

Submission 886 (Sandra Adams, April 1, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #886 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/1/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/1/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

886-995

Our town does NOT want your HSR in our city nor anywhere that impacts us. This is an expensive boondoggle, creating wealth for cronies of the state while impacting communities like ours negatively. It will be of no benefit to us at all so we do not want it.

Response to Submission 886 (Sandra Adams, April 1, 2021)

886-995

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section and does not identify which CEQA and NEPA issues are not addressed in the EIR/EIS. CEQA requires a final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 934 (Kimberly Amparan, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #934 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Last Name : Amparan
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
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State : CA
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Email : Kimamp@sbcglobal.net
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

934-1104

There's a reason my husband and I selected this area more than 20 years ago. It's small and quiet. Those in government need to listen to those who are in the minority who don't want their community to be part of this high speed rail road. If we wanted big city and easy access to LA we would have moved in a different area years ago.

Response to Submission 934 (Kimberly Amparan, April 12, 2021)

934-1104

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 975 (Christie Anderson, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #975 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Christie
Last Name : Anderson
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 661-505-3198
Email : Heartnmynde@yahoo.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

975-1226

I'm not in favor of high speed rail going through Tehachapi. This is a terrible idea. No one even rides the train. I love this town and hate to see it dissipated by this. Thank you.

Response to Submission 975 (Christie Anderson, April 12, 2021)

975-1226

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 876 (Anonymous, March 4, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #876 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/9/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/4/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : anonymous
Last Name : anonymous
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (661) 247-3976
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

876-982 | Just wanted to let you know that this Bakersfield to Palmdale is about the stupidest thing anybody's ever come up with and it needs to be stopped and stop wasting the taxpayer dollars, good bye

Response to Submission 876 (Anonymous, March 4, 2021)

876-982

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 937 (Anonymous, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #937 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : anonymous
Last Name : anonymous
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (818) 631-8263
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

937-1107

This message is purely to convey my disgust with the entire situation. Inefficiently wasting billions of dollars, seemingly having no plan, no clear direction, management oversight to build something that, to the best of my knowledge, nobody wants or cares about. Absolute waste of time, money. Purely just convinced developers, everybody is just stealing taxpayer dollars and we're probably gonna end up nowhere while you take people's land, push through communities, just all for your own private gains. You should be appalled and disgusted with yourselves. Stop this madness.

Response to Submission 937 (Anonymous, April 5, 2021)

937-1107

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 942 (Anonymous, April 6, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #942 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/6/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : anonymous
Last Name : anonymous
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (951) 907-5619
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

942-1113

If you're if you are trying to get everybody to hang up before you started talking in 15 different languages, it didn't work. You know what? You can take your High-Speed Rail and you can shove it up your ass because it's costing billions of dollar and all you're doing is putting it in your fucking pocket. You're a bunch of fucking whores. You're a bunch of fucking whores.

Response to Submission 942 (Anonymous, April 6, 2021)

942-1113

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 949 (Anonymous, April 11, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #949 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/11/2021
Interest As : Business and/or Organization
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : anonymous
Last Name : anonymous
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (661) 822-7406
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

949-1123 | Oh thank you just a short comment. (inaudible) to Tehachapi that's gone back and forth to Bakersfield about 20
 949-1124 | years or so. Also a graduate degree in physical geography. Uh the sedimentary rock that's basically in the
 949-1125 | Tehachapi path really would not support the high-speed rail. It's barely supporting just the freight trains that
 949-1126 | come up and down. There's about 20 freight trains every 24 hours. Also, I have a master's degree and I have a
 thesis Pacific electric railway that did not pay for itself and its demise is early 1960s. And then thirdly I don't see
 any mention about the all the freight trains that run up and down from Bakersfield all the way to the east coast
 probably. What's gonna happen with all the freight trains? My experience with Amtrak traveling Amtrak is they
 would pull the passenger trains over to a siding and allow the freight trains to pass through. Freight trains were
 given priority. So that's about it. I just don't think it's safe um it's not solid granite coming out of Bakersfield to
 Tehachapi it's loose sand conglomerate rock sedimentation that shifts with frost, ice, even earth movement if
 we ever had an earthquake. So I think it's not a good of an idea plus not that many people are gonna be going
 from LA to San Francisco anyway. Thank you, bye.

Response to Submission 949 (Anonymous, April 11, 2021)

949-1123

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern about the geology in the Tehachapi area. Section 3.9 of this Final EIR/EIS provides an evaluation of the impacts of the project related to geology, soils, seismicity, and paleontological resources, and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section was divided into three subsections based on geomorphology for the purposes of that assessment. The Tehachapi Mountains Subsection is one of those subsections. Section 3.9.5.3 of this Final EIR/EIS acknowledges that there are areas of difficult excavation within the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, and that the segment of the alignment in the Tehachapi Mountains may require deep cuts into bedrock in this terrain. Impact GSS #4 describes the construction methods that would be used in these areas of difficult excavation, and GEO-IAMF #1 and GEO-IAMF #10 would be applied to minimize geologic constraints and risks associated with difficult excavation. With implementation of those IAMFs, the impact from difficult excavations would be less than significant under CEQA.

949-1124

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter posits that the Pacific Electric Railway, a now-defunct mass transit system in Southern California, did not pay for itself. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Response to Submission 949 (Anonymous, April 11, 2021) - Continued

949-1125

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about freight train traffic interfacing with Amtrak. It is true in many areas of existing track, Amtrak and freight trains share rail and often freight rail has priority. However, the HSR system would be constructed on new, dedicated electrified rail often alongside existing rail, including in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, where the dedicated electrified rail would run parallel to existing Metrolink and/or UPRR tracks through Edison, near Keene, in Tehachapi, and through Lancaster and Palmdale. Freight trains will not use the high-speed rail tracks.

CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

949-1126

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about the geology and sedimentation within the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, particularly from Bakersfield to Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 949-1123, contained in this chapter.

Submission 959 (Anonymous, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #959 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : anonymous
Last Name : anonymous
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (661) 972-5418
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

959-1136

Hi uh I'm just calling in to say that I don't believe that this uh rail line should be put in through our town and I know that not everybody in Tehachapi feels that way but I think you people need to find a better solution than uh cutting through the town and tearing out the beautiful mountain scenery that we have. That would be a really good thing for uh Tehachapi. Thank you

Response to Submission 959 (Anonymous, April 12, 2021)

959-1136

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter is concerned about visual impacts to the mountain scenery in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 867 (nancy austin, March 1, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #867 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/1/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/1/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Project Email
First Name : nancy
Last Name : austin
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State :
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone :
Email : nancyaustinsue@live.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
, Press Releases
Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

867-974 | Please stop the destruction of the loss of wildlife, soon nothing will be left, all have a right to live in peace,
Humans have caused so much pollution and loss, please help..

Thank you
Ms. Nancy Austin

Response to Submission 867 (nancy austin, March 1, 2021)

867-974

The commenter requested that destruction of wildlife stop. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

The commenter also states that humans have caused much pollution. An assessment of the environmental effects associated with the proposed project is described in this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are also provided. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

Submission 911 (Tuesday Baker, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #911 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/7/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/7/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Project Email
First Name : Tuesday
Last Name : Baker
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State :
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone :
Email : b_tuesday@yahoo.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

911-1045 | Hello, I am writing you today to inform you that the residents of Tehachapi oppose the plan for the HSR. To who can we address our concerns to? Thank you.

Tuesday Baker

Response to Submission 911 (Tuesday Baker, April 7, 2021)

911-1045

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

Questions regarding the HSR project should be directed to the Authority at the project hotline (866-300-3044) or via the project email (Bakersfield_Palmdale@hsr.ca.gov).

The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section. CEQA requires a final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 889 (Wendy Barrett, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #889 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Wendy
Last Name : Barrett
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 661-316-8386
Email : wbarrett@pbvUSD.k12.ca.us
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

889-999

The High Speed Rail Authority's lack of a mitigation plan for the impact of the rail on the city of Tehachapi shows that the concerns of residents and city representatives are not being taken seriously. This report does not address any of the suggestions made by city planners to address the impact to the people who live in our city. People in our town are not asking that the rail project be abandoned, but that the negative impacts to Adventist Hospital and two residential neighborhoods be addressed. Please consider and address the mitigation strategies suggested by our city engineer and employ every possible action to assist the people who will be affected by the rail. Act in good faith to the people in our community who will have NO benefits from this project and are only asking that their property and peaceful way of life not be destroyed.

Response to Submission 889 (Wendy Barrett, April 5, 2021)

889-999

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the Authority has not considered the concerns expressed by Tehachapi residents or city representatives. The Authority has met with the City of Tehachapi regularly during project scoping and development, as documented in Chapter 9 of this Final EIR/EIS. Additionally, the Authority provided responses to the comment letter submitted by the City during the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS, and met with the City on March 17, 2021 to discuss those responses ahead of the release of this Final EIR/EIS. For full responses to the City's comments, refer to Comment Submission 741, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS and the City's comment letters on the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS (Submissions 866 and 872). The comments and responses to comments associated with Submission 741 can be found in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS. The comments and responses to comments associated with Submissions 866 and 872 can be found in Chapter 32 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about impacts to the Adventist Hospital in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the effect the HSR project could have on Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-65, contained in Chapter 22 of this

889-999

Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 910 (Samantha batea, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #910 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/7/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/7/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Samantha
Last Name : batea
Professional Title : Homeowner at ash village in tehachapi that will be affected by the train
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 6612211690
Email : irishangel877@yahoo.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

910-1044

Hi I'm wondering if you guys are going to buy out the homes of the people that do want to move out of the ash village area in tehachapi ? Because with no sound barrier then our houses are going to be supper affected by the noise ! It's 1 desible from hearing loss well i have kids what are we expected to just say hey kids sorry it is so loud but hey we got a high speed train going through here that don't even help us in any way at all . and what about safety of these kids in the neighborhood? My grandpa was here since right after world war 2 , my mom was here 62+ years and I was here 31 plus years and honestly we will be leaving our home because of this train going so close . so I feel you guys should either put in the sound barrier or buy the people out of their homes because it will not be beneficial to live here without the sound barrier. And believe me when I say without that sound barrier you will be affectong so much here in tehachapi ! And so many lifes will be affected over here on ash village and sarounding areas

Response to Submission 910 (Samantha batea, April 7, 2021)

910-1044

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about safety with regards to children in the community. The alignment would be elevated on embankment through the Tehachapi area, reducing the potential for pedestrian or vehicle access or collision with the train. Refer to Response to Comment 963-1170, contained in this chapter, for safety-related discussion concerning derailments. Refer to Section 3.11, Safety and Security, of this Final EIR/EIS, for further information related to safety of the HSR system.

Submission 952 (Cheryl Bay, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #952 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Cheryl
Last Name : Bay
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address : 1085 Voyager Dr.
Apt./Suite No. : #1646
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : (661) 401-3103
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

952-1128 | My name is Cheryl Bay. My address is 1085 Voyager Dr. #1646, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Phone number is 661-
 401-3103. I'm totally against the bullet train. We live in a fragile environment we had over 700 fires in California
 952-1129 | last year. In 1952, this town was almost leveled by an earthquake. Not that long ago we had a massive
 mudslide. You're going through land that is fragile, you're right next to a hospital. If something happened at the
 952-1130 | hospital at the same time that a natural disaster was occurring that affected the train it would be an outright
 total disaster for all the community. I can't believe that in the middle of a pandemic, this is the only response
 952-1131 | time that we've had. We're still reeling from a pandemic. The noise level I'm against, the proximity to the
 hospital. Tehachapi has enough noise from the trains that already come through without doing 20 more. Also
 952-1132 | you haven't offered prices to the people that are gonna be displaced. I have one friend who is not only gonna
 be displaced but his work is also gonna be displaced. 80 families not knowing how much they're gonna be paid
 952-1133 | for their land and there not being enough housing here in Tehachapi. It's an absurd proposition. Absolutely no
 to the bullet train. It's already exceeded costs and you're already backing out on your word to provide a sound
 barrier that's supposed to decrease the sound. That's so telling how much more you'll break your words along
 the way when we haven't even broken ground and I hope you're not able to.

Response to Submission 952 (Cheryl Bay, April 12, 2021)

952-1128

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

952-1129

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns regarding the fragility of the land in the project area and the potential for natural disasters to occur. Section 3.9 of this Final EIR/EIS provides a comprehensive discussion of geology, soils, seismicity, and paleontological resources in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section and does acknowledge the existence of discrete areas of moderately expansive soils and collapsible soils, as well as other geologic hazards such as land subsidence. Section 3.9.6.3 evaluates the direct and indirect impacts of geology, soils, seismicity and paleontology. In specific, Impact GSS #1 discusses encountering unstable soils during construction. With implementation of GEO-IAMF#1 and GEO-IAMF#10, the impact would be less than significant under CEQA.

With regards to the potential of natural disasters to occur, Section 3.11 of this Final EIR/EIS provides a comprehensive discussion of safety and security as it relates to the construction and operation of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, including discussion of the potential for the Project Section to be affected by natural disasters like seismic events or extreme weather conditions. In addition, as discussed in Section 3.11.1, HSR operation would follow safety and security plans developed by the Authority in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, including a Safety and Security Management Plan, a Safety Program Plan, an Emergency Management Plan and a Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Plan, a Threat and Vulnerability Assessment and Preliminary Hazard Analysis, and a Fire and Life Safety and Security Plan and System Security Plan. The comment expresses the commenter's views on the HSR project, but does not address an environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS. No change has been made to the document in response to this comment.

Response to Submission 952 (Cheryl Bay, April 12, 2021) - Continued

952-1130

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern about the length of the comment period. CEQA and NEPA both require a Draft EIR/EIS, respectively, be made available for public and agency review and comment for at least 45 days. Due to the uncertainty caused by the outbreak of COVID-19, the Authority chose to extend the public review period of the Draft EIR/EIS an additional 15 days, to end on April 28, 2020. The Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS that was released to public review between February 26 and April 12, 2021, was limited to new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, and only comprised a relatively small amount of new information. This comment does not address the sufficiency of the Draft EIR/EIS or the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS nor does it suggest edits to the document. No change has been made to the document in response to this comment.

952-1131

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns regarding noise impacts in Tehachapi from train operation. Refer to Response to Comment 741-69, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The comment expresses concern related to noise impacts to the Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Hospital. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Response to Submission 952 (Cheryl Bay, April 12, 2021) - Continued

952-1132

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-04: General Information on the Right-of-Way and Relocation Processes for Residential and Business Displacements.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern regarding displacement within the City of Tehachapi and the availability of replacement housing. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS. Also refer to BP-Response-GENERAL-04 for general information on the Right of Way and Relocation processes for residential and business displacements.

952-1133

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns related to noise impacts and sound barriers, but does not provide specificity as to which sound barrier they may be referring. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 930 (Nancy Beavers, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #930 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

930-1096 | I am against the HSR, High Speed Rail, coming through the town of Tehachapi. The negative impact on
930-1097 | citizens taxpayers, wildlife, and the noise pollution will destroy this town. Why does the HSR not go through
930-1098 | Teton Ranch where only the cattle are disturbed vice homes destroyed, hospitals tore down, peace and quiet
destroyed. The feral wild herd of horses that live in the hills of Tehachapi, over 100 yrs old of native horses,
there habitat destroyed. How many lives must you destroy for your ridiculous rail to go to Palmdale of all fricken
places. Shame on you.

Response to Submission 930 (Nancy Beavers, April 12, 2021)

930-1096

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. The Authority is committed to mitigating significant impacts to the extent feasible and will work with state and federal wildlife agencies throughout the construction period. The HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment.

The commenter also states that noise pollution introduced by the HSR would destroy Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

930-1097

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter asks why the HSR Build Alternatives do not go through Teton Ranch. Refer to Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.3.12, Range of Potential Alternatives Considered and Findings of this Final EIR/EIS, for a detailed discussion of alternatives considered, alternatives withdrawn from further consideration, the reasons for their withdrawal, and alternatives ultimately carried forward in the EIR/EIS analysis. Additionally, Table 2-4 of this Final EIR/EIS summarizes the previous and current alternatives and lists reasons for the withdrawal of alternatives.

In response to one statement made in this comment, there are no hospitals that would be displaced by the project.

930-1098

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to wild horses. Wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. The HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment.

