



OpenSpot

PoC Presentation

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Presentation Outline



Team Members and Introduction



Technical Case



Business Case



Schedule for 440



Team Reflection



Demonstration

Team Members and Roles



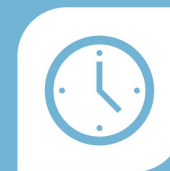
The Problem



Busy parking lots



Parking Disputes



Wasted Time

Our Solution



Camera locates
open spots



Mobile-friendly website
to browse parking areas
with open spaces



LED indicator lights
to show parking
density in the area

High Level Overview

Hardware

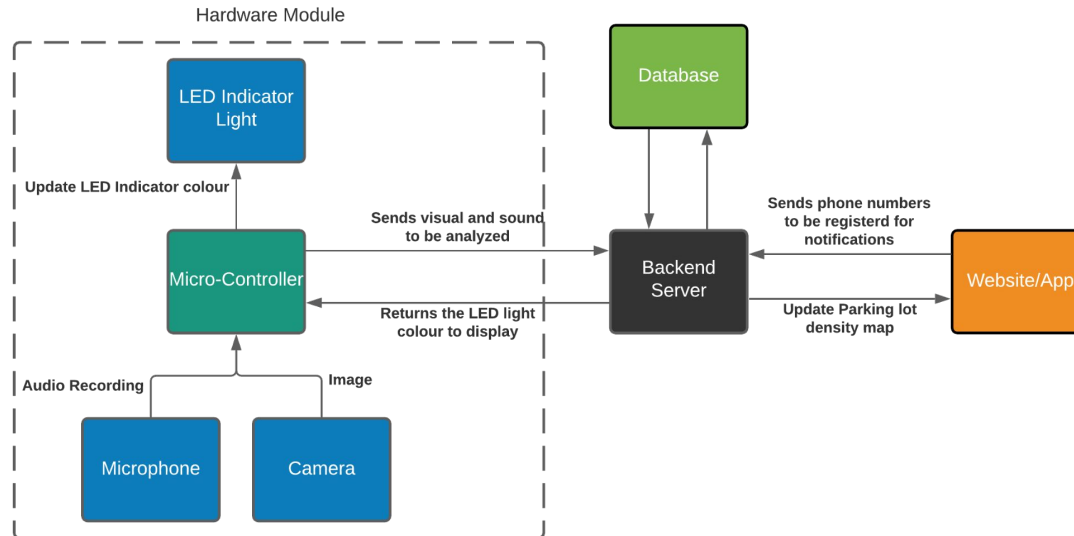
- Raspberry Pi 4
- Raspberry camera
- RGB LED
- Microphone

Backend Web Server

- Django Framework
- MongoDB Database
- Cloud Server

Computer Vision Model

- Mask R CNN Model with Pre-Trained Weights
- Trained on MS COCO Dataset



Main Functionalities

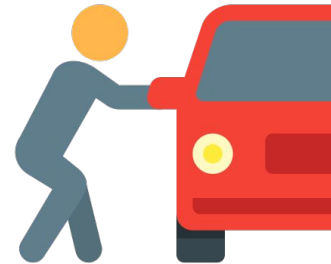
ENSC 405W

- Vehicle detection and parking spot vacancy prediction
- Subsystem communication
- Basic LED light indicator control



ENSC 440

- Website
- Car Alarm Detection
- Upgraded Hardware and Housing



Materials and Sustainability

1

Housing is made of wood for PoC

2

All electronics used are reusable

- Electronics can be recycled by ERA
- Pi can be recycled/reused using a free service called PICYCLE
- Camera, microphone, and LED need to be broken down to recycle



