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The Financial Pain for Cities from Struggling Downtowns.

Nearly four years after the start of the pandemic, downtowns are still short of office workers and foot traffic. That's contributing to significant budget problems in some cities.

In Brief:

- Downtowns across the country continue to be emptier than before the pandemic. The loss of activity is hurting cities' finances.
- Transit agencies are particularly hard hit.
- Cities are looking for ideas for revitalizing downtowns, but no easy solution will work everywhere

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