

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, showing a complex network of highways and various buildings. The image is used as a background for a text overlay.

# Community Air Initiatives

**East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights,  
West Commerce Community  
Steering Committee Meeting #3**

*Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Commerce, CA*



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# The Office of Compliance and Enforcement



# Air Quality Inspectors

Approximately **80 inspectors**,  
plus managers/supervisors and support staff



# Enforcement Activities

**Complaint Response** –  
over 9,000 complaints  
annually

**Facility inspections** –  
approx. 22,000 facilities  
& over 67,000 permits

**Portable equipment  
inspections** (3,600+)

**Responding to  
notifications**, such as  
for equipment  
breakdowns, flaring  
events, and  
renovations/demolitions

**Source education &  
outreach**

**Special projects** –  
investigations,  
interagency coordination,  
emergency response,  
etc.

**Enforcement Action** –  
Notices to Comply,  
Notices of Violation,  
Orders for Abatement,  
Criminal Referrals

# Outside of SCAQMD Jurisdiction

- Noise Complaints
- Indoor Air Quality Issues
- Private Residences, with exceptions such as wood burning on no-burn days
- Soil/Water Issues – also with limited exceptions

# Public Complaints



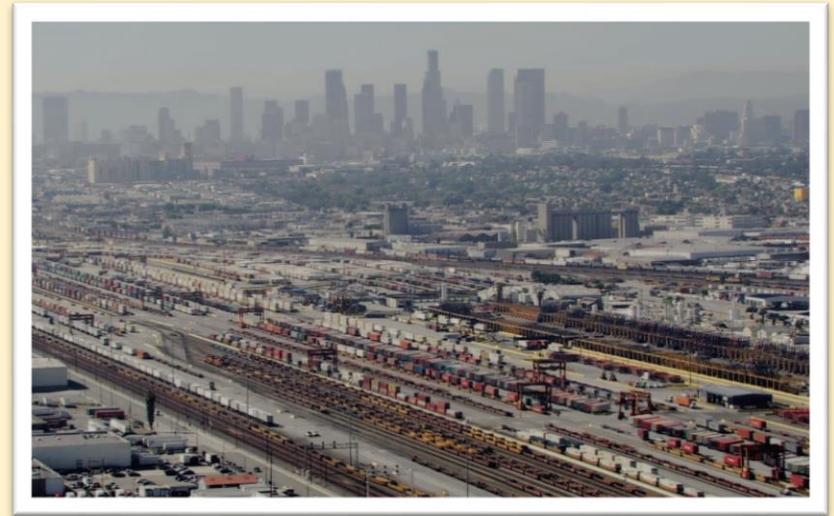
- **1-800-CUT-SMOG or online @ [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov).**
- Live attendant during business hours (Monday-Friday) or to our standby system off-hours
- Common Complaints: Dust, Odors, Flaring, Smoke, Retail Gas Stations, Overspray, Residential Wood Burning
- Complainant information = confidential
- Complaints can be made anonymously, but may be insufficient and will not receive a live response
- ***INSPECTORS RESPOND TO ALL COMPLAINTS!***



# This Community – East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce

You have identified many different sources of air pollution. Those include, among others, the following:

1. Coating/Metal Finishing Facilities  
(Accurate Plating, Auto Body Shops, Valmont Coatings)
2. Rendering Plants  
(Farmer John, D & D)
3. Railyards
4. Idling Trucks and Warehouses  
(JSL Foods, 99 Cents Distribution)
5. Waste Management Sites  
(Commerce Refuse to Energy, Republic Services)





# Questions from the Committee?



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# Strategies to Address Air Pollution Concerns



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# Potential approaches

## Emission Reduction Strategies

- Regulation
- Incentives
- Enforcement
- Outreach and education
- Collaborations

## Other Complementary Tools

- Exposure reduction
- Monitoring
- Public information
- Collaborations

**Emission reduction:** Decrease in the amount of pollutants discharged from a specific source (e.g. a stack or tailpipe)



**Exposure reduction:** Decrease in the amount of pollutants that people inhale



# Regulation

**Regulations (Rules) are like local laws that specify what facilities and equipment owners are required to do**

## Examples:

- Rule 1430 (Metal grinding)
- Rule 1469 (Chrome plating and anodizing)
- Rule 1132 (Spray booths)
- Rule 1151 (Autobody paints)

