

Next stop: new rail to southeast LA County.

WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR



Metro

Community Update Meetings

June 2023

Introductions



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Metro



Mark Dierking

Director, Community Relations
Metro

Additional Metro team members participating in today's meeting:

> Metro Planning

- Ivan Gonzalez, Senior Manager
- Brian Lam, Manager, Transportation Planner
- Brandy Alvarez, Principal Transportation Planner

> Metro Real Estate

- Konstantin Akhrem
- Michael Daniels
- Darryl Root
- Craig Justensen
- Alfredo Jacquez

> Metro Security

- Carlos Rico
- William Petersen
- Jose Ortiz

> WSP

- Vic Martinez, Project Manager
- Kristin Carlson, Environmental Manager
- Rene Loya, Engineering Manager
- Spencer Jaeger, Environmental and Design Team
- Christina Baghdasarian, Environmental Team
- Luke Yang, Environmental Team

> Terry A. Hayes Associates

- Terry Hayes, Environmental Team
- Allyson Dong, Environmental Team
- Kieran Bartholow, Environmental Team

> Cityworks Design

- Lisa Padilla, Urban Design & FLM
- Michael Nájera, Urban Design & FLM

> Arellano Associates

- Edgar Gutierrez, Outreach Team
- Yvette Ximenez, Outreach Team
- Edna Jimenez, Outreach Team

Agenda

> Project Updates

- January 2022 Metro Board Approval
- Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Overview
- Final EIS/EIR: Refinements to Project Definition

> Project Schedule

> Next Steps

> Q&A

> Open House

Our Expectation

We will conduct a respectful meeting to allow ideas and comments to be shared in an open and fair environment

Note: Presentation is for discussion purposes only; the slide content/order can change prior to public release.

January 2022 Metro Board Approval

1. Slauson/A Line to Pioneer Station

- > Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) & focus of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR)
 - Bellflower MSF site was selected;
 - Paramount MSF was eliminated from further consideration

2. Slauson/A Line to LA Union Station

- > Approved LA Union Station (LAUS) as the ultimate northern terminus for the project
- > Staff was directed to conduct a separate study to evaluate cost-effective alignment solutions
- > Findings will be presented to Board in 2023



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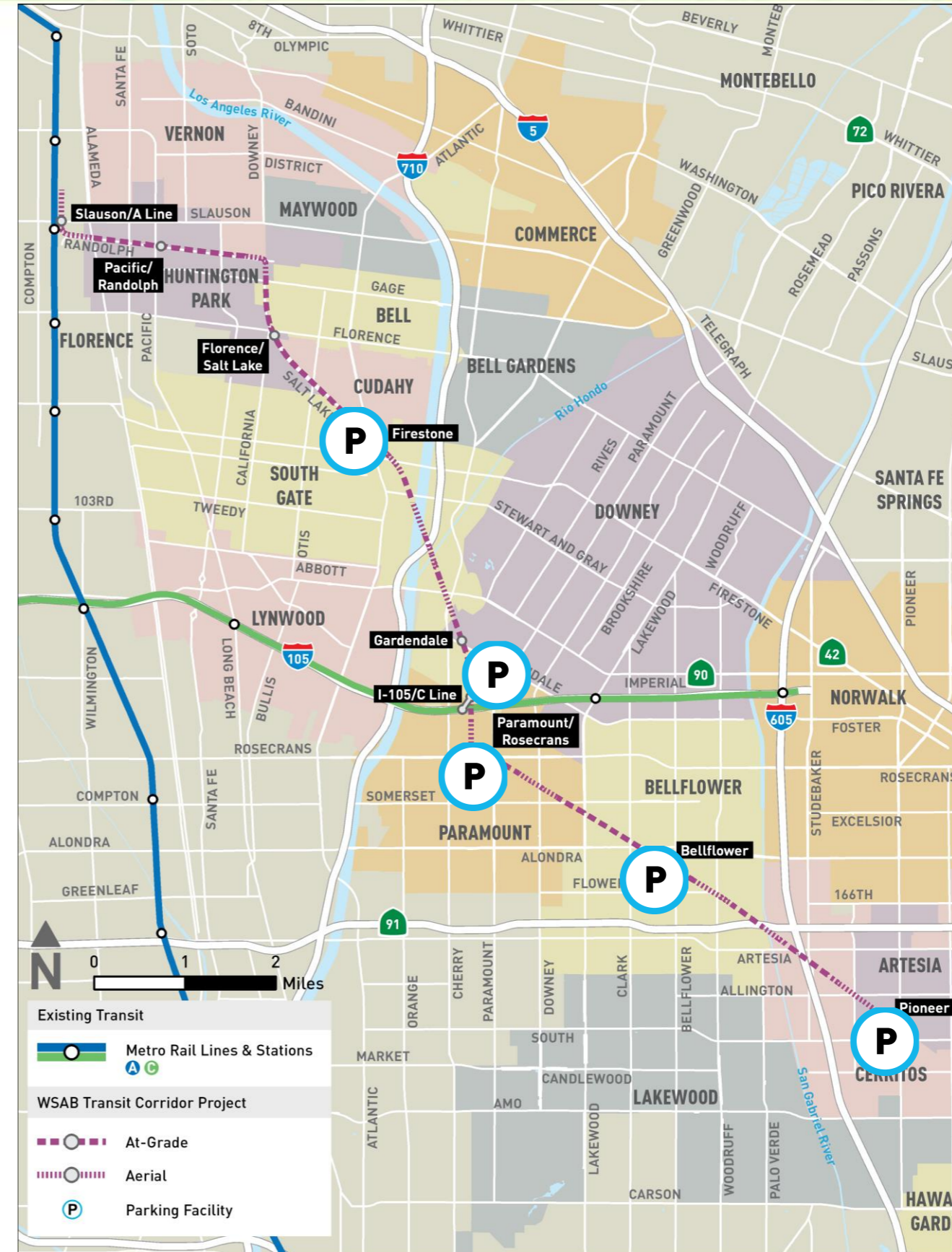
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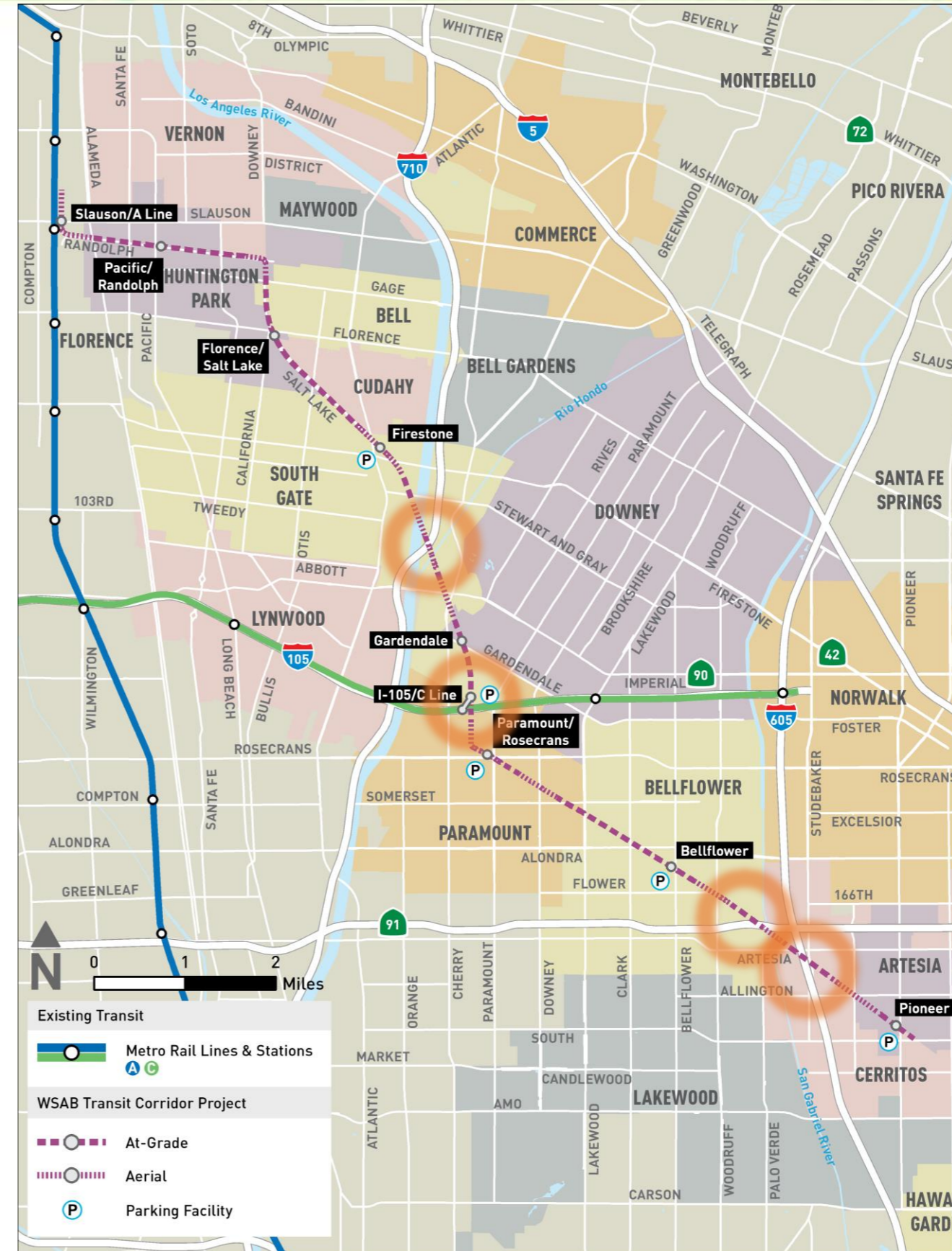
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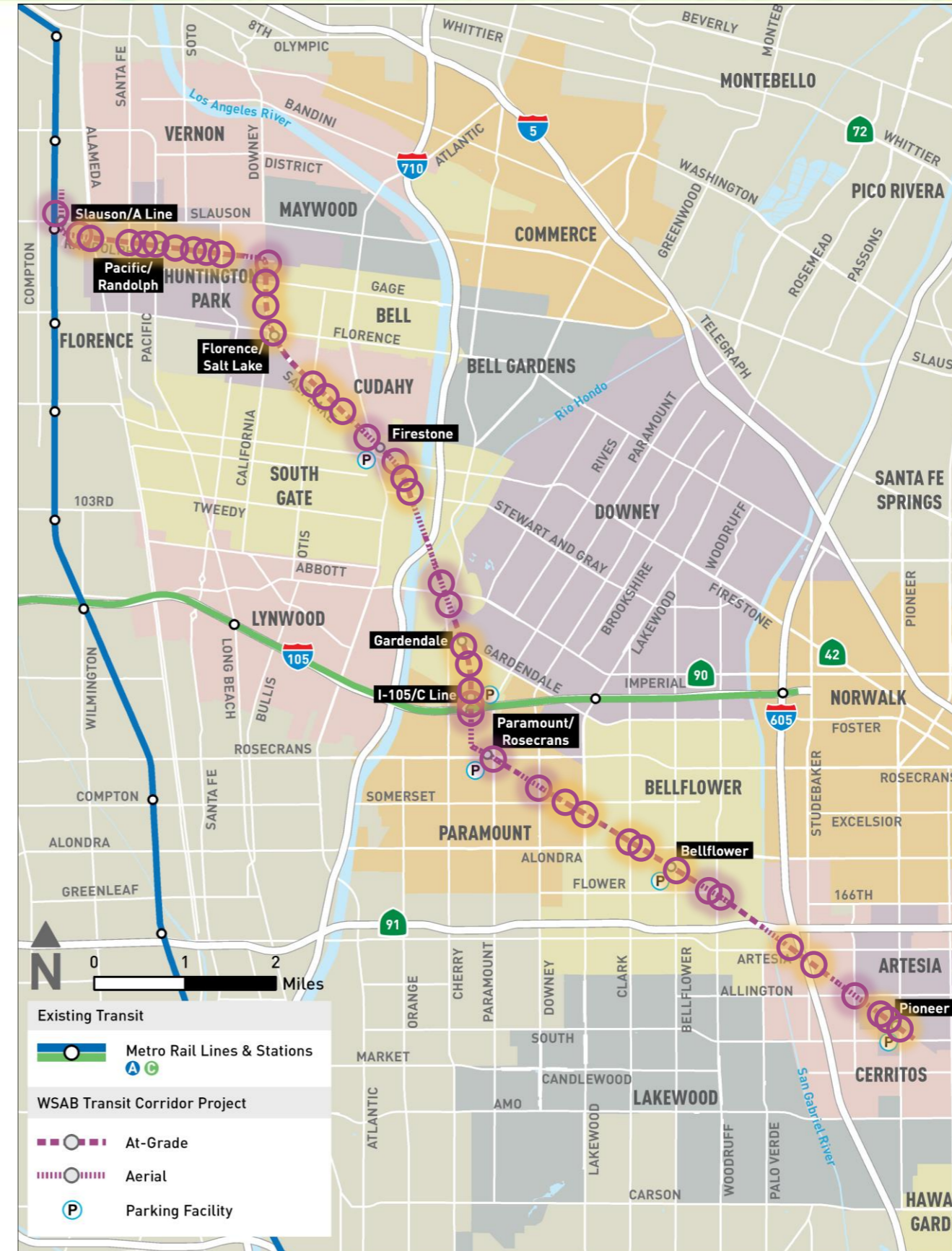
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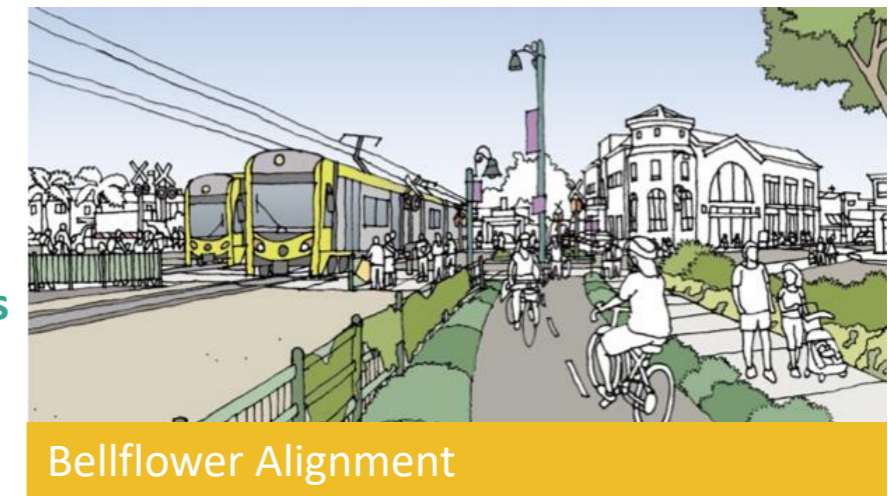
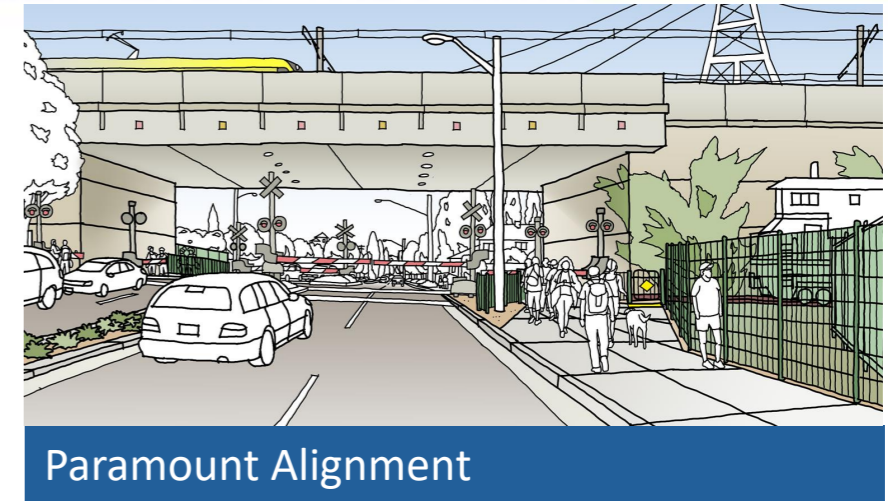
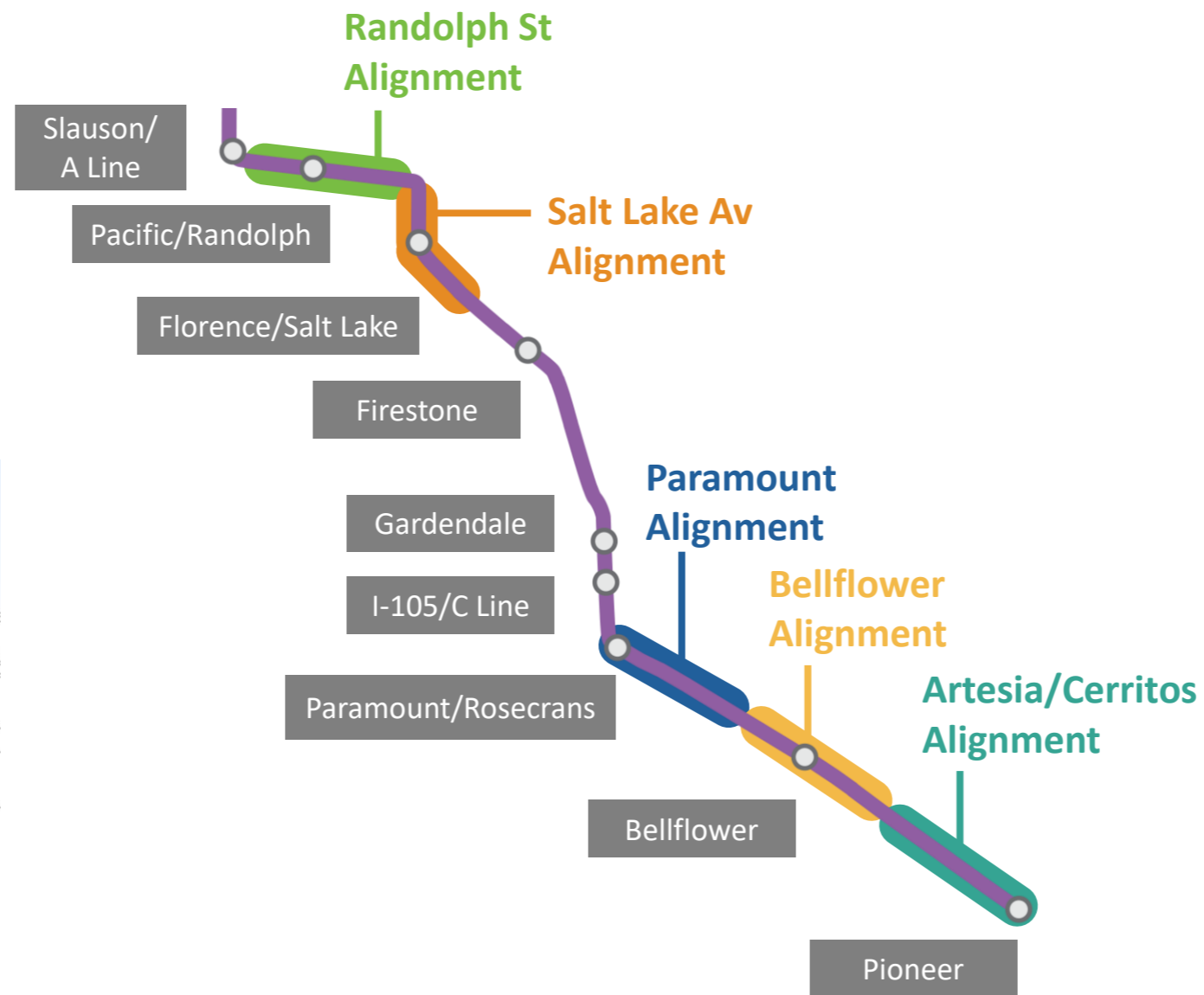
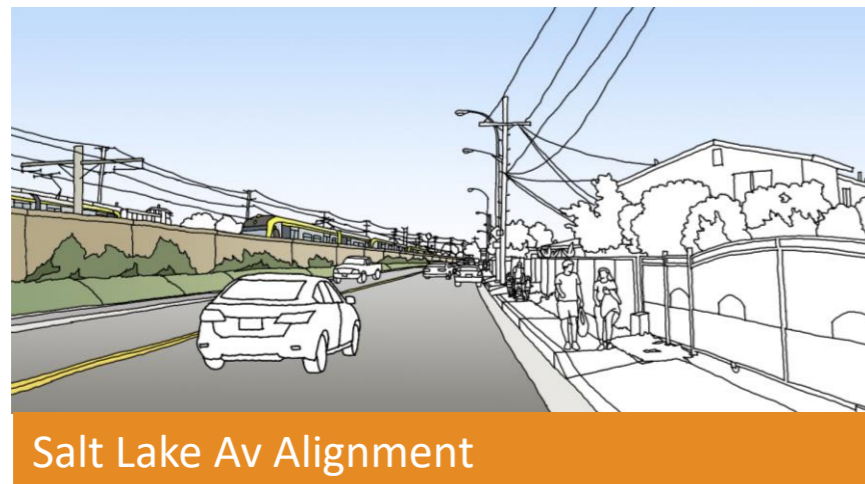
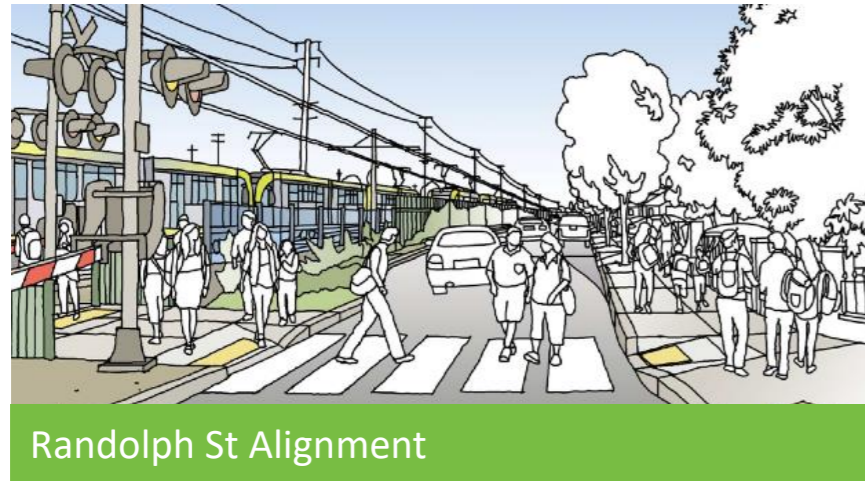


