

California High-Speed Rail: San Francisco to San Jose Project Section

Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Pursuant to:

California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Public Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.)
State of California CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.)
National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.)
40 C.F.R. Parts 1500–1508, 64 Fed. Reg. 28545, 49 U.S.C. § 303, and 23 U.S.C. § 327

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Abstract: The *San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS) was prepared as a joint document to meet all pertinent requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Following NEPA Assignment in July 2019, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has assumed the role of federal lead agency on the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section (Project Section, or project). Specifically, the environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by 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 Section 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 Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS presents a new biological resources analysis for monarch butterfly and an analysis of a design variant for the Millbrae Station, neither of which were included in the *San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Draft EIR/EIS* published in July 2020. Following the Authority's publication of the Draft EIR/EIS, monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) became a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act on December 15, 2020 (85 *Federal Register* 81813, December 17, 2020). Additionally, the Authority developed the Millbrae Station Reduced Site Plan Design Variant (RSP Design Variant) to address stakeholder concerns by analyzing a smaller, potentially feasible footprint for the station design at this location. The RSP Design Variant preserves HSR track and platform right-of-way needs but reconfigures station facilities, parking, and station access to reduce impacts on existing and planned development. The Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS is limited to the portions of the previously published Draft EIR/EIS that require revision. Information that has not been revised can be found in the Draft EIR/EIS. New information in the Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS includes background information, a description of the RSP Design Variant, methodology, impact analysis, and mitigation measures.