## Pros:

- Applies to all facilities/equipment of that type in our District
- Permanent emissions reductions
- Enforceable

## Cons:

- Lengthy process



**Note:** Rules need to be approved by the SCAQMD Board

# Incentives

To encourage equipment owner to use cleaner technologies, above and beyond what's required

## Examples:

- Carl Moyer program
- Lawn & garden equipment program
- Replace your ride
- Lower-Emission School Bus Incentive Program
- Replace combustion-based appliances with high efficiency electric models

## Pros:

- Get equipment that is cleaner than what regulation requires
- Relatively fast
- Can be tuned to benefit local community

## Cons:

- Expensive

Zero Emission Transit Bus



Zero Emission Mower



Zero Emission Chainsaw



Zero Emission School Bus

# Outreach and Education

**Engage stakeholders who can help reduce emissions**

## Examples:

- **Clean Communities Plan:** Outreach to auto-body shops to adopt water-based brake cleaners (incentives)
- Outreach to specific fleet owners about incentives they can use
- Educate business owners on how to comply with our regulations
- Community workshops on clean air vehicles
- High school electric vehicle showcase

## Pros:

- Enhances compliance with existing rules, or can go beyond existing rules
- Relatively fast and low cost (other than incentives)

## Cons:

- Need appropriate incentive funding



Please join the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes to discuss air quality and programs available to the community.



# Enforcement

**Targeted enforcement to address a specific air quality concern**

## Examples:

- Idling truck sweeps
- Complaint cluster projects
- Odor complaint response

## Pros:

- Promotes compliance with rules
- Identifies violations → corrective actions

## Cons:

- Only applies to existing rules and permit conditions
- Can be expensive and time-intensive



# Monitoring

Can serve many purposes:

- Identify hot spots, to focus investigations
- Provides public information
- Tracks progress
- Tool for compliance

## Examples:

- Mobile surveys to identify facility leaks
- Metals monitoring to identify sources of metals

## Pros/Cons:

- See Meeting #2, slide 35



# Additional strategies

## Pros

## Cons



### Exposure reduction, other mitigation

- Air filtration systems (schools, community centers)
- Tree barriers, buffers

Better indoor air quality,  
More green space

No emission reductions



### Public information

- Notification systems
- Easier access to facility reports (e.g. leak inspection reports)

Increase access to data, which can guide individual action to reduce exposure

No emission reductions



### Collaboration with other stakeholders

- Truck routes
- Multiple environmental media (air, water, hazardous waste)

