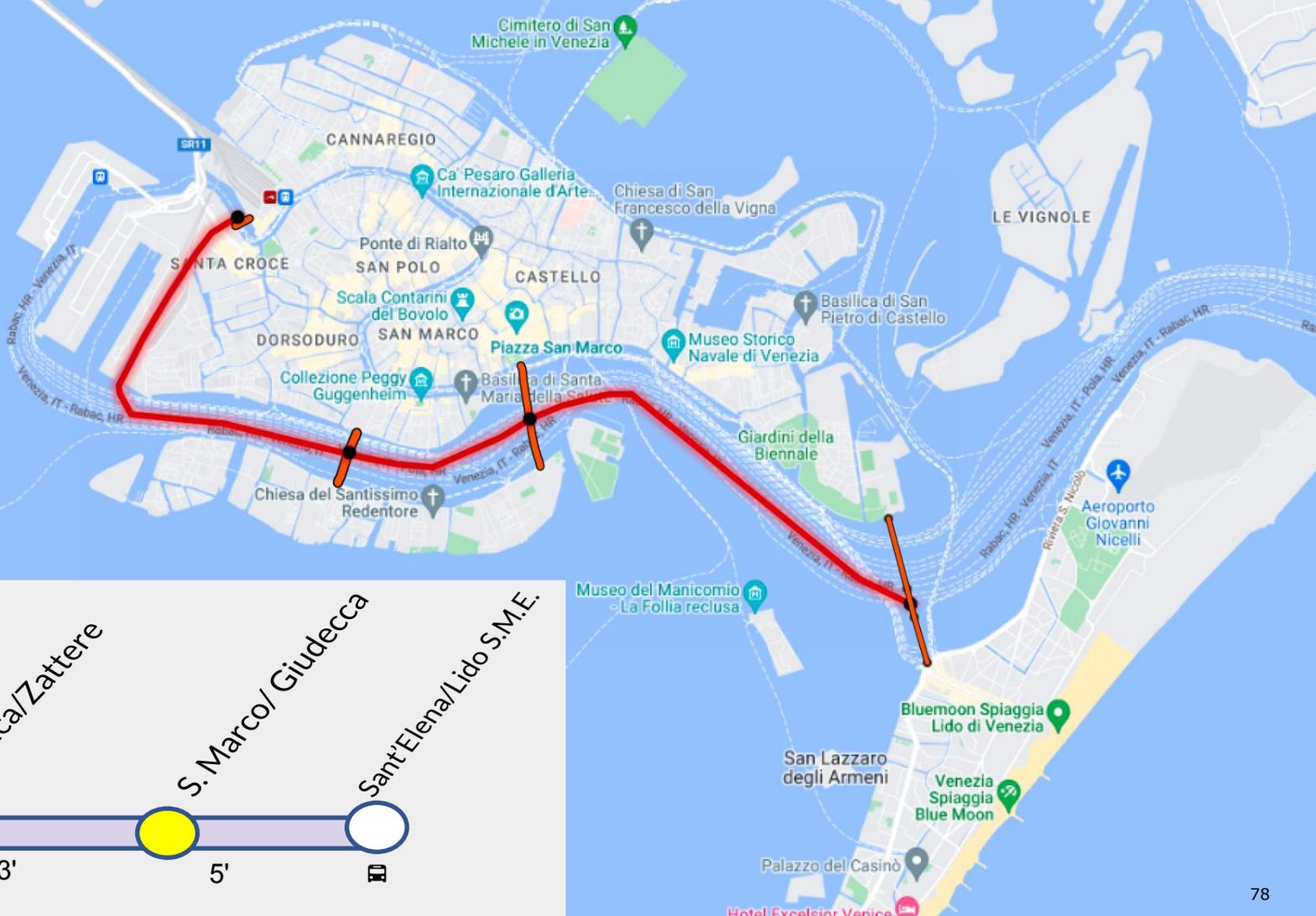
# Station with two pedestrian connections

**Zattere**

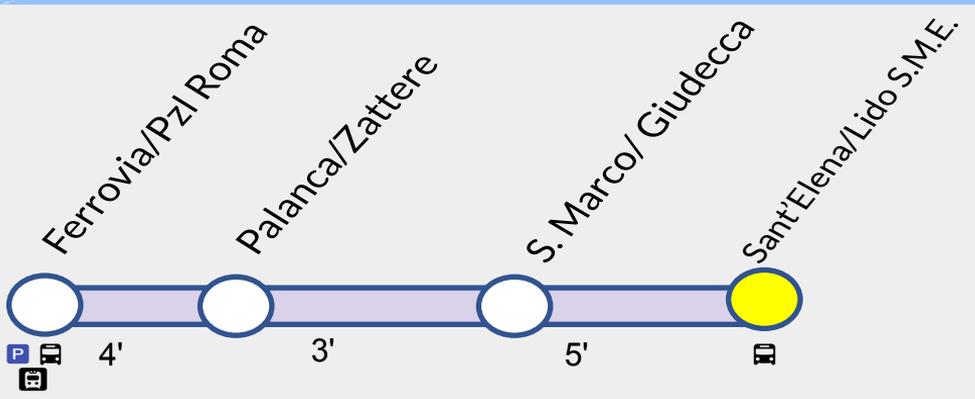
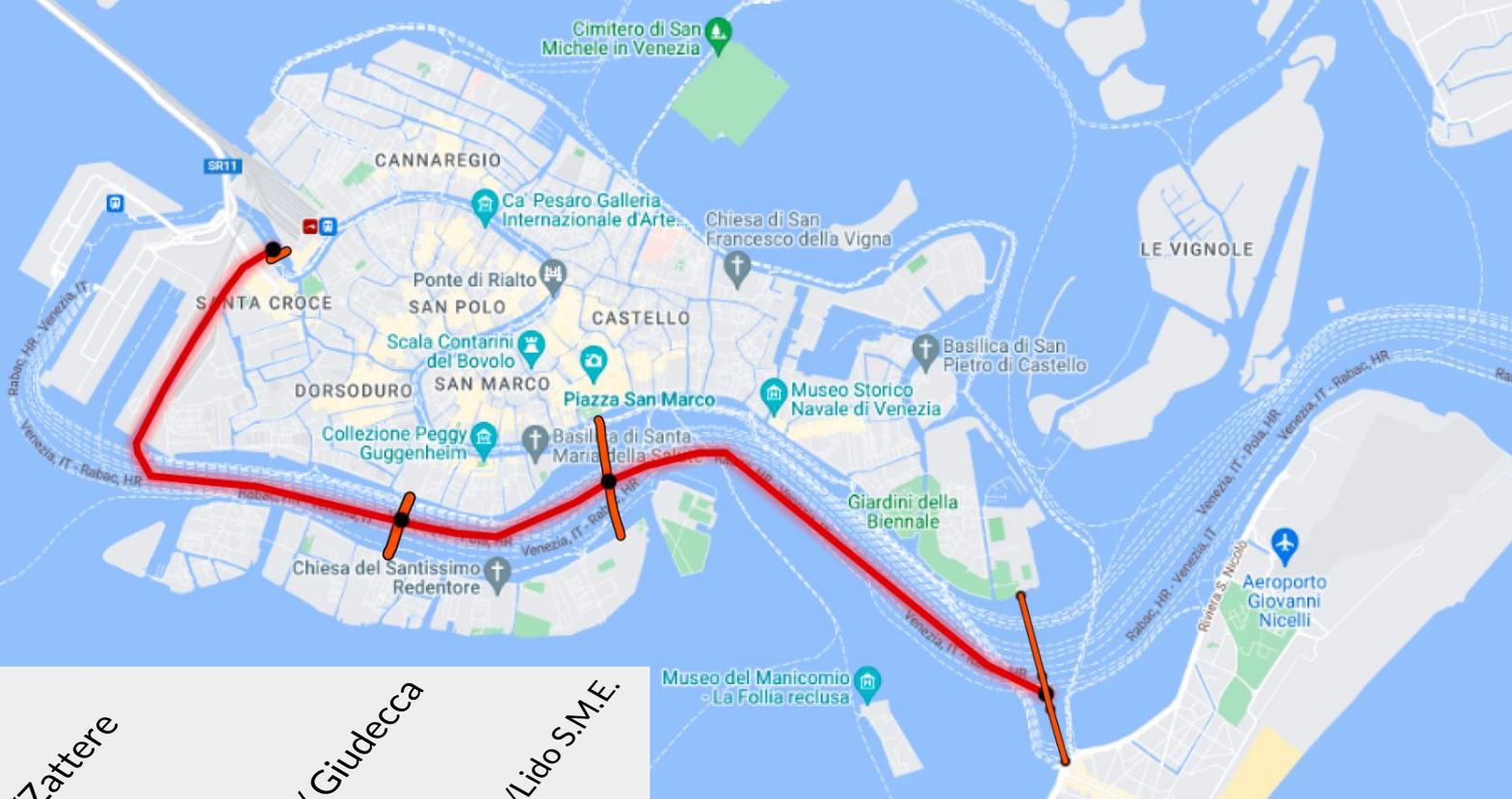
**Palanca**



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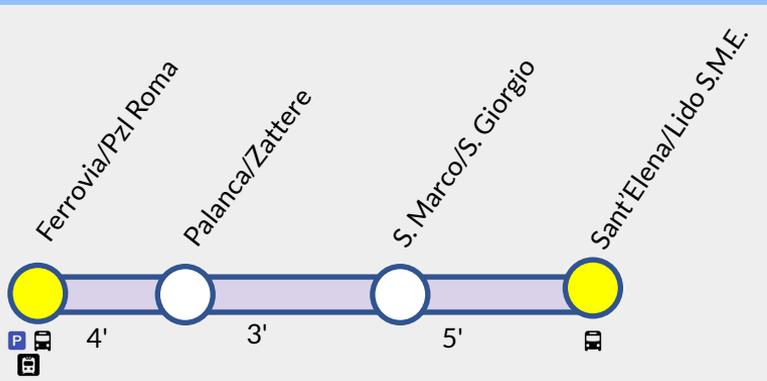
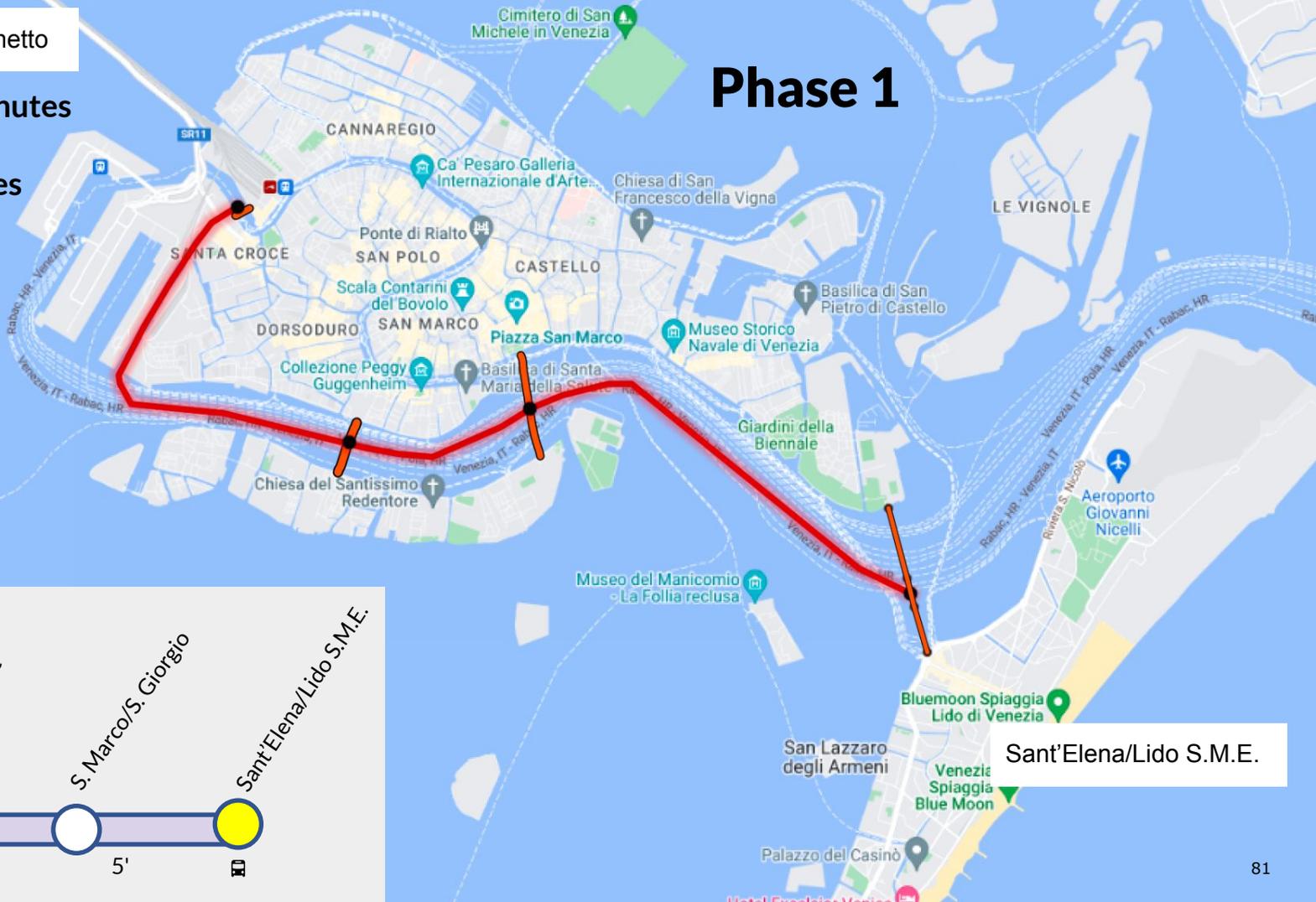


Ferrovia/Pzl Roma/Tronchetto

Current time: 36 minutes

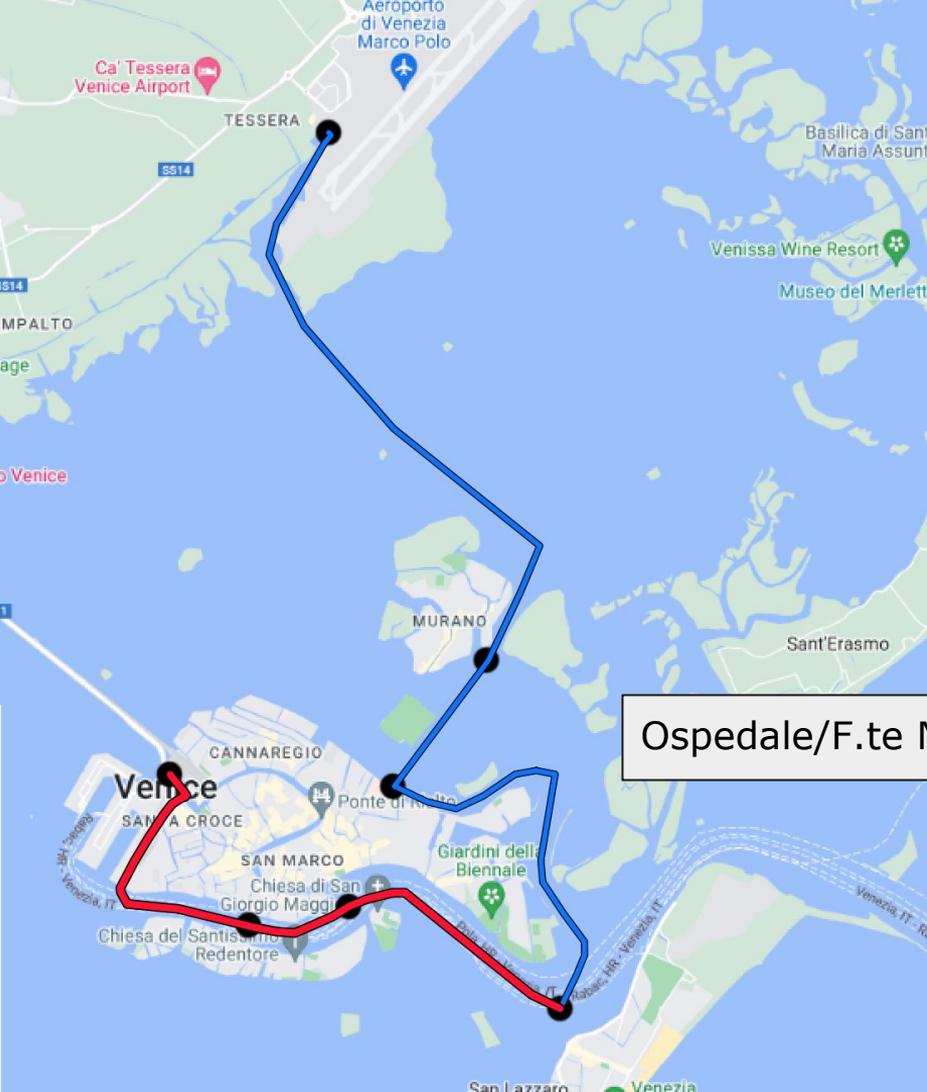
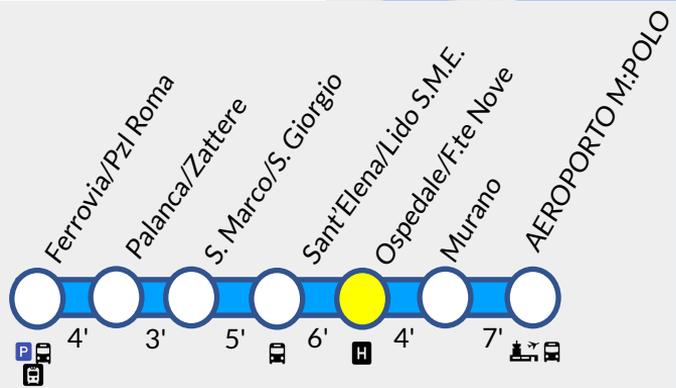
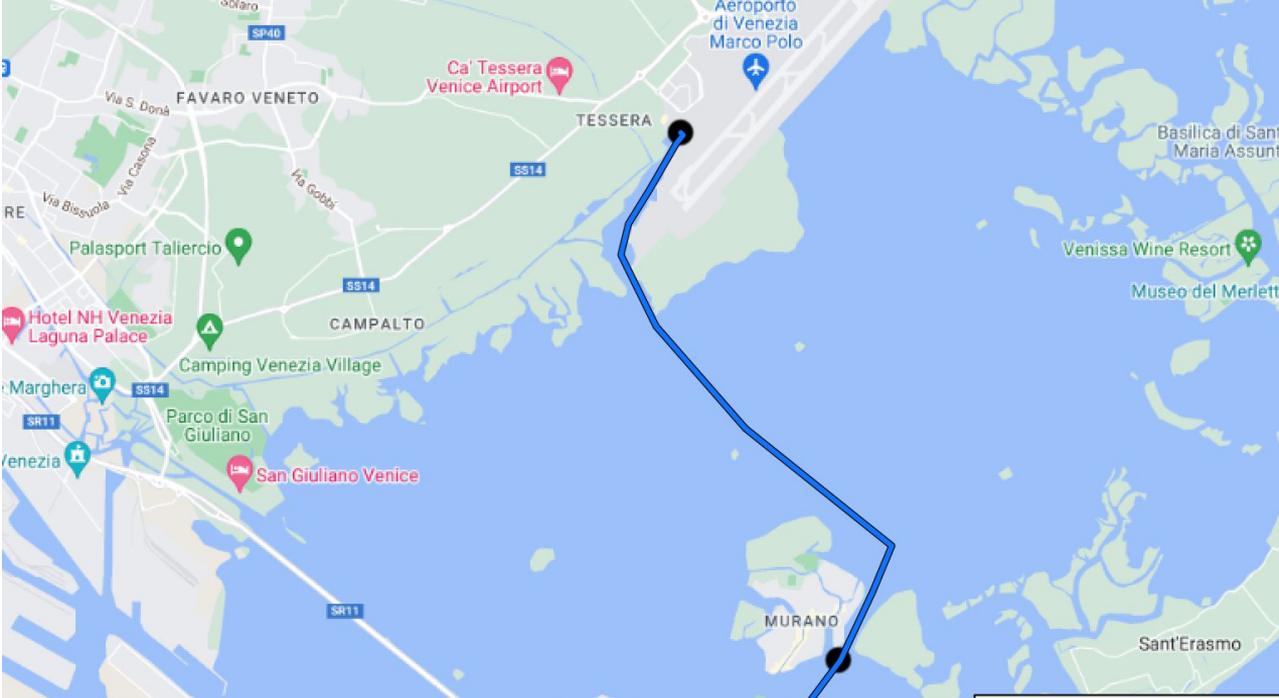
Total time: 12 minutes

