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Subject: The Guasti Plaza Specific Plan Amendment- Initial Study/ Notice of Preparation of Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Stapleton,

Thank you for your Notice of Preparation to do an Environmental Assessment for the Guasti Plaza Specific Plan Amendment. Omnitrans supports the plan amendment to add residential units to the Guasti Specific Plan Area. Intensified land uses around transit stations and corridors are recommended. We look forward to working with you and your client to improve this Specific Planning Area and to deliver efficient mobility options for the community.

This project may also want consider some other important transit developments for the City of Ontario such as the proposed Metro Gold Line extension and the California high-speed rail station. This project is in fairly close proximity to the future stations.

1. **Service Area**: Omnitrans currently serves the Guasti Plaza Specific Planning Area.

2. **Existing Bus Routes:** The Guasti Plaza Specific Planning Area is served by route 61 on Archibald Avenue, with 15-minute frequencies. Bus Stops are located on Archibald Avenue, on the far sides of the New Guasti Road Intersection.

3. **Existing Capacity:** Route 61 has above standard performance, at 27.7 passengers per revenue hour. It is the busiest route in the system.

4. **Future Expansion:** The Guasti Plaza Specific Planning Area could see increased transit service to it, if the intensities of land uses in the Planning Area warrant it.

5. **Project Infrastructure needs:**

    a. **Bus Turnouts-** Turnouts are necessary for busses on the far side of New Guasti Road on Archibald Avenue (Northbound and southbound).

b. **Bus Stop Amenities** - In order to better accommodate existing and future riders at the site, the following amenities are requested at the bus stops:

   i. Passenger Landing Areas
   ii. Pedestrian Connections
   iii. Curb Ramps
   iv. Shelters with lighting
   v. Bus Benches
   vi. Trash Receptacles

c. **Pedestrian Traffic Signals-** A signalized pedestrian crosswalk is needed at the New Guasti Road and Archibald Avenue intersection to address passenger safety to and from the bus stops from the Specific Plan Area.

6. **Impacts and Mitigation:** The impacts upon transit associated with the increase in population and activity in the Specific Plan area could be mitigated with increased bus trip frequencies and services. The infrastructure items mentioned in #5 should be considered as recommended transit impact mitigation measures.

   The planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor for San Bernardino Avenue could provide additional transit service improvements. The infrastructure items mentioned in #5 would also help to accommodate a future BRT route.

7. **Other Information:** Additional information about the bus stop design guidelines can be found on our website at: **http://www.omnitrans.org/about/bus_stop.shtml**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Ontario Ridership Data
Photos: Bus Stops

Route 61 Performance by Stop in Ontario

Total Boardings and Alightings Over Three Months (July to October, 2008)

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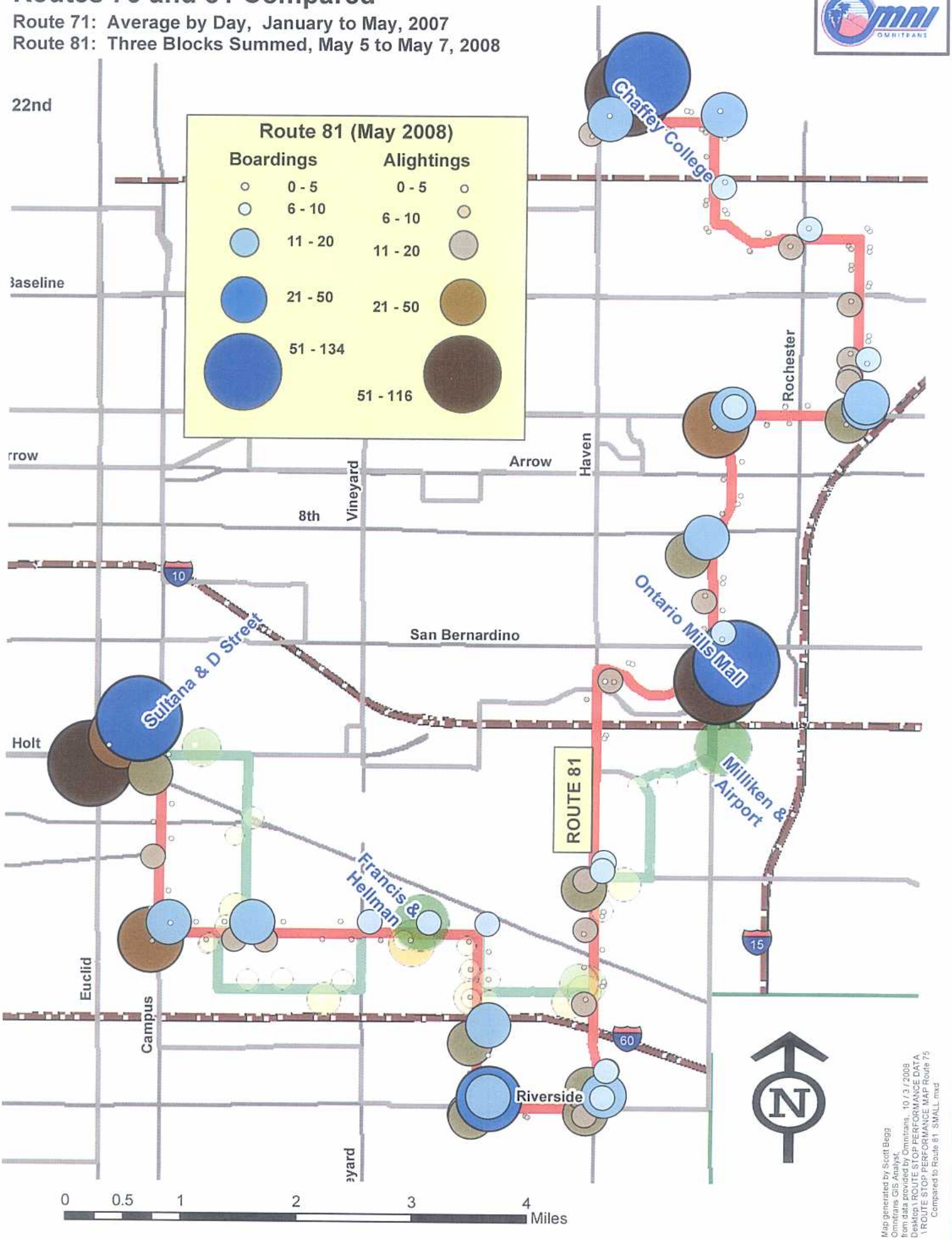
Routes 75 and 81 Compared