Leverage different agencies' strengths

Can be a lengthy process

# Combined strategies

## Example 1 – Autobody Shops

### Community Education

**Small Business  
education on  
best practices**



### Agency Collaboration

**LA County**  
(Department of  
Regional Planning  
Green Zones Programs)

**City of  
Commerce**

**City of Los  
Angeles**



### Targeted Outreach Incentives



# Combined strategies

## Example 2 – Truck traffic

**Enforcement  
sweeps**



**License plates  
readers**



**Targeted  
incentives**



**Collaborations  
with other  
agencies  
for  
neighborhood  
truck routes**

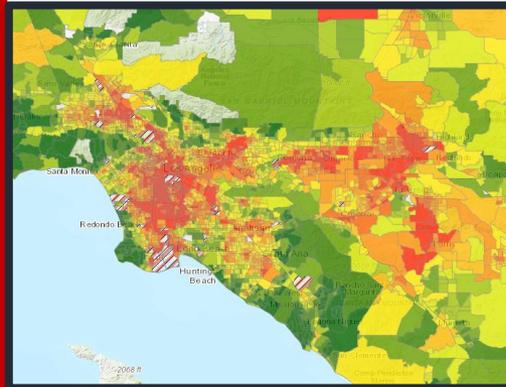


**Rule  
development**

# Combined strategies

## Example 3 – Schools

**Prioritize by  
air quality  
factors  
and other  
factors**



**Air filtration  
(exposure  
reduction)**



**Cleaner  
school  
buses  
(incentives)**



**Nearby facilities  
-  
Targeted  
inspections**



# Air Pollution Emissions Data from emissions inventory



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Dashboard

Apr 18, 2010 - May 18, 2010



43.64% Source Rate

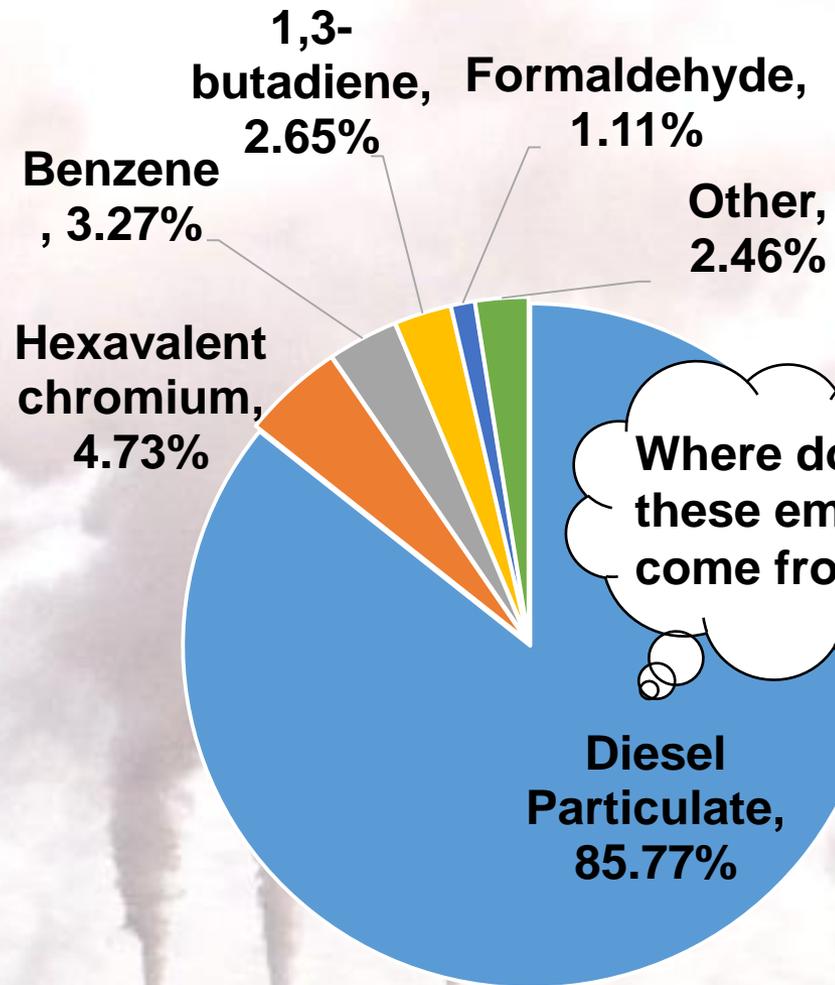
00:04:08 Avg Time on Site

28.30% % Area Used

Map Overlay

Category	Pagecount	% Pagecount
Information resources	1,312	21.33%
Inventory	1,306	21.14%
Information privacy	967	15.74%
Information privacy guidelines	691	11.21%

# Main air toxics in the community



Where do these emissions come from?

**Diesel particulate has the highest impact in the community**

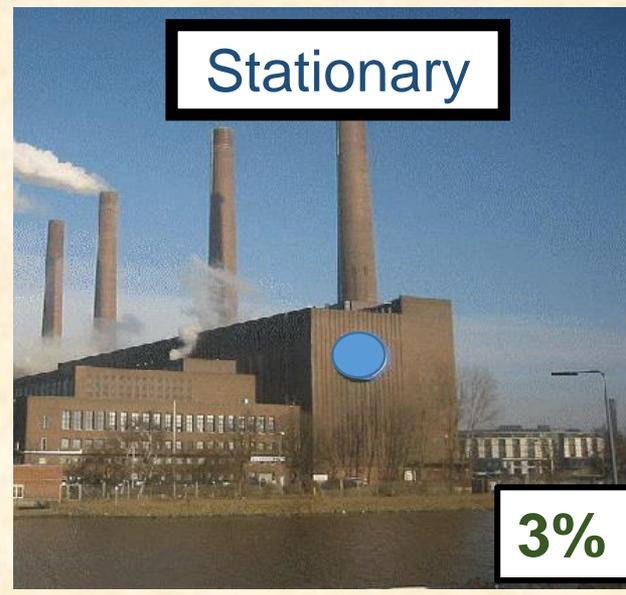
Other toxics may have impacts in areas close to the sources

