



Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: A Community-driven Process

Community Advisory
Committee (CAC)
Meeting #2

July 29, 2021
Virtual

Introductions

◆ CAC Members

- Maria Chong-Castillo
- Jessica Orellana
- Lex Olbrei
- John Hernandez
- Veronica Padilla
- Yvonne E. Mariajimenez
- Mikayeel Khan
- Bobby Arias
- Rudy Ortega
- Jasmine Tuyet Le
- Melissa Alvarez
- Isaac Fajardo
- Charles Nelson
- Heren Molina
- Michelle Rogel
- Eduardo (Eddie) Gonzales
- Margarita Lopez
- Jeanne Fenimore
- Penny Alderson
- Robert Gaylor
- Trevor Richmond
- Ryan Antoon (non-voting)

The Heart of the Brown Act

- ◆ “All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.”



Brown Act: When it Applies

There is a gathering of a **majority (or quorum)** of the members of the legislative body to:

1. **HEAR:** Listening to staff reports or watching a movie!
2. **DISCUSS:** Does not require any action be taken.
3. **DELIBERATE:** Making decisions, taking action.

***on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body.**

Exceptions:

- Meetings of public agency employees (i.e. staff meetings).
- The passive distribution of a document to body members like a memorandum from staff, or an opinion from legal counsel, does not constitute a meeting.
- Conferences and similar gatherings which are open to the public and deal with issues of general public concern.
- Open and public meetings held by another person or organization.
- Open and noticed meetings of another legislative body (i.e. BOS attend L.A. City Council meeting).
- Purely social or ceremonial occasions.

***provided that majority members do not discuss business among themselves.**

Brown Act: Serial Meetings

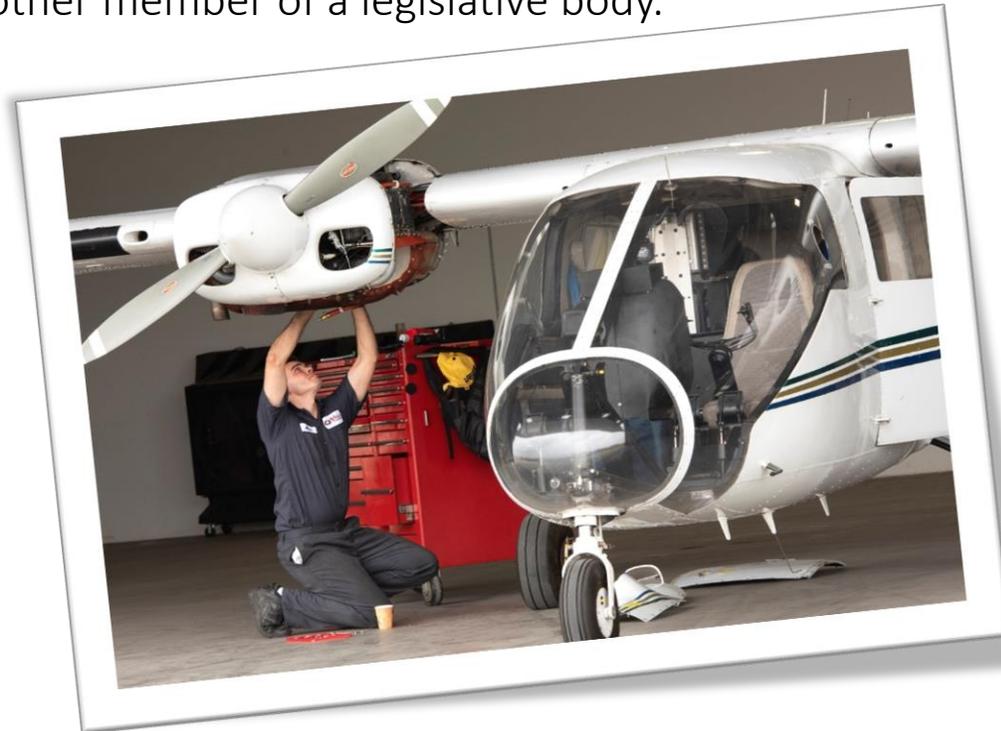
A serial meeting is typically a series of communications (face-to-face/ telephone/e-mail/text/social media), each of which involves less than a quorum of the body, but which taken as a whole, involves a majority of the body's members.

