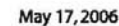


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Transportation Policy Council

May 26, 2006



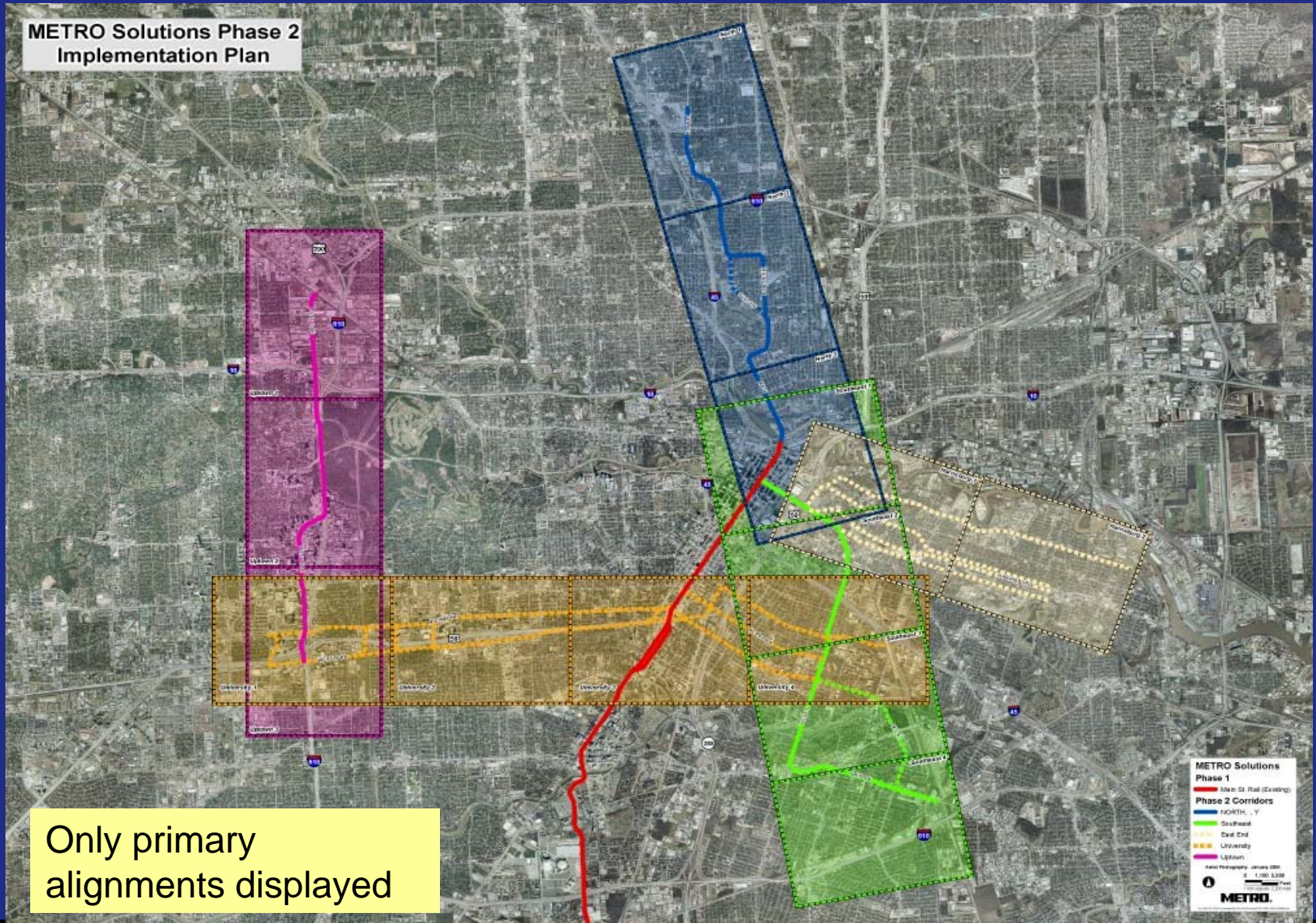
Overview

- ▶ Engineering on corridors began May 2006
- ▶ METRO continues close contact with FTA
- ▶ Ongoing public involvement (PI) efforts
- ▶ Since June 2005, more than 160 meetings and presentations with community organizations and others across the five corridors