# Phase 1



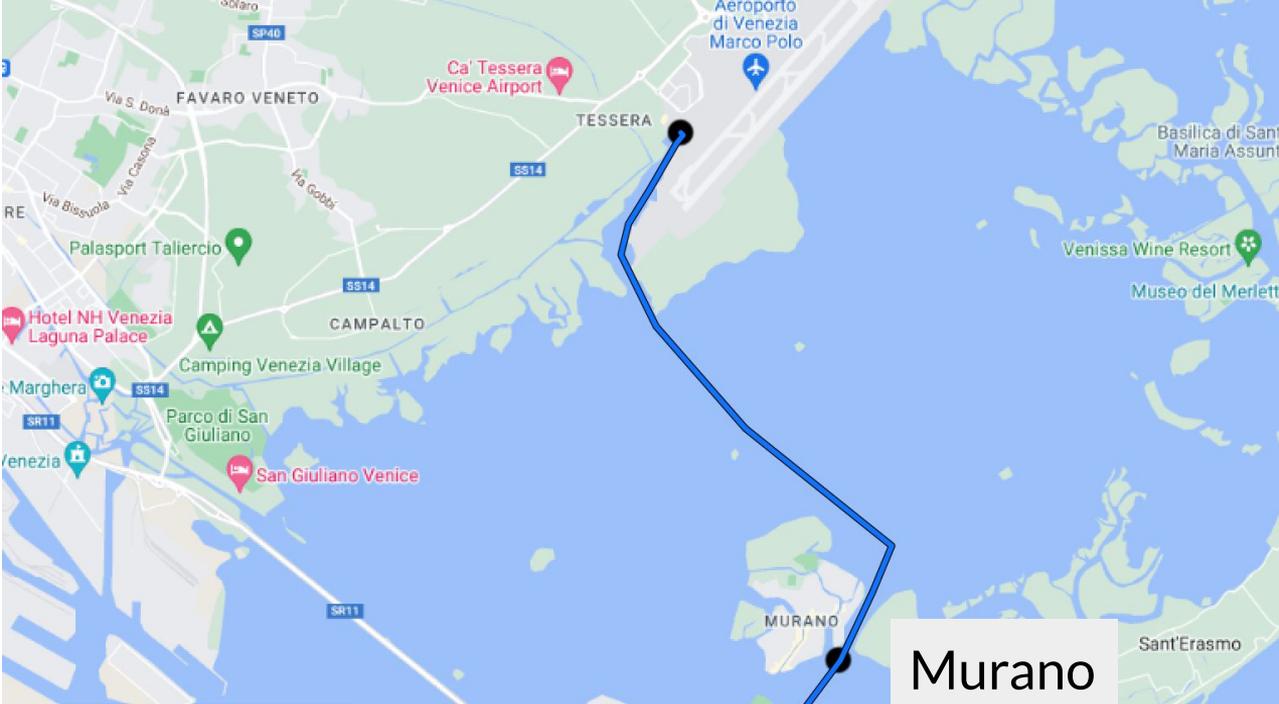
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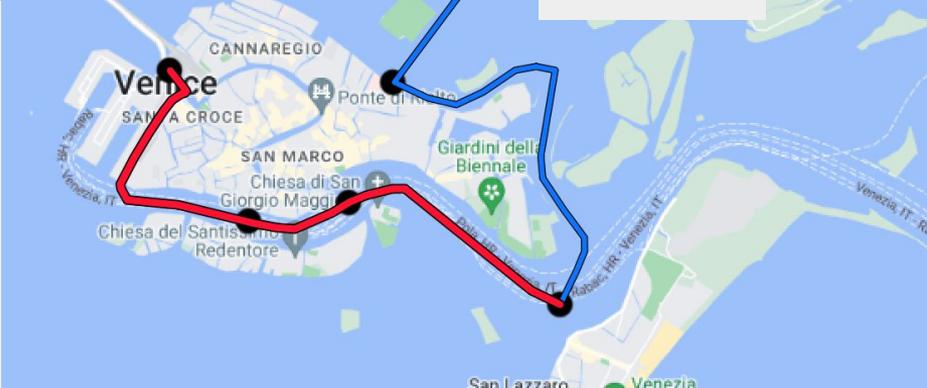


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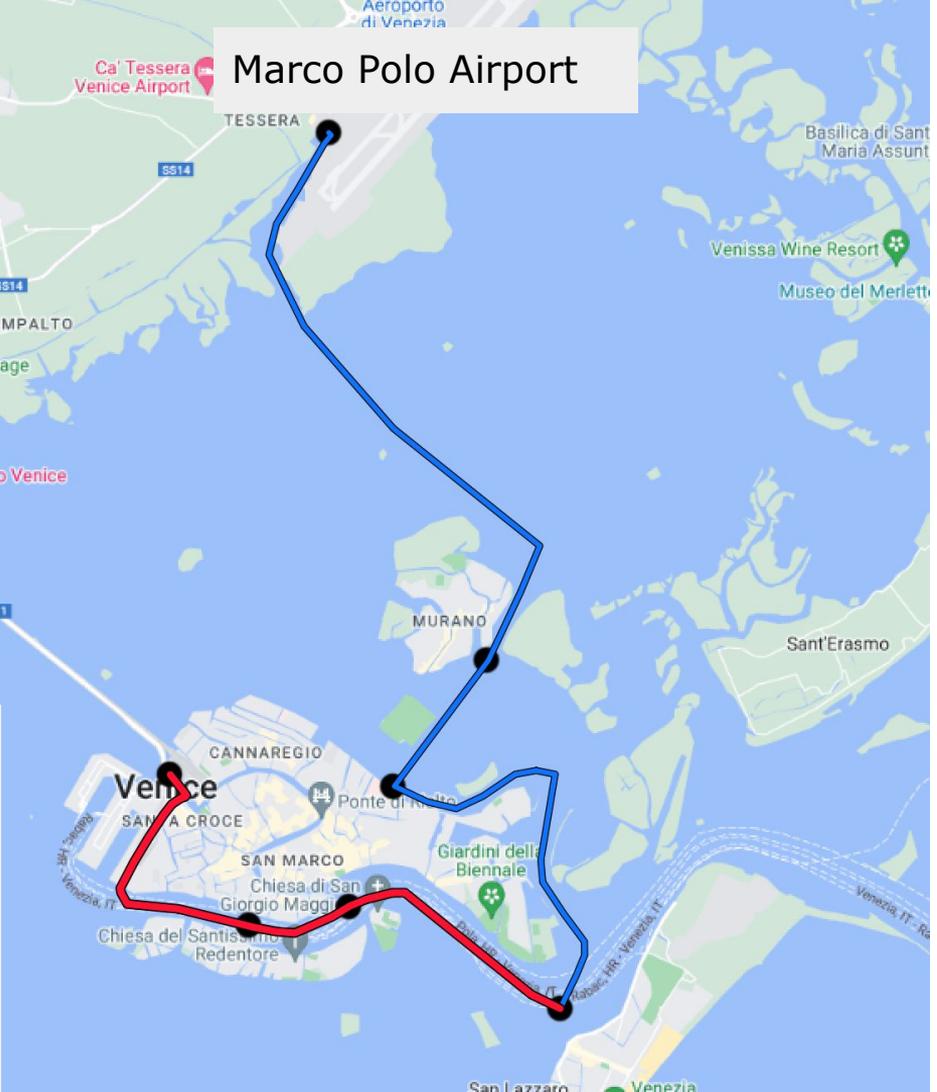
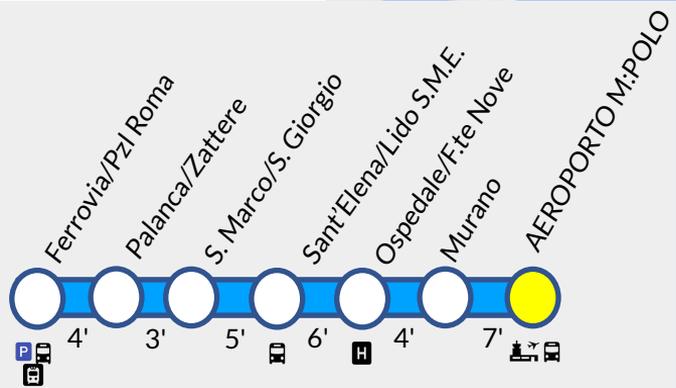
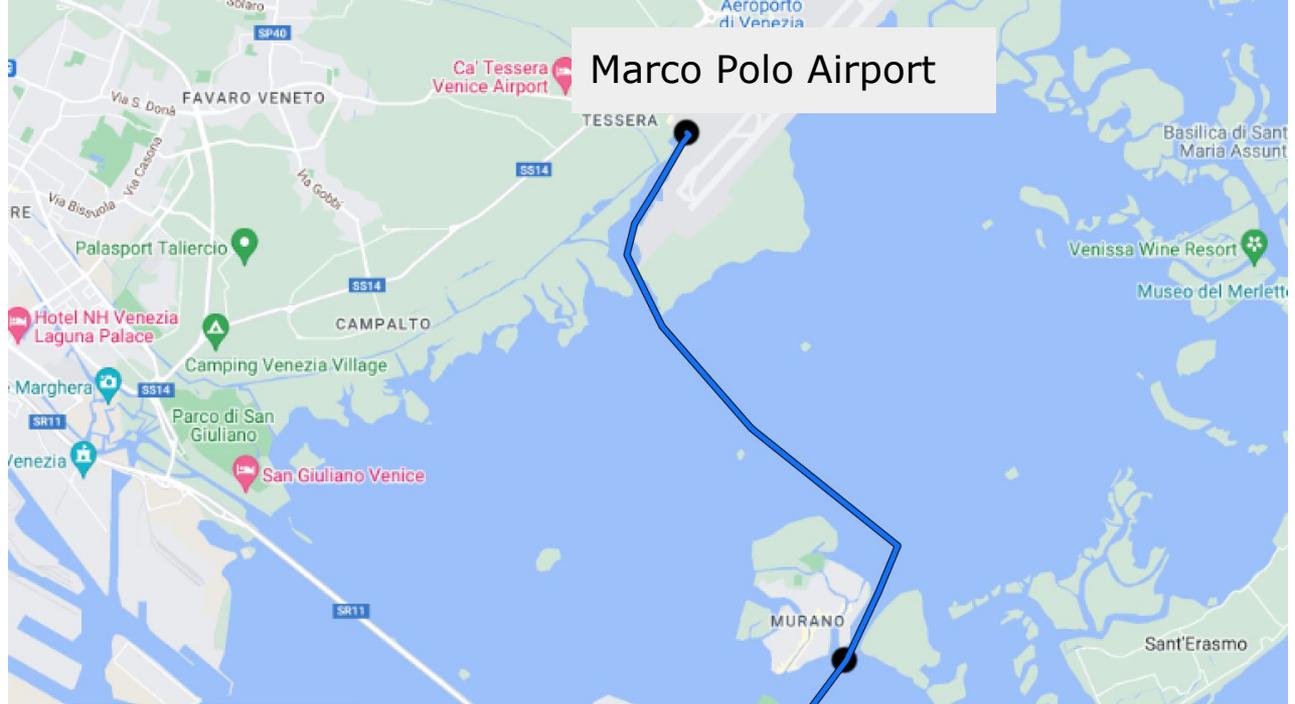
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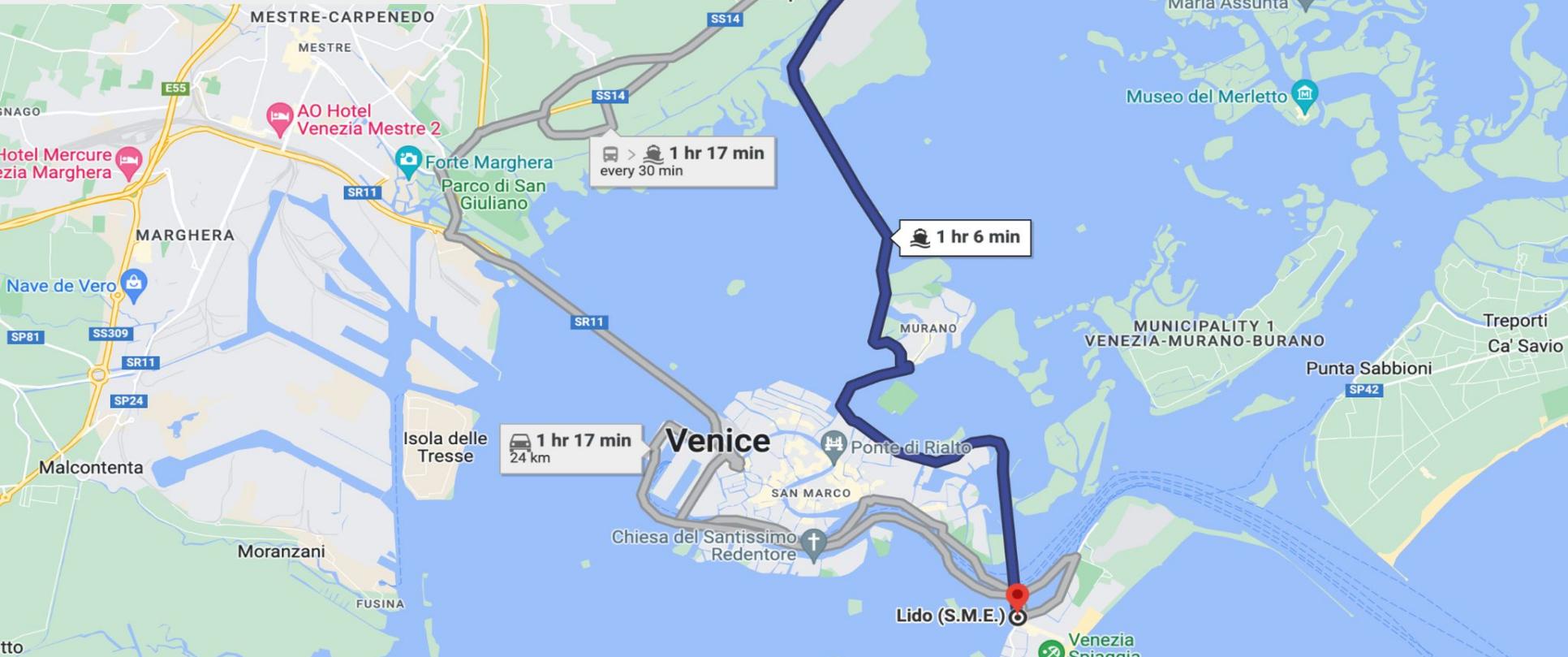
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# Phase 2



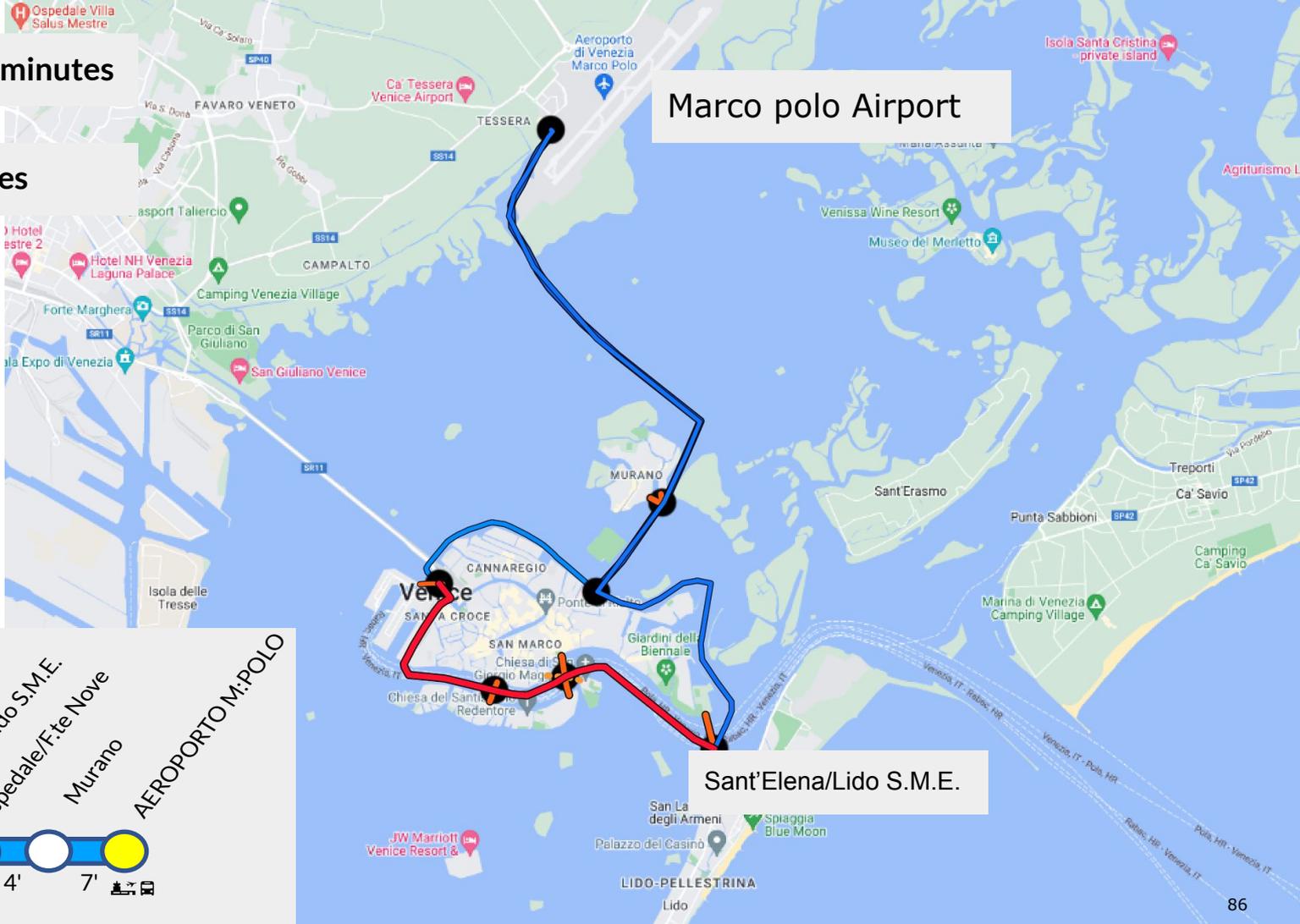
# Connecting the historic city to the airport



