

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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

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 City: Sacramento Zip: 95814 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara City/Nearest Community: Various

Cross Streets: Please see attached page Zip Code: Various

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: Approx. 49 miles

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various Section: Various Twp.: Various Range: Various Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Multiple Waterways: Multiple

Airports: Multiple Railways: Caltrain, UPRR, BART, VTA Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Public Works |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type Rail (High Speed Train) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: EMF/EMI, Vibration, Safety & Security |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Predominately urbanized consisting of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and transportation use

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

Please see attached page

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>4</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Please see attached page</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date Not applicable Ending Date Not applicable

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal—Attachment

Project Name

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

Project Location, Cross Streets

The proposed San Francisco to San Jose Project Section (Project Section, or project) would follow the existing Caltrain right-of-way through urban areas of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties including the cities and communities of San Francisco, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, Atherton, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose. The project would extend from the 4th and King Street Station in San Francisco (lat. 37° 46' 42.61231"N / long. 122° 23' 36.2202"W) to West Alma Avenue in San Jose (lat. 37° 18' 34.65911"N / long. 121° 53' 3.0138"W)]. The nearest major state highways are Interstate (I-) 80, I-280, I-380, I-880, U.S. Highway (US) 101, State Routes (SR) 1, SR 35, SR 82, SR 84, SR 85, SR 87, SR 92, and SR 237.

Project Description

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) certified a Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (Tier 1) in November 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System planned to provide a reliable, high-speed, electric-powered rail system that links the major metropolitan areas of the state and that delivers predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as increases in intercity travel demand in California occur, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources. A second program-level (Tier 1) EIR/EIS was completed in 2008 focusing on the connection between the Bay Area and Central Valley; the Authority revised this document under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and completed it in 2012. Based on the Program EIR/EISs, the Authority selected preferred corridors and station locations to advance for further study.

The San Francisco to San Jose Project Section EIR/EIS is a project-level (Tier 2) EIR/EIS that tiers off the program-level (Tier 1) EIR/EIS documents. It provides project-level information for decision making on this portion of the HSR system.

The Project Section would modernize the rail corridor between San Francisco and San Jose and would provide service between the Salesforce Transit Center in San Francisco and the San Jose Diridon Station. Initially, HSR trains would stop at the 4th and King Street Station in San Francisco (an interim HSR station), and once the Transbay Joint Powers Authority completes its Downtown Extension Project, HSR trains would reach the Salesforce Transit Center in San Francisco. The Project Section consists of five geographic subsections:

- San Francisco to South San Francisco—from the 4th and King Street Station in San Francisco to Linden Avenue in South San Francisco
- San Bruno to San Mateo—from Linden Avenue in South San Francisco to Ninth Avenue in San Mateo
- San Mateo to Palo Alto—from Ninth Avenue in San Mateo to San Antonio Road in Palo Alto

- Mountain View to Santa Clara—from San Antonio Road in Palo Alto to Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara
- San Jose Diridon Station Approach—from Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara to West Alma Avenue in San Jose

In 2012, Caltrain, the Authority, and other regional partners agreed to electrify the existing Caltrain corridor, have the two rail systems share the tracks, and maintain the corridor as primarily a two-track railroad. The Project Section would primarily follow the existing Caltrain right-of-way through urban areas in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties including the cities and communities of San Francisco, Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, Atherton, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose.

The Project Section includes approximately 43 to 49 miles of blended¹ system infrastructure with Caltrain and up to 6 miles of dedicated HSR infrastructure (depending on the alternative and viaduct option). Stations providing HSR service would be located in San Francisco, Millbrae, and San Jose and a light maintenance facility (LMF) would be built either east or west of the Caltrain corridor on the Brisbane Baylands site. An LMF is where trains are cleaned, serviced, and stored so they can be dispatched to HSR terminal stations at the start of the day. There are also plans for development at the Brisbane Baylands site and the Authority continues to engage with the City of Brisbane and local property owners on how to best align the Authority's and others' plans for the area.

The Draft EIR/EIS evaluated the impacts and benefits of the No Project Alternative and two project alternatives (Alternative A and Alternative B). Each alternative included HSR stations in San Francisco, Millbrae and San Jose, and an LMF in Brisbane. The Authority's Preferred Alternative under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which serves as the proposed project under the CEQA, is Alternative A. Alternative A, as defined in the Final EIR/EIS, includes a predominantly two-track blended system with no additional passing track, three existing Caltrain stations to be shared by HSR and Caltrain (4th and King Street [an interim station only], Millbrae, and San Jose Diridon), and the East Brisbane LMF.

Following the Authority's publication of the Draft EIR/EIS in July 2020, the Authority issued a limited revision to the published Draft EIR/EIS, entitled *San Francisco to San Jose Project Section: Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS). Pursuant to Section 15088.5(f)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, this document was limited to the portions of the previously published Draft EIR/EIS that required revision. The Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS presented new biological resources analysis for monarch butterfly and an analysis of a design variant for the Millbrae Station that was not included in the Draft EIR/EIS.

The Authority is now issuing the Final EIR/EIS in June 2022. A vertical line in the margin of the Final EIR/EIS indicates a substantive change in the text since publication of the Draft EIR/EIS; minor editorial changes and clarifications are not identified. Changes in the Final EIR/EIS are primarily related to updating information and addressing comments received during the public comment period on the Draft EIR/EIS and the Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS.

¹ *Blended* refers to operating the HSR trains with existing intercity and commuter and regional rail trains on common infrastructure.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist—Other

California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, Secretary, Sacramento, CA
California Environmental Protection Agency, Secretary for Environmental Protection, Sacramento, CA
California Geological Survey
California Health and Human Services Agency
California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
California State Transportation Agency, Secretary, Sacramento, CA
California Transportation Commission, Executive Director, Sacramento, CA
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mather, CA