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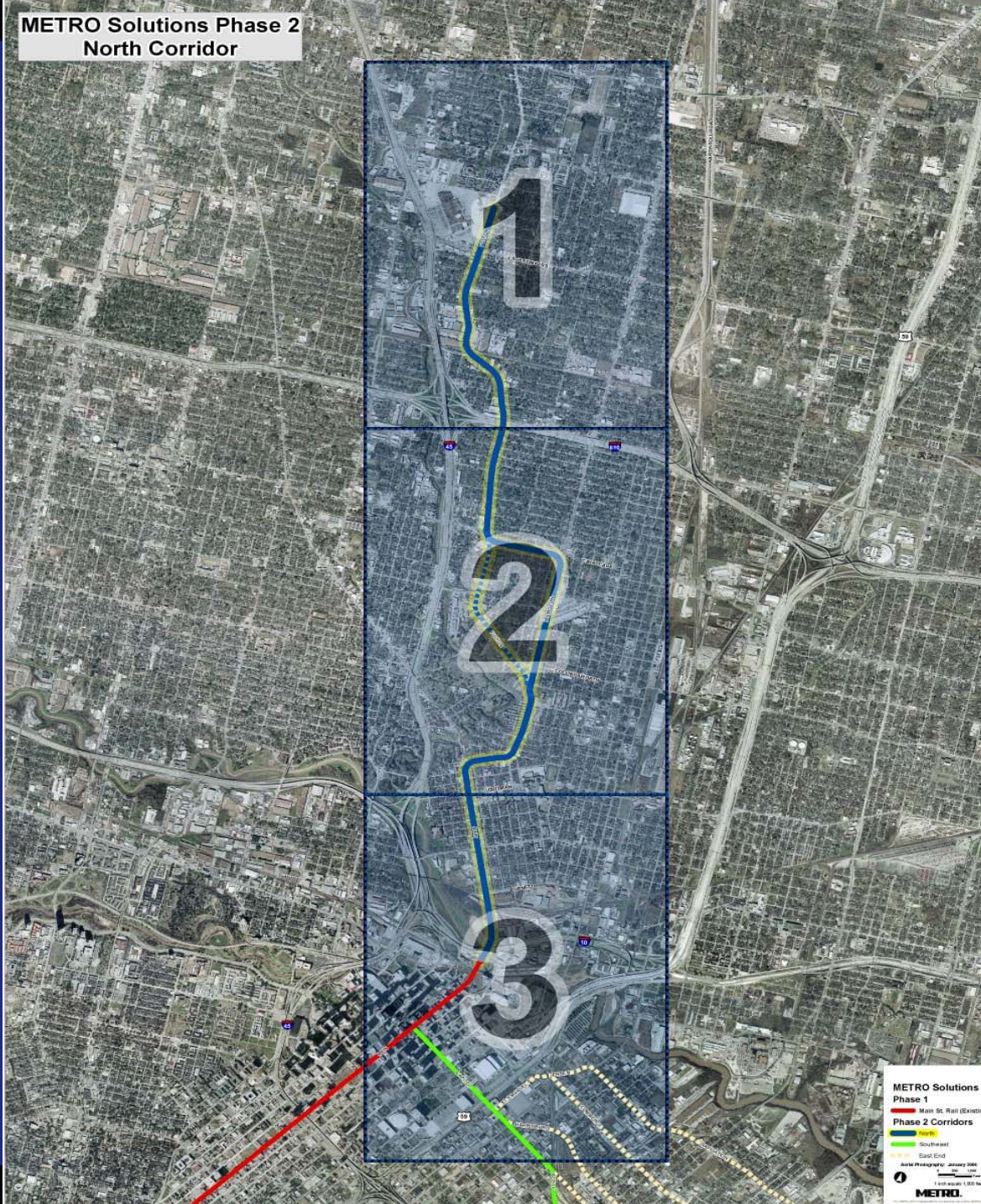


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North Corridor

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North Corridor

- ▶ **Administrative Draft of EIS completed**
- ▶ **Responding to FTA comments on DEIS**
- ▶ **Planning for public hearing in mid-July**

Status of PI efforts

- ▶ **North Corridor (January 2002 – present)**
 - **Nine public meetings held during AA process – 350 attendees**
 - **80 stakeholder briefings during AA process – 600 attendees**
 - **Three public meetings held during DEIS process – 350 attendees**