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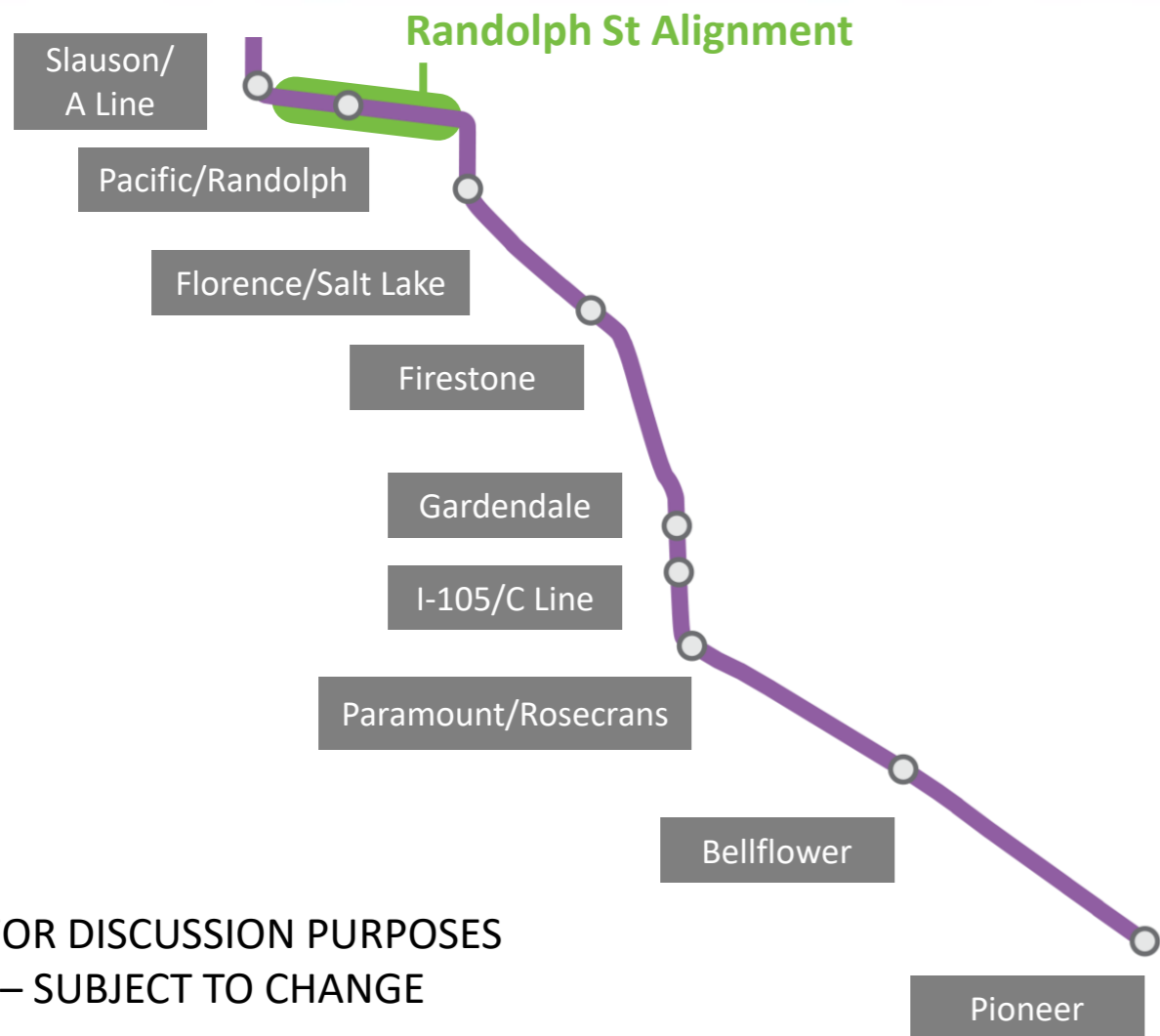
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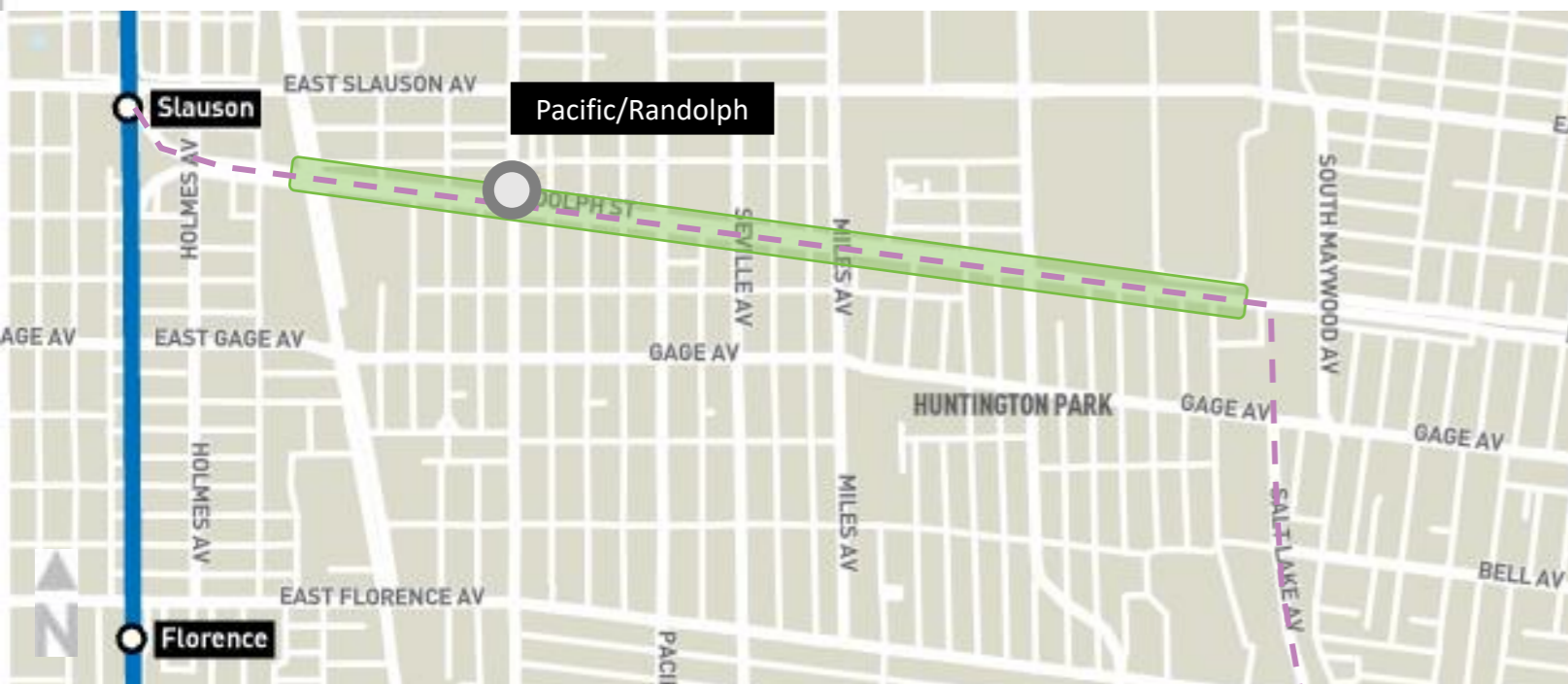
LPA Alignment: Typical Segments (Slauson/A Line to Pioneer Station, 14.5 Miles)