## Current commuting time

Current Time: 1 hr 06 minutes

Total Time: 17 minutes



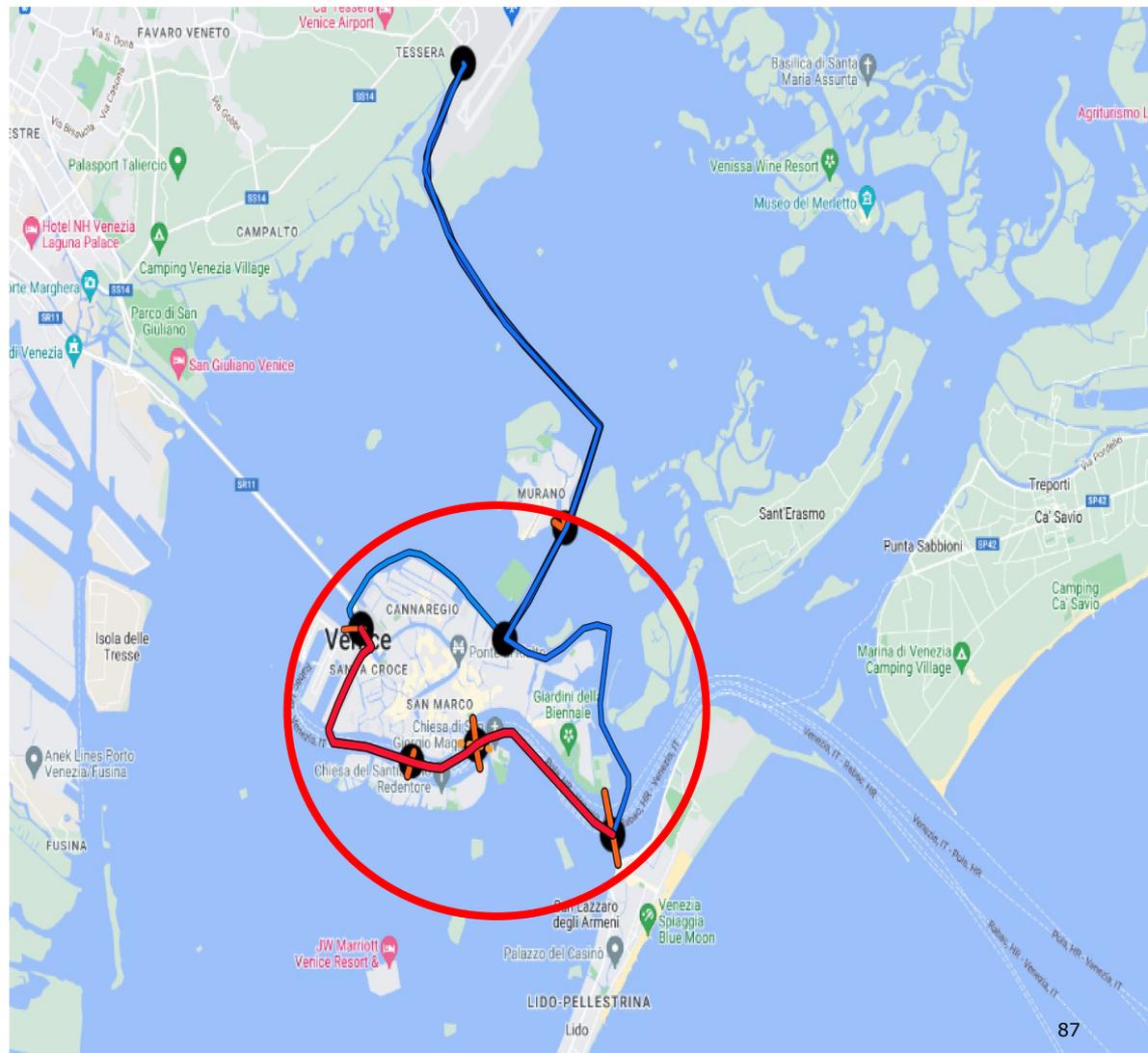
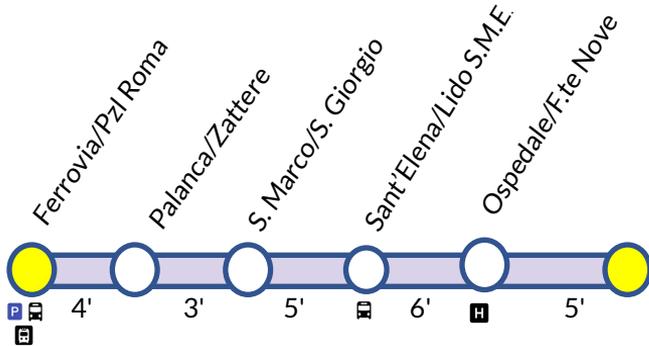
Marco polo Airport

Sant'Elena/Lido S.M.E.

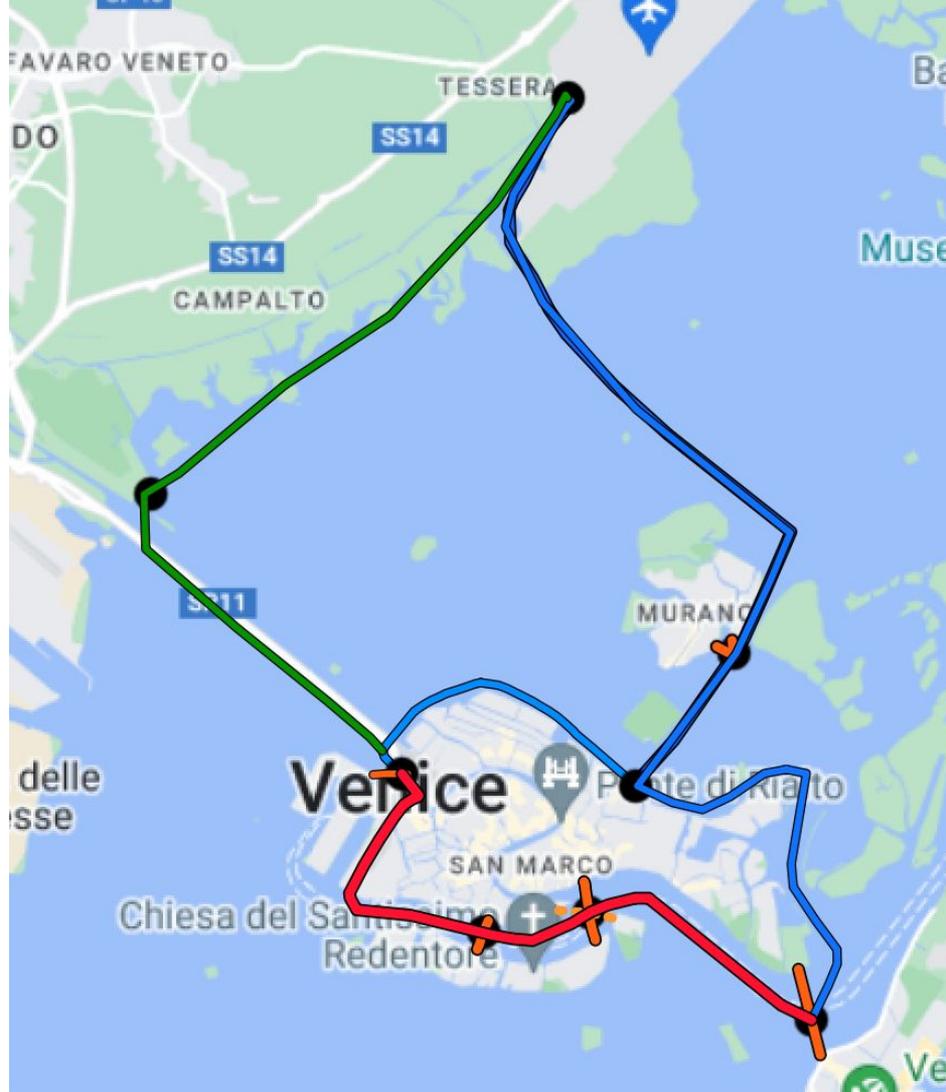


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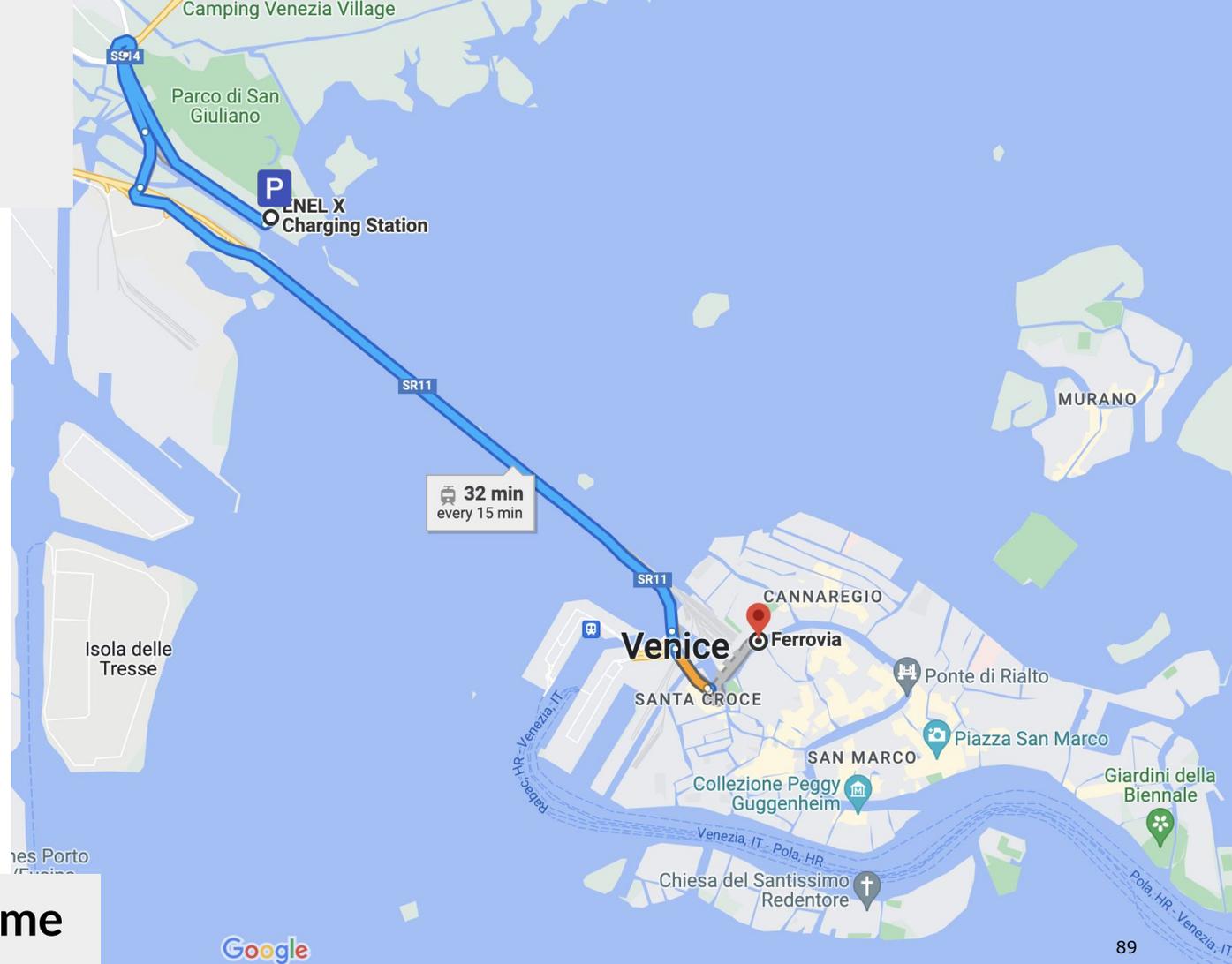
Total Time loop 23 minute



