



# Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Stakeholder Working Group

November 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

# Meeting Agenda

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- Rollcall and SWG Members Update
- August 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- Community Outreach Update
- Project Construction Outreach Plan (PCOP)
- PAB Update
- Project Schedule & Utility Relocation Update
- Noise and Vibration
- Open Discussion
- Wrap up

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- Webinar is being recorded
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- Code of Conduct - Respectful

# Zoom Meeting Code of Conduct

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- Treat all participants with kindness, respect and consideration
- Value a diversity of views and opinions
- Communicate openly, critiquing ideas rather than individuals
- VTA will not tolerate demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior and speech. VTA staff will remove participants who refuse to adhere to this code
- **Ask for (and accept) help. Embrace the moment and try something new**
- **Mute** your audio when you aren't speaking
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# Stakeholder Working Group Members

- **Ernesto Barajas** – Cassel Neighborhood Association, District 5
- **Sandy Flores** – Capitol Park Goss Dobern Neighborhood Association, District 5
- **Julie Nunes** – Lyndale Neighborhood Association, District 5
- **Laura Arechiga** – Welch Park Neighborhood Association, District 8
- **Jeremy Barousse** – District 8 Roundtable, District 8
- **Craig Ferguson** – Thompson Creek Neighborhood Association, District 8
- **Andres Solomonoff** – Brahms/Edgeview Neighborhood Association, District 8
- **– Catholic Charities, First 5 Family Resources**
- **John Petersen** – Eastridge Mall

# Roles of the Stakeholder Working Group

**Members are nominated by the EBRC Policy Advisory Board**

## **Role of Stakeholder Working Group**

- Project liaisons
- Receive project updates and briefings on technical areas of the project
- Build an understanding of the project
- Collaborate with VTA project staff
- Contribute to a successful delivery of the project

## **Role of Members**

- Attend quarterly SWG Meetings
- Act as conduits for information to the community at large
- Disseminate accurate information
- Be honest
- Get informed
- Report back and provide feedback

# VTA Project Staff

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## Community Outreach and Public Engagement

- Kathleen Podrasky – Community Outreach Supervisor
- David Lovato – Public Communications Specialist

## Engineering and Program Delivery

- Ven Prasad, P.E. Project Manager
- Hassan Basma, Transportation Engineering Manager
- Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director, Rail & Facilities

