



# SOUTHBOUND I-605 SOUTH STREET OFF-RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Community Meeting  
October 24, 2024

# Housekeeping

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**The recording and PDF will be posted on our website at [metro.net/i-605-south-street-off-ramp-improvement](https://metro.net/i-605-south-street-off-ramp-improvement)**



Attendee cameras are off and microphones are muted.



During the meeting, questions can be submitted using the Q&A icon.

# Code of Conduct

**Metro is committed to ensuring that all participants can fairly and clearly share ideas, comments and concerns about this project. To provide a safe and equitable process, we are asking for your help.**

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- > Respect the format of the meeting and allow everyone an opportunity to comment





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### **Via Zoom**

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**THANK YOU**

# Agenda

- > Introduction of project team
- > Project overview
- > Construction stages
- > Construction look ahead schedule
- > Construction progress
- > Community outreach
- > Questions & answers



# Introductions: Project Staff

## **Project Management**

Michael Tahan, Project Manager

## **Powell Constructors**

Kevin Alvarez, Project Manager

## **Construction Relations**

- > Ron Macias, Community Relations Manager
- > Marcos Ochoa, Principal Community Relations Officer

## **New Media Team**

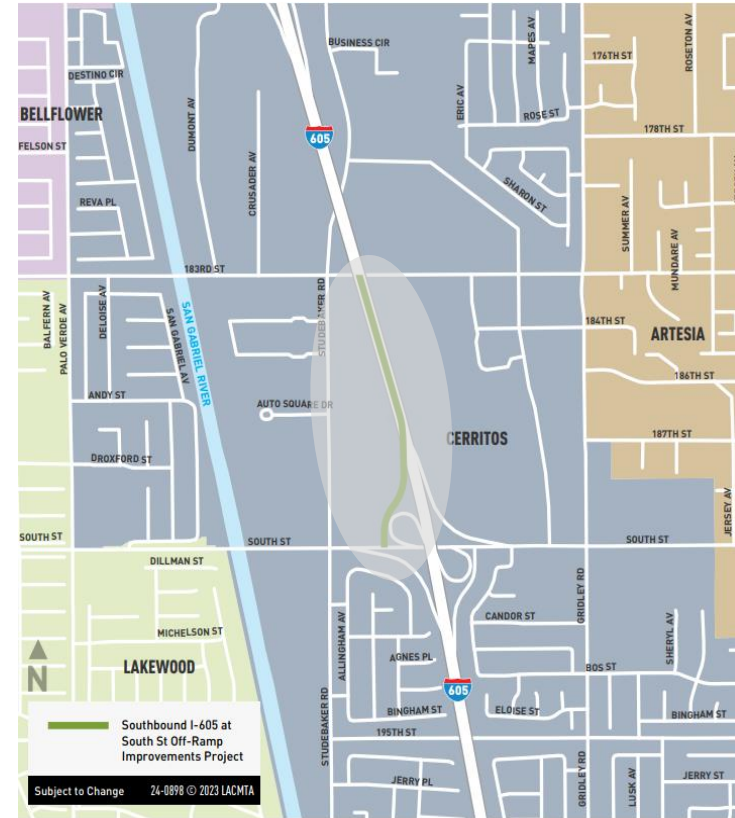
- > Wendy Cardona, New Media Manager
- > Katrice Candler, New Media Officer



# Project Overview

## SB I-605 South Street Off-ramp Improvements Project

- > Is a project to enhance safety, ease congestion and improve mobility
- > Is among the projects and improvements of Measure R that was supported and approved by a two-thirds majority of LA County voters including voters in the project area
- > 0.8-mile project construction limits, SB I-605 from the 183rd St freeway overpass to South St off-ramp
- > Total Life-of-Project Budget: \$33.2 Million, funded by local Measure R and State Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)



