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## What is Commercial Value Capture (CVC)?

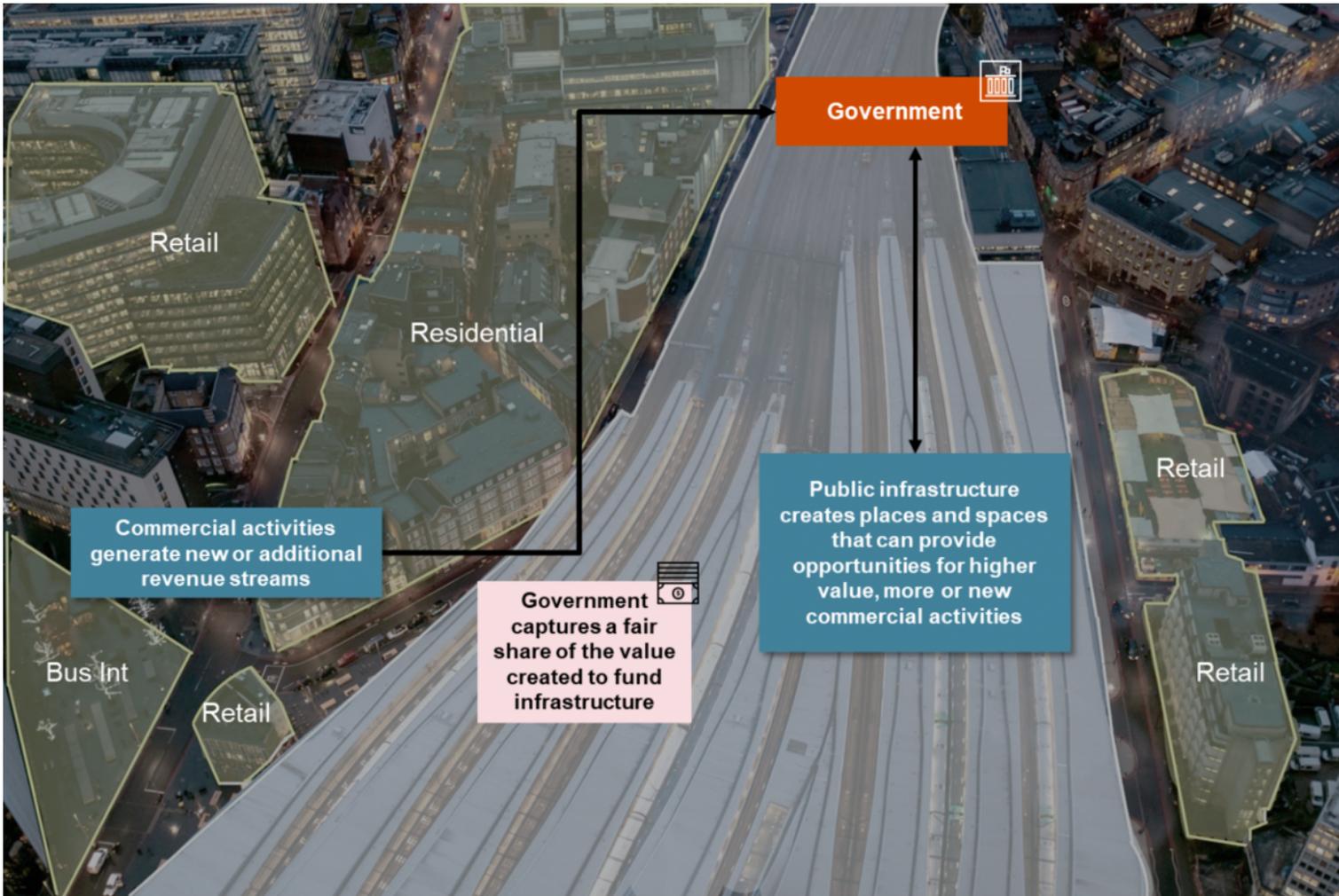
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*On this page: Find the [role and potential](#) of Innovative Revenues for Infrastructure and Commercial Value Capture in closing the funding gap as well as [sectors](#) in which CVC can be applied. Check the [Innovative Revenues for Infrastructure](#) section or visit the [Content Outline](#).*

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**Public infrastructure often creates places and spaces that provide opportunities for more, higher value and new commercial activities that generate additional revenue.<sup>1</sup>** Most often, it is the private sector that takes advantage of these opportunities and disproportionately profits from them. However, where government makes the investment that creates the places and spaces where commercial activities can occur, it should capture a fair share of the revenue created to fund the infrastructure that creates this value.