Route 71: Average by Day, January to May, 2007
Route 81: Three Blocks Summed, May 5 to May 7, 2008



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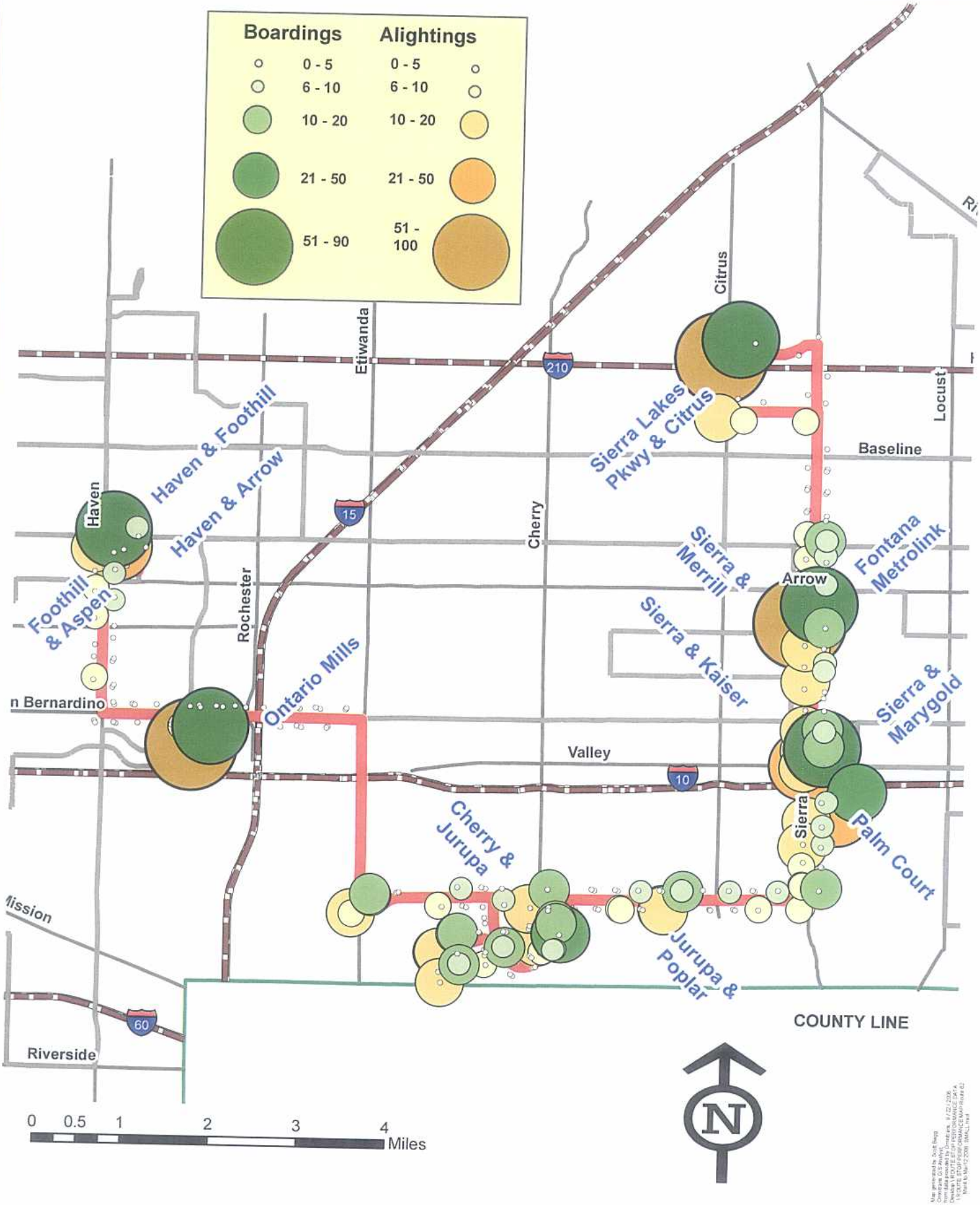
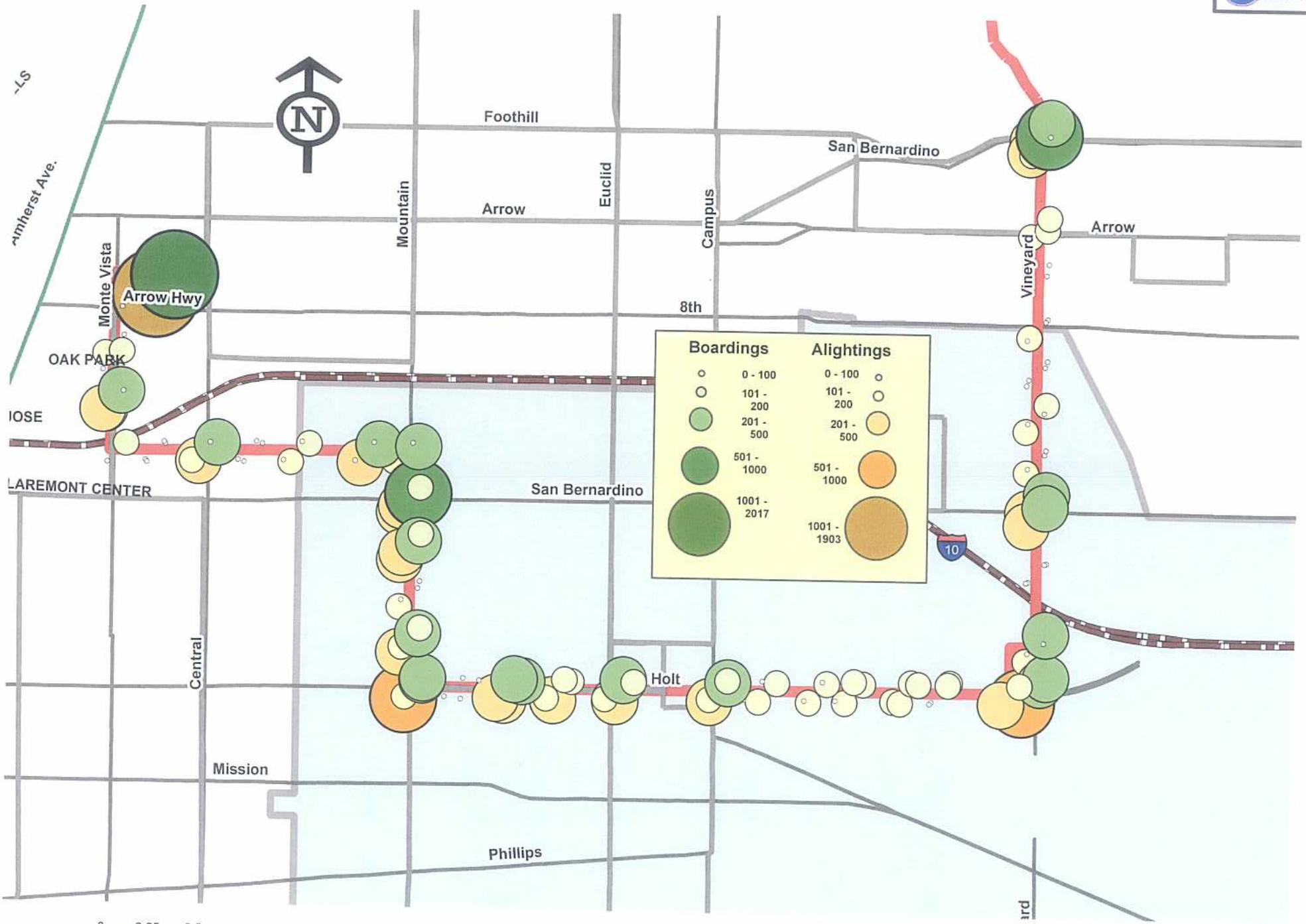
Route 82 Weekday Performance by Stop:

March 4 to March 12, 2008 (1 week, 8 blocks total)



Route 80 Performance by Stop in Ontario

Total Boardings and Alightings Over Two Months (July to September, 2008)



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