Submission 973 (Misty Benavides, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #973 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

973-1224

To Whom it May Concern,I am a citizen who lives in Ashe Village, one of the neighborhoods that will be devastated by the section of the high speed rail that is proposed to run through the beautiful city of Tehachapi. My neighbors and I are outraged that you have shown no concern or consideration for how the loud destructive train will negatively impact our everyday life. People in our community can not afford to lose their homes or to relocate. The train offers no benefits to Tehachapi or its' residents. The high speed rail project is going to destroy our beautiful mountain community, just so people higher up can make a huge profit and pad their pockets at our expense. The project is not cost effective and offers no real benefits for travelers since plane tickets are a more cost effective option. As a result of this project, neighborhoods are going to be destroyed, families are going to be displaced, property value is going to drop drastically, and tax payers are ultimately going to pay an extremely high price just to have their city destroyed. Communities where this project has already been imposed are suffering from the long term impacts of loosing their land and the devastation that it has caused on the appearance and value of the community. This project is a horrible idea and it should not be allowed to happen. I hope someone comes to their senses before they destroy a beautiful mountain area. Tehachapi residents want to see the area preserved for future generations. Please stop the high speed rail from destroying a beautiful community and start thinking about the little people for once. This project makes absolutely no sense! Please do not destroy our neighborhoods and homes!
 Signed,Concerned Citizen

Response to Submission 973 (Misty Benavides, April 12, 2021)

973-1224

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

As discussed in Section 1.2.4.1, Travel Demand and Capacity Constraints, of this Final EIR/EIS, California's population is growing and, unless new transportation solutions are identified and implemented, traffic will become more congested and airport delays will continue to increase. The proposed HSR system would provide lower passenger costs than air travel for the same city-to-city markets and offer service competitive with automobile travel. It would increase mobility while reducing air pollution, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels and protecting the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It would promote sustainable development in the areas near the stations, in comparison to existing trends. By moving people more quickly and at lower cost than air travel, the HSR system would boost California's productivity and enhance the economy. See the discussion under Section 1.2, Purpose and Need for the High-Speed Rail System and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, in this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

973-1224

Submission 978 (Amarilla Blondia, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #978 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

978-1229 | I initially voted for this project- being from Europe high speed rail is a standard mode of transportation. However, how this project has been carried out has been beyond sub-par. Now, this rail authority continues to throw good money after bad with the Burbank-Palmdale-Bakersfield section.

978-1230 | This line corresponds to an existing Metrolink line that is underutilized and money losing endeavor in its existing service route. There is insufficient demand to justify this route, the environmental impacts to the unique geological and biological are not outweighed by the non-existent benefit for this line and the majority of residents along this route do not support it.

Please show some common sense and fiscal responsibility and cancel the Burbank-Palmdale- Bakersfield line and focus on the main line LA-SAC. If demand every reaches the cost-ROI for this route it can always be added.

Response to Submission 978 (Amarilla Blondia, April 12, 2021)

978-1229

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

978-1230

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about ridership. As discussed in Section 1.2.4.1, Travel Demand and Capacity Constraints, of this Final EIR/EIS, California's population is growing and, unless new transportation solutions are identified and implemented, traffic will become more congested and airport delays will continue to increase. The proposed HSR system would provide lower passenger costs than air travel for the same city-to-city markets and offer service competitive with automobile travel. It would increase mobility while reducing air pollution, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, and protecting the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It would promote sustainable development in the areas near the stations, in comparison to existing trends. By moving people more quickly and at lower cost than air travel, the HSR system would boost California's productivity and enhance the economy. See the discussion under Section 1.2, Purpose and Need for the High-Speed Rail System and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, in this Final EIR/EIS.

CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 915 (Kathlene Bowman, April 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #915 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/8/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/8/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

915-1060 | I would like to voice my issues with the lack of HSR mitigation in Tehachapi. I have friends and family members
915-1061 | who will be adversely affected by this, and your lack of noise mitigation to the Arabian Estate and Ashe Village
neighborhoods is disturbing. You rerouted for the Chavez center, but you won't reroute for humans living
in a community? Furthermore, the construction will absolutely destroy our roads (Dennison in particular), so
mitigation for our existing infrastructure is also needed.

Response to Submission 915 (Kathlene Bowman, April 8, 2021)

915-1060

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter suggests that the HSR alignment was rerouted for the Nuestra Señora Reina de La Paz/César E. Chávez National Monument (La Paz) and should be rerouted for the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-75, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

915-1061

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the project will destroy the roads in the City of Tehachapi and that mitigation is required to reduce the impact to the City's existing infrastructure. As shown on Figure 3.2-3, Burnett Road and Dennison Road are proposed as a temporary haul route for construction trucks. As discussed in Section 3.2 of this Final EIR/EIS, TR-IAMF#1 Protection of Public Roadways during Construction requires post-project pavement restoration on affected roadways to restore them to their pre-project conditions. Therefore, impacts on existing roads, such as Dennison Road, would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

Submission 948 (Patricia Brant, April 10, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #948 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/10/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

948-1119 | Yes my name is Patricia Brant I live in Tehachapi. 20405 Calle Verde Court my phone number is 818-808-
948-1120 | 3453. And I'm calling because I'm concerned about the train project going through here. Not only am I
948-1121 | concerned because you're going to be tunneling through mountains that I mean we've had a railroad around
948-1122 | here for 150 years and they couldn't get through them that's why they have the Tehachapi Loop. But to make it
so close to the hospital, not only is that going to be a physical barrier but you think of the sound factors and
everything else for people who are sick and needing to get sleep. Not only that this is a small town and I don't
know why you just couldn't have stayed to the original plan upon the I-5. I find it really kinda weird that you're
demolishing an Amtrak station in Wasco (inaudible) to make way for a high-speed rail. Anyway, for the price
that you guys are putting into this, you could just pay out the taxpayers all the money and they could just get a
roundtrip air ticket for a heck of a lot cheaper and a lot less money that what this high-speed rail is gonna be. I
think it's something that you guys really need to reconsider. I would really like to see it on the ballot to get
revote so it doesn't happen.

Response to Submission 948 (Patricia Brant, April 10, 2021)

948-1119

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern over tunneling in the Tehachapi area, but does not provide specific concerns. Section 3.9 of this Final EIR/EIS provides an evaluation of the impacts of the project related to geology, soils, seismicity, and paleontological resources, and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section was divided into three subsections based on geomorphology for the purposes of that assessment. The Tehachapi Mountains Subsection is one of those subsections. Section 3.9.5.3 of this Final EIR/EIS acknowledges that there are areas of difficult excavation within the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, and that the segment of the alignment in the Tehachapi Mountains may require deep cuts into bedrock in this terrain. Impact GSS #4 describes the construction methods that would be used in these areas of difficult excavation, and GEO-IAMF #1 and GEO-IAMF #10 would be applied to minimize geologic constraints and risks associated with difficult excavation. With implementation of those IAMFs, the impact from difficult excavations would be less than significant under CEQA.

948-1120

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter is concerned about potential noise impacts at the Adventist Hospital. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

948-1121

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern about the alignment and the impacts to an Amtrak Station in Wasco. Please refer to BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives for further information regarding the development of alternative alignments, including those originally proposed along the I-5 corridor. The Authority acknowledges the commenter's concerns regarding the Amtrak Station in Wasco; however, the City of Wasco is within the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section and was not evaluated in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Final EIR/EIS.

Response to Submission 948 (Patricia Brant, April 10, 2021) - Continued

948-1122

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern about the project's funding and how that could be used on other modes of transportation. As described in Section 1.1.1 of Chapter 1 of this Final EIR/EIS, in establishing the California High-Speed Rail Authority, the California Legislature found that the state's existing transportation facilities were insufficient to meet the needs of the state's existing population, that the state's population and the travel demands of its citizens would continue to grow, and that the development of an HSR system is a necessary and viable alternative to automobile and air travel in the state. As stated in further detail in Section 1.2.4, the need for an HSR system exists both statewide and on a regional level. The capacity of California's intercity transportation system is insufficient to meet existing and future travel demand. The current and projected future system congestion will continue to result in deteriorating air quality, reduced reliability, and increased travel times.

CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 924 (Heinz Brehm, April 10, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #924 DETAIL

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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

924-1087
924-1088

costs, but since we the taxpayers have a stake in the success of this project, it should be considered. Perhaps a new vote is needed to take another look at this project in light of the advent of self-driving cars and an automated highway system. Add the fact that many L.A.-S.F. business trips have been replaced by "zoom" calls, the reasons and ridership projections for the bullet train are now on shaky ground. If the CHSRA wants to maintain any level of public support for this project it needs to listen to the people it serves.

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

- 924-1084 | The California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is about to enact an injustice upon the city of Tehachapi and I would like to express my opposition to a major failure of the CHSRA to uphold its end of the "bargain" to address objections to the project by the City of Tehachapi. This communication is a response to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS) for the Bakersfield to Palmdale section.
- 924-1085 | The issue is noise and visual pollution to the areas of Tehachapi known as the Ashe Village neighborhood and the Arabian Estate. The bullet train will "daylight" from a tunnel near the new \$100 million Adventist Medical Center, gain altitude and cross over both Highway 58 and the railway tracks on its route into the wind farm area and to Lancaster/Palmdale. The bullet train will loom elevated 30 feet above these two neighborhoods. The CHSRA's mitigation plan calls for simply providing double pane windows to the residents of the area. This is totally unacceptable, renegeing a sound wall promise previously negotiated by the city.
- 924-1086 | This lack of mitigation measures will result in instant blight to this part of the city. The CEQA document of some 2,500 pages becomes a farce as everything but the real issues are addressed by "boilerplate" and gobbledegook. We hear of concerns over butterfly migrations and dangers to wildlife but the human element is ignored. What a joke, what a waste!
- 924-1087 | One of the things I remember from my Urban Planning curriculum is that "elevated depresses, depressed elevates." What this means is that projects that stick up out of the ground, like many of the freeways that were built in the 60's and 70's, would literally cut cities in half, creating both visual and noise pollution and a decline of the neighborhoods thus affected. When freeways (or railroads) are placed in trenches they do not disrupt the flow of traffic, greatly reduce noise, and become assets to the cities they serve.
I propose the CHSRA consider trenching the bullet train route after exiting the tunnel near the Medical Center and tunneling under Highway 58, remaining trenched and tunneling under the railroad tracks. This would affect

Response to Submission 924 (Heinz Brehm, April 10, 2021)

924-1084

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern that the Authority has not addressed objections to the project by the City of Tehachapi. The Authority has met with the City of Tehachapi regularly during project scoping and development, as documented in Chapter 9 of this Final EIR/EIS. Additionally, the Authority provided responses to the comment letter submitted by the City during the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS, and met with the City on March 17, 2021 to discuss those responses ahead of the release of this Final EIR/EIS. For full responses to the City's comments, refer to Comment Submission 741, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

924-1085

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

In response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and ongoing discussions with the City, the sound barrier analysis has been updated for all barriers within the section. According to the updated analysis, Sound Barrier No. 7 along the east side of the HSR alignment footprint between Arabian Drive and E Tehachapi Blvd is both feasible and reasonable. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter expresses concern that the Authority has not addressed objections to the project by the City of Tehachapi. The Authority has met with the City of Tehachapi regularly during project scoping and development, as documented in Chapter 9 of this Final EIR/EIS. Additionally, the Authority provided responses to the comment letter submitted by the City during the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS, and met with the City on March 17, 2021 to discuss those responses ahead of the release of this Final EIR/EIS. For full responses to the City's comments, refer to Comment Submission 741, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Response to Submission 924 (Heinz Brehm, April 10, 2021) - Continued

924-1086

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the lack of noise mitigation would have a blighting effect. In response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and ongoing discussions with the City, the sound barrier analysis has been updated for all barriers within the section to utilize a cost per benefitted receptor allowance of \$95,000. According to the updated analysis, Sound Barrier No. 7 along the east side of the HSR alignment between Arabian Drive and E Tehachapi Blvd is both feasible and reasonable. Additionally, refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS for a discussion of blighting due to noise impacts in Tehachapi.

924-1087

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about impacts related to community division and visual and noise impacts in Tehachapi.

Refer to Response to Comment 741-78, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS for a discussion of community division in Tehachapi.

Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS for a discussion of blighting due to visual and noise impacts in Tehachapi.

Refer to Response to Comment 945-1142, contained in this chapter, for a discussion of the alternatives selection process.

Response to Submission 924 (Heinz Brehm, April 10, 2021) - Continued

924-1088

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about changes to ridership due to increasing remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic. As discussed in Section 1.2.4.1, Travel Demand and Capacity Constraints, of this Final EIR/EIS, California's population is growing rapidly and, unless new transportation solutions are identified and implemented, traffic will become more congested and airport delays will continue to increase. The proposed HSR system would provide lower passenger costs than air travel for the same city-to-city markets and offer service competitive with automobile travel. It would increase mobility while reducing air pollution, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels, and protecting the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It would promote sustainable development in the areas near the stations, in comparison to existing trends. By moving people more quickly and at lower cost than air travel, the HSR system would boost California's productivity and enhance the economy. See the discussion under Section 1.2, Purpose and Need for the High-Speed Rail System and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, in this Final EIR/EIS.

CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 962 (Aila Brown, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #962 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

962-1164 | This is Aila Brown 22101 Park Drive, Tehachapi, California (661) 477-5872 and I personally feel that the high-speed rail is detrimental to Tehachapi and the entitlement.

Response to Submission 962 (Aila Brown, April 12, 2021)

962-1164

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 925 (Jesse Brumberger, Individual, April 10, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #925 DETAIL	
Status :	Action Pending
Record Date :	4/10/2021
Affiliation Type :	Individual
Submission Date :	4/10/2021
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Submission Method :	Website
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Email Subscription :	
Add to Mailing List :	No
EIR/EIS Comment :	
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :	

Greetings,

925-1142 I understand the need for improved public transport, infrastructure and environmental/auto traffic efficiency. I also realize the practical necessity of running the High-Speed line through Tehachapi Pass in order to have east-west transportation. That being the case, it is then the responsibility of the HSR program to ensure that the line will not unduly degrade the quality of towns and regions through which it will pass. In this specific case, that basically means that the line must be enclosed or underground full-length as it passes through Tehachapi.

925-1143 The predicted 20 high-speed trains per day would clearly generate intrusive and persistent noise and vibration across this valley - no matter what types of rails, wheels or suspensions are used. In addition, above-ground tracks would necessarily divide the town, interrupting roads and cutting off neighborhoods in addition to those interruptions Tehachapi already bears from the freight line and Route 58.

925-1144

925-1145 Lastly, it doesn't take a political genius to realize that your project would face much less opposition if Tehachapi were to be given a small station and be guaranteed that at least perhaps 25% of the runs would have an (on-demand) stop here! If we're going to bear the negative externalities as well as sharing the tax burden of the HSR system, it would only be fair to be able to ride on it as it goes by. With about 20,000 potential customers in the greater Tehachapi area, including limited stops here would also be common sense.

Response to Submission 925 (Jesse Brumberger, Individual, April 10, 2021)

925-1142

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's suggestion that the alignment should be enclosed or underground as it passes through Tehachapi is acknowledged. Undergrounding the alignment through Tehachapi would increase constructability issues, construction costs, and right-of-way acquisitions. Refer to Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.3.12, Range of Potential Alternatives Considered and Findings of this Final EIR/EIS, for a detailed discussion of alternatives considered, alternatives withdrawn from further consideration, the reasons for their withdrawal, and alternatives ultimately carried forward in the EIR/EIS analysis. Additionally, Table 2-4 of this Final EIR/EIS summarizes the previous and current alternatives and lists reasons for the withdrawal of alternatives.

925-1143

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about noise impacts. Refer to Impacts N&V #3 and N&V #5 in Section 3.4.6 if this Final EIR/EIS for detailed analysis of operational noise and vibration impacts. Based on the current analysis in Section 3.4.7, Mitigation Measures, of this Final EIR/EIS, Sound Barrier No. 7 and Sound Barrier No. 8 would both be constructed, as they were found to be acoustically effective and reasonable or cost-effective. Sound barrier mitigation would be designed to reduce the exterior noise level from HSR operations from severe to moderate, according to the provisions of the FRA noise and vibration manual (FRA 2012) and Figure 3.4-1 of this Final EIR/EIS. As it relates to both sound barriers, The final length of each sound barrier will be determined during final design. The minimum barrier lengths that would provide the necessary noise reduction to reduce noise impacts to less than severe have been presented in Section 3.4.7 of this Final EIR/EIS, but those could be expanded during final design.

925-1144

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about the potential for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Build Alternatives to divide the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-78, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Response to Submission 925 (Jesse Brumberger, Individual, April 10, 2021) - Continued

925-1145

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter requests a station in the City of Tehachapi, stating that the benefits of a station would balance negative impacts of the high-speed rail passing through Tehachapi. Refer to the 2005 Statewide Programmatic EIR/EIS for discussion of station site selection. As stated in Section S.2, station sites were considered in key population centers in order to: maximize ridership and revenue potential; maximize intermodal connections with other transportation facilities; maximize compatibility with existing and planned land uses; minimize travel time to be competitive with other modes of travel; and minimize operating and capital costs. Nearby stations in Bakersfield and the Antelope Valley would serve the population of Tehachapi.