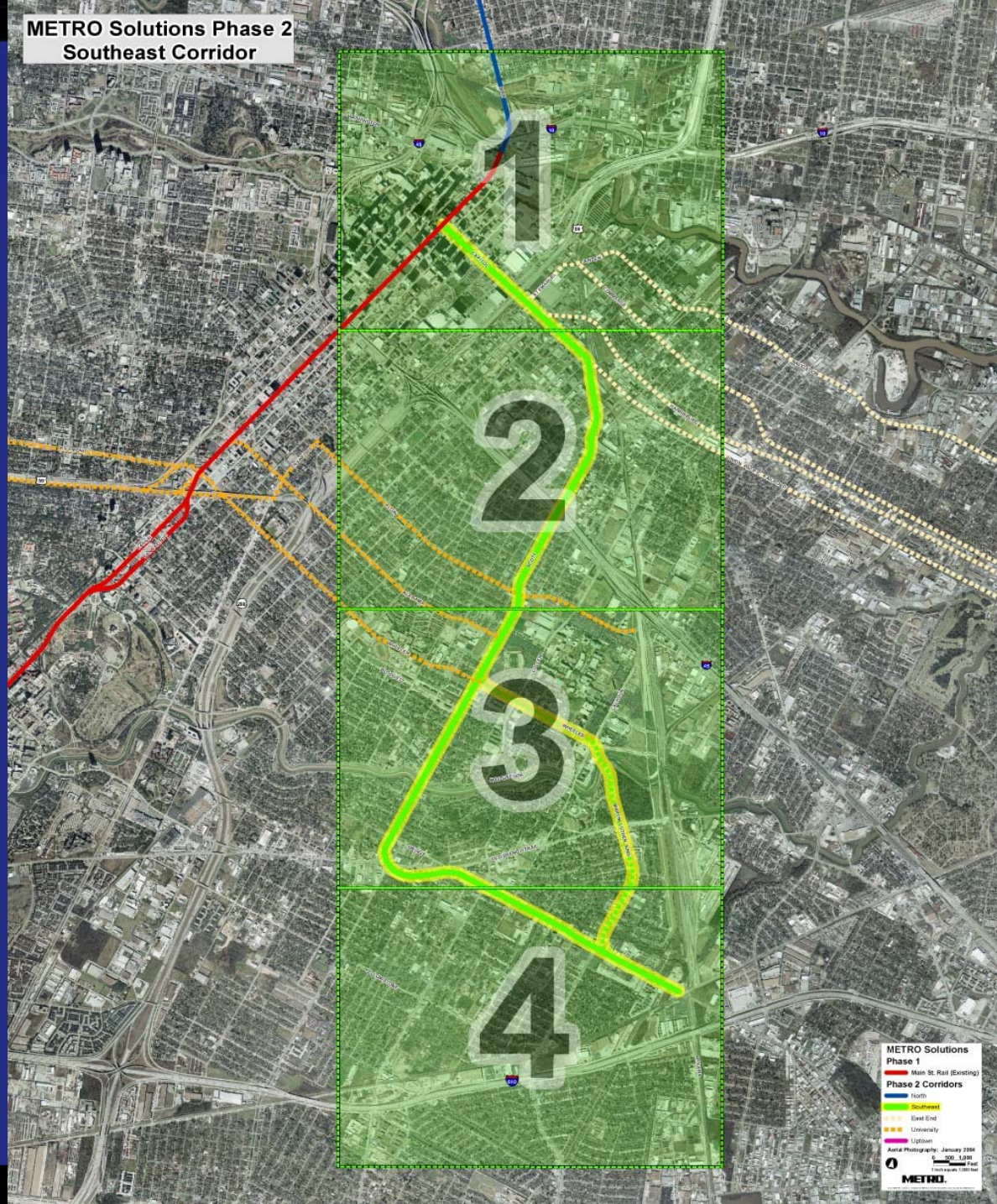
North Corridor Schedule

- ▶ February 28, 2006 - DEIS submitted to FTA
- ▶ May 2006 – Engineering began
- ▶ June 2006 - DEIS circulation begins (45 days)
- ▶ November 2006 – Obtain Record of Decision (ROD)
- ▶ July 2007 – Construction begins
- ▶ Early 2011 – Operations begin

Southeast Corridor

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Southeast Corridor



Southeast Corridor

- ▶ **Administrative Draft completed**
- ▶ **Responding to FTA comments on DEIS**
- ▶ **Planning for public hearing in mid-July**