- Emissions inventories don't account for **unknown or unquantified leaks.**

Data from the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) IV (2012)



# Source categories



# Other major pollutants in this community

Pollutants	Main sources
<p data-bbox="112 496 645 545">Hexavalent Chromium</p>  <p>The first image shows a multi-lane highway with several vehicles, including a large white semi-truck, moving away from the viewer. The second image shows an industrial facility with yellow metal racks containing green cylindrical objects, likely part of a metal finishing or plating process.</p>	<ul data-bbox="987 605 1624 859" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mobile sources – fuel combustion</li><li>• Metal production – finishing/plating facilities</li></ul>
<p data-bbox="112 991 658 1045">Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)</p>  <p>A red semi-truck with a white trailer is shown from a front-three-quarter view against a clear blue sky.</p>	<ul data-bbox="987 1153 1727 1202" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mainly from fuel combustion</li></ul>

# Community Boundary and Prioritization of Air Quality Concerns



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# SCAQMD Efforts and Funding

These are the estimated costs in the first year, for everything other than incentives. This includes all three Year 1 communities, plus additional resources needed to support future AB 617 designated communities in the SCAQMD.

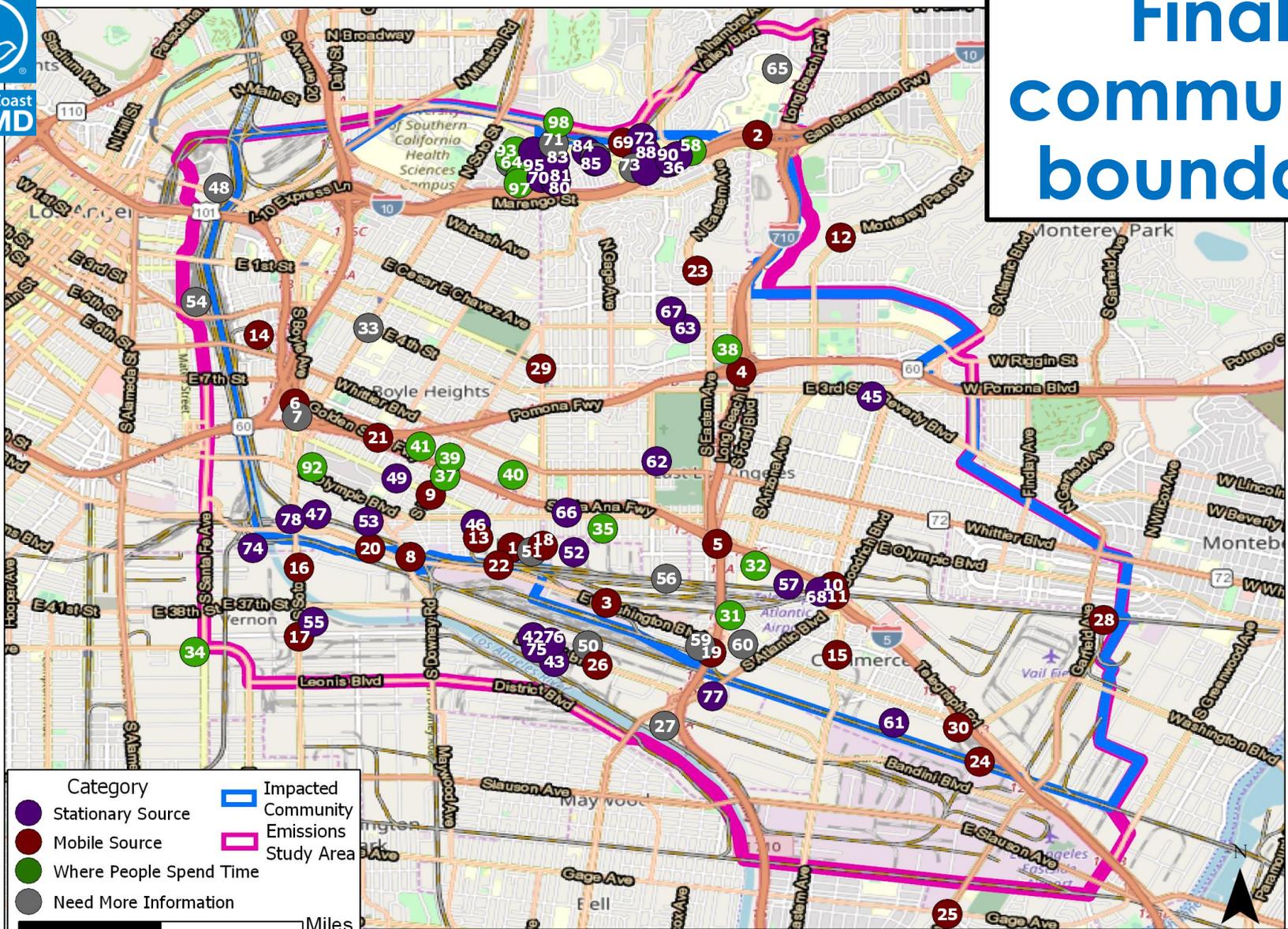
Program Component	Description	Estimated Amount
Air Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Equipment, staffing, and software to conduct air monitoring and display data</li></ul>	\$11.5 million
Community Emissions Reduction Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staffing to develop and implement community emission reduction plans</li></ul>	\$4.3 million
Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staffing and materials to work with communities to implement AB 617.</li></ul>	\$1.6 million
BARCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staffing to transition RECLAIM program to command and control (rule development, CEQA)</li></ul>	\$8.5 million
Emissions Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staffing and software enhancements to implement CARB emissions reporting rule</li></ul>	\$1.8 million
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Estimated need: \$27.7 million</b>

