



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

**August 18, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda
Item #9 Interagency Agreement with
Caltrans for Wasco SR46 Grade
Separation Improvement Project**

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Consideration

- Provide approval for the execution and funding of a new Interagency Agreement with Caltrans for the Wasco State Route (SR) 46 Grade Separation Improvement Project
- The work completed under this Interagency Agreement will fulfill Authority's obligation per the Settlement Agreement with Kern County, executed in January 2017.

Background

Kern County Settlement Agreement -
January 17, 2017

Authority's Obligations per Agreement, Section 5.1.a SR 46 Underpass:

- The SR46 Underpass shall be widened to four lanes, two in each direction from F Street to SR 43/J Street
- Reconstruct Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) grade separation.

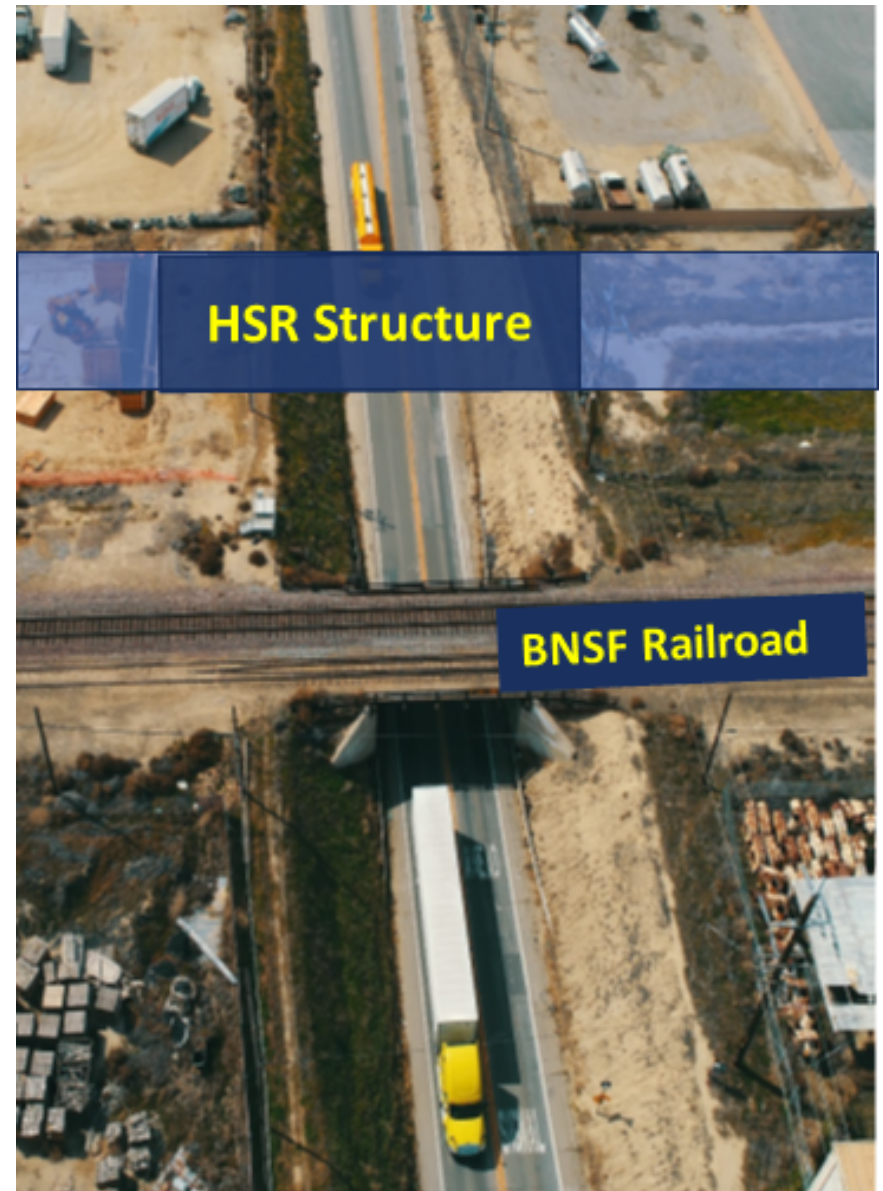




- Caltrans is separately developing a safety roundabout project at the intersection of SR 46 and SR 43/J Street, within the SR46 widening project limits.
- Partnering with Caltrans has led to an opportunity to reduce the risk associated with the completion of the two projects separately by transferring the remainder of the SR 46 Grade Separation Improvement Project to Caltrans.

Scope of Work

- Completion of SR 46 roadway design package.
- Acquisition of all Right-Of-Way necessary for the project.
- Management of Third-Party Agreements, utility design, and relocations. (Except PG&E's electrical facilities).
- Construction of SR 46 widening, new BNSF Underpass, pump station, and associated drainage.



Schedule and Budget

Proposed Schedule:

- » Agreement Begin Date - September 2022, (When approved by all parties)
- » Caltrans will immediately begin design finalization and ROW/Utility work.
- » Begin Construction - April 2025.
- » Agreement End Date - July 30, 2028

Budget:

- » Caltrans performed work - \$ 77,000,000
- » Includes \$24 M in RAISE Grants awarded to Authority in November 2021.

FUTURE AGREEMENTS

- A separate agreement with the Authority, USDOT (FHWA) and Caltrans is currently being negotiated to outline the commitments on deliverables and reporting requirements for the RAISE Grant. Caltrans will act as the lead agency for deliverables and reporting.
- Authority is negotiating a reimbursement agreement with the City of Wasco for the demolition of the former Wasco Farmworker Housing facility.



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Questions?