General Rule: A Majority may not use a series of communications, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss agency business.



Brown Act: Permitted Conduct

- ◆ A *member* of a legislative body may engage in “separate” communications with the public using an internet-based social media platform that is open and accessible to the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of that body, **provided that a "majority" do not discuss among themselves business of a "specific nature."**
- ◆ A *member* of a legislative body may use social media to discuss **personal** matters with another member of a legislative body.



Brown Act: **Prohibited** Conduct

- ◆ A *majority* may not use an internet–based social medial platform to discuss agency business.
- ◆ A *member* may not “**respond directly**” to any communication posted or shared by another member regarding agency business on an internet-based social media platform.
- ◆ Includes: NO likes, thumbs up, emojis, or other symbols

Brown Act: Meetings

- ◆ Regular Meeting
 - Agenda must be posted **72 hours** in advance.

Brown Act: Agendas

- ◆ Agenda items must have enough detail to give the public a reasonable idea of what will be discussed and/or acted upon—*no guessing*.
- ◆ If it's not on the agenda, it cannot be discussed!
- ◆ List location of the meeting and the location for document inspection.

Brown Act: Public's Rights

Brown Act gives members of the public the right to:

- Not give their name as a condition precedent to attend.
- Record the meeting.
- Comment and Criticize.

Members of the public must be allowed to comment on:

- Any agenda item, before or during the consideration of the item; and
- On any matter within the CAC's jurisdiction.

Brown Act: Public Comment

- ◆ Fair and reasonable rules may be adopted to assist the body in processing comments from the public.
 - Regulating time is OK if reasonable.
 - Regulating content is not OK.
 - At least twice the allotted time should be provided to a member of the public who utilizes a translator, unless simultaneous translation is utilized.
- ◆ Public comment is not a debate. Avoid back and forth.



Agenda Review, Purpose, Outcomes

- ◆ All participants agree to approach issues with an open mind, be willing to engage in dialogue, and commit to thinking boldly about solutions.
- ◆ Participants will be respectful of all fellow committee members.
- ◆ During meetings, only one person will speak at a time.
- ◆ Participants will explain reasoning and intent; share how we reach our conclusions so that others can understand our divergent reasoning.
- ◆ Participants will always arrive prepared for the meeting.
- ◆ Participants will jointly design next steps.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Reviews & Overviews

Outreach and Communications

Standing Topics

Next Steps

Public Comment

Review of CAC's Charge

- ◆ Per Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors motion on December 8, 2020, the County has formed a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) made up of Pacoima leaders and stakeholders from the community and Airport to provide input throughout the process.
- ◆ The CAC will use their local insight and knowledge to understand community concerns and identify new opportunities, such as the creation of local jobs, community beneficial uses, and dedicated open space at the airport. During the 12-month planning process, members will need to commit to attending at least six bi-monthly meetings, approximately two hours in length. These meetings will also be open to the public.

Outreach and Communication

- ◆ CAC Meeting Outreach
- ◆ Mailers & Flyers
- ◆ Social Media: Facebook and Instagram
- ◆ Website: ReEnvisionWhitemanAirport.com
- ◆ Email: ContactUs@ReEnvisionWhitemanAirport.com



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<https://www.reenvisionwhitemanairport.com>

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On-going CAC Meeting Topics

Each meeting will focus on several of the following topics:

- ◆ Project Overview & Updates
- ◆ Community Overview and Priorities
- ◆ Community Outreach
 - *Youth Groups*
 - *Community Events*
 - *Workforce Development*
- ◆ Environmental Considerations
- ◆ Airport Education
- ◆ Facility Enhancements and Land Utilization

Project Overview

- ◆ What have we heard so far?
 - Lack of awareness for airport programs/opportunities
 - Concern for air quality, pollution, and safety
 - Economic value of the airport
 - Questions of ownership and local representation
 - Question on CAC, the membership, meeting format and outreach
- ◆ What are we currently working on?
 - Gathering baseline environmental data
 - Researching land use opportunities
 - Outreach
- ◆ What other information would you like to see?

