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California High-Speed Rail Project – San Jose to Merced Project Section

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the **Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** for the **San Jose to Merced Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project**.

The San Jose to Merced Project Section Final EIR/EIS and associated documents will be available to the public on Friday, February 25, 2022. The Final EIR/EIS will be available online in PDF at the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov), or you can request an electronic copy by calling (800) 455-8166.

The Authority's website also contains the previously released Draft EIR/EIS (published April 24, 2020, under CEQA and NEPA), Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS (published April 23, 2021, under CEQA and NEPA), and the Executive Summary of the Final EIR/EIS. The Executive Summary is available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese.

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Final EIR/EIS will be available at the following locations, during hours the facilities are open (open days/hours may be reduced for compliance with coronavirus public health and safety directives):

- Santa Clara—2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051 (Central Park Library)
- San Jose—150 E. San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95112 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library)
- Gilroy—350 W. 6th Street, Gilroy, CA 95020 (Gilroy Library)
- Los Banos—1312 7th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635 (Los Banos Branch Library)
- Merced—2100 O Street, Merced, CA 95340 (Merced County Library) and 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340 (Merced County Clerk)
- Morgan Hill—660 W. Main Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 (Morgan Hill Library) and 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 (Morgan Hill City Hall, Development Services Department)
- San Benito—440 5th Street #206, Hollister, CA 95023 (San Benito County Recorder)

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Final EIR/EIS and electronic copies of associated technical reports are also available for review during business hours at the Authority's Northern California Regional Office at 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95113 and the Authority's Headquarters at 770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please contact the Authority at (800) 455-8166 to make arrangements to view these documents.

The Final EIR/EIS is being made available to the public and public agencies pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to Authority decisions at the conclusion of this project level environmental review.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by NEPA and applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by the State of California pursuant to 23 United States Code 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 23, 2019, and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the State of California. Under that MOU, the Authority is the project's lead agency under NEPA. Prior to the July 23, 2019, MOU, the FRA was the federal lead agency. The Authority is also the project's lead agency under CEQA.

AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING on April 20 and April 21, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, the Authority's Board of Directors meeting for the Final EIR/EIS may take place as an online and/or video/teleconference meeting only. Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) or call (800) 455-8166 for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned meeting.

The Authority's Board of Directors will hold a two-day meeting, on April 20 and April 21, 2022, to consider whether to certify the Final EIR/EIS and approve the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4, which includes the San Jose Diridon Station as modified by the Diridon design variant, existing rail corridor upgrades between San Jose and Gilroy, a downtown Gilroy station, the South Gilroy maintenance-of-way facility, dedicated high-speed rail infrastructure through the Pacheco Pass as modified by the tunnel design variant, and dedicated high-speed rail infrastructure continuing across the San Joaquin Valley to connect to the Central Valley Wye), pursuant to CEQA. The Authority's Board of Directors, in the Authority's role as NEPA lead agency, will also consider whether to direct the Authority's Chief Executive Officer to issue a Record of Decision for the San Jose to Merced Project Section selecting the Preferred Alternative. Documents and materials supporting the Authority Board of Directors' proposed actions will be available prior to the meeting on the Board's web page at <https://hsr.ca.gov/about/board-of-directors/schedule/>.

The Authority does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. People with sensory disabilities may contact the Authority by phone or via the Authority website to request accessibility support. Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate. For translation services, or special needs, please call (800) 455-8166.

If you have questions or need assistance locating copies of documents, please email us at san.jose_merced@hsr.ca.gov or call the California High-Speed Rail Authority office at (800) 455-8166.

Para ver este Aviso de Disponibilidad (NOA) en español, visite el sitio web de la Autoridad en: <https://hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental-planning/project-section-environmental-documents-tier-2/san-jose-to-merced-project-section-draft-environmental-impact-report-environmental-impact-statement/>

如要阅读本 NOA 的简体中文版, 请访问高铁局网站: <https://hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental-planning/project-section-environmental-documents-tier-2/san-jose-to-merced-project-section-draft-environmental-impact-report-environmental-impact-statement/>

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