# Phase 3



# Connecting San Giuliano to the historic city

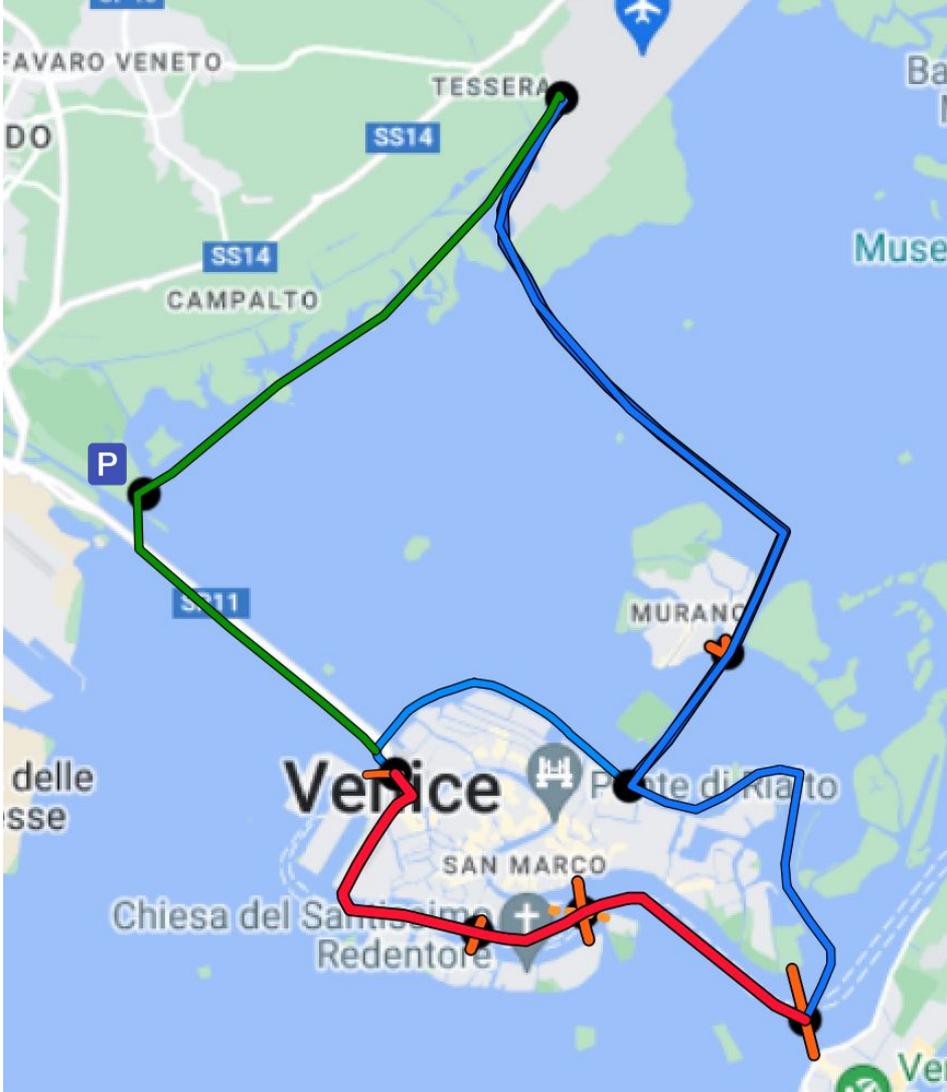


Current commuting time

# Phase 3

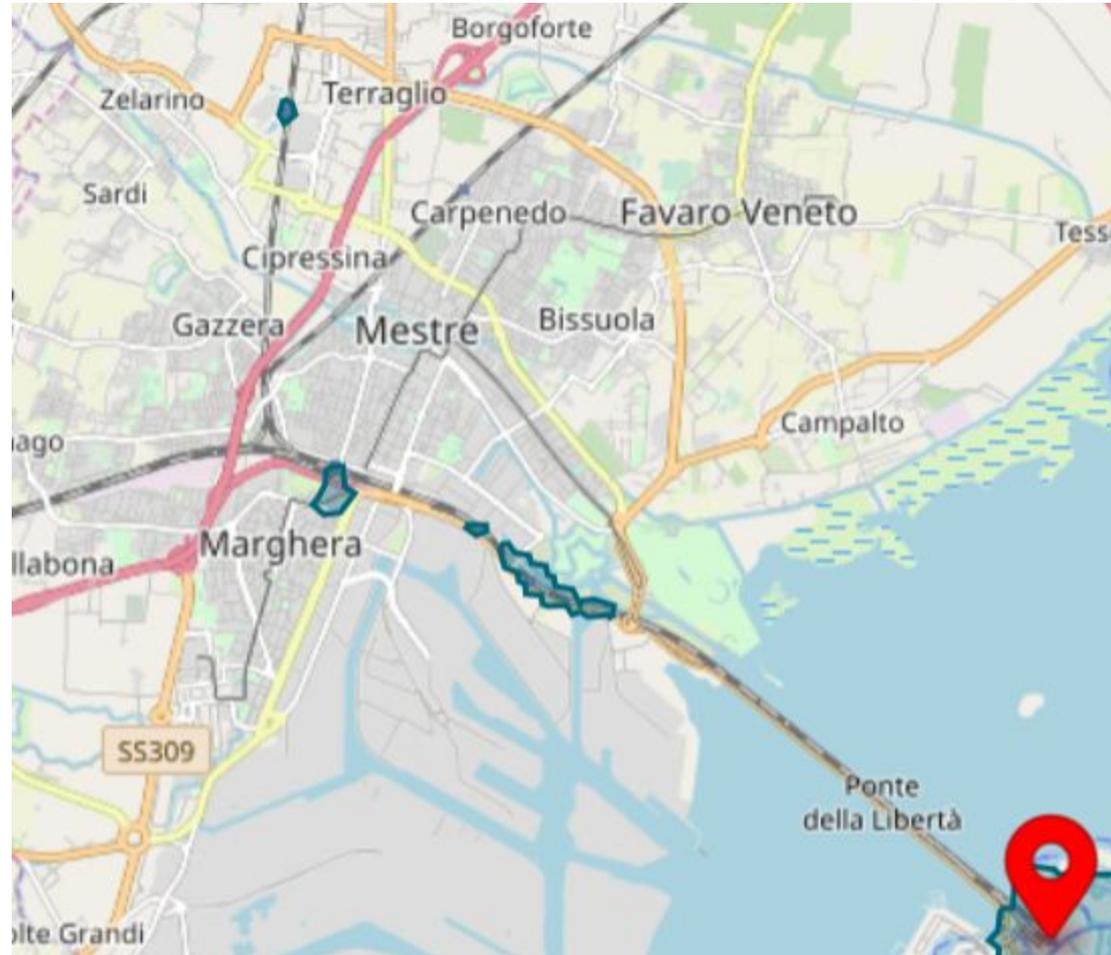
Current time: 32 minutes

Total Time: 6 minutes



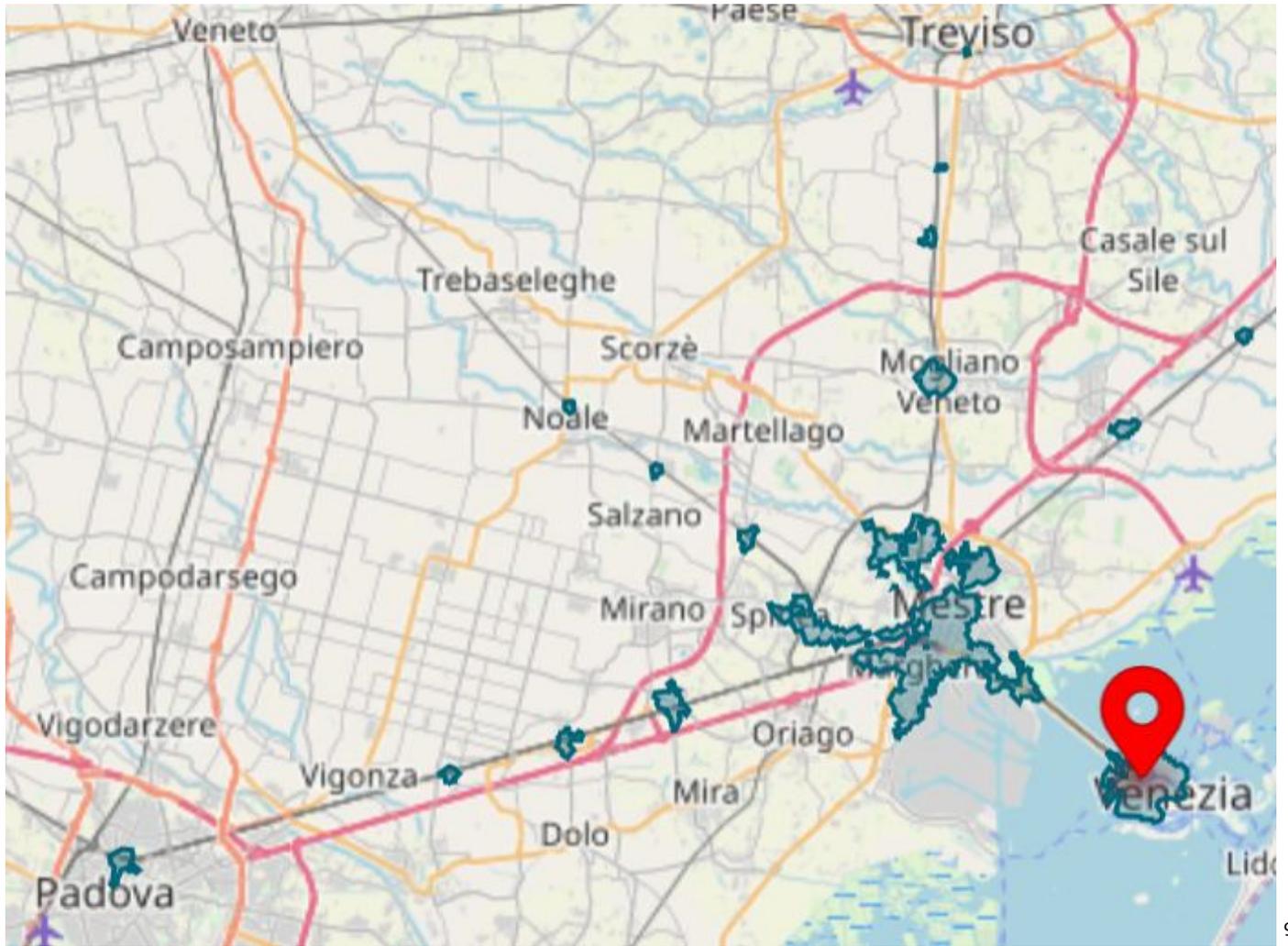
Most Venetians aren't commuting >15 minutes on the mainland

Highlighted areas are reachable within 15 minutes from Ferrovia



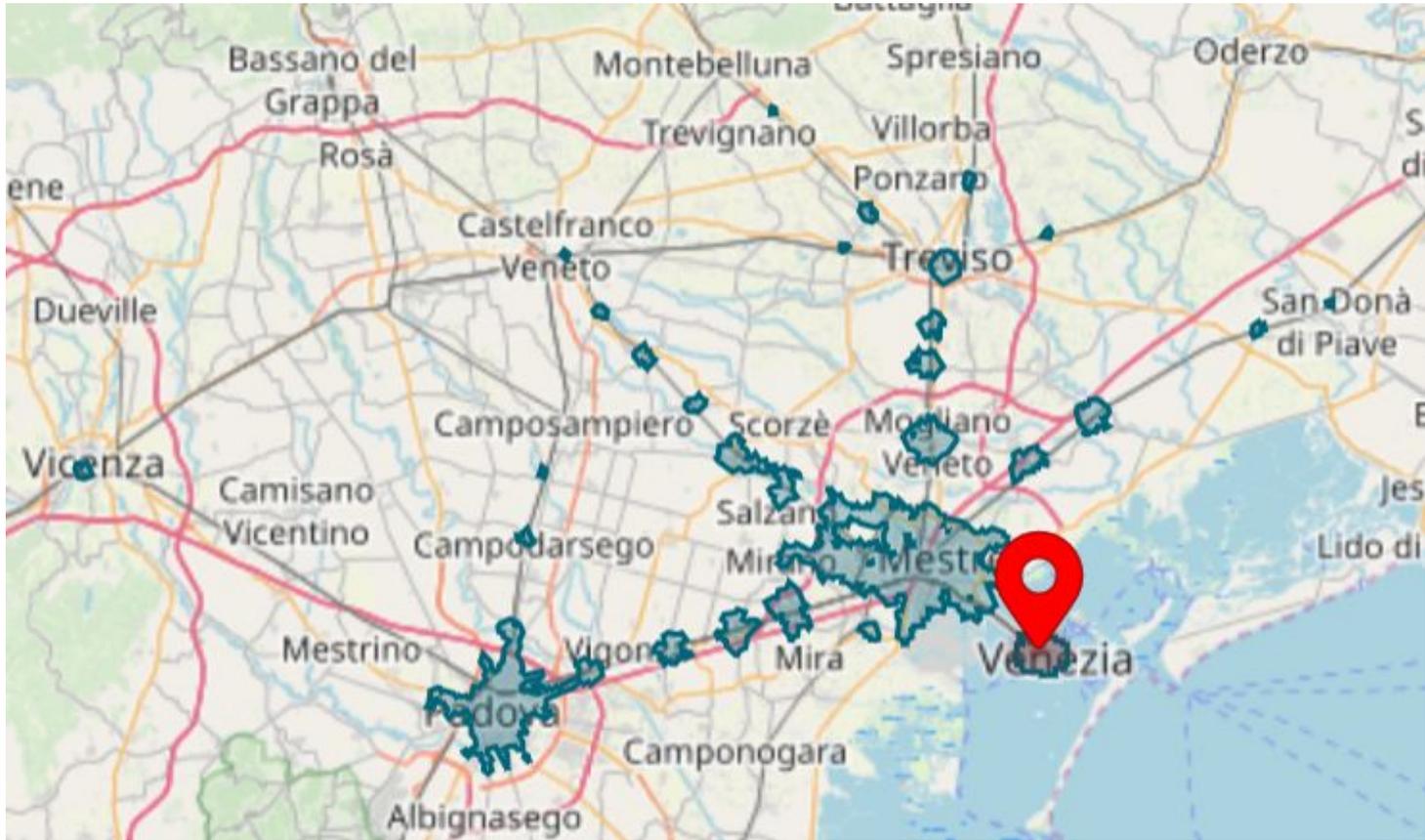
Some Venetians commute up to 30 minutes on the mainland

Highlighted areas are reachable within 30 minutes from Ferrovia



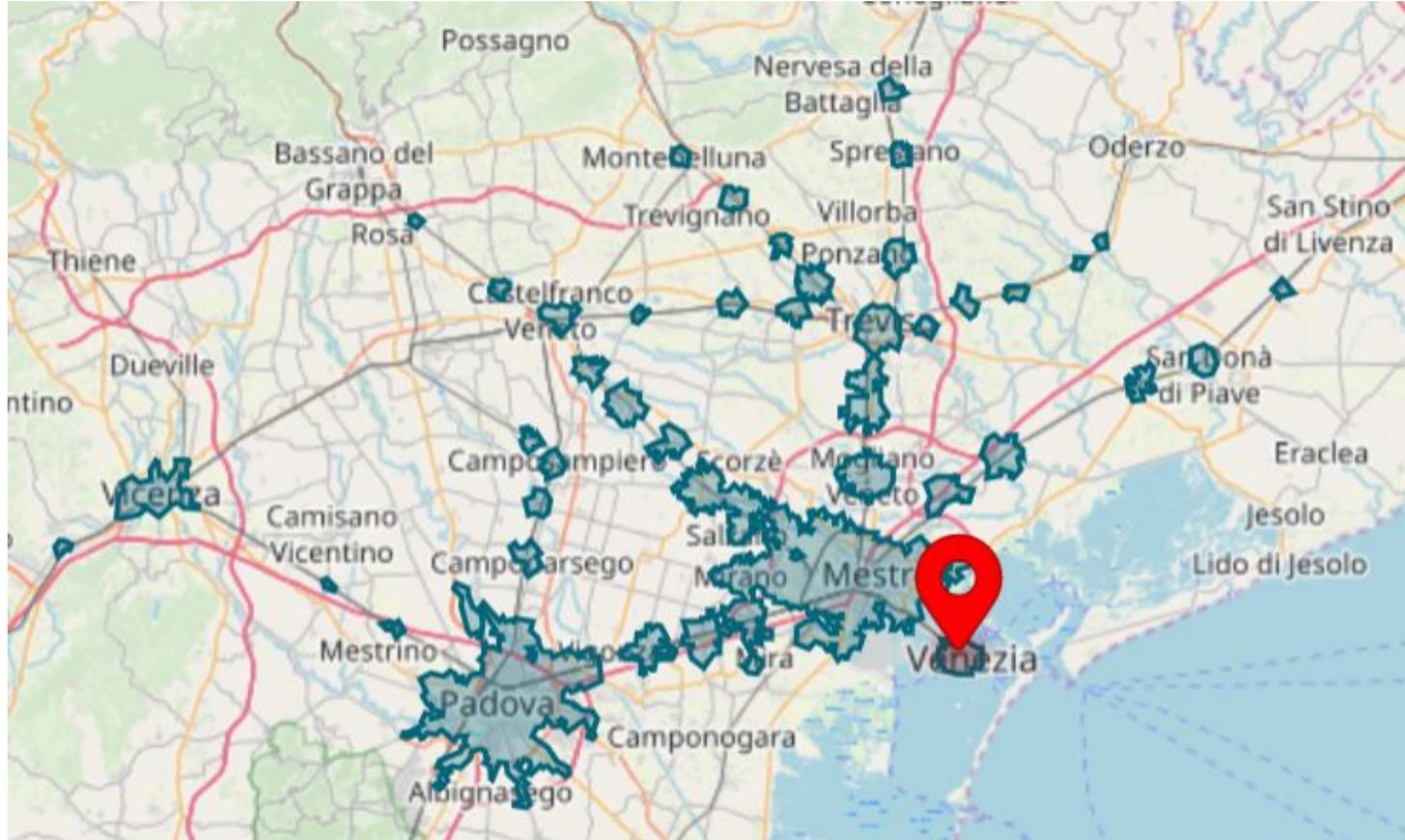
If commuters could get to Ferrovie/Pzi Roma faster, they could spend more time (up to 45 minutes) commuting on the mainland...

Highlighted areas are reachable within 45 minutes from Ferrovie



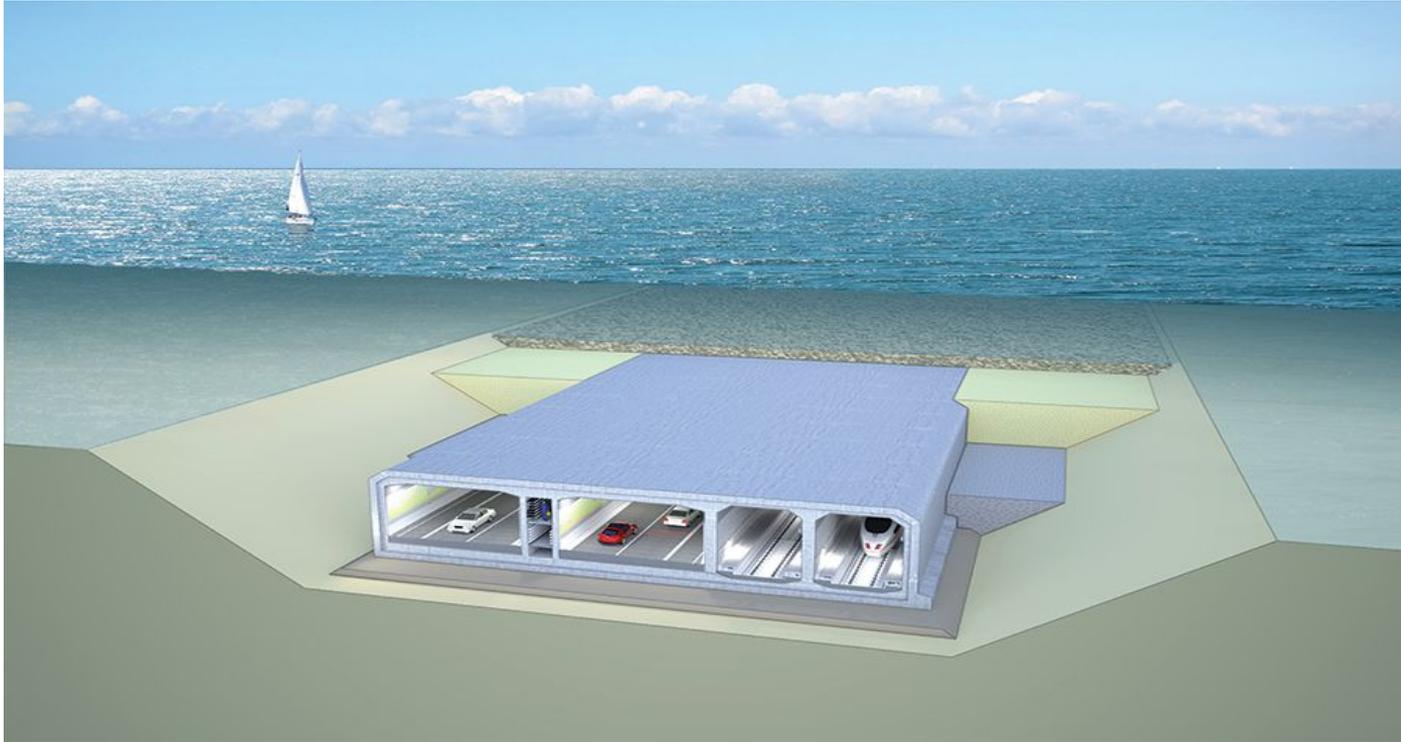
...and would be able to reach even more jobs within a 60+ minute commute

Highlighted areas are reachable within 60 minutes from Ferrovia



**How do we build  
an underground  
subway?**

# The Immersed Tube Tunnel construction method will be the cheapest for a *sublagunare* in Venice



# MOSE used the Immersed Tube Tunnel method



MOSE's immersed tunnels are located at three ports on the eastern side of the Venetian Lagoon



The trains used in the new Milan subway system, which could also be used in Venice, are **driverless**



# Based on previous projects, the estimated cost to build an underground subway system using the Immersed Tube Tunnel method is € 7.5 Billion



# Potential future phase



# Benefits to having a *sublagunare*

- Reducing commuting time, **expanding job market for Venetians**
- Reducing *moto ondosso*
- Reducing congestion in the canals
- Ability to work in any weather

# MOBILITY

## Venice Project Center REPOSITORIES

### Mobility Timeline

#### Row boats

Personal and cargo transportation was primarily by row boats until WWII. Until 1840, arriving in Venice entailed a gondola ride from Mestre

#### Steam Boats

Vaporetti provided steam-powered public transportation from 1900 until 1945

#### Motor boats

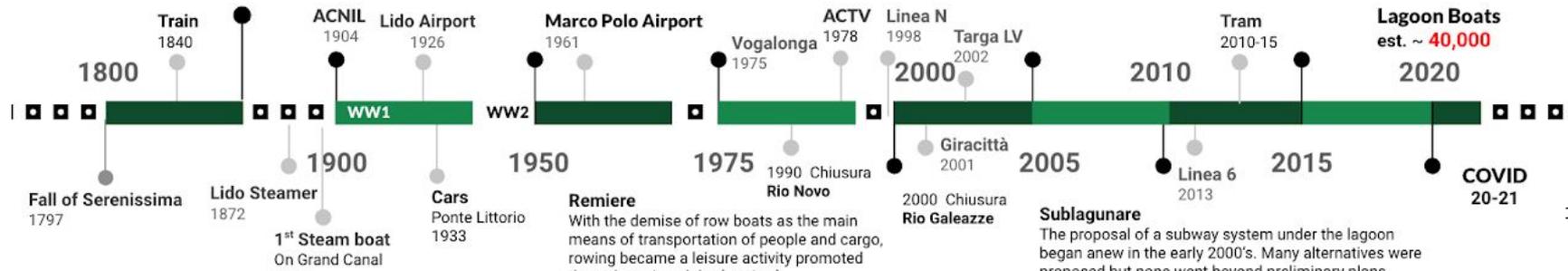
WWII brought widespread use of gasoline and diesel-powered motors in the general population. Taxis and cargo boats were first

#### Plastic boats

Since the 1980's gradually more and more boats were made of plastic, leaving only a niche market for traditional wooden boats

#### Electric/Hybrid boats

The first ACTV electric passenger boat debuted in 1996. In 2017, Alliguna introduces Scossa, a hybrid passenger boat. Several entrepreneurs began developing electric/hybrid systems applicable in Venice



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# Cargo transportation is divided into two categories :