Environmental Considerations

- ◆ Air Quality Monitoring and Health Risk Assessment
 - A year long study conducted by SCS Engineers
 - Air Quality Monitoring: understanding what is in the air
 - Project performed in a **dynamic** manner that allows for maximizing the benefit of prior measurements for informed planning.
 - Real time monitoring – data to be uploaded to the website (estimated September start date)
 - Health Risk Assessment: determines the potential health risks associated with Whiteman Airport.

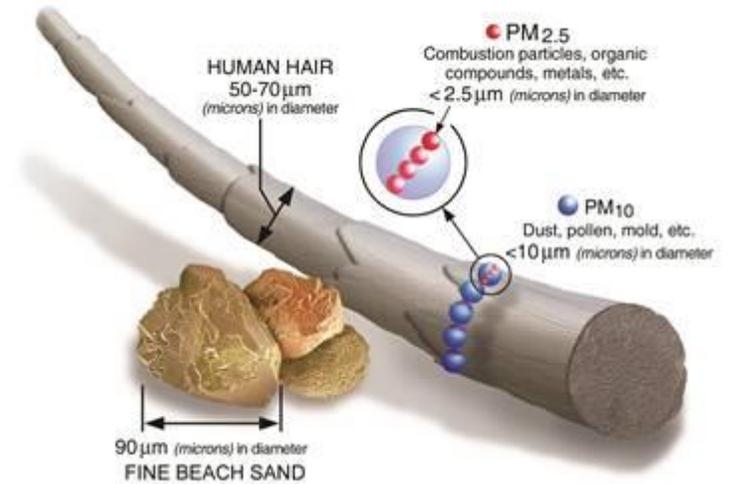
Volatile Organic Carbons

- ◆ Volatile organic compounds, or VOCs are organic chemical compounds whose composition makes it possible for them to evaporate under normal atmospheric conditions of temperature and pressure. **Outdoors, VOCs are released into the air mostly during the manufacture or use of everyday products and materials. While VOCs can be a health concern outdoors, EPA regulates VOCs outdoors mainly because of their ability to create smog under certain conditions.** The relative Health Risk of VOCs are compounds specific.

BTEX

- ◆ BTEX is comprised of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (often expressed as total xylenes (m+p)). The BTEX suite has grown in popularity, as they are straightforward to monitor together, and provide a well-rounded picture of VOCs and are present in most urban areas. **BTEX gives an indication of VOS emissions from a wide range of sources. For example, in an urban environment, there is usually benzene present from petrol, vehicle exhaust and the burning of solid and liquid fuels.**

Particulate Matter (PM)



- ◆ PM is the term for a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air. Some particles, such as dust, dirt, soot, or smoke, are large or dark enough to be seen with the naked eye. Particulate matter contains microscopic solids or liquid droplets that are so small that they can be inhaled and cause serious health problems. Some particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter can get deep into your lungs and some may even get into your bloodstream. Of these, particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, also known as fine particles or PM_{2.5}, pose the greatest risk to health.

