



## **Information California High-Speed Rail BRIEFING: December 16, 2021 Agenda Item #3**

**TO:** Board Chair Richards and Board Members  
**FROM:** LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director  
**DATE:** December 16, 2021  
**RE:** Southern California Update

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### **Summary**

Information item to update the Board of Directors on activities for the Southern California Region.

### **Background**

The Southern California Region of the Phase 1 high-speed rail system spans approximately 164 miles through the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County and Orange County. The Bakersfield to Palmdale section will connect the Central Valley to the Antelope Valley and the Palmdale to Burbank section will connect the Antelope Valley to the San Fernando Valley in the Los Angeles Basin. The Burbank to Los Angeles section will connect two key multi-modal transportation hubs, the Hollywood Burbank Airport and Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS). The Los Angeles to Anaheim section will connect LAUS to the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). Phase 2 of the Southern California region spans approximately 170 miles and will close a major rail gap between the Inland Empire and San Diego.

Key decisions for the program in Southern California have included the Authority acting on funding agreements for the following early investment projects in Southern California:

- \$18 million for the environmental review of the Link Union Station (Link US) project (finalized).
- \$423 million for the Link US Phase A run-through track and station improvements (in progress).
- \$76.7 million to the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project (finalized).

Two recent major milestones for the Southern California Region include the Authority Board approving the Bakersfield and Palmdale Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) in August 2021 and starting the public availability period for the Burbank to Los Angeles Final EIR/EIS in November 2021. Staff anticipates three additional major milestones in 2022 with approval of the Burbank to Los Angeles project section, and release of the Draft EIR/EIS for the Palmdale to Burbank and Los Angeles to Anaheim project sections. This item is intended to provide an overview and background on regional activities ahead of those proposed actions.

## **Prior Related Board Action**

Significant Board Actions related to Southern California include the following:

1. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 12-10** Adoption of Southern California MOU
2. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 13-27** Award of Regional Consultant Contract for Los Angeles to San Diego Project Section
3. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 13-32** Award of Regional Consultant Contract for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section
4. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 15-03** Award of Regional Consultant Contract for Burbank to LA-Anaheim Project Section
5. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 15-07** Award of Regional Consultant Contract for Palmdale to Burbank Project Section
6. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 16-03** Agreement with LA Metro for LAUS Planning
7. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 17-13** Approval of Rosecrans Marquardt Funding Plan
8. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-18** Preferred Alternative for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section
9. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-19** Preferred Alternative for Palmdale-Burbank Project Section
10. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-20** Preferred Alternative for Burbank-LA Project Section
11. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-21** Preferred Alternative for the LA-Anaheim Project Section
12. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 20-01** Approval of Link Union Station Funding Plan
13. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-05** CEQA Certification of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)
14. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-06** Approve the Preferred Alternative Bakersfield to Palmdale Section
15. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-07** CEO Issues Record of Decision for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Preferred Alternative

## **Discussion**

This information item provides an update on activities in the Southern California Region. The presentation will include:

1. Introduction to the Southern California Team and Region
2. An overview of the 4 Project Sections including outreach efforts and partnerships
  - a. Bakersfield to Palmdale
  - b. Palmdale to Burbank
  - c. Burbank to Los Angeles
  - d. Los Angeles to Anaheim
3. Bookend Investments
  - a. LINK US, Los Angeles Union Station
  - b. Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation, Santa Fe Springs
4. Updates on the status of the environmental process for Palmdale to Burbank, Burbank to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to Anaheim
5. Next Steps

## **Legal Approval**

The Legal Office has reviewed, and this item complies with Authority policy.

## **Budget and Fiscal Impact**

This is an informational item on the Southern California Region, and by itself, does not have a budget or fiscal impact.

<b>REVIEWER INFORMATION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
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**Recommendations**

This is an informational item.

**Attachments**

Presentation