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California High-Speed Rail – Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the **Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)** for the **Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project**.

The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Final EIR/EIS and associated documents will be available to the public on Friday, June 25, 2021. The Final EIR/EIS will be available online in PDF on the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov). You can also request an electronic copy by calling (866) 300-3044.

The Authority's website also contains the previously released Draft EIR/EIS (published February 28, 2020, under CEQA and NEPA), Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS (published February 26, 2021, under CEQA and NEPA), and the Executive Summary of the Final EIR/EIS.

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Final EIR/EIS have been placed at the following library locations and Authority offices and can be viewed during hours the facilities are open (open days/hours may be reduced for compliance with COVID-19 public health and safety directives):

- Bakersfield (701 Truxtun Avenue, 200 W China Grade Loop, 1400 Baker Street, 1801 Panorama Drive [Grace Van Dyke Bird Library], 9001 Stockdale Highway [Walter W. Stiern Library], 1901 Wilson Road, 506 E Brundage Lane, 3725 Columbus Street, and 8301 Ming Avenue)
- Lancaster (3041 W Avenue K [Antelope Valley College Library] and 601 W Lancaster Boulevard)
- Mojave (15555 O Street)
- Palmdale (16921 E Avenue O [#A] and 700 E Palmdale Boulevard)
- Quartz Hill (5040 W Avenue M2)
- Rosamond (3611 Rosamond Boulevard)
- Tehachapi (212 S Green Street)
- Authority's Sacramento Office (770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA 95814)

- Authority's Southern California Office (355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071)

The Final EIR/EIS is being made available to the public and public agencies pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to Authority decisions at the conclusion of this project level environmental review.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by NEPA and applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by the State of California pursuant to 23 United States Code 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 23, 2019, and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the State of California. Under that MOU, the Authority is the project's lead agency under NEPA. Prior to the July 23, 2019 MOU, the FRA was the federal lead agency. The Authority is also the project's lead agency under CEQA.

AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING on August 18 & 19, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to public health and safety requirements concerning COVID-19, the Authority's Board of Directors meeting for the Final EIR/EIS may take place as an online and video/teleconference meeting only. Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) or call (866) 300-3044 for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned meeting.

The Authority's Board of Directors will hold a two-day meeting, on August 18 and 19, 2021, to consider whether to certify the Final EIR/EIS and approve the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2 with the Refined César E. Chávez National Monument Design Option, the Avenue M maintenance site and maintenance-of-way facility, and the Palmdale Station), pursuant to CEQA. The Authority's Board of Directors, in the Authority's role as NEPA lead agency, will also consider whether to direct the Authority's Chief Executive Officer to issue a Record of Decision for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section selecting the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2 with the Refined César E. Chávez National Monument Design Option, the Avenue M maintenance site and maintenance-of-way facility, and the Palmdale Station). Documents and materials supporting the Authority Board of Directors' proposed actions will be available prior to the meeting on the Board's web page at <https://hsr.ca.gov/about/board/schedule.aspx>.

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate. For translation services, or special needs, please call (866) 300-3044.

If you have questions or need assistance locating copies of documents, please email us at Bakersfield_Palmdale@hsr.ca.gov or call the California High-Speed Rail Authority office at (866) 300-3044.