Conto proprio



Conto terzi

# ***Proprio (Own)* licenses are for those who are transportation goods for their own businesses**



# **Conto Terzi (third parties) are licenses for transporting things on behalf of third parties**

Currently: 410 authorizations



# Unit load products are raw materials, heavy machinery, and construction materials



# Refrigerated products are one type of cargo product delivered to Venice

*total capacity of refrigerated cargo 293 m<sup>3</sup>*



# Dry products are one type of cargo product delivered to Venice

The total volume of dry cargo is  $6278 \text{ m}^3$

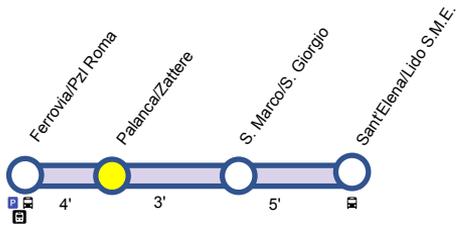
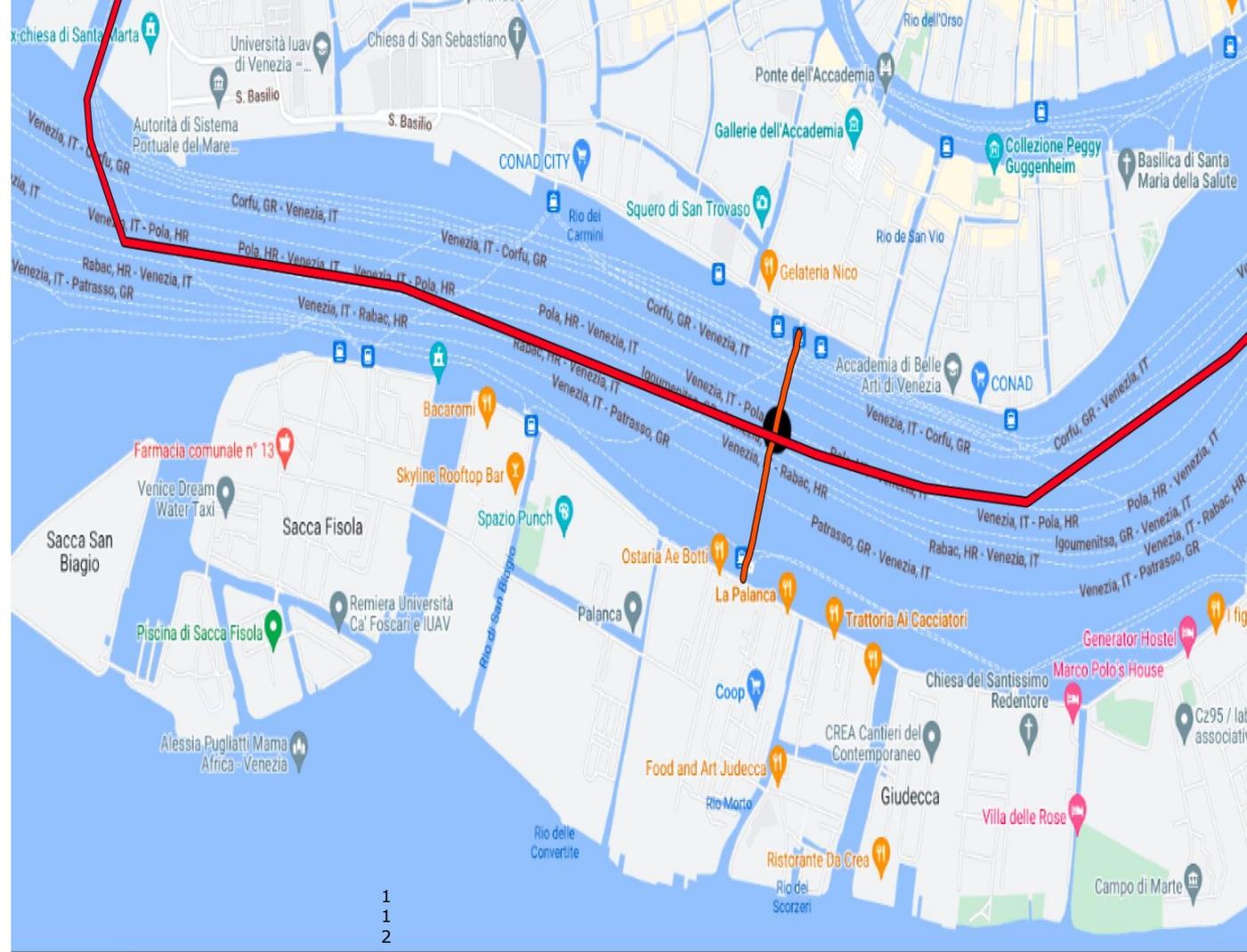


# Dry and refrigerated products are delivered to the businesses by cargo dolly



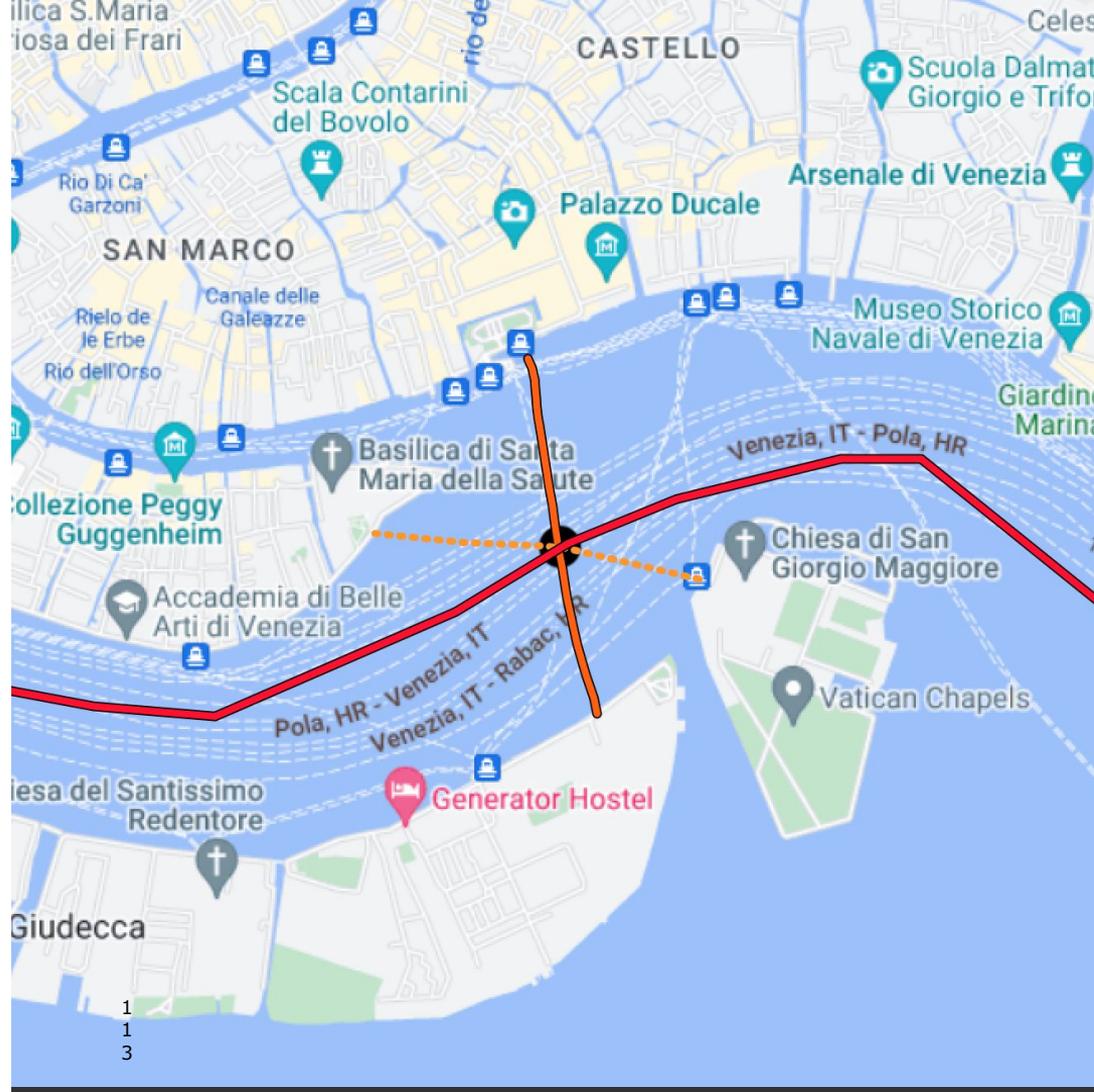
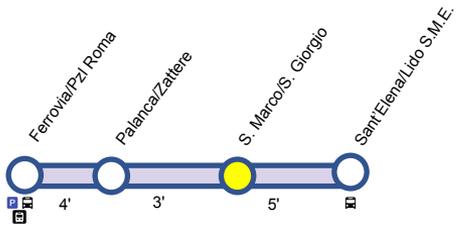
# Palanca/Zattere

- Pedestrian tunnel between central Giudecca Palanca and Zattere
- Zattere is near universities and the Accademia Bridge



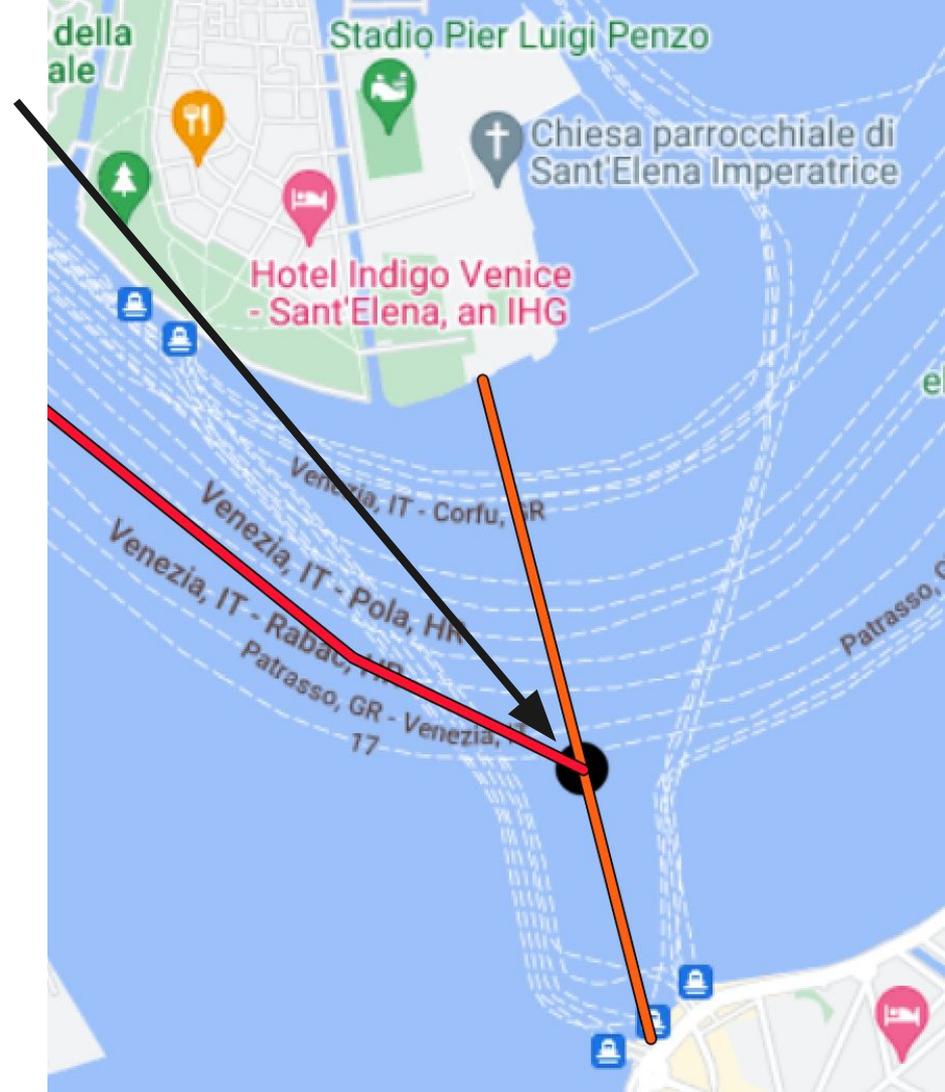
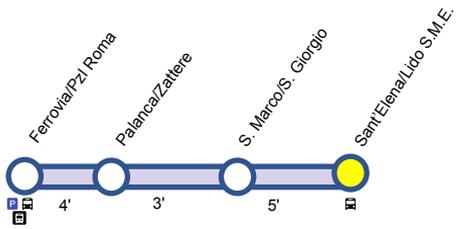
# S. Marco/S. Zaccaria/ S. Giorgio

- Pedestrian tunnel between East Giudecca and San Marco.
- One of the most visited sestieri.
- Piazza San Marco and the Basilica di San Marco



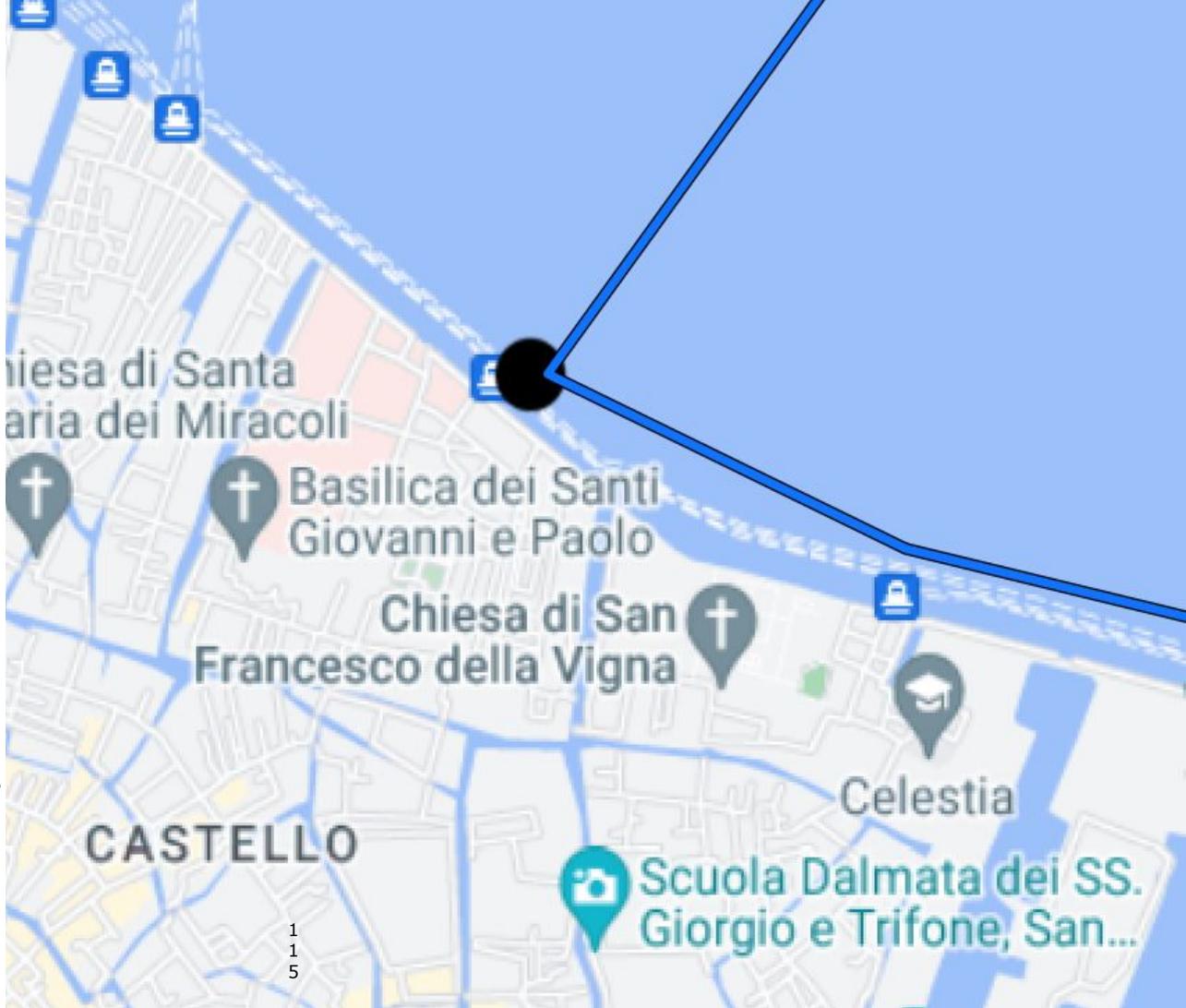
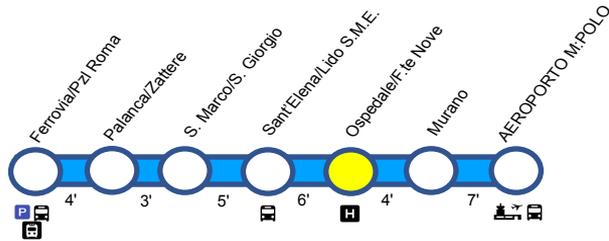
# Stop Rationale: Sant'Elena/Lido S.M.E.

- Pedestrian tunnel between Lido and S.Elena
- Home to nearly 20,000 residents
- Lido is an 11 km-long area and it is considered the city's beach



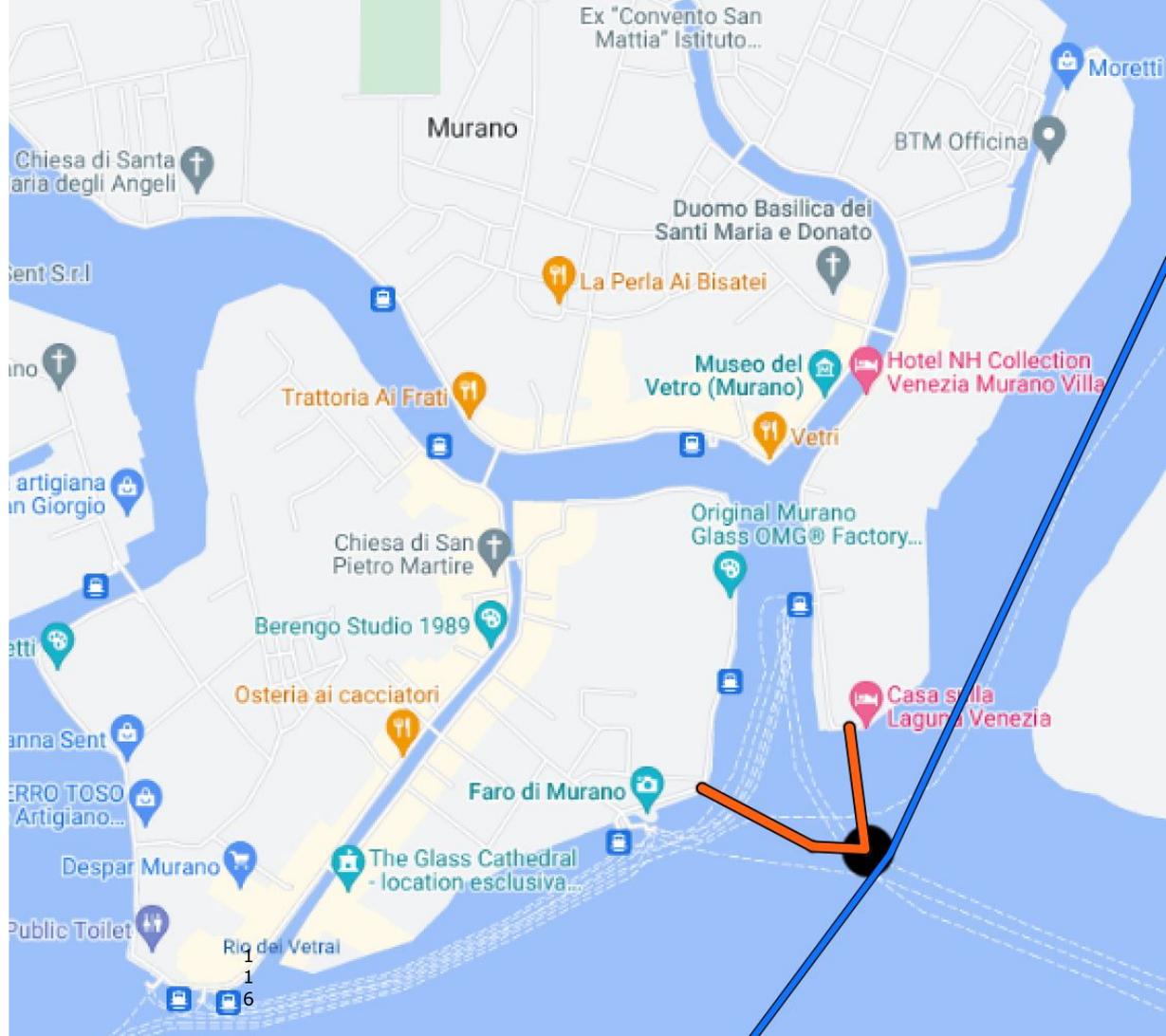
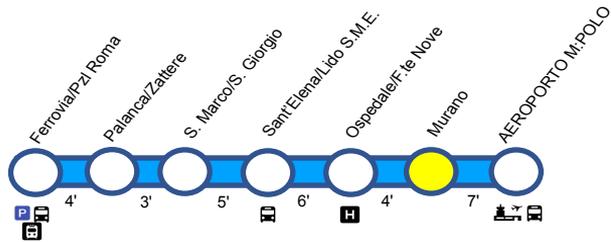
# Ospedale/F.te Nove