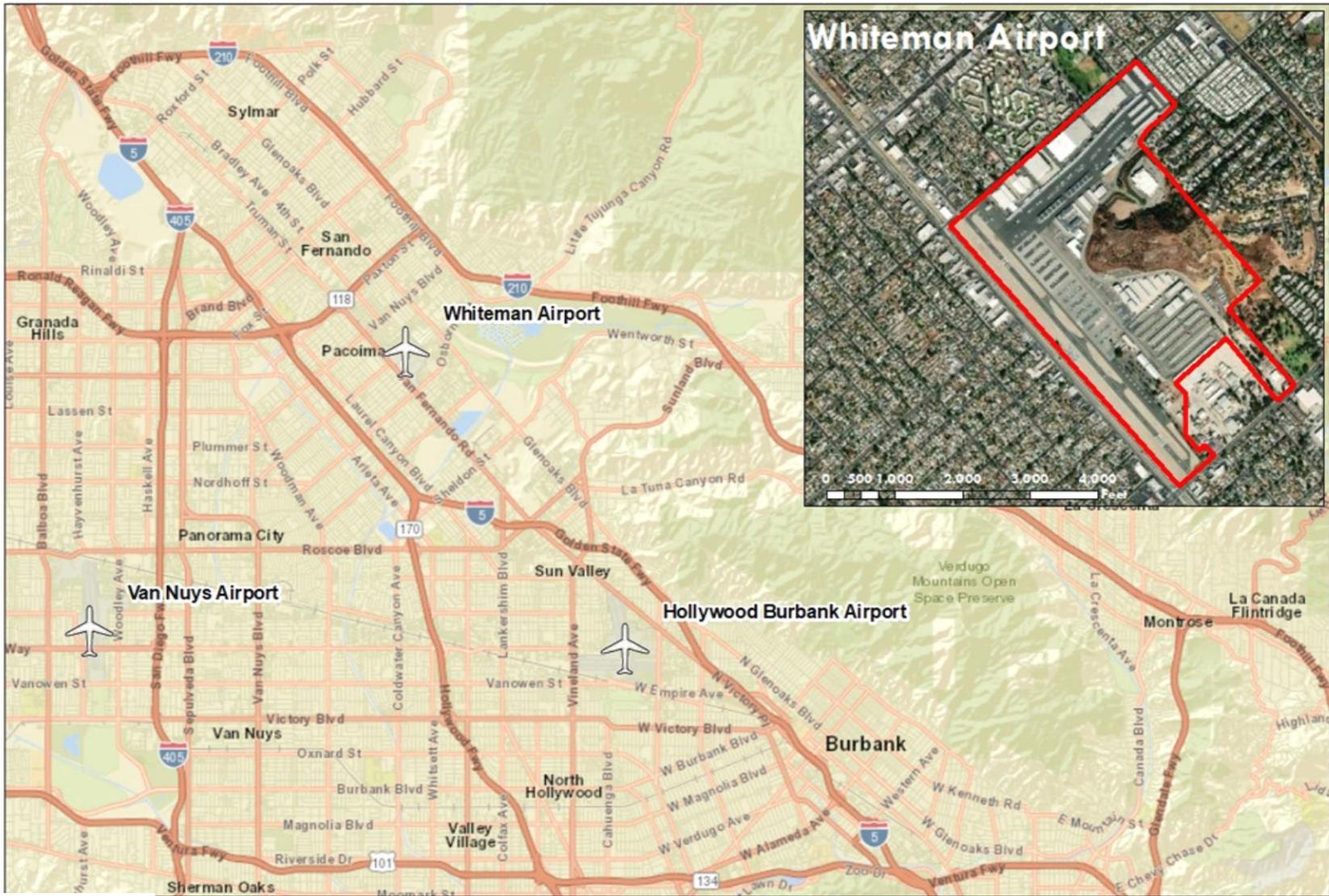
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons

- ◆ Short for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, PAHs describe chemicals that are often found together in groups of two or more. PAHs are found naturally in the environment but they can also be man-made. In their purest form, PAHs are solid and range in appearance from colorless to white or pale yellow-green. PAHs are created when products like coal, oil, gas, and garbage are burned but the burning process is not complete.

Health Risk Assessment

- ◆ The **HRA** has five main components:
 - **Hazard Identification:** Estimation of pollutant-specific maximum hourly and annual emission rates (i.e. emission factors)
 - **Exposure Assessment:** Estimate the extent of public exposure to each pollutant from hazard identification.
 - **Dose-Response Assessment:** Characterizes the relationship between exposure to a substance and incidence of an adverse health effect in exposed populations
 - **Risk Characterization:** The HARP2 ADMRT model will be used to estimate the cancer and non-cancer (acute, 8-hour, and chronic) health risks at off-site receptors including the point of maximum impact (PMI), the maximally exposed individual resident (MEIR), the maximally exposed individual worker (MEIW), and any nearby sensitive receptors such as schools and hospitals.
 - **Summary Report:** Final report summarizing the HRA methodology and results.

