

9 PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Since publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), the following substantive changes have been made to this chapter:

- Section 9.4.6, Agency Meetings and Consultation, was modified to indicate the Federal Aviation Administration accepted cooperating agency status.
- A description of the public review period of the Draft EIR/EIS, including the extension of the
 public review period and the shift to a virtual public hearing, along with modifications to the
 public notification and circulation process made as a result of the novel coronavirus
 (COVID-19) pandemic, was added to Sections 9.5 and 9.6.
- A brief summary of the comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS was added to Section 9.6.
- Information about additional stakeholder outreach meetings held during and since the conclusion of the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was added to Table 9-3.

Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have implemented, and the Authority is currently implementing, a public and agency involvement program as part of the environmental review process. Pursuant to U.S. Code (U.S.C.) Title 23, Section 327, under the NEPA Assignment Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FRA and the State of California, effective July 23, 2019, the Authority is the federal lead agency for environmental reviews and approvals for all Authority Phase 1 and Phase 2 California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System projects. In this role, the Authority is the project sponsor and the lead federal agency for compliance with NEPA and other federal laws for the California HSR System, including the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section.

This chapter describes the public and agency involvement efforts conducted during the preparation of this EIR/EIS, including the outreach that took place between the conclusion of the Draft EIR/EIS public comment period and the publication of this Final EIR/EIS.

The public and agency involvement program includes the following efforts:

- Preparing and distributing informational materials, such as fact sheets
- Conducting informational meetings, public and agency scoping meetings, meetings with individuals and groups, and presentations to stakeholders
- Conducting workshops and open house meetings about the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section
- Giving briefings to interested and/or affected stakeholders
- Conducting agency scoping meetings, interagency working group meetings with agency representatives, and other agency consultation
- Notifying the public and circulating the Draft EIR/EIS
- Conducting informational meetings and outreach following the receipt of comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and in response to community concerns related to engineering refinements

The Authority posts meeting notices and public documents on its website: www.hsr.ca.gov. The website includes information about the California HSR System and the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. It also houses the Authority's business plans, newsletters, press releases, meetings, information on recent developments and on the status of the environmental review process, Authority contact information, and related links. Authority meetings are open to the public, and one of the first items on each meeting agenda is to provide an opportunity for public comment, questions, or discussion.

The Authority posted the Draft EIR/EIS and technical appendices on its website. Materials on how to participate during the public comment period and navigate the document were also available on the Authority's website. Hard copies and electronic versions of the documents were also



provided for public review at a number of locations within and outside of the project vicinity, including libraries, the Authority's offices, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 office in Los Angeles. However, because the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the closure of many public facilities and offices beginning in mid-March 2020, access to and hours of these facilities for public review of the documents may have been limited.

During the environmental review process before the Draft EIR/EIS was available for public review and comment, the Authority received questions from a variety of means, including the meetings and workshops listed above. Frequently asked questions concerned impacts on property and residences, including noise/vibration, air quality, and visual impacts, and property displacements. When possible, project staff answered these and other questions, but often the response was to refer attendees to the environmental analysis forthcoming in the Draft EIR/EIS. This included mention of opportunities for public comment on that document.

Once the Draft EIR/EIS was available for review and comment, project staff directed members of the public to the appropriate chapter(s) that addressed their questions, and to maps, relevant hyperlinks, or page numbers of specific sections. Project staff also assessed and responded to inquiries concerning impacts of previous alternatives evaluated for the Statewide Program EIR/EIS and not carried forward into the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section EIR/EIS or to changes to the project that individuals and/or organizations had suggested. Outreach staff logged outstanding questions for direct follow-up with the individual or organization that had inquired or had logged public comments and concerns that may be the subject of future public meetings. Upon request, project staff hosted meetings and briefings, or scheduled virtual office-hour appointments.

Because CEQA and NEPA both require the environmental review process to consider public comments, the Authority has responded to these comments on the Draft EIR/EIS. Comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS and the Authority's responses to those comments are provided in Volume 4 of this Final EIR/EIS.

9.1 Environmental Justice Outreach

Outreach and engagement activities with environmental justice populations were initiated in 2009 with the start of public involvement activities associated with the design and environmental review for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section alternatives. These activities have also continued throughout the design and environmental review process to assist with identifying and evaluating the alternatives. Environmental justice is rooted in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (including the denial of meaningful access for limited English proficiency persons) in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Following the direction of U.S. Executive Order 12898, federal agencies developed guidelines to foster equitable outcomes for low-income and/or minority populations (for more information, refer to Chapter 5, Environmental Justice). As identified in Appendix 5-A, Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section: Draft Environmental Justice Outreach Plan, the outreach has included meaningful participation and input, documenting the concerns of these communities, and retaining their comments as part of the public record, so the analyses and conclusions accurately reflect the setting and potential impacts of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section alternatives in those communities.

Outreach also included gathering input from affected communities on potential project effects and potential mitigation. Environmental justice populations were identified using 2010–2014 American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The *Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section: Community Impact Assessment Technical Report* (Authority 2016) contains a list of environmental justice-related interest groups that have been engaged through outreach efforts. The Authority also engaged organizations and groups with interest in environmental and social justice issues, such as the California Environmental Justice Alliance and Center for Health, Environment and Justice; minority organizations such as the Mexican American Political Association; and civic and group leaders from the area. Examples of specific outreach efforts for environmental justice-related interest groups included one-on-one briefings, presentations to large groups, booths at local conferences and community festivals, and public meeting notices



posted at key locations for display to targeted areas throughout the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section corridor. The Authority also distributed mailings and emails for public meetings. Meetings were advertised in Spanish, and materials for public meetings hosted by the Authority were also available in Spanish on the Authority's website. Spanish-speaking interpreters were available at all public information meetings.

Given the highly urbanized, dense nature of the Burbank to Los Angeles corridor, the Authority worked to minimize the area needed for project construction and operation to the extent possible in order to reduce impacts on the surrounding community, particularly residential and business displacements. Impact avoidance and minimization features implemented as part of the HSR Build Alternative design, construction, and operation would further minimize or avoid many of the issues and concerns raised at outreach events and meetings.

For additional information about environmental justice outreach to low-income and/or minority populations and communities of concern, see Chapter 5.0, Environmental Justice. Table 9-3, which is provided at the end of this chapter, lists the past public involvement activities, including outreach to low-income and/or minority populations. Environmental justice-targeted outreach events are denoted in Table 9-3 by an asterisk (*).

9.2 Public and Agency Scoping

Public and agency scoping is an important element in the process of determining the focus and content of an EIR/EIS; it provides an opportunity for public involvement and helps identify the range of actions, alternatives, environmental effects, and mitigation measures to be analyzed. Public and agency scoping helps focus detailed study on issues pertinent to future approval of the proposed Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section and certification of the Final EIR/EIS.

The Authority conducted scoping for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS on two occasions. In 2007, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Notice of Intent (NOI) were issued and the scoping period began for an HSR project section from Palmdale to Los Angeles. Following the conclusion of public and agency scoping, several alternatives analyses¹ were conducted to refine project-level alternatives and to discuss the concept of evaluating Palmdale to Burbank and Burbank to Los Angeles as separate project sections. After determining that both of these discrete segments had independent utility and logical termini, and that their respective scopes could properly address environmental impacts, the Authority and the FRA decided to conduct separate scoping processes for the Palmdale to Burbank and Burbank to Los Angeles project sections. Based on this decision, a new round of public and agency scoping was conducted for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section between July 24 and September 12, 2014.

9.2.1 Notices of Preparation, Notices of Intent, and Public Information Materials

The most recent scoping period for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section began upon submittal of the NOP to the State Clearinghouse (No. 2014071073) and publication of the NOI in the *Federal Register* (Volume 79, Page 142) on July 24, 2014. The NOP and NOI amended the previous NOP and NOI issued in 2007 for the Palmdale to Los Angeles Project Section, as discussed above. Printed copies of the NOP were sent to previously identified and potential responsible and cooperating agencies at the state, federal, and local levels requesting that they provide written comments about the applicable permit and environmental review requirements of the agency, as well as any additional environmental information relevant to the agency's responsibilities in connection with the project.

9.2.2 Scoping Meetings

The scoping period for the environmental process occurred from July 24, 2014, to September 12, 2014. Seven public scoping meetings were held between August 5 and August 19, 2014. The specific places and dates of the scoping meetings are listed below.

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¹ For more information on the various alternatives analyses, see Section 9.3 of this document.



- Santa Clarita—William S. Hart Regional Park, August 5, 2014
- Burbank—Buena Vista Branch Library, August 6, 2014
- Palmdale—Chimbole Cultural Center, August 7, 2014
- Acton-Agua Dulce—Acton-Agua Dulce Library, August 11, 2014
- Sylmar—Sylmar Public Library, August 12, 2014
- Lake View Terrace—Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, August 14, 2014
- Downtown Los Angeles—Los Angeles Union Station, Fred Harvey Room, August 19, 2014.

In addition, one federal agency scoping meeting was held on August 8, 2014, at the Authority's Los Angeles office. Agency representatives in attendance included those from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FRA, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Surface Transportation Board, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section 2014 Scoping Report (Authority 2014b) summarizes the scoping process and the comments received during the scoping period. This document is available from the Authority upon request.

Public scoping meeting notices were distributed in several ways. Flyers were distributed to offices of elected officials, libraries, community centers, city halls, and civic centers. Notices were mailed in English with a Spanish insert to over 80,000 property owners, residents, and business tenants within a 500-foot buffer of the proposed alignments and a 0.5-mile buffer of the proposed stations. The residents and properties within these buffer areas were considered to be those most likely to be impacted, directly or indirectly, by the proposed project. The direct mail recipients were members of the public identified as stakeholders, impacted property owners, and those who attended earlier meetings or submitted comments and questions regarding the project.

Email notifications were also sent to over 5,300 contacts alerting stakeholders of the opening of the public comment period, and a press release was issued to encourage participation and public comments at the public meetings. In addition, publication of legal and display advertisements in local newspapers occurred as listed in Table 9-1.

