

16 INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME 4

This introduction explains the organization of and how to reference comment letters and responses to comments included in this Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The comments and responses to comments section contain public comments on the 2020 Draft EIR/EIS for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Project and responses.¹

16.1 Standard Responses to Frequently Raised Comments

As part of the public review process for the 2020 Draft EIR/EIS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) received 276 written comment letters and verbal comments at public hearings; these 276 submissions contained 1,298 individual comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and on the proposed project generally. Many of these comments raise similar issues. The Authority has therefore prepared a chapter of standard responses to address the most frequently raised issues. The standard responses provide a comprehensive response to an issue so that multiple aspects of the issue are addressed in an organized manner in one location. This reduces repetition of responses. When an individual comment raises an issue discussed in a standard response, the response to the individual comment includes a cross-reference to the appropriate standard response. The standard responses are provided in Chapter 17. A translated summary of individual standard responses to comments may be provided upon request, to the extent practicable.

سيتم إرسال ملخص بالردود على التعليقات القياسية للأشخاص عند الطلب، وذلك إلى أقصى حد ممكن عملياً.

Maaaring magbigay ng naisalin na buod ng mga indibidwal na karaniwang tugon sa mga komento kapag hiniling, hangga't maisasagawa ito.

Một bản tóm tắt được dịch cho các phản hồi tiêu chuẩn cá nhân đối với nhận xét có thể được cung cấp khi được yêu cầu, đến mức độ có thể thực thi.

Մեկնաբանություններին տրված անհատական տիպական պատասխանների թարգմանված ամփոփումը կարող է ներկայացվել ըստ խնդրանքի, հնարավորության սահմաններում:

의견에 대한 개별 표준 답변의 번역된 요약본은 요청에 따라 실행 가능한 범위 내에서 제공될 수 있습니다

Se puede facilitar un resumen traducido de las respuestas estándares individuales a los comentarios a quien lo solicite, en los casos en que sea factible.

在可行的范围内，可应要求提供对个别评论的标准回复的摘要翻译。

要請があれば、実行可能な限りで、コメントに対する標準的な回答のサマリーを翻訳したものが提供される場合があります

16.2 Individual Responses to Written and Verbal Comments

Following the standard responses, the Authority provided responses to individual written and verbal comments.

The individual letters and comments included and addressed are organized and numbered as follows:

- Federal Agencies (Chapter 19)
- State Agencies (Chapter 20)
- Elected Officials (Chapter 21)
- Local Agencies (Chapter 22)

¹ References to the Council on Environmental Quality National Environmental Policy Act regulations (Code of Federal Regulations Title 40, Parts 1500 to 1508) in the responses to comments are to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations promulgated in 1978 and in effect prior to September 14, 2020.

- Business and Organization Comments (Chapter 23)
- Individuals (Chapter 24)
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Each written submission and oral presentation can be found under the appropriate category, by name, or if representing an organization, the name of their organization. If a commenter gave oral or written testimony at the public hearing, they will find their comments, submissions, and responses under “Public Hearing Comments.” Each written comment letter sent to the Authority was assigned a number. Each comment letter and public hearing transcript has brackets in the left-hand margin with identification numbers for each comment. Some letters or oral statements have been treated as a single comment, whereas in other submissions, multiple comments have been identified, which have been numbered and responded to individually. The responses to comment(s) are located at the end of each letter or transcript. Each response is labeled with the letter/testimony identifier and comment number that relates back to that particular bracketed comment.

A number of written comment submissions included lengthy attachments to the comment letters or provided web links to supporting materials. In preparing the Final EIR/EIS and responses to comments, every attachment provided with comment submissions or identified by a web link was reviewed and evaluated. In those cases where attachments included additional comments on the Draft EIR/EIS, the comments were delineated and responded to. In those cases where attachments or web links contained information or studies in support of the written comment submission, the material was considered in developing the response. All attachments submitted as part of the comments have been reproduced in this EIR/EIS.

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