

Subject: Remarks for COG Transportation Committee, Nov. 3, 2025 (Non Agenda)
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Good morning.

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These remarks have to do with the narrow width of the ROW in Lawndale. Recall, the width in the narrow part is only 75 ft, although Metro claimed 81 ft initially because they could not make everything fit. All their initial sketches presented at community meetings in **August 2022** had this erroneous width. (Interestingly, in 2018, their surveyors had correctly measured 75 ft) Metro was called out on that, and so they changed their **sketches** to 75 ft, for the DEIR released in **Jan 2023**, **but they did not change the detailed drawings in the DEIR Appendix.** Those erroneous drawings still showed 80 or 81ft, a fact that I presented at numerous Metro Construction meetings.

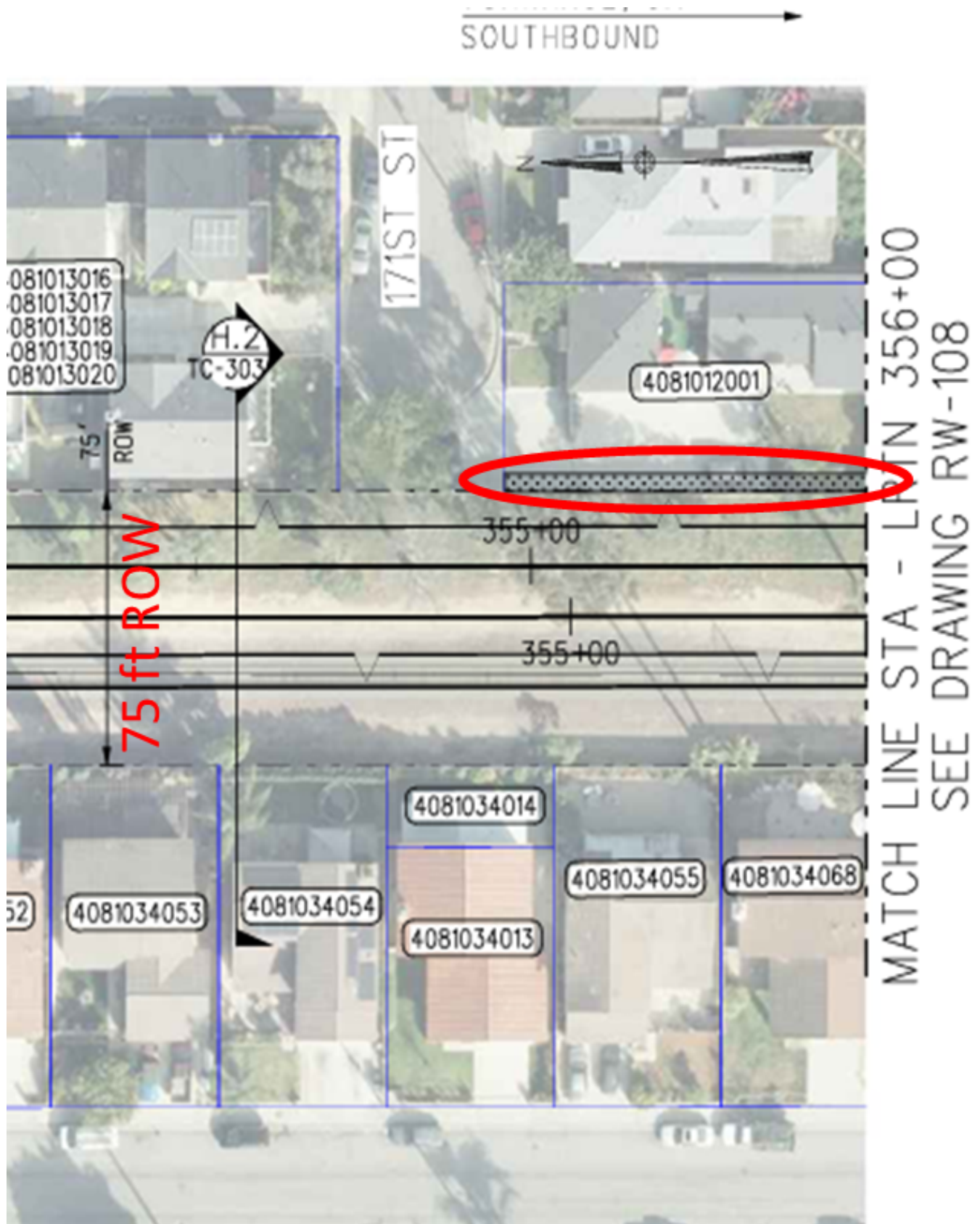
Note: Metro claiming that "wide width" of ROW enabled them to say they were not "taking" properties, because Metro already "owned" the ROW.