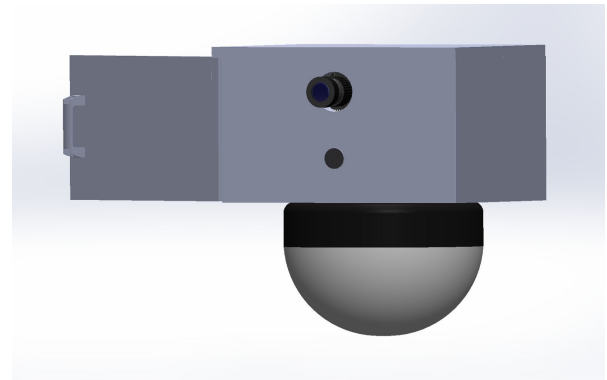
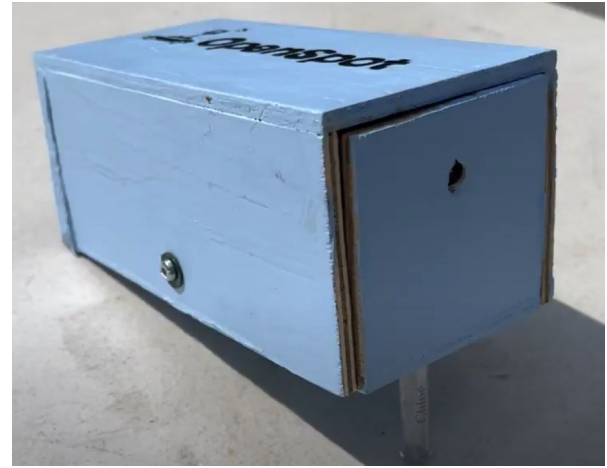
Physical Design Changes

Housing presented in design spec has changed

Modular design was created for the PoC

Shipping issues with our DMX light was a main factor for the enclosure change

Current housing accounts for smaller LED and a large breadboard

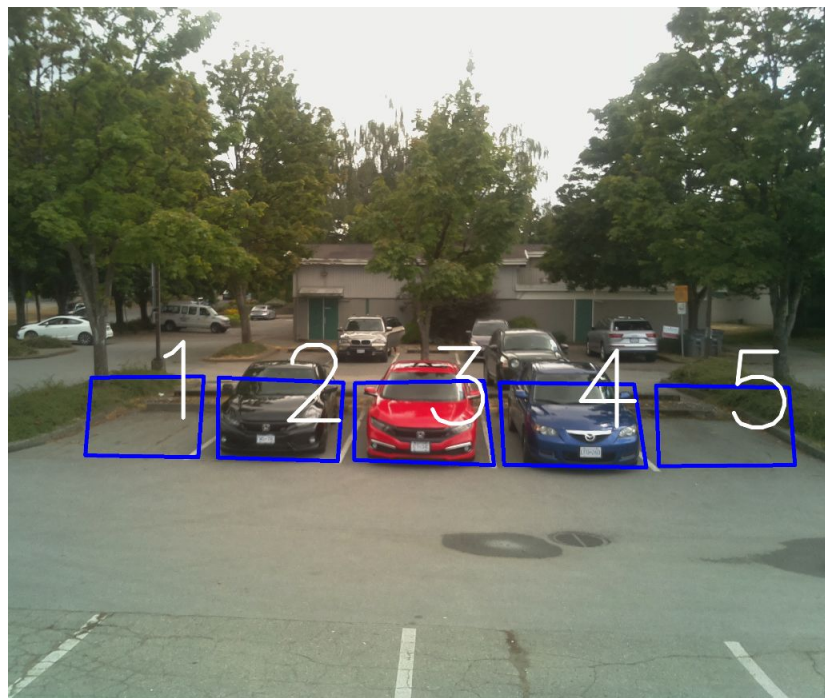


Software Design Changes

Does not require a fully filled parking lot for a reference photo

We can use any reference photo and hand draw the bounding boxes

This change provides more accuracy in detecting open/empty spots



Market for Parking Lots

2021 Market Size

\$9.4B

2021 Growth Rate

+1.1%
~\$102.6M

Note: Data is specific for Canada and United States [1][2]