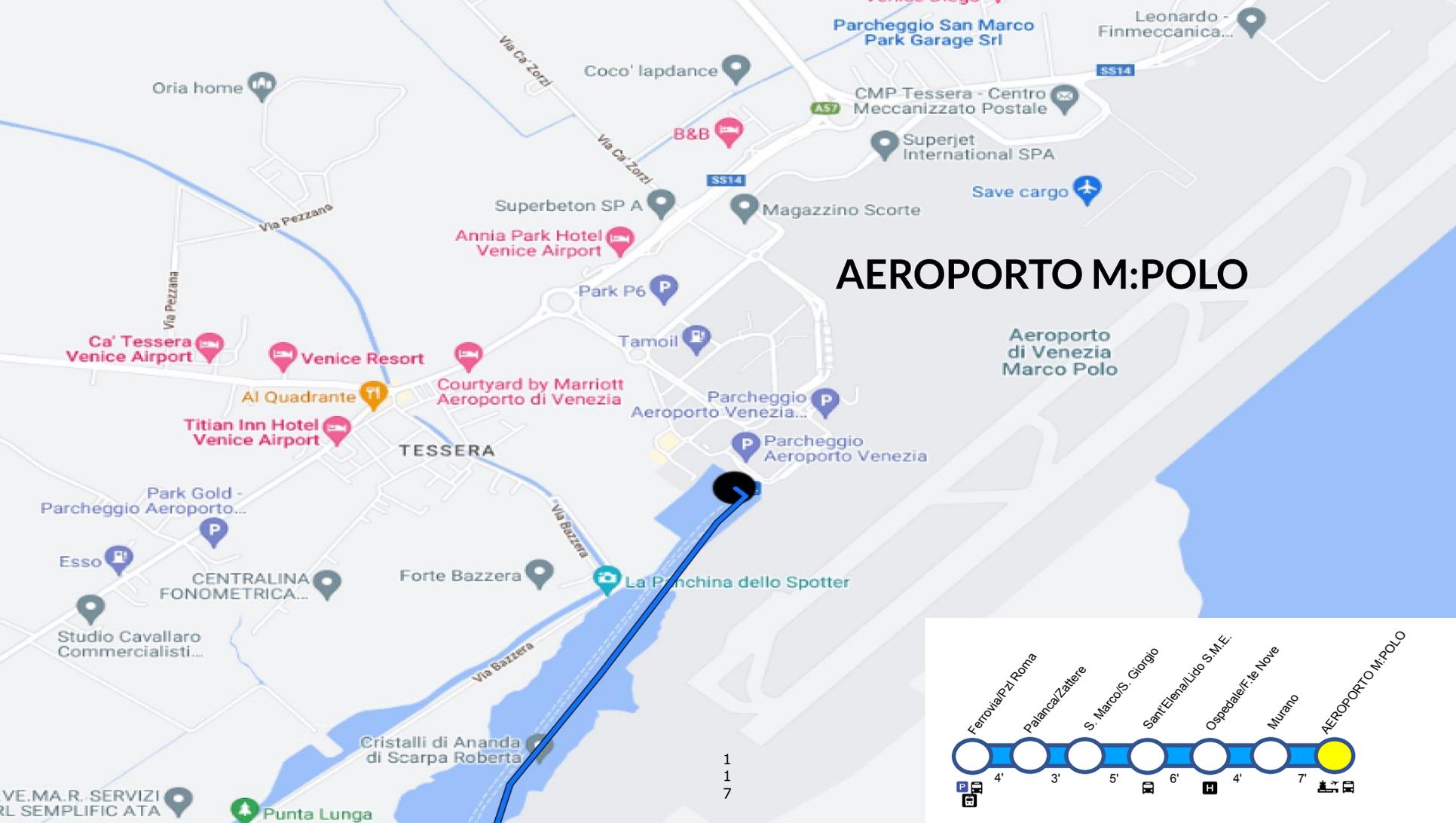
- Accessibility for healthcare workers, and patients.



# Murano

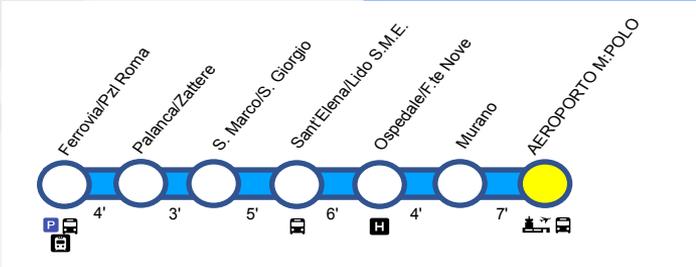
- Accessibility for residents, workers and tourists.
- Murano's population is about 4,506 as 2011.





# AEROPORTO M:POLO

Aeroporto di Venezia Marco Polo

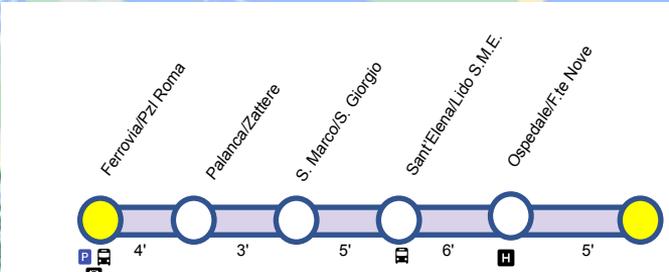
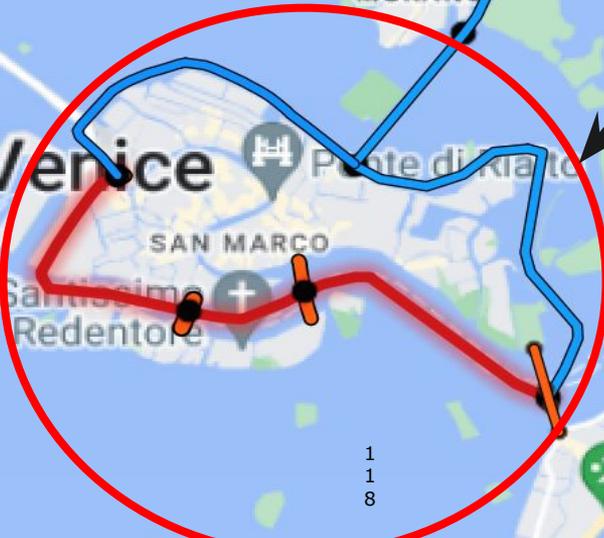


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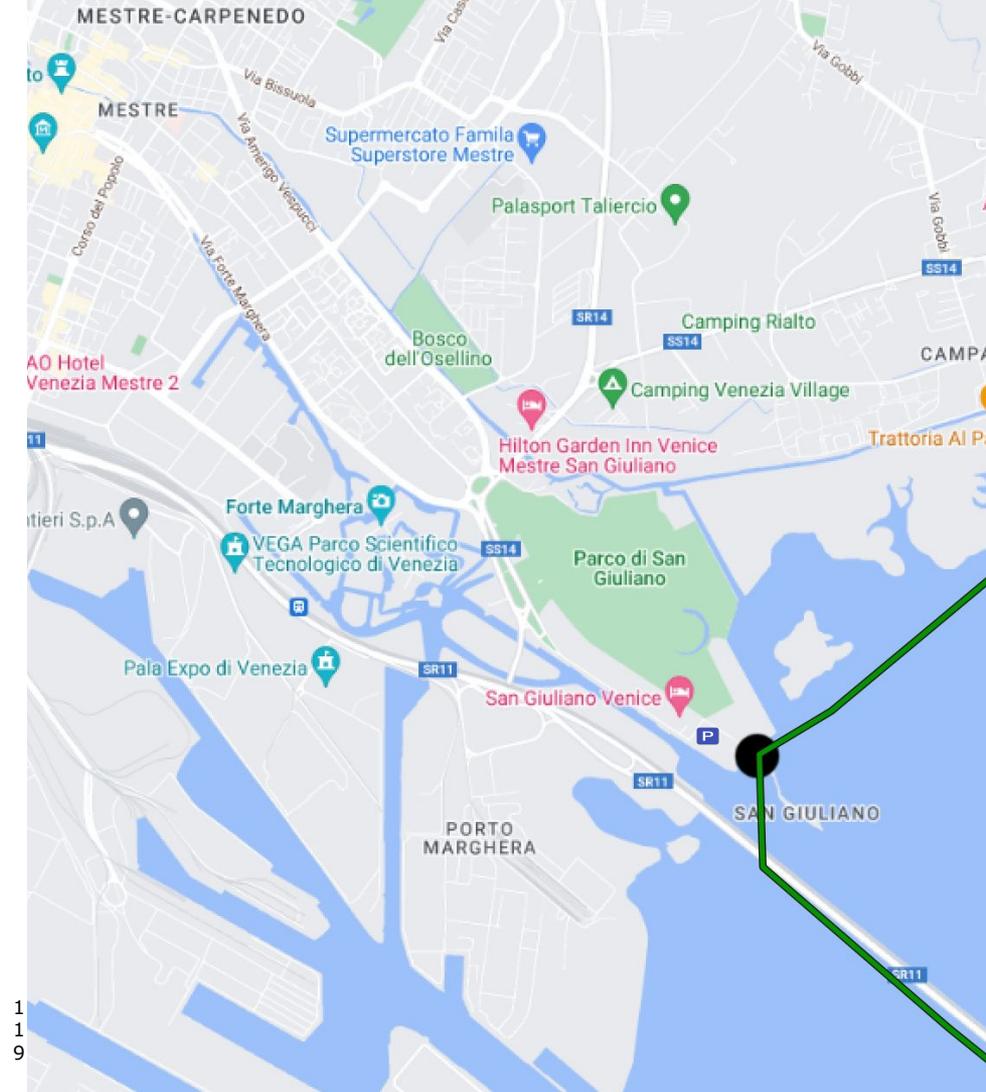
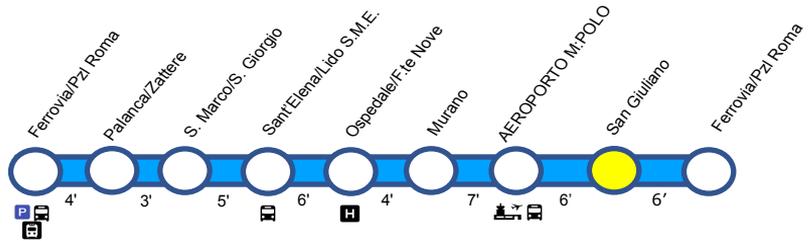


**Total Time loop 23 minute**



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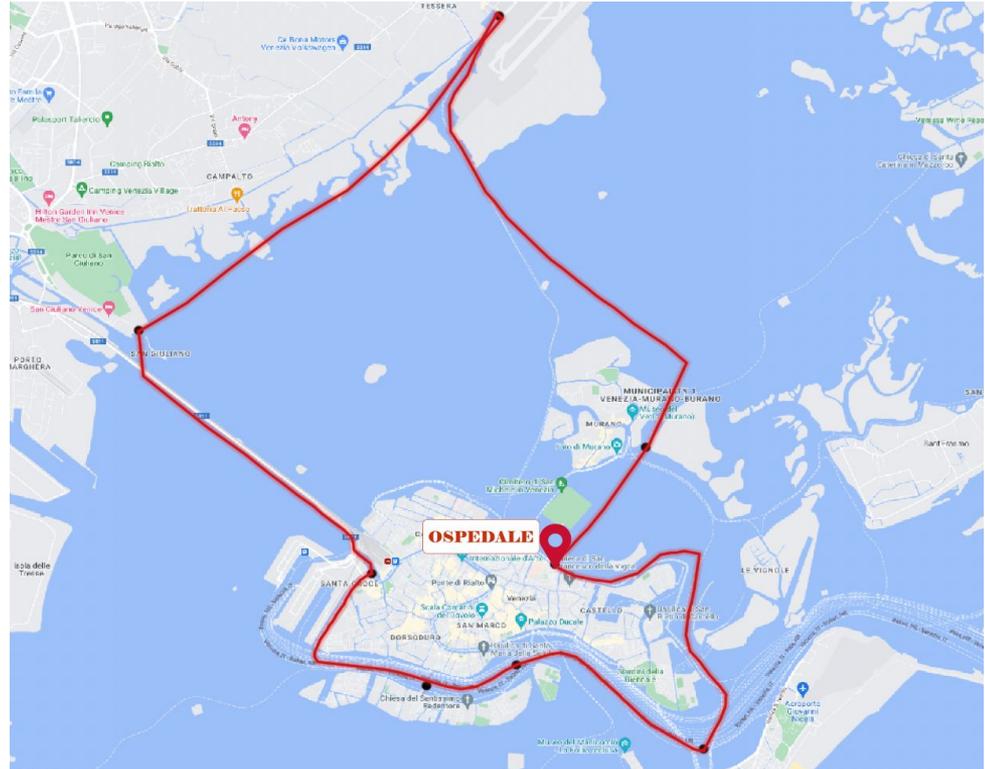
# San Giuliano



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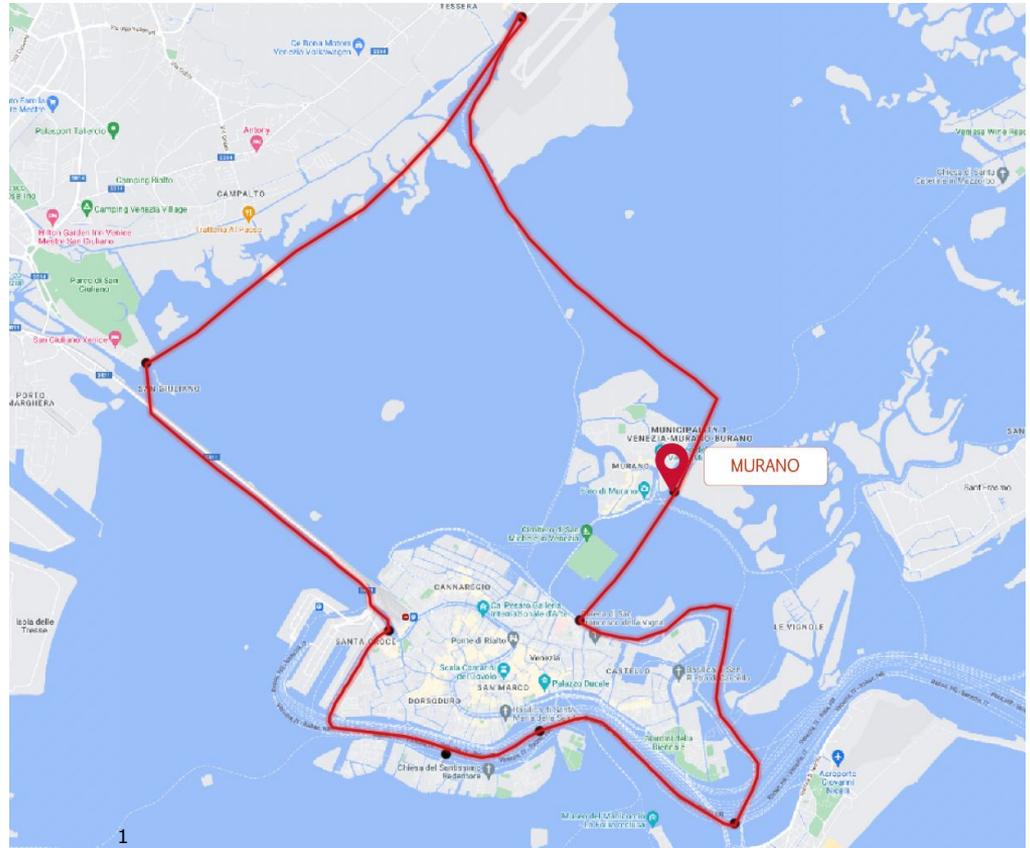
# Stop Rationale: Ospedale

- Accessibility for healthcare workers, and patients.
- Castello is consider it as the working class area where the locals live and work



# Stop Rationale: Murano

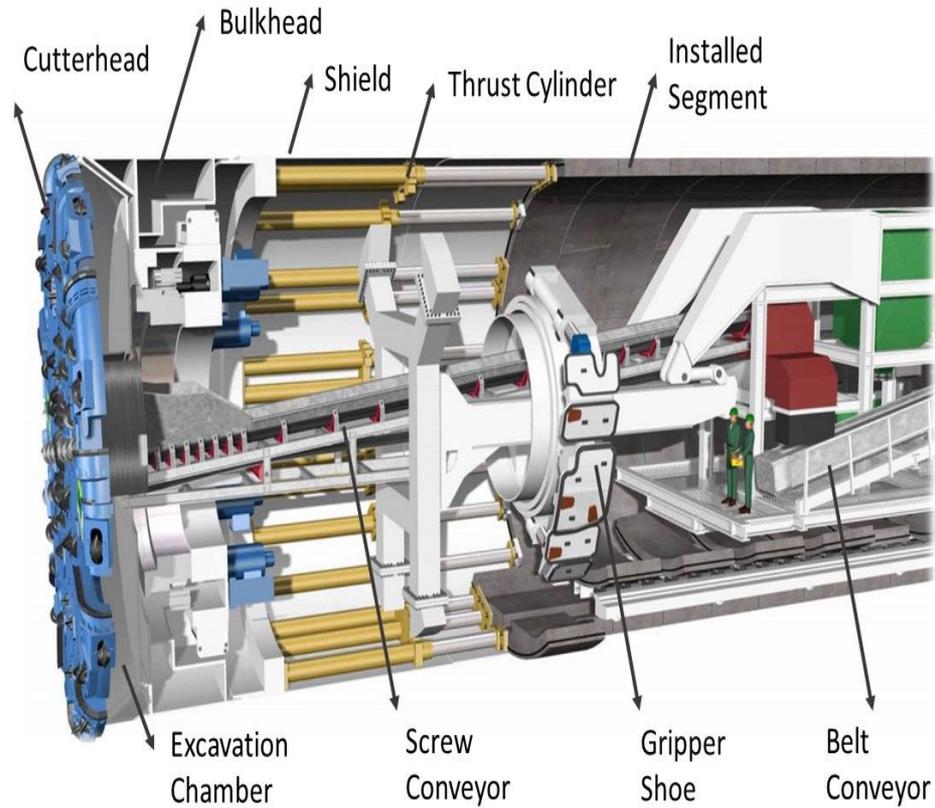
- Accessibility for residents, workers and tourists.
- Public transportation such as the Vaporetto takes longer around 40 - 60 minutes. Vaporetto stops all along the way around the island.
- Murano's population is about 4,506 as 2011.



