

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2023010061**

**Project Title:** Merced Intermodal Track Connection Project

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Contact Person: Dan Leavitt  
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 City: Stockton Zip: 95202 County: San Joaquin County

**Project Location:** County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Merced and outlying areas  
 Cross Streets: See Figure in Notice of Availability Zip Code: 95340

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 18 ' 42 " N / 120 ° 30 ' 18 " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: various Section: 24 Twp.: 7S Range: 13E Base: Mt Diablo

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 99, SR 99, SR 140 Waterways: Bear Creek, Fahrens Creek, irrigation canals  
 Airports: Merced Regional Airport Railways: ACE/UPRR, San Joaquins Schools: Leontine Gracey El, John C Fremont El, Valley HS, Tenar

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Transit, Encroachment

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type Commuter and Intercity Rail  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Within the ROW of UPRR and BNSF as well as areas zoned for commercial, industrial, and residential uses

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Project would include a new track connection from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) corridor to the proposed integrated Merced High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station in downtown Merced between O and R Streets, in addition to a new platform that would allow for cross-platform transfer between the San Joaquins passenger rail and HSR. The Project only includes the construction of the track connection; it does not include the construction of the proposed integrated Merced HSR Station.  
 The Project would consist of the following:  
 • New passenger rail connection for the San Joaquins from BNSF north of State Route (SR) 99 to the southern terminus at the proposed integrated Merced HSR Station  
 • New aerial guideway that would connect into the east side of the HSR platform (which would be shared with the San Joaquins) at the proposed integrated Merced HSR Station, creating an elevated integrated platform with HSR  
 • Modification of the approved Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) Merced Layover and Maintenance Facility

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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 17, 2024 Ending Date August 31, 2024

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 7/8/2024

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