LPA Alignment: Randolph St Conceptual Illustration



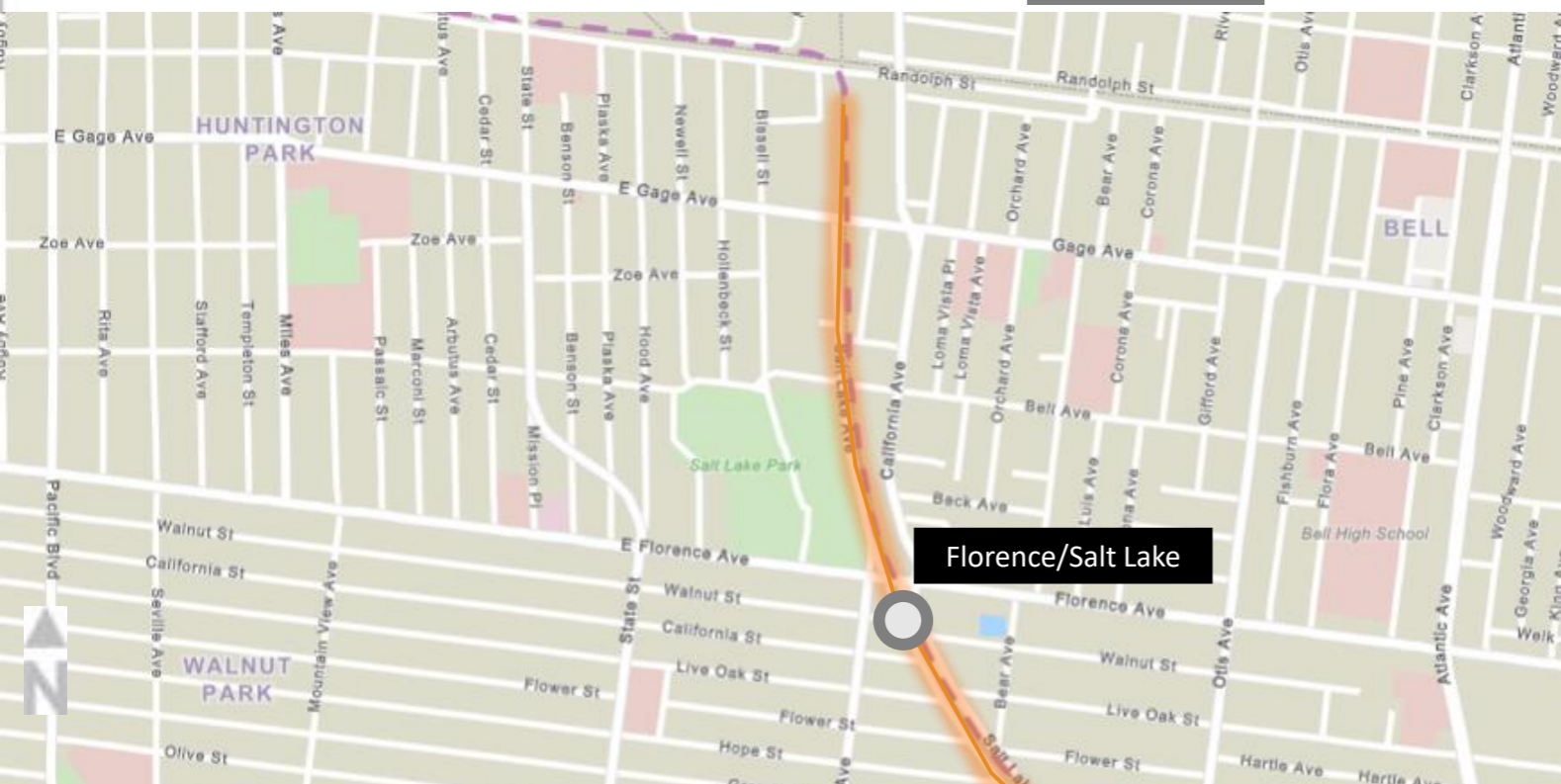
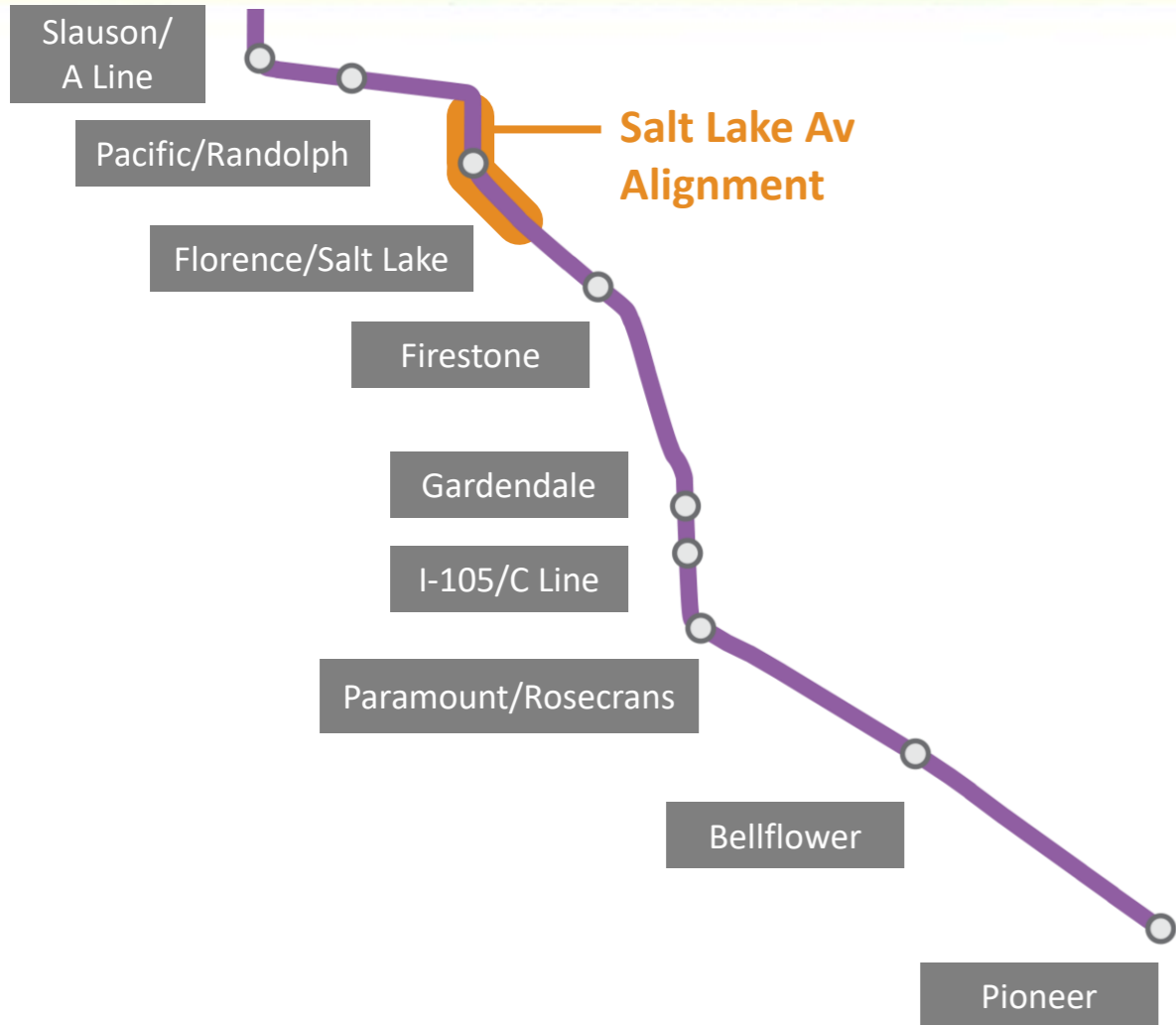
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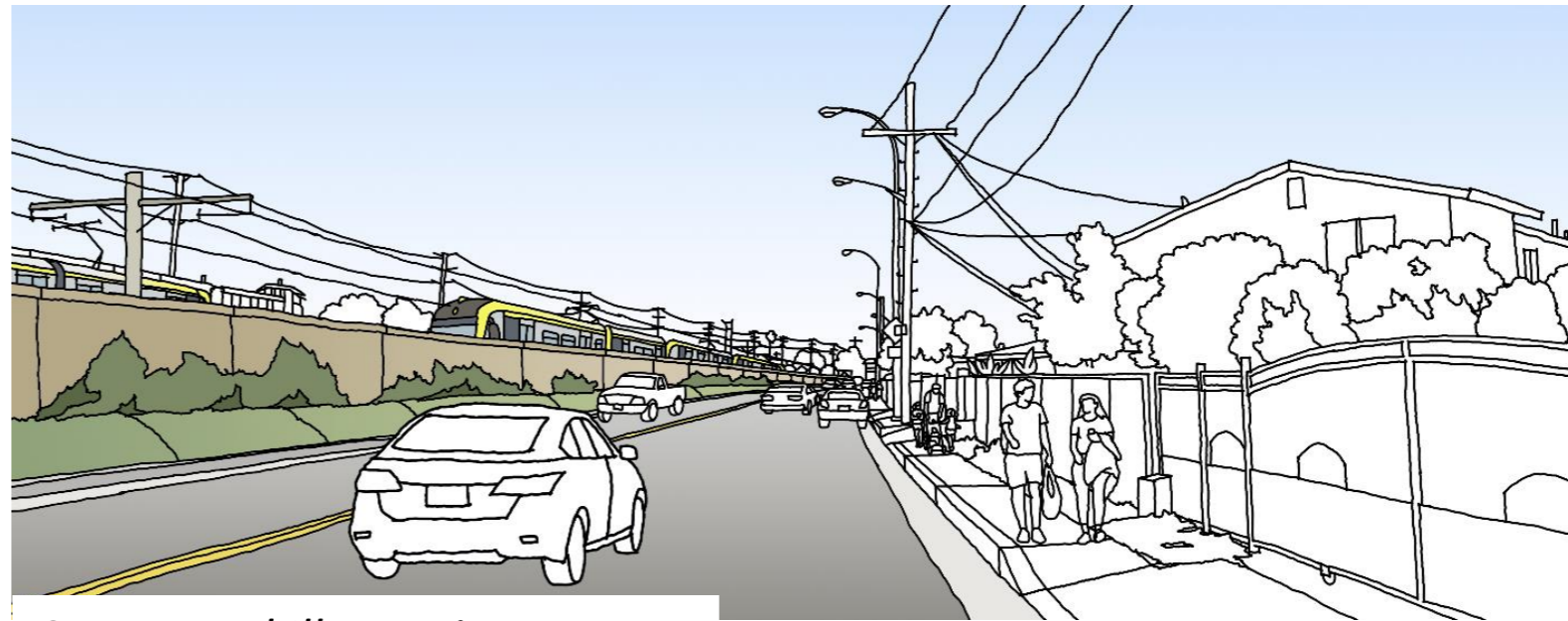
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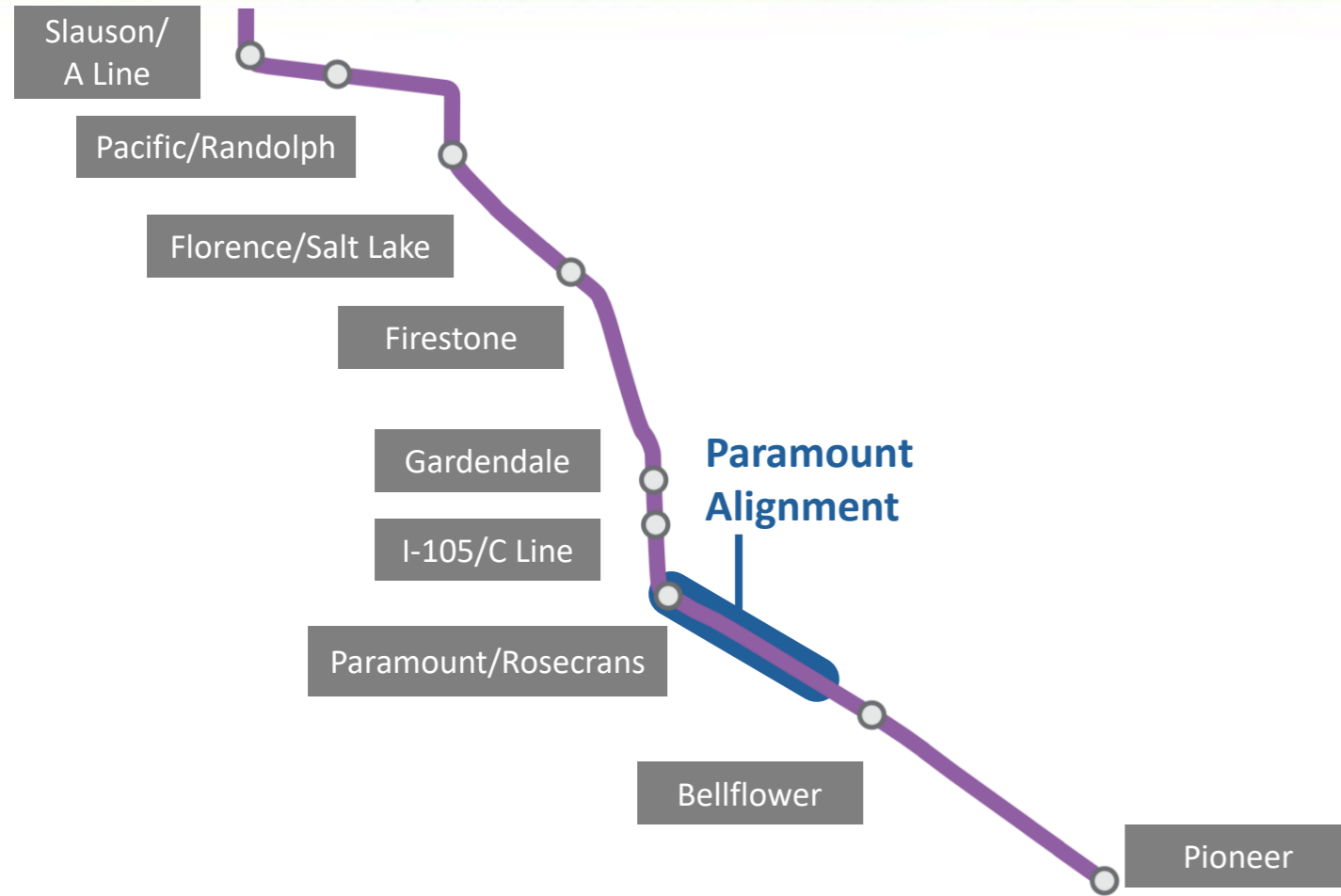
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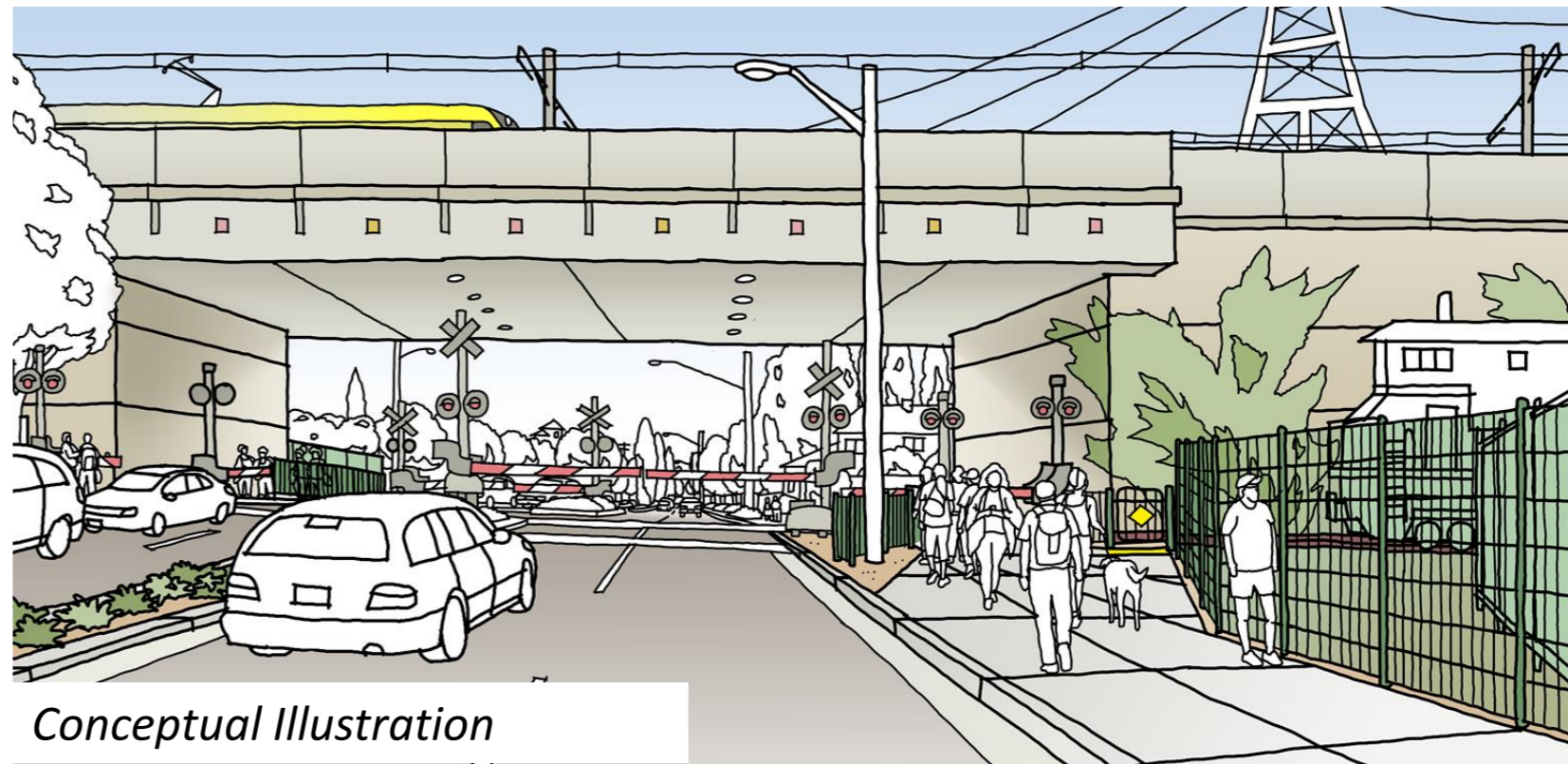
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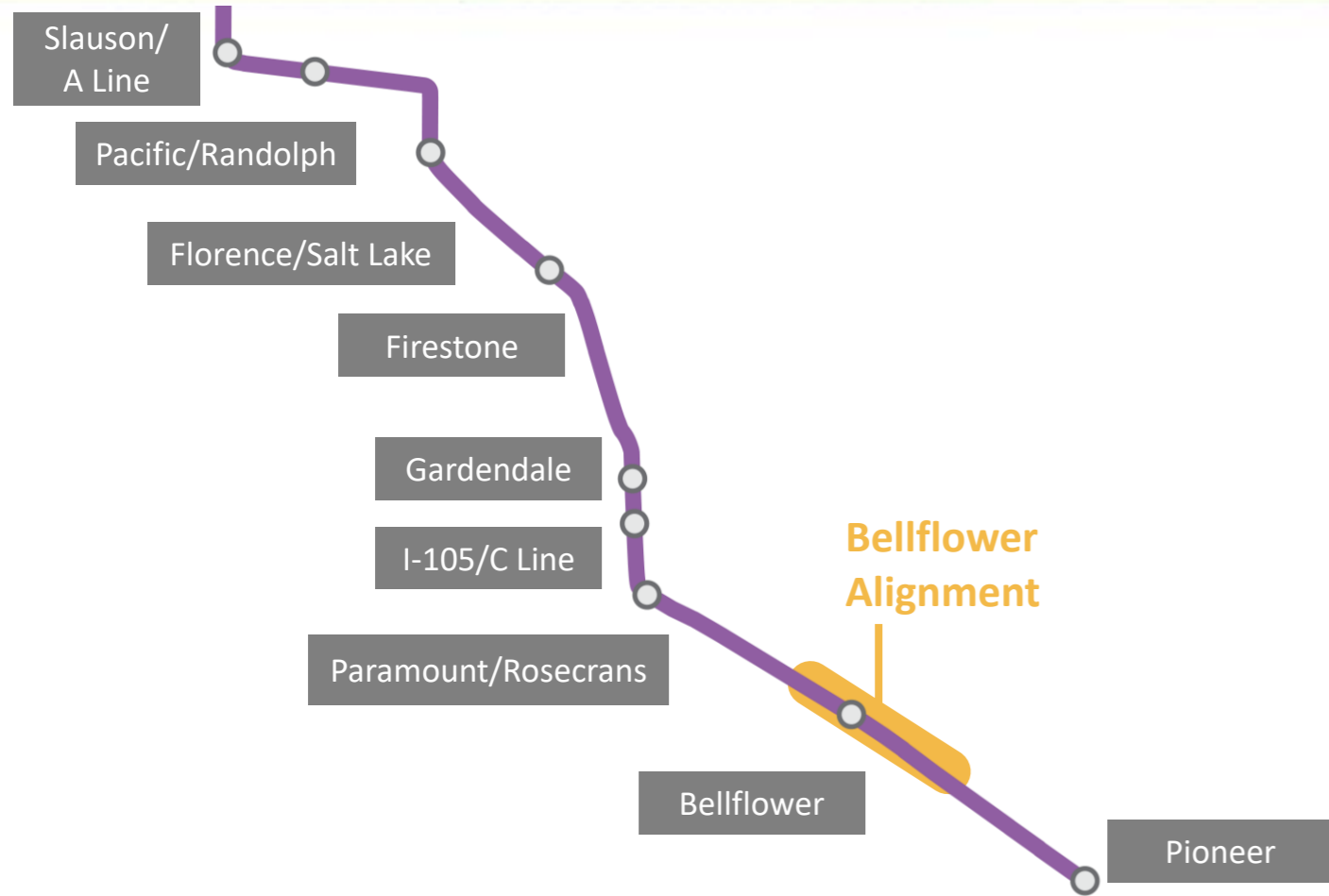


