



I-405 FROM WILMINGTON AV TO MAIN ST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PUBLIC MEETINGS
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Welcome!

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**City of Carson
Councilmember
Dr. Jawane Hilton**



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- > Court Reporter available on-site 

Riding Metro is about to get even easier.

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- > Regular fare riders can now tap a credit or debit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay to ride Metro.
- > Riders still receive two hours of free transfers and fare-capping benefits when using the same card or device.
- > TAP cards remain available and should still be used by Reduced Fare and Go Pass riders.
- > Reduced Fare credit/debit payment is expected in 2027.



Metro Launches New Public Safety Hub and Dashboard

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- > Metro's new Public Safety Hub brings safety information, data and rider resources into one centralized location.
- > The dashboard shares regularly updated safety metrics, including reported crime, security activity, ridership and other system trends.
- > The hub supports Metro's broader public safety strategy: more visible safety presence, better system access control and stronger partnerships to address issues affecting riders.



Metro Transit Security Officers

Transit Security Officers are trained Metro employees who understand the unique needs of our system and our riders. These officers enforce the code of conduct and fare payment across the transit system, ensuring compliance and maintaining order.

Metro Transit Security Officers focus on:

- Patrolling the system regularly.
- De-escalating situations and maintain order and lawfulness on the system.
- Enforcing the Metro code of conduct and issuing citations.
- Communicating incidents directly with Metro Operations Centers, law enforcement partners, and emergency service providers.
- Fare checks and enforcement.

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All comments will be shared with the Environmental Project Team.

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.

During this meeting, please:

- > Respect the format of the meeting
- > Treat fellow community members, agency representatives, Metro staff and others with respect
- > Address all comments to Metro staff and consultants
- > Maintain a conversational tone

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Today's Speakers

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Agenda

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- > Introductions/Project Team
- > Project Overview
- > Project Alternatives
- > Project Schedule
- > Collision Data & Safety Improvements
- > Environmental Considerations
- > Community Engagement
- > Public Comment



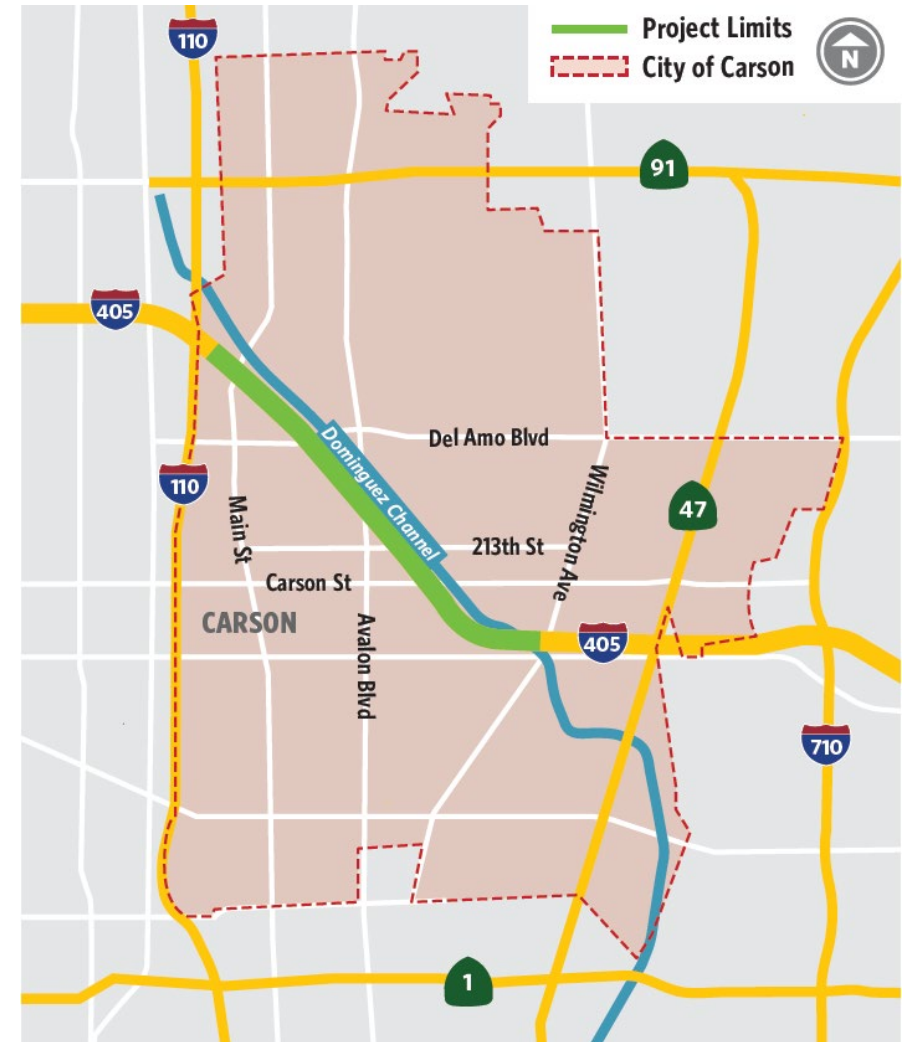
**Metro has a plan to improve mobility and safety
along the 405.**

**This project works to reduce congestion and enhance
walking and biking access in Carson.**

Project Overview

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- > Approximately 3-mile corridor
- > On I-405 from Wilmington Av to Main St (just south of I-110)
- > Over 300,000 vehicles traverse this stretch of freeway daily, making this section of I-405 one of the busiest in the Los Angeles area
- > Zero residences or businesses will be relocated or displaced
- > Integrated approach for all modes of transportation, including Active Transportation and Complete Streets



Project Need & Goals

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Why is the Project Needed?