Project Vicinity Map



Sampling Location Analysis

Monthly wind speed statistics and directions for Whiteman Airport/Pacoima

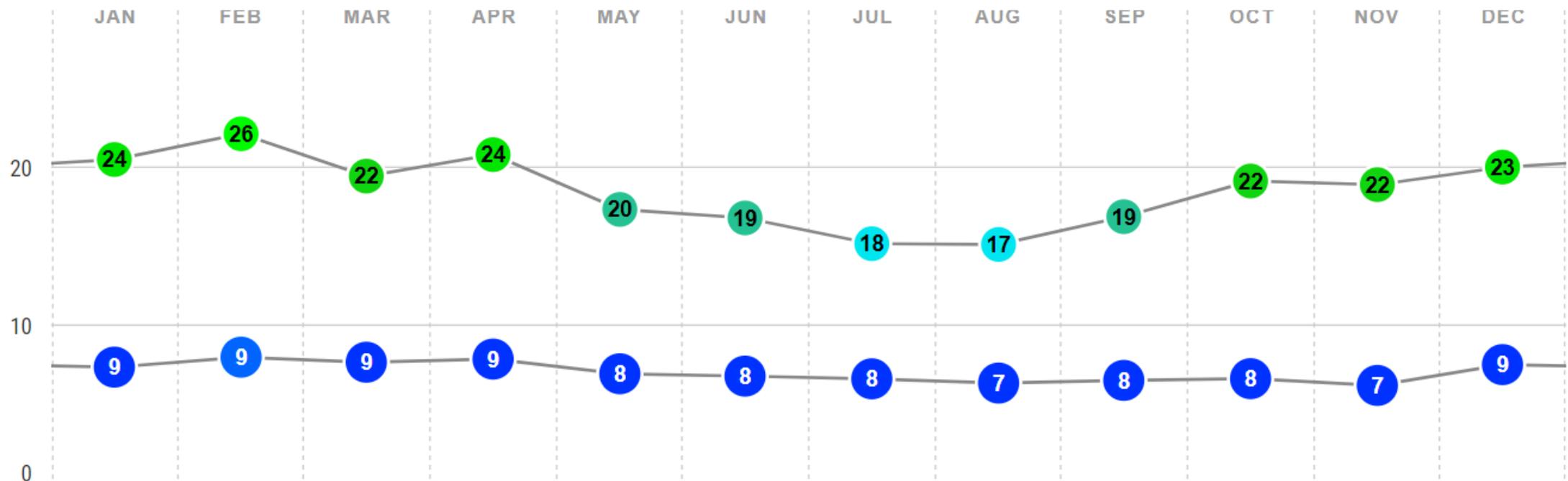


