

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Southern California Regional Rail Authority
(Public Agency) (SCRRA) 900 Wilshire Boulevard #1500
Los Angeles, CA 90017

County Clerk 90017 Los Angeles
County of

(Address)

Project Title: Burbank Junction Speed Improvements

Project Applicant: SCRRA

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located on the Metrolink Main Tracks between Mile Posts 11.00 and 11.60 in the City of Burbank, in Los Angeles County.

Project Location – City: Burbank

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to modify Control Points (CP) Olive and merge it with CP Burbank Junction. The existing #14 right-hand turnout leading to Brighton Siding would be replaced with a #20 right-hand turnout. A small portion of existing main line track #2 would be realigned to accommodate the new crossover. See attached for a full project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SCRRA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: HDR Engineering, Inc.

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15275

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The Project is exempt because it would allow for an increase in commuter and passenger service on the existing rail line.

Lead Agency

Contact Person:

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Area

Code/Telephone/Extension:

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If filed by the applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

Date Received for
filing at OPR: _____

Project Description

Proposed Project

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is proposing the Burbank Junction Speed Improvements (Project) to improve the operational flexibility and service speeds at the Burbank Junction (Figure 1). As part of the Project, the existing Control Point (CP) Olive (MP 11.1) would be modified/merged with CP Burbank Junction (MP 11.4) to allow for improved access to the existing Brighton Siding (Figure 2). The existing #14 right-hand turnout leading to Brighton Siding would be replaced with a #20 right-hand turnout. This improvement would achieve increased speeds of up to 45 miles per hour for passenger trains and 35 miles per hour for freight trains through the creation of a divergent route along the larger turnout. A small portion of the existing main line track #2 would be realigned to accommodate the new crossover (Figure 2).

Construction activities would take place within the railroad right-of-way owned by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Construction access would occur from North Front Street and last for up to 1 year (October 2021 through October 2022).

Project Location

The Project is located between Mile Posts (MP) 11.00 and 11.60 on the Ventura Subdivision within the City of Burbank, California. The site is located at the following location: 118°19'7.16"W, 34°11'1.95"N. The Burbank Junction is the point where the Ventura Subdivision splits from the Valley Subdivision on the Metrolink system (Figure 1). Parallel to the Valley Subdivision, the Brighton Siding runs north past the Burbank Junction for 11,511 feet and is located south of Interstate 5.

Project Goals and Objectives

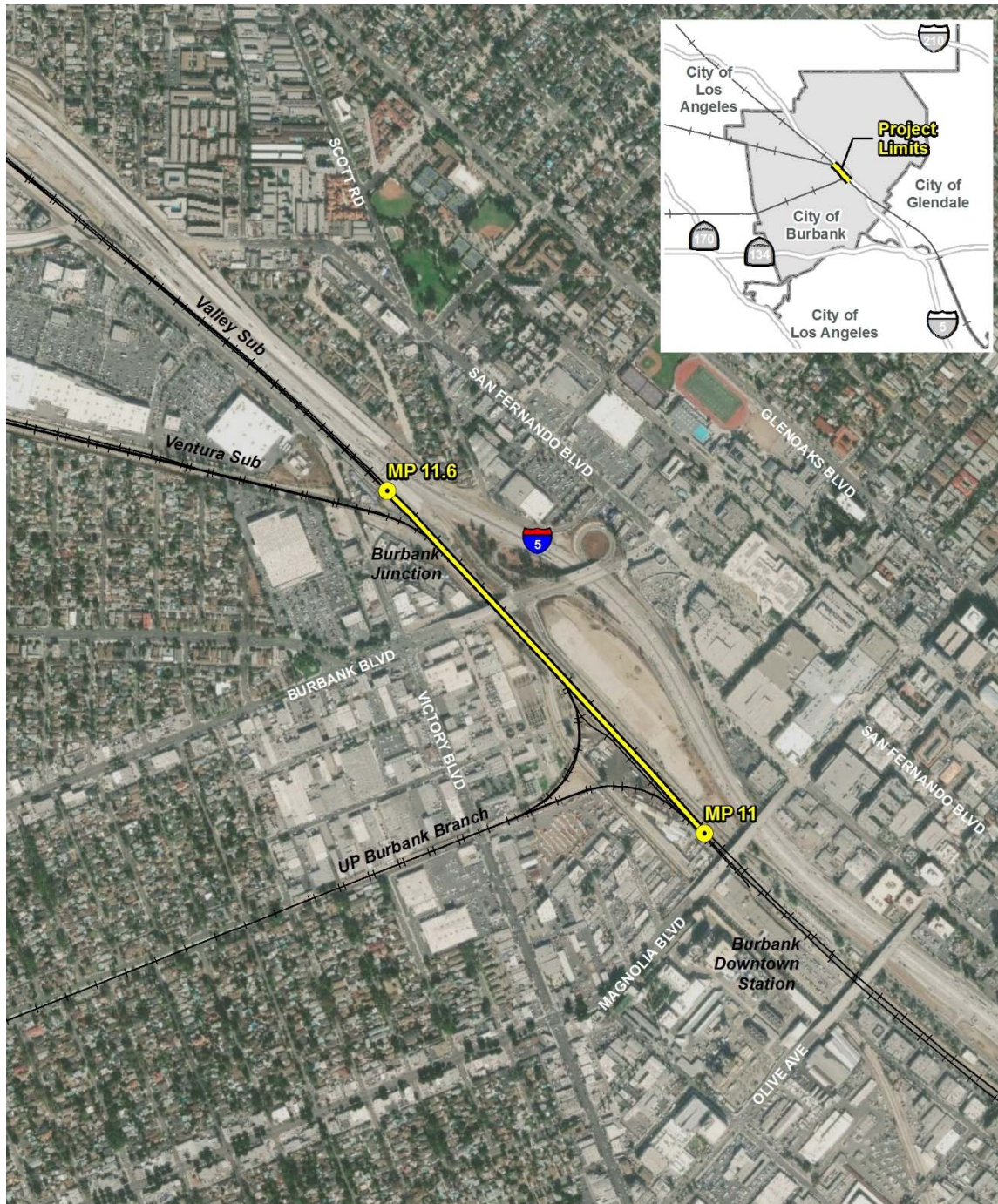
SCRRA's goal for implementing this mass transit project is to enhance operational flexibility and increase allowable train speeds at the existing CP Burbank Junction by constructing a new turnout on the existing rail line.

Anticipated Agency Approvals and Permits

The following local and state agency permits or approvals may be required to implement the Project:

- City of Burbank – Traffic Control and Roadway Encroachment Permits
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board – National Pollution Elimination System Permit(s)

Figure 1. Project Location



- Project Limits
- Mile Post
- Existing Rail