- > Collision rates higher than statewide average
- > Operational and weaving deficiencies between freeway interchanges
- > Lack of connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists at local interchanges



What are the Project Goals?

- > Enhancing traffic time reliability and safety along I-405
- > Providing equitable, accessible and sustainable travel options
- > Promote economic connectivity and improve accessibility for goods movement



Project Partners

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Caltrans District 7 and HQ



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South Bay Cities Council of
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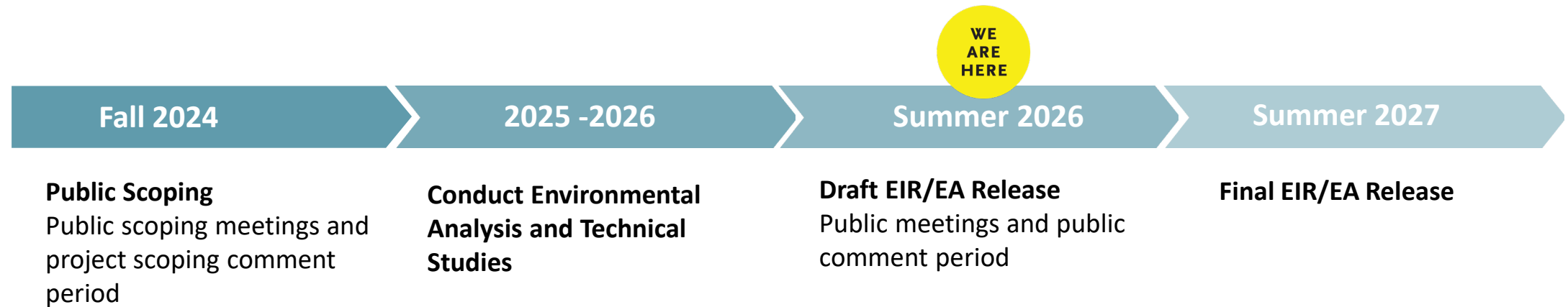


- > The project is currently completing the **environmental review process** | California Environmental Quality Act(CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- > The process began with a scoping phase in Summer 2024 to gather input from public agencies, stakeholders, and the community
- > Following the scoping period, technical studies were prepared to assess potential impacts more closely
- > After completion of these studies, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared
 - Community engagement and public comment will be collected during the circulation and formal responses will be provided and a Preferred Alternative will be selected during completion of the Final EIR/EA release.



Environmental Process Schedule

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ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