# Methods for building a *sublagunare* in Venice

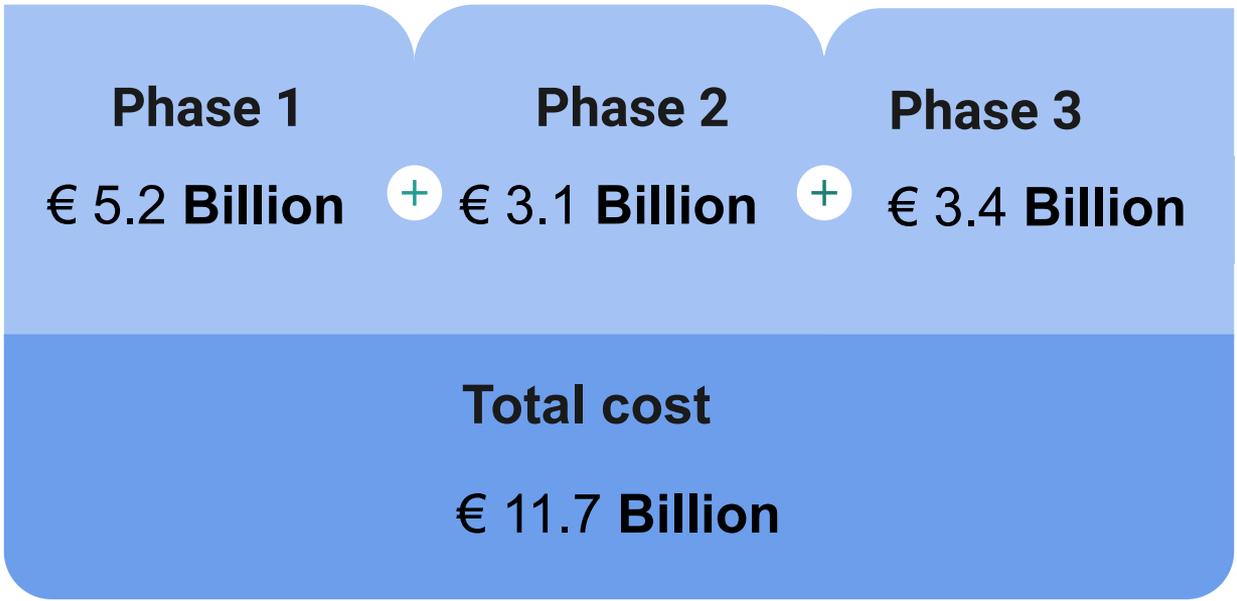
- Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)
- Immersed tunnel

# Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)



Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM).

# Based on previous projects, the estimated cost to build an underground subway system using the Boring Machine method is **€ 11.7 Billion**



# Immersed Tube Tunnel

## Advantages

- The **speed** of construction
- Minimal disruption to the canal, if crossing a shipping route
- **Safety** of construction (for example, work in a drydock as opposed to boring beneath a canal)

## Disadvantages

- on the lagoon bed, risking a sunken ship/anchor strike
- Direct contact with water necessitates careful waterproofing design around the joints

# Example of Immersed Tube Tunnel

Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link

Germany and Denmark

Cost: € 7.1 Billion

Distance: 18 Km

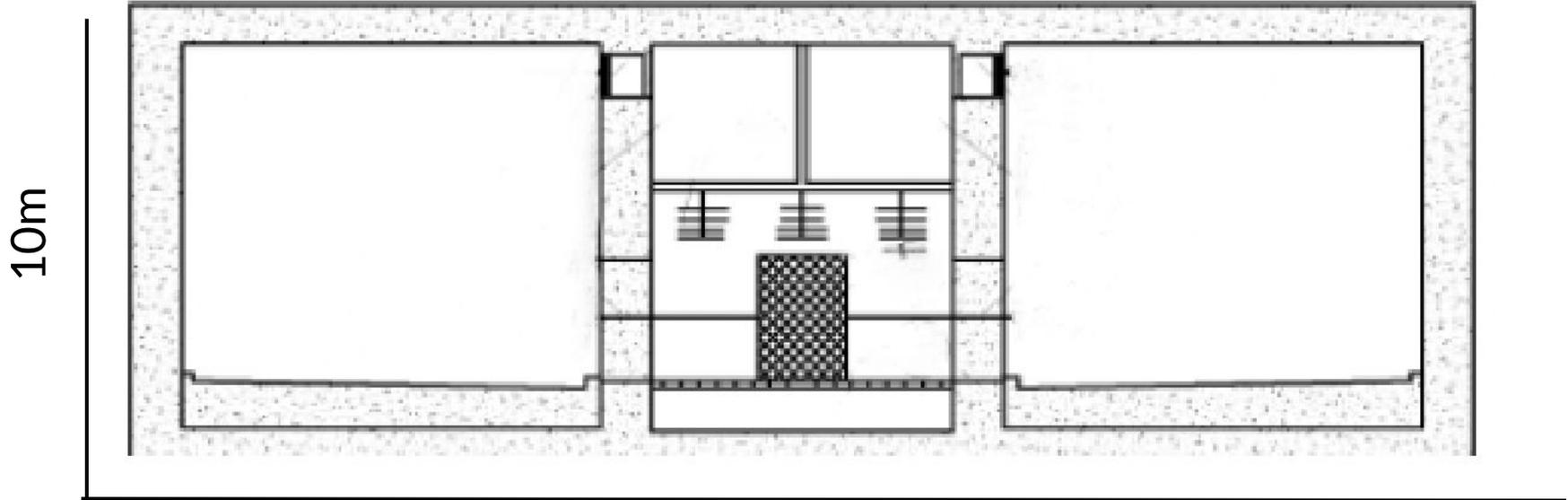
Width: 42m

Start construction : 2020

Cost per km: €394 million

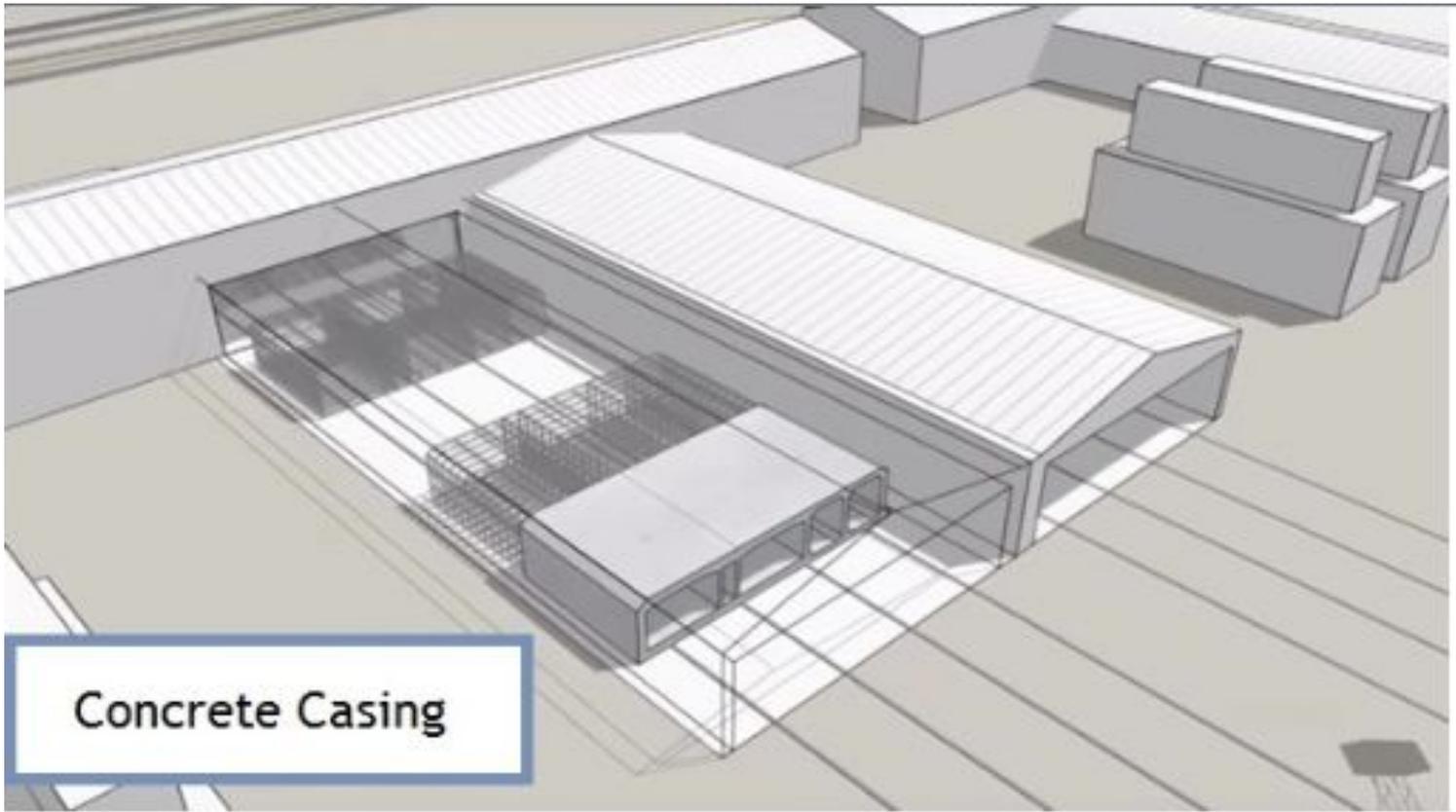


**The width of the cross section of the underground tunnel system is 18m, and it's 10m tall**



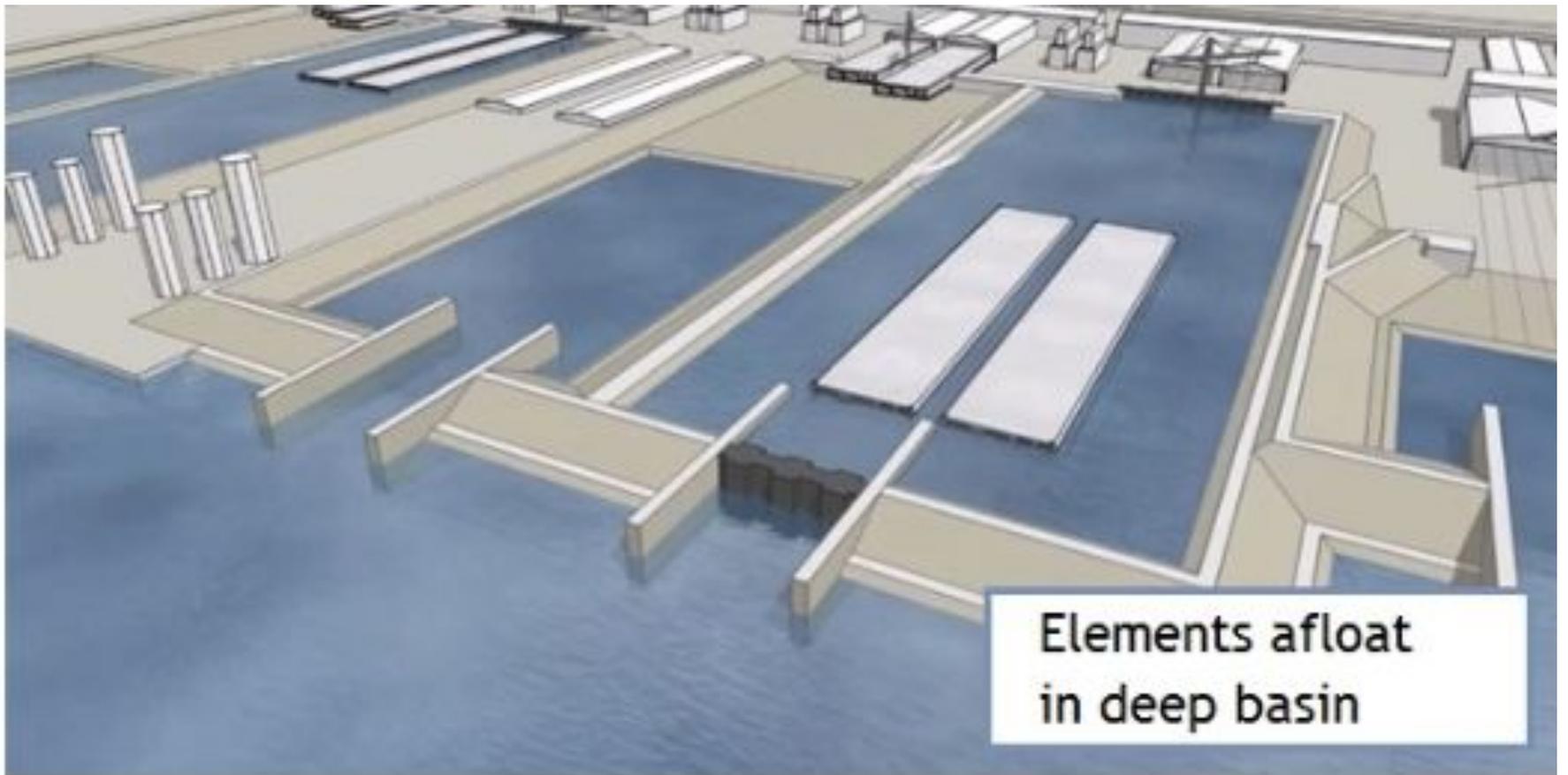
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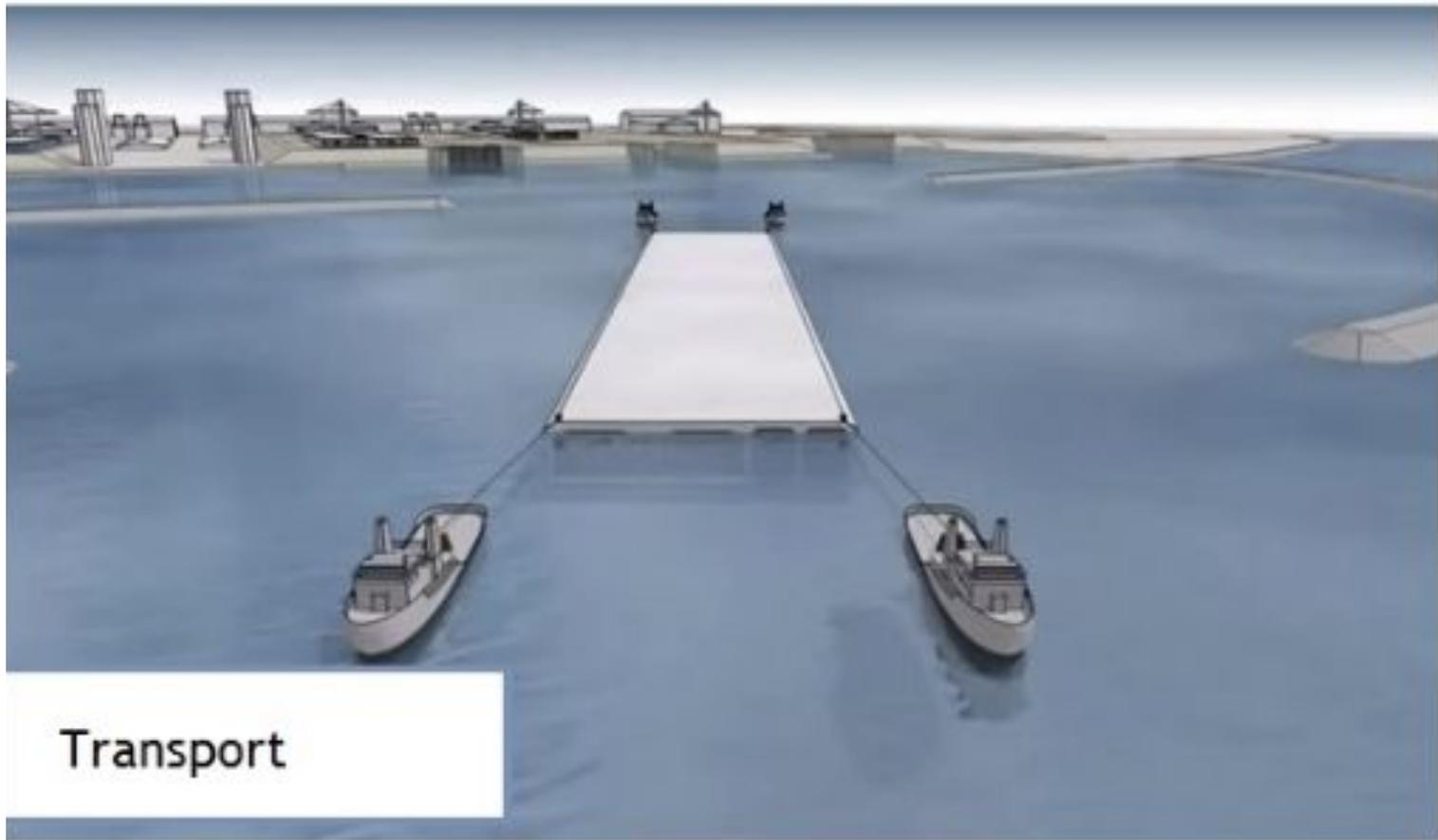
**Concrete Casing**