Submission 927 (Jesse Brumberger, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #927 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

Greetings, I am emailing as a resident of Tehachapi to comment on the HDR plans for routing through Tehachapi Pass.

927-1146 | I understand the need for improved public transport, infrastructure and efficiency. I also realize the practical necessity of running the High-Speed line through Tehachapi Pass in order to have east-west transportation. That being the case, it is then the responsibility of the HSR program to ensure that the line will not unduly degrade the quality of towns and regions through which it will pass. In this specific case, that basically means that the line must be completely enclosed or underground as it passes through Tehachapi. The predicted 20

927-1147 | high-speed trains per day would clearly generate intrusive and persistent noise and vibration across this valley - no matter what types of rails, wheels or suspensions are used. In addition, above-ground tracks would

927-1148 | necessarily divide the town, interrupting roads and cutting off neighborhoods in addition to those interruptions Tehachapi already bears from the freight line and Route 58.

927-1149 | Lastly, it doesn't take a political genius to realize that your project would face much less opposition if Tehachapi were to be given a small station and be guaranteed that at least perhaps 25% of the runs would have an (on-demand) stop here! If we're going to bear the negative externalities as well as sharing the tax burden of the HSR system, it would only be fair to be able to ride on it as it goes by. With about 20,000 potential customers in the greater Tehachapi area, it's also common sense.

Jesse Brumberger Tehachapi, CA

Response to Submission 927 (Jesse Brumberger, April 12, 2021)

927-1146

Refer to Response to Comment 925-1142, contained in this chapter.

927-1147

Refer to Response to Comment 925-1143, contained in this chapter.

927-1148

Refer to Response to Comment 925-1144, contained in this chapter.

927-1149

Refer to Response to Comment 925-1145, contained in this chapter.

Submission 882 (Key Budge, March 30, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #882 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/30/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/30/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

882-987 | I can't believe you refuse to address noise issues for neighborhoods in Tehachapi. It is unacceptable that the
882-988 | attitude of the HSR is tough, thanks for voicing your concerns but we don't care. You have been irresponsible
882-989 | with the funding and planning not to mention designing as you go. You are minimizing the quality of life for the
882-990 | Tehachapi neighborhoods. I believe you are picking on those that have less or are not wealthy enough to have
a voice. HSR is criminal with the abuse of public funds and not addressing issues in the CEQA and NEPA. No
one else could build a project in California with these carefree standards.

Response to Submission 882 (Key Budge, March 30, 2021)

882-987

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

882-988

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment presents the commenter's opinion on the HSR project. CEQA requires a final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

882-989

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project minimizing the quality of life in Tehachapi neighborhoods. Refer to Response to Comment 741-65, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

882-990

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment presents the commenter's opinion on the HSR project and does not identify which CEQA and NEPA issues are not addressed in the EIR/EIS. CEQA requires a final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 896 (Michael Butela, March 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #896 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

896-1003

Yes, I would I sent to me a revised draft of the Palmdale uh and my name is Michael A Butela, at post office box 2488, Cypress, California 90630. Thank you.

Response to Submission 896 (Michael Butela, March 5, 2021)

896-1003

Per the commenter's request, the Authority emailed the commenter to acknowledge his request and to direct him to website for electronic versions. On March 16, 2021, the Authority followed up with the commenter to ask if he would like copies mailed. The commenter confirmed that website versions satisfied his request.

Submission 894 (Maragret Cabrera, March 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #894 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/8/2021
Interest As : Individual
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

894-1001

I'd like a copy. My name is Margaret Cabrera 931 E 21st Street, 93305 here in Bakersfield. My number is 327-1759. Thank you. Margaret Cabrera C-A-B-R-E-R-A. 931 East 21st Street, Bakersfield, California 93305.
Thank you.

Response to Submission 894 (Maragret Cabrera, March 8, 2021)

894-1001

The commenter requested a copy of an unspecified document. On March 16, 2021, the Authority followed up with the commenter, who indicated she was not interested in receiving a copy of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS but rather wanted to know if there will be any impacts to her property. She requested a map showing her property in reference to the alignment. The Authority shared with her that information for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is also available on the Authority's website; however, the commenter stated she does not have access to a computer and would rather receive information via mail (snail mail). Per the commenter's request, on April 5, 2021, the Authority sent the map showing the alignment.

Submission 883 (Jennifer Carey, March 31, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #883 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/31/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/31/2021
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

883-991

We have a small but flourishing community Rosamond, and your rail bisects the town. The rail will disrupt our quiet country town. We don't want it here. There's no need for the rail to come through the desert, people want a fast rail that does not stop, along the coast. Get it out of Rosamond!!

Response to Submission 883 (Jennifer Carey, March 31, 2021)

883-991

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the proposed project would bisect and disrupt the community of Rosamond. Please refer to the discussion of Impact SO #1, Impact SO #2, and Impact SO #17 in this Final EIR/EIS regarding impacts to community cohesion and physical division. The project includes features that will minimize impacts. For example, the implementation of SOCIO-IAMF#2 (Compliance with Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act) and SOCIO-IAMF#3 (Relocation Mitigation Plan) would minimize the potential for construction to permanently disrupt community cohesion or divide existing communities, such as Rosamond. The project also includes features such as grade-separated crossings that will improve connectivity on some communities.

The commenter also states that people do not want to travel through the desert, but rather want to travel along the coast. The Tier 1 2005 Final Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Proposed California High-Speed Train System considered a coastal corridor alternative from San Jose to Los Angeles (Authority and FRA 2005). The coastal corridor was eliminated from consideration because of challenging and sensitive geography, particularly along the coast between San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles, which resulted in a longer route, highest projected capital costs when compared to the SR-99 alternative, and highest potential impacts on cultural resources, visual impacts, property displacement, as well as the most steep slopes compared to other Tier 1 alternatives. The coastal corridor alternative did, however, have lower potential impacts on threatened and endangered species and water resources than some inland corridor options.

Submission 888 (Susan Casterline, April 4, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #888 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/4/2021
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Submission Date : 4/4/2021
Interest As : Individual
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, Central Valley, Construction Updates General
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

888-998 | CA should seriously consider this investment vs value, seems like much more urgent needs to repair current infrastructure and this path via Tehachapi is especially not a smart move as it will not even stop there and exactly how much demand is there for the price tag? Environmentally what is this saving vs cost? Seems like a good deal for the contractors and not the in the best interest of the communities?

Response to Submission 888 (Susan Casterline, April 4, 2021)

888-998

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter questions how the cost of investment compares to the value. Chapter 5 of the Revised 2020 Business Plan discusses costs and funding opportunities for the HSR project. The estimated cost at completion of the Central Valley Segment is \$13.8 billion. Projected funding available is estimated to be \$12.9 to \$15.4 billion (Authority 2020). The estimated cost to complete the Central Valley Segment closely aligns with the projected funding availability, which is dependent on the availability of future Cap-and-Trade funding.

The commenter questions the environmental benefit of the project. As discussed in the Final EIR/EIS, the benefits of the HSR system include reduced VMT, reduced energy use for transportation, and reduced air pollution from transportation sources, including reduced emissions of GHGs (see Final EIR/EIS Section 3.2, Transportation, Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, and Section 3.6 Public Utilities and Energy).

Submission 956 (Robert Castro, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #956 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

956-1135

My name is Robert A. Castro. I would like a copy of the Bakersfield to Palmdale project section and the mailing address is Post Office Box 537, Edison, CA 93220. The house that's gonna be affected, physical address is 6002 General Beal Rd. just about half a mile north of State Route 58 at General Beal Rd. My question is what are gonna be the mitigating requirements of the high-speed rail to reduce or control the noise when it's going by residential house in particular? Again the address is 6002 General Beal Rd. half a mile north of State Route 58 on General Beal Rd. And my name is Robert A. Castro. C-a-s-t-r-o. Thank you very much, I will try to get online. I'm not very familiar with this but I'm gonna try to get online to get a copy of this. The last I heard was that the whole project had been cancelled for a long while. I guess it's picked up again. Thank you very much.

Response to Submission 956 (Robert Castro, April 12, 2021)

956-1135

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-02: Public Outreach on the Draft EIR/EIS.

The commenter requested a copy of an unspecified Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section document. Given that the request was received on the final day of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS comment period, the Authority attempted to contact the commenter to satisfy the commenter's request. To date, the Authority has not received a response from the commenter regarding what document he was requesting.

The commenter also expresses concern regarding noise impacts on residential properties. The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-69 and 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 947 (Raymond and Margaret Close, April 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #947 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/8/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Raymond and Margaret
Last Name : Close
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (661) 747-0468
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

947-1118

Por favor señorita no español. We live in Tehachapi. Raymond and Margaret Close. We don't see why you're going to continue on with the High-Speed Rail through Tehachapi because of the environmental impacts and you're not even making a stop here. So it's not, that doesn't mean anything to us so go around a different way please.

Response to Submission 947 (Raymond and Margaret Close, April 8, 2021)

947-1118

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

This comment suggests the HSR project is not benefiting the City of Tehachapi and should be routed elsewhere.

Refer to BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives and Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.3.12, Range of Potential Alternatives Considered and Findings of this Final EIR/EIS, for a detailed discussion of alternatives considered, alternatives withdrawn from further consideration, the reasons for their withdrawal, and alternatives ultimately carried forward in the EIR/EIS analysis. The alternatives analysis process evaluated design options within individual alternatives in order to isolate concerns and to screen and refine the overall alternative to avoid key environmental issues or improve performance. The alternatives that were not carried forward had greater direct and indirect environmental impacts, were impracticable, or failed to meet the project purpose. While the alternatives analysis process considered multiple criteria, the project objective to maximize the use of existing transportation corridors and available rights-of-way to the extent feasible was emphasized as a method of minimizing impacts caused by creating an entirely new linear transportation corridor.

The commenter expresses concern about impacts to the City of Tehachapi, but does not state explicitly which environmental impacts to which they are referring. The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but

947-1118

does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 954 (Gordon Cruise, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #954 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Comment Form
First Name : Gordon
Last Name : Cruise
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address : Arabian Drive
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (805) 338-3644
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

954-1134

Yes, my name is Gordon Cruise and I live on Arabian Drive and I heard about this high-speed rail after we sunk a lot of money into our house on Arabian Drive and now, you're talking about you know, domain. I have no idea why Tehachapi, the City of Tehachapi would sell out the people that live here in this town for high-speed rail that doesn't do nothing for us. I just don't understand why. I mean here is a high-speed rail that makes all this noise coming through a small town. This whole town has turned into a joke, pure joke and now that I put this money into this house and now you sold me out for who knows what. I don't understand this, how could you do this to the people who live in, you know the City of Tehachapi. I mean I'm in the City. And not to mention that the hospital and the airport and the everybody else who lives around me and the business that are over off of Goodrich. How dare the City! Dare them! If anybody ever asks me to what I think of the City of Tehachapi, I'd tell them run, run, run, run. Your better off moving anywhere else but here. Thank you! Idiots.

Response to Submission 954 (Gordon Cruise, April 12, 2021)

954-1134

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-04: General Information on the Right-of-Way and Relocation Processes for Residential and Business Displacements.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern regarding noise impacts and property displacements in the City of Tehachapi. The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about impacts to the Adventist Hospital in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Also refer to BP-Response-GENERAL-04 for general information on the Right of Way and Relocation processes for residential and business displacements.

Submission 940 (Eric Dalquist, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #940 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Eric
Last Name : Dalquist
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address : 27643 Yardley Way
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Valencia
State : CA
Zip Code : 91354
Telephone : (661) 917-5895
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

940-1109 | Yes, my name is Eric Dalquist 27643 Yardley Way, Valencia, CA 91354 661-917-5895. Um my comment is I
940-1110 | don't think the rail should come out of the tunnel to Tehachapi near the hospital. Um also, since I voted yes on
this, you were supposed to have been done by 2020. Um why don't we lay some track and get going. Um total
boondoggle for contractors. Thank you.

Response to Submission 940 (Eric Dalquist, April 5, 2021)

940-1109

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment expresses concern related to noise impacts to the Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Hospital. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

940-1110

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The Authority is proceeding with project development and construction in accordance with the 2020 Business Plan, which is available for review on the Authority's website at <https://www.hsr.ca.gov>.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 960 (Lindsay Davis, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #960 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Lindsay
Last Name : Davis
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 6612209255
Email : lindsayreneephotog@gmail.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

960-1161

This highly impacts our home, our family, also our business. Not only is it a huge eyesore, enormous noise nuisance, the construction busyness that will impact our daily lives, wear and tear on our streets that is paid for by our tax dollars that will not be compensated by fixing or rebuilding any damage, and the huge impact of our choice to live in a off-grid community. And this personally runs at the end of our property. Please do not run through our area and beautiful small town community.

Response to Submission 960 (Lindsay Davis, April 12, 2021)

960-1161

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter states the HSR project will be an eyesore. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-69 and 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter states that the project will destroy the roads in the City of Tehachapi and that mitigation is required to reduce impact to the City's existing infrastructure. Figure 3.2-3 of this Final EIR/EIS identifies temporary haul routes for construction trucks. As discussed in Section 3.2 of this Final EIR/EIS, TR-IAMF#1 Protection of Public Roadways during Construction requires post-project pavement restoration on affected roadways to restore them to their pre-project conditions. Therefore, impacts on existing roads would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

The commenter also states that construction activity will impact their daily lives. Chapter 3 of the Draft and Final EIR/EIS include analysis of construction-related and operations impacts, and identifies mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than significant, where feasible.

Submission 966 (Robert Dixon, McDixon Ranch, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #966 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Robert
Last Name : Dixon
Professional Title : Co Owner
Business/Organization : McDixon Ranch
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 805-331-3066
Email : Mcdixonranch@gmail.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

- 966-1177 | Although we are outside of city limits, we will still be affected by noise, and no mitigation efforts will do anything for us. The wind carries, and the mountains reflect the noise straight up to our horse ranch.
- 966-1178 | I am not completely anti HSR, but see no benefit to our community, especially without a station stop here. I am not even sure I like the idea if you were to add Tehachapi as a stop. We are a quiet mountain community, and like it that way.
- 966-1179 | This project seems to me a colossal waste of money, now throwing good money after bad. With other transportation industries/carriers struggling to recover from the pandemic, do we really need another? Do the people of Merced really need to visit Palmdale in a big hurry? How many times has Amtrak had to be bailed out, and don't get me wrong, I love Amtrak if it goes somewhere I need to go!

Response to Submission 966 (Robert Dixon, McDixon Ranch, April 12, 2021)

966-1177

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Section 3.4 of this Final EIR/EIS for a detailed analysis of noise impacts. In response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and ongoing discussions with the City, the sound barrier analysis has been updated for all barriers within the section to utilize a cost per benefitted receptor allowance of \$95,000, which makes Sound Barrier No. 7 along the east side of the HSR alignment footprint between Arabian Drive and E Tehachapi Blvd both feasible and reasonable. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-69 and 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

966-1178

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

Additionally, the commenter states that the project would not benefit the community. As discussed in Section 3.12 of the Final EIR/EIS, project-related construction jobs would benefit the economies within the region. Also, the benefits of the HSR system include reduced VMT, reduced energy use for transportation, and reduced air pollution from transportation sources, including reduced emissions of GHGs (see Final EIR/EIS Section 3.2, Transportation, Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, and Section 3.6 Public Utilities and Energy).

The commenter's dissatisfaction with the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Response to Submission 966 (Robert Dixon, McDixon Ranch, April 12, 2021) - Continued

966-1179

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

As discussed in Section 1.2.4.1, Travel Demand and Capacity Constraints, of this Final EIR/EIS, California's population is growing and, unless new transportation solutions are identified and implemented, traffic will become more congested and airport delays will continue to increase. The proposed HSR system would provide lower passenger costs than air travel for the same city-to-city markets and offer service competitive with automobile travel. It would increase mobility while reducing air pollution, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels and protecting the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It would promote sustainable development in the areas near the stations, in comparison to existing trends. By moving people more quickly and at lower cost than air travel, the HSR system would boost California's productivity and enhance the economy. See the discussion under Section 1.2, Purpose and Need for the High-Speed Rail System and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, in this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 871 (William Dohr, March 2, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #871 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/2/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/2/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : William
Last Name : Dohr
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (661) 335-0559
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

871-977

Yeah my name is William Dohr, phone number (661) 335-0459. I'd like for someone to tell me how you are going to get a high-speed rail between Bakersfield and Palmdale going over the mountains. I've never heard such God damn (inaudible) in my life. Get rid of the God damn governor up there, kick his ass out of office.