*Figure 2: CVC Concept*



CVC can be a way for governments to increase revenues to fund facility improvements, expand services and/or asset maintenance without increasing fiscal liabilities or user fees. Governments can apply a comprehensive planning approach that creates commercially driven demand for integrated solutions by identifying the broader needs of users and beneficiaries as illustrated in [Figure 3](#).

*Figure 3: Examples of commercial activities for an urban transit-oriented development project*



**CVC can provide financial and non-financial benefits to a project.** While one of the main objectives of CVC is to help reduce the funding gap and improve financial viability of the project, CVC can also generate important non-financial benefits to the project. CVC can help address community needs by providing economic growth, jobs, diversification of commercial development, improved property values, and improved infrastructure user experience (which may increase demand). CVC can help revitalize a dilapidated neighbourhood, repurpose outdated cultural assets, and improve access to basic urban services such as low-income housing. It is important to take a comprehensive view of CVC and consider commercial, economic and social opportunities.

**Although CVC is most common and well-established in urban transit (sometimes popularly known as ‘transit-oriented development’), it is relevant for a number of sectors** including urban services, public housing, government offices, hospitals, schools, libraries, stadiums, street lighting, parking facilities, airports, telecom services, urban renewal projects, parks, wastewater treatment, solid waste treatment and conservation areas. CVC opportunity is not confined to a specific sector but depends on project characteristics and the Project Owner’s creativity in developing integrated solutions. For example, there are several CVC opportunities that can be considered in a wastewater project (See Worked Example 1 in Annex 1), such as sale of reclaimed water, sale of carbon credits, sale of biogas and electricity, sale of phosphorus as fertilisers, sale of biosolids as compost, etc.

[Figure 4](#) shows some of the key sectors in which CVC can be adopted and Table 1 provides examples for reference. However, these are by no means an exhaustive list.

*Figure 4: Sectors in which CVC can be applied (non-exhaustive list)*



Maritime Transport



Urban Services / City Development



Tourism



Street Lighting



Energy



Rail



Water / Wastewater



Stadium



Affordable Housing



Schools



Hospitals



Heritage Sites



Urban Mobility



Public Market



Bus Terminal



IT / Technology

Table 1: Examples of projects in which CVC have been adopted for reference

Sector	Example	Source
<b>Rail</b>	Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway Corporation, Hong Kong SAR, China	<a href="#">Global Platform for Sustainable Cities</a>
<b>School</b>	Bundled Schools, Ireland	<a href="#">The Municipal Public-Private Partnership Framework - Project Summaries - Part 2 - Education</a>
<b>Hospital</b>	Hemodialysis Center at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, Quezon City, Manila, Philippines	<a href="#">The Municipal Public-Private Partnership Framework - Project Summaries - Part 2 - Healthcare</a>
<b>Stadium</b>	Sports Hub, Singapore	<a href="#">The Municipal Public-Private Partnership Framework - Project Summaries - Part 2 - Sporting, Culture, and Tourism Venues</a>

Sector	Example	Source
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	Regent Park Affordable Housing Project, Toronto, Canada	<a href="#">The Municipal Public-Private Partnership Framework - Project Summaries</a> - Part 2 - <a href="#">Affordable Housing</a>
<b>Street Lighting</b>	Street Lighting Project, Nasik, Maharashtra, India	<a href="#">The Municipal Public-Private Partnership Framework - Project Summaries</a> - Part 2 - <a href="#">Energy</a>

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Footnote 1: [Module 17 – Capturing Commercial Value of the World Bank Municipal PPP Framework.](#)

#### Related Content

- [How innovative revenues for infrastructure can fundamentally reshape infrastructure funding](#)

#### Additional Resources

- [Climate-Smart PPPs](#)
- [Finance Structures for PPP](#)

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