# August 26, 2021, SWG Minutes

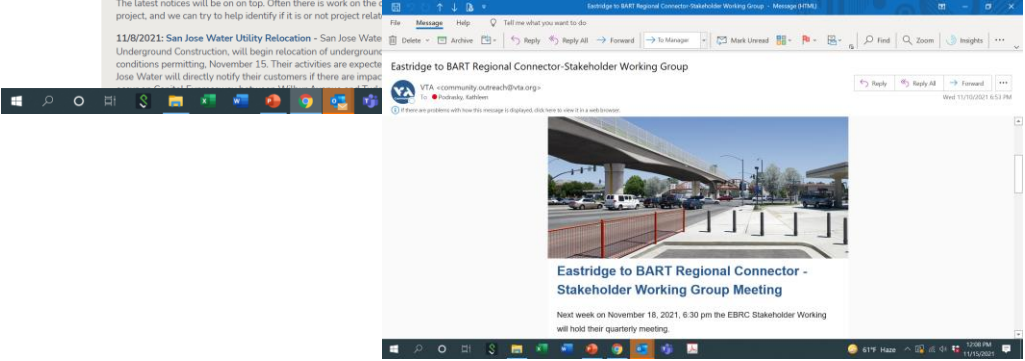
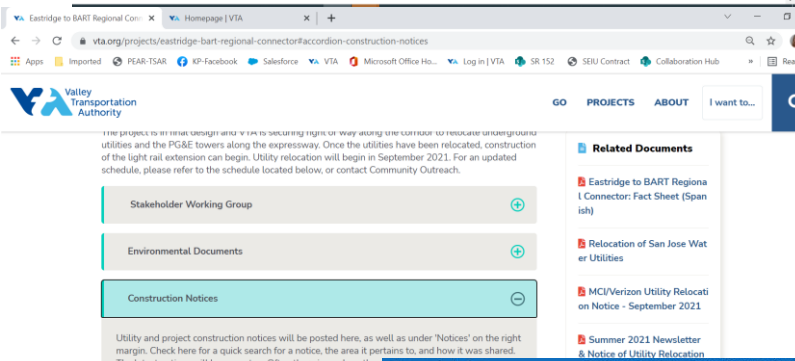
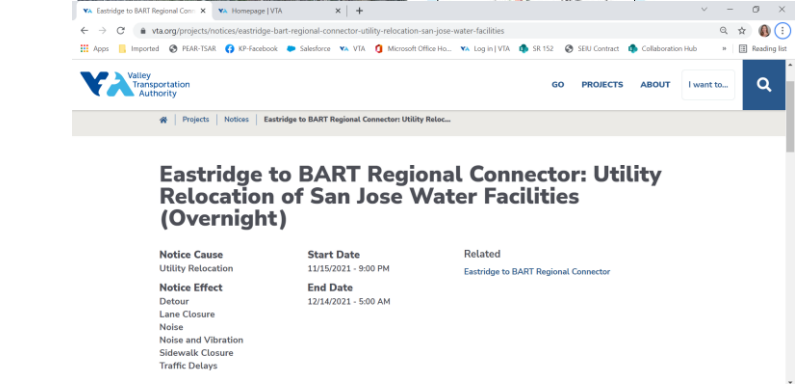
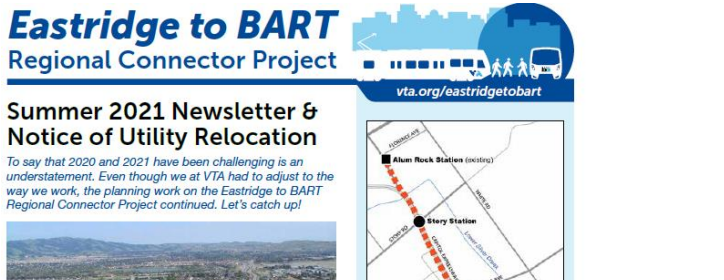
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- Community Outreach Review
- Station Art Enhancement
- Project Status Updates
- Noise and Vibration
- Open Discussion
- Wrap up – Next Meeting/Next PAB meeting dates



# Community Outreach

- Utilities Notices
- Community Presentations
  - Mt. Pleasant NA
  - Katherine Smith Elementary
- Policy Advisory Board



# Community Outreach

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## Project Communications Outreach Plan (PCOP)

- Description of work with general listing of construction impacts to residents, traffic, and businesses located along the project alignment
- Specific measures proposed to mitigate impacts to the extent that is practical
- Intended to communicate the construction activities, associated impacts and methods to minimize impacts to the public

# Ocala Discussion

## Referral

- Staff is following up on ridership projections
  - Information item
  - No direction to make any changes to the project

# Project Update

## Real Estate

- Continue to work on FAA release of small area near Tully/Capitol Expressway location

## Engineering

- Developing construction contract package

## Construction

- Utility Relocation work has started

# Utility Relocation Update

## Minor Underground

- PG&E Gas – Some work completed
- Electrical (distribution) – Starting early 2022
- Communication (AT&T, Comcast, Zayo, MCI )– Starting early 2022
- San Jose Water – Began November 15, 2021

