

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: California High-Speed Rail Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Draft EIR/EIS

Lead Agency: California High-Speed Rail Authority

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City: Sacramento

Zip: 95814

County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Kern, Los Angeles

City/Nearest Community: Bakersfield, Tehachapi, Mojave, Rosamond, Lancaster, Palmdale

Cross Streets: Please see attached page

Zip Code: Various

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: Approx. 80 miles

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various

Section: Various Twp.: Various Range: Various Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 58, 14, 204, 178, 184, 202, 138

Waterways: Kern River, East Side Canal, Caliente, Clear, Tweedy, Tehachapi, Amargosa, and Oak Creeks, Los Angeles Aqueduct

Airports: Tehachapi Municipal, Pontius Airport, Palmdale Regional

Railways: UPRR

Schools: Various

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☒ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☒ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ ☒ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☒ Other: Public Works

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ ☒ Transportation: Type High-Speed Rail
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Power: Type _____ MW
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
☐ Educational: _____ ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____ ☐ Other: _____
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☒ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Other: EMI/EMF

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Various (urban [industrial, commercial, and residential], rural residential, agricultural, and undeveloped).

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached page.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6,7,9</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5,6</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4,5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Please see attached page</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 28, 2020 Ending Date April 13, 2020

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: February 29, 2020

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT TRANSMITTAL

Project Title

California High-Speed Rail Project, Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section

Project Location, Cross Streets

The northern project terminus is in the City of Bakersfield at the intersection of 34th and L Streets (latitude/longitude: 35°23'25.90"N and 119° 0'58.97"W). The southern project terminus is in the City of Palmdale, terminating at Spruce Court, just past the Palmdale Station (latitude/longitude: 34°33'47.8" N, -118°6'55.4"W).

Project Description

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) certified a Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) (Tier 1) in November 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California High-Speed Rail (HSR) system planned to provide a reliable, high-speed, electric-powered rail system that links the major metropolitan areas of the state and that delivers predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as increases in intercity travel demand in California occur, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources. Based on the Program EIR/EIS, the Authority selected preferred corridors and station locations to advance for additional study. The Authority has prepared a Draft EIR/EIS that further examines the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section at the project level (Tier 2), within Kern and Los Angeles counties. The proposed project is construction and operation of a grade-separated, dedicated double-track, electric powered, passenger, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail, high-speed railroad between Bakersfield and Palmdale, including a station in Bakersfield (approved by the Authority under CEQA in October 2018 and under NEPA in November 2019) and a station in Palmdale.

The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is approximately 80 miles in length and traverses valley, mountain, and high desert terrain, as well as urban, rural, and agricultural lands. From the north, this project section begins at the approved Bakersfield Station and travels south and southeast through the Tehachapi Mountains, then descends into the Antelope Valley, where it terminates at the proposed Palmdale Station.

REVIEWING AGENCIES CHECKLIST—OTHER

California Environmental Protection Agency
California Geological Survey
California Health and Human Services Agency
California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
California Transportation Agency
California Transportation Commission
Cal OES, Governor's Office of Emergency Services