**Timeline subject to change*

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

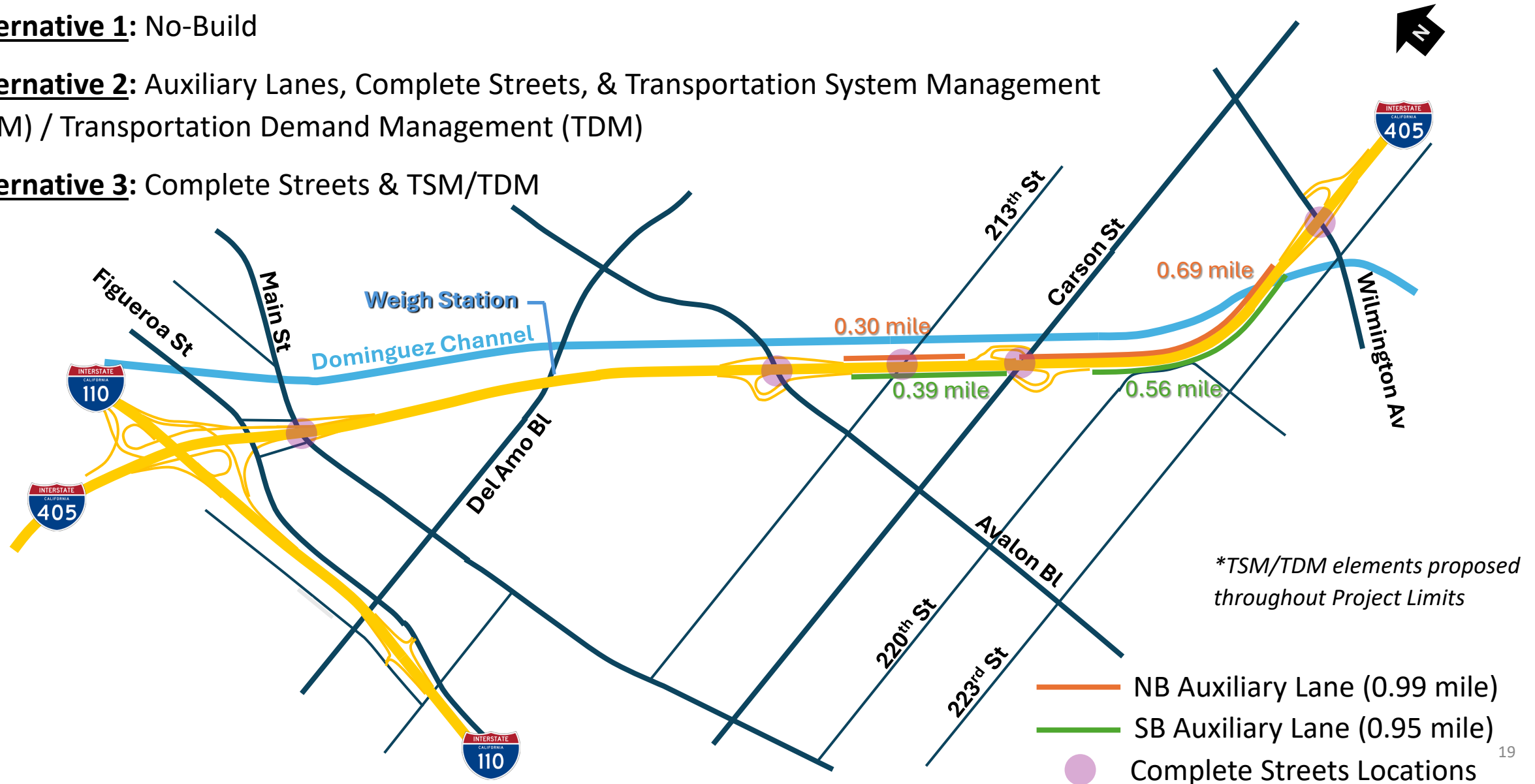


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Project Alternatives

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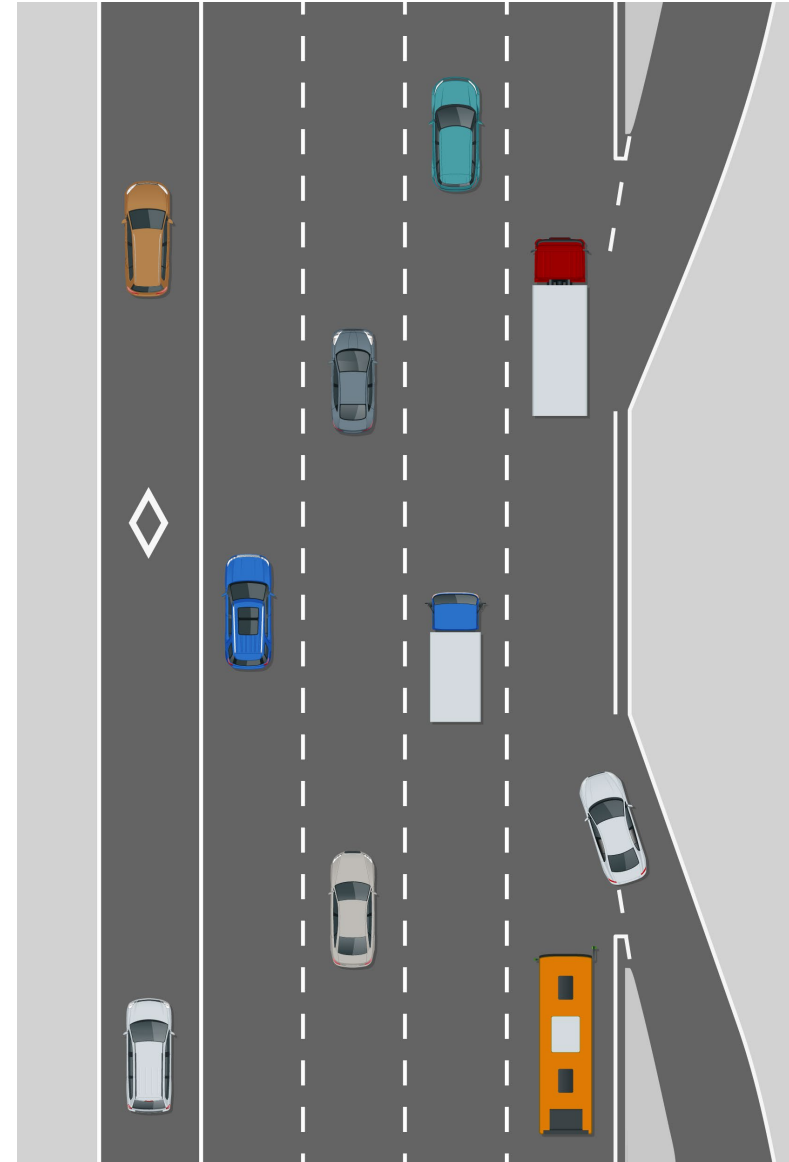
- > **Alternative 1:** No-Build
- > **Alternative 2:** Auxiliary Lanes, Complete Streets, & Transportation System Management (TSM) / Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- > **Alternative 3:** Complete Streets & TSM/TDM