Table 9-1 Public Scoping Notice Publication Information

Publication	Date Published	Type of Advertisement
Los Angeles Times	July 25, 2014	Legal section
La Opinión (Spanish language)	July 25, 2014	Legal section
Los Angeles Daily News	July 25, 2014	Legal section
Santa Clarita Valley Signal	July 25, 2014	Legal section
Antelope Valley Press	July 25, 2014	Legal section
Acton Agua Dulce Weekly News	July 28, 2014	Display advertisement
Santa Clarita Valley Signal	July 28, 2014	Display advertisement
The Antelope Valley Times (online)	July 28, 2014	Display advertisement
Antelope Valley Press	July 29, 2014	Display advertisement
Asbarez News (Armenian language)	July 29, 2014	Display advertisement
The Burbank Leader	July 30, 2014	Display advertisement
San Fernando Valley Sun	July 31, 2014	Display advertisement
San Fernando Valley El Sol (Spanish language)	July 31, 2014	Display advertisement
Asian Journal (Filipino language)	August 6, 2014	Display advertisement
Korea Daily (Korean language)	August 6, 2014	Display advertisement
Nguoi Viet-Daily (Vietnamese language)	August 8, 2014	Display advertisement
World Journal Chinese Daily News (Chinese language)	August 8, 2014	Display advertisement
Siamtownus (Thai language)	August 10, 2014	Display advertisement



Representatives of the Authority provided scoping comment cards to attendees at each of the meetings as a way for the attendees to comment on the information and to express their concerns, ideas, and questions. A court reporter took down verbal comments and, if needed, language interpreters were available to assist people in attendance. Comments could also be submitted by mail or through the Authority's website. A total of 916 people attended 7 scoping meetings, resulting in 33 comment cards submitted for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. All of the comments received at the scoping meetings have been documented; the following subsections summarize the submissions. They are also provided in the *Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section 2014 Scoping Report* (Authority 2014b), which is available from the Authority upon request.

Beyond the scoping meetings, the Authority sought public input on the scope of the environmental review through smaller group presentations and briefings. Comment cards were distributed at these meetings with the option that they could be completed at the meeting or mailed at a later date. Table 9-3, provided at the end of this chapter, lists all of the meetings held for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section outreach effort.

9.2.3 Scoping Comments

By the end of the scoping process, the Authority and FRA received 81 written responses (including comment cards, letters, emails, and transcriptions) from agencies, organizations, and individuals representing 608 individual comments. Comments received at scoping meetings generally related to two major topic areas: project alternatives and environmental concerns. The issues and comments are summarized in the *Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section 2014 Scoping Report* (Authority 2014b). The scoping meeting comments and those received in response to the Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation helped the lead agencies identify general environmental issues to address in the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS. These included issues with the proposed alternatives, suggestions for new or modified alternatives and stations, and issues of potential concern related to the proposed project. Significant planning issues identified during the scoping process are summarized in Table 9-2.

Table 9-2 Key Issues Considered During Development of Alternatives and Draft EIR/EIS

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Topic	Key Issues	
Protection of Communities and the Environment	 Impacts of the proposed HSR Build Alternative on the mobility of low-income and/or minority populations Impacts to property value and potential for property damage related to displacements Impacts to schools, churches, and other community facilities Visual impacts, including overhead catenary wires and "green screens" near residences Compliance with local and federal air quality regulations and minimization of emissions Impacts to and monitoring of Native American and archaeological sites Impacts to biological resources, including wetlands Evaluation of soils for stability, erosion, sedimentation potential, and how to handle soils removed during construction Impacts to the Los Angeles River/Arroyo Seco confluence, storm drains/flood channels, carrying capacity of systems, and waters of the U.S. Impacts to Los Angeles State Historic Park and El Rio de Los Angeles State Park Construction and operational noise and vibration impacts, noise pollution, potential noise abatement, and sensitive receptors Impacts to equestrian land uses and parks, and overlap with the planned Los Angeles River Revitalization Project Land use changes around station locations, multimodal use potential, and conflicts with existing or future development, including Hollywood Burbank Airport Safety corridor buffer size, rail crossing safety, public and pedestrian safety, and potential screens for trains 	



Topic	Key Issues
Connectivity and Coordination with/ Impacts to Other Transportation Facilities	 Routing alignments along existing transportation corridors; tunneling and trench alternatives Maximizing connectivity to other transit providers at LAUS and the newly proposed location of the Hollywood Burbank Airport terminal Electromagnetic interference/electromagnetic field impacts that might affect navigation or other equipment at Hollywood Burbank Airport Impact to transit providers, pedestrian connectivity, and goods movement; traffic management plan and upgrades to existing infrastructure Grade separations and grade crossings
Train Technology and Constructability	 Project demands on the electrical system; renewable energy sources Tunneling in mountainous regions Magnetic levitation technology
Project Funding and Cost	Overall cost of the project

EIR/EIS = Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement

LAUS = Los Angeles Union Station

9.3 Alternatives Analysis Process

The alternatives analysis process used conceptual planning, environmental data, and engineering information to identify feasible and practicable alternatives to evaluate in the EIR/EIS. Public and agency input provided valuable information that assisted in the evaluation of project alternatives. Chapter 2, Alternatives, describes the process of evaluating and selecting the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section alternatives.

The sections below summarize the results of the collaborative public and agency outreach process and how that input contributed to identification and consideration of study alternatives for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section.

9.3.1 Public Information Meetings and Materials during the Alternatives Analysis Process

As the project evolved based on technical work and public feedback, four alternatives analysis documents were prepared providing information regarding the alternatives analysis process, the initial range of alternatives considered, and the criteria for evaluating those alternatives. These documents included the *Palmdale to Los Angeles Project Section Preliminary Alternatives Analysis* (Authority 2010), followed by two *Palmdale to Los Angeles Project Section Supplemental Alternatives Analysis* (SAA) (Authority 2011, 2014), and the *Palmdale to Burbank Project Section SAA* (Authority 2016).

Public information meetings were held during the alternatives analysis process to inform the public about the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section alternatives analysis recommendations. Various meeting formats, such as open houses, formal presentations, and question and comment sessions, were used to present information and provide opportunities for input by participants. Detailed information displays about the alternatives analysis process, as well as updates to the alignment, were also provided at public meetings. Project information and announcements were posted on the Authority's website. See Table 9-3 at the end of this chapter for a list of public meeting dates and topics.

In addition to the public information meetings, one-on-one briefings and small group meetings were held throughout the process. Another element of the outreach was to provide updates and presentations to clubs, organizations, and business owners, as well as to Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles, to facilitate an inclusive and transparent process.



Outreach was conducted to several federal and state agencies that work in conjunction with the Authority to identify and protect resources of concern. These agencies included the USACE, USEPA, Surface Transportation Board, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Office of Historic Preservation, Caltrans, California State Water Resources Control Board, California Air Resources Board, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, among others. More information on environmental resource agency coordination is contained in Section 9.3.3.

Individuals with the most knowledge of any given community are the residents, business owners, and workforce within that community; outreach was also conducted to the community members to share updates about the alternatives analysis process as well as solicit feedback on community resources of concern. Specifically, SAA update open house meetings were held in November 2015 to share and collect information to help further develop the alternatives. They were held at Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS), the Glendale Adult Recreation Center, and the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

The Authority developed a Stakeholder Working Group to engage communities and to offer an informal forum in which community stakeholders can discuss issues of concern. A Stakeholder Working Group meeting was held in November 2015 in which Stakeholder Working Group members listened to an informative presentation and raised key issues and concerns, including grade separations, tunnel alignment, noise and vibration impacts, air quality, Los Angeles River impacts, and potential community benefits and improvements. As identified in Table 9-3 at the end of this chapter, additional Stakeholder Working Group meetings were held on April 6, 2016, for Glendale, the Los Angeles River, and downtown Los Angeles, and on November 15, 2016, for Burbank and Glendale. A third Stakeholder Working Group meeting was held on August 23, 2018.

The following concerns and issues were raised by various stakeholders during the SAA outreach process:

- Bicycle/pedestrian access
- Business resources
- Connectivity
- Consistency with other plans
- Construction issues
- Earthquakes
- Eminent domain
- Engineering design
- Environmental process
- Funding
- Future development plans
- Grade crossings
- Health
- Historic architectural resources

- Impacts to the Los Angeles River
- Land acquisition
- · Legal/litigation issues
- Mitigation
- Noise/vibration
- Operational issues
- · Property values
- Ridership
- Right-of-way
- Schools and houses of worship
- Station design
- Technology
- Traffic
- Visual resources

Copies of the various alternatives analyses documents are available from the Authority upon request.

9.3.2 Technical Working Group Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

The Technical Working Group (TWG) provided input on the range of alternatives and information about city and county land uses, transportation, and other planning projects, as well as updates to their boards or councils. The City of Los Angeles TWG consisted of City of Los Angeles planners, Los Angeles State Parks staff members, representatives from the Office of the Mayor, and others. During the Palmdale to Los Angeles Project Section alternatives analyses, the Los Angeles TWG met three times during the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis process and twice during the SAA process, and the Los Angeles San Fernando TWG met once during the 2014 SAA process, to



facilitate information exchanges about modifications to alignments selected for analysis in the SAA and EIR/EIS, HSR station and alignment design details, and identification of potential resource impacts and avoidance alternatives. The TWG meetings helped transfer information needs, express concerns and preferences, and relay important project updates. No TWG meetings were convened during the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section SAA process.

9.3.3 Coordination with Other Railroad Owners/Operators

The Authority and FRA held, and the Authority continues to hold, regular coordination meetings with

Stakeholder and Technical Working Groups

Stakeholder working groups are composed of community leaders and organizations representing a broad range of regional and local interests related to land use, transportation, social and environmental issues.