Response to Submission 871 (William Dohr, March 2, 2021)

871-977

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter asks how the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section will traverse the mountains. As discussed in Chapter 2 of this Final EIR/EIS, due to the challenges related to topography and elevation change through the Tehachapi Mountains segment of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, high bridge structures and tunnels would be used to maintain the maximum 2.8 percent grade for high-speed train operations. For additional detail on the proposed construction methods, refer to Chapter 2 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section. CEQA requires a final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. § 1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 922 (Patricia Dull, April 9, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #922 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/9/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/9/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Patricia
Last Name : Dull
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 6613317874
Email : pinkytoes48@gmail.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

922-1079

If we don't get a stop!! We DO NOT need, what or wish to have this disrupting our peaceful lives here in Tehachapi. I did not vote for it and don't want it.

Response to Submission 922 (Patricia Dull, April 9, 2021)

922-1079

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 958 (Kimberly Dwight, Business name, if applicable, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #958 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Kimberly
Last Name : Dwight
Professional Title :
Business/Organization : Business name, if applicable
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Palmdale
State : CA
Zip Code : 93550
Telephone : 6614782770
Email : jdwright@aol.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

958-1160

This is just a terrible idea. Total waste of money and people's lives, homes, enjoyment. The High Speed Rail will be used by very few, hated by many. Destroys our enjoyment of our lifestyle. Who actually wants this thing! I've NEVER ever heard one good thing about it or one person say it will be good for anything. Take a plane if you're in such a hurry. Don't destroy everything in your path.

Response to Submission 958 (Kimberly Dwight, Business name, if applicable, April 12, 2021)

958-1160

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

As discussed in Section 1.2.4.1, Travel Demand and Capacity Constraints, of this Final EIR/EIS, California's population is growing and, unless new transportation solutions are identified and implemented, traffic will become more congested and airport delays will continue to increase. The proposed HSR system would provide lower passenger costs than air travel for the same city-to-city markets and offer service competitive with automobile travel. It would increase mobility while reducing air pollution, decreasing dependence on fossil fuels and protecting the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It would promote sustainable development in the areas near the stations, in comparison to existing trends. By moving people more quickly and at lower cost than air travel, the HSR system would boost California's productivity and enhance the economy. See the discussion under Section 1.2, Purpose and Need for the High-Speed Rail System and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, in this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 891 (Mark Foster, March 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #891 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Mark
Last Name : Foster
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address : 208 9th Avenue N
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Sauk
State : MN
Zip Code : 56379
Telephone : (320) 248-1518
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

891-1010

Transcribed voice message text:

Hello my name is Mark Foster my address is 208 9th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, 56379. I own property in Kern County. I got notification of the high-speed rail. I would like to get a map of where the proposed railway or whatever you are trying to do out there is. I'd appreciate it if you'd send it. If you need to contact me by phone my number is (320) 248-1518 you can leave a message cuz a lot of times I can't answer because I drive an over the road truck. Thank you

Response to Submission 891 (Mark Foster, March 12, 2021)

891-1010

Per the commenter's request, the Authority emailed the commenter to acknowledge his request and to direct him to website for electronic versions. The Authority followed up with the commenter to ask if he would like copies mailed. The Authority mailed a copy of the project section map on April 5, 2021.

Submission 870 (Mark Fox, March 1, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #870 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/2/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/1/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Mark
Last Name : Fox
Professional Title :
Business/Organization : 30150 Starland Drive
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : (213) 309-6222
Email : Fox.Mark@outlook.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
, Press Releases
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

870-976 | Hi my name is Mark Fox and I want to get some copies or a copy of the of two of the technical reports of the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Specifically the Community Impact Assessment and the Relocation Impact Report. My phone number is (213) 309-6222 and if you can e-mail it it's Fox.Mark@outlook.com that's F-O-X.M-A-R-K@outlook.com Thank you, bye.

Response to Submission 870 (Mark Fox, March 1, 2021)

870-976

Per the commenter's request, a USB flash drive containing the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Community Impact Assessment and the Relocation Impact Report was mailed on March 10, 2021 to the address provided. The Authority provided access to the technical reports upon request. Electronic media containing these documents were made available, free of charge, to anyone who requested them in writing or via the project hotline.

Submission 986 (Anissa Gomez, April 13, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #986 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/13/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/13/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Anissa
Last Name : Gomez
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
Address :
Apt./Suite No. :
City : Tehachapi
State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone :
Email : nissa.g94@gmail.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

986-1279

The plans for the train to go through Tehachapi are not ideal in any way. You will destroy not only the quiet town feel we strive for but you will be changing so much for the animals that live up here.

Response to Submission 986 (Anissa Gomez, April 13, 2021)

986-1279

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the high-speed rail would have noise impacts in the City of Tehachapi, and would have impacts to animals (commenter does not specify wildlife or livestock). Refer to Response to Comment 741-65, in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS, for a discussion of impacts to quality of life in the Tehachapi Valley. Refer to Section 3.7 for analysis of impacts to animals resulting from the B-P Alternatives. Refer to Response to Comment 777-315, in Chapter 25 of this Final EIR/EIS, for a discussion of impacts to wildlife movement and connectivity.

Submission 920 (Deborah Hand, City of Tehachapi, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #920 DETAIL

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Record Date : 4/8/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/7/2021
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Deborah Hand
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P.S. In my opinion, HSR should have been built where the traffic is: LA to Las Vegas, with a stop in Palmdale; LA to San Diego, with a stop in Anaheim. It's not too late!

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

I'm a former Mayor of the City of Tehachapi, and I'm attaching an article I wrote in 2012 for the Tehachapi News. Nothing has changed since then. You're still planning to put HSR through Tehachapi, without at least giving us a station or taking our town into account.

920-1137

I still object to your plan for HSR for several reasons. We have a high noise level in this valley from the train and Hwy 58. The sound bounces off the mountains to the point where there is already a dull roar anywhere in the city. Churches, performance venues and some of our other businesses are already affected by this. Adding HSR noise, the worst of all, could make it unbearable to live here.

920-1138

The plan to take it behind the hospital and across the Arabian Way neighborhood is another unthinkable one. Coming out of a tunnel by the hospital is a terrible idea, then crossing in front of the only neighborhood in the city of Tehachapi to allow horses? Are there earplugs for horses? This is a quiet rural community -- quiet except for the highway and the train.

920-1139

Even with a station I would be against this project. But to subject this community to this infringement on the peace and well-being of our city is our worst nightmare.

920-1140

As an alternative, you could run it up the Grapevine and over Avenue D to Lancaster. Put the station at the junction of D and Hwy14.

Please don't destroy our community! By the time it is built, it will be old technology, anyway.

Response to Submission 920 (Deborah Hand, City of Tehachapi, April 7, 2021)

920-1137

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the sound from high-speed trains will result in high levels of noise in the City. Refer to Impacts N&V #3 and N&V #5 in Section 3.4.6 of this Final EIR/EIS for detailed analysis of operational noise and vibration impacts. Also refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

920-1138

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states concerns about impacts to a hospital in the Tehachapi area, presumably the Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Hospital. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter also states that the HSR project would affect horses in the area. Impact AG #4: Temporary Noise and Vibration Impacts to Adjacent Farm Animals and Impact AG #12: Permanent Operations—Noise Impacts to Grazing Animals that Would Lead to Conversion of Important Farmland in Section 3.14 of this Final EIR/EIS analyze construction and operations impacts to farm animals.

920-1139

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Response to Submission 920 (Deborah Hand, City of Tehachapi, April 7, 2021) - Continued

920-1140

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concern about the alignment and the impacts to an Amtrak Station in Wasco. Please refer to BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives for further information regarding the development of alternative alignments, including those originally proposed along the I-5 corridor.

920-1141

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter recommends building the HSR where the traffic is. Refer to the 2005 Statewide Programmatic EIR/EIS for discussion of station site selection. As stated in Section S.2, station sites were considered in key population centers in order to: maximize ridership and revenue potential; maximize intermodal connections with other transportation facilities; maximize compatibility with existing and planned land uses; minimize travel time to be competitive with other modes of travel; and minimize operating and capital costs.

Submission 984 (Eileen Heaton, April 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #984 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
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Affiliation Type : Individual
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

Stakeholder would like to know:

984-1234

1. What is the status of the EIR/EIS?
2. When the final EIR/EIS will be filed?
3. She also commented on the City's lack of response to her inquires.
4. She shared her concerns and frustrations about having to relocate.

Stakeholder was very emotional and made comments of concern regarding her mental state

Response to Submission 984 (Eileen Heaton, April 8, 2021)

984-1234

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-02: Public Outreach on the Draft EIR/EIS.

The commenter questions when the Final EIR/EIS would be published and notes that the City has not responded to her inquiries. This Final EIR/EIS has been published in June 2021. It should be noted that the HSR project, including the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is an undertaking of the Authority. Questions regarding the HSR project should be directed to the Authority at the project hotline (866-300-3044) or via the project email (Bakersfield_Palmdale@hsr.ca.gov).

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-82 and 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 878 (Jack Heeter, March 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #878 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/12/2021
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Submission Date : 3/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

878-983

I/we have made several attempts to discuss our development plans for subject property. This APN is shown on your HSR mapping to have a diagonal HSR path thru our 40 acres. We are in the process of building permit submittal for storage facilities which is currently in conformance with LA County building codes. Our project is currently estimated to yield \$5-\$7 Million over a 5 year period. I was told a few months ago that the process was under environmental review?.....From your PUBLIC NOTICE that we received 03/10/2021 it appears the study is complete. I would like to know what the "go forward" plan is for our subject parcel?
Regards, JF Heeter

Response to Submission 878 (Jack Heeter, March 12, 2021)

878-983

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-04: General Information on the Right-of-Way and Relocation Processes for Residential and Business Displacements.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states they have reached out to the Authority to discuss the Authority's plans for their parcel (APN 3116-021-003). As shown on Figure 3.1-C, Sheet 73 of 127 of this Final EIR/EIS, the Preferred Alternative alignment would cross the parcel on surface track (track that is low and near the ground). As shown on Figure 3.12-D, Sheet 69 of 119 of this Final EIR/EIS, the Authority is proposing a partial parcel acquisition of APN 3116-021-003, leaving the northern portion of the site available for use. The Authority will proceed with acquiring the property required to construct the project following approval of the Final EIR/EIS, approval of the Record of Decision, and funding of the property acquisition phase of the project.

Appendix 3.12-B in Volume 2 of this Final EIR/EIS provides detailed information on relocation assistance benefits. The Uniform Act requires provision of relocation benefits to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Benefits to which eligible owners or tenants may be entitled are determined on an individual basis and explained in detail by an assigned right-of-way specialist. The California Relocation Assistance Act essentially mirrors the Uniform Act and also provides for consistent and fair treatment of property owners. However, because the project would receive federal funding, the Uniform Act takes precedence. Owners of private property have federal and state constitutional guarantees that their property would not be acquired or damaged for public use unless owners first receive just compensation. Just compensation is measured by the "fair market value," where the property value is considered to be the highest price that would be negotiated on the date of valuation. The value must be agreed upon by a seller who is willing to sell, but under no particular or urgent obligation or necessity, and by a buyer who is ready, willing, and able to buy

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but under no particular necessity. Both the owner and buyer must deal with the other with the full knowledge of all the uses and purposes for which the property is reasonably adaptable and available (Code of Civil Procedure Section 1263.320a).

The relocation mitigation plan would be designed to meet the following objectives:

Provide affected property and business owners and tenants with a high level of individualized assistance in situations when acquisition is necessary and the property owner desires to relocate the existing land use.

Coordinate relocation activities with other agencies acquiring property resulting in displacements in the study area to provide for all displaced persons and businesses to receive fair and consistent relocation benefits.

Make a best effort to minimize the permanent closure of businesses and nonprofit agencies as a result of property acquisition.

Within the limits established by law and regulation, minimize the economic disruption caused to property owners by relocation.

In individual situations, where warranted, consider the cost of obtaining the entitlement permits necessary to relocate to a suitable location and take those costs into account when establishing the fair market value of the property.

Provide those business owners who require complex permitting with regulatory compliance assistance.

The relocation mitigation plan would include the following components:

A description of the appraisal, acquisition, and relocation process, as well as a description of the activities of the appraisal and relocation specialists.

A means of assigning appraisal and relocation staff to affected property owners, tenants, or other residents on an individual basis.

Individualized assistance to affected property owners, tenants, or other residents in applying for funding, including research to summarize loans, grants, and federal aid available, and research areas for relocation.

Creation of an ombudsman's position to act as a single point of contact for property owners, residents, and tenants with questions about the relocation process. The ombudsman would also act to address concerns about the relocation process as it applies to the individual situations of property owners, tenants, and other residents.

Submission 963 (Kailey Hicks, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #963 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

963-1165 | This is the worst possible idea ever. This project is way too much money. The governor wasted away the
 963-1166 | original fund and now they will increase taxes to pay for this. It will be an awful eyesore. It will damage wildlife
 963-1167 | homes and food sources. Our city is one of the few in California that have wild Elk living here. This would
 963-1168 | damage their homes too. The construction of this would leave trash and possibly chemical spills to pollute our
 963-1169 | water table. There won't even be a stop in our town. Route that thing somewhere else. We don't want it. We
 963-1170 | don't need it. It's a disgusting waste of resources. Our state is already in enough debt as it is. This isn't going to
 963-1171 | fix anything. If there is excessive metal it will cause reflections that will damage several plants and farmers land
 963-1172 | out here. We never got to vote if we wanted it here anyways. In Europe they have had a couple instances of de
 963-1173 | railings and it spells disaster and financial chaos. This is a HUGE mistake. We are organizing a group and will
 peacefully protest this construction and do everything we can to ruin this from happening. This CANNOT BE
 ALLOWED TO EXIST. Filthy disgusting politicians filling their pockets and buying up the land to profit from this
 and then forcing it on the people. There are more important things to spend money and time and effort on for
 this state. Starting with children and education, and this project will never be needed truly. All the concerns
 raised were never addressed in any of the meetings that took place. Lies on top of lies. The entire city of
 Tehachapi is AGAINST the high speed rail monstrosity. This is the devils work. Our land is pure and sacred
 and to disrupt it this way is to call for lessons from the earth. If there is a fire from this thing it will burn the entire
 town to the ground just for a dumb train. This should be build along the I-5 if it HAS to happen. Otherwise, trash
 the project and invest in things that benefit our state and not things that make our corrupt politicians more rich!
 WE ARE ALL DISGUSTED WITH THE CALIFORNIAN GOVERNMENT. PROVE US WRONG. STOP LINING
 YOUR POCKETS WITH THE BLOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

Response to Submission 963 (Kailey Hicks, April 12, 2021)

963-1165

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

963-1166

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the proposed project would damage elk habitat. California Department of Fish and Wildlife's California Wildlife Habitat Relationship show the species range of elk in the vicinity extend from Tejon Creek to the southwest at Interstate 5 (I-5). A herd of elk once imported from the Rocky Mountains are known to inhabit Bear Valley Springs, Stallion Springs and the Tejon Ranch. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

The commenter also states that the proposed project would result in trash and chemical spills. As discussed in Section 3.10.6 of this Final EIR/EIS, the transportation, use, and disposal of these hazardous materials and wastes would be subject to state and federal regulations described in Section 3.10.2 of this Final EIR/EIS. All hazardous materials, soils, drums, trash, and debris would be handled and disposed of in accordance with these regulations. See Section 3.10.6 of this Final EIR/EIS for further discussion.

Response to Submission 963 (Kailey Hicks, April 12, 2021) - Continued

963-1167

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter also states that the proposed project would result in trash and chemical spills. As discussed in Section 3.10.6 of this Final EIR/EIS, the transportation, use, and disposal of these hazardous materials and wastes would be subject to state and federal regulations described in Section 3.10.2 of this Final EIR/EIS. All hazardous materials, soils, drums, trash, and debris would be handled and disposed of in accordance with these regulations. See Section 3.10.6 of this Final EIR/EIS for further discussion.

The Authority has committed to implementing a storm water pollution prevention plan and construction best management practices on all HSR project sections during construction and operation, as specified in HYD-IAMF#3: Prepare and Implement a Construction Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan. In addition, Mitigation Measure WQ-MM#4 requires implementation of a Spill, Prevention, Containment and Control Plan to reduce the potential for released chemicals to migrate into flood zones during operation. These measures would serve to protect the water table.

