



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

California High-Speed Rail Project – Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project. The Draft EIR/EIS has been prepared and is being made available pursuant to both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS and associated documents will be available to the public on May 29, 2020.

The Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Draft EIR/EIS is available online in PDF at the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) or you can request a copy by calling (877) 977-1660.

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

PROPOSED PROJECT AND LOCATION

A Statewide Program (Tier 1) EIR/EIS was completed in 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System planned to provide a reliable high-speed electric-powered rail system that links the major metropolitan areas of the state and that delivers predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as intercity travel demand in California increases, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources. A second program-level (Tier 1) EIR/EIS was completed in 2008 focusing on the connection between the Bay Area and Central Valley; the Authority revised this document under CEQA and completed it in 2012. Based on the Program EIR/EISs, the Authority selected preferred corridors and station locations to advance for further study.

The Authority has prepared a project-level (Tier 2) EIR/EIS that further examines the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section. The approximately 14-mile Project Section would provide HSR service between the Burbank Airport Station in Burbank and Los Angeles Union Station in Los Angeles. These

HSR stations would provide links with regional and local mass transit services as well as connectivity to airports and the highway networks in the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles Basin. The Project Section would connect the Northern and Southern portions of the Statewide HSR system.

This Draft EIR/EIS evaluates the impacts and benefits of a No Project Alternative and one Build Alternative. The Authority's Preferred Alternative under NEPA, which serves as the proposed project for CEQA, is the HSR Build Alternative. The Preferred Alternative includes a new station near the Hollywood Burbank Airport, modifications to Los Angeles Union Station (raising of passenger platforms and installation of overhead catenary system), new electrified tracks within the existing railroad corridor (which would be shared with Metrolink and Amtrak), a tunnel under the Hollywood Burbank Airport (Runway 8-26, Taxiway D, and the proposed extended Taxiway C), and traction power facilities.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

Significant pre-mitigation environmental effects resulting from the HSR Build Alternative is anticipated in the following resource areas: transportation (operation impacts); air quality and global climate change (construction impacts); noise and vibration (construction and operation impacts); electromagnetic fields and electromagnetic interference (construction and operation impacts); public utilities and energy (construction and operation impacts); biological and aquatic resources (construction and operation impacts); hydrology and water resources (construction and operation impacts); hazardous materials and wastes (construction impacts); safety and security (operation impacts); socioeconomics and communities (construction and operation impacts); station planning, land use, and development (operation impacts); parks, recreation, and open space (construction and operation impacts); aesthetics and visual resources (construction impacts); and cultural resources (construction impacts).

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

Some of the facilities included in the HSR Build Alternative would be located on or near sites or facilities on hazardous materials/contaminated site lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Cortese List).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The Authority is making this Draft EIR/EIS available in accordance with CEQA and NEPA for a minimum 45-day review and comment period. During the comment period, comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By mail to Attn: Burbank to Los Angeles Draft EIR/EIS Comment, 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Through the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov)
- By email to Burbank_Los.Angeles@hsr.ca.gov with the subject line "Draft EIR/EIS Comment".
- Verbal comment on the direct line for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section at (877) 977-1660.
- Oral testimony at the public hearing to be held on July 8, 2020 from 3:00-8:00 p.m.

The comment period begins on May 29, 2020 and ends on July 16, 2020. Comments must be received electronically or postmarked on or before July 16, 2020.

After the public review period, the Authority will prepare a Final EIR/EIS, which will include responses to comments received during the comment period.

OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, the **public open house** will be held online and via telephone on June 18, 2020 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and the **public hearing** will be held online and via telephone on July 8, 2020 from 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Following the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (herein referred to as COVID-19) in California (and globally), on March 17, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced directives to address the need to slow the spread of COVID-19 including prohibiting gatherings of any size. In addition, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 on March 19, 2020, which orders all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, effective immediately and until further notice. In order to comply with the Governor's directives and Executive Order N-33-20, and to protect public health, the traditional in-person format of the open house and public hearing will be changed to a "virtual" format held online and via telephone.