Technical working groups include staff from county and city public works, transportation, and planning departments; regional planning organizations; and other organizations that have technical expertise in land use, transportation, and infrastructure planning.

the railroad right-of-way owners and freight and passenger rail service operators that use the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Corridor. These include the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Metrolink, and Union Pacific Railroad to discuss how the introduction of HSR service, including track and station improvements, would affect existing rail operations in the corridor and to refine design elements to minimize conflicts. Starting from 2014, the Authority has met with Metro and Metrolink staff approximately once per month to discuss project updates and general coordination issues. The Authority met with Union Pacific Railroad in 2017 and 2019 to discuss potential impacts to its facilities and tracks.

9.3.4 Agency Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

In addition to the continued coordination with the state and federal agencies listed in Section 9.3.1, the Authority worked closely with regional agencies, including Metro and Metrolink, during the alternatives analysis/SAA processes. The Authority and these agencies coordinated on the HSR project and related transportation projects, such as the Metro Link Union Station, Metro Regional Connector, and Metro Doran and Broadway/Brazil Grade Separation projects. Meetings that occurred with state, federal, and regional agencies are listed in Table 9-3 at the end of this chapter.

9.4 Development of the Draft EIR/EIS

During preparation of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS, the Authority and FRA held meetings to consult with the federal, state, and local agencies, and to provide project updates and obtain feedback from the public. This included regular monthly meetings with regulatory agencies that serve to provide updates, foster inter-agency collaboration, and address various specific project-related issues. Throughout this process, the Authority and FRA held meetings to update and obtain feedback from the public and met with federal, state, and local agencies. The following subsections provide details regarding these activities.

9.4.1 Outreach, Involvement, and Communications Guidance

In many cases, outreach, involvement, and communications were specific to developing various impact analyses, including environmental justice, Section 4(f)/6(f), and tribal coordination.

Environmental justice communities were identified through the *Community Impact Assessment* (Authority 2019) and Environmental Justice Outreach Plan processes, and specific outreach opportunities intended to include historically underserved communities within the project development process were identified. Environmental justice-specific outreach events and meetings were planned and held in accordance with the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Environmental Justice Outreach Plan, and are denoted in Table 9-3 at the end of this chapter by an asterisk (*). More detailed information on environmental justice-related outreach can be found in Section 5.5 of Chapter 5, Environmental Justice.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 303(b), cooperation and consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary of Agriculture, and/or other applicable



agencies or officials with jurisdiction is required during the Section 4(f) evaluation to ensure concurrence with the determinations prior to approval. Specific coordination and consultation efforts with regard to Section 4(f)/6(f) properties are described in Section 4.2 of Chapter 4, Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluations.

Outreach and consultation with Native American representatives and tribes, as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is summarized below in Section 9.4.4. A more detailed discussion of the outreach efforts with regard to tribal coordination and historic resources can be found in Section 3.17, Cultural Resources.

9.4.2 Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding

The Authority has several Agreements and MOUs in place for the HSR system that are applicable to the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. The *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Achieving an Environmentally Sustainable High-Speed Train System for California* (Authority et al. 2011) establishes a framework under which the signatory agencies committed to working together to achieve an environmentally sustainable HSR system. Signatories include the Authority, FRA, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Transit Administration, and USEPA. This MOU defines common goals, identifies key areas for collaboration, and defines expectations and terms for signatory agencies.

Consistent with the MOU, the Authority recognizes the need to build the project using sustainable methods that accomplish the following:

- Promote sustainable housing and development patterns
- Integrate station access and amenities into the fabric of surrounding neighborhoods
- Stimulate multimodal connectivity and increase options for affordable, convenient access to goods, services, and employment
- Reduce passenger transportation emissions across California, and thereby reduce associated environmental and health impacts
- Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Encourage best practices for water efficiency and conservation
- Protect ecologically sensitive and agricultural lands

In an effort to streamline and provide statewide consistency in consultation procedures, documentation standards, and federal agency oversight in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the statewide HSR project, a Programmatic Agreement was executed in July 2011. The Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Railroad Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. as it Pertains to the California High-Speed Train Project (PA) (Authority and FRA 2011) serves to record the terms and conditions agreed upon to resolve the potential adverse effects of a complex project, in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 800.14(b). The PA outlines standards for professional qualifications as they pertain to reporting and documenting by staff; frameworks for ongoing consultation with Native American tribes; the participation of other consulting parties and the public; a structure for identification and evaluation of historic properties, assessment of effects, and treatment of historic properties; changes in the project footprint or construction right-of-way; and provisions for the discovery of cultural materials during construction. It also discusses documentation standards, dispute resolution, and other administrative procedures. Signatories to the PA include the FRA, the Authority, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the SHPO. The Surface Transportation Board and USACE have since been invited to become signatories as well.

The Authority and FRA also prepared an MOU in 2010 with the USEPA and USACE to integrate the NEPA (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.), Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), and Rivers



and Harbors Act Section 14 (33 U.S.C. § 408) processes for the HSR project. As noted in Chapter 1, Purpose and Need, the Authority has continued to work closely with the USEPA and USACE with regard to these processes, but has determined that it will not use the NEPA/404/408 MOU for Clean Water Act Section 404 compliance since it is anticipated that the project section would qualify for coverage under the Nationwide Permit Program.

9.4.3 Public Information Materials and Meetings

The Authority and FRA held informal and formal public meetings during the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS preparation process. Various meeting formats, such as open houses, formal presentations, and question and comment sessions, were used to present information and provide opportunities for input by participants. Project information and announcements were posted on the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov). Table 9-3, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the public meeting dates and topics. Meetings covered a wide variety of subjects and ranged from open houses providing a broad overview of the project to resource-specific meetings with stakeholders.

Public information meetings were held during preparation of the EIR/EIS to inform the public about the alternatives analysis recommendations for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section and the status of the EIR/EIS preparation. In addition, these meetings provided information on various HSR project components and served as forums for obtaining feedback. The public information meetings included brief presentations and project information materials (on display and in fact sheets); project staff were available to answer questions. Meetings were announced through direct mail to those in the project database, in advertisements in local newspapers, and in postings on the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov) and social media accounts. Various publications and materials were also made available at this website.

The Authority participated in additional public meetings hosted by other agencies to provide project information and obtain feedback. The places and dates of these meetings are listed in Table 9-3 at the end of this chapter.

The following list summarizes commonly heard comments and concerns received at the various public meetings held for the project section.

- Impacts from noise/vibration on adjacent communities, especially residences and sensitive receptors (schools, churches, community centers, etc.), need to be minimized.
- Moving diesel trains closer to homes and businesses will adversely affect air quality.
- Visual impacts need to be minimal and, when possible, mitigated by walls or landscaping.
- Sound walls may be a necessary mitigation to reduce noise.
- Impacts to adjacent properties need to be minimized. The attendee is concerned about a fair relocation process and the potential use of eminent domain.
- Electromagnetic impacts to the surrounding community need to be better understood.
- Impacts of construction will negatively affect the community. The attendee would like to know where staging areas are and about plans to deal with truck traffic.
- Construction of grade separations will cause much disruption to the community.
- Adjacent communities (particularly Atwater Village) are concerned that any street closures will make them even more landlocked than under current conditions.
- Adding more train service in this corridor minimizes the work being done to revitalize the Los Angeles River.
- The design of the project, especially bridges and crossings, needs to be pedestrian-/bike-friendly.



- Air/rail connectivity to and from either Burbank Airport Station Option A or Option B in relation to the newly planned relocation of the Hollywood Burbank Airport terminal should be addressed.
- The durations of construction- and traffic-related construction impacts and detours to these already burdened communities need to be minimized.
- The possibility of environmental hazards being unearthed (pollution, contaminated soils, etc.)
 during construction of grade separations should be considered.
- The potential for visual enhancements and mitigation, including lighting in bikeways and walkways should be considered.

9.4.4 Tribal Coordination Meetings

Pursuant to the Section 106 PA and the NEPA Assignment MOU, FRA is responsible for conducting government-to-government consultation with federally recognized Native American tribes. This includes preparing a memorandum of agreement for each project section that adversely affects, or has the potential to adversely affect, historic properties and participating in the resolution of disputes. The FRA delegated responsibility to the Authority for implementation of the following provisions of the agreement: consult with nonfederally recognized Native American groups, other consulting parties, and the public; conduct Section 106 reviews; and coordinate with Native American groups and other interested parties to participate in each Undertaking MOU. For a full list of responsibilities, refer to the PA (Authority 2011).

Tribal outreach and consultation for the statewide HSR program began in 2001 during preparation of the Statewide Program EIR/EIS, which was finalized in 2005. Tribes and individuals were identified for coordination through the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File, and this contact information was re-requested and updated regularly throughout the process. Early tribal outreach for the Palmdale to Los Angeles Project Section began in 2012. Letters were sent on February 16, 2012, to 11 local tribal governments listed with the NAHC for Los Angeles County, with follow-up correspondence conducted via telephone. Communication occurred in May 2014 to invite tribal leaders and representatives to a series of community open house meetings that month. In August 2014, the NAHC provided an updated list of 34 Native American individuals from approximately 16 different tribes; those tribes and representatives were invited to a September 25, 2014, Tribal Information Meeting. The Tribal Information Meeting was held in Sylmar and offered an opportunity for invitees to discuss issues of possible concern within the Palmdale to Burbank and Burbank to Los Angeles project sections in a closed session. Emails were sent to each of the invited tribes reminding them of the meeting and encouraging their attendance and participation. Following the meeting, a summary was sent to all meeting participants and tribes who expressed interest but could not attend. Consultation between the Authority and various stakeholder tribes continue to take place, including data and information sharing, meetings, and email and letter correspondence. More detailed information regarding this ongoing coordination and consultation effort can be found in Section 3.17.4 of Section 3.17, Cultural Resources.

Tribes were also invited to become Section 106 consulting parties in September and October 2014. Formal consulting parties under Section 106 include the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians—Kizh Nation, and the Gabrielino/Tongva Nation. Coordination and outreach have been and will continue to be performed at each key Section 106 decision point, per the PA (refer back to Section 9.4.2 for more information on the PA).