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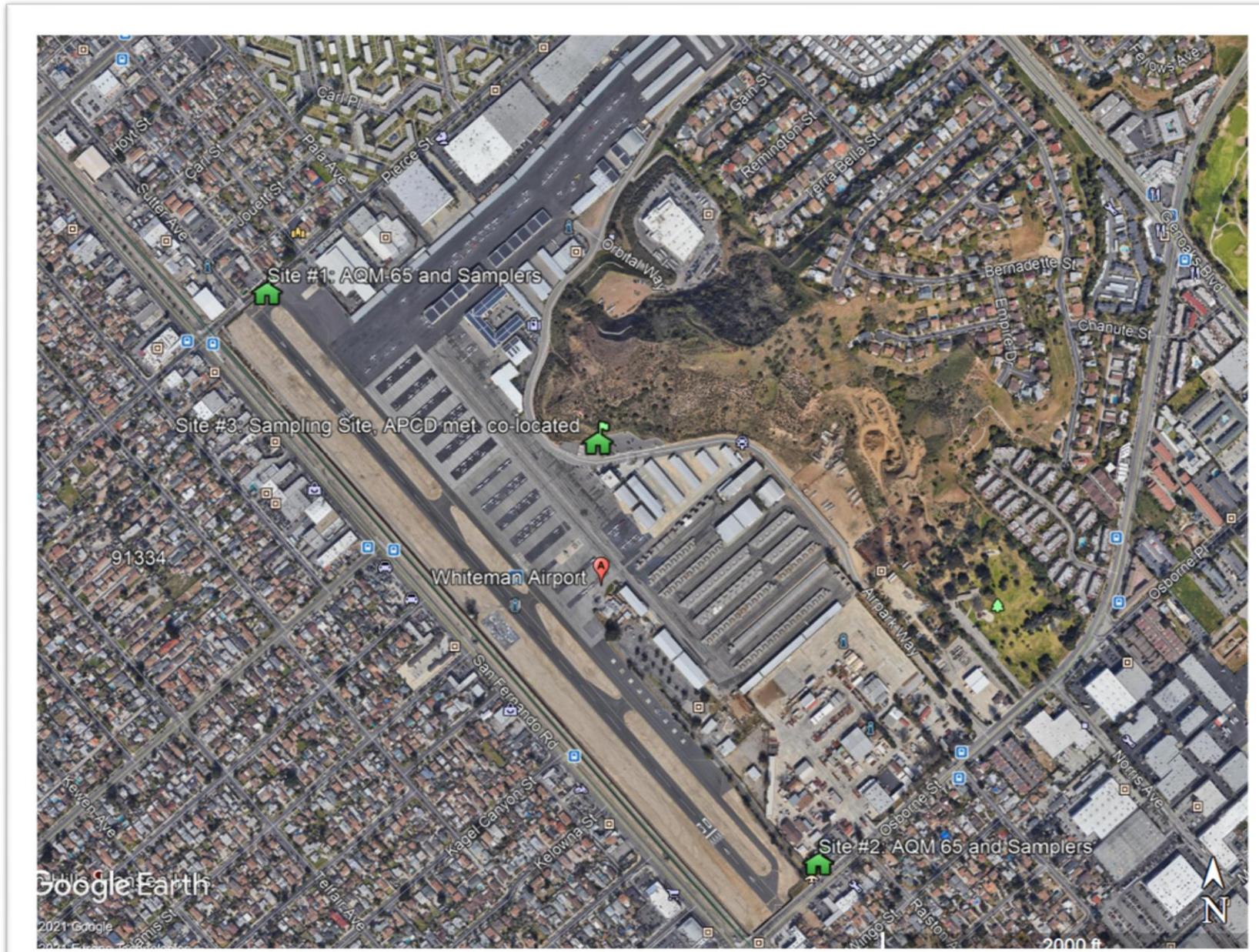
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AVERAGE WIND SPEEDS AND GUSTS (MPH)