## Electrical Transmission Line – work underway

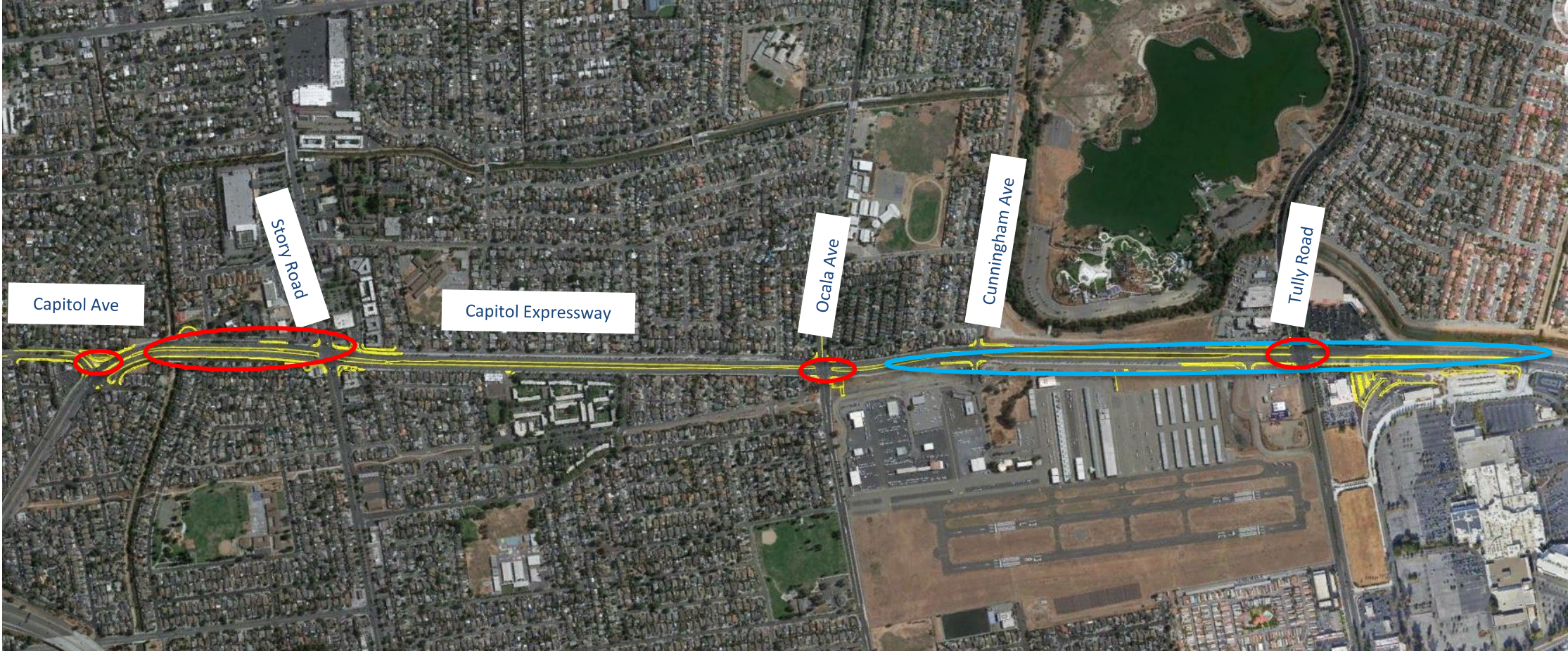
- Relocate from west side to eastside of Capitol Expressway
- Foundation work is complete
- Next Steps – Install steel poles and hang wires



