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INTRODUCTION

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The municipality of Rotterdam started the program 'Next City' in order to understand how to cope with new transitions focusing on the physical part of the city: space and systems. It is a program that concentrates on the transition questions looking to it as being a process. Five content driven lines are zoomed in to in the 'Next City': Space as a Service, Mobility as a Service/Next Connectivity, Next Energy, Climate adaptation and Circulation/Adaptive constructions.

The high-rise program, to densify and connect but also allowing more green in the inner city, proved to be successful and will be expanded to Alexanderknoop and Feyenoord City. In 2010 an expansion vision is made for the Alexanderknoop. Now people question this vision taking in account the current market developments, the social transitions and the increasing demand for dwellings.

Offices, dwellings and health institutions are used more flexible every day, functions keep changing constantly throughout the years. This means that the built environment keeps getting more requirements.

How do new social trends and technological developments translate themselves in the physical city? And how does a city cope with insecurities?