Memorandum

Date:        February 26, 2020
To:          All Reviewing Agencies
From:        Scott Morgan, Director
Re:          SCH # 2009082062

California High-Speed Rail Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section
Draft EIR/EIS

The Lead Agency has corrected some information regarding the above-mentioned project. Please see the attached materials for more specific information. All other project information remains the same.

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Abstract: The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Draft EIR/EIS was prepared as a joint document to meet all pertinent requirements of both CEQA and NEPA. Following NEPA Assignment in July 2019, the Authority has assumed the role of Federal lead agency on the project.

This document considers, describes and summarizes the environmental impacts at a project level of analysis of a proposed high-speed rail system for intercity travel between Bakersfield and Palmdale, California. Four primary build alternatives are considered with two design options.

Impact Avoidance and Minimization Features along with mitigation measures are described to guide high speed rail environmental review to avoid or minimize potential impacts.
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