Sampling Location Map



Air Quality Monitoring

Site #1



Site #2



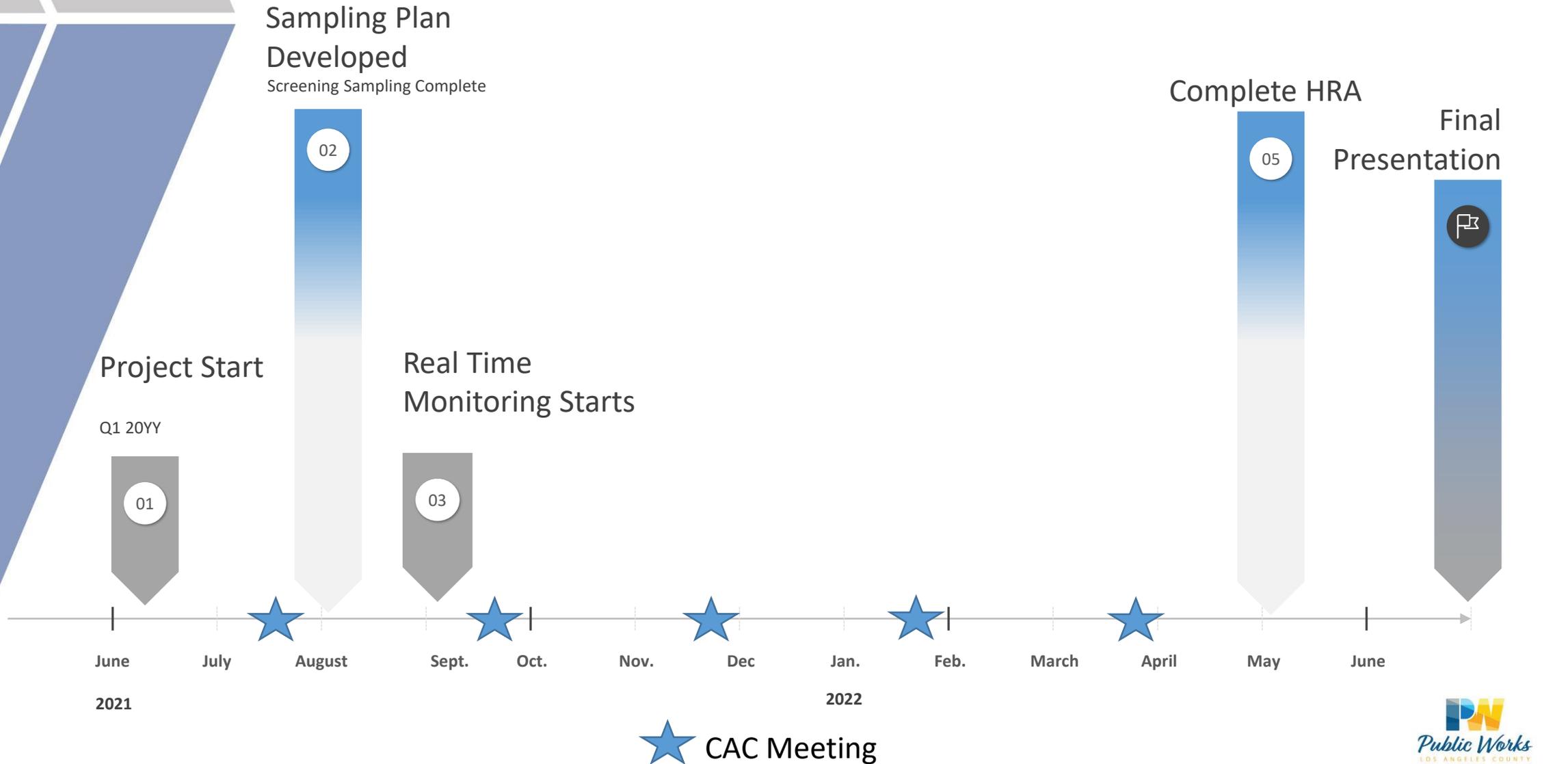
Site #3



Example of Deployed AQM 65



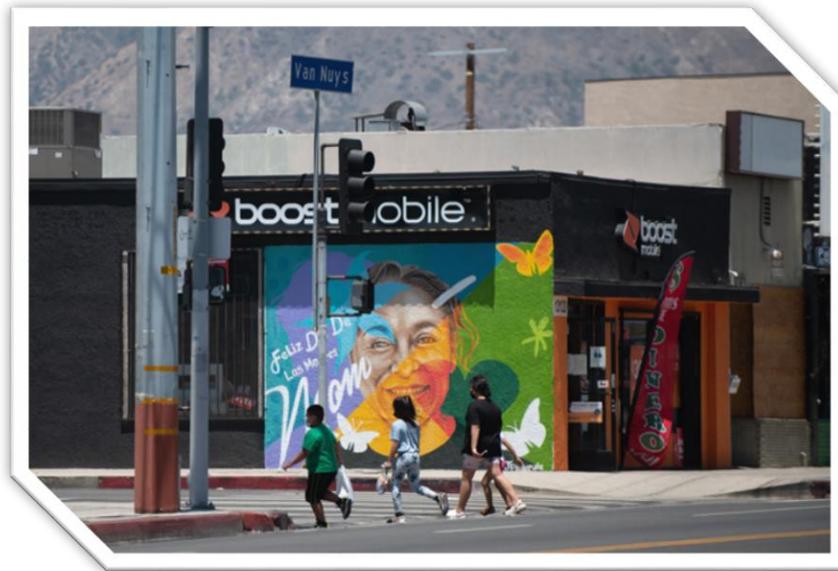
Estimated Project Timeline:



★ CAC Meeting

Community Overview and Priorities

- ◆ Defining community
- ◆ Interactive input



Community Outreach/Events

- ◆ 75th Anniversary celebration on September 25th



Next Steps

- ◆ Next meeting will be September 23, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - virtual
- ◆ Airport tours to be scheduled in the future
- ◆ Open House on September 25, 2021 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
- ◆ Communication:
 - Website (ReEnvisionWhitemanAirport.com)
 - Social Media
 - Email ContactUs@ReEnvisionWhitemanAirport.com



Public Comments

- ◆ For any individual who would like to provide public comment, you may join the Zoom virtual meeting through your computer, smartphone, or by calling in. A Spanish interpreter will be available.
- ◆ An individual requesting to address the Committee will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes per meeting. A member of the audience may address the Committee on one Agenda item per meeting.

Thank you!