Alternative 1: No Build

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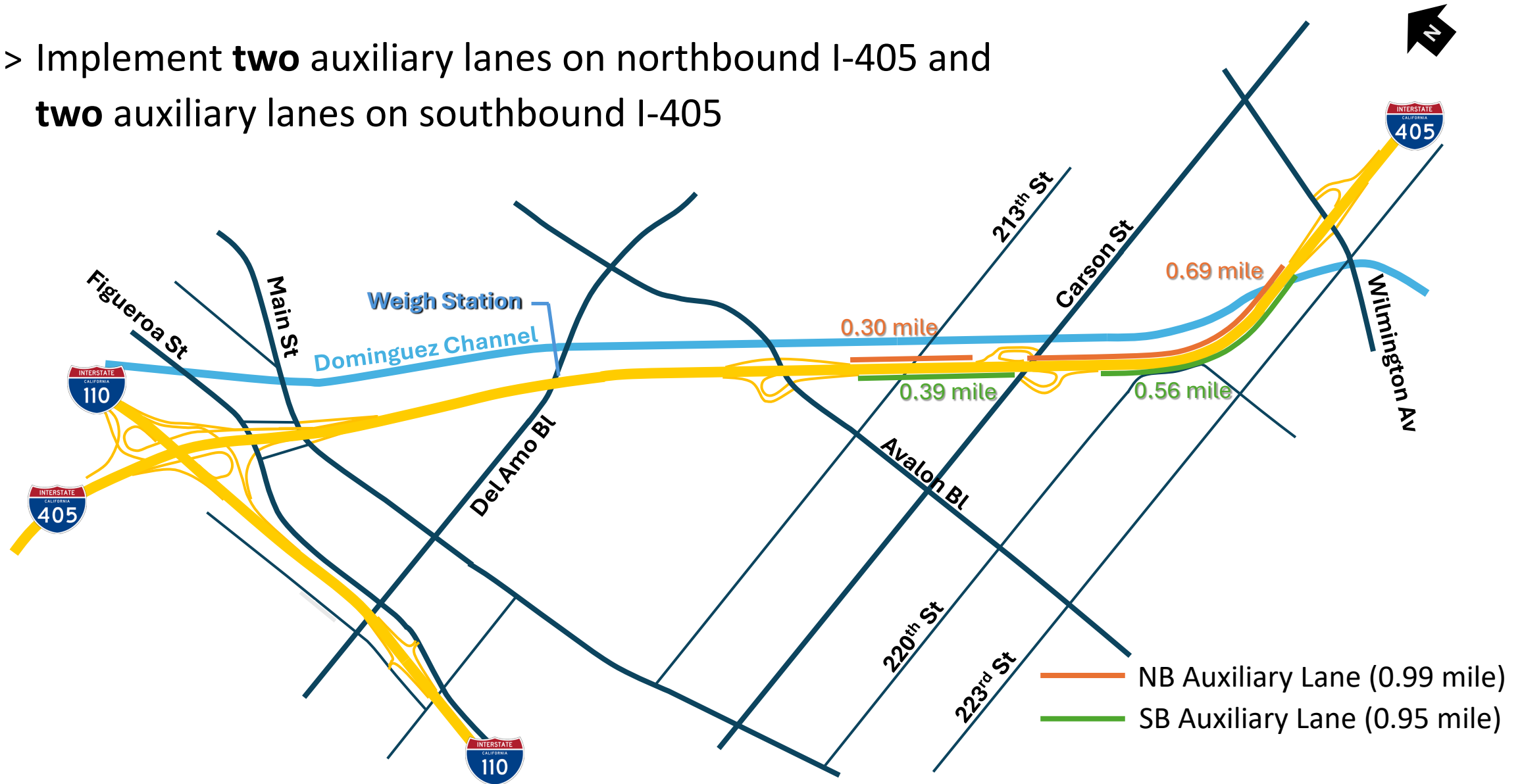
- > No improvements would take place
- > As traffic demand increases throughout the project corridor, existing operational and safety issues would not be addressed or alleviated
- > No multi-modal elements would be implemented



Alternative 2: Auxiliary Lanes

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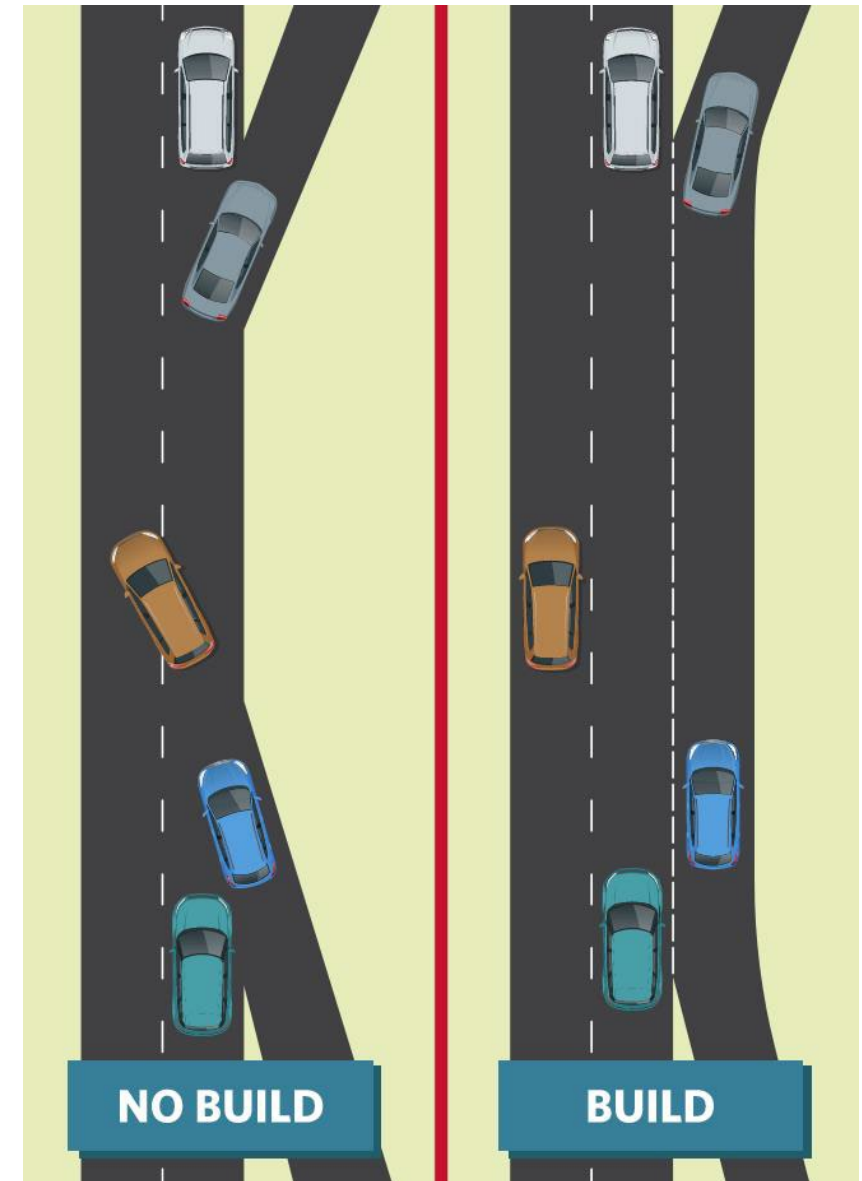
- > Implement **two** auxiliary lanes on northbound I-405 and **two** auxiliary lanes on southbound I-405