**But we only received \$20 million**



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# Final community boundary



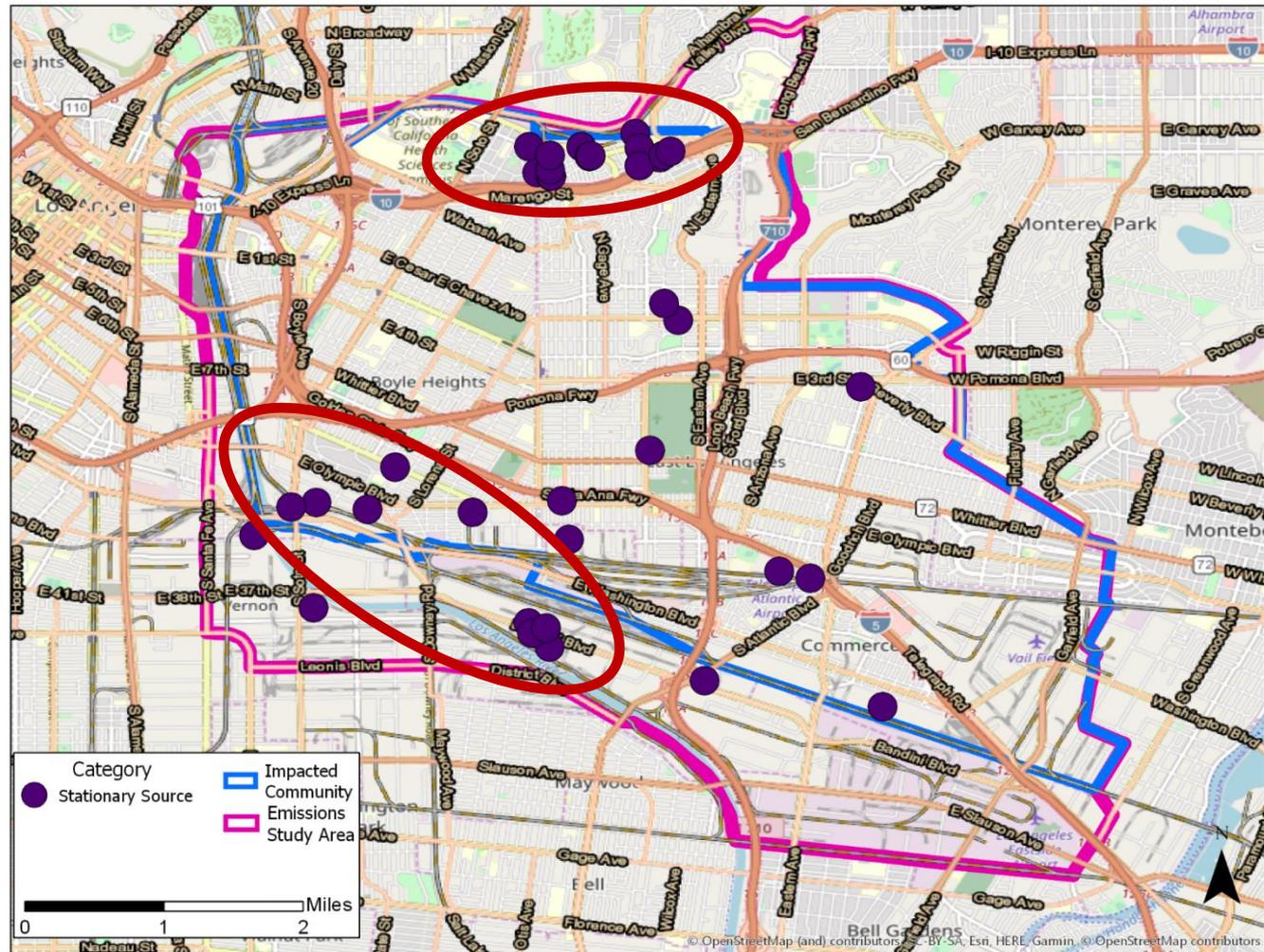
Category	Impacted Community
Stationary Source	Emissions Study Area
Mobile Source	
Where People Spend Time	
Need More Information	