The Authority invites you to participate in the virtual open house scheduled for June 18, 2020. The open house will feature a project overview and interactive question and answer session. The virtual public hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2020. The public hearing will provide members of the public an opportunity to provide formal oral testimony. Oral comments provided via the call-in number by telephone will be recorded by an official court reporter. *En la reunión se contará con intérpretes que traducirán al español para el público asistente que lo necesite.*

Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned open house and public hearing and how to access them. All requests for reasonable accommodations and language services must be submitted 72 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please contact the Authority's public outreach team at (877) 977-1660 or call the California Relay Service at 711.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

Please visit the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) to download an electronic copy of the Draft EIR/EIS. You may also request a copy of the Draft EIR/EIS by calling (877) 977-1660.

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS and electronic copies of associated technical reports will be available at the following locations, if circumstances allow, during hours the facilities are open (open days/hours may be reduced for compliance with COVID-19 public health and safety directives):

- Burbank
 - Buena Vista Branch Library, 300 N Buena Vista Street
 - Northwest Branch Library, 3323 W Victory Boulevard
 - Burbank Central Library, 110 N Glenoaks Boulevard
- Glendale
 - Grandview Library, 1535 Fifth Street
 - Pacific Park and Community Center, 501 S Pacific Avenue
 - Glendale Central Library, 222 E Harvard Street
- Los Angeles
 - Atwater Village Branch Library, 3379 Glendale Boulevard
 - Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N Hill Street

- Cypress Park Branch Library, 1150 Cypress Avenue
- Lincoln Heights Branch Library, 2530 Workman Street
- Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S Los Angeles Street

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS and electronic copies of associated technical reports are also available for review during business hours at the Authority's Southern California Regional Office at 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA and the Authority's Headquarters at 770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1, Sacramento, CA.

Electronic copies of the Tier 1 documents are available on request by calling the Authority office at (877) 977-1660. The Tier 1 documents may also be reviewed at the Authority's offices during business hours at 770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1, Sacramento, CA 95814 and 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA.

Authority offices may have reduced open days/hours, as required by COVID-19 public health and safety directives. Please consult www.hsr.ca.gov for up-to-date information.

The Authority does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities

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https://hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_burbank_los_angeles.aspx

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この公開開始通知を日本語で閲覧するには、高速鉄道局のウェブサイト

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NOA를 한국어로 열람하고자 하는 경우 다음의 공단 웹사이트를 참조하십시오:

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Para ver este Aviso de Disponibilidad (NOA) en español, visite el sitio web de la Autoridad en:

https://hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_burbank_los_angeles.aspx

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Online Open House Meeting & Public Hearing – June/July 2020

Please join us at the upcoming online Open House Meeting and Public Hearing

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for the Burbank to Los Angeles (B-LA) Project Section. The Draft EIR/EIS is available for public review and comment at www.hsr.ca.gov. The 45-day comment period begins on May 29, 2020 and ends on July 16, 2020. The Section is part of the first phase of the nation's first high-speed rail system. The Section is approximately 14-miles connecting Burbank (airport area) and Los Angeles Union Station, running mostly within the existing railroad corridor adjacent to the Los Angeles River.

The Authority invites you to participate in both an online Open House Meeting and Public Hearing for the B-LA Project Section. To comply with the public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, both meetings will be held online and via telephone. The online open house website is available for the duration of the public comment period with a live webcast scheduled for June 18, 2020. The open house webcast begins with a presentation at 5:00 p.m. and offers the public an overview of the environmental documents, opportunity to review and ask questions about the Draft EIR/EIS, information on where to access the environmental documents and how to participate in the public comment process. Project team members will be online to answer questions for the duration of the meeting. Comments or questions submitted at the open house will not be part of the public record.

The online public hearing scheduled for July 8, 2020 offers members of the public an opportunity to provide formal oral testimony to a high-speed rail panel. Oral comments may be submitted via the live webcast or by telephone and will be recorded by a court reporter. During the comment period, comments may also be submitted by mail: **355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071**, website: www.hsr.ca.gov, email: Burbank_Los.Angeles@hsr.ca.gov and the B-LA phone line: **(877) 977-1660**. Comments must be received electronically or postmarked on or before July 16, 2020. After the public review period, the Authority will prepare a Final EIR/EIS, which will include responses to comments received during the review period.

ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION

OPEN HOUSE*

Thursday, June 18, 2020

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The presentation starts at 5:00 p.m.

www.meethrsocal.org

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The online public hearing starts at 3:00 p.m.

www.hsr.ca.gov

***English/Spanish Meeting:** The Open House webcast meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. **English presentation starts at 5:00pm.** **Spanish presentation starts at 6:30 p.m.** Simultaneous translation will be offered during both presentations.

Website: Please visit the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) or (www.meethrsocal.org) for the online open house that includes details on the Draft EIR/EIS including the open house webcast and public hearing and how to access them.

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LANGUAGE AND OTHER NEEDS

Interpretación en español será disponible en todas las reuniones.

All requests for reasonable accommodations and/or language services must be made three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date by calling (877) 977-1660. For TTY/TTD assistance, please call the California Relay Service at 711.



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Sección del Proyecto de Burbank a Los Angeles

Reunión en transmisión por Internet de Puertas Abiertas y Audiencia Pública - junio / julio de 2020

Participe en la próxima Reunión de Puertas Abiertas y Audiencia Pública en transmisión por internet

La Autoridad del Tren de Alta Velocidad de California (California High-Speed Rail Authority) (la Autoridad) anuncia la disponibilidad del borrador de Informe de Impacto Ambiental/Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, EIR/EIS) para la sección del proyecto de Burbank a Los Angeles (B-LA). El Borrador EIR/EIS está disponible para revisión pública y comentarios en www.hsr.ca.gov. El período de comentarios de 45 días comienza el 29 de mayo de 2020 y termina el 16 de julio de 2020. La Sección es parte de la primera fase del primer sistema ferroviario de alta velocidad en la nación. La Sección del proyecto recorre aproximadamente 14 millas conectando Burbank (área del aeropuerto) y Los Angeles Union Station, corriendo principalmente dentro del corredor ferroviario existente adyacente al río Los Angeles.

La Autoridad lo invita a participar tanto en una reunión de puertas abiertas en transmisión por internet como y en una audiencia pública para la sección del proyecto B-LA. Para cumplir con los requisitos de salud pública y seguridad relacionados con el coronavirus, la reunión de puertas abiertas y la audiencia pública se realizarán en transmisión por internet y por teléfono. El webcast de puertas abiertas en transmisión por internet programado para el 18 de junio de 2020 comienza con una presentación a las 5:00 p.m., y ofrece al público una visión general de los documentos ambientales, la oportunidad de revisar y hacer preguntas sobre el Borrador EIR/EIS, información sobre dónde acceder los documentos ambientales y cómo participar en el proceso de comentarios públicos. Los miembros del equipo del proyecto estarán disponibles en transmisión por internet para responder a preguntas durante la reunión. Los comentarios o preguntas presentados en la jornada de puertas abiertas no formarán parte del registro público.

La audiencia pública en transmisión por internet programada para el 8 de julio de 2020 ofrecerá a los miembros del público la oportunidad de dar testimonio oral formalmente a un panel de ferroviario de alta velocidad. Los comentarios orales pueden enviarse a través de la transmisión en vivo o por teléfono y serán grabados por un taquígrafo certificado del tribunal. Durante el período de comentarios, los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo: **355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071**, sitio web: www.hsr.ca.gov, correo electrónico: Burbank_Los.Angeles@hsr.ca.gov y en la línea telefónica B-LA: **(877) 977-1660**. Los comentarios deben recibirse electrónicamente o por correo postal con fecha del matasellos del 16 de julio de 2020 como tarde. Después del período de revisión pública, la Autoridad preparará un EIR/EIS final, que incluirá las respuestas a los comentarios recibidos durante el período de comentarios.

INFORMACIÓN DE REUNIONES

REUNIÓN DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS*

Jueves, 18 de junio de 2020

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

La presentación en español comenzará a las 6:30 p.m.

www.meethsrsocial.org

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Miércoles, 8 de julio de 2020

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

La Audiencia Pública comenzará a las 300 p.m.

www.hsr.ca.gov

***Reunión en inglés y español:** La reunión de puertas abiertas se llevará a cabo en inglés y español. **La presentación en inglés comenzará a las 5:00 p.m. y