# Project Benefits

- > Adds a turning lane on the southbound I-605 South St off-ramp
- > Reconfiguration of the off-ramp will help enhance safety, ease congestion, and improve mobility and regional traffic flow
- > Provides deceleration length for motorists exiting the freeway
- > At the completion of the project two dedicated turning lanes for each movement of traffic will be in place at the off-ramp at the intersection with South St

# Safety Enhancements to Local Streets: South St

- > High visibility crosswalks with wider pavement striping at South St
- > Upgraded street lighting
- > New ADA compliant curb ramp at the off-ramp intersection
- > Signal timing optimization will improve traffic circulation at both the SB off-ramp and South St
- > Yellow border added to traffic signals for improved visibility

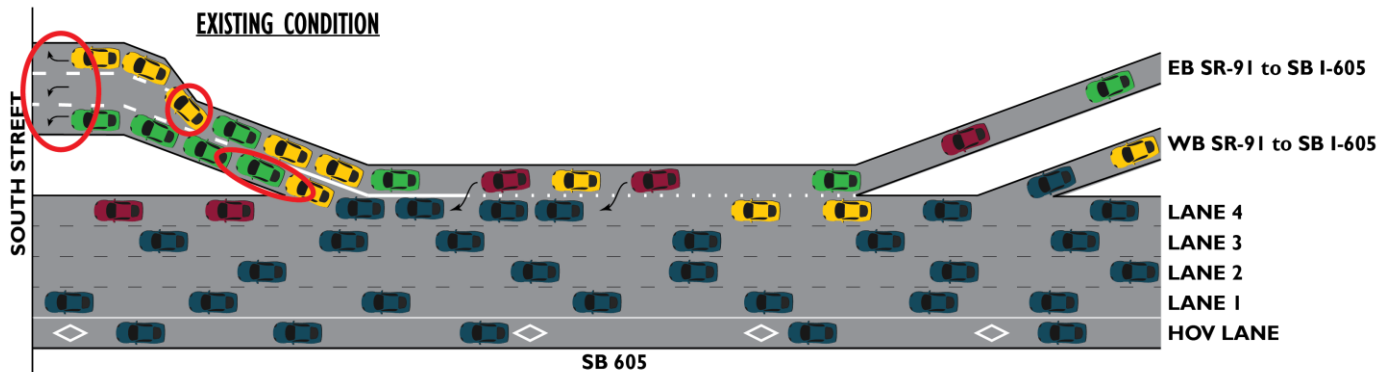


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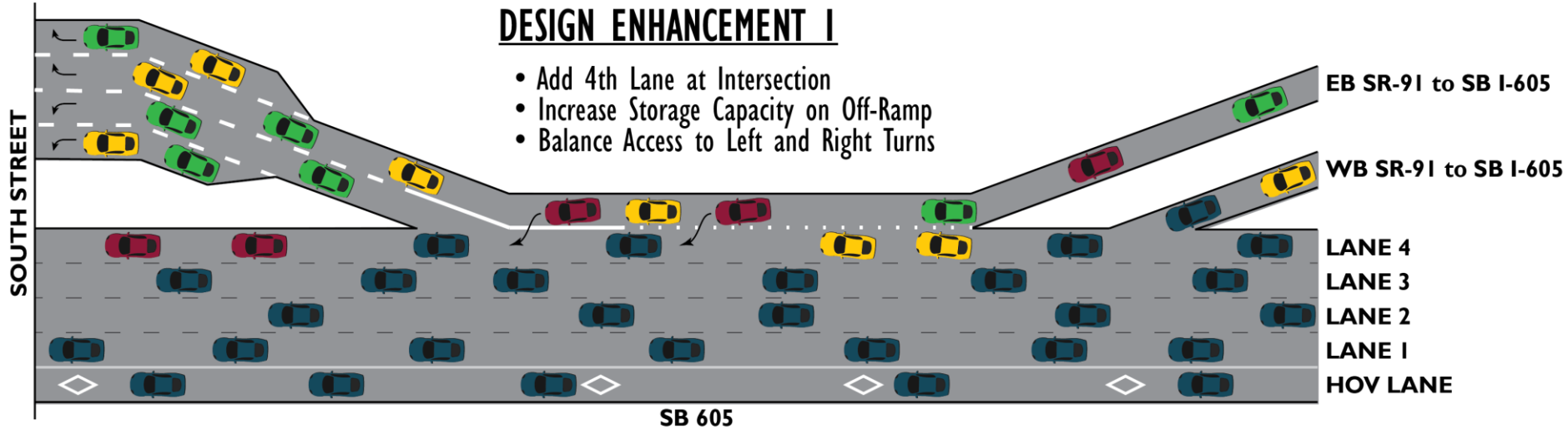
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# Existing Traffic Operational Issues