A meeting to discuss ongoing outreach efforts was held with the NAHC on March 9, 2017. At this meeting, the Authority updated the NAHC on the ongoing tribal consultation efforts, and received guidance and clarification regarding the NAHC's Most Likely Descendent designation process. The NAHC also recommended that the Authority continue consultation with tribes that agreed to participate under Section 106 as formal consulting parties, as well as continuing outreach efforts to all tribes on the NAHC's contact list. Further detail regarding coordination and outreach efforts with the NAHC is discussed in Section 3.17, Cultural Resources, of this Final EIR/EIS.



9.4.5 Section 106 Consultation, National Historic Preservation Act

In compliance with Section 106, the Authority and FRA invited consulting parties (including other federal, state, regional, or local agencies that may have responsibilities for historic properties) to review project historic resource reports and findings.

The Authority met with the State Office of Historic Preservation on October 20, 2015, November 3, 2015, and May 2, 2016. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss preliminary findings regarding historic properties in the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section (refer to Section 3.17 for more information on the Authority's Section 106 Programmatic Agreement with the FRA, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and SHPO). Other Section 106 activities completed include:

- Invitations to participate in the Section 106 process were sent to interested parties (including local government planning departments, historic preservation organizations, historical societies, libraries and museums) on January 25, 2016. In response to this invitation, the Los Angeles Conservancy, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and the City of Los Angeles Office of Historical Resources opted to participate as consulting parties for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning declined the invitation to participate, as the alignment is not within unincorporated Los Angeles County, opting instead to consult as part of the Bakersfield to Palmdale and Los Angeles to Anaheim project sections.
- The Archaeological Survey Report was submitted to the SHPO and other consulting parties on May 16, 2017, and concurrence from SHPO was obtained on June 9, 2017.
- The Historic Architecture Survey Report was submitted to the SHPO on October 10, 2018, and the SHPO provided comments to the Regional Consultant on October 25, 2018. The Historic Architecture Survey Report was revised and resubmitted to the SHPO on April 3, 2019, and concurrence was received on May 2, 2019.
- The Archaeological Survey Report: Addendum 1 was submitted to the SHPO on March 6, 2019, and concurrence was received on March 25, 2019.
- The Revised National Register of Historic Places Determination of Eligibility for Grayson Steam-Electric Generating Station was submitted to the SHPO on November 4, 2020, and concurrence was received on December 3, 2020. The Determination of Eligibility was revised and resubmitted to the SHPO following the circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS due to new information being provided by the City of Glendale regarding the resource in their comments on the Draft EIR/EIS.

A detailed summary of Section 106 consultation is available in the Section 106 Finding of Effect Report (Authority 2019) prepared for the proposed Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. Table 9-1 lists meetings that have occurred as part of the Section 106 consultation process.

9.4.6 Agency Meetings and Consultation

The Authority and FRA consulted with, and the Authority continues to consult with, cooperating federal, and state and local agencies under NEPA and with trustee and responsible agencies under CEQA regarding specific resource areas associated with these agencies. Interested state, federal, and local agencies were also consulted throughout the process. Three cooperating agencies are included in the NEPA review process for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section: USACE, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Surface Transportation Board. Following public circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS, the Federal Aviation Administration accepted cooperating agency status via a letter dated September 3, 2020.

Responsible agencies under CEQA are defined in Public Resources Code § 21069 as "any public agency, other than the lead agency, which has responsibility for carrying out or approving a project." Responsible agencies under CEQA for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section include the following agencies.



- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Caltrans
- California Public Utilities Commission, Los Angeles Office
- California State Lands Commission
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Los Angeles County Flood Control Board

Resource agency meetings have occurred with USACE in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to provide general project updates and identify and discuss crossing locations over various waterways in the project vicinity. Following a series of meetings, this collaboration resulted in the USACE issuing a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination in July 2018 confirming the extent of mapped jurisdictional waters of the U.S. for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section.

The Authority has also been coordinating with Hollywood Burbank Airport staff since 2014 regarding alignment and station location issues, including the construction method for tunneling under the runway and the inclusion of Refined B Station as part of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Preferred Alternative. In addition to airport staff, coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration has also been ongoing. In September 2019, design documents were shared with Federal Aviation Administration staff so that alignments could be reviewed in relationship to airport runways and facilities, and points of contact initially established.

Since January 2015, the Authority has organized the Southern California project section regulatory agency meetings to obtain agency input on technical reports. Resource topics of agency concern have been and continue to be presented and discussed monthly in a workshop format to discuss all of the Southern California HSR system project sections, including the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. Technical reports and the upcoming project section schedules are discussed during these meetings. These monthly meetings are listed in Table 9-3 at the end of this chapter.

9.5 Notification and Circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS

In May 2020, public notice regarding the availability and circulation of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS was provided pursuant to CEQA and NEPA requirements. The text of the public notice was prepared in English, Spanish, Armenian, Tagalog, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Chinese. Notice included publication of an announcement in newspapers that have general circulation in areas potentially affected by the proposed project. The Draft EIR/EIS public comment period was advertised in the following newspapers:

- Asbarez News (Armenian language)
- Asian Journal (Tagalog language)
- Beirut Times (Arabic language)
- Burbank Chamber of Commerce Business Journal
- Burbank Independent
- Burbank Leader
- Glendale News-Press
- LA Daily News
- La Opinion (Spanish language)
- Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce Business Journal
- Los Angeles Times
- Rafu Shimpo (Japanese language)
- The Korea Times LA (Korean language)
- Vien Dong (Vietnamese language)
- World Journal Chinese Daily News (Chinese language)

The advertisement indicated that the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS was available for review on the Authority's website and at the Authority's Sacramento and Los Angeles offices. It also noted the schedule and format of the public hearing, as well as the period during which public comments must be submitted. A cover letter, informational brochure, fact



sheet, and Notice of Availability were provided in English. The Notice of Availability was also provided in Spanish, Armenian, Tagalog, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Chinese. These were distributed by direct mail to members of the public who subscribed to the project mailing list, attended project events (scoping, public meetings, informational booths, etc.) or submitted comments or questions via email, on the Authority's website, or at public meetings or outreach events. In addition, a notice was sent to occupants and property owners within 500 feet of the alignment, 0.5 mile from each proposed HSR station location, and 0.5 mile from each grade separation.

A Notice of Completion indicating the availability of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS was filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH no. 2014071073, filed on May 26, 2020), and copies were sent to state agencies. Prior to the start of the public review and comment period, in late February 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced directives to address the need to slow the spread of COVID-19 in California and globally by prohibiting gatherings of any size. In addition, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, which ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence until further notice. This resulted in the closure of public libraries and public agency offices. Due to this closure of many public facilities and offices beginning in mid-March 2020, the Draft EIR/EIS was not provided in hard copy. Rather, the Draft EIR/EIS was provided online at the Authority's website or via request for an electronic copy from the Authority. Emails were sent to notify recipients of the availability of the Draft EIR/EIS (and subsequent extensions of the comment period) to stakeholders such as city representatives, elected officials, subject working group members, community organizations, and community members who had previously provided their email address at outreach events.

Printed or electronic copies of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS (Volumes 1–3) were sent to federal, state, and local agencies; regional transportation agencies; and other organizations and persons who had expressed an interest in the project. The entire Draft EIR/EIS (Volumes 1–3) was posted to the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov). Supporting technical reports were available upon request at the Authority's offices or by mail. Electronic copies of these documents also were available upon request, at no cost, by mailing a request to the Authority's main office (770 L Street, Suite 620, MS-1, Sacramento, California 95814) or the Southern California regional office (355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, California 90071), or by calling (877) 977-1660. Printed and/or electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS (Vols. 1-3) were available at the Authority's offices and electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS continue to be available upon request. Public hearing dates and locations were posted on the Authority's website. Chapter 10, EIR/EIS Distribution, provides a full distribution list for the Draft EIR/EIS with updates for this Final EIR/EIS.

9.6 Publication and Review of the Draft EIR/EIS

CEQA requires that a Draft EIR be circulated to agencies and the public for review and comment for no less than 45 days. NEPA also requires that a Draft EIS be circulated for review and comment for no less than 45 days. The Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS was posted on the Authority's website and formally made available to state agencies by the State Clearinghouse beginning on May 29, 2020. The public review and comment period originally was for 45 days—from May 29, 2020, until July 16, 2020—pursuant to CEQA and NEPA. However, in response to agency and stakeholder requests and in consideration of limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Authority elected to extend the public review and comment period twice, first to July 31, 2020, and then again to August 31, 2020, for a total public review period of 94 days.

9.6.1 Public and Agency Open Houses and Hearings

To present the Draft EIR/EIS and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and collect information about the project, the Authority held several virtual meetings during the public circulation and comment period. All meetings were conducted in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation offered. Interpretation of other languages was available upon request, but



no requests were received. Two telephone town hall meetings were held, on June 29, 2020, and August 19, 2020.

The Authority held a virtual open house meeting on June 18, 2020 during which the Authority used a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the project as well as information about other Southern California rail improvements in progress, stakeholder engagement activities, the environmental review process, the right-of-way process, and next steps in the project development process. The presentation was also made available in Spanish. Attendees could listen via simultaneous translation of the English version at any point, and a full Spanish-language presentation took place midway through the open house in a separate virtual presentation room.

A virtual public hearing was held on July 8, 2020, during which attendees were able to provide formal comments on the Draft EIR/EIS verbally, recorded by a court reporter. To comply with Executive Order N-33-20, and to protect public health, the traditional in-person format of the public hearing was changed to a "virtual" public hearing held online and via telephone. The Notice of Availability sent to recipients and published in newspapers reflected this change. A total of 86 comments from 20 individual commenters were provided and recorded by an official court reporter.

The Authority also held an online and telephone information session on August 25, 2020, focusing on the proposed Main Street Grade Separation; interpretation was available in Mandarin Chinese, in addition to Spanish, for the August 25 information session. At the Main Street Grade Separation online information session, separate virtual meeting rooms were available for Spanish and Mandarin translation of the presentation and visual aids. If a Spanish- or Mandarin-language speaker had a question, it was then integrated into the full presentation so that all attendees could hear all questions. Recordings of this meeting and all meetings described herein can be accessed at https://meethsrsocal-b-la.org/webinar.