Market for Smart Parking Systems



Target Market

Outdoor uncovered parking with pre-existing light poles



Main target market:
universities and malls



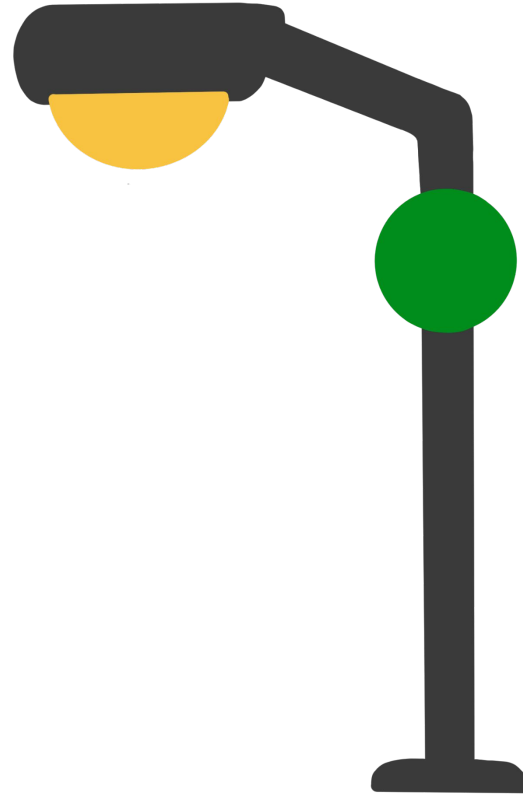
Expand towards private parking lot owners and parkades



Customer Considerations

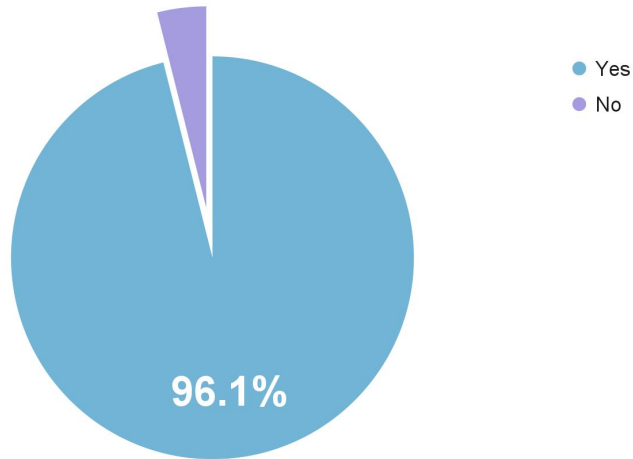
Build off of existing
infrastructure

Per spot indication is
unattractive and
expensive

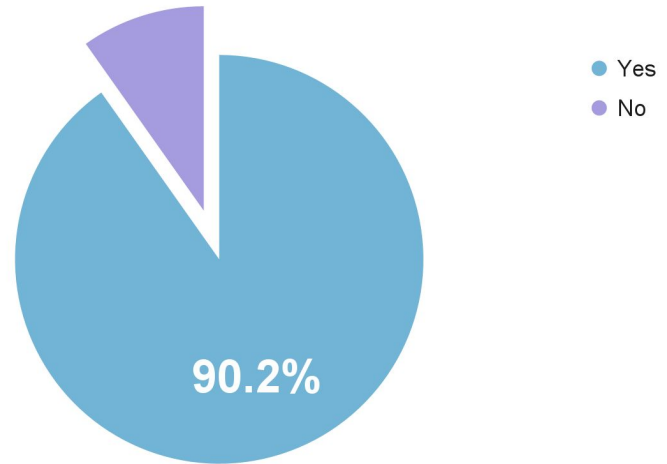


User Considerations

Would an indicator (physical lights) that displays empty parking spots in a parking lot be helpful when you are trying to find a parking spot?



Would receiving notifications (text messages) in advance that a parking lot is full/empty be helpful?



Competitors



<https://www.smartparking.com/>



<https://stanley-robotics.com/>



<https://www.cleverciti.com/>

Competitive Advantage

1

Not a per spot system, can cover multiple spots with a single module

2

Can be applied to any outdoor parking lot with pre-existing infrastructure

3

Provides Surveillance and security aspect

4

Also provides “guiding signage” with the module itself in the form of LED indicator

5

Have a website where motorists can plan their trips and monitor parking lots

Budget Breakdown

PoC Prototype

Total Cost: **\$227.28**

Parts:

1. Raspberry Pi 4
2. Raspberry Pi Camera
3. Housing Supplies

Engineering Prototype

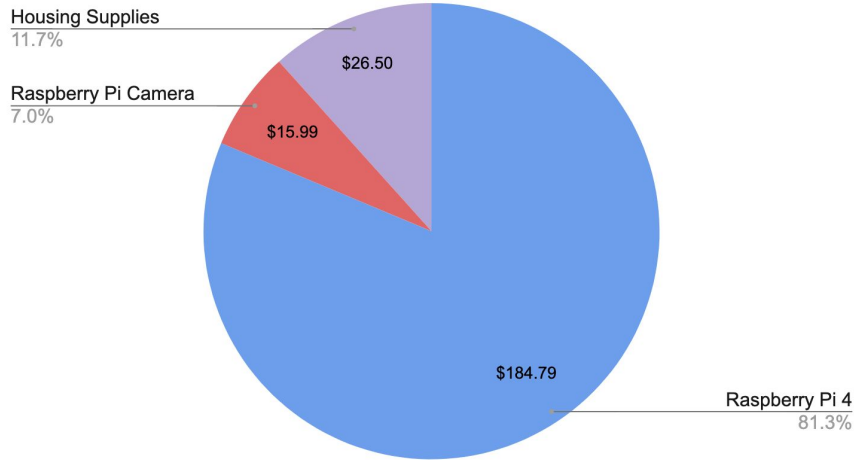
Estimated
Total Cost: **\$396.24**

New Parts:

1. Microphone
2. LED Pixel DMX Dome Light
3. Power Supply
4. DMX USB Interface
5. Various Connector Cables
6. Housing Supplies