LEGEND	
	I-605 Through
	I-605 to South Street
	EB SR-91 to South Street
	EB SR-91 to SB I-605

# New & Improved Operational Benefits



## LEGEND

-  I-605 Through
-  I-605 to South Street
-  EB SR-91 to South Street
-  EB SR-91 to SB I-605



# Approval Schedule and Milestones

- > Environmental certification - March 28, 2019
- > Construction design plans approved - October 11, 2019
- > Project approved by the Metro Board of Directors - November 30, 2023
- > Notice of Award (NOA) - March 12, 2024
- > Notice to Proceed (NTP) to Powell Constructors - May 31, 2024
- > Start of construction - July 15, 2024
- > Anticipated project construction completion - Spring 2025

# Work Activities

## > Project work activities include:

- Ramp construction and reconfiguration
- Retaining wall construction, 1500+ feet
- Drainage systems
- Overhead signs foundation
- South St intersection improvements
- Landscaping

## > The Project will be constructed in multiple stages



Pile drilling at right of side of South St SB off-ramp

# Construction Stages

Stage	Duration	Key Construction Activities	What to Expect
Stage 1	Completed	Landscape removal, grading, temporary asphalt paving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic shifted to right side of off ramp</li><li>• Intermittent nightly off-ramp closures</li></ul>
Stage 2A	Jul 2024 – Jan 2025	Retaining wall & off-ramp lane construction, drainage improvements, temp traffic signals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No off-ramp lane reductions</li><li>• Intermittent nightly freeway ramps and lanes closures</li></ul>
Stage 2B	Jan/Feb 2025 – 5 Days	New concrete pavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off ramp reduced to 2 lanes. Traffic shifted to left lanes</li><li>• Intermittent nightly freeway ramps and lanes closures</li></ul>
Stage 3A	Feb 2025 – 5 Days	New concrete pavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off ramp reduced to 2 lanes. Traffic shifted to right lanes</li><li>• Intermittent nightly freeway ramps and lanes closures</li></ul>
Stage 3B	Feb 2025 – Apr 2025	New concrete pavement, landscaping, final restorations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off-ramp lanes returned to 3 lanes</li><li>• Intermittent nightly freeway ramps and lanes closures</li></ul>