963-1168

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

963-1169

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

Mitigation Measure AVQ-MM#3 requires design enhancements to the viaducts and columns, such as design features that would decrease color contrast and reflection from the HSR structure, use textures that blend with the environment, and use column shapes that are context-sensitive. This would reduce the change in visual quality associated with viaducts and above-grade features of the HSR.

Response to Submission 963 (Kailey Hicks, April 12, 2021) - Continued

963-1170

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. Further, their concern regarding train derailments is addressed in the Draft and Final EIR/EIS documents. To reduce derailment risks, the HSR has been designed with containment features along the tracks to ensure that trainsets do not leave the alignment in the event of an accident. Impact S&S #6, under the subheading Train Derailment, describes that a basic design feature of the HSR system is to contain trainsets within their operational corridors (see Section 3.11, Safety and Security, of this Final EIR/EIS). Strategies to ensure containment include operational and maintenance plan elements that would ensure the use of high-quality tracks and regularly scheduled vehicle maintenance to reduce the risk of derailment. Physical elements, such as containment parapets, check rails, and guardrails, would be implemented in specific areas with a high risk of impact from derailment. These areas include elevated guideways and approaches to conventional rail and roadway crossings.

963-1171

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Response to Submission 963 (Kailey Hicks, April 12, 2021) - Continued

963-1172

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

A potential I-5 alignment was considered and eliminated from further study in the 2005 Statewide Program EIR/EIS. In that document, the Authority and FRA determined that I-5 is not a reasonable alternative for detailed consideration. Although the I-5 corridor could provide better end-to-end travel times between San Francisco and Los Angeles compared with alignment alternatives that follow the SR 99 corridor, it would not meet basic project objectives. The full descriptions of these alternatives are provided in the 2005 Statewide Program EIR/EIS (Authority and FRA 2005). For further information about cost estimates, refer to Chapter 6 of this Final EIR/EIS and to the Authority's Business Plans, which can be found at the Authority's website, www.hsr.ca.gov.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the HSR project. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

963-1173

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA and NEPA require a final EIR and EIS, respectively, to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4). The comment expresses the commenter's views on the HSR project, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 974 (Steven Huecker, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #974 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

974-1225

I do not support the high speed rail project. I do not want the rail running through Tehachapi, plus the overall project is a waste of taxpayers' money. Please stop this ridiculous waste of resources.

Response to Submission 974 (Steven Huecker, April 12, 2021)

974-1225

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS include responses to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 944 (William Hunt, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #944 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Submission Date : 4/7/2021
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Telephone : (661) 599-4739
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

944-1115

My name is William E. Hunt. I live at 22800 Shady Lane, Tehachapi, CA 93561. My wife and I, after 30 years retirement with United Airlines and the Air Force in the fighter pilot, we decided a nice, quiet place to retire, free from congestion and noise and candor by your high-speed rail would be great up here but your high-speed rail has really put a kink in our plans and our way we live. And I know you people think you're doing great for the positive good of the public but you're not. The positive good of the public begins where we live in Tehachapi. And I just wish this thing would go away or take another route away from the hospital, away from our town, and keep it quiet. After this high-speed rail, if built as proposed, you people who organized it are free to move wherever you want to move, live where you want to live, wash your hands of the whole project and we will have to live with the project and the noise and the congestion caused by the high-speed rail. That is not the public good for Tehachapi and myself. My phone number is 661-599-4739.

Response to Submission 944 (William Hunt, April 7, 2021)

944-1115

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states their opposition to the project within the Tehachapi area and makes note of noise impacts. Refer to Response to Comment 741-69, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter also suggests the HSR Project is not good for the public and should be routed elsewhere.

Refer to BP-Response-GENERAL-01: Alternatives and Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.3.12, Range of Potential Alternatives Considered and Findings of this Final EIR/EIS, for a detailed discussion of alternatives considered, alternatives withdrawn from further consideration, the reasons for their withdrawal, and alternatives ultimately carried forward in the EIR/EIS analysis. The alternatives analysis process evaluated design options within individual alternatives in order to isolate concerns and to screen and refine the overall alternative to avoid key environmental issues or improve performance. The alternatives that were not carried forward had greater direct and indirect environmental impacts, were impracticable, or failed to meet the project purpose. While the alternatives analysis process considered multiple criteria, the project objective to maximize the use of existing transportation corridors and available rights-of-way to the extent feasible was emphasized as a method of minimizing impacts caused by creating an entirely new linear transportation corridor.

Submission 892 (Inaudible, March 10, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #892 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/10/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

892-1026

Yes, my name is (in audible) here in Bakersfield and ever since they started doing this high-speed rail it's just a bunch of waste of money, taxpayer, government money because it don't benefit a poor person like me or any poor persons around. So I um I'm against it. It is good for the political people who want to go to Sacramento San Francisco.

Response to Submission 892 (Inaudible, March 10, 2021)

892-1026

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 884 (Caleb Ingersoll, United States of America, April 1, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #884 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/1/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/1/2021
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, Board of Directors
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EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

884-992 | The HSR being built through the beautiful Tehachapi mountains will have a negative effect on the residents, wildlife, and landscape. It is not wanted nor needed in Tehachapi.

Response to Submission 884 (Caleb Ingersoll, United States of America, April 1, 2021)

884-992

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on residents, wildlife, and the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-65 and 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS, which discuss impacts to Tehachapi residents and visual impacts to Tehachapi, respectively.

A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

Submission 904 (Tabitha Johnson, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #904 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

904-1017

The HSR will not benefit Tehachapi in no way. Instead land/home value will go down due to noise and it being an eyesore taking away the beauty that nature has here! It will ruin land where wild animals roam and or live. It's bad enough that California keeps taking land that is bountiful with beauty and plowing it down to garbage! This isn't Los Angeles and a lot of Families will be affected by this project. Why go a ruin a good town? What about the animals? What about ones property and or houses? What about the views? Why would anyone want to trade anything good here for miles long of ugly concrete and the loud obnoxious noise!! We moved here to enjoy small town less noise and unwanted junk like Los Angeles or San Fran! To be able to enjoy a small town that does great things with the community in smaller scales! All your doing is taking away the beauty of this town!!

Response to Submission 904 (Tabitha Johnson, April 5, 2021)

904-1017

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter indicated that the HSR project will impact wildlife and their ability to roam. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

Submission 898 (Kelsey Ketcheside, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #898 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
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Submission Date : 4/5/2021
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Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

898-1006 | I would like to know which homes would be effected or lost for this project and a closer detailed map.

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Response to Submission 898 (Kelsey Ketcheside, April 5, 2021)

898-1006

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter questioned which homes would be affected or displaced by the proposed project. The commenter also requested a detailed map. Table 3.12-28 in Section 3.12 of this Final EIR/EIS provides information regarding the residential displacements under the Preferred Alternative, including the estimated number of displaced residential units and the estimated number of residents who would be displaced. Appendix 3.12-D provides a detailed mapbook of the property acquisitions.

Submission 907 (Sharon King, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #907 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/6/2021
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Submission Date : 4/5/2021
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

907-1025

I have a question about the Bakersfield to Palmdale route. I live in the Arabian Estates properties in Tehachapi, Ca. My husband and I are on a fixed income and really can't afford to buy another home. But we are concerned with how we will be able to come and go from our street. It looks like the HSR will go over Dennison Rd which turns into Burnett. Burnett is the road we have to use to leave our home. I know I'm confusing, but I just want to know if they will make another road to get out of our street which is Arabian dr. It deadends at our property. There is only 1 way out. Thank you so much, Sharon King.

Response to Submission 907 (Sharon King, April 5, 2021)

907-1025

The commenter questions whether access will be maintained to their property on Arabian Drive. Figure 3.2-3 in the Final EIR/EIS shows a revised roadway design in the area of Burnett Road and Challenger Drive. This revised roadway design is described in Appendix 3.1-B and also shown on Sheet 35 of 127 of Appendix 3.1-C of this Final EIR/EIS. This new design proposes a grade separation on Burnett Road just east of Challenger Drive. Access would be maintained to properties on Arabian Drive.

Submission 923 (Ray and Margie Kloth, April 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #923 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/9/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/8/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :

Sincerely concerned,
Ray & Margie Kloth
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Tehachap 93561

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

4/8/21

California High Speed Rail Authority
Bakersfield to Palmdale Project

To Whom it may concern:

- 923-1080 | After just reading more about the effects of the High Speed Rail running through our Tehachapi Community, it is very concerning to my husband & I. We live outside the city limits, but are still concerned about all the residents in our town who will be affected! Realizing how long you've had to plan for this, we think that you could've come up with a less intrusive route not affecting existing residents and the entire downtown area!
- 923-1081 | Twenty trains expected to pass through here a day sounds insane! Do you already have that many passengers lined up to commute daily? Besides affecting residents, it will greatly disturb our Adventist Hospital
- 923-1082 | Physicians, employees and patients! Did you even consider them? If not, you definitely SHOULD!
- 923-1083 | Please reconsider your plan, and know that we haven't heard of ANYONE who remotely wants this intrusion!!

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Response to Submission 923 (Ray and Margie Kloth, April 8, 2021)

923-1080

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

923-1081

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about the number of trains and passengers. Refer to Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 for information regarding proposed operations and ridership forecasts

923-1082

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states concerns about impacts to a hospital in the Tehachapi area, presumably the Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Hospital. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

923-1083

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. This comment does not address the sufficiency of the Draft EIR/EIS or the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS nor does it suggest edits to the document. No change has been made to the document in response to this comment.

Submission 961 (Kelsey Knox, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #961 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :

961-1162 | The small town of Tehachapi is a place that the people within it, hold dear. The noise pollution that the speed rail would bring to Tehachapi would be a huge disturbance to not only its people, but the amazing amount of wildlife that we still have here. There are so many things that technology is good for, and in exchange, there is so much that is negatively impacted by it. Our Earth and the animals that live upon it, has to be seen as more important at some point. We as humans are not above that wildlife. We do not have the true right to think that we are. At some point, the negative impact of humans upon this Earth has to stop, otherwise it will become our demise as well. This high speed rail will be a direct reason for the negative effects on other humans and animals and other life. And THAT responsibility, and THAT negative impact is going to be on the conscious of the creators of this high speed rail. There is much more to life than convenience. That convenience is what is killing the human ability to live for themselves, and as a population. Our future depends on NOW. & the decisions we make NOW. So please, consider the cons of this rail and the future of our population and our Earth itself.

961-1163 |

Response to Submission 961 (Kelsey Knox, April 12, 2021)

961-1162

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-69 and 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

961-1163

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. The Authority is committed to using avoidance and minimization measures to protect species and will work with state and federal wildlife agencies throughout the construction period. The Authority's intent is to minimize and avoid impacts to humans and wildlife species through implementation of IAMFs (Section 3.7.4.2 of this Final EIR/EIS) and Mitigation Measures as provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 985 (Tina Larson, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #985 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

985-1235 | I know we can not stop this train from coming through our beautiful town of Tehachapi. I am not against trains as we are a train town. Please help the residents by making it more aesthetically pleasing for our community.

985-1236 | Also, you need to make more of an effort in keeping the sound to a minimal. One important thing would be to make a STOP with a visitor center. You could really score some points with the community as a whole because

985-1237 | I know most of us do not want to see this to come to our town. ZERO benefit. We would have to still drive to take this train. What good is that? If you care about any of this and us you will make these changes. I have

985-1238 | lived here for 43 years and if these corrections are not made it will be detrimental to the property owners and tax payers. I feel so badly for some of my friends that own land and homes surrounding the path of the HSR. This is bringing NO value to our city in fact I believe it will bring property values down. . PLEASE, I am begging you to reconsider the proposed plan and make these small adjustments. Sure, it will not be cheap to build a HSR STOP and visitors center but it would be an investment for future generations since our town is growing. I know many property owners have written in opposed to HSR and what it will do to them. PLEASE listen to them and our city leaders, how would you like it? You would not unless it benefitted the entire community. Thank you for reading and I hope we see some positive results.

Regards, Tina Larson, Resident and property owner of the City of Tehachapi

Response to Submission 985 (Tina Larson, April 12, 2021)

985-1235

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

985-1236

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. In response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and ongoing discussions with the City, the sound barrier analysis has been updated for all barriers within the section to utilize a cost per benefitted receptor allowance of \$95,000, which makes Sound Barrier No. 7 along the east side of the HSR alignment footprint between Arabian Drive and E Tehachapi Blvd both feasible and reasonable. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-69 and 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

985-1237

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

Additionally, the commenter states that the project would not benefit the community. As discussed in Section 3.12 of the Final EIR/EIS, project-related construction jobs would benefit the economies within the region. Also, the benefits of the HSR system include reduced VMT, reduced energy use for transportation, and reduced air pollution from transportation sources, including reduced emissions of GHGs (see Final EIR/EIS Section 3.2, Transportation, Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, and Section 3.6 Public Utilities and Energy).

Response to Submission 985 (Tina Larson, April 12, 2021) - Continued

985-1238

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

Additionally, the commenter states that the project would bring value to the community. As discussed in Section 3.12 of the Final EIR/EIS, project-related construction jobs would benefit the economies within the region. Also, the benefits of the HSR system include reduced VMT, reduced energy use for transportation, and reduced air pollution from transportation sources, including reduced emissions of GHGs (see Final EIR/EIS Section 3.2, Transportation, Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, and Section 3.6 Public Utilities and Energy).

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter expresses concern that the Authority has not addressed objections to the project by the City of Tehachapi. The Authority has met with the City of Tehachapi regularly during project scoping and development, as documented in Chapter 9 of this Final EIR/EIS. Additionally, the Authority provided responses to the comment letter submitted by the City during the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS, and met with the City on March 17, 2021 to discuss those responses ahead of the release of this Final EIR/EIS. For full responses to the City's comments, refer to Comment Submission 741, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 877 (Helena Lazaro, March 10, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #877 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/10/2021
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877-997

Hello! My name is Helena Lazaro, and I own some land that appears to be in the path of the planned route.

Does the agency currently plan to purchase these plots? If so, is there a projected timeline?

Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much,
Helena Lazaro

Response to Submission 877 (Helena Lazaro, March 10, 2021)

877-997

Refer to Standard Response BP-Response-GENERAL-04: General Information on the Right-of-Way and Relocation Processes for Residential and Business Displacements.

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

As shown in Appendix 3.12-D, Sheet 72 of 119 of this Final EIR/EIS, the commenter's property (APN 3118-002-058) would be subject to a partial acquisition in the northeast corner of the parcel in addition to a temporary construction easement diagonally through the parcel.

The Uniform Act requires provision of relocation benefits to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Benefits to which eligible owners or tenants may be entitled are determined on an individual basis and explained in detail by an assigned right-of-way specialist. The California Relocation Assistance Act essentially mirrors the Uniform Act and also provides for consistent and fair treatment of property owners. However, because the project would receive federal funding, the Uniform Act takes precedence. Owners of private property have federal and state constitutional guarantees that their property would not be acquired or damaged for public use unless owners first receive just compensation. Just compensation is measured by the "fair market value," where the property value is considered to be the highest price that would be negotiated on the date of valuation. The value must be agreed upon by a seller who is willing to sell, but under no particular or urgent obligation or necessity, and by a buyer who is ready, willing, and able to buy but under no particular necessity. Both the owner and buyer must deal with the other with the full knowledge of all the uses and purposes for which the property is reasonably adaptable and available (Code of Civil Procedure Section 1263.320a).

Submission 955 (Monica Lindsey, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #955 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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Submission Method : Website
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EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

955-1158

I have wanted to live in Tehachapi since I started coming here in the early 80s. Love this town so much that when I was living in Bakersfield, I got involved in gallery and gifts. Joined the Tehachapi arts association. Embraced this town. Then bought land back in 2007. 5 years ago this property came up for sale. We loved it because it fit our lifestyle. We moved on it 5 years ago this June. We sold everything we had to buy it and build what we needed to make it ours. I enjoy early mornings with birds singing and the evening sunsets. I have attached a map of the route for the high speed rail. Our 5 acres borders orchard and abajo. You can see where and how close this will be. It changes everything. My riding area. My calm moments of sitting and listening to the frogs in the water way. Watching the route of the monarch butterflies that's swarm these valleys and mountains. We have bobcats, moutain lions, foxes, coyote, quail, lizards and do much more. This is just in the location of my land. I'm just out of reach of being bought out by the HSR and close enough to hear the noise. The wind blows from that direction 98% of the time. It will echo because we are surrounded by mountains. My family 2 generations live on this land. We are located on orchard and abajo ave tehachapi, ca. I don't want this destroying the most beautiful area for miles.