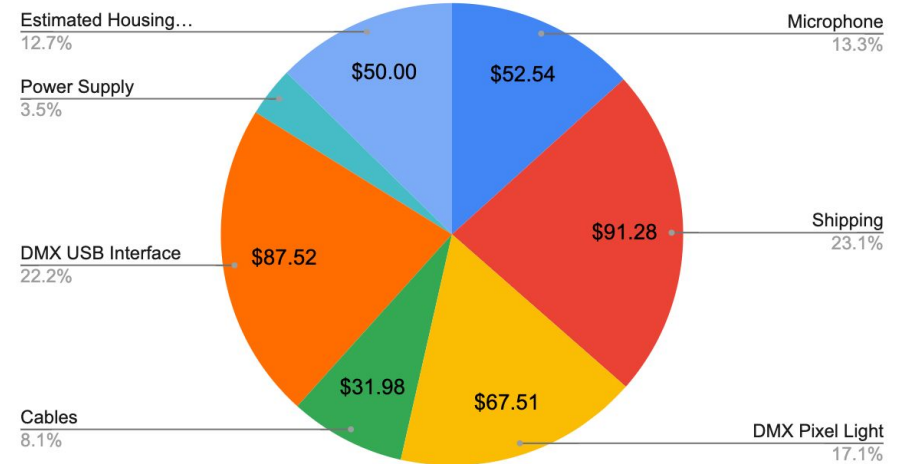
Cost Comparison

PoC Prototype Cost Breakdown



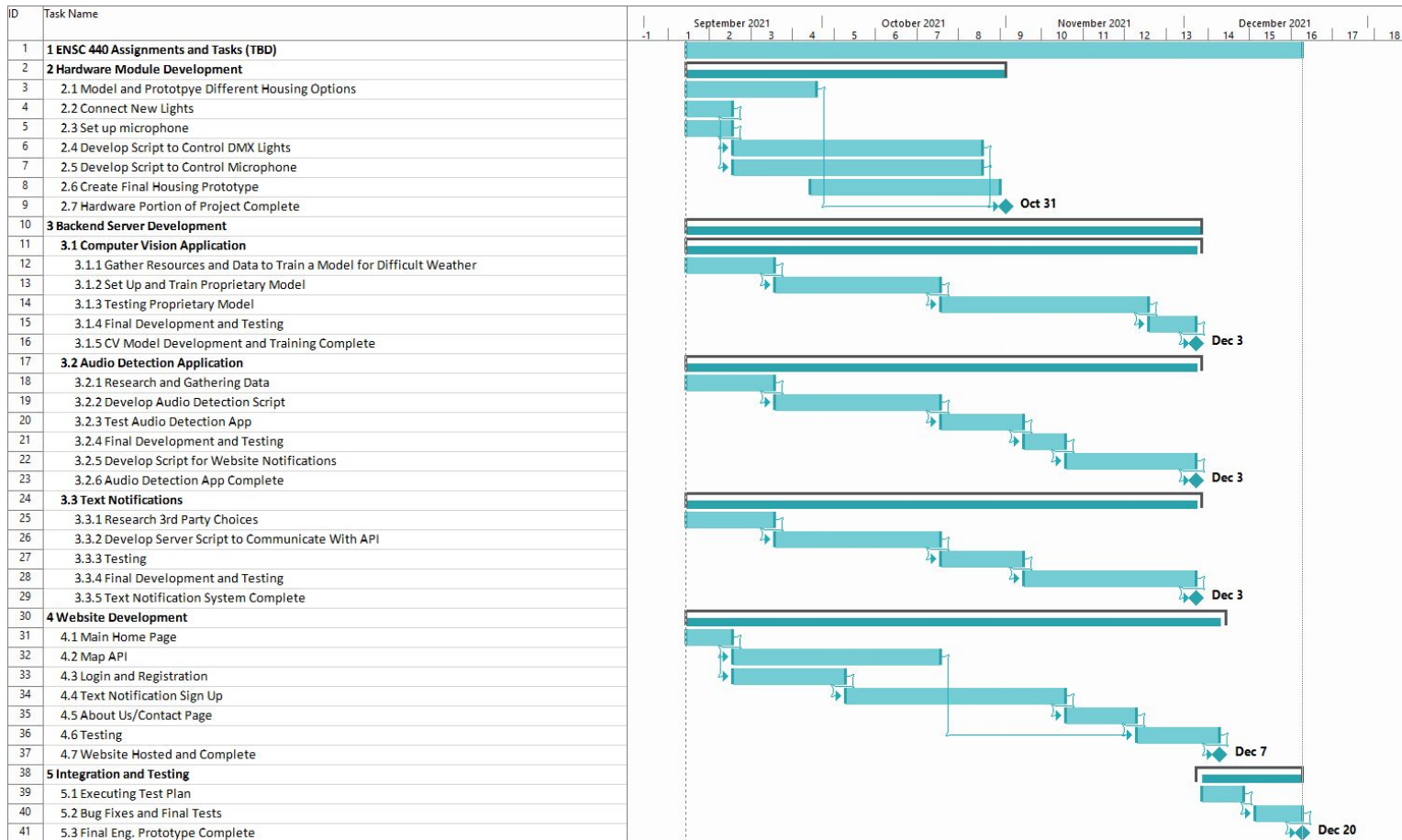
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Engineering Prototype Cost Breakdown



Estimated Eng. Prototype Cost: \$396.24

Project Schedule



Lessons Learned

Hardware

- Communicating with sales representatives for products in advance
- Designing the housing unit with collective input from the OpenSpot team
- Establishing communication with the Raspberry Pi 4 as early as possible
- Having standby options available for the power source used by the OpenSpot module

Software

- Testing communication with the Raspberry Pi 4 to modify the LED light earlier
- Learning that the origin used in photos started at the top left corner
- Unrealistic standard of execution time for computer vision application

Changes for ENSC 440



Ensure that deadlines to complete individual tasks are upheld



Have more group members work on the backend server aspect of our system



Meeting more frequently during the development of our website

Demo Video

ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN

Stage Alpha Prototype

Purpose

Validate connection between microcontroller and peripherals

Validate local server connection with microcontroller

Validate system can correctly detect empty and taken parking spots

Complete system test

Test Description

Microcontroller takes a picture using the camera. Microcontroller changes the colour of the LED.

Apply tests of sending various data to and from the microcontroller to the backend server. Server can respond with what the LED colour should be.

Input various images of parking lots into the system. Images should range in size of parking lots and amount of cars.

Set up a module in a parking lot. Have the module take a picture and run it through the system once.

Acceptance Criteria

Image is viewable as a local file on the microcontroller. Microcontroller must be able to change the colors of the connected lights.