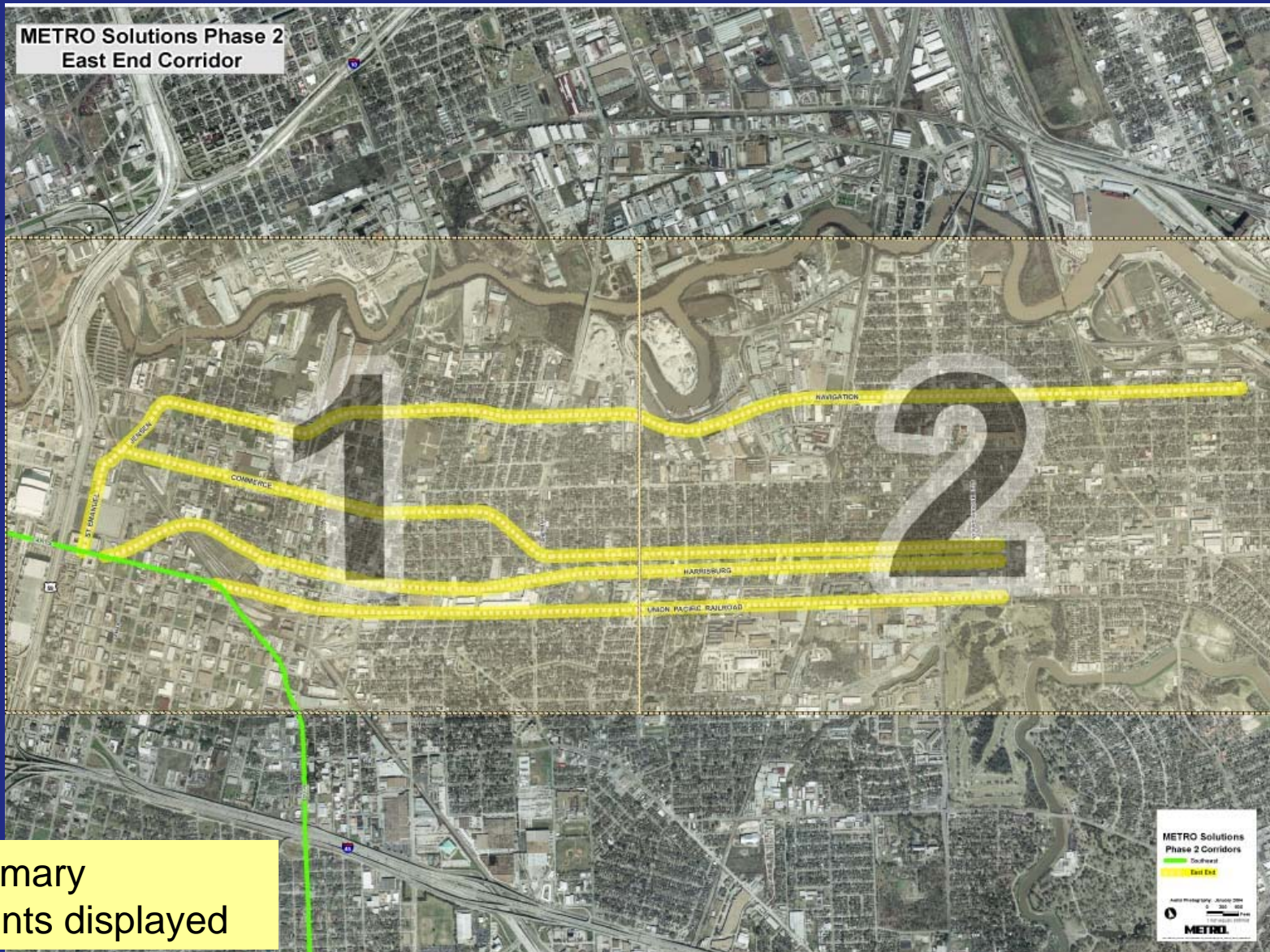
Status of PI efforts

- ▶ **Southeast Corridor (January 2002 – present)**
 - **Seventeen public meetings held during AA process – 247 attendees**
 - **Eight public meetings held during DEIS process – 449 attendees**
 - **Eight stakeholder meetings during DEIS process – 70 attendees**