Paramount Alignment



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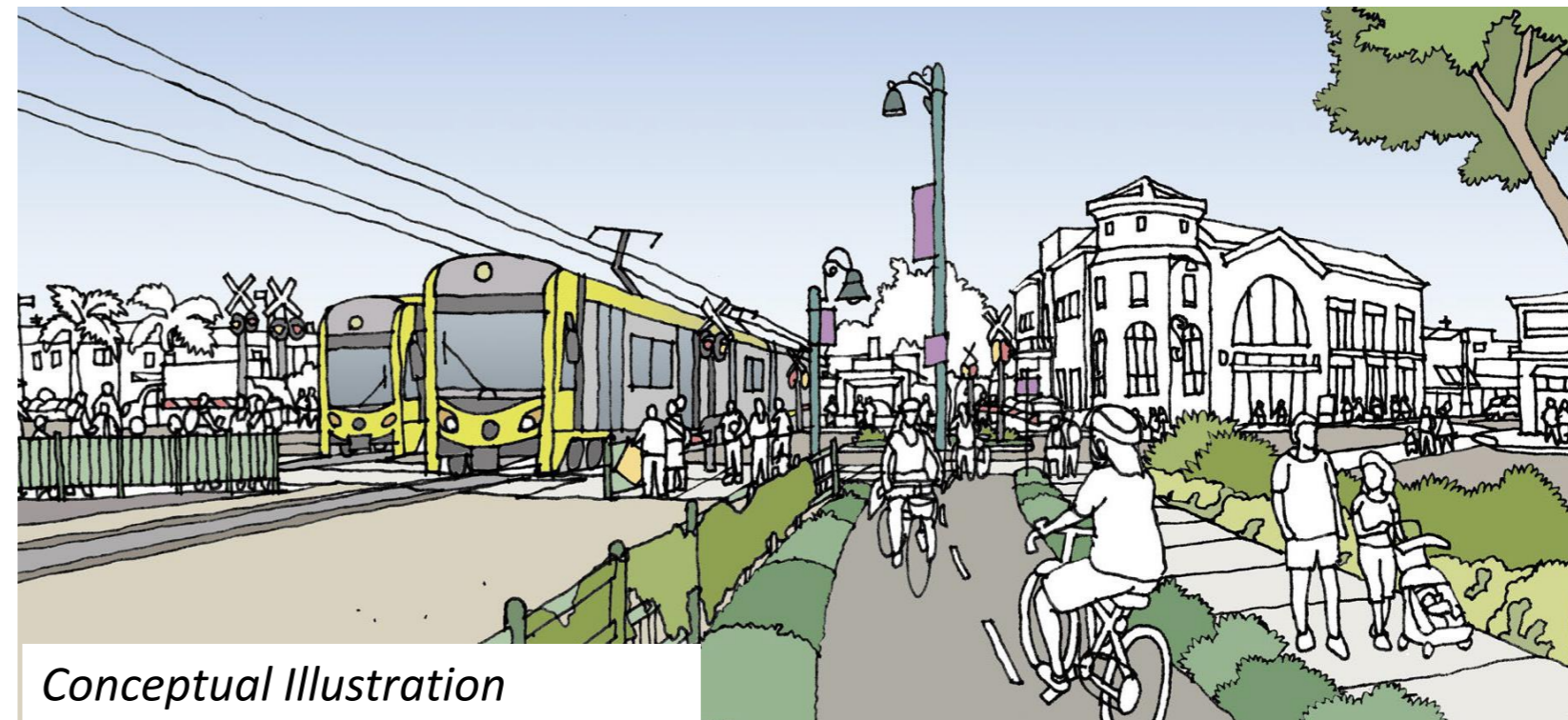
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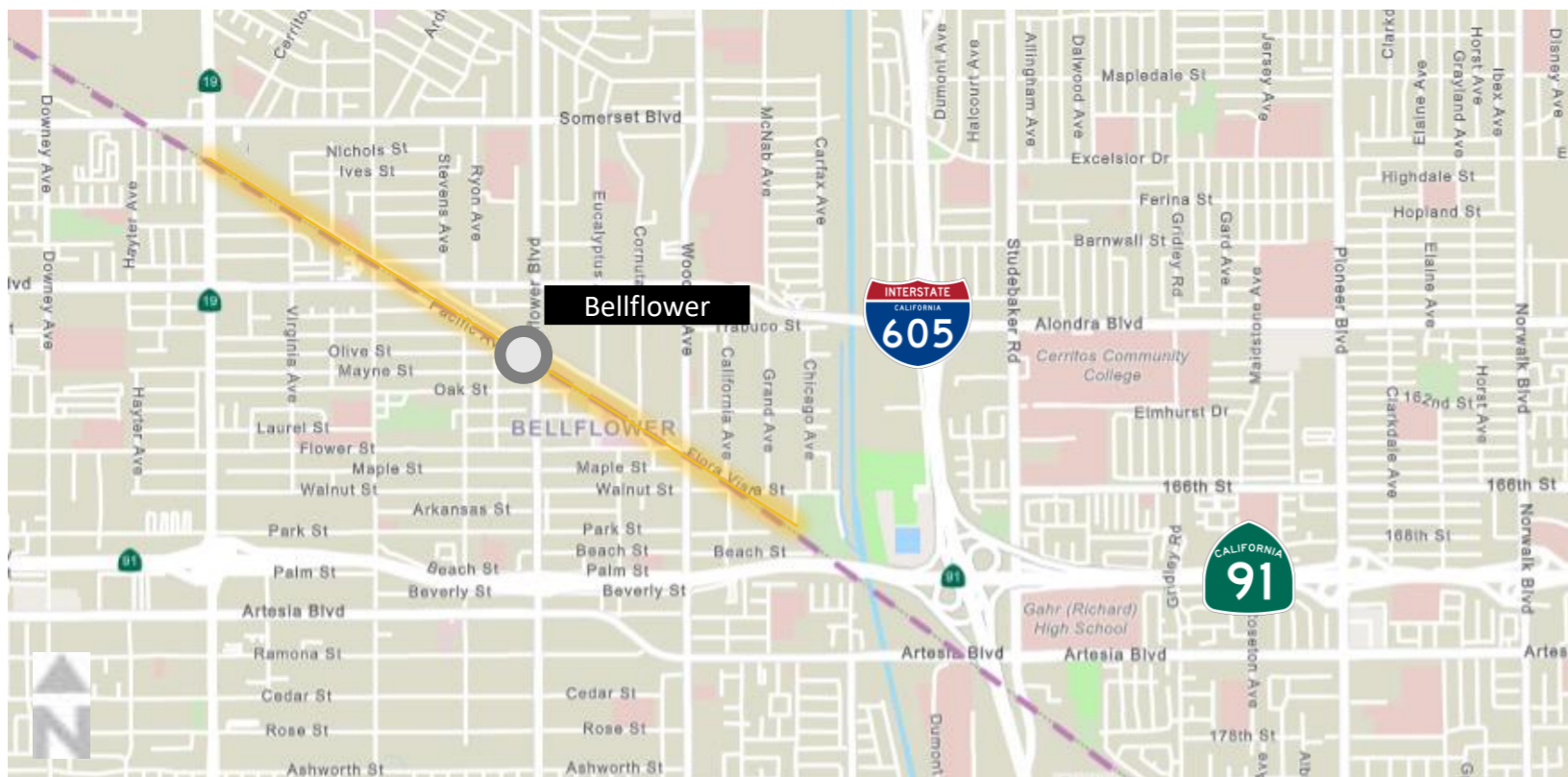
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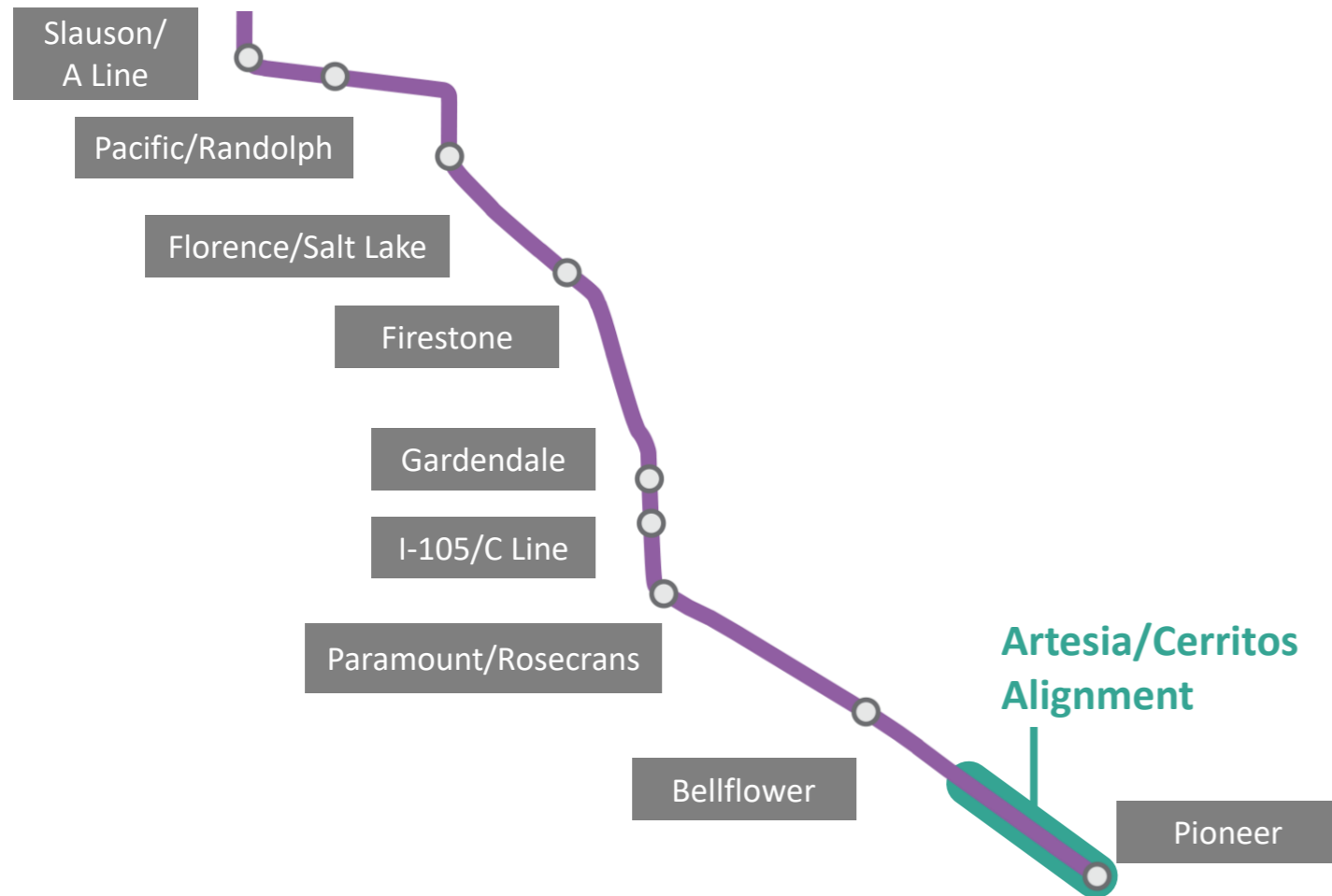
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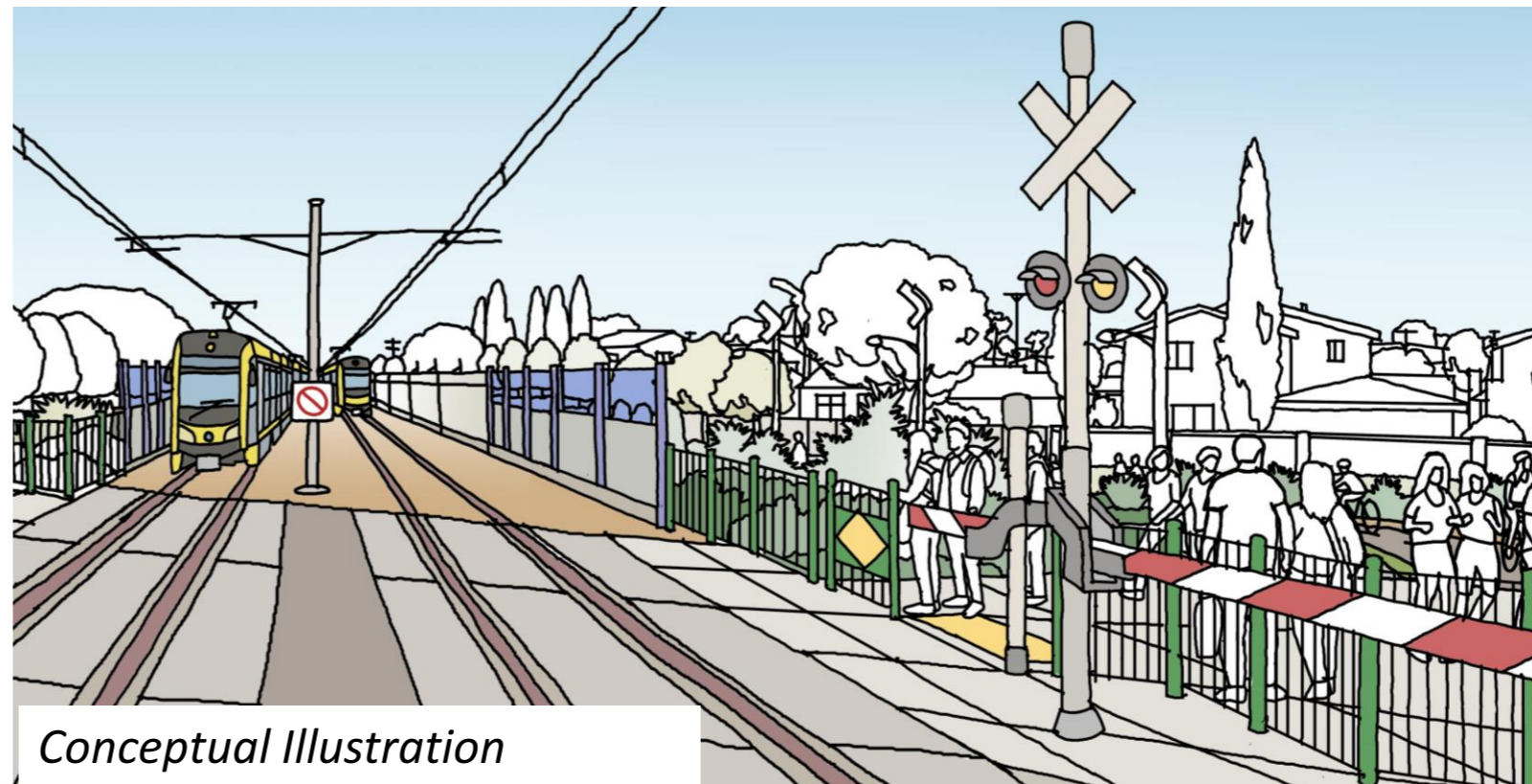
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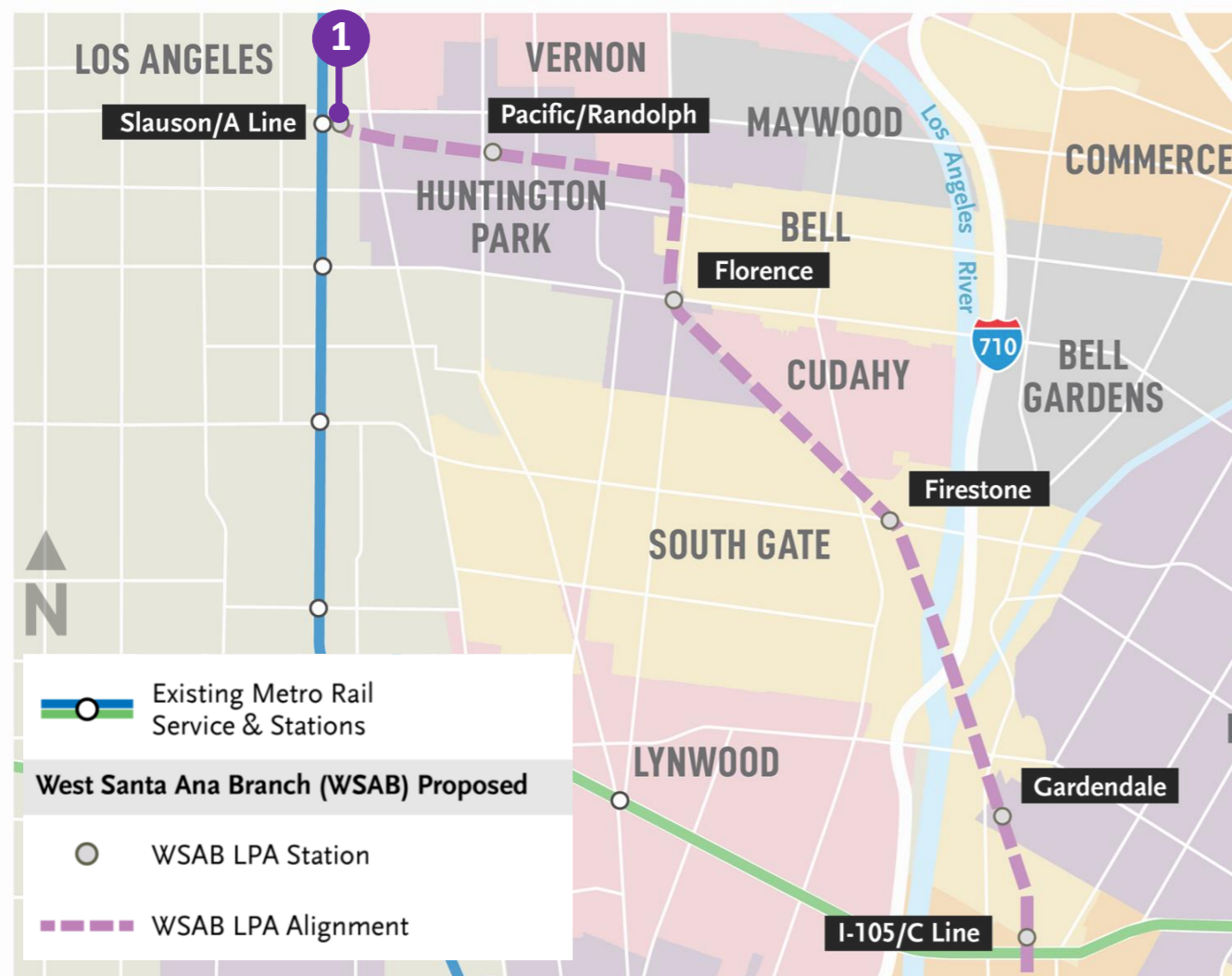


Artesia/Cerritos Alignment



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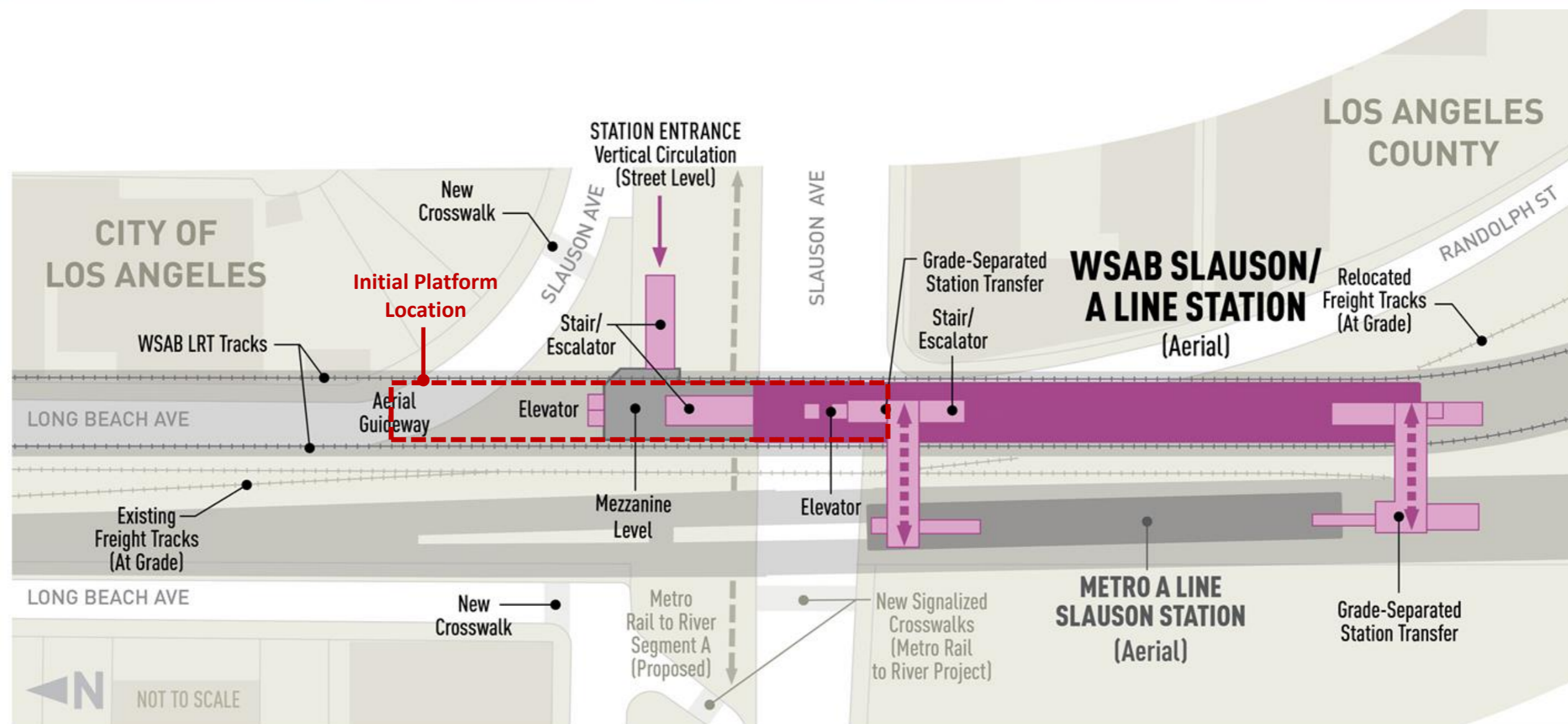
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City of Huntington Park