9.6.2 Comments on the Draft EIR/EIS

The public was given the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR/EIS in several ways during the comment period. Comments could be submitted to the Authority via regular mail, verbally at the virtual public hearing or through the project telephone hotline, and via email. During the review period, there were 272 comment letters submitted on the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS. The Authority also considered 6 comment letters submitted on the Draft EIR/EIS received after the close of the comment period on August 31, 2020, for an overall total of 278 comment letters.

The Authority received comment letters from 4 federal agencies, 8 state agencies, 4 elected officials, 28 local agencies, and 54 businesses and organizations. The remaining 180 comment letters were from individuals and/or were oral comments provided at the July 8, 2020, virtual public hearing. Key comments addressed the following topics:

- Alternatives—Comments expressed concern about the alternatives development process that resulted in the detailed evaluation of a single HSR Build Alternative in the Draft EIR/EIS.
- Funding—Comments expressed concern regarding project costs, funding availability for construction and operation, and potential cost overruns.
- Community impacts—Comments expressed concerns about impacts on the Taylor Yard community and neighborhood impacts related to the Main Street Grade Separation.
- Noise—Comments expressed concerns about noise impacts during operation, including train horn noise, how noise abatement/mitigation was determined, and the implementation of such abatement.
- Property acquisition—Comments expressed concerns about the right-of-way acquisition
 process and relocation assistance to be provided by the Authority, as well as potential
 impacts on property values.



The Authority assessed and considered all comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS and made revisions to this Final EIR/EIS where appropriate. Responses to the comments are found in Volume 4 of this Final EIR/EIS.

9.6.3 Response to Common Comments

This section explains the method used for responding to comments, as well as the organization of the responses to comments on the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Final EIR/EIS. Written responses to public comments received between May 29, 2020, and August 31, 2020, are provided in Volume 4 of this EIR/EIS.

The Authority reviewed the comment transmittals and their attachments, identifying individual issues to which the comments pertained. After identifying the individual comments within the cards, letters, verbal transcripts, and emails, the Authority grouped individual comments by resource issue and assigned each set of comments to technical experts in the appropriate disciplines to prepare a response. After reading through their assigned comments, the technical experts grouped the individual comments by resource topic and prepared draft responses. Before completion of the Final EIR/EIS, senior-level experts then reviewed each response to ensure technical and scientific accuracy, clarity, and consistency and to ensure that the response addressed the comment.

Where multiple commenters submitted essentially the same comment, the Final EIR/EIS grouped those comments and provided a single master response. Chapter 17 of Volume 4 provides a summary of these comment themes and the master responses, as well as a list of the comment numbers that the responses are intended to address. When reading the comments submitted, a reference to find the master response is provided. In other cases, a custom response is provided following the comment submittal. The master responses shown in Chapter 17 of Volume 4 are organized first by general themes and then by EIR/EIS section (purpose and need, alternatives, environmental resource, etc.).

Where appropriate and consistent with CEQA and NEPA, the Final EIR/EIS responds to the significant environmental issues that have been raised by commenters without necessarily responding to each individual comment. As required under CEQA and NEPA, the comments received are included and the commenters identified in Volume 4 of this EIR/EIS.

California Public Resources Code Sections 21091(d)(1) and (d)(2) provide the basis for this approach under CEQA:

- (d)(1) The lead agency shall consider comments it receives on a draft environmental impact report, proposed negative declaration, or proposed mitigated negative declaration if those comments are received within the public review period.
- (2)(A) With respect to the consideration of comments received on a draft environmental impact report, the lead agency shall evaluate comments on environmental issues that are received from persons who have reviewed the draft and shall prepare a written response pursuant to subparagraph (B). The lead agency may also respond to comments that are received after the close of the public review period.
- (B) The written response shall describe the disposition of each significant environmental issue that is raised by commenters. The responses shall be prepared consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15088 as those regulations existed on June 1, 1993.

Section 14(s) of the FRA's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (64 Fed. Reg. 28545) validates this approach under NEPA:

(s) In a final EIS, a compilation of all responsible comments received on the draft EIS, whether made in writing or at a public hearing, and responses to each comment. Comments may be collected and summarized except for comments by



federal agencies and where otherwise required by federal law or regulation. Every effort should be made to resolve significant issues before the EIS is put into final form. The final EIS should reflect such issues, consultation and efforts to resolve such issues, including an explanation of why any remaining issues have not been resolved.

9.6.4 Engineering and Design Refinements after Publication of the Draft EIR/EIS

Since the close of the public comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS on August 31, 2020, the Authority has reviewed the public comments received and has continued to consult with local jurisdictions and property owners along the alignment related to elements of the design, and to identify opportunities to address community concerns and reduce or avoid impacts where possible. The Authority has also continued to work closely with regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over some components of the project. This coordination resulted in project refinements, minor changes to the impacts analysis, new impact avoidance and minimization measures, and refinement of mitigation measures. These engineering and design refinements are described in greater detail in Appendix 3.1-C, Engineering and Design Refinements, and are summarized below.

- The Main Street grade separation design was revised to increase the grade on the east side
 of the Los Angeles River, which reduced impacts to surrounding properties. Additionally, the
 design of the local street connections was modified to address concerns regarding
 circulation.
- The various yard and maintenance facilities within the Central Maintenance Facility were reconfigured to accommodate HSR while maintaining the existing yard operations and train storage capacity.
- The proposed replacement of the section of the San Fernando Bike Path (Planned Phase 3) impacted by the HSR Build Alternative was changed from a Class 2 bike path proposed in the Draft EIR/EIS to a Class 4 bike path along Victory Boulevard.
- The proposed location of a trench to be used during construction was modified to avoid impacting the Burbank Western Channel Bike Path.
- A switching/paralleling station was relocated in Atwater Village, which resulted in relocating a radio tower that was previously proposed near Tyburn Street.
- The proposed pedestrian undercrossing at Chevy Chase Drive was modified to an overcrossing.
- The footprint was reduced to account for the relocation of signal house from the San Antonio Winery parking lot.
- Because construction of the below-grade alignment and shoofly tracks conflicts with two
 extraction wells, a valve vault, and ancillary infrastructure that are currently being used to
 supply municipal drinking water and remediate the San Fernando Valley Area 1 Superfund
 site, the project footprint was increased to include the necessary relocation of the extraction
 wells, the valve vaults, and ancillary infrastructure.
- Because construction of the new depressed roadway conflicts with an extraction well and ancillary infrastructure that are currently being used to supply municipal drinking water and remediate the San Fernando Valley Area 2 Superfund site, the project footprint was increased to include the necessary relocation of an extraction well and its ancillary infrastructure.

9.6.5 Ongoing Outreach Leading up to Publication of the Final EIR/EIS

Ongoing outreach efforts following the close of the public comment period on August 31, 2020, included one-on-one briefings with affected property owners, businesses, and organizations, as well as with city and public agency representatives throughout the Burbank to Los Angeles



Project Section area. Table 9-3, at the end of this chapter, provides a list of all stakeholder meetings related to the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section, including those that occurred since publication of the Draft EIR/EIS.

9.7 Preferred Alternative and Authority Decision-Making Process

In its role as CEQA lead agency, the Authority Board will consider whether to certify the Final EIR/EIS in compliance with CEQA. Once the Authority Board certifies the Final EIR/EIS, it can consider approving the Preferred Alternative and making related CEQA decisions (findings, mitigation plan, and potential statement of overriding considerations).

Pursuant to NEPA and the NEPA Assignment MOU (FRA and State of California 2019), the Authority serves as NEPA lead agency and is empowered to complete the NEPA environmental process with publication of a Record of Decision. The Record of Decision will describe the project and alternatives considered, describe the selected alternative, and identify the environmentally preferable alternative; make environmental findings and determinations with regard to the Endangered Species Act, Section 106, Section 4(f), and environmental justice; identify any required mitigation measures; and describe the FRA's determinations on air quality conformity.

9.8 Log of Public and Agency Meetings

Table 9-3 provides a log of public and agency outreach meetings for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section.

Table 9-3 Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Outreach Activity

Date	Outreach Activity	Location or Jurisdiction
March 12, 2014	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
May 6, 2014	Burbank City Council Briefing	Burbank, CA
May 13, 2014	Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Felipe Fuentes Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
May 21, 2014	SAA Community Open House Meeting—Downtown Los Angeles Public Information Meeting	Downtown Los Angeles, CA
May 28, 2014	SAA Community Open House Meeting—Burbank Public Information Meeting	Burbank, CA
May 28, 2014	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
June 25, 2014	USACE/USEPA Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
July 21, 2014	City of Burbank Transportation Committee Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Burbank, CA
July 23, 2014	Walt Disney Studios stakeholder Organization Meeting	Burbank, CA
July 29, 2014	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
August 5, 2014	Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Planning Department Agency Staff Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
August 6, 2014	Public Scoping Meeting	Burbank, CA
August 8, 2014	Federal Agency Scoping Meeting—FRA, Surface Transportation Board, USACE, USEPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and National Marine Fisheries Service	Los Angeles, CA
August 12, 2014	City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Agency Staff Meeting	Los Angeles, CA



Date	Outreach Activity	Location or Jurisdiction
August 12, 2014	Los Angeles River/Natural Resources Defense Council Working Group Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
August 13, 2014	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
August 19, 2014	Public Scoping Meeting	LAUS 800 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
August 27, 2014	Little Tokyo Leadership Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
August 27, 2014	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
September 2, 2014	Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
September 4, 2014	Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
September 8, 2014	Office of U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
September 9, 2014	Joint City of Burbank Council and Transportation Commission Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Burbank, CA
September 9, 2014	Burbank-Area Legislative Briefing	Burbank, CA
September 25, 2014	Tribal Information Meeting	Los Angeles County, CA
October 6, 2014	Los Angeles River Cooperation Committee stakeholder organization meeting	Los Angeles, CA
October 16, 2014	Burbank Chamber of Commerce general-interest organization meeting	Burbank, CA
October 27, 2014	USACE, USEPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
November 4, 2014	Burbank and Glendale Transportation Management Organizations Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Burbank, CA
November 12, 2014	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
November 19, 2014	Legislative Briefing: Southern Section	City of Burbank 150 N 3rd Street Burbank, CA
November 19, 2014	City of Burbank Meeting	City of Burbank 150 N 3rd Street Burbank, CA
December 5, 2014	Walt Disney Studios Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Burbank, CA
December 9, 2014	Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
December 8, 2014	Open House	Buena Vista Branch Library 300 N Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA
January 21, 2015	Los Angeles Business Council Institute— Legislative Committee General-Interest Organization Meeting	Los Angeles County, CA