Southeast Corridor Schedule

- ▶ **March 17, 2006 - DEIS submitted to FTA**
- ▶ **May 2006 – Engineering began**
- ▶ **June 2006 - DEIS circulation begins (45 days)**
- ▶ **December 2006 – Obtain Record of Decision (ROD)**
- ▶ **July 2007 – Construction begins**
- ▶ **Early 2011 – Operations begin**

East End Corridor



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East End Corridor

- ▶ Reviewed four potential alignments with the public
- ▶ Traffic analysis work underway
- ▶ Initial real estate work completed
- ▶ Technical findings from analysis of alternatives were presented at May 25, 2006 public meeting

Status of PI efforts

- ▶ **East End Corridor (January 2006 – present)**
 - **Two public meetings held – 92 attendees**
 - **Public meeting held May 25, 2006 to present technical findings**
 - **Nine stakeholder briefings in corridor – 162 attendees**

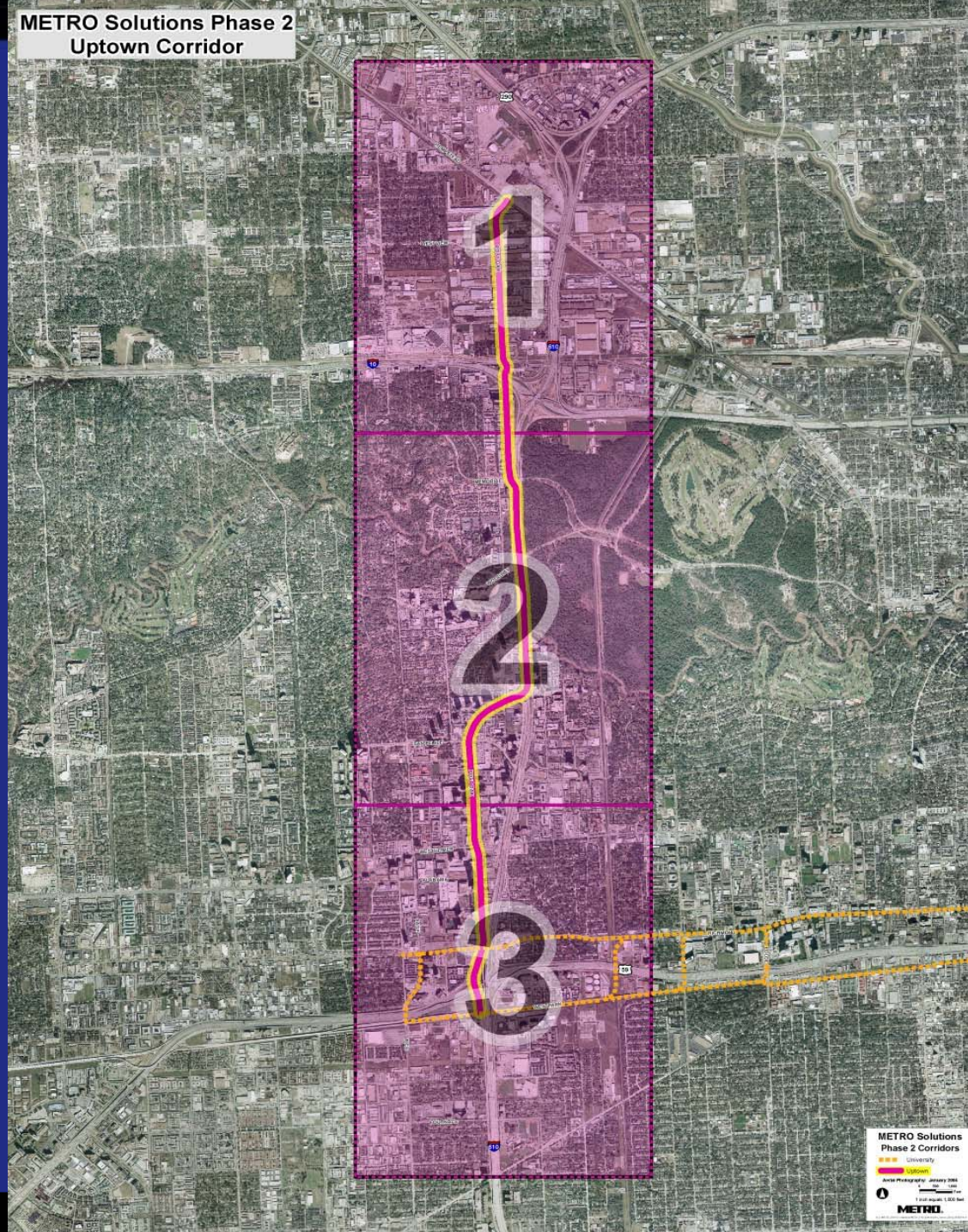
East End Corridor Schedule

- ▶ **May 2006 - Engineering began**
- ▶ **June 2006 - Select locally preferred alternative (LPA)**
- ▶ **July 2007 – Construction begins**
- ▶ **Early 2011 – Operations begin**

Uptown Corridor

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Uptown Corridor



Uptown Corridor

- ▶ **February 2004 - Alternatives Analysis completed**
- ▶ **May 2006 – Update of data collection and analysis underway**

Status of PI efforts

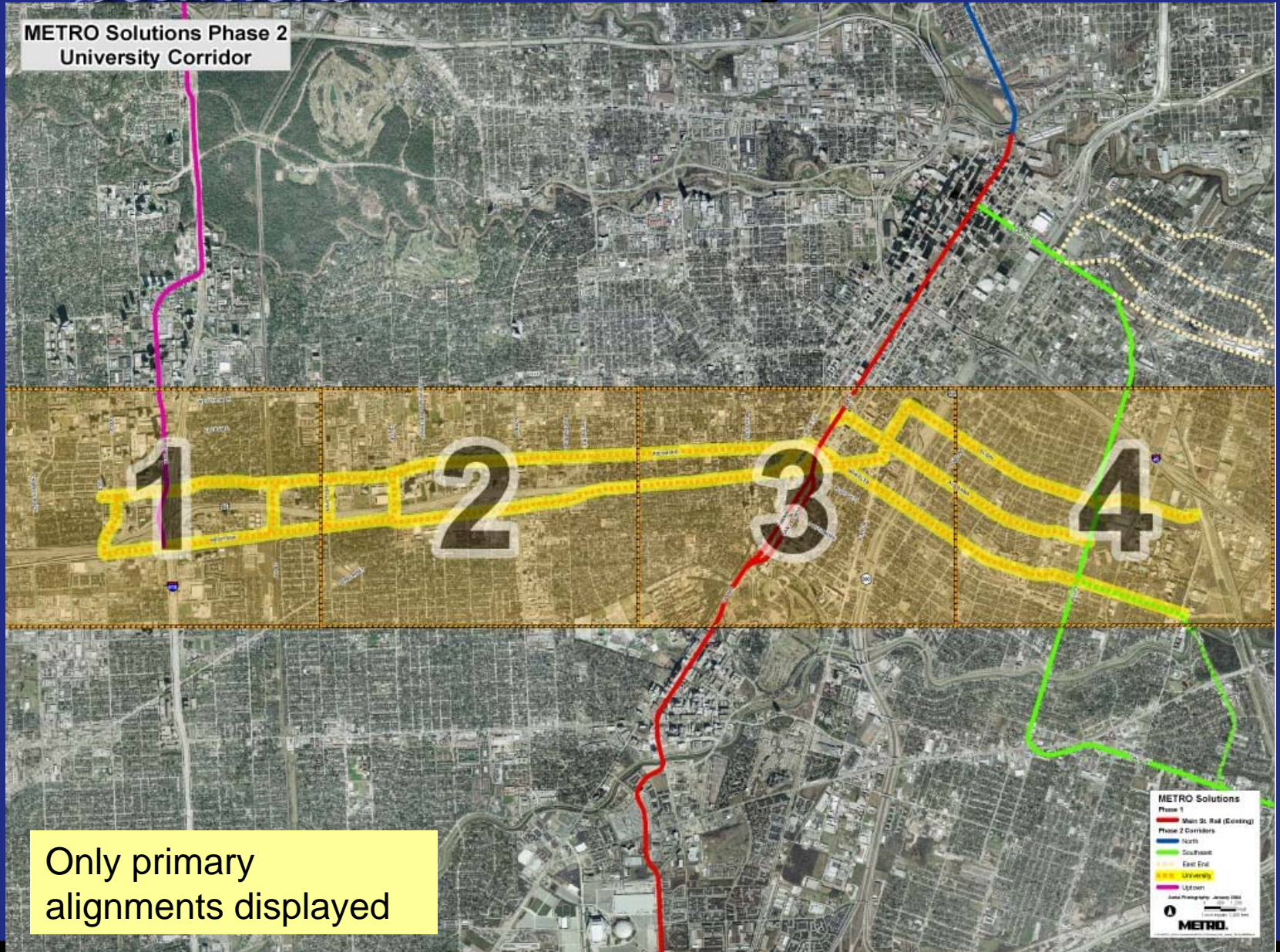
- ▶ **Uptown Corridor (January 2002 – present)**
 - **Six public meetings – 405 attendees**
 - **Thirty-five stakeholder meetings - 269 attendees**
 - **Two public meetings scheduled for June 2006**