Immersed Tube Tunnel

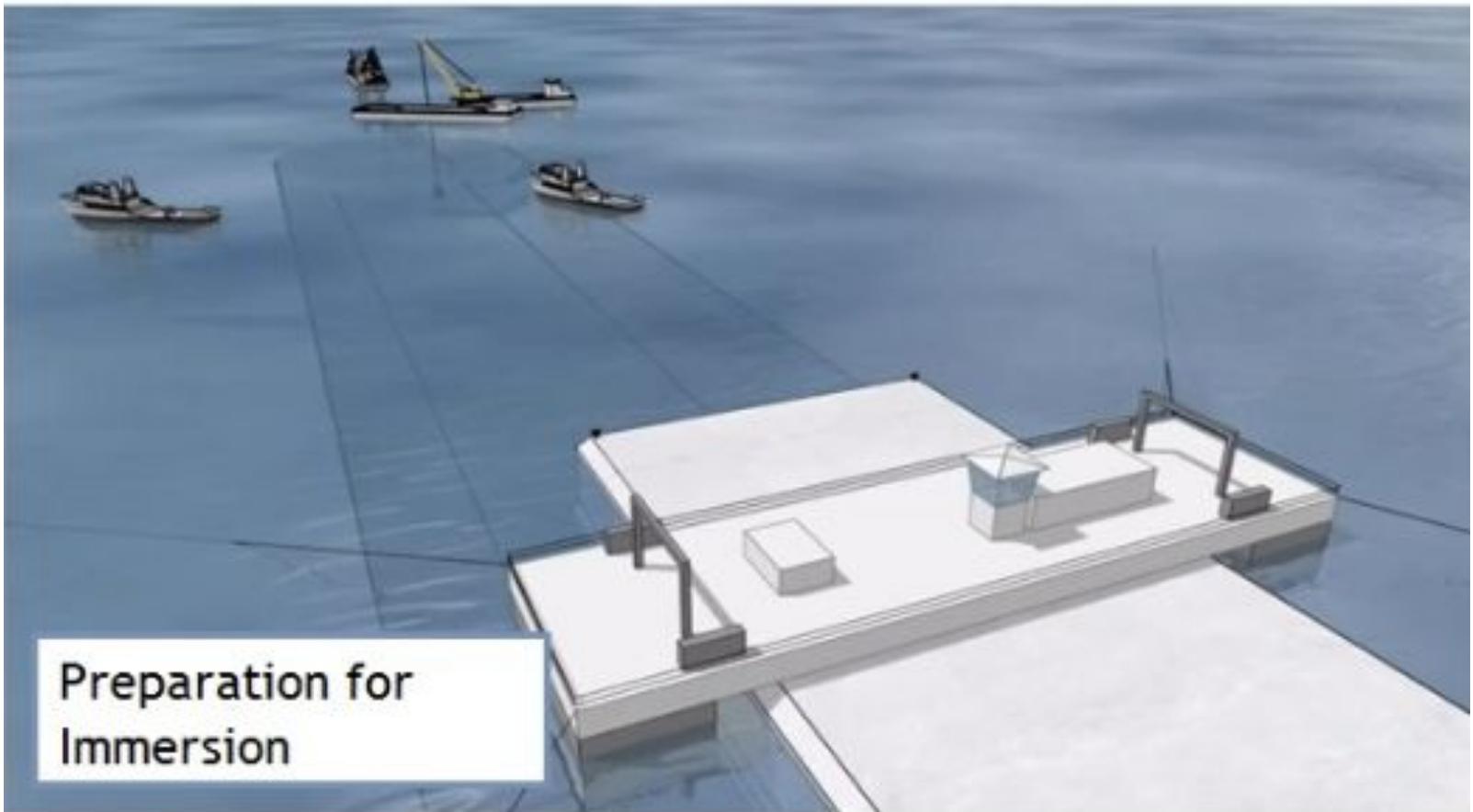


Elements afloat  
in deep basin

Immersed Tube Tunnel

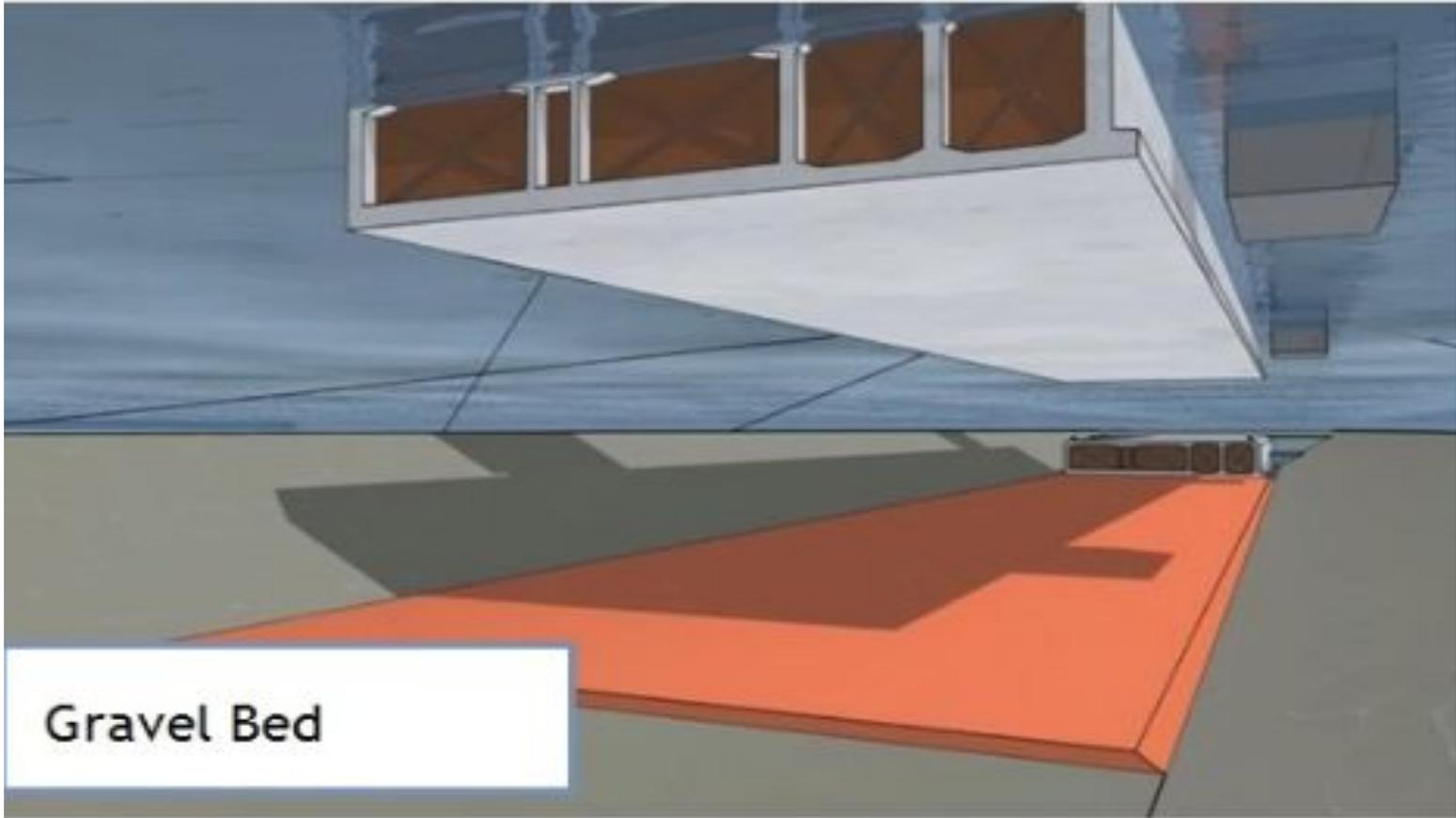


Transport



**Preparation for  
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Immersed Tube Tunnel



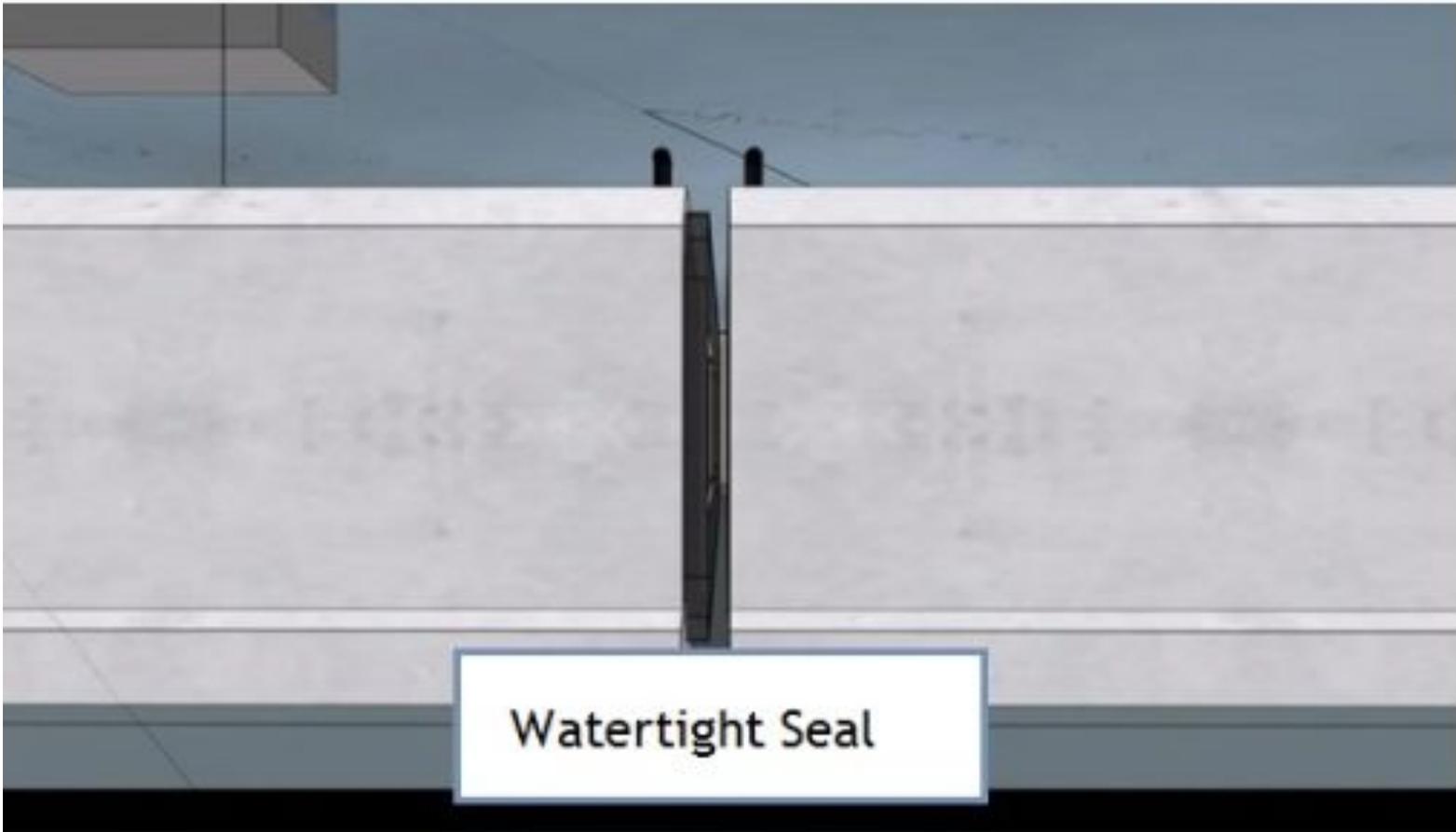
**Gravel Bed**

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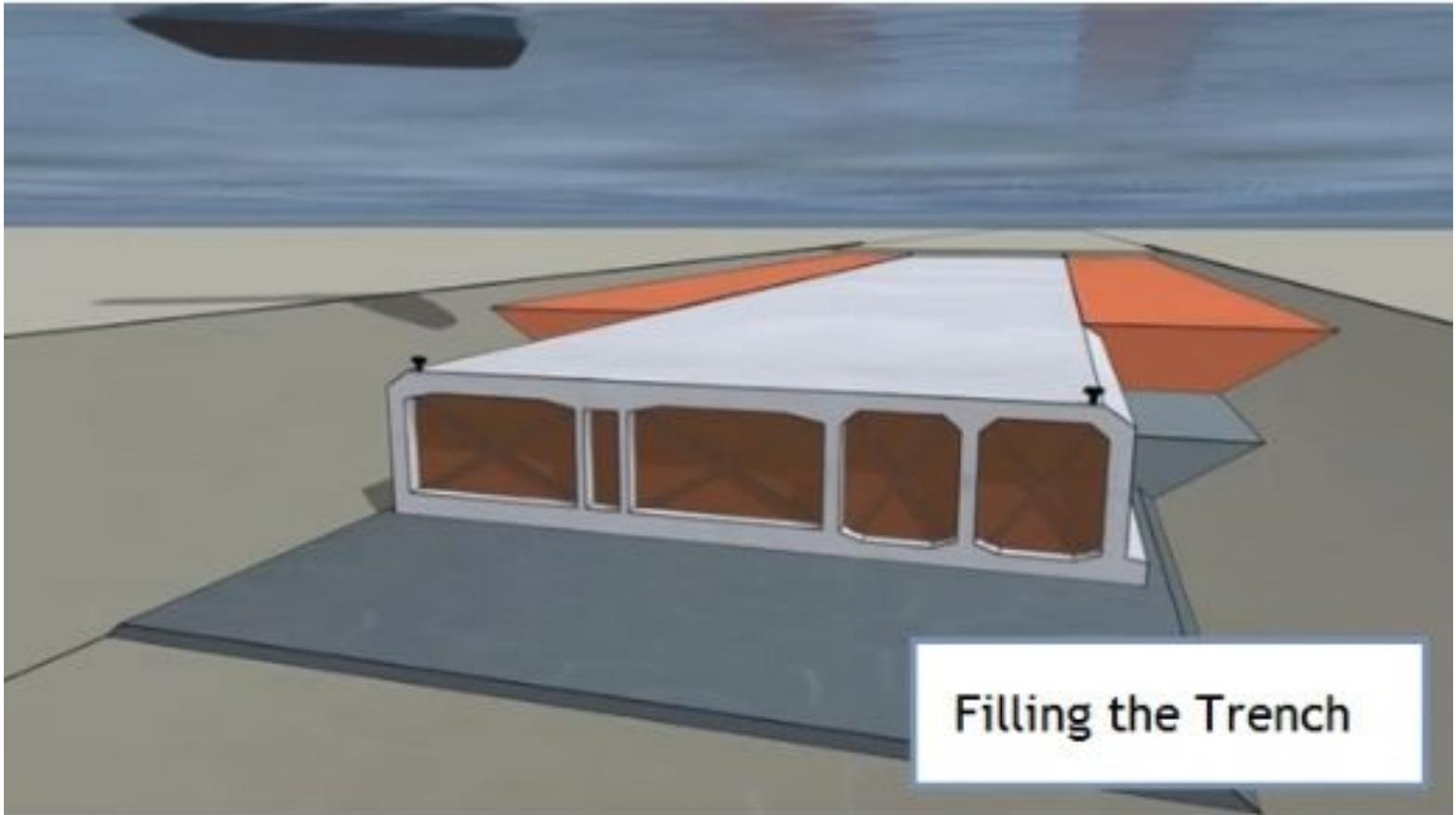


**Immersion**

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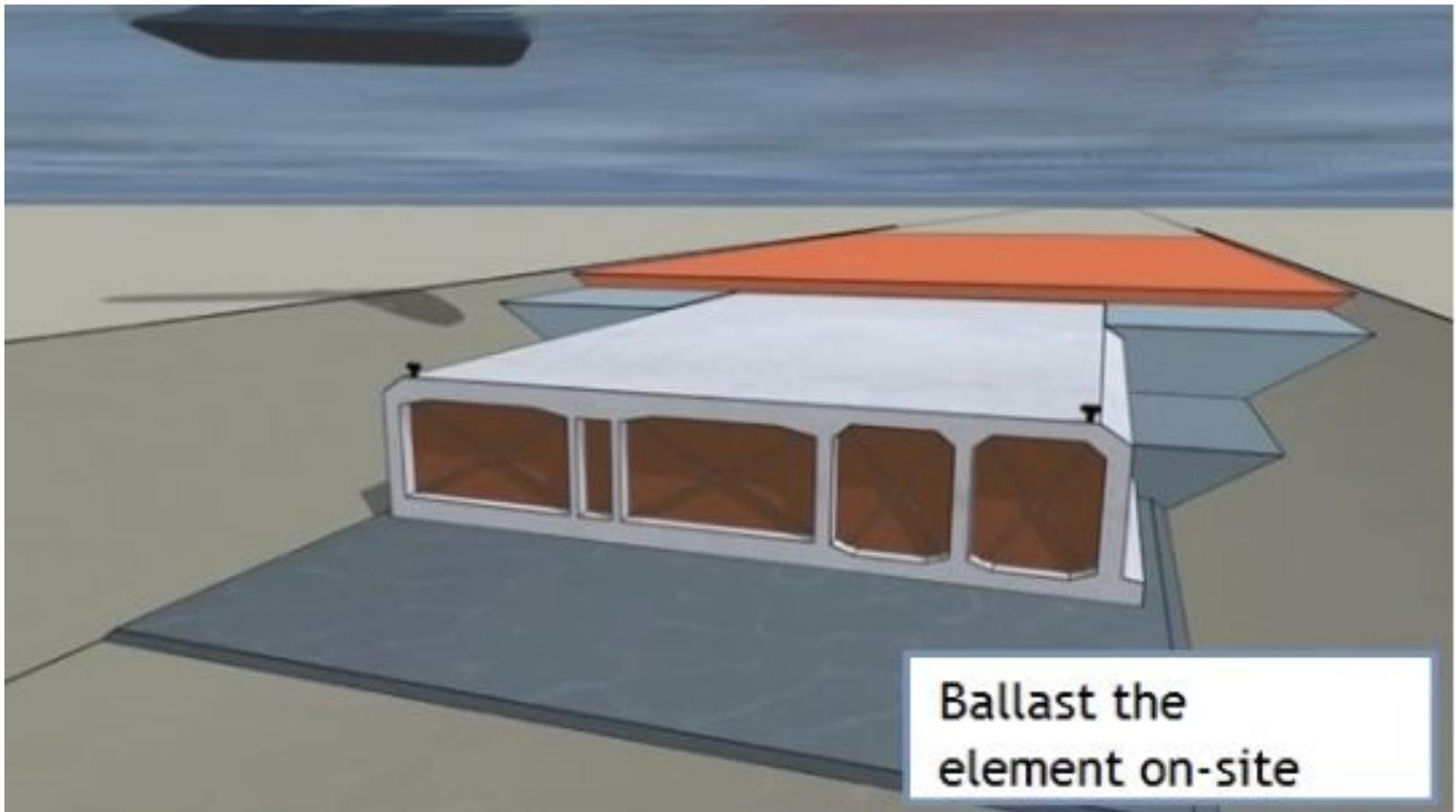


Immersed Tube Tunnel



Filling the Trench

Immersed Tube Tunnel



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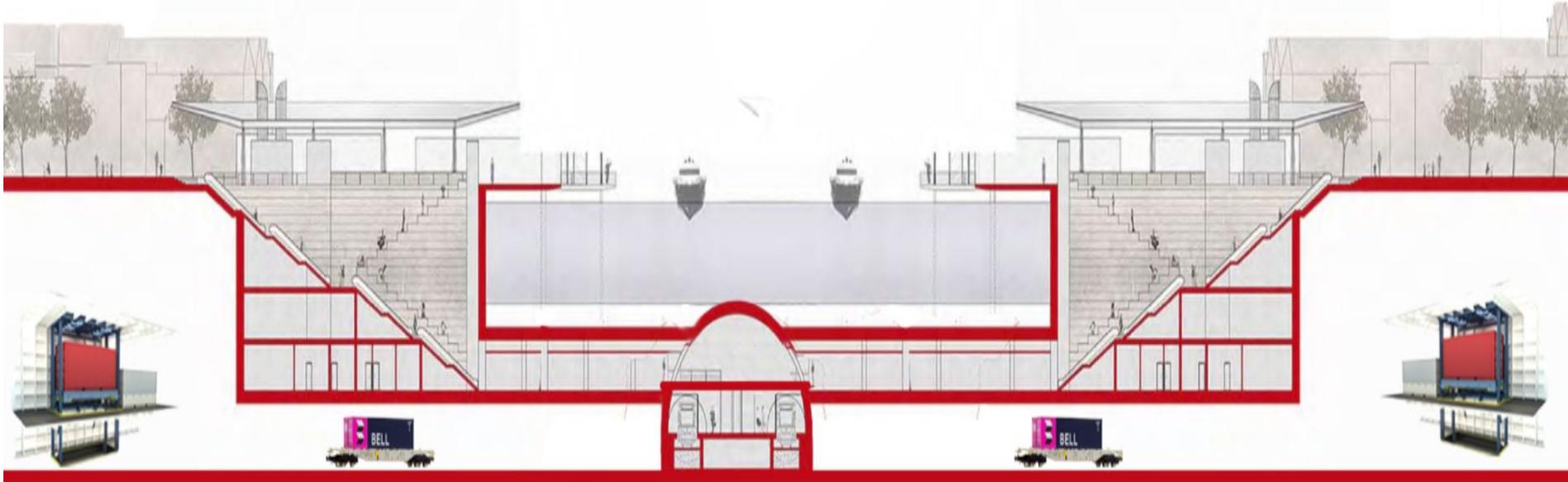


Immersed Tube Tunnel

# Station with cargo hitching integration

Zattere

Palanca



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