Date	Outreach Activity	Location or Jurisdiction
January 21, 2015	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
January 28, 2015	City of Glendale Agency Staff Meeting	Glendale, CA
February 3, 2015	Burbank City Council Briefing	Burbank, CA
February 7, 2015	Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Stakeholder Organization Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
February 17, 2015	USACE Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
February 17, 2015	U.S. Forest Service Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
February 18, 2015	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
February 19, 2015	Legislative Working Group/Staff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
March 3, 2015	Office of Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
March 4, 2015	Burbank Community Working Group Meeting	Burbank, CA
March 10, 2015	USEPA Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
March 18, 2015	Office of California State Assemblyman Miguel Santiago Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
April 8, 2015	Independent Cities Association—Board of Directors Member Robert Gonzales Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
April 8, 2015	Legislative Working Group/Staff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
April 9, 2015	Legislative Working Group/Staff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
April 15, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
April 21, 2015	USACE, USEPA, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
April 28, 2015	U.S. Forest Service Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
May 1, 2015	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
May 15, 2015	Legislative Working Group/Staff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
May 18, 2015	Open House	Buena Vista Branch Library 300 N Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA
May 19, 2015	U.S. Forest Service Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
May 20, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
May 22, 2015	Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
June 17, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
July 15, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
July 23, 2015	City of Burbank Agency Staff Meeting	275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502
July 29, 2015	City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Agency Staff Meeting	Los Angeles Department of City Planning, Room CH667 200 N Spring Street, Suite 667 Los Angeles, CA 90012



Date	Outreach Activity	Location or Jurisdiction
August 3, 2015	Glendale Concert in the Park*	1621 Cañada Boulevard Glendale, CA 91208
August 5, 2015	Tribal Coordination Meeting with FRA and Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	N/A (conference call)
August 17, 2015	Burbank–Glendale–Pasadena Airport Authority Regular Meeting	Hollywood Burbank Airport
August 20, 2015	Grand Avenue (Los Angeles) Farmers Market	Grand, Downtown Los Angeles: 650 W 5th Street Los Angeles, CA 90071
September 8, 2015	City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
September 16, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
September 22, 2015	City of Glendale Staff Meeting	Glendale City Hall 613 E Broadway, Room 200 Glendale, CA 91205
September 25, 2015	Office of U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
September 25, 2015	Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
October 5, 2015	Office of California Senator Carol Liu Briefing	Los Angeles County, CA
October 21, 2015	Office of Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti Briefing	200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
October 21, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
October 27, 2015	Glendale City Council Briefing	Glendale City Hall 613 E Broadway, #110 Glendale, CA 91206
October 29, 2015	Legislative Working Group/staff Briefing	700 N Alameda Street, Room 3-532 Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 3, 2015	Stakeholder Working Group* #1	Los Angeles River Center & Gardens 570 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90065
November 6, 2015	USACE/USEPA Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
November 10, 2015	Downtown Los Angeles Open House*	LAUS, Fred Harvey Room 800 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 10, 2015	Office of Congressman Xavier Becerra Briefing	350 S Bixel Street Los Angeles, CA 90017
November 16, 2015	City of Glendale Agency Staff Meeting	613 E Broadway Glendale, CA 91206
November 16, 2015	Glendale Open House*	Glendale Adult Recreation Center 201 E Colorado Street Glendale, CA 91205
November 17, 2015	California Endowment General-Interest Organization/Agency Staff Meeting	The California Endowment 1000 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012



Date	Outreach Activity	Location or Jurisdiction
November 18, 2015	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
November 18, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
November 19, 2015	USACE Agency Staff Meeting	Federal jurisdiction
November 19, 2015	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis Briefing	856 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W Temple Street
November 19, 2015	Cypress Park Open House*	Los Angeles River Center & Gardens 570 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90065
December 2–4, 2015	California Transportation Planning Conference	506 S Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90071
December 8, 2015	Reimbursable Agreement with City of Los Angeles	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 8, 2015	Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Mitch O'Farrell Briefing	200 N Spring Street, Room 480 Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 8, 2015	Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar Briefing	200 N Spring Street, Room 465 Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 8, 2015	Office of California State Senator Kevin de León Briefing	1808 W Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90026
December 9, 2015	Los Angeles Department of Transportation Agency Staff Meeting	100 S Main Street, 10th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 10, 2015	The Transit Coalition Event—"Learn About High- Speed Rail Developments"	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 16, 2015	Chinatown Business Improvement District*	Chinatown Business Improvement District 727 N Broadway, Suite 208 Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 16, 2015	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
January 7, 2016	Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Technical Advisory Committee Monthly Coordination Agency Staff Meeting	Southern California
January 11, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
January 20, 2016	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
January 21, 2016	Small Business Workshop—Los Angeles River/Glendale Agency Staff Meeting	Goodwill Southern California 3150 N San Fernando Road Los Angeles, CA 90065
January 28, 2016	Chinatown Business Improvement District Board Presentation*	Far East Plaza 727 N Broadway, Suite 212 Los Angeles 90012
February 8, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
February 9, 2016	Natural Resources Defense Council Working Group Stakeholder Organization Meeting	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
February 17, 2016	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)



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February 19, 2016	University of Southern California American Planning Association and Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapters Presentation General- Interest Organization Meeting	650 Childs Way Los Angeles, CA 90089
February 19, 2016	Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo Briefing	200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
February 19, 2016	Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Mitch O'Farrell Briefing	200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
February 23, 2016	Metro Meet the Primes Exhibit Booth	Los Angeles, CA
February 24, 2016	Focused meeting with Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians	Fernandeño Tataviam Tribal Office 1019 2nd Street, Suite 1 San Fernando, CA 91340
March 1, 2016	Metro's 2016 Active Transportation Summit (Monitor)	Metro Headquarters One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 8, 2016	Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Stakeholder Organization Meeting*	Cypress Park Recreation Center 2630 Pepper Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90065
March 8, 2016	Tribal Coordination Meeting with Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians	N/A (Conference Call)
March 9, 2016	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
March 11, 2016	Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff Briefing	245 E Olive Avenue, #200 Burbank, California 91502
March 11, 2016	Office of California State Senator Carol Liu Briefing	1000 N Central Avenue, Suite 240 Glendale, CA 91202
March 11, 2016	Office of California State Assemblymember Mike Gatto Briefing	300 E Magnolia Boulevard, Suite 504 Burbank, CA 91502
March 14, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
March 16, 2016	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich Briefing	500 W Temple Street, Room 869 Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 16, 2016	City of Los Angeles Agency Staff Meeting	200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 16, 2016	City of Glendale Reimbursable Agreement Agency Staff Meeting	City of Glendale Management Services Conference Room 613 E Broadway Glendale, CA 91206
March 16, 2016	Metro/HSR Monthly Outreach Call	N/A (Conference Call)
March 17, 2016	Elysian Park Riverside Neighborhood Council Meeting*	Allesandro Elementary School (Auditorium) 2210 Riverside Drive Los Angeles, CA 90039
March 21, 2016	Statewide Tribal Listening Session	Redding, CA and via teleconference



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March 21, 2016	Office of Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti Briefing	200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 23, 2016	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich Briefing	500 W Temple Street, Room 869 Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 25, 2016	Statewide Tribal Listening Session	Redding, CA and via teleconference
March 25, 2016	Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff Briefing	245 E Olive Avenue, #200 Burbank, California 91502
March 29, 2016	Statewide Tribal Listening Session	Redding, CA and via teleconference
March 31, 2016	LAUS Master Plan Community Meeting Information Booth*	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 4, 2016	Office of California State Senator Carol Liu Briefing	1000 N Central Avenue, Suite 240 Glendale, CA 91202
April 6, 2016	Glendale/Los Angeles River/Downtown Los Angeles Stakeholder Working Group Meeting #2*	Los Angeles River Center & Gardens 570 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90065
April 7, 2016	Disney Environmentality Employee Luncheon Information Booth	Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale Los Angeles, CA 91201
April 11, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
April 12, 2016	Authority Board of Directors Meeting	800 W Katella Avenue Anaheim, CA 92802
April 13, 2016	Authority/Metro/City of Los Angeles Parking Meeting	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 14, 2016	Southern California Regional Interconnector Project Outreach Meeting	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 19, 2016	Southern California Regional Interconnector Project Branding Meeting	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 22, 2016	Earth Day LA Information Booth	200 N Grand Ave Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 24, 2016	Fiesta Broadway Information Booth*	Downtown Los Angeles Broadway Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 26, 2016	LAUS Parking Coordination	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 28, 2016	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Spring Green Expo Information Booth	700 Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 30–May 1, 2016	Glendale Earth Day Information Booth	Central Park 201 E Colorado Street Glendale, California 91205
May 3–4, 2016	Transit-Oriented Development & Urban Real Estate Conference Information Booth	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012