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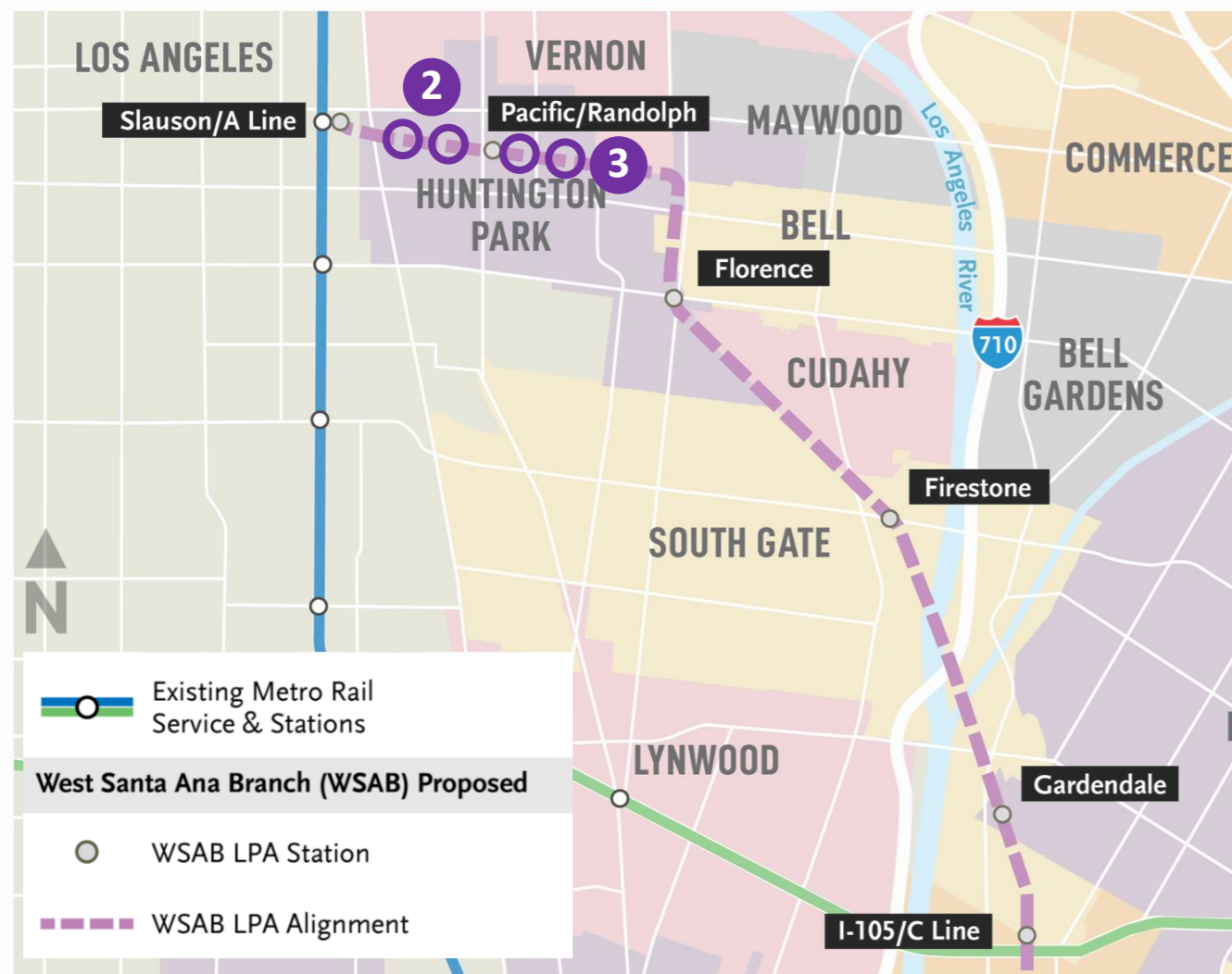
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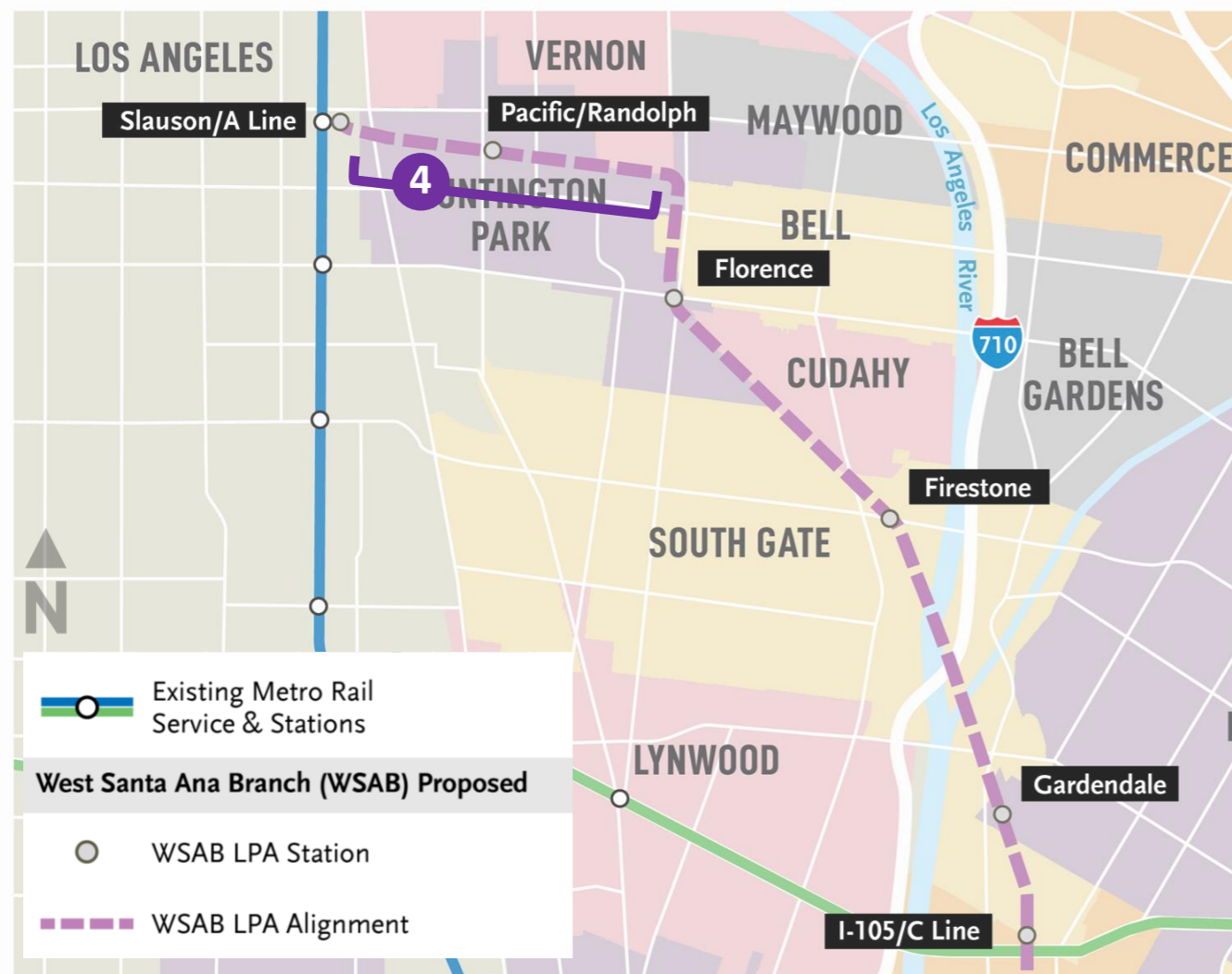
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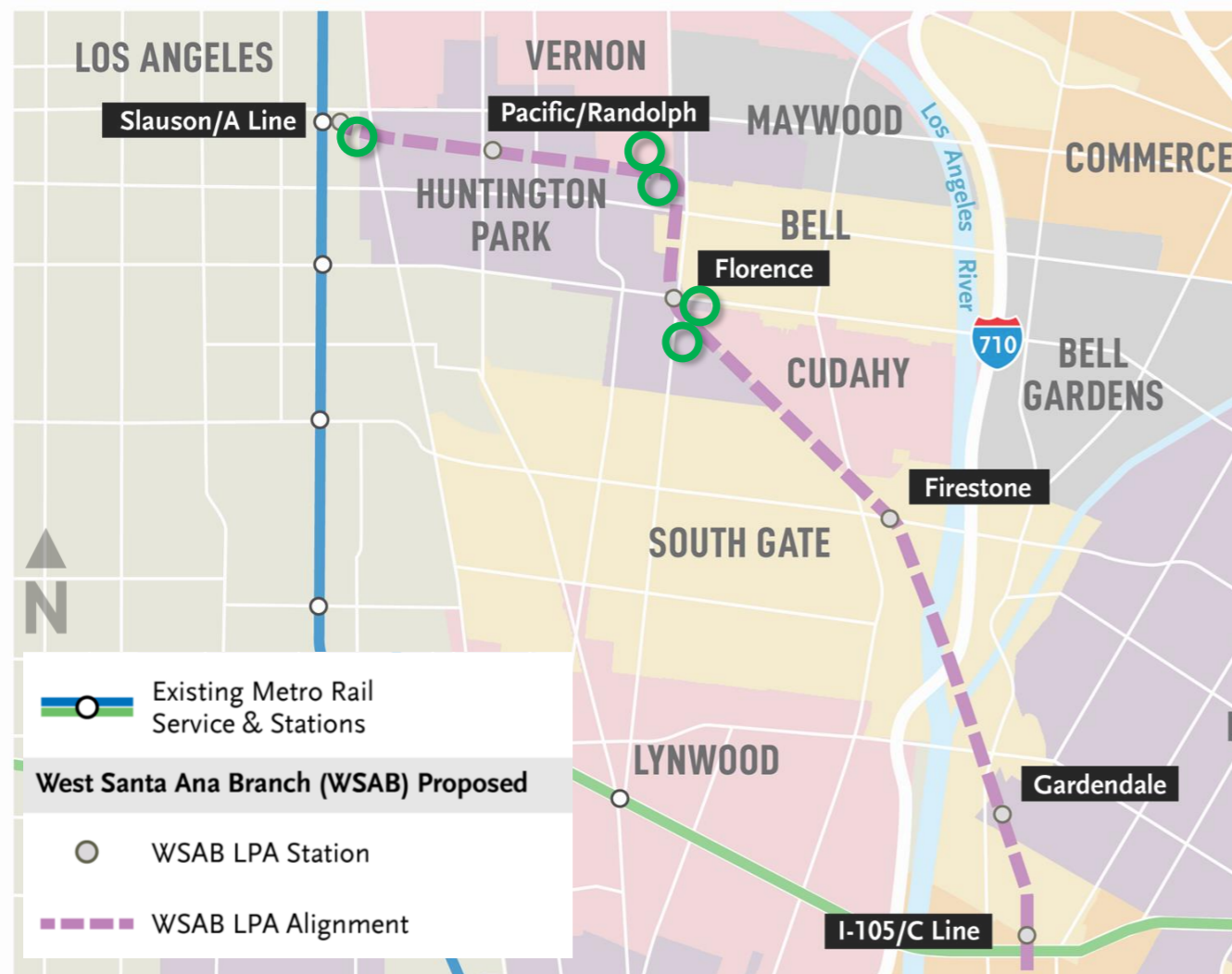


Looking east on Randolph St near Miles Ave



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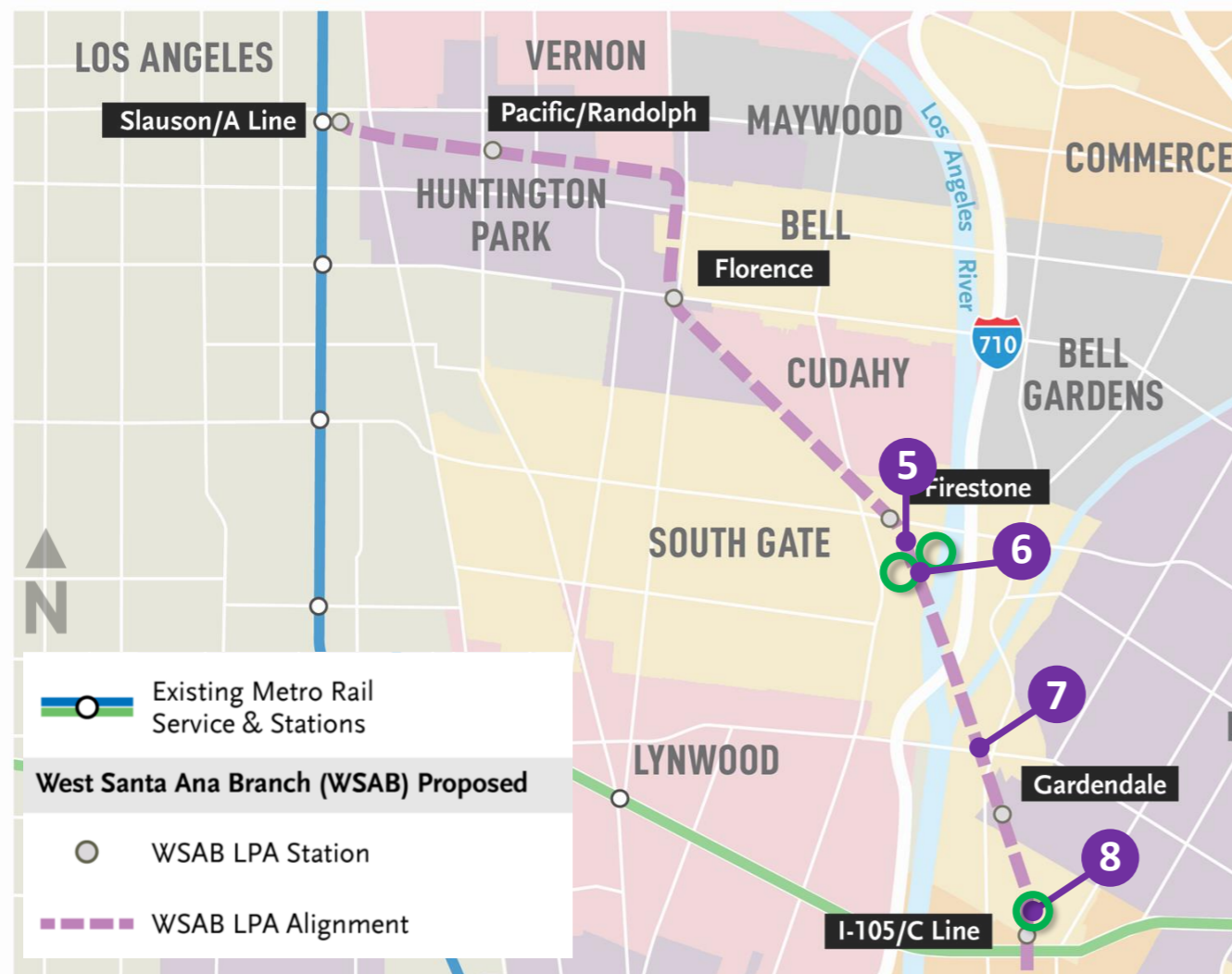


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- **Other Refinements:**
 - Left-turns restricted at Santa Fe Av, Pacific Bl, Miles Av, and State St
 - New TPSS site location within freight ROW avoids conflict with future development (east of State St)
 - Eliminated optional TPSS Sites 16E and 12E
 - New laydown area within freight ROW (east of State St and Randolph St)
 - Revised design eliminated parking impacts at the San Antonio Elementary School and Magnet Center
 - Revised design near Florence Station avoids affecting existing water well

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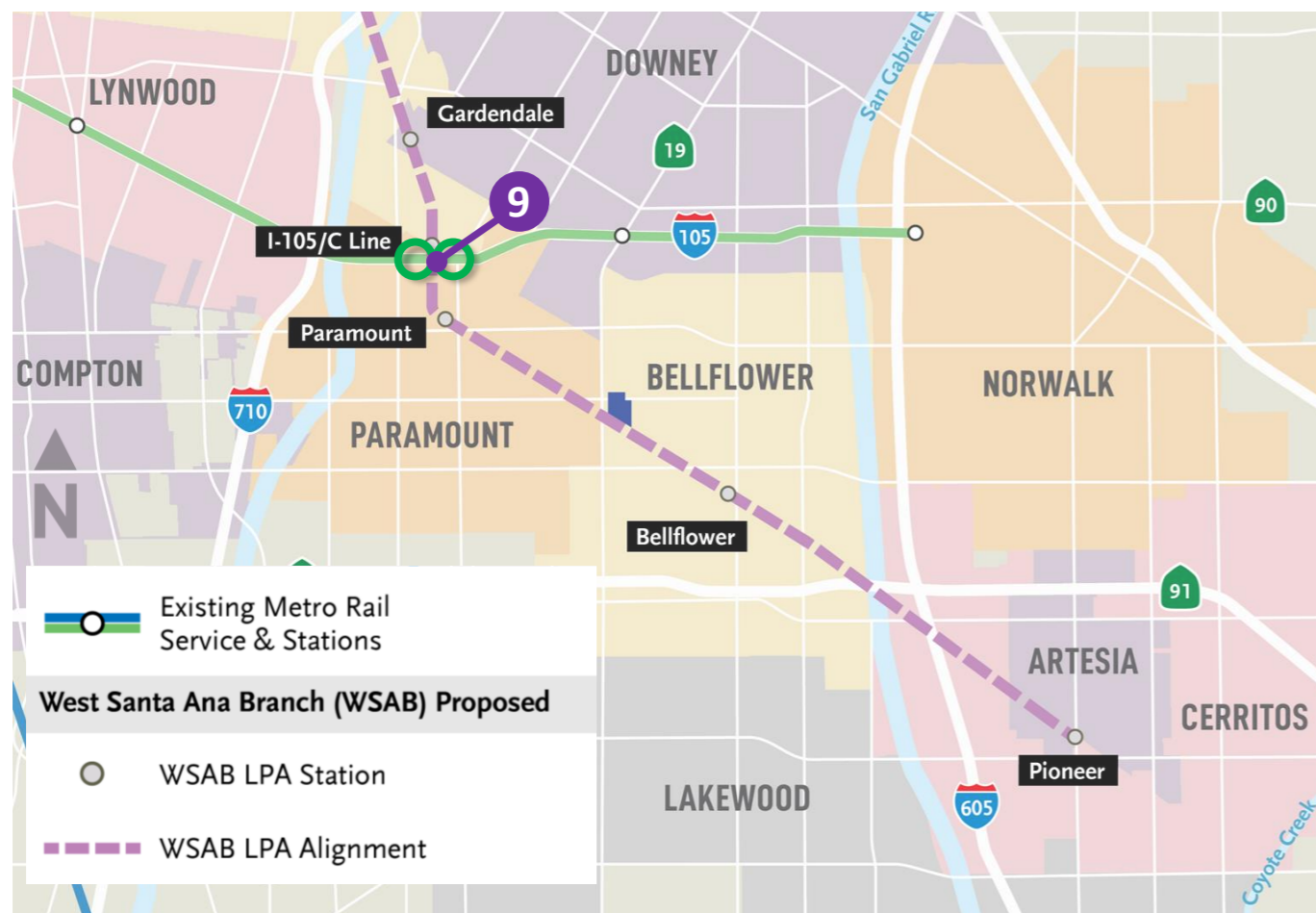