Response to Submission 955 (Monica Lindsey, April 12, 2021)

955-1158

The commenter states that Tehachapi provides habitat for several wildlife species. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

The Authority is committed to using avoidance and minimization measures to protect species and will work with state and federal wildlife agencies throughout the construction period. The Authority's intent is to minimize and avoid impacts to wildlife species through implementation of IAMFs (Section 3.7.4.2 of this Final EIR/EIS) and Mitigation Measures as provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter also raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 945 (Judy Loera, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #945 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/7/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Judy
Last Name : Loera
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
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Apt./Suite No. :
City : Golden Hills
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone :
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

945-1116

Yes my name is Judy Loera. I live in Tehachapi, CA. My address there is 22001 Verde Street, Golden Hills in Tehachapi. I'm against this high-speed rail because of all the noise it's going to create and not only that but all the destruction to our beautiful scenery. Please don't do it. Find another route. Please cancel this project. That's my opinion. I'm a resident there in Tehachapi. Please don't do this high-speed rail in Tehachapi.

Response to Submission 945 (Judy Loera, April 7, 2021)

945-1116

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter cites concerns about noise and visual impacts in Tehachapi and expresses their opposition to the project.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-69, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 890 (Monico Martinez, March 15, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #890 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/15/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Monico
Last Name : Martinez
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Business/Organization :
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Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (626) 665-1246
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

890-1009

Transcribed voice message text:

Yes, this is Monico Martinez. I'm calling for Anthony Velasquez and Monico Martinez and regarding a property that we have in uh 5401 Center Road in Mojave and uh I'm trying to get a hold of somebody so I can see what we have to do with the property if we want to sell it to you guys or you guys buy the property or what. If you give me a call at area code 6 area code 665-1246 that's the telephone number and the zip code is 626. Thank you

Response to Submission 890 (Monico Martinez, March 15, 2021)

890-1009

The commenter inquired about impacts to the parcel located at 5401 Center Road in Mojave. APN 237-122-23-00-2 is located approximately 7.25 miles east of the Preferred Alternative alignment. The proposed project would not impact the commenter's parcel.

Submission 885 (Patricia Matt, April 1, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #885 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/1/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/1/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Patricia
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Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
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Zip Code : 93561
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

885-993 | I object to the HSR project coming through Tehachapi . The negative impacts need to be addressed. The route cuts through our community effecting homes and businesses. It will cause a downgrade in property values. The noise levels will be significant. You can hear the normal trains throughout the alley now and louder more constant noise is unacceptable. The increase in crime will be an issue. And, lastly, who is going to actually ride this train to ?

885-994 |

Response to Submission 885 (Patricia Matt, April 1, 2021)

885-993

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter states that an increase in crime will be an issue. There is no evidence that the project would result in increased crime. As specified in SS-IAMF#2 (Safety and Security Management Plan), the HSR Urban Design Guidelines require implementing the principles of crime prevention through environmental design. The contractor shall consider four basic principles of crime prevention through environmental design during station design and site planning: territoriality (design physical elements that express ownership of the station or site); natural surveillance (arrange physical features to maximize visibility); improved sightlines (provide clear views of surrounding areas); and access control (provide physical guidance for people coming and going from a space). Further, as discussed in Section 3.16 of this Final EIR/EIS, a provision of AVQ-MM#3 requires the design of nonstation structures to “Integrate trees and landscaping where possible to soften and buffer the appearance of guideways, columns, and elevated stations. This will be consistent with the principles of crime prevention through environmental design.” This mitigation measure refers to the “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” principles. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is based on the principle that proper design of buildings and public spaces can lead to a

885-993

reduction in the incidence of crime (<https://www.cpted.net/>). In terms of the landscaping design, examples of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles include: (1) providing landscaping that does not create hiding places; (2) keeping tree limbs at least 6 feet above the ground to reduce shadows and provide visibility; (3) using planted wall features or vines to avoid blank wall spaces to deter graffiti; and (4) using trees with thin branches near lighting sources to reduce shadows and ensure adequate lighting of spaces for safety. The mitigation measure requires incorporation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles to ensure that landscaping required by this measure does not result in residual safety and security impacts.

885-994

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter questions who will ride the HSR trains. The Revised 2020 Business Plan indicates that under the medium and high ridership scenarios, the Phase 1 system will have 12.8 and 17.9 million riders in 2033, respectively (Authority 2020, p. 135). The ridership numbers are estimated to increase to 38.6 and 50.0 million riders by 2040 under the medium and high ridership scenarios, respectively. The HSR system will provide transportation to millions of riders per year.

Submission 906 (Madison McBride, April 6, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #906 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/6/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/6/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

906-1023 Building the HSR along the proposed route through Tehachapi is going to be a detriment to so many of us! Not just the eyesore, but the noise and vibration alone is going to force many of us to leave because our animals, children, lifestyles, and livelihoods that we have built out here can not survive the stress of it all. Many of us will lose our houses and land. This is unacceptable and incredibly frustrating and disheartening that we will need to move. Move from the property where my husband and I met, got engaged, married, and had our daughter. It all happened at our home... our home that we will be forced to give up because of this HSR route and we are only one of the hundreds of families who have stories like this. Please find an alternative route that doesn't go through town and people's properties and livelihoods!

906-1024

Response to Submission 906 (Madison McBride, April 6, 2021)

906-1023

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states the HSR project will be an eyesore. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about noise and vibration issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

906-1024

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter requests that the Authority find an alternate route. The Authority's alternatives alignment development process is discussed in Section 2.3.11 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 976 (Lynndee McCarthy, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #976 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

976-1227

I am against this project coming through our beautiful mountain community. It will ruin a lot of our beautiful scenery and take away some people's homes and land. There are ample areas through dessert that won't bother towns or homes. Move it to another location!

Response to Submission 976 (Lynndee McCarthy, April 12, 2021)

976-1227

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 919 (Linda McDermott, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #919 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/8/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/7/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Project Email
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Business/Organization :
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

919-1077

Just wanted to let you know that I am in favor of the high speed railway. I think as a community, and me as a parent, are being short sighted not to embrace change. My grandchildren will not live in the small town world I grew up in. We as a society must find ways to meet pollution standards to be able to exist on this planet. Please have the strength to move forward.

Linda McDermott
Tehachapi, CA

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Response to Submission 919 (Linda McDermott, April 7, 2021)

919-1077

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's support of the HSR project is acknowledged. This comment does not address the sufficiency of the Draft EIR/EIS or the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS nor does it suggest edits to the document. No change has been made to the document in response to this comment.

Submission 939 (Carolyn McIntyre, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #939 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Carolyn
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

939-1176

I am concerned about the environmental impact of the high speed rail on the path it will take south of highway 58 and adjacent to Tehachapi Willow Springs Road. The noise will be magnified through the, now peaceful, canyon and will be a disturbance to the Oak Creek wild horses who have lived there for over a century.

Response to Submission 939 (Carolyn McIntyre, April 12, 2021)

939-1176

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to the Oak Creek wild horses. Wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. The HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment.

The commenter also raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 931 (Tracy Mel, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #931 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
First Name : Tracy
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

931-1099

My family and I recently moved to Tehachpai to get away from the noise of trains, traffic etc... the wildlife here is abundant and we even have wild horses that roam where you want to build your railway. Do you understand the negative impact you will have on the environment here, the Wildlife and the peaceful people that reside here? Please leave this last little piece of uncontaminated California alone. We do not want your noise and pollution here.

Response to Submission 931 (Tracy Mel, April 12, 2021)

931-1099

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to wild horses. Wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. The HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter also raises concerns about pollution introduced to the City of Tehachapi as a result of the proposed project. As discussed in the Final EIR/EIS, the benefits of the HSR system include reduction of pollution as a result of reduced VMT, reduced energy use for transportation, and reduced air pollutant emissions from transportation sources, including reduced emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) (see Final EIR/EIS Section 3.2, Transportation, Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, and Section 3.6 Public Utilities and Energy).

Submission 895 (Sally Melvill, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #895 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

895-1002

People. You who are in charge of this project are not fair people. How and why would any one believe that bringing a high speed train through a small community would do anything good for those of us who live here. That amount of noise and vibration so close to the hospital that we the people paid for is fool hardy at best.

BE HONEST IN YOUR ANSWERS TO THE CITY OFFICIALS AND STOP DREAMING. THIS IS A MISTAKE FOR OUR TOWN AND FOR CALIFORNIA.

Response to Submission 895 (Sally Melvill, April 5, 2021)

895-1002

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about impacts to the Adventist Hospital in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter states that the Authority has not considered the concerns expressed by city representatives. The Authority has considered and responded to all comments received during the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS comment periods. Refer to responses to comments on the City's comment letter on the Draft EIR/EIS (Submission 741) and the City's comment letters on the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS (Submission 866 and 872). The comments and responses to comments associated with Submission 741 can be found in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS. The comments and responses to comments associated with Submissions 866 and 872 can be found in Chapter 32 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 977 (Tiffany Michael, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #977 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

977-1228

The Bakersfield to Palmdale HSR will not benefit Tehachapi at all, only hurt it. Besides the loud eye sore cutting through our small scenic country town affecting people's homes and property values, it will also affect the Pacific Crest Trail, which crosses Tehachapi Willow Springs at Cameron Canyon and Oak Creek Rd. I'm also concerned about the habitat of several struggling animal species in the Tehachapi Willow Springs area such as proghorn antelope, desert tortoise, horned lizard, mountain lion, etc.

Response to Submission 977 (Tiffany Michael, April 12, 2021)

977-1228

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the project's effects to the Pacific Crest Trail. Refer to Section 3.15.6 and Chapter 4 of this Final EIR/EIS for a discussion of impacts to the Pacific Crest Trail and mitigation measures to address those impacts. Mitigation Measure PCT-MM#1 provides for a realignment of the Pacific Crest Trail where the HSR alignment crosses that will benefit trail users by eliminating the need for them to cross Tehachapi Willow Springs Road at grade as a result of a realigning the road with a new bridge over Oak Creek.

The commenter indicated that the HSR project will impact wildlife. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS.

No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

Submission 936 (Jenny Miles, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #936 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Program Info Line
First Name : Jenny
Last Name : Miles
Professional Title :
Business/Organization :
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Apt./Suite No. :
City :
State : CA
Zip Code : 0000
Telephone : (661) 376-7009
Email :
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

936-1106

Hey, my name is Jenny Miles. My dad used to do a lot of welding on the water and on in and out. Um did you check your welding? Um they need to be checked because they could be ignisive. Um and then also I'm the one that created that whole thing, it's my copyright and I got the first divisional data on the loan they got for the 32 trillion. Um Juan Bustos he's been in contact with you but I um he stole two of my jobs already. I wouldn't be um sure he would do it again (inaudible). I'm the one who lead this, this is my dream. This is my baby. Call me 661-374 no 6, 376 um 7009. It's um I'm I'm open to going deeper and not having it so far in the air. We could put more under the ground if needed to be before we make our foundation pour I mean we (inaudible) and go further into the ground if possible and maybe double it up or something. Or open to all ideas. Um please call me anytime you want. Um I'm having a little bit of financial problems and not knowing what's going on in all they're trying to auction my shit like they always do. And this time I'm standing up and trying to fight for what I want. Their reason is all a lie and it's not it's not gonna pan out. So (inaudible) another Hal Burton. A catastrophe on the epic center. I'm the owner and the original, the first one not the false one. I've been running it all along and they damn near closed me but still I wanna build the epic center, that's what it's supposed to be called. The epic center. I never went to the internationals for it, I went to the people who gave me the money to give them their money back before Kern County could take it all. You need to revise your revision because you're wrong and you're gonna get I think you're good people, I'd like to have you work for me in the future. And I would really hate it if you hindered our relationship financially and economically and the impact would be very devastational because I have over 28,000 jobs for people. And that would be a real bummer not to get those jobs and have somebody try to build something that they don't even know what they're doing because it's my baby. I wanna build it you know. Other people did train, they're just reading from a book. They don't even know what they're doing. Okay thank you, goodnight.

Response to Submission 936 (Jenny Miles, April 5, 2021)

936-1106

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 899 (Alex Mullenax, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #899 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
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Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

Hello,

899-1007

I would like to request an electronic copy of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the previously published Draft EIR/EIS, and the associated technical reports for the Bakersfield to Palmdale section of the project.

Thank you,

Alex Mullenax

Response to Submission 899 (Alex Mullenax, April 5, 2021)

899-1007

Per the commenter's request, on April 6, 2021 the Authority emailed the commenter to acknowledge his request, to direct him to website for electronic versions, and to ask for a physical address if he would like copies mailed. The commenter did not reply to the Authority's email.

Submission 926 (Dale Naber, April 11, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #926 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/11/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/11/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
Telephone : 6617717020
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Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

926-1089 | I can not believe you're still building this boondoggle. It's a complete waste of time, money and materials that should be used to build more dams for irrigation.

Response to Submission 926 (Dale Naber, April 11, 2021)

926-1089

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 905 (Terry Norman, April 6, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #905 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/6/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/6/2021
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Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
, Southern California
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

905-1018 | I object to this high speed rail going thru our community destroying our environment. We have homes and
905-1019 | peoples livelihood that are being wiped out. We have deer and elk and many other animals that will be
905-1020 | effected. Not to mention the noise level this will create for us to have to listen to day and night. We already
905-1021 | have to endure the ugliness of the wind farm and now you want to destroy our community with this train. Find
905-1022 | another route. This train doesn not benefit anyone in Tehachapi or surrounding communities. Thank you

Response to Submission 905 (Terry Norman, April 6, 2021)

905-1018

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section. CEQA requires a final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

905-1019

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in residential and business displacements in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter indicated that the HSR project will impact deer, elk, and other animals. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

905-1020

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

905-1021

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Response to Submission 905 (Terry Norman, April 6, 2021) - Continued

905-1022

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter requests that the Authority find an alternate route. The Authority's alignment alternatives development process is discussed in Section 2.3.11 of this Final EIR/EIS. Additionally, the commenter states that the project would not benefit Tehachapi or surrounding communities. As discussed in Section 3.12 of the Final EIR/EIS, project-related construction jobs would benefit the economies within the region.

Submission 957 (Robyn Odneal, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #957 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

957-1159

The high speed rail being built through rural areas first is a waste. Build first where more people voted for the giant mess.

Response to Submission 957 (Robyn Odneal, April 12, 2021)

957-1159

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The comment presents the commenter's opinion on the HSR project. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 897 (Leslie Ormond, March 4, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #897 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 3/4/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

897-1004 | Hi my name is Leslie Ormond and I would like a full report of the California High-Speed Rail Bakersfield to Palmdale Project with any revisions available sent in a paper form or paper reports to 521 West Avenue J5, Lancaster, California 93534. My phone number is (661) 576-9950. I'd also like um the details of um exactly where um the Bakersfield to Palmdale project section will be traveling. Thank you. Bye bye.

897-1005

Response to Submission 897 (Leslie Ormond, March 4, 2021)

897-1004

The commenter requested a printed copy of the full report and any revisions. The Authority contacted the commenter who clarified that she was requesting a copy of the Draft EIR/EIS and the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS. The Authority directed the commenter to the Authority's website but also offered to send her an electronic copy. The commenter confirmed a mailed electronic copy would suffice and that she also requested a copy of the project section map. The Authority provided the map and the electronic copy of the document. The commenter's requested documents were returned due to an incorrect address. The Authority attempted to contact the commenter numerous times; however, the phone number provided is no longer in service. After reviewing the stakeholder's original message, a discrepancy was noted in the mailing address originally confirmed with the stakeholder and the mailing address was updated. A second mail package with the project section map was mailed to the updated address on April 6, 2021, and a second mail package with Draft EIR/EIS and Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS was sent to the updated address.

897-1005

The commenter asked where the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section would be located. Refer to Response to Comment 897-1004, contained in this chapter.

Submission 873 (Diana Palmer, March 4, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #873 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 3/9/2021
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Submission Date : 3/4/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

873-979 | I would like to receive an electronic copy of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and the previously published Draft EIR/EIS, and the associated technical reports.
Please mail to:

Diana Palmer P.O. Box 2461 Tehachapi, CA 93581
Thank you.

Response to Submission 873 (Diana Palmer, March 4, 2021)

873-979

Per the commenter's request, on March 12, 2021 the Authority sent a USB flash drive containing electronic copies of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Draft EIR/EIS and associated technical reports as well as the RDEIR/SDEIS to the address provided. The Authority provided access to the technical reports upon request. Electronic media containing these documents were made available, free of charge, to anyone who requested them in writing or via the project hotline.