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May 6, 2016	Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference and General Assembly Information Booth	49-499 Eisenhower Drive La Quinta, CA 92253
May 9, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
May 10, 2016	LAUS Parking—City of Los Angeles and Metro	200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
May 18, 2016	Natural Resources Defense Council Working Group	Los Angeles River Center & Gardens 570 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90065
May 24, 2016	LAUS Parking—City of Los Angeles and Metro	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
June 2, 2016	Link US Scoping Meeting and Open House Information Booth*	One Gateway Plaza 1st Floor Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
June 2, 2016	Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians	N/A (conference call)
June 6–7, 2016	2016 PedsCount! Summit Information Booth	Courtyard Marriott Long Beach Downtown 500 E First Street Long Beach, CA 90802
June 12, 2016	Los Angeles River Ride Information Booth*	Autry Museum 4700 Western Heritage Way Los Angeles, CA 90027
June 13, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
June 17, 2016	LinkUS and LAUS Master Plan Teams Joint Meeting	One Gateway Plaza 15th Floor Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
July 6, 2016	Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park Briefing	Barlow Hospital, Williams Hall 2000 Stadium Way Los Angeles CA 90026
July 11, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
July 13, 2016	Elysian Valley Neighborhood Watch Briefing*	Dickerson Employee Benefits 918 Riverside Drive Los Angeles, CA 9003
July 15, 2016	Los Angeles Conservancy Briefing	523 W Sixth Street, Suite 826 Los Angeles, CA 90014
July 18, 2016	LAUS Master Plan and Link US Teams Meeting	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
July 21, 2016	Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council—Speakers Bureau*	3839 Selig Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90031
July 26, 2016	South Glendale Community Plan Workshop – The Transportation Network in South Glendale— Monitor	Municipal Services Building 633 E Broadway Glendale, CA 91206
July 27, 2016	Los Angeles City Staff Briefing	Los Angeles Department of Transportation 100 S Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012



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July 30–31, 2016	Central Avenue Jazz Festival Information Booth*	4225 S Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90011
August 8, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
August 9, 2016	Burbank City Council—Monitor	275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502
August 13, 2016	Los Angeles River Frogtown Art Walk Information Booth	2828 Newell Street Los Angeles, CA 90039
August 15, 2016	LAUS Master Plan and Link US Teams Meeting	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
August 26, 2016	Office of Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti Briefing	700 N Alameda Street, Room 3-532 Los Angeles, CA 90012
September 1, 2016	Echo Park Improvement Association Presentation	Williams Hall, Barlow Room 2000 Stadium Way Los Angeles, CA 90026
September 8, 2016	Atwater Village Neighborhood Council	Christ's Church of Griffith Park 3852 Edenhurst Avenue Atwater Village, 90039
September 12, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
September 13, 2016	Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Presentation	Palace Theatre 630 S Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90013
September 13, 2016	Burbank City Council Reimbursable Agreement – Monitor	Burbank City Hall 275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502
September 13, 2016	City of Glendale – Staff Briefing	Glendale City Hall 613 E Broadway Glendale, CA 91206
September 15, 2016	Burbank City Manager Briefing	275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502
September 16, 2016	LAUSD Board Member Staff Briefing	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
September 17–18, 2016	Mexican Independence Day—Fiestas Patrias	125 Paseo De La Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
September 19, 2016	Outreach Coordination with Metro—Link US/LAUS Master Plan/HSR	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
October 4, 2016	Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell Briefing	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
October 5, 2016	City of Los Angeles Technical Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
October 10, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
October 11, 2016	Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Briefing	Glassell Park Community & Senior Center 3750 Verdugo Road Los Angeles, CA 90065



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October 13, 2016	CCA Transportation Committee Presentation	CCA Office 626 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90017
October 15, 2016	Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club Teen Summit Exhibit Booth	504 Hilgard Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90095
October 16, 2016	HSR/Metro Outreach Coordination	One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
October 21, 2016	Mobility 21 Exhibit Booth	Disneyland Hotel 1150 W Magic Way Anaheim, CA 92802
October 26, 2016	LA City Proposed Alignments Briefing	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
October 27, 2016	Legislative Staff Briefing and Corridor Tour	700 N Alameda Street, Room 3- 532 Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 2, 2016	Caltrans Innovation Fair	Caltrans District 7 100 S Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 14, 2016	Building Trades Council (Los Angeles County)— Speaker Bureau	1626 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90026
November 14, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
November 15, 2016	Link US Public Meeting Information Booth	Casa Italiana 1051 N Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 15, 2016	Stakeholder Working Group—Downtown Los Angeles/Los Angeles River	Little Tokyo Branch Library 203 S Los Angeles Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 16, 2016	Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee Meeting	Statewide meeting held in Woodland, CA
November 16, 2016	Stakeholder Working Group—Burbank/Glendale	Choong Hyun Mission Church 5005 Edenhurst Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 16, 2016	Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee Presentation	Southern California Institute of Architecture 960 E 3rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90013
November 16, 2016	Our Voices, Our Lives, Our Air: A Conference on Environmental Justice and Air Pollution	The Center at Cathedral Plaza 555 W Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 17, 2016	Construction Management Association of America Transportation Owner Panel Presentation	L.A. Hotel Downtown 333 S Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90071
November 29, 2016	Burbank Open House	Buena Vista Branch Library 300 N Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA 91505



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November 29, 2016	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Briefing	Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 30, 2016	City of Burbank—Burbank Outreach Coordination	Burbank City Hall 275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502
November 30, 2016	City of Los Angeles Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 30, 2016	Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein Briefing	11111 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 915 Los Angeles, CA 90025
November 30, 2016	City of Los Angeles and Authority Meeting— Burbank to Union Station	Los Angeles Department of Transportation CTB Hollywood Conference Room
December 1, 2016	Glendale Open House	Adult Recreation Center 201 E Colorado Street Glendale, CA 91205
December 5, 2016	Downtown Los Angeles Open House	Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 815 E 1st Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 6, 2016	Cypress Park Open House	Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 W Avenue 26 Los Angeles, CA 90065
December 6, 2016	Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety Briefing	Los Angeles Unified School District Beaudry Building 333 S Beaudry Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90017
December 6, 2016	City of Los Angeles Briefing	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 8, 2016	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
December 9, 2016	Arts District Business Improvement District Presentation	La Kretz Innovation Campus 525 S Hewitt Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
December 12, 2016	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
December 13, 2016	California Native American Heritage Commission Meeting	California Native American Heritage Commission Office 1550 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95691
December 16, 2016	City of Los Angeles Briefing	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012



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January 5, 2017	City of Los Angeles Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
January 12, 2017	Downtown LA Women's Center (LA Central Providers Collaborative Meeting)*	Los Angeles Union Rescue Mission Board Room, Skid Row 545 S San Pedro Street Los Angeles, CA 90013
January 19, 2017	Construction Management Association of America Dinner Presentation	Los Angeles, CA
January 26, 2017	Briefing with Office of Senator Anthony Portantino with Vickere Murphy	1000 N Central Avenue, Suite 240 Glendale, CA 91202
January 26, 2017	Briefing with office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman	300 E Magnolia Boulevard, Suite 504 Burbank, CA 91502
February 11, 2017	City of Burbank—Golden State District Information Table	Marriott Hotel Burbank Airport 2500 N Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505
February 17, 2017	Albion Street Elementary School Briefing	322 S Avenue 18 Los Angeles, CA 90031
February 28, 2017– March 1, 2017	US High-Speed Rail Association West Coast Rail Conference	Metro Headquarters One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 1, 2017	La Petite Academy Briefing	750 Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 1, 2017	Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians—Kish Nation Meeting	Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians Tribal Office 910 N Citrus Avenue Covina, CA 91722
March 2, 2017	Super A Foods Community Pop-up*	2925 Division Street Los Angeles, CA 90065
March 5, 2017	626 Golden Streets	1019 Mission Street South Pasadena, CA 91030
March 9, 2017	California Native American Heritage Commission Meeting	California Native American Heritage Commission Office 1550 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95691
March 9, 2017	City of Glendale Office of Mayor Ara Najarian Briefing	613 E Broadway Glendale, CA 91206
March 23, 2017	City of Los Angeles Council District 13 (Office of Mitch O'Farrell) Briefing	Los Angeles City Hall 200 N Spring Street, Room 480 Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 25, 2017	16th Annual Cesar Chavez Celebration*	Pacific Community Center 501 S Pacific Avenue Glendale, CA 91201
March 25, 2017	Grade Separation Information Meeting— Sonora/Grandview/Flower #1*	Glendale Fire Department 780 Flower Street Glendale, CA 91201



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March 27, 2017	Sotomayor Learning Academies (Los Angeles Unified School District) Briefing*	The Studio School 2050 N San Fernando Road Los Angeles, CA 90065
March 27, 2017	Grade Separation Workshop Meeting #2—Chevy Chase/Goodwin*	Pacific Community Center 501 S Pacific Avenue Glendale CA 91204
March 29, 2017	Grade Separation Workshop Meeting #3— Sonora/Grandview/Flower #2*	Glendale Fire Department 780 Flower Street Glendale, CA 91201
April 4, 2017	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
April 12, 2017	Disney Environmentality Fair Information Booth	Disney Glendale Campus 1200 Flower Street Glendale, CA 91502
April 17, 2017	Metrolink Central Maintenance Facility Community Presentation	Dorris Place School 2225 Dorris Place Los Angeles, CA 90031
April 18, 2017	Taylor Yard Homeowners Association Community Presentation	Rio Vista Apartments 515 N San Fernando Road Los Angeles, CA 90065
April 19, 2017	Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts Briefing*	Los Feliz Charter School 2709 Media Center Drive Los Angeles, CA 90065
April 19, 2017	City of Los Angeles Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (District 13) Briefing	200 N Spring Street, Room 480 Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 20, 2017	Spring Green Expo Information Booth	Metropolitan Water District Courtyard 700 Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
April 26, 2017	Seneca Street Neighborhood in Atwater Neighborhood Council—Presentation*	Atwater Village Branch Library 3379 Glendale Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90039
April 30, 2017	Fiesta Broadway—Information Booth*	Downtown Los Angeles S Broadway between 4th and 5th Streets Los Angeles, CA 90013
May 10, 2017	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting—Presentation on Aquatic Resources Delineation	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA
June 13, 2017	Grade Separation Workshop Meeting—Chevy Chase/Goodwin*	Atwater Village, Chevy Chase Recreation Center 4165 Chevy Chase Drive Los Angeles, CA 90039
June 14, 2017	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting—Presentation on Aquatic Resources Impacts	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA
July 15, 2017	Lotus Festival, Echo Park – Information Booth	Echo Park Lake 751 Echo Park Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90026