Uptown Corridor Schedule

- ▶ **May 2006 - Engineering began**
- ▶ **July 2007 – Construction begins**
- ▶ **Early 2011 – Operations begin**

University Corridor

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University Corridor



University Corridor

- ▶ Environmental & conceptual teams assembled; work initiated May 2006
- ▶ Notice of Intent (NOI) was published by FTA in the May 23rd Federal Register
- ▶ Scoping meetings scheduled for June 27-29, 2006

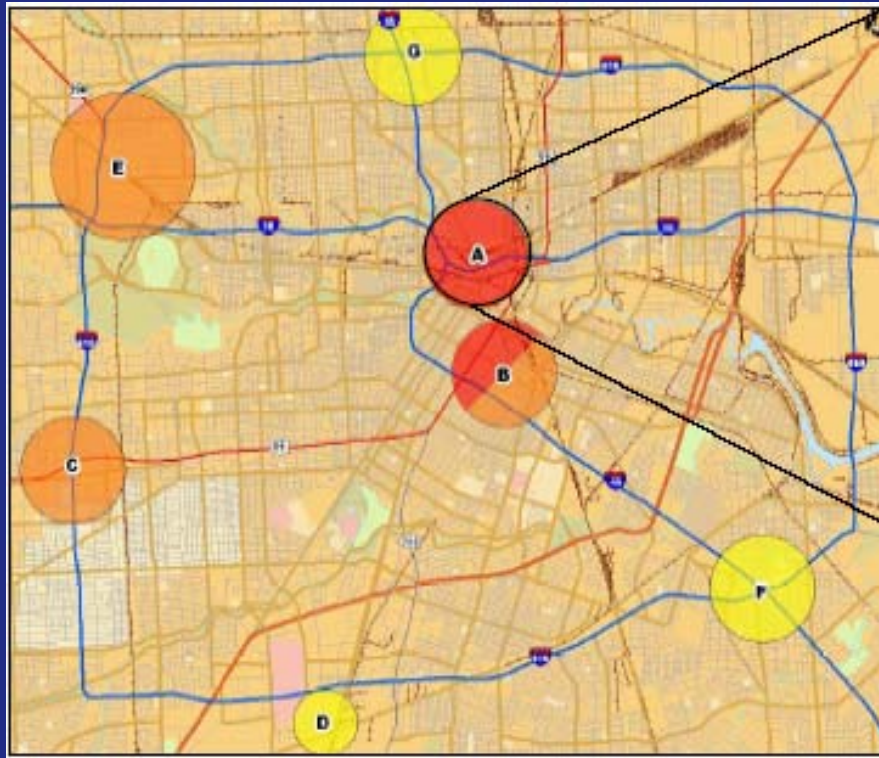
Status of PI efforts

- ▶ **University Corridor (January 2006 – present)**
 - **Nine Public meetings (hosted by Houston City Council) - 1,245 attendees**
 - **Stakeholder meetings continue**
 - **Scoping meetings scheduled for June 27-29, 2006**

University Corridor Schedule

- ▶ May 2006 – Evaluation of alternatives has begun
- ▶ June 2006 – Draft environmental work begins
- ▶ Spring 2007 – Select locally preferred alternative (LPA)
- ▶ Summer 2008 – Start construction
- ▶ Early 2012 – Start service