0 1 2 Miles

- Majority of community concerns fall within the **community boundary**
- Regions within and near the **community boundary** will also benefit from the emissions reductions

# Concerns About Stationary Sources\*

- These are locations that came up several times (yellow/red) in the air quality mapping activity
- Places where we may look to begin **monitoring efforts**

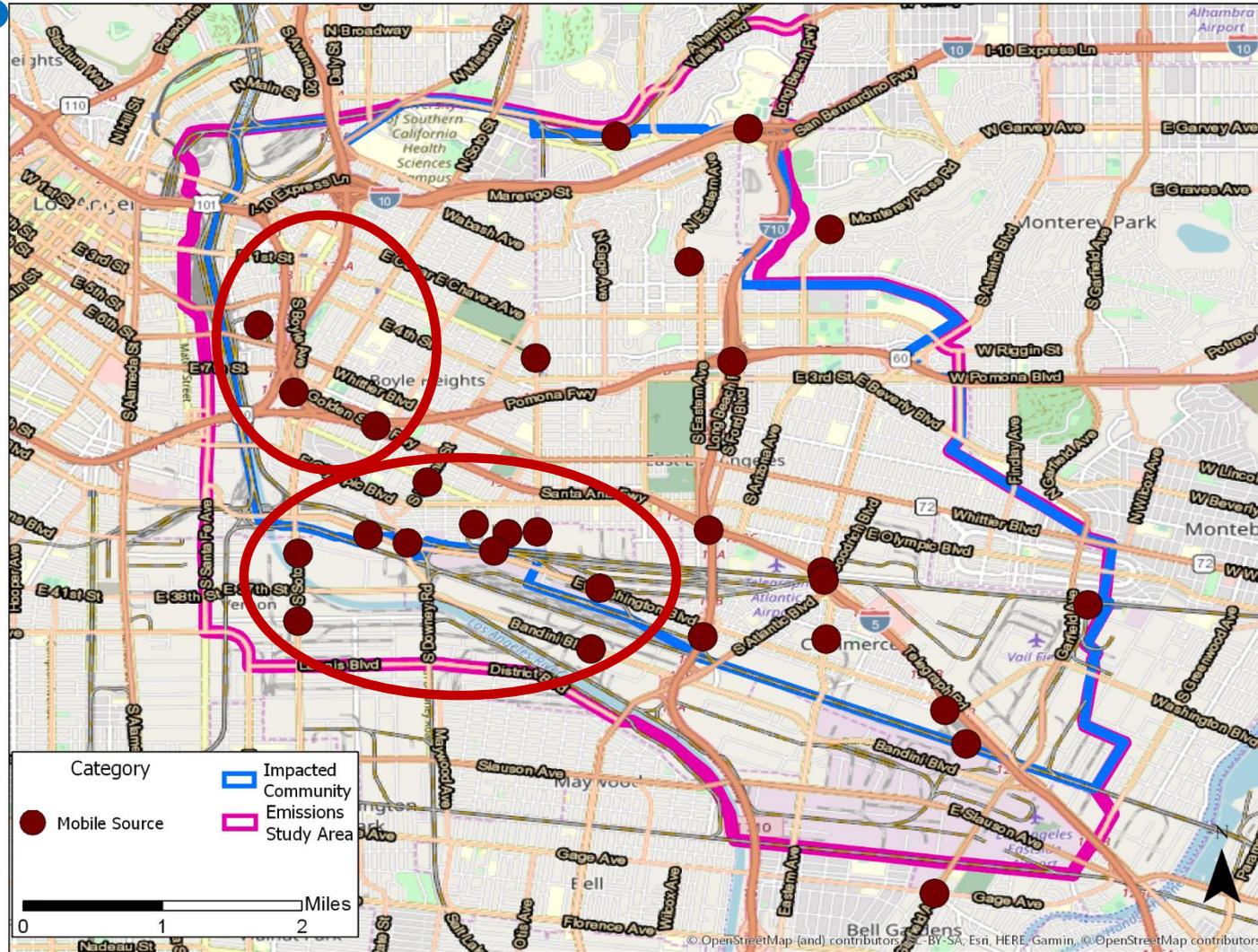


\*From CSC Meeting #1 air quality mapping activity and additional input received through email

Autobody shops, metal processing facilities, warehouses and other industrial sources

# Concerns About Mobile Sources\*

- Places where we may begin to look for truck idling hot spots for compliance idling sweeps
- Targeted areas for license plate readers and incentives



\*From CSC Meeting #1 air quality mapping activity and additional input received through email

Truck traffic was identified as a key concern

# Prioritization – why we need to do this

We want to use resources appropriately  
to address the air pollution issues most important to this community

- Goal:
  - Evaluate **highest priorities** from the community
  - Use existing technical data to help guide priorities
  - Start thinking about potential strategies to put into the **emission reduction plan**
- Limited resources (money) and limited time
  - We will try to address the top few priorities
  - General expectation is that the plans should be fully implemented  
~5 years

# Prioritization – Group activity

30 min	Prioritization of Air Quality Concerns
15 min	Activity Report Back
5 min	Break
10 min	Activity Consensus Results Discussion

- The goal of this activity is to identify the few **highest priority areas**, so we can start developing specific strategies to address them
- **Allow enough time for everyone to speak**
- **Be respectful**
- There will be one facilitator and one note taker per table

## Priorities

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**3 items per section**

# Next steps and important reminders

## Future meeting dates and locations:

- CSC Meeting #4: March 28<sup>st</sup> (6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.) at Resurrection Church

## Future meeting potential topics:

- Measures to be taken (i.e. what specific actions we want to do to address the highest priority concerns)
- RECLAIM – Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) Rule development update
- Indirect Source Rule (ISR) development update
  - Rules to control mobile source emissions at warehouses, railyards, etc.

# Next steps and important reminders

## Technical Advisory Group Members

- Marisa Blackshire (BNSF)
- Hector J. Garcia (Our Lady of Victory)
- Rafael Yanez (Active Resident – East Los Angeles)

**First meeting: 2/27**  
**Next TAG Meeting: Late Spring 2019**

- Please **send us your biographies** as soon as possible
- Sign the charter** – hard copies are provided at registration

Save the date – Community tour on April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you  
for the hard work!**

**More information on AB 617:**

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