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July 28, 2017	Alliance Tennenbaum Family Technology High School (only)—Welcome Back! Information Booth	2050 San Fernando Road Los Angeles, CA 90065
August 31, 2017	Union Pacific Railroad Coordination Meeting	19700 Slover Avenue Bloomington, CA
September 13, 2017	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting—Presentation on Hydrology/Water Resources Impacts	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA
October 3, 2017	Atwater NC—HSR Ad Hoc Presentation	Christo Rey Church 4343 Perlita Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90039
December 14, 2017	Transit Coalition High-Speed Rail Developments— presentation by Michelle Boehm	Metro Headquarters, Union Station Conference Room 1 Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
February 14, 2018	USACE Field Tour of Los Angeles River	Los Angeles, CA
March 14, 2018	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting—Preview of Biological Aquatic Resources Technical Report	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA
April 19, 2018	Spring Green Expo—Information Booth	Metropolitan Water District Building Los Angeles Union Station
July 17, 2018	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
July 25, 2018	City of Glendale—One on One (Yasmin Beers, City Manager, and Roubik Golanian, Assistant City Manager—Briefing	Glendale City Hall 624 E Broadway Glendale, CA 91206
July 27, 2018	Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl— Briefing	Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
August 8, 2018	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting—Presentation of Preliminary Preferred Alternative	700 N Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA
August 15, 2018	Legislative Briefing	Metro Headquarters 1 Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
August 23, 2018	Stakeholder Working Group #4—Briefing	Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 W Avenue 26, #100 Los Angeles, CA 90065
September 5, 2018	Community Open House—Burbank	Buena Vista Branch Library 300 N Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA 91505
September 6, 2018	Community Open House—Glendale/Atwater Village	Glendale Adult Recreation Center 201 E Colorado Street Glendale, CA 91205



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September 17, 2018	Community Open House/Live Webcast— Downtown Los Angeles (English/Spanish)	Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 815 E 1st Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
September 26, 2018	Meeting with Hollywood Burbank Airport Staff	Burbank, CA
October 11, 2018	Atwater Village Neighborhood Council—Briefing	Christo Rey Church 4343 Perlita Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90039
October 15, 2018	City of Burbank – Burbank Airport Authority Meeting	Burbank Airport 2627 N Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505
October 18, 2018	Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council— Presentation	Lincoln Heights Senior Center 2324 Workman Street Los Angeles, CA 90031
November 2, 2018	City of Los Angeles—Briefing	Los Angeles City Hall, Room 721 200 N Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
November 13, 2018	Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Presentation	Cypress Park Recreation Center 2630 Pepper Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90065
November 19, 2018	Alliance of River Communities—Briefing	Rio de Los Angeles State Park 1900 N San Fernando Road Los Angeles, CA 90065
December 7, 2018	Glendale Community Center—Information Booth	Glendale Community Center 4322 San Fernando Road Glendale, CA 91204
December 17, 2018	Rio de Los Angeles State Park—Information Booth	Rio de Los Angeles State Park 1900 N San Fernando Road Los Angeles, CA 90065
February 13, 2019	Central City Association Transportation Committee—Presentation	625 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90017
February 13, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
February 28, 2019	National Transit Coalition—Presentation	Metro Gateway Headquarters, Union Station Conference Room 1 Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 13, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
April 10, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
May 8, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
June 12, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
July 10, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
August 14, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
August 28, 2019	City of Los Angeles PEPD Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
September 11, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
September 17, 2019	City of Los Angles Contract Update Meeting	Los Angeles, CA



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September 27, 2019	Meeting with Federal Aviation Administration Staff	FAA Western Pacific Region, Office of the Director 777 S Aviation El Segundo, CA 90245
October 9, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
November 12, 2019	City of Burbank/Burbank Airport Briefing	150 N 3rd St Burbank, CA 91502
November 13, 2019	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
November 14, 2019	City of Burbank Briefing	Burbank City Hall 275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502
December 5, 2019	Union Pacific Railroad Coordination Meeting	California High-Speed Rail Authority Southern California Regional Office 355 S Grand Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90071
December 12, 2019	City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office	Los Angeles, CA
December 13, 2019	City of Los Angeles Council Member Gil Cedillo's Office	Los Angeles, CA
December 19, 2019	Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Transportation Chair Briefing	Village Bakery & Café 3119 Los Feliz Blvd. Los Angeles, 90039
January 27, 2020	North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition JPA Board Briefing	Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) Community Board Room 42210 6th St West Lancaster CA 93534
January 30, 2020	City of Glendale Briefing	Glendale, CA
February 3, 2020	City of Los Angeles Briefing	Los Angeles, CA
February 6, 2020	Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council Briefing	Southern California Association of Governments 900 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017
February 7, 2020	San Antonio Winery – Briefing	San Antonio Winery 737 Lamar St Los Angeles, CA 90031
February 20, 2020	Legislative Briefing	Caltrans, District 7 100 S. Main St, Room 01.041 Los Angeles, CA 90012
February 26, 2020	Stakeholder Working Group #5 – Briefing	Cypress Branch Library 1150 Cypress Ave Los Angeles, CA 90065
February 27, 2020	City of Burbank - Briefing	Burbank City Hall 275 E Olive Avenue Burbank, CA 91502



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March 9, 2020	Burbank Open House	Buena Vista Branch Library 300 N Buena Vista St Burbank, CA 91505
March 11, 2020	Glendale/Atwater Open House	Webcast
March 12, 2020	Los Angeles Open House	Webcast
June 3, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
June 4, 2020	Group Legislative Briefing	Virtual
June 9, 2020	San Antonio Winery Briefing	Virtual
June 10, 2020	Stakeholder Working Group	Virtual
June 10, 2020	Elysian Valley/Riverside Neighborhood Council	Virtual
June 11, 2020	Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades Briefing	Virtual
June 18, 2020	Public Open House	Webcast
June 23, 2020	Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Briefing	Virtual
June 29, 2020	Telephone Town Hall #1	Teleconference
July 1, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
July 7, 2020	Alliance of River Communities Briefing	Virtual
July 8, 2020	Draft EIR/EIS Public Hearing	Webcast
July 20, 2020	Taylor Yard Homeowner Association Presentation	Virtual
August 4, 2020	Section 7 Consultation Meeting with USFWS	Virtual
August 5, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
August 11, 2020	Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Presentation*	Virtual
August 19, 2020	Telephone Town Hall #2	Teleconference
August 19, 2020	Glassell Park Neighborhood Council Presentation*	Virtual
August 25, 2020	Main Street Grade Separation Information Session	Webcast
August 27, 2020	Burbank ADA Committee*	Virtual
September 2, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
October 5, 2020	City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation Briefing	Virtual
October 7, 2020	City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Briefing	Virtual
October 7, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
October 20, 2020	Section 408 Coordination Meeting with USACE	Virtual
October 23, 2020	City of Los Angeles Council Office of Gil Cedillo (District 1) Staff Briefing	Virtual
October 23, 2020	City of Los Angeles Council Office of Kevin de León (District 14) Staff Briefing	Virtual
October 28, 2020	City of Burbank Briefing	Virtual
November 4, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
December 1, 2020	Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena Airport Authority Briefing	Virtual
December 2, 2020	City of Glendale Briefing	Virtual



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December 2, 2020	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
December 3, 2020	100-Acre Partnership (Los Angeles River) Briefing	Virtual
December 8, 2020	State Senator María Elena Durazo Briefing	Virtual
December 14, 2020	City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office Briefing	Virtual
December 15, 2020	San Antonio Winery Briefing	Virtual
January 6, 2021	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
January 7, 2021	SCAG Transportation Committee Meeting Presentation	Virtual
January 12, 2021	City of Burbank Staff Coordination Meeting	Virtual
January 13, 2021	City of Glendale Staff Coordination Meeting	Virtual
February 3, 2021	City of Glendale Briefing	Virtual
February 3, 2021	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
February 9, 2021	Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce	Virtual
March 1, 2021	South Coast Air Quality Management District Coordination Meeting	Virtual
March 3, 2021	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
March 8, 2021	City of Los Angeles Council Office of Mitch O'Farrell (District 13) Staff Briefing	Virtual
March 18, 2021	Burbank Water and Power Coordination Meeting	Virtual
March 19, 2021	Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis Staff Briefing	Virtual
March 23, 2021	Glendale Water and Power Coordination Meeting	Virtual
March 24, 2021	CCA Coordination Meeting	
March 30, 2021	USEPA Coordination Meeting	Virtual
April 7, 2021	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
April 13, 2021	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Coordination Meeting	Virtual
April 14, 2021	Federal Aviation Administration and Burbank- Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Coordination Meeting	Virtual
April 20, 2021	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Coordination Meeting	Virtual
April 30, 2021	Construction Management Association of America Briefing	Virtual
April 30, 2021	Burbank Water and Power Coordination Meeting	Virtual
May 5, 2021	Monthly Regulatory Agency Coordination Meeting	Virtual
May 6, 2021	Lockheed-Martin Coordination Meeting	Virtual
May 14, 2021	City of Burbank Councilperson Nick Schultz Briefing	Virtual
May 26, 2021	Lockheed-Martin and Burbank Water and Power Coordination Meeting	Virtual
June 2, 2021	Metro North County Cities Agency Meeting	Virtual



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June 15, 2021	Lockheed-Martin, City of Glendale, and USEPA Coordination Meeting	Virtual
June 17, 2021	International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association SoCal Briefing	Virtual
August 11, 2021	USACE Project Update Meeting	Virtual
August 17, 2021	USEPA Project Update Meeting	Virtual
August 26, 2021	USACE Coordination Meeting	Virtual

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Asterisk (*) indicates environmental justice-targeted outreach event.

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act

Authority = California High-Speed Rail Authority
Caltrans = California Department of Transportation

CCA = Central City Association

EIR/EIS = Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement

FRA = Federal Railroad Administration

HSR = high-speed rail

LAUS = Los Ángeles Union Station

Metro = Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority

N/A = not applicable

SAA = Supplemental Alternatives Analysis

SCAG = Southern California Association of Governments

U.S. = United States

USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers USEPA = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service