Submission 875 (Diana Palmer, March 5, 2021)

From: Diana Palmer
To: Royval, Crystal@HSR
Subject: Re: Reply to your Web Inquiry: Final Program Bakersfield to Palmdale to Revised Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 8:43:16 PM

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875-981

Thank you for all the various links. What I was hoping to get is a disk maybe of the entire EIS for the Bakersfield/Palmdale section. It takes too long to load each and every .pdf, I thought a disk would have it all in one place and I can see it in its entirety.

If this isn't possible, let me know please. My mailing address is: Diana Palmer, P.O. Box 2461, Tehachapi, CA 93581

On Friday, March 5, 2021, 10:37:56 AM PST, Royval, Crystal@HSR <crystal.royval@hsr.ca.gov> wrote:

Good morning Diana,

Thank you for your interest in the Bakersfield to Palmdale Section. My name is Crystal Royval and I am an Information Officer in the Southern California Regional office. I received your inquiry this morning and am happy to provide you with the requested information. I regret you are having trouble accessing the maps and the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS).

The following documents are available electronically in Adobe Acrobat PDF format, which require Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have a copy of this free software, you can download it from Adobe at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you already have a copy of this software, simply click on the links and they will open automatically. Note: many of these files are very large and could take up to several minutes to download.

The links below are specific to the information and map you are interested in accessing.

To access the Revised Draft EIR/EIS to learn more, or to provide public comment, please navigate to the following link: https://www.hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_bakersfield_palmdale.aspx

For information about the Bakersfield to Palmdale project section please navigate to the link below:

https://hsr.ca.gov/high_speed_rail/project_sections/bakersfield_palmdale.aspx

I have attached the Bakersfield to Palmdale map for your reference, and here is a link online to the map. https://hsr.ca.gov/docs/newsroom/maps/Bakersfield_to_Palmdale.pdf

More specifically you can find the Bakersfield to Palmdale project section map as Slide 3 on this presentation:

https://hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/bakersfield-palmdale/BP_Draft_EIRS_Vol_1_CH_8_Prefered_Alternative_and_Station_Sites.pdf

The project section map is also on Slide 11 in the Executive Summary presentation below:

https://hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/bakersfield-palmdale/BP_Draft_EIRS_Executive_Summary.pdf

For California High-Speed Rail project updates or to sign up for Bakersfield to Palmdale project section email alerts, please navigate to the Contact Us page on the Authority's website at: <https://hsr.ca.gov/contact/>. Select the topic you are interested in hearing more about in the dropdown menu under **Sign Up for Email Alerts** - and input your information to receive updates.

I hope the links provided above address the issues you are having accessing the project section map. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Crystal Royval

Information Officer

California High-Speed Rail Authority

355 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2050

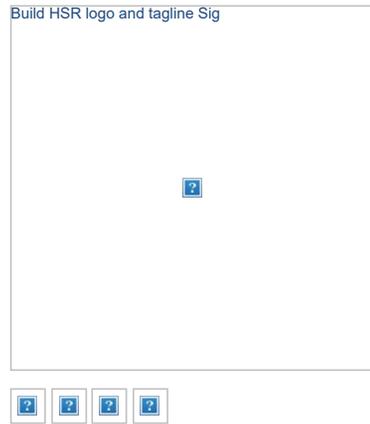
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Submission 875 (Diana Palmer, March 5, 2021) - Continued



Response to Submission 875 (Diana Palmer, March 5, 2021)

875-981

Refer to Response to Comment 873-979, contained in this chapter.

Submission 929 (Diana Palmer, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #929 DETAIL

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Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Email Subscription :
Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Attachments : 73588_Alt1-2-5.pdf (3 mb)
 83228_HSROriginalOptions.pdf (4 mb)

929-1093

looking at this route now", the one currently in the EIR.

929-1094

929-1095

Why does the Cesar Chavez National Monument get sound barriers and rural residential areas of Tehachapi not get them? I was informed that during peak times, there would be 8 trains per hour through our area. The sound from the HSR will resonate through our mountain canyons and open spaces and make a significant impact on everyone's quality of life.

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

929-1091

I have found nothing in the EIR about the Oak Creek wild horses in the Tehachapi Mountains. How will you address them during construction, they are SW of Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd near Oak Creek Rd and in the wind projects on the west side of Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd. While they are not a federally managed herd with a designated Herd Management Area (HMA), they are still a wild, free-roaming herd primarily on private property that the HSR project will be disturbing. Graze removal and containing them during construction are of major concern. This area is also home to several mountain lions, an endangered species and federally protected.

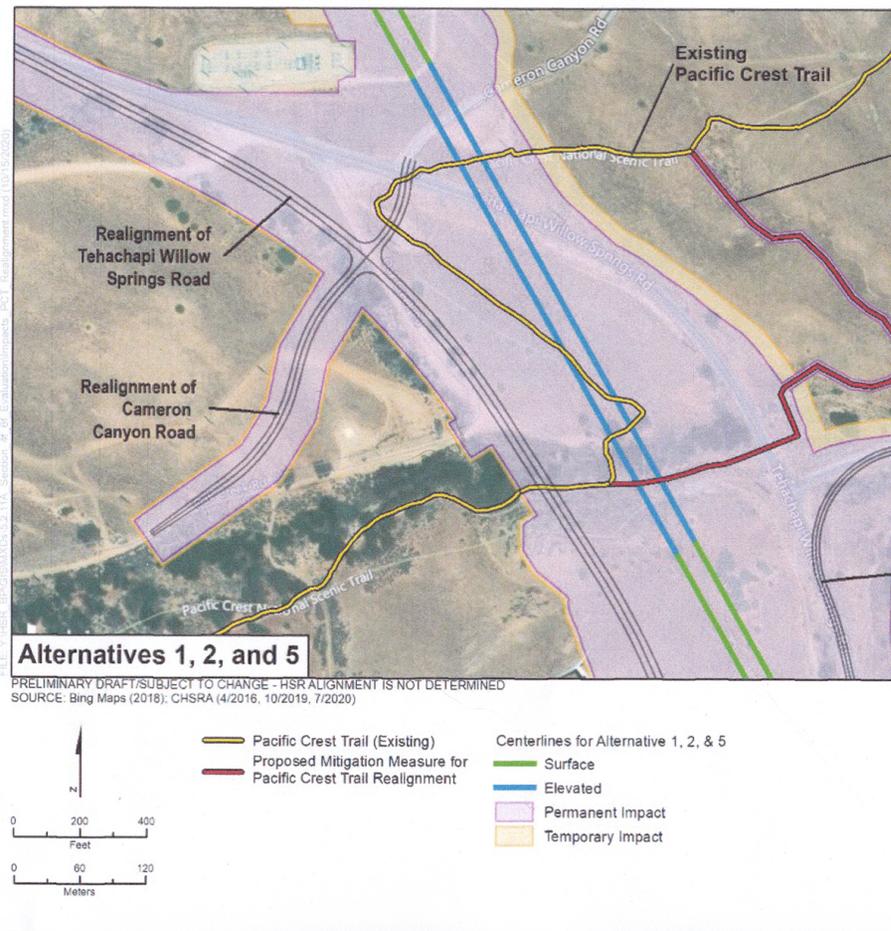
929-1092

A map showing Alternatives 1, 2, and 5 for the PCT doesn't make sense. The realignment of Cameron Rd does not run southwesterly crossing Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd and into Oak Creek Canyon. The dirt road in Oak Creek Canyon is an extension of the paved portion of Oak Creek Road. Realigning Oak Creek Road to run south where Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd is makes no sense either. Everything shown on the map is just so that the Pacific Crest Trail hikers don't have to cross a simple two lane road?

929-1093

What happened to the original option of the HSR following 58 and going over closer to Mojave? That makes more sense and disturbs less wildlife habitat and less intrusion on Tehachapi rural residents and businesses. The original, while it stated Lehigh Cement quarry reserves would be affected, you now have changed it in such a way that CalPortland Cements quarry is affected, a major impact. If the rail followed 58 and then to the west through the wind projects on both sides of Oak Creek Road (west of the town of Mojave) and headed south, is much less disturbance to residents. I have attended most all of the public meetings and have asked about this other route and how it came to disappear, and the only response I've ever received was "we're

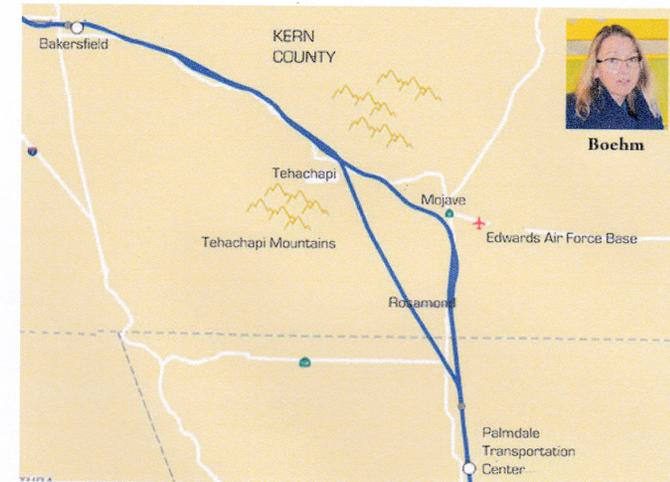
Submission 929 (Diana Palmer, April 12, 2021) - Continued



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Photos from: High Speed Rail mulling Tehachapi alignment



Nick Smirnov, NPAA

Shown on this chart, two possible alignments for the High Speed Rail track on the east side of Tehachapi Pass. One roughly follows Hwy. 58 down the canyon to Mojave; the other goes farther west partially through wind farms. All proposals for alignment on the 85-mile Bakersfield to Palmdale segment will be studied. Source: HSR Authority

Response to Submission 929 (Diana Palmer, April 12, 2021)

929-1091

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to the Oak Creek wild horses. These wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. However, the HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment, similar to other wildlife species. As described in BIO-MM#36, fencing will exclude wildlife from entering the active construction area and BIO-MM#37, wildlife movement corridors will remain unfenced allowing wildlife free movement across the alignment. Wild horses will be restricted from the active construction zone in a similar manner to native wildlife. Wild horses will also be provided unrestricted movement in wildlife movement corridors in a similar manner to native wildlife. Wild horses can continue to graze outside of the HSR right of way fence.

The commenter also notes that the area is home to several mountain lions. Impacts BIO#2, BIO#5, BIO#8, and BIO#11 of this Final EIR/EIS discuss impacts of the proposed project to mountain lions.

929-1092

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter has attached an image to her comment letter which was reviewed in preparation of this response. The image shows a partial map of Alternatives 1, 2, and 5 at the crossing over the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) southeast of Tehachapi. In response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS, the design refinements of the HSR crossing of the PCT have resulted in reduced impacts to the PCT by reducing the HSR crossings over the trail from three to one crossing, moving the alignment further away from PCT users, and providing a grade separated crossing with Tehachapi Willow Springs Road, which would improve safety for trail users. The map attached by the commenter (which is Figure 4-10 in this Final EIR/EIS), reflects the proposed changes, which have been developed in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the Pacific Crest Trail Association. While the commenter expresses reservations about the road realignments associated with the proposed changes developed with the U.S. Forest Service and Pacific Crest Trail Association, she does not explain why she feels the realignments would be problematic. No change has been made to the document in response to this comment.

Response to Submission 929 (Diana Palmer, April 12, 2021) - Continued

929-1093

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter has included a screenshot of photos from an online article in Tehachapi's The Loop newspaper. The article can be found here: <https://www.theloopnewspaper.com/story/2015/03/14/community/high-speed-rail-mulling-tehachapi-alignment/1398.html>, and the url for the photo is here: <https://www.theloopnewspaper.com/photos/big/1398/12>. The photo and article were both reviewed in preparing this response. The article and photo are from a meeting with the Greater Tehachapi Economic Development Council held in March 2015. The commenter asks why a route further east was eliminated from consideration.

Refer to Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.3.12, Range of Potential Alternatives Considered and Findings of this Final EIR/EIS, for a detailed discussion of alternatives considered, alternatives withdrawn from further consideration, the reasons for their withdrawal, and alternatives ultimately carried forward in the EIR/EIS analysis. Additionally, Table 2-4 of this Final EIR/EIS summarizes the previous and current alternatives and lists reasons for the withdrawal of alternatives. The alternatives that passed closer to Mojave, as shown in the screenshot provided by the commenter, were the T3-1, T3-2, and the New T3 Alternatives. These were carried forward in the Authority's 2012 Supplemental Alternatives Analysis, and all three were withdrawn in the Authority's 2014 Draft Supplemental Alternatives Analysis, primarily because some structures would have been in the Tehachapi Creek Fault Zone, contrary to design guidelines. For T3-1 and the New T3 Alternatives, the alignments would have also bisected a portion of the Tejon Ranch Conservancy property. Additionally, the New T3 Alternative had vertical profile grades that exceeded the recommended 2.8 percent.

929-1094

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter suggests that sensitive noise receivers are being treated unequally and states specifically that the Nuestra Señora Reina de La Paz/César E. Chávez National Monument (La Paz) is receiving a sound barrier as a project design feature. Refer to Response to Comment 741-75, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

929-1095

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the sound from high-speed trains will make a significant impact on residents' quality of life. Refer to Impacts N&V #3 and N&V #5 in Section 3.4.6 of this Final EIR/EIS for detailed analysis of operational noise and vibration impacts. Based on the analysis in Section 3.4.7, Mitigation Measures, of this Final EIR/EIS, Sound Barrier No. 7 and Sound Barrier No. 8 would both be constructed, as they were found to be acoustically effective and reasonable or cost-effective. Sound barrier mitigation would be designed to reduce the exterior noise level from HSR operations from severe to moderate, according to the provisions of the FRA noise and vibration manual (FRA 2012) and Figure 3.4-1 of this Final EIR/EIS. The final length of each sound barrier will be determined during final design. The minimum barrier lengths that would provide the necessary noise reduction to reduce noise impacts to less than severe have been presented in Section 3.4.7 of this Final EIR/EIS, but those could be expanded during final design.

Submission 964 (Jeanine Phillips, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #964 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

964-1174 | No! This will bring traffic through here that doesn't live here. It's bad enough we have Walmart.

Response to Submission 964 (Jeanine Phillips, April 12, 2021)

964-1174

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. With regards to traffic related to the project, roadway segments and intersections where the project would be expected to cause an increase in traffic of 50 or more trips in the a.m. or p.m. peak hour were analyzed in this Final EIR/EIS. In cases where the project proposes to close local roadway segments, consideration was given to roadway segments and intersections on alternate routes that would be used by traffic rerouted from the closed segments. As shown in Tables 6-9, 6-13, and 6-17 of the *Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Revised Draft Transportation Technical Report* (Authority 2018), the Existing (2016) Plus Project, Opening Year (2029) Plus Project, and Horizon Year (2040) Plus Project conditions would result in level of service A on Burnett Road (from Challenger Drive to Arabian Drive), SR 58 (from N Mill Street to E Tehachapi Boulevard), and E Tehachapi Boulevard (from SR 58 to Dennison Road). Further, TR-IAMF#1 through TR-IAMF#9, TR-IAMF#11, and TR-IAMF#12 provide specific requirements that would address potential circulation impacts related to road closures, construction vehicles and equipment, staging areas, and reconstruction and construction of transportation facilities.

Submission 965 (Scott Phillips, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #965 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

965-1175 | We don't want nor do we need this high speed rail fiasco!

Response to Submission 965 (Scott Phillips, April 12, 2021)

965-1175

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. The comment also presents the commenter's opinion on the HSR project. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 938 (Dave Pratt, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #938 DETAIL

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EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

938-1108

Hi my name's Dave Pratt. Address 17530 Orange Terrace, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Phone number 714-588-8634. Um my message is pretty simple, I'm a dad of eight kids, six my own and two step-kids and grandpa lives with us. Um I taught our kids to save, be frugal, be responsible, pay your bills when you get into the world, don't depend on outside donations. Do what's right, do what's responsible, oh and by the way we live in California where Jerry Brown wanted the the High-Speed Rail, a billion dollars for the original piece of it. It hasn't been built in 10 years. Now you've got the current governor administration who lies to people and who sits there and and breaks his own rules of having parties and says oh the environment, environment equity. It's a bunch of crap. Every time that somebody goes to one of these small towns that the High-Speed Rail is supposed to be going through or they're doing some work on it, the environmental impact of all the vehicles, all the politicians, all the gas, all the smog. It's a waste. It's a total waste. I don't teach my kids to live like this. Why would you do this to the State of California? This whole project needs to be stopped. It's wrong. It's wrong for the environment, for the way they're destroying it. And it's wrong politically, financially for for the State of California. If you want a real high speed rail system, bring in Japan and ask them to build it within a reasonable amount of time. Not, not a governor, or the last two governors, who know nothing about trains except for something they used to play with on the ground. And they don't and they're liars about the environment too. This is not good for California. Financially, our kids, my kids, your kids are going to be paying for it for hundreds of years. It won't be built for the next 20-30 years. Trash it. Take your losses, step aside, and just stop. It's wrong for these small cities. Anyway, Dave Pratt. I am out.