# Construction Look Ahead Schedule

## Planned work activities from Oct. 2024 through Feb. 2025

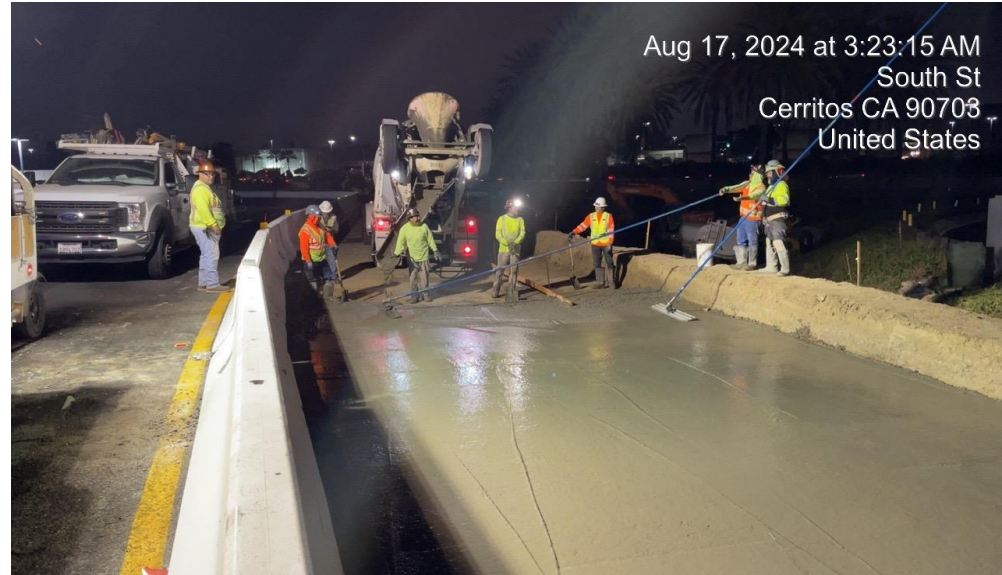
- > Retaining wall construction
  - 1,500 linear feet
  - SB I-605 South St off-ramp to 183rd St freeway overpass
- > South St off-ramp roadway construction
- > Drainage improvements along the SB I-605 South St off-ramp
- > Ongoing intermittent freeway ramps and lanes closures
- > South St intersection improvements, with some occasional nighttime lane closures