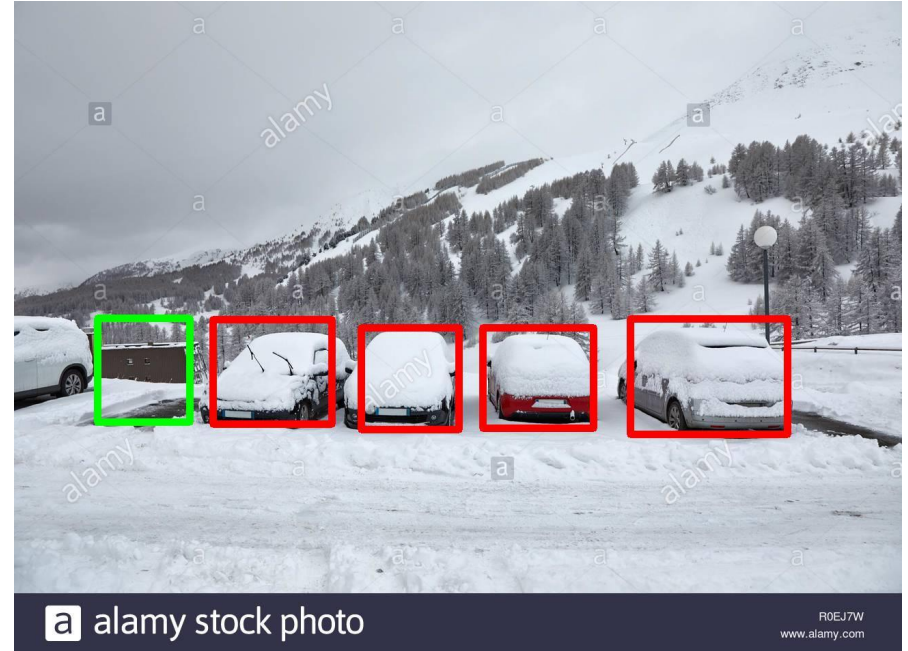
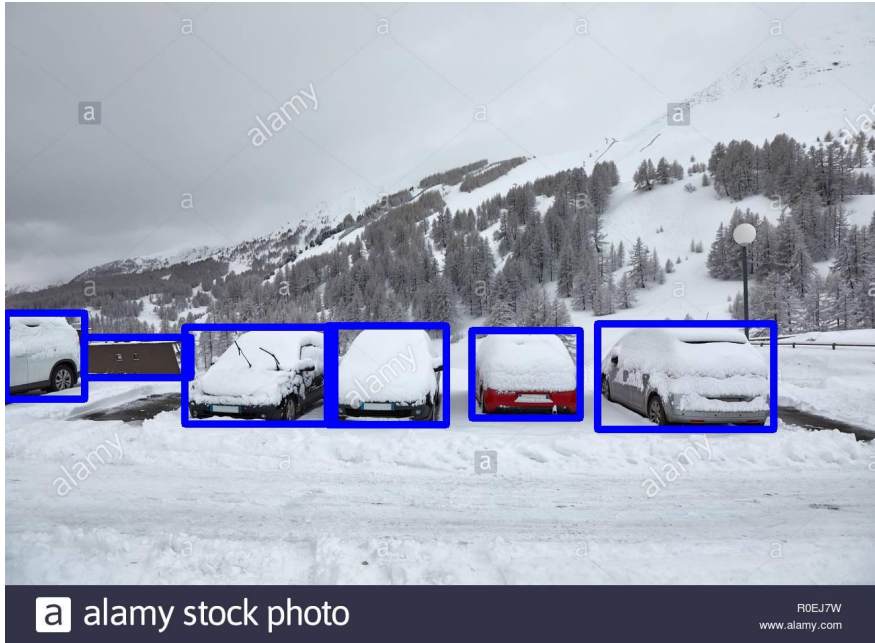
The local backend server receives the file. The local server can tell the microcontroller to change the LED colour.

The system should be able to correctly identify where the parking spaces are, which objects are cars, and which parking spots are empty or taken.

Module takes a picture and successfully sends the image to a local server. The local server is able to compute how many cars are in the image. Local server can tell the microcontroller what colour to set the LED.

Key Feedback From Progress Review Meetings

Weather conditions - Snow





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Question Period

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