This talk is on how they "corrected" the drawings in the **FEIR Appendix released Sept 2025..** Those are the drawings I passed out, and I have given this talk at Lawndale and Redondo city councils.

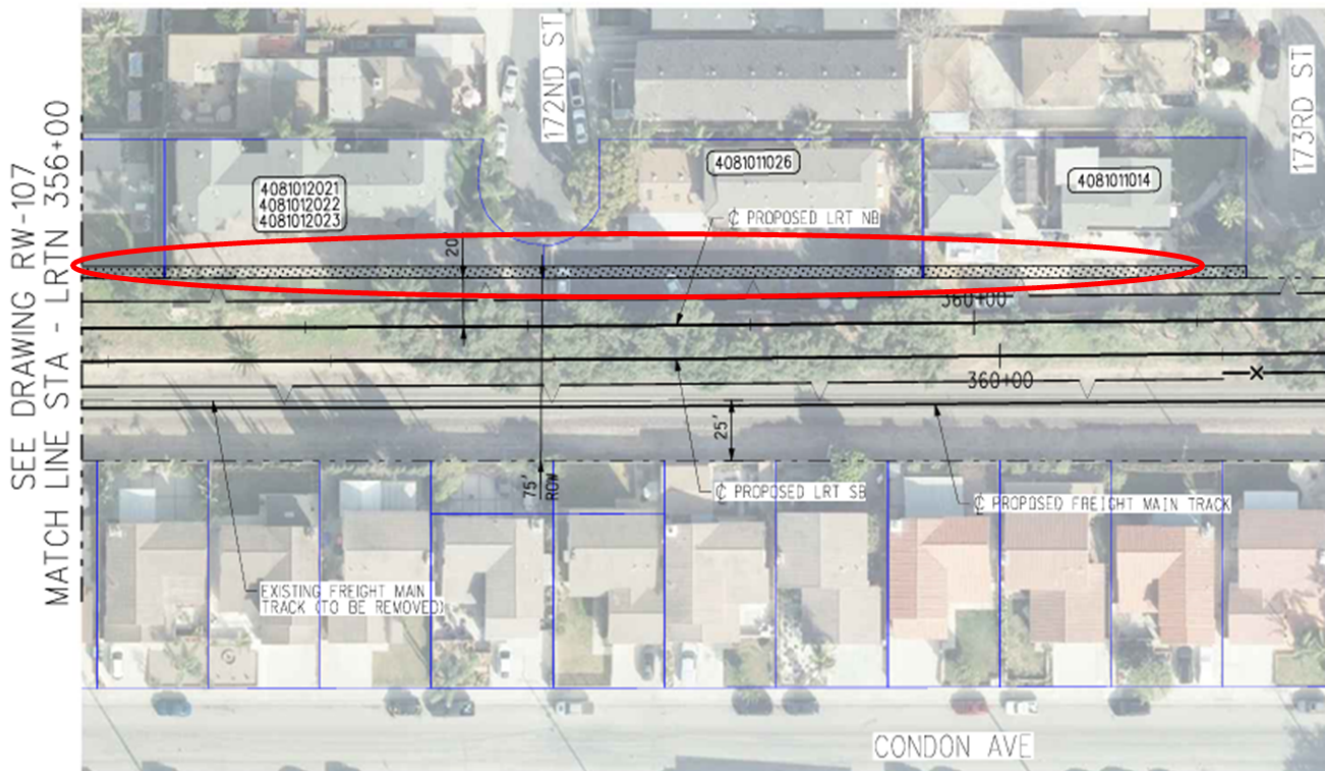
Again, Metro had the width of the ROW at 81 ft in their DEIR Appendix A drawings. (The width of the ROW inexplicably jumped from 75 ft to 81 ft, **just south of 171st,**)

For the FEIR, they now show the ROW width at 75 ft the whole way. BUT, they effectively widened the ROW just **south of 171st, this time** by claiming it as a "construction easement" In other words, the "width" of ROW plus construction easement = **81 ft!**

The hashtag area, below, encircled in RED, is "temporary construction easement."



Here is a continuation of the above drawing. Notice the lengthy section of easement.



You cannot see it from these drawings, but those properties where the easement is are actually on a top of a steep embankment. The construction "easement" will cut away at the embankment.

Enough said. I would like to know how their expert teams of surveyors made that mistake.

"Mistakes" like this are "fixed" by eminent domain. That is why this is such a serious issue.

(Actually, they had surveyors out there in Dec 2023, who measured this correctly, but Metro would not let me talk to them.)

Note: In the FEIR package, Metro mentions the 75 ft vs 80-81ft issue in Section 4.23, page 4-157. (They do NOT mention their "construction easement" fix to "regain" their width!)

This FEIR package should not be approved. There are other dubious maneuvers elsewhere.

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