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City of South Gate

- 5 Design updated to include redesigned freight spur track connection north of Rayo Av
 - 6 New Laydown area identified east of freight ROW between Rayo Av and Southern Av
 - 7 Extended LRT bridge over Imperial Hwy north to maintain existing freight access to parcel
 - 8 Added new driveway for parking lot access on east side of tracks, fronting Century Bl
 - Parking eliminated from west side of tracks at Century Bl, relocated all parking east of tracks at I-105/C Line
- Other Refinements:**
- New laydown area identified within San Pedro Subdivision ROW east of freight tracks, north of Imperial Hwy
 - Optional TPSS site included in modified parking lot at I-105/C Line Station

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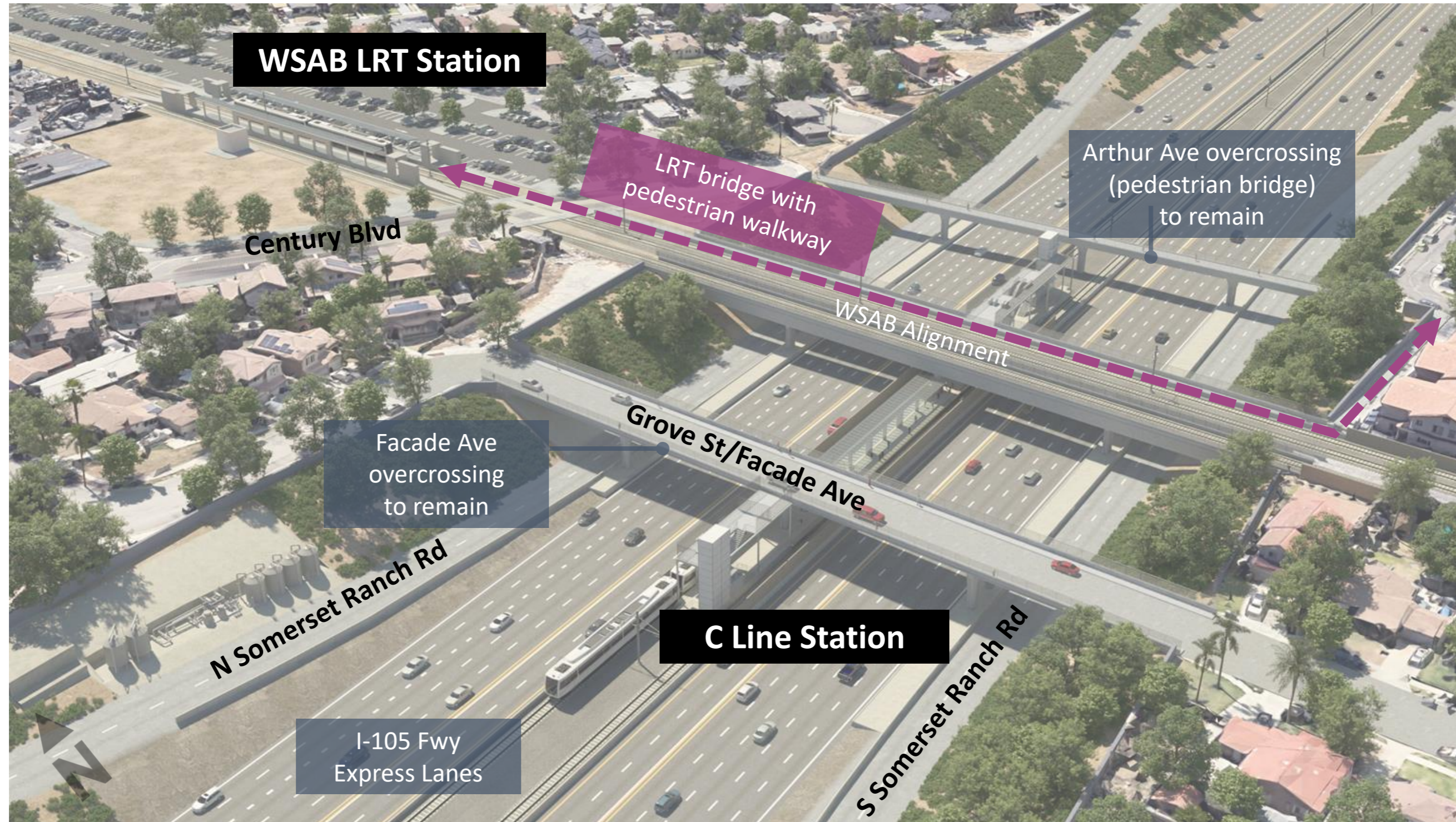
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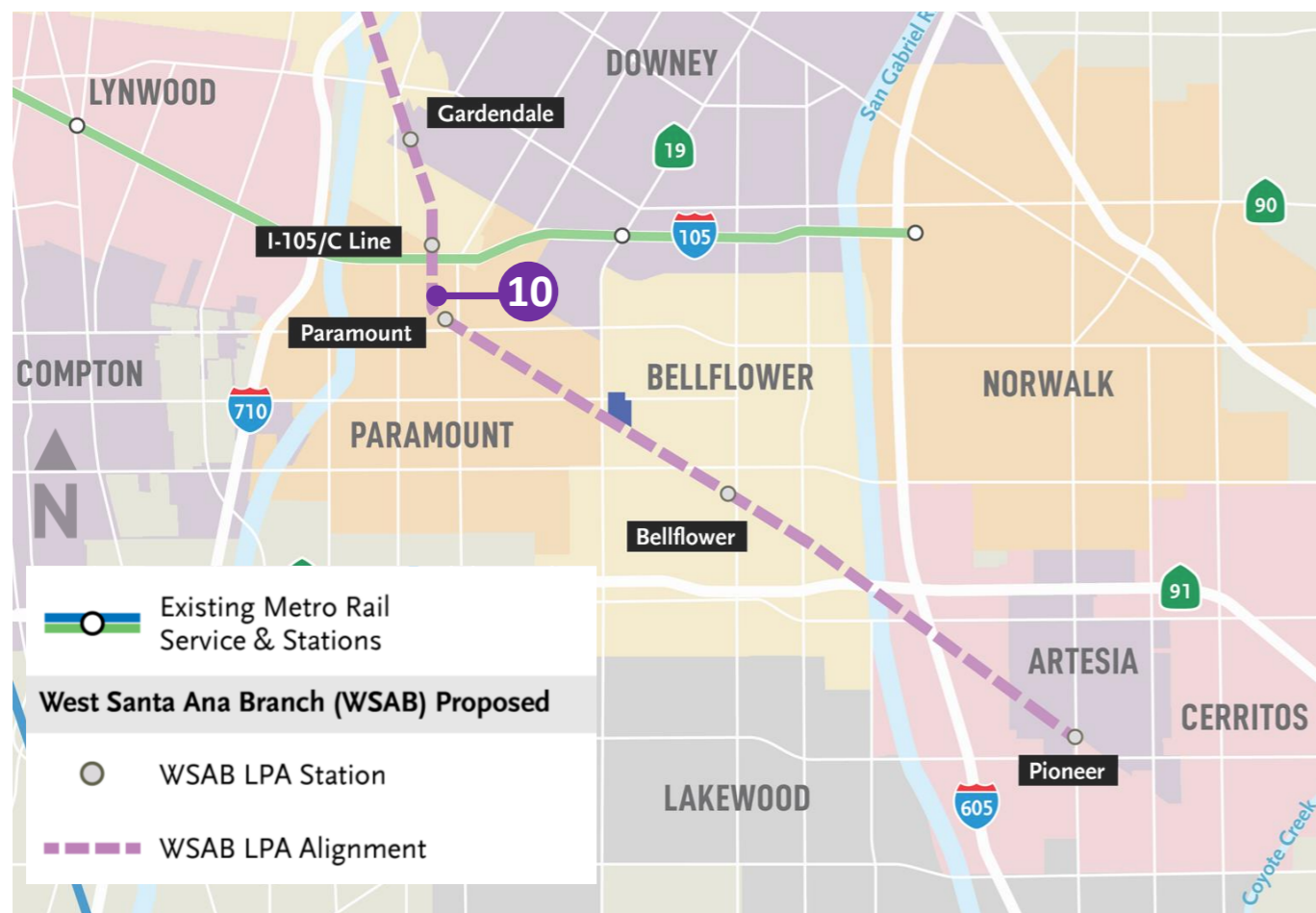
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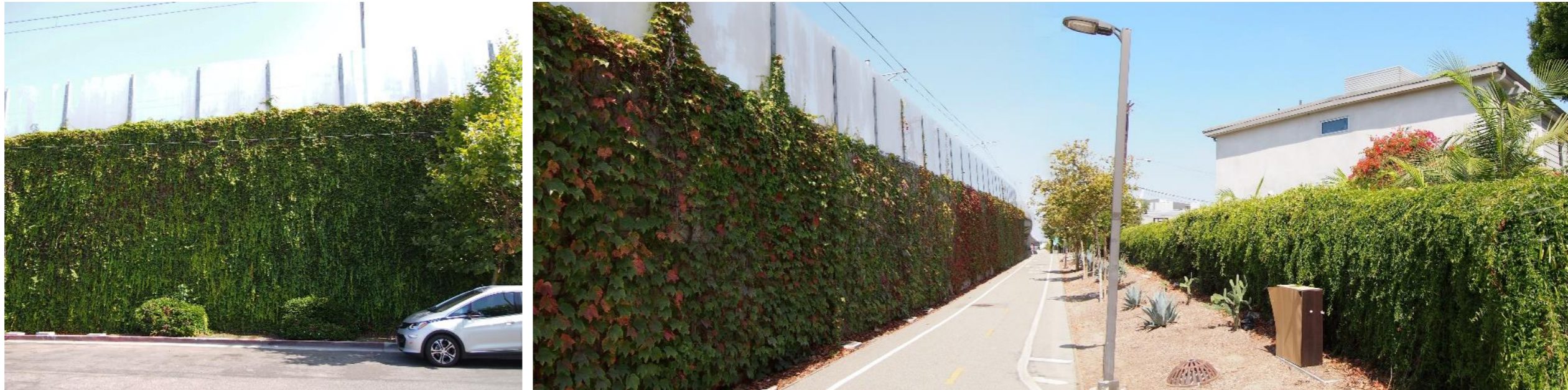
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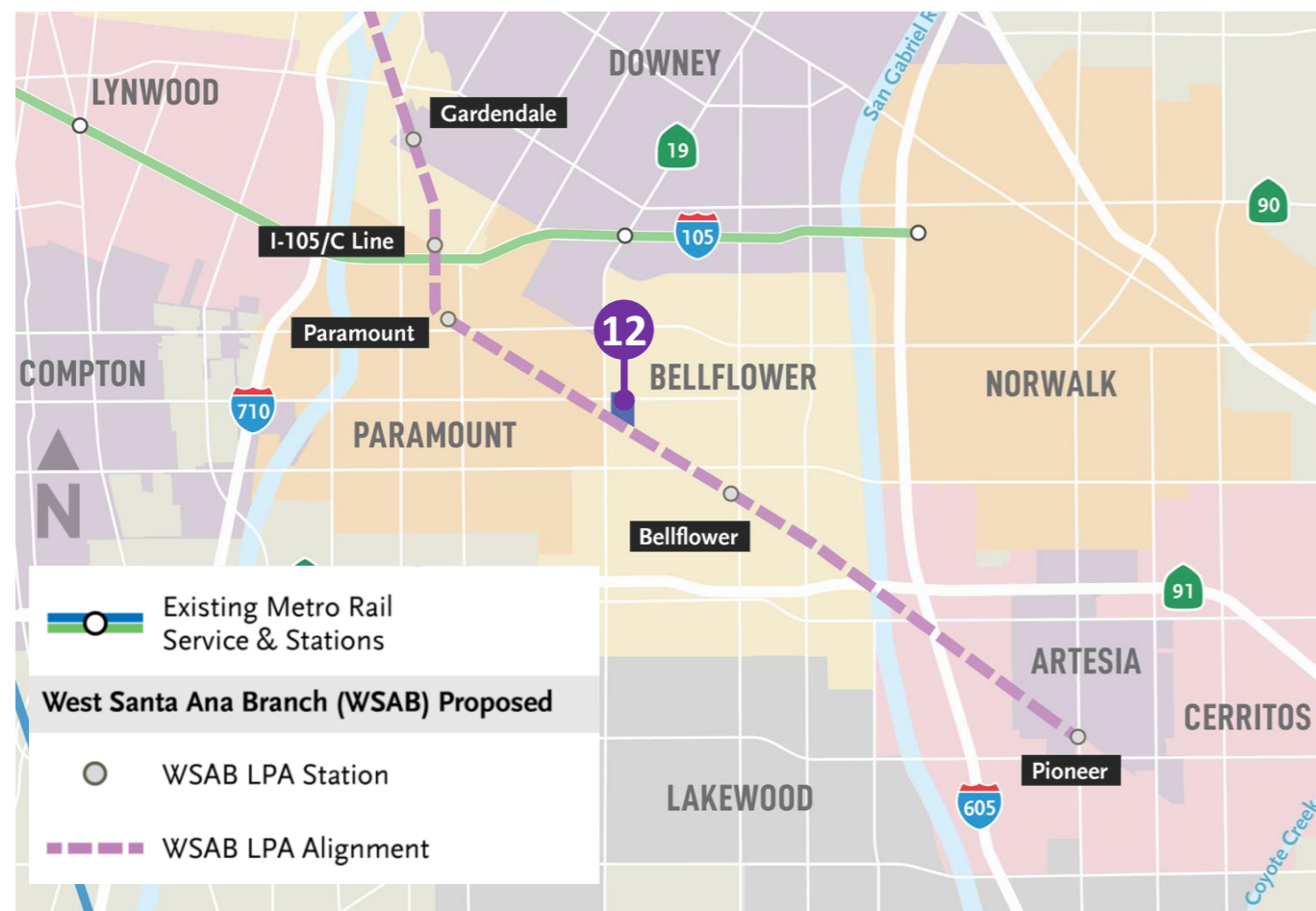
Translucent Privacy Panels over retaining wall with landscape



Solid Privacy Panels over soundwall



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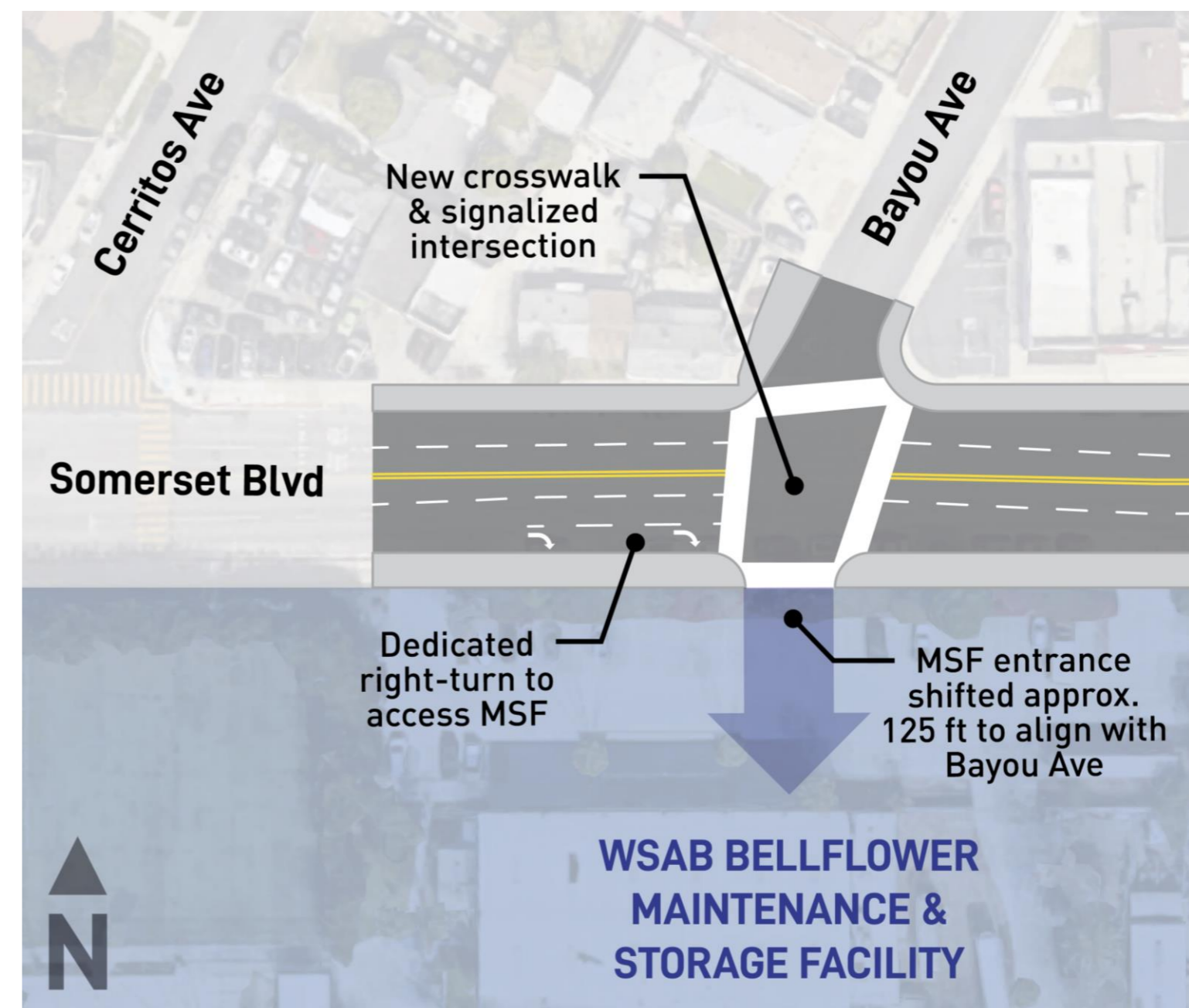
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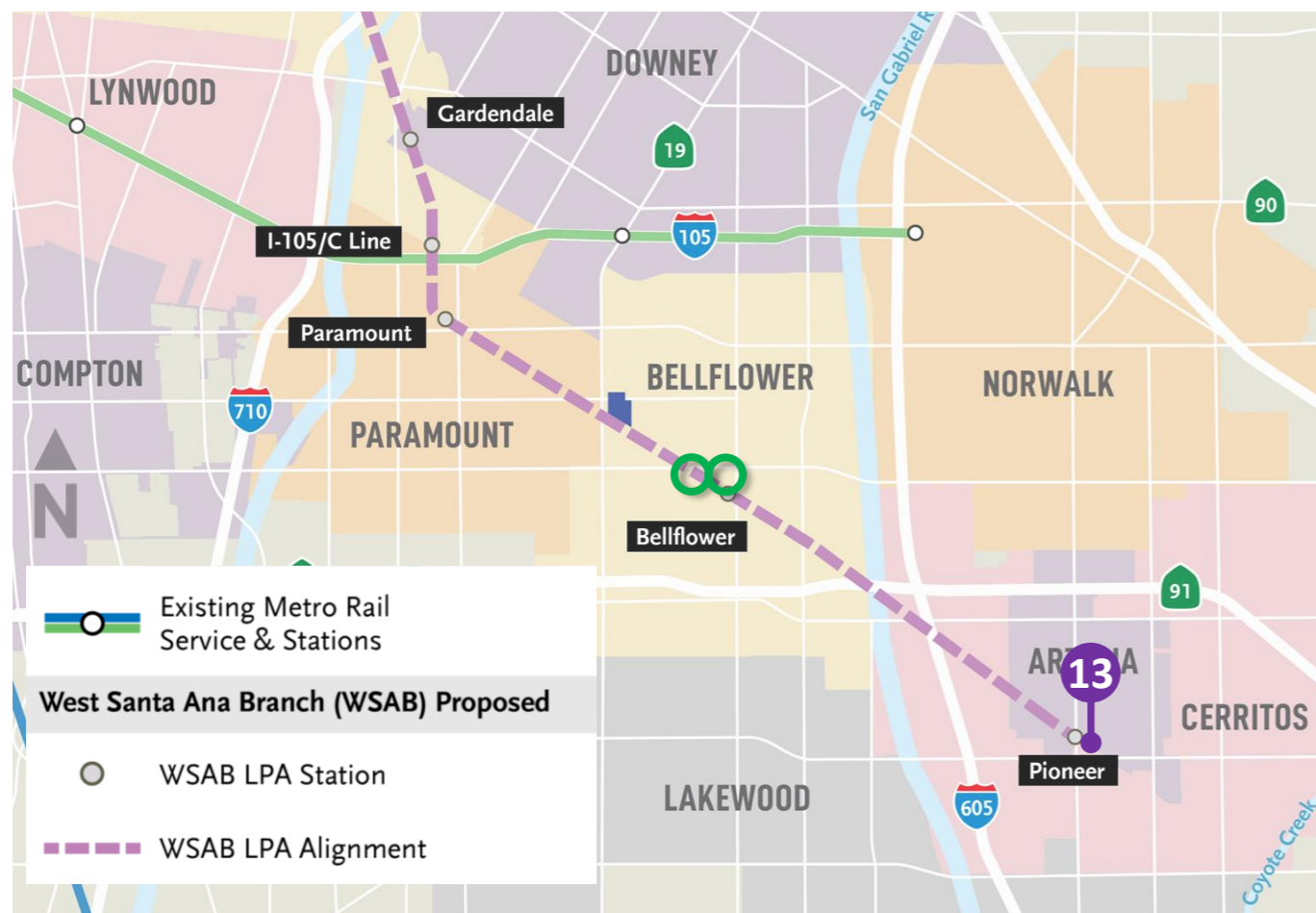
Bellflower Maintenance/Storage Facility (MSF)