Intermodal Terminal



Initial Sites Evaluated

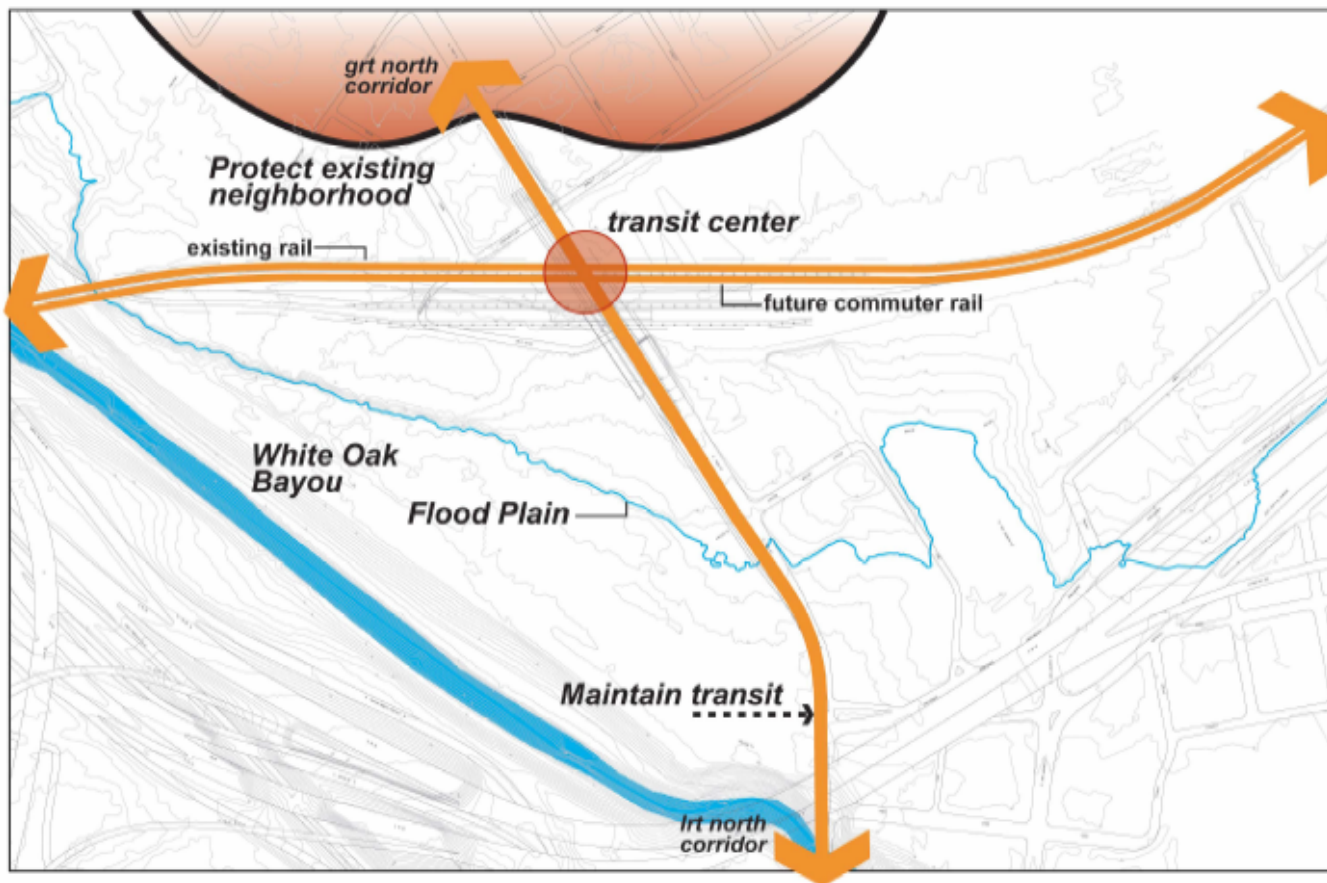


Area A – Evaluated Sites

Intermodal Terminal



Intermodal Terminal



Intermodal Terminal

- ▶ **Conceptual Engineering underway**
- ▶ **Environmental Assessment in progress**

Status of PI efforts

- ▶ **Intermodal Terminal**
 - **Two public meeting held – 107 attendees**
 - **Six stakeholder briefings – 94 attendees**

Intermodal Terminal Schedule

- ▶ August 2006 - Circulate Environmental Assessment document (30 days)
- ▶ August 2006 - PE begins
- ▶ July 2007 – Construction begins
- ▶ Early 2011 – Operations begin

Website

Information available on www.ridemetro.org

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