# Temporary Off-Ramp Roadway Construction

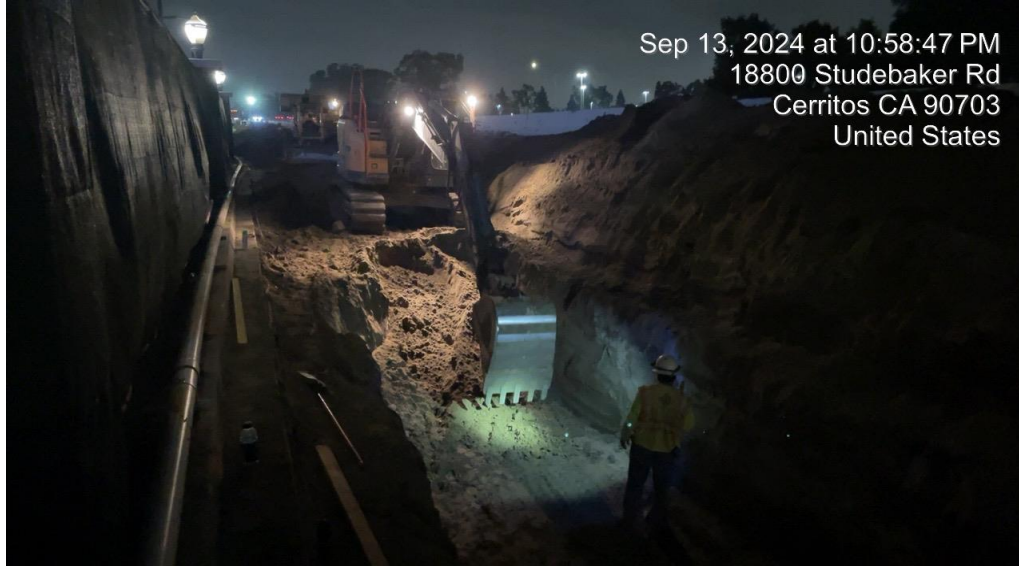


Graded section on left side of off-ramp



Finalizing of temporary new roadway space of left side of off-ramp

# Retaining Wall Construction: Excavation

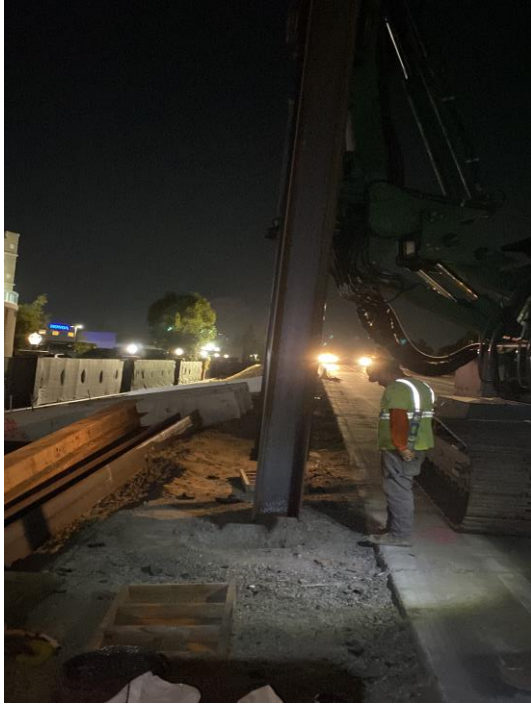


Excavation for new retaining wall at South St SB off-ramp

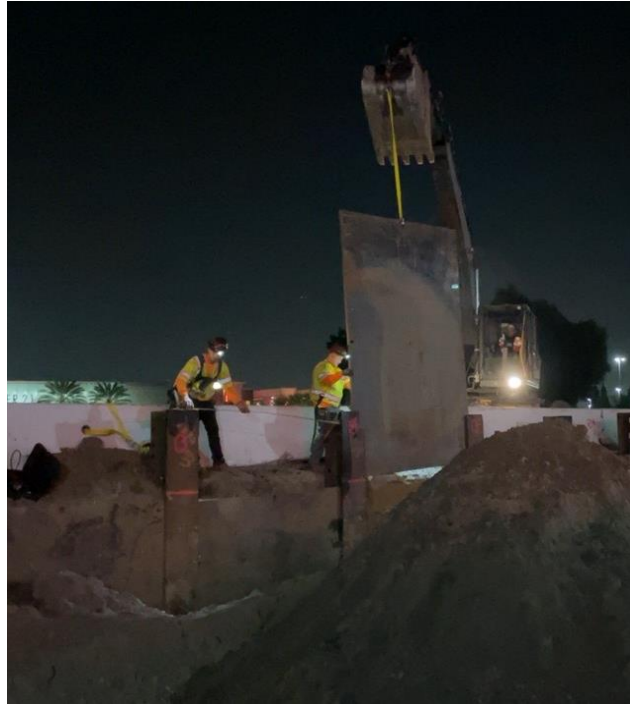


Drilling for pile installation for new retaining wall at South St SB off-ramp

# Retaining Wall Construction: Shoring Installation



Shoring beam installation at right of side of South St SB off-ramp



Installation of shoring panel at right of side of South St SB off-ramp



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Finalization of shoring of work area



# Retaining Wall Formation



Forming of bottom of retaining wall for the off-ramp

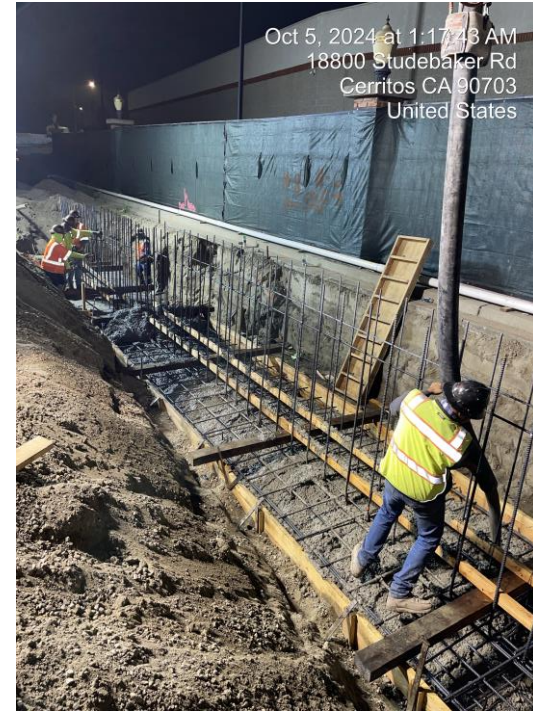


Rebar installation and forming of retaining wall at South St SB off-ramp

# Retaining Wall Construction: Footing Concrete Pour



Concrete pour for footing of new retaining wall



Work crew guiding pump for concrete pour for footing of new retaining wall

# Retaining Wall Footing: Completed

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# Drainage System Installation