# Electric Transmission Line Foundation Work



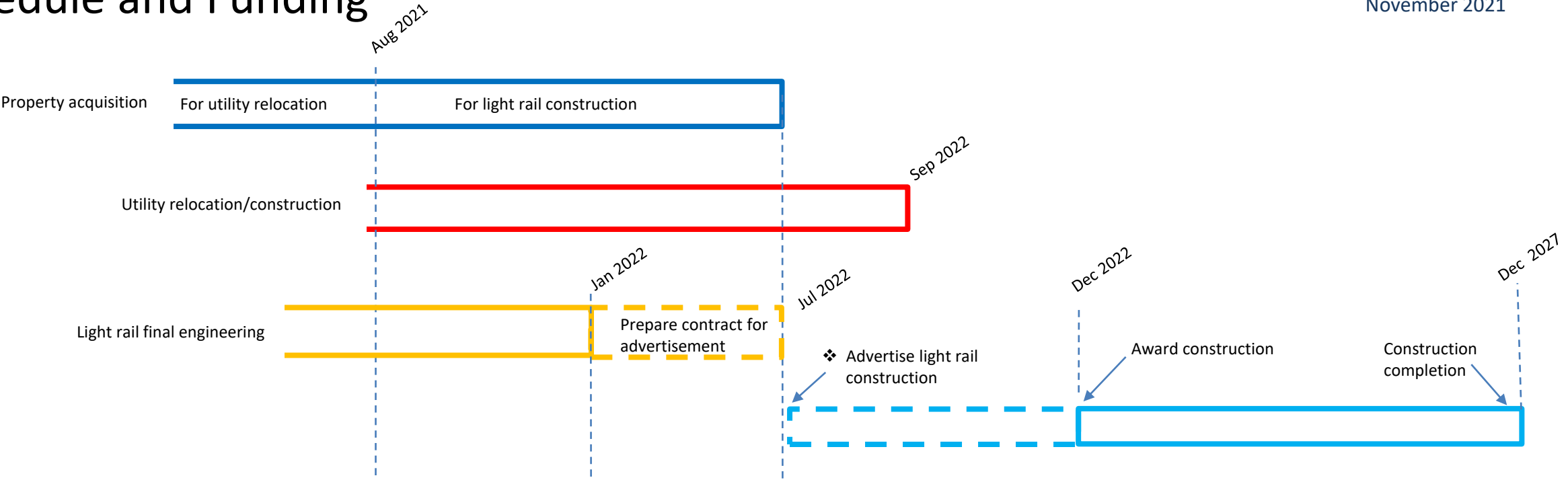


# Utility Relocation Overview



-  Underground Utility Relocation
-  Electrical Transmission Line Relocation

# Schedule and Funding



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## Funding

Fund	Estimate (\$)	Secured (\$)	To be Secured (\$)
Measure A	313.4 M	313.4 M	0 M
SB1	25.1 M	9.4 M	15.7 M
RM3 ❖	130 M	0 M	130 M
LCTOP	14.4 M	5.7 M	8.7 M
Other funding sources	29.1 M	0 M	29.1 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>512.0 M</b>	<b>328.5 M</b>	<b>183.5 M</b>



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# Noise and Vibration

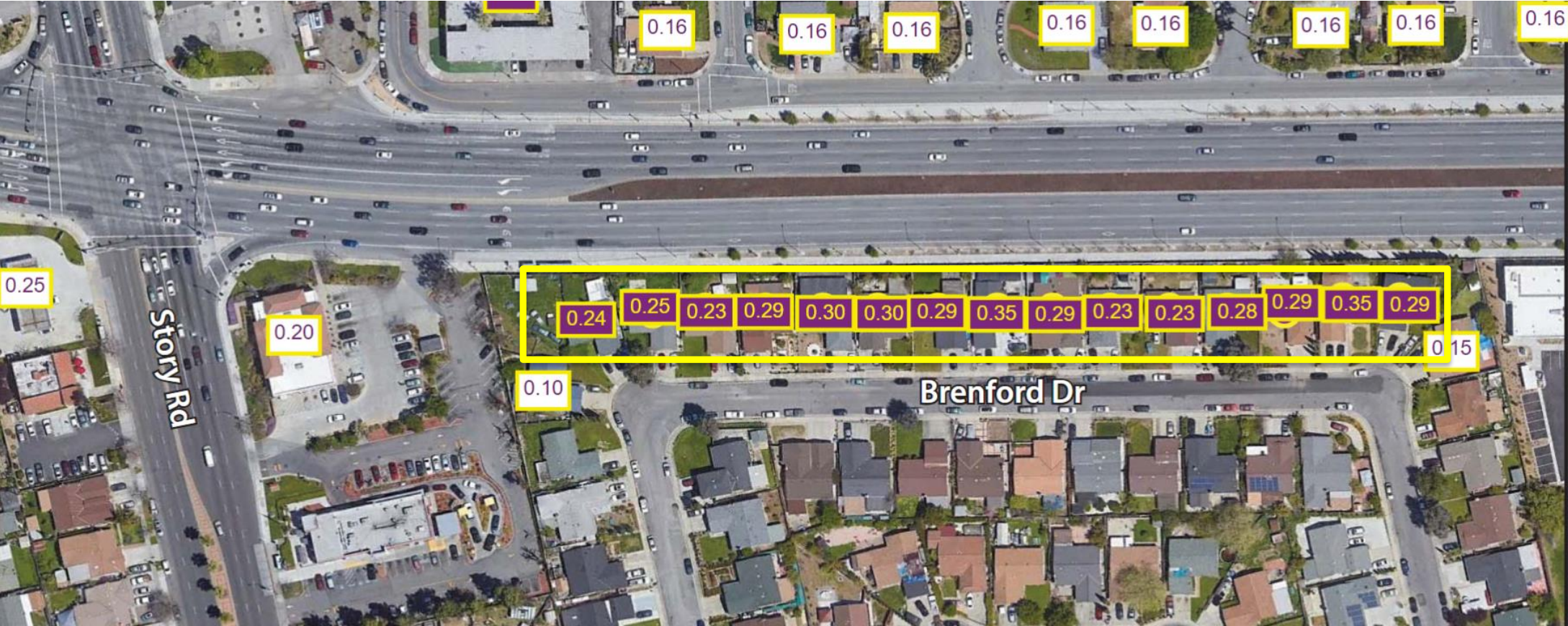
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- Construction will cause certain inconveniences
  - Traffic
  - School
  - Business
  - Noise
  - Vibration