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Bellflower MSF Access Diagram

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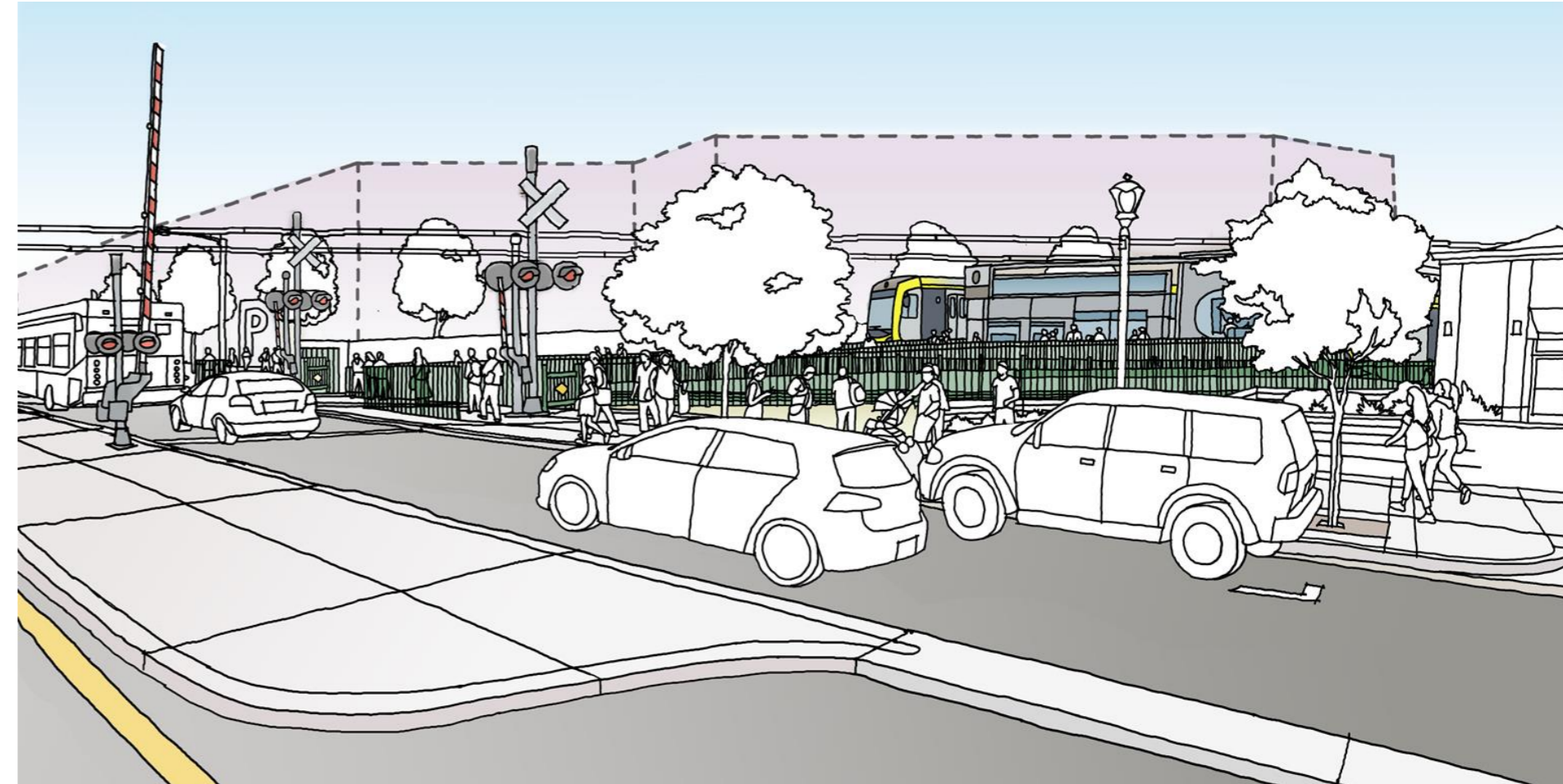
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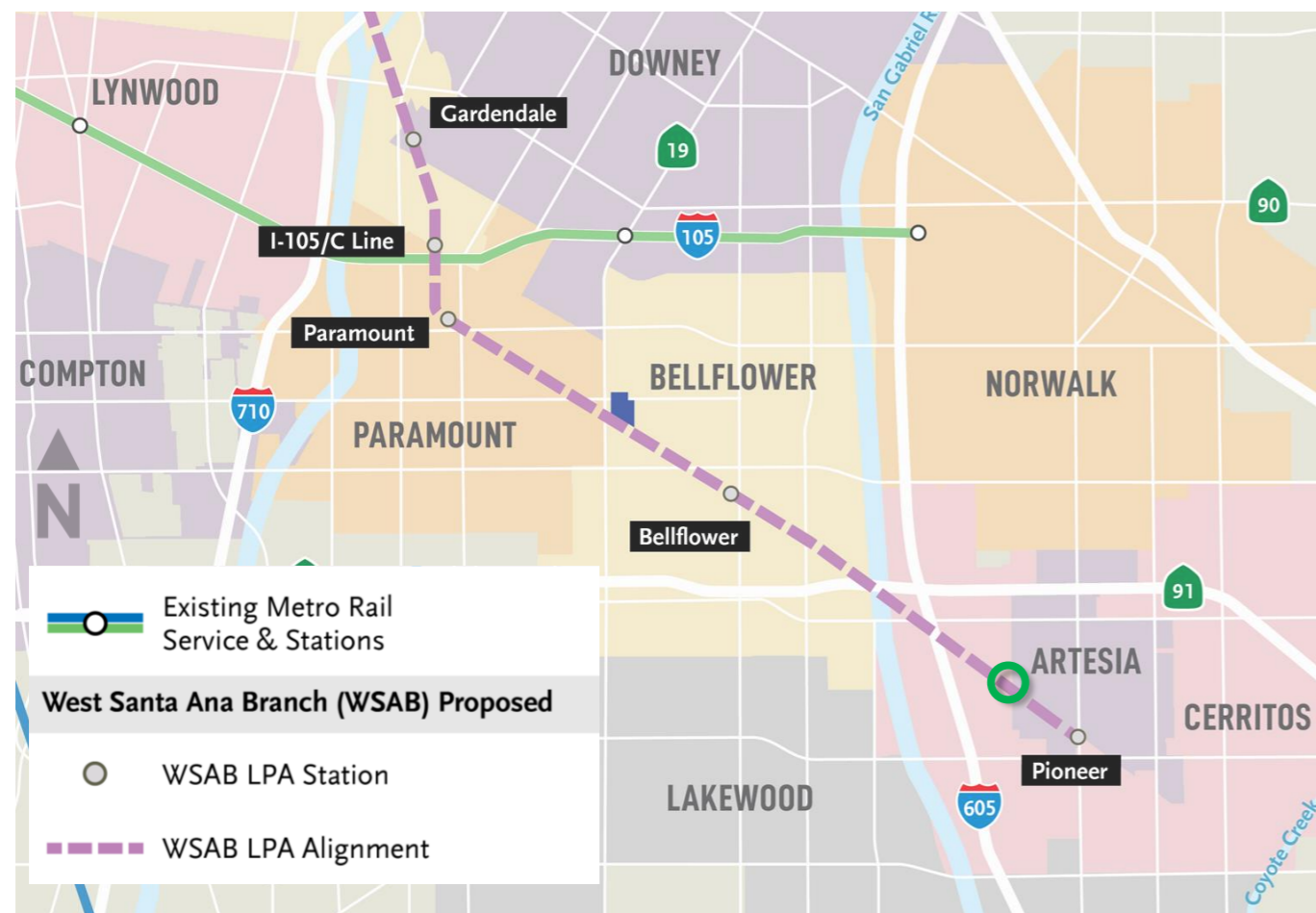
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Looking south on Pioneer Bl towards Pioneer Station and parking structure (beyond)
Note: Parking structure to be developed further in coordination with City

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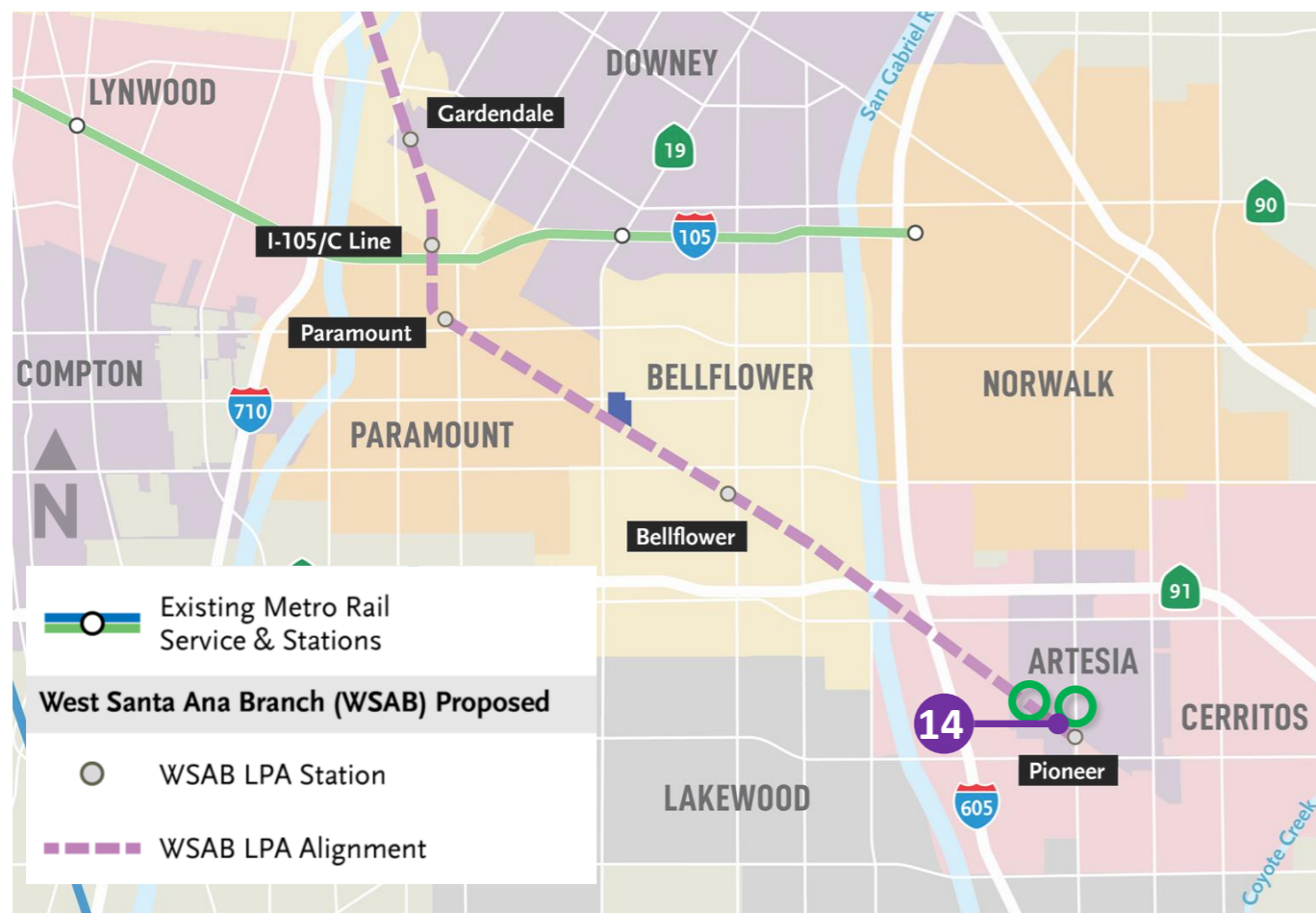
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Looking east into ROW from Gridley Rd/183rd St

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Project Design Refinements

City of Artesia/CPUC

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Design option added:

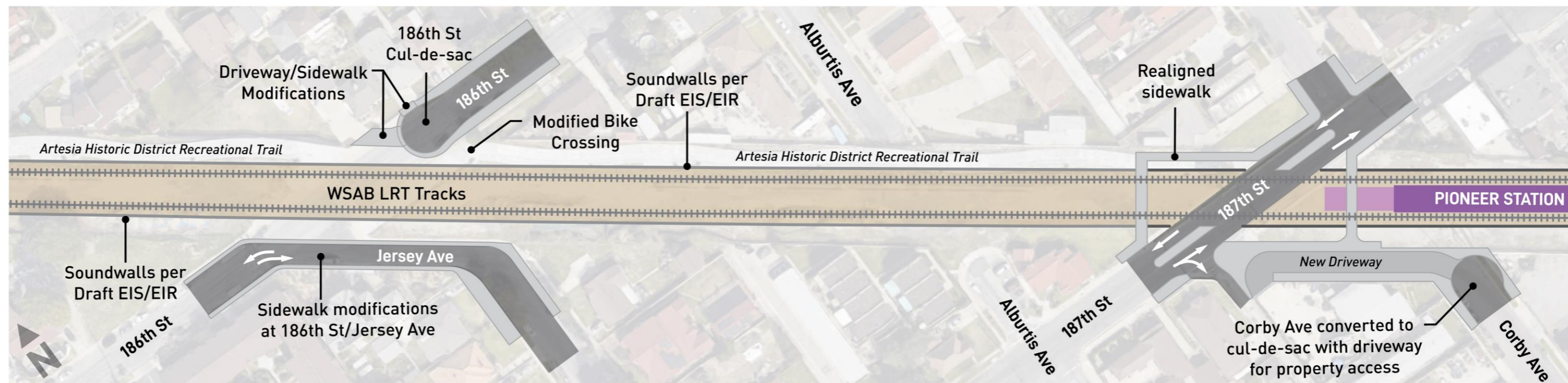
- Closes 186th St (187th St remains open to traffic)
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Other Refinements:

- Artesia Historic District Recreation Trail (along PEROW) updated on WSAB plans as existing condition
- Median extended approximately 100 ft to block driveway left-turns north of LRT tracks at Pioneer Bl grade crossing

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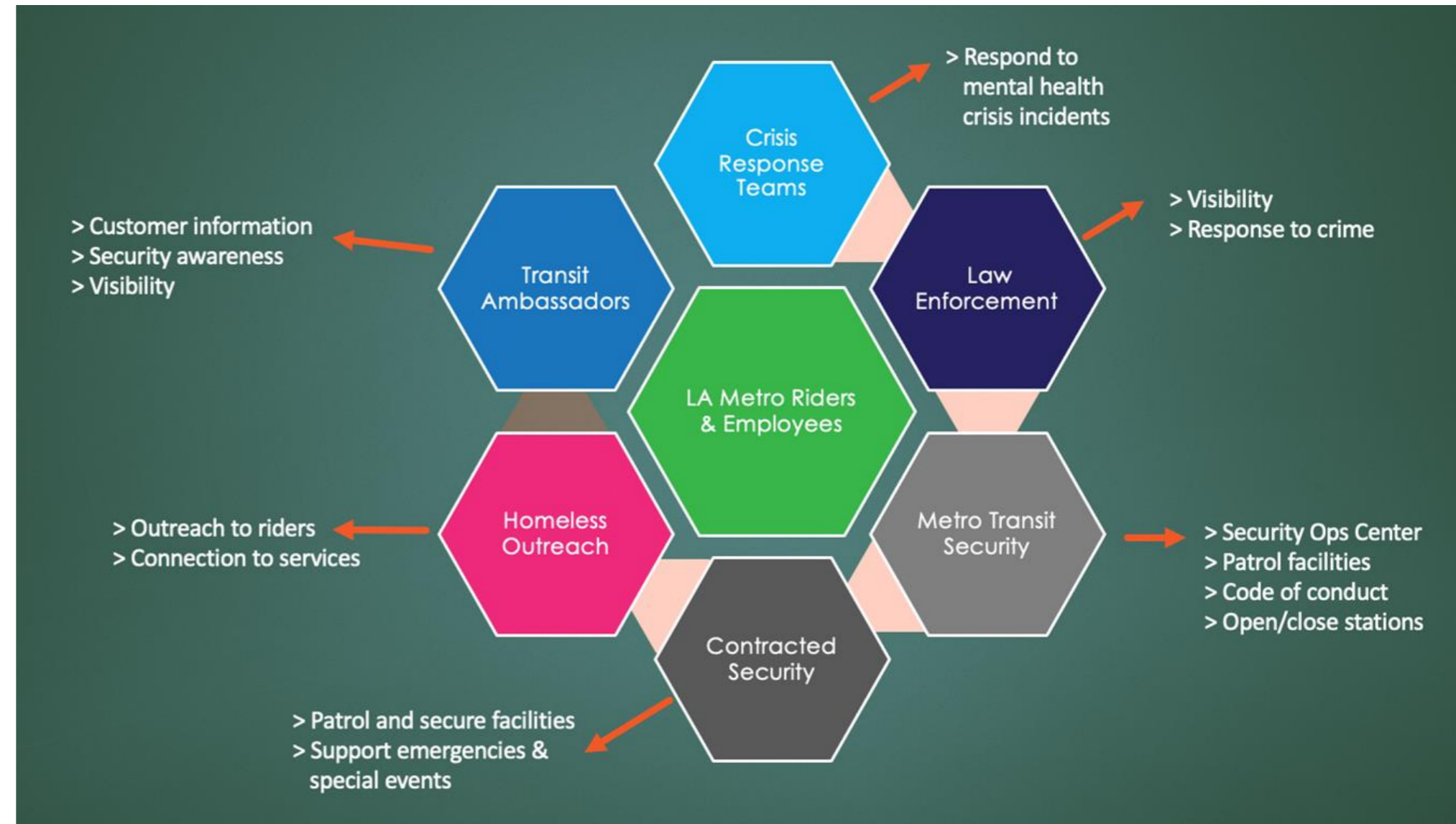


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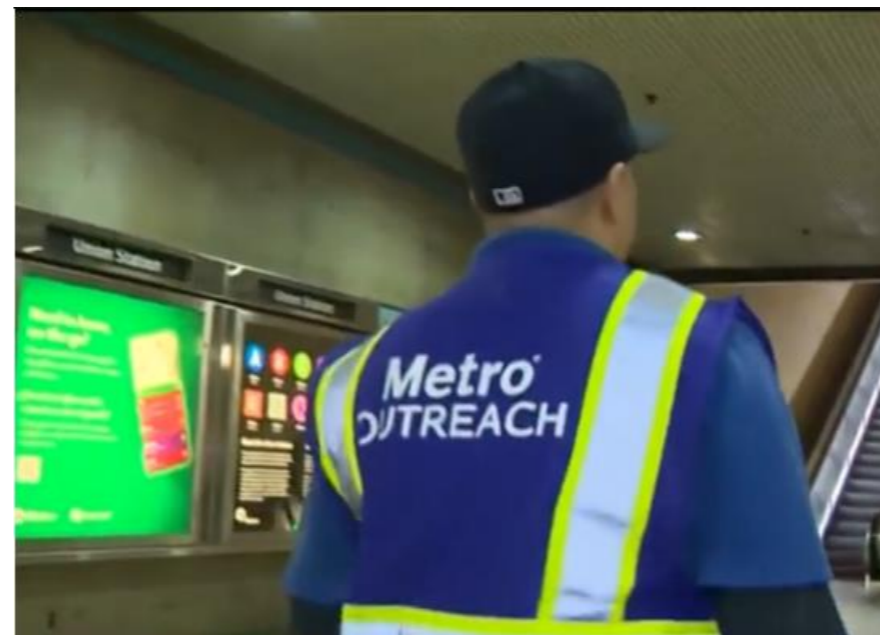
> Metro uses a comprehensive, multi-layered approach to addressing public safety on the transit system to ensure patrons and employees are safe on our buses, trains, and stations.



System Security & Law Enforcement

> Metro is currently expanding additional safety initiatives:

- Upgrading Closed Circuit TV (CCTV)
- Emergency Blue Light Call Boxes
- Metro Transit Watch app
- Increasing the number of Transit Security Officers
- Increasing the number of Homeless Engagement and Crisis Intervention Teams



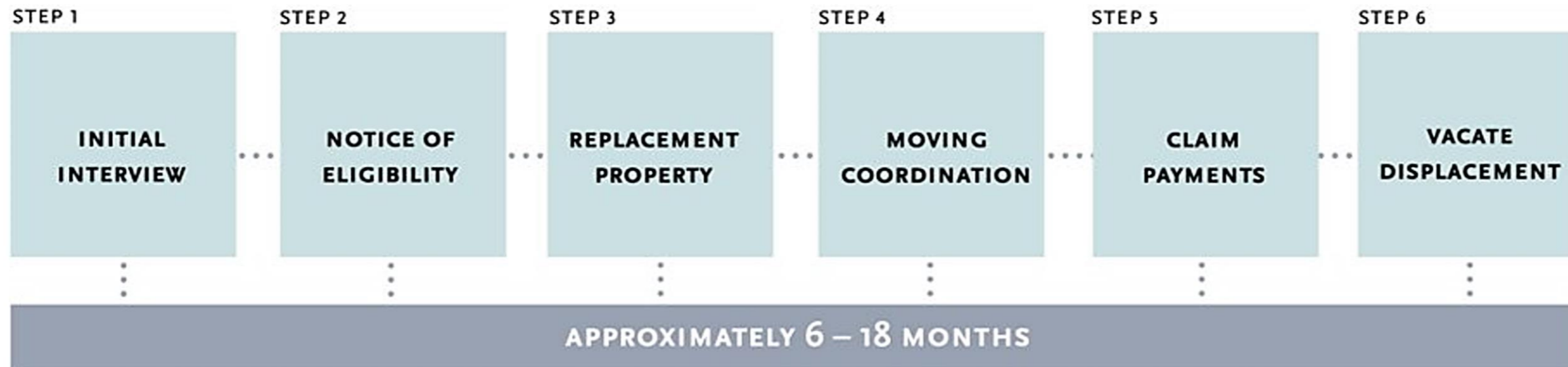
Proposed Acquisition and Relocation Processes

> The acquisition process typically begins after the environmental process is completed:

Acquisitions and Negotiation Process



Relocation Process



Project Schedule

Milestone/Review	Schedule
1. Slauson/A Line to Pioneer (Final EIS/EIR LPA)	
> Metro Board to certify Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	Q2 2024
> FTA issues ROD for Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Q3 2024
> Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Process to begin	18 to 24 months (starting after ROD)
> Advance design (Utilities, Freight and Grade Crossing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q2 2023: Final Design RFP release • Q2 2023: Project Management Construction Management RFP release 	April 2023
> Groundbreaking	2025
> Opening	2035
2. Slauson/A Line to LAUS	
> SWG and Community Meetings	June - July 2023
> Present findings of Slauson to LA Union Station Segment Study to Metro Board	Late Summer 2023



Separate Parallel Efforts: FLM & Renaming

> First/Last Mile Planning

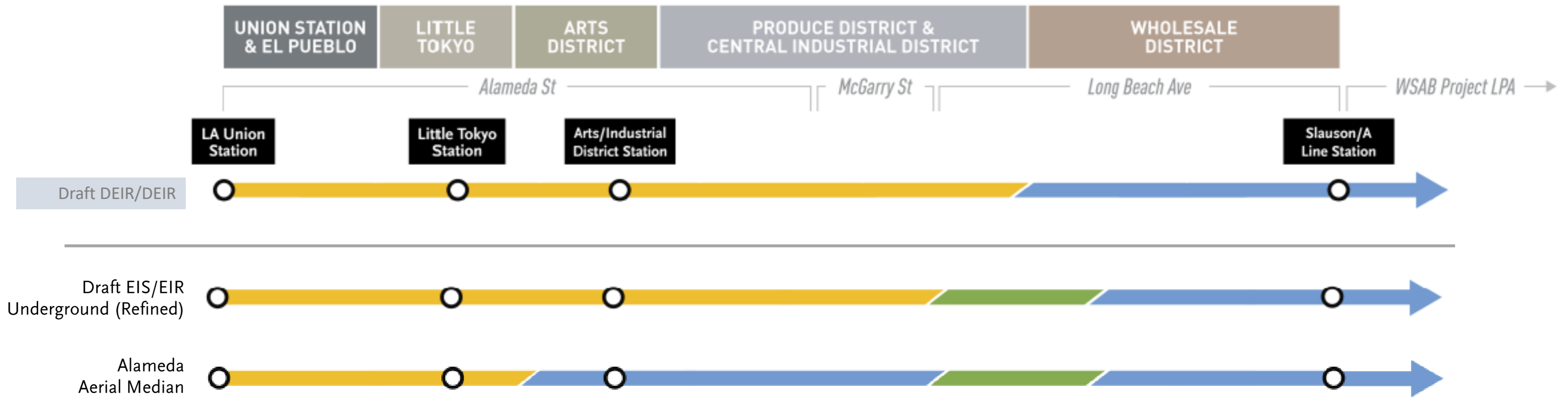
- Community Engagement
- Draft Plan Recommendations
- Plan adoption

> A New Start for the WSAB Board Motion engagement

- Rename WSAB project name to reflect local context, community character, representing the cultural and demographic communities WSAB will serve
- Re-engage participating cities, stakeholders, GCCOG, Eco-Rapid Transit and CBOs
 - Establish a Renaming Panel/Committee
 - CBO Partnerships Collaboration
 - Youth Influencers
 - Targeted Business Outreach
 - Voting for Naming Alternatives



Separate Parallel Efforts: Slauson to LA Union Station Study



Legend

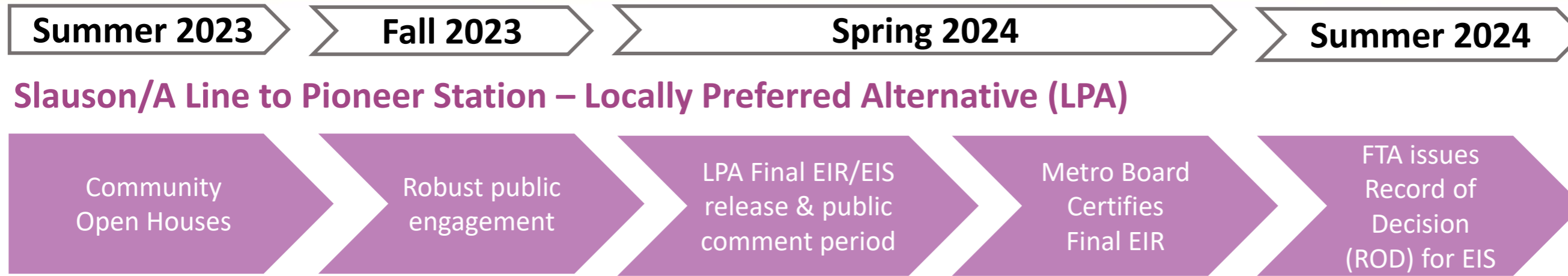
- Station
- ▬ Transition
- ▬ Aerial
- ▬ At-Grade
- ▬ Underground

Alignment Concepts	Distance (Miles)				% Reduction in Cost compared to Draft EIS/EIR
	Underground	Aerial	At-Grade	Total	
DRAFT EIS/EIR Underground (Baseline) (Aerial at I-10 Freeway)	2.3	2.3	--	4.5	--
DRAFT EIS/EIR Underground (Refined) (At-grade at I-10 Freeway)	2.3	2.0	0.3	4.5	4%
Alameda Aerial Median (At-grade at I-10 Freeway)	1.2	3.0	0.3	4.5	17%



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Upcoming Opportunities for Public Engagement: Separate Parallel Efforts



Separate Parallel Efforts

A New Start for the WSAB Board Motion
Stakeholder/Community Engagement

Slauson to Los Angeles Union Station Study



First/Last Mile Planning



Stakeholder & Community Update Meetings

Stakeholder Working Group (Virtual)

350+ representatives

Thursday, May 18

12-1:30pm

Paramount: Progress Park

15500 Downey Av, Paramount, CA 90723
(Adjacent city: Bellflower & South Gate)

Monday, June 5

6-8pm

Bell: Bell Community Center

6250 Pine Av, Bell, CA 90201
(Adjacent cities: Huntington Park & Cudahy)

Monday, June 12

6-8pm

Virtual

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Wednesday, June 14

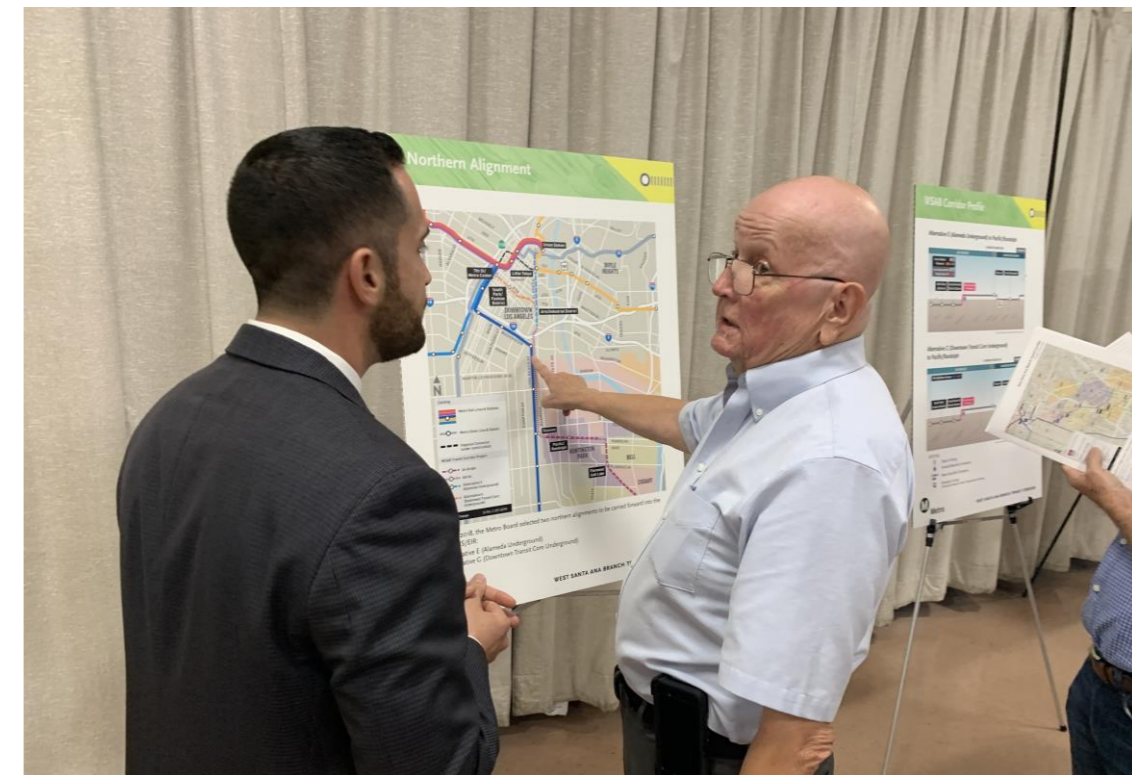
6-7pm

Artesia: Albert O. Little Community Center

18750 Clarkdale Av, Artesia, CA 90701
(Adjacent city: Cerritos)

Thursday, June 15

6-8pm



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Local Community Event Booths*

#	City/Region	Event Name	Date	Time
1	Huntington Park	Memorial Day Ceremony and Celebration	Monday, May 29	11:30am - 3:00pm
2	Paramount	Friday Night Paramount	Friday, June 2	5pm - 9pm
3	Artesia	Summer Kickoff Party at AJ Padelford Park	Friday, June 9	6pm - 9pm
4	Bellflower	Bellflower Farmer's Market	Monday, June 19	3pm - 7pm
5	South Gate	South Gate 4th of July Festival	Saturday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 4	2pm – 9pm
6	Cudahy	Concerts in the Park	Thursday, July 13	7pm-9pm
7	Paramount	Summer Concert Series	Thursday, July 20	6pm-8pm
8	Downey	Concerts Under the Stars	Wednesday, July 26	7pm
9	Cerritos	Concerts Under the Stars at Heritage Park	Thursday, July 27	6:30pm – 8:30pm
10	Bellflower	Summer Streetfest	Thursday, August 3	6:30-9:30pm



**Events subject to change and cancellation*

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Question & Answer Session

Please submit your Question Card



Share your questions.

DATE: _____ **LOCATION:** _____

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

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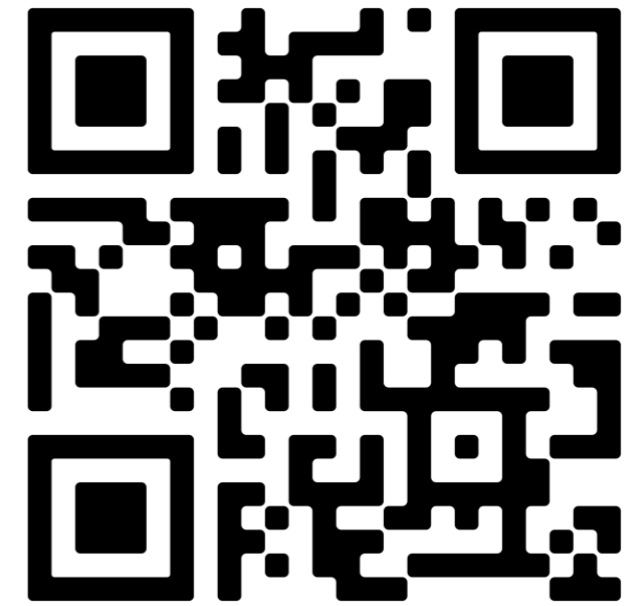
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