Formation of inlet for connection of pipes of new drainage system



Concrete pour of inlet of new drainage system at South St SB off-ramp

# Community Outreach: Communication Tools

- > Quarterly construction update community meetings
- > Presentations / briefings to community groups
- > Targeted outreach to immediate area of impact
- > Table at community events
- > Project information line: phone and email
- > Paid and earned media as needed
- > Project specific website
- > Project information dissemination
  - Construction notices (English / Spanish)
  - Email notifications
  - Community meeting notifications
  - Next Door postings



## Southbound I-605 South Street Off-Ramp Improvements Project

Metro's plan for less congestion includes improvements to the SB I-605 at the South Street Off-Ramp

### Overview

Southbound I-605 South Street Off-Ramp Improvements Project Area

Subject to Change | 5/23/17 | 02/16/2017

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- Overview
- Status
- Documents
- Contact Us

Project Website

# Community Outreach

## Public Outreach to Date

- > Coordination with local cities and jurisdictional agencies
  - City of Cerritos
  - City of Artesia
  - City of Lakewood
- > Coordination: Cerritos Shopping Center, Cerritos Auto Square
- > Community meetings
- > Community events
- > Construction notice dissemination
- > Electronic newsletter communication
- > Social media/Next Door posts
- > Project website



Artesia National Night Out

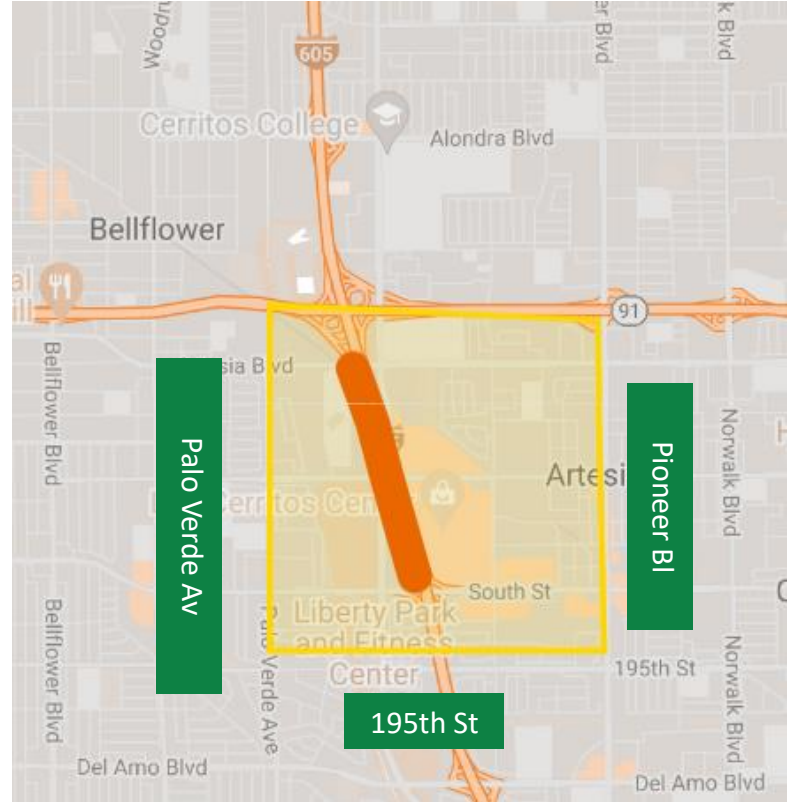


Cerritos Health & Wellness Fair

# Community & Public Outreach: Door – to – Door Notification



Door-to-door distribution



Door-to-door distribution of notice map,  
0.5 – 1 mile from project alignment

# Stay connected to this project



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# Questions & Answers



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