# Noise and Vibration Criteria

- There is criteria that establishes the acceptable level of noise and vibration for construction
- Construction noise and vibration is compared to ambient (without construction) level
- Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) criteria is used
- Analysis was done as part of the EBRC environmental document

# Vibration area Map 1



Vibration exceeding FTA Criteria





# Vibration area Map 2



Vibration exceeding FTA Criteria

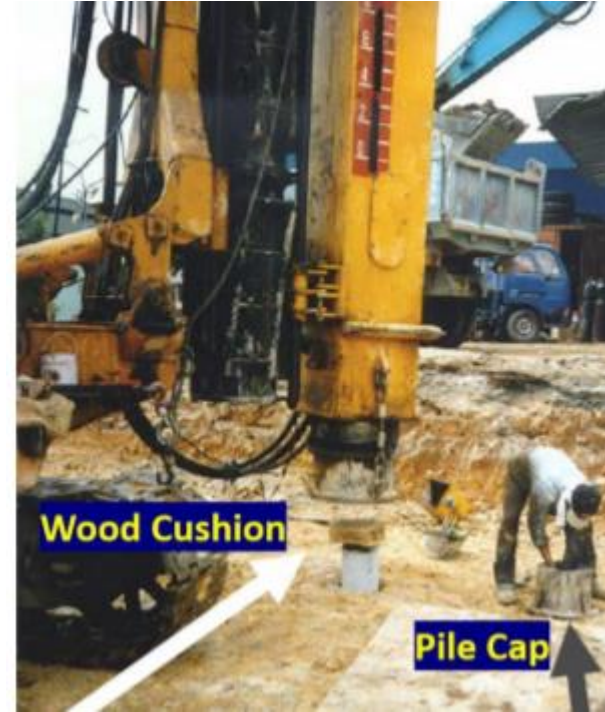


# Vibration

- There is existing vibration from traffic
- Vibration increase during construction
- Most significant from pile driving
- Criteria includes:
  1. Evaluation based on amount of ground movement
  2. Intensity identified by the proximity of the building to construction
  3. For EBRC, perform survey for any
    - Minor hairline cracks in paint and stucco
    - Stucco flaking especially at corners
    - No structural damage

# General Noise and Vibration Mitigation

- Limit hours of operation
- Pre and post construction survey
- Vibration Monitoring
- Field items
  - ✓ Pile Cushion
  - ✓ Pile Shroud
  - ✓ Temporary noise walls
  - ✓ Cast in Drilled Holes Piles
  - ✓ Tire derived aggregates



# Steps for Vibration Monitoring & Mitigation

- Fifty-five properties are estimated to have vibration levels that exceed FTA vibration criteria
- Identify residences that have potential to experience high vibrations
- Inform Property Owners – 9 months before construction
- Install vibration monitoring devices to record vibration readings
- Record pre and post construction vibration data
- Take pre and post construction photo and videos of residences
- Document if there are any damages
- Repair any damages caused by vibration



# Open Discussion



# Wrap Up

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## Upcoming Meetings for 2021

- VTA Board of Directors, December 2, 5:30 p.m.
- EBRC-PAB: December 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

## Stakeholder Working Group 2022 Dates

- February 24, 6:30 p.m.
- May 26, 6:30 p.m.
- August 25, 6:30 p.m.
- November 16, 6:30 p.m.

## Information Posted [www.vta.org/eastridgetobart](http://www.vta.org/eastridgetobart)

- Recording of webinar will be available VTA's YouTube channel and linked on the project page

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