Response to Submission 938 (Dave Pratt, April 5, 2021)

938-1108

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 887 (Michael Puffer, April 1, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #887 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/1/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/1/2021
Interest As : Individual
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EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

887-996 | Route it through Tehachapi and get it done. We need modern efficient transportation.

Response to Submission 887 (Michael Puffer, April 1, 2021)

887-996

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's support of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section of the HSR project, and specifically the route through Tehachapi, is acknowledged.

Submission 912 (June Rieck, April 7, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #912 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/7/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/7/2021
Interest As : Individual
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EIR/EIS Comment :

912-1046

I already hated that useless HSR and now they are bringing it right through our community. AND right by our new hospital.
It will bring the price of our properties down. There are many other things that will cause problems. Please, please
Stop it.

Response to Submission 912 (June Rieck, April 7, 2021)

912-1046

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged.

The commenter also raises concerns about impacts to the Adventist Hospital in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 935 (Emily Rodgers, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #935 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

935-1239

I would not like to see this high speed railway built. Please consider how it would negatively impact the residents of Tehachapi and surrounding mountain communities and the wild horses that roam there.

Response to Submission 935 (Emily Rodgers, April 12, 2021)

935-1239

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to wild horses. Wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. Refer to Response to Comment 929-1091, contained in this chapter, regarding the wild horses.

935-1105

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about the potential for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Build Alternatives to impact residents of the City of Tehachapi and surrounding areas. Refer to Section 3.12.6.3 of this Final EIR/EIS for analysis of temporary and permanent impacts to existing communities from project construction and operation.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to wild horses. Wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. The HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 972 (Randall Scott, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #972 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

972-1222 | The project EIR, and this revised draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, fail to take into account that this HSR project will virtually destroy the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound in Rosamond, CA. This facility houses over 70 exotic cats from around the world, ranging from the smallest to some of the largest – many of which are highly endangered species. Destroying this facility will have major adverse environmental consequences world-wide on the efforts to save these species from extinction.

972-1223 | In addition, this entire CA HSR project is a waste of taxpayers' funds, is grossly over budget, the majority of it was supposedly cancelled by CA Governor Newsom soon after his election; it is opposed by the Federal Government, and will be a continuous burden on the California taxpayers, as it will never pay for itself. Spending any additional funds on any further environmental evaluations, or any other actions, is unconscionable, a shameful waste of millions of the taxpayers' dollars, and needs to be stopped immediately!

Randall Scott
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Response to Submission 972 (Randall Scott, April 12, 2021)

972-1222

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the project would displace the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound. The local exotic feline breeding company (The Cat House) referenced by the commenter will not be displaced by the project because the HSR alignment is located approximately one-half mile west of the facility.

The facility in Rosamond was identified and considered in the environmental analysis included in the BARTR used for the analysis in the Section 3.7 of this Final EIR/EIS, and the determination was that the project would not destroy or adversely affect this facility.

972-1223

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 941 (Nell Smith, April 6, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #941 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

- 941-1111 | Hi my name is Nell Smith, I'm a resident, a long time resident of Tehachapi. I strongly oppose this High-Speed Rail going through here. It's gonna be too noisy, too detrimental to the uh the wild animals, the scenery, the peaceful way of life that we have up here. I strongly suggest that this High-Speed Rail just be just shut down and you know what we just really need to go ahead and use our funds for better purposes than this rail than this railway that is just gonna be useless. It's a waste of our taxpayers money and you know what we could much better do do better with water storage. Water storage is is much more needed than than this stupid railway. You know, just if you wanna contact me, my number is 661-859-4971 and I would gladly discuss this with anybody that would like to discuss this. I wasn't able to go to the meeting yesterday but you can contact me at anytime. Anyway, I oppose this. Tehachapi doesn't need it, we don't want it. It's just not good for anything over here. Thank you.
- 941-1112 |

Response to Submission 941 (Nell Smith, April 6, 2021)

941-1111

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The Authority is committed to using avoidance and minimization measures to protect wildlife species as and will work with state and federal wildlife agencies throughout the construction period. The Authority's intent is to minimize and avoid impacts to wildlife species through implementation of IAMFs (Section 3.7.4.2 of this Final EIR/EIS) and Mitigation Measures as provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter indicated that the HSR project will impact wildlife. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter states that water storage would be a better use of taxpayer dollars. The commenter's suggestion of additional water storage is not necessary to mitigate for an adverse environmental impact of the proposed project.

941-1112

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

As discussed in the 2020 Business Plan (Authority 2020; page 4), the HSR system would provide environmental, economic, and community benefits statewide and within specific regions. Improvements in mobility and travel time, reductions in vehicle miles traveled and commensurate drops in emissions of greenhouse gases and criteria air pollutants, and increased job creation both during construction and throughout operations are all benefits that would accrue with implementation of the project.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 916 (David Stegall, April 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #916 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/8/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/8/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

- 916-1062 | This project is the largest waste of taxpayers money to date for California. Having viewed the project animation video to get a better prospective. The passing of this HSR through our quaint rural mountain town of Tehachapi is joke. The residents have to deal with the aesthetic ugliness of the windfarms that dot our eastern view. And now, we are to have this monstrosity of a Disney monorail running through the streets of our town.
- 916-1063 | NO THANK YOU! What benefit does Tehachapi..none! We have to put up with the causes and effects of this train with no economical, serviceable or aesthetic benefit what so ever. Not to mention one of the greatest
- 916-1064 | concerns earthquake fault lines. The greater Mojave area and eastern kern County is a known geological hotbend for earthquakes due to the number of lateral lying faults. One earthquake of average scale and the train rail is surely compromised. Rethink this California before you continue to waste the taxpayers time and money

Response to Submission 916 (David Stegall, April 8, 2021)

916-1062

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

916-1063

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the project would not benefit Tehachapi. As discussed in Section 3.12 of the Final EIR/EIS, project-related construction jobs would benefit the economies of the communities within the region. Additionally, as discussed in the Final EIR/EIS, the benefits of the HSR system include reduced VMT, reduced energy use for transportation, and reduced air pollution from transportation sources, including reduced emissions of GHGs (see Final EIR/EIS Section 3.2, Transportation, Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, and Section 3.6 Public Utilities and Energy).

916-1064

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that the region is prone to earthquakes. Impact GSS #13 in Section 3.9 of this Final EIR/EIS discusses the effects of seismicity during operation of the HSR project. With the implementation of GEO-IAMF#2, GEO-IAMF#6, GEO-IAMF#7, GEO-IAMF#8, and GEO-IAMF#10, the impact from seismicity during operations would be less than significant. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

Submission 893 (Angel Toldson, March 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #893 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
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Submission Date : 3/8/2021
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Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment : No

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

893-1000

Angel Toldson T as in Tom O-L-D as in David S-O-N, 311 West Lancaster Boulevard, Apartment 6, Lancaster, California 93435. Thank You

Response to Submission 893 (Angel Toldson, March 8, 2021)

893-1000

The commenter provided contact information. The commenter has been added to the Authority's Bakersfield to Palmdale project distribution list.

Submission 980 (Morgan Van loon, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #980 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

980-1231

To whom it may concern, my name is Morgan Van Loon and My husband and I are home owners in Tehachapi, CA. My husband is active duty and thanks to the government we've had the opportunity to live in a variety of states. The same government has brought us to the dessert for the remainder of his career. We've finally had the pleasure of settling in the beautiful town of Tehachapi, outside of the Mojave dessert. Unfortunately for some reason the order of building a high speed rail through this town has wrongfully been given. Hopefully this same government can step up and stop this from being carried out. Furthermore, as long term, tax paying residents of this town I refuse taxes for this unlawful project.The railway will disrupt the uniqueness of lives that live in the area and quaintness of the town. Thank you.

Response to Submission 980 (Morgan Van loon, April 12, 2021)

980-1231

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 943 (Michael Wade, April 6, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #943 DETAIL	
Status :	Action Pending
Record Date :	4/12/2021
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Submission Date :	4/6/2021
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Add to Mailing List :	Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :	No
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :	

943-1114

Uh yes my my name is uh Michael Wade and I live at 1350 Tanglewood Dr. in Tehachapi and I was calling today uh went to a meeting yesterday here in our town and uh it doesn't sound very good for our community to have this. The HSR still wants to bring this high-speed rail through our community um it's going to impact the entire valley. Our Tehachapi Valley is not that big and uh you would be able to hear that thing uh coming throughout the whole valley because we can already hear our trains at night when they come through. Uh and it I can't imagine what it would be like with 20 high-speed rail trains coming through our community every day. Thousands of people. Uh and it's gonna put a real blithe on our whole community here. Uh putting it a quarter mile behind our hospital where you're supposed to have peace, rest, and tranquility uh to get better is about I would say the stupidest thing on Earth. I have heard these high-speed trains around the world and they are extremely noisy contraptions. And they are a real blithe on our on our land. And and it would wreck our scenery. Not not to mention we will get no benefit from this train being, this monstrous thing being sent through our town and please I beg you uh to stop this waste of money. We need water and we need tunnels for that around the state uh that's more important. And I beg the people that are in charge of the HRS program and our governor who I thought had already put this to bed that we weren't gonna build this train any any farther than between down there between Bakersfield and through the Fresno area. Um it wouldn't be beneficial to this community or East Kern County to put this train and continue this this crazy-

Response to Submission 943 (Michael Wade, April 6, 2021)

943-1114

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter expresses concerns about noise impacts, visual impacts, and the potential for blight on the Tehachapi Valley as a result of the HSR project. The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-69, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in blight on the community. Refer to Responses to Comments 741-82 and 741-83, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about impacts to the Adventist Hospital in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Finally, in his State of the State Address (2019), Governor Gavin Newsom reaffirmed the Authority's commitment to the building-block approach laid out in the Authority's Project Update Report (Authority 2019b), beginning with the Merced to Fresno to Bakersfield line. The Authority's approach is not a Central Valley line instead of a Valley-to-Valley (Silicon Valley to Central Valley) line—it is to construct a Central Valley line first, while the Authority seeks additional funding and works to environmentally clear the entire 520 miles of Phase 1, which includes the Valley-to-Valley portions. The Authority continues to make strides on construction in the Central Valley while moving forward with systemwide environmental clearance and planning in Northern and Southern California. In continuing to finalize the environmental clearance processes for the sections outside of the Merced to Fresno to Bakersfield line (including the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section), the Authority is positioning itself for construction-ready projects as

943-1114

Project Section), the Authority is positioning itself for construction-ready projects as funding becomes available. The Authority remains committed to investments including the Caltrain Electrification Project in Northern California and Link US at Los Angeles Union Station.

Submission 932 (Margo Warner, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #932 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

932-1100 | I am voicing my opposition to the route proposed through Tehachapi. It took years and several bonds to get a
hospital built for our area and now a high speed rail will be within yards of the front door! We are a small rural
area and chose to live here for the natural beauty. And lastly, we own property in an area where one of the few
932-1101 | natural herds of wild horses remain. The HSR will cut right through their winter grazing areas. Stop this insanity!

Response to Submission 932 (Margo Warner, April 12, 2021)

932-1100

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states concerns about impacts to a hospital in the Tehachapi area, presumably the Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Hospital. Refer to Response to Comment 741-71, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

932-1101

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast ESU of mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter states that Tehachapi is home to wild horses. Wild horses are not a special-status species or protected by any wildlife agencies. The HSR alignment includes an elevated viaduct segment at the mouth of Oak Creek Canyon and two underground tunnel segments (2.37 and 1.8 miles, respectively) where the herd of Oak Creek Canyon wild horses can cross the HSR alignment.

Submission 933 (Tyler Wetzel, April 12, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #933 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/12/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/12/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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Add to Mailing List : No
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

933-1102 | This is awful and devastating. There are plenty of ways to travel this state. The impact on wildlife should matter.
933-1103 | The impact on people who already live in the area should matter. This is not something that will benefit more people. It will make a few people more greedy and more wealthy than they already are.

Response to Submission 933 (Tyler Wetzel, April 12, 2021)

933-1102

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter indicated that the HSR project will impact wildlife. A detailed assessment of impacts on wildlife during construction and operation of the HSR project is provided in Section 3.7.6 of this Final EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures to address these impacts are provided in Section 3.7.7 of this Final EIR/EIS. No revisions to this Final EIR/EIS have been made in response to this comment.

933-1103

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. CEQA requires a Final EIR to evaluate environmental issues in comments on a Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and to respond to the comments received on significant environmental issues (see 14 CCR §15088(a)). NEPA requires that the Final EIS responds to comments on substantive issues. (40 C.F.R. §1503.4) The comment expresses the commenter's views on the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section, but does not address a substantive environmental issue in the Draft EIR/EIS or Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

Submission 918 (Joyce Wilson, April 8, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #918 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/8/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/8/2021
Interest As : Individual
Submission Method : Website
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State : CA
Zip Code : 93561
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Email : Joycoolw@icloud.com
Cell Phone :
Email Subscription : Bakersfield to Palmdale
Add to Mailing List : Yes
EIR/EIS Comment :

Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

918-1076

Just wondering if you are going through the trouble of disrupting our little town with this high speed train and still we have to drive an hour away to ride it. It's obvious that you are not going to change the route so since you are chopping up our town then at least could there be a stop here in Tehachapi, California?
Thanks
Joyce Wilson

Response to Submission 918 (Joyce Wilson, April 8, 2021)

918-1076

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter's opposition to the HSR project is acknowledged. Additionally, the commenter suggests an alternate route for the project. Refer to Chapter 2, Alternatives, Section 2.3.12, Range of Potential Alternatives Considered and Findings of this Final EIR/EIS, for a detailed discussion of alternatives considered, alternatives withdrawn from further consideration, the reasons for their withdrawal, and alternatives ultimately carried forward in the EIR/EIS analysis. Additionally, Table 2-4 of this Final EIR/EIS summarizes the previous and current alternatives and lists reasons for the withdrawal of alternatives.

Submission 900 (Vikki and Mike Worrell, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #900 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
Affiliation Type : Individual
Submission Date : 4/5/2021
Interest As : Individual
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Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

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Begin forwarded message:

> From: VW <rvm4us@bak.rr.com>
> Date: April 5, 2021 at 8:49:56 AM PDT
> To: Bakersfield_Palmdale@hsr.ca.gov
> Cc: psmith@tehachapicityhall.com
> Subject: High Speed Rail
>

> ?Dear Sirs,

900-1008

> I'm very concerned of the proposed High speed rail coming through the city of Tehachapi as a life long resident. This will destroy our beautiful landscape and create unnecessary noise. It will not benefit ANY Tehachapi residents. In fact, the high speed rail will decrease many property values of many homes of the people in Tehachapi. Please, I beg you all, to think of your residents and constituents and to vote against this absurd and ugly project. My entire family feels the same way as I do. Think of the people who you represent. We don't want a High Speed Rail in our town!

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> Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

>

> Sincerely,

Response to Submission 900 (Vikki and Mike Worrell, April 5, 2021)

900-1008

While this comment is not related to the new information about the monarch butterfly and Southern California and Central Coast mountain lion as candidate species under the Endangered Species Act, and new mitigation measures to address impacts to wildlife resulting from lighting during construction and project operation in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority appreciates all comments and is responding in full here.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project's effect on the landscape in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-91, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about noise issues in the City of Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-101, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

The commenter raises concerns about the HSR project resulting in reduction of property values in Tehachapi. Refer to Response to Comment 741-82, contained in Chapter 22 of this Final EIR/EIS.

Submission 901 (Vikki and Mike Worrell, April 5, 2021)

Bakersfield - Palmdale - RECORD #901 DETAIL

Status : Action Pending
Record Date : 4/5/2021
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Add to Mailing List :
EIR/EIS Comment :
Stakeholder Comments/Issues :

901-1011

Dear Sirs,

I'm very concerned of the proposed High speed rail coming through the city of Tehachapi as a life long resident. This will destroy our beautiful landscape and create unnecessary noise. It will not benefit ANY Tehachapi residents. In fact, the high speed rail will decrease many property values of many homes of the people in Tehachapi. Please, I beg you all, to think of your residents and constituents and to vote against this absurd and ugly project. My entire family feels the same way as I do. Think of the people who you represent. We don't want a High Speed Rail in our town!

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
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Response to Submission 901 (Vikki and Mike Worrell, April 5, 2021)

901-1011

Refer to Response to Comment 900-1008, contained in this chapter.