Auxiliary Lanes Overview

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- > Non-continuous lanes connected between on- and off-ramps
- > Do not function as general-purpose lanes
- > Provide more space and time for traffic to enter and exit the freeway safely
- > Reduces vehicle movement conflict points and risk of collisions

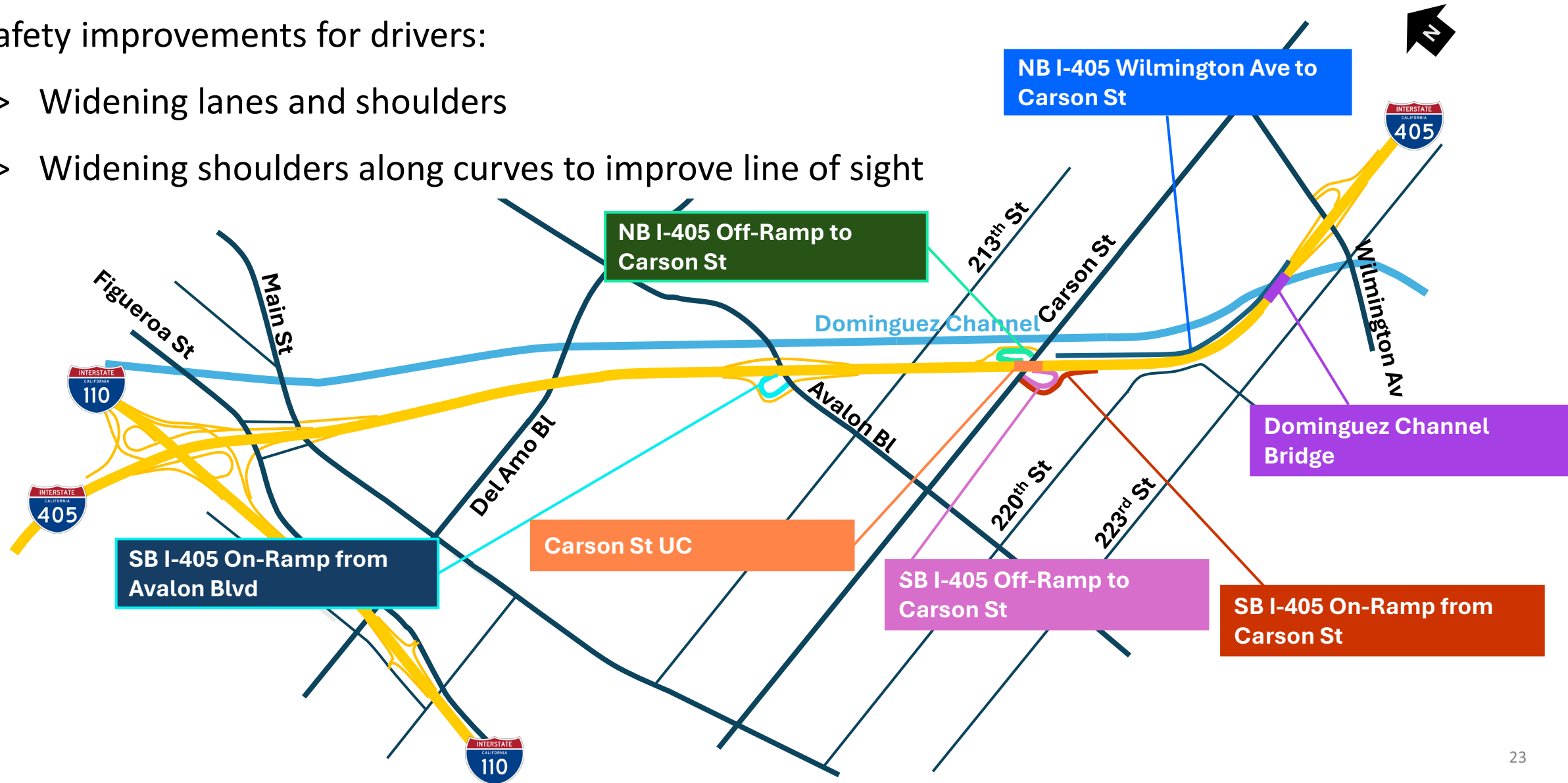


Example of roadway without and with auxiliary lanes

Mainline Safety Improvements (Alt 2 Only)

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- > Safety improvements for drivers:
 - > Widening lanes and shoulders
 - > Widening shoulders along curves to improve line of sight



Soundwalls (Alt 2 Only)

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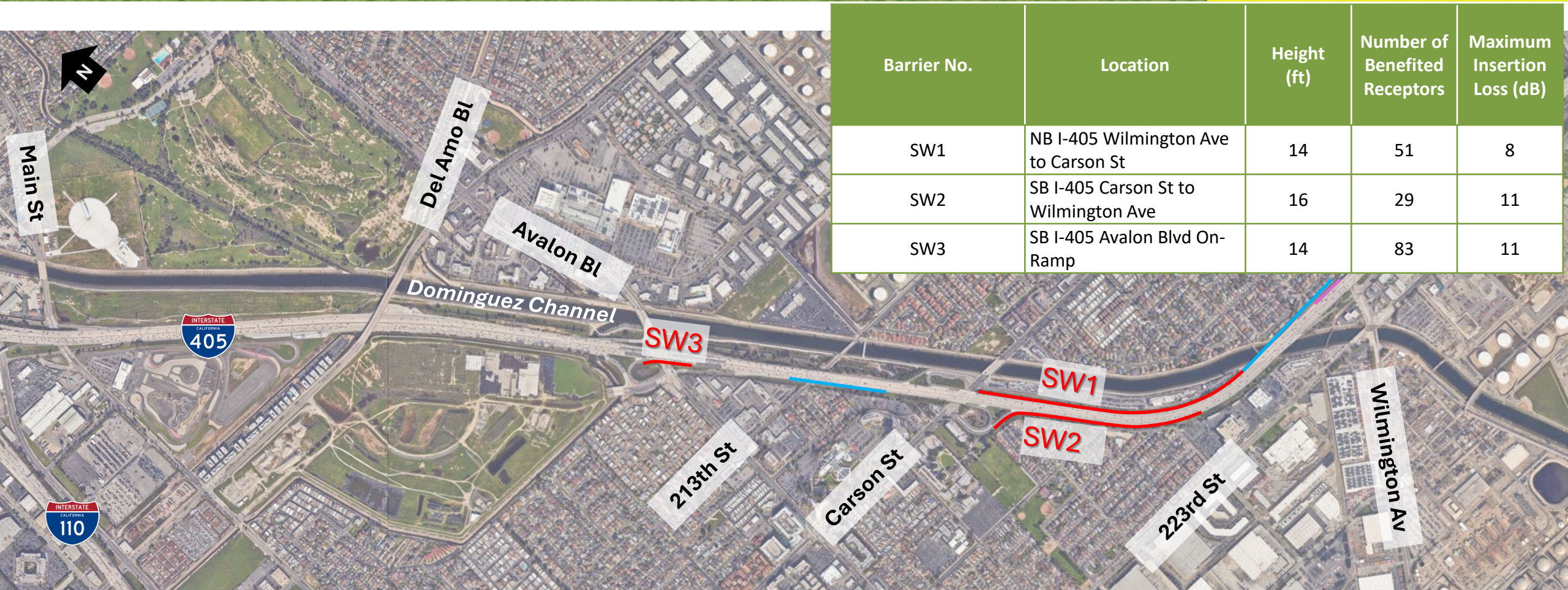
Under Alternative 2, three soundwalls were determined reasonable and feasible and are being recommended for construction

- > Northbound I-405 between Wilmington Av and Carson St
- > Southbound I-405 between Wilmington Av and Carson St
- > Southbound I-405 at Avalon Bl off-ramp



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Barrier No.	Location	Height (ft)	Number of Benefited Receptors	Maximum Insertion Loss (dB)
SW1	NB I-405 Wilmington Ave to Carson St	14	51	8
SW2	SB I-405 Carson St to Wilmington Ave	16	29	11
SW3	SB I-405 Avalon Blvd On-Ramp	14	83	11

LEGEND:

- New Sound Wall – Recommended
- Existing Sound Wall – Reconstruct
- Existing Sound Wall – Remain in Place

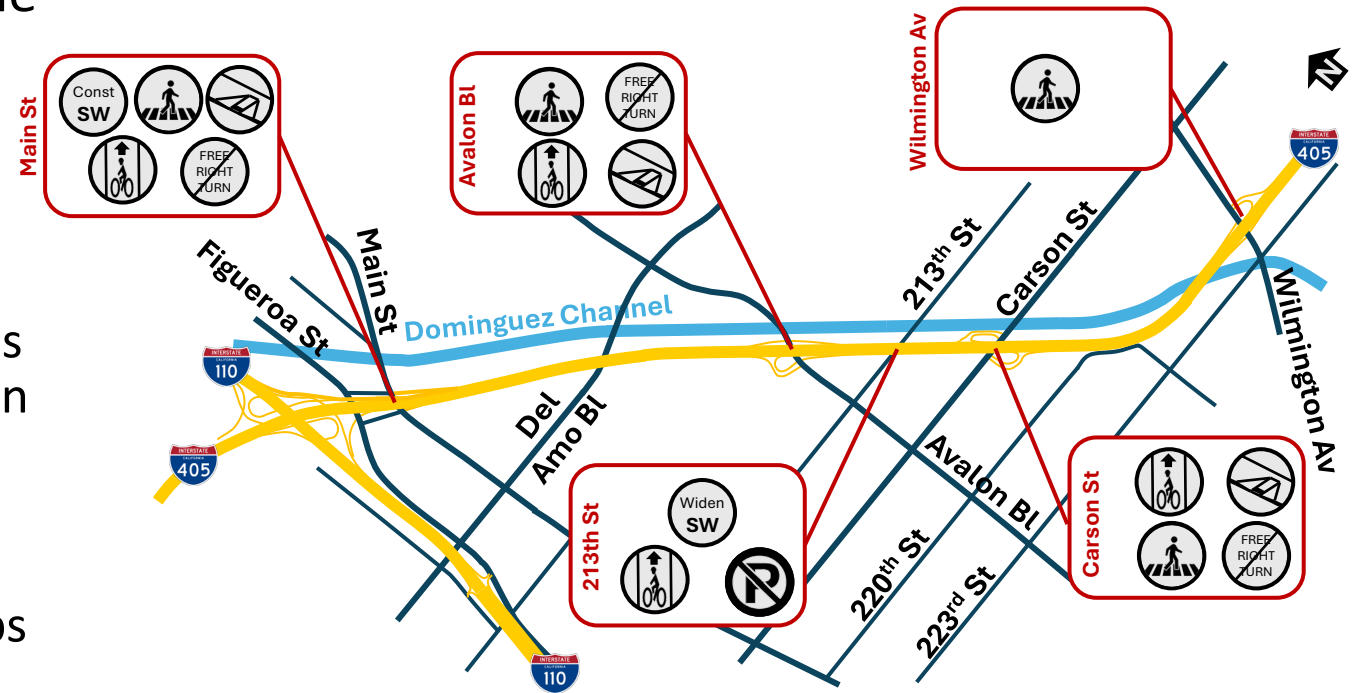


Alternative 2 and 3: Complete Streets Elements

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The following improvements would improve safety and promote equitable and sustainable multimodal travel options:

- > ADA improvements for sidewalks and curb ramps
- > Connecting sidewalks on local roads
- > Providing system continuity in the bicycle paths identified in the City of Carson Bike Master Plan
- > High visibility crosswalks
- > Green colored bike lane paint
- > Eliminating free-right turns at on-and off-ramps
- > Improving lighting under bridges
- > Supporting future transit and multi-modal trail connections



Complete Streets Elements – Bike Lanes

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Existing Main St



Existing 213th St



Existing Avalon Bl



Proposed Class II Bike Lane and Sidewalk – Main St



Proposed Class II Bike Lane – 213th St



Proposed Class II and Class I Bikeway – Avalon Bl

Complete Streets Elements – Remove Free Right Turns

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Free-Right Turn



No Free-Right Turn

Alternative 2 and 3: TSM/TDM Strategies

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Transportation System Management (TSM)

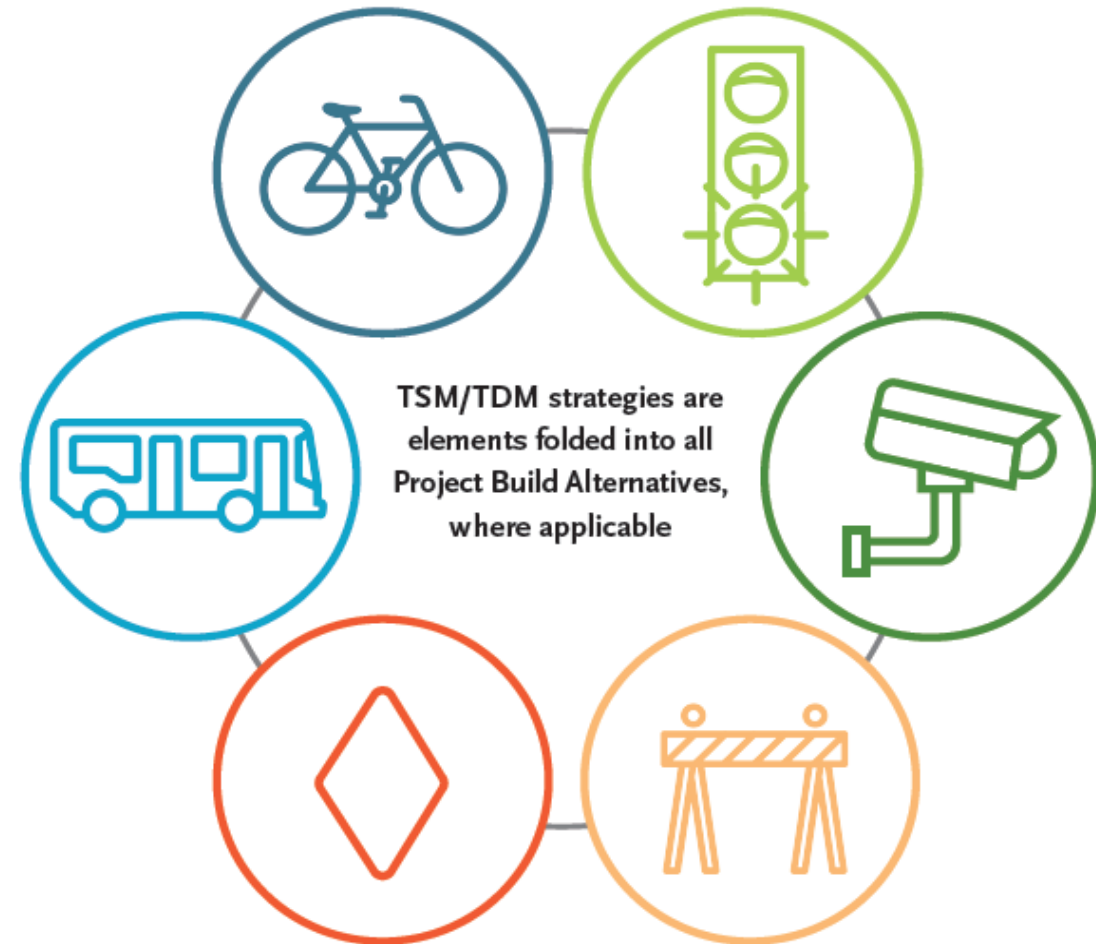
Operational strategies to improve freeway management

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Strategies to reduce system demand

The following elements would improve traffic management, improve safety and increase efficiency:

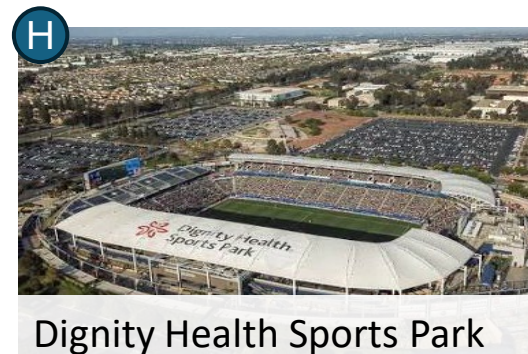
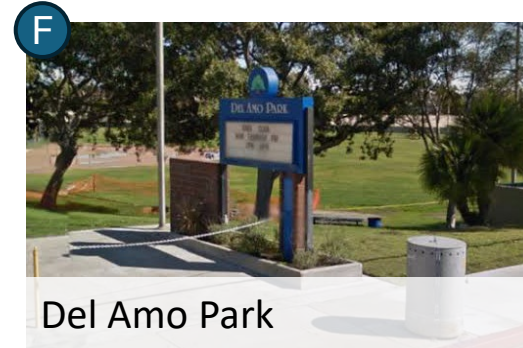
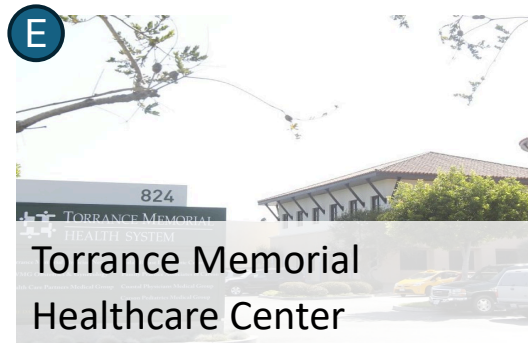
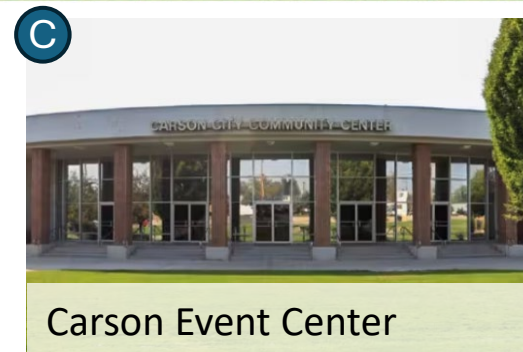
- > Closed circuit television systems
- > Ramp metering systems and vehicle detection systems
- > Signal synchronization
- > Signalization/turn lane additions
- > Changeable message signs



- > Safety improvements along the corridor including:
 - > Wider shoulders to increase sight distance and improve safety along the mainline (Alternative 2)
 - > Auxiliary Lanes to allow for more length for motorists to safely merge when entering/exiting, directly reducing rear-end and sideswipe collision risks (Alternative 2)
 - > Complete Streets elements to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists (Alternative 2 and 3)
- > Mainline congestion and queuing would be slightly improved following construction. (Alternative 2)
- > Circulation, mobility, and access for bicycles and pedestrians would also be improved. (Alternative 2 and 3)
- > Minor beneficial impacts are anticipated on key views from planting of additional trees. (Alternative 2 and 3)

Project Benefits – Major Destinations

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Existing Transit Routes

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Existing and Proposed Bicycle Connections

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Environmental Considerations



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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with Metro, has prepared a Draft Environmental Document in compliance with CEQA and NEPA. Metro is the Sponsor and Caltrans is CEQA and NEPA Lead Agency.

Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA)

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- > Inform decision makers and the public about potential project impacts
- > Prevent significant, avoidable impacts
- > Identify mitigation strategies to reduce significant impacts
- > Disclose how and why decisions about a project were made

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- > Requires a detailed statement for proposed major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment
- > Significance of the project as a whole

Technical studies have been prepared to assess potential impacts more closely:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Community Impacts
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Impacts
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emission
- Growth Inducement
- Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise and Vibration
- Paleontological Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services/Facilities
- Traffic/Transportation
- Visual/Aesthetics



- > No relocations or displacements
- > No significant and unavoidable impacts
- > All topic areas analyzed had no impacts, less than significant or less than significant with mitigation
- > The air quality analysis concluded that implementation of the Build Alternatives:
 - > Results in **reductions** of criteria pollutants and GHG emissions
 - > Would **not increase** emissions under the Build Alternatives when compared to the No-Build Alternative

Community Engagement



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Public Scoping (Summer 2024)

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Notification

- > Legal ads
- > Door-to-door flyers
- > Postcard Mailer
- > Eblasts/social media



Engagement

- > Two Community Based Organizations (CBO) partnerships
 - > Two Pop-ups/events
 - > Canvassing efforts
- > Eight Agency and Stakeholder Briefings
- > Three Scoping Meetings
- > 76 comments received



Addressing Community Concerns

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Common themes collected from the comments during scoping included:

- ✓ Need for improved bike safety and pedestrian access
- ✓ Concerns regarding freeway widening/increased capacity
- ✓ Impacts from implementation of auxiliary lanes, such as pollution, noise and traffic
- ✓ Support investment in active transportation



Scoping Extension Meeting Flyer (English/Tagalog)



Scoping Period Postcard



Public Comment



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How to Provide Public Comment Today

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Verbal Comment

- > Verbal comments may be provided following the presentation
- > Please fill in a speaker card
- > The meeting facilitator will call you to provide your public comment
- > Verbal public comment is limited to one minute
- > If you have additional comment, you may request another speaker card if time permits or submit written comment

Written Comment

- > Comment cards can be filled in and placed in the comment card boxes when complete
- > Comments may also be submitted via the project website, email, U.S. Mail



Time for Comments

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Speak – You have 1 minute to make your comment



Speakers' names will be called in the order **Speaker Card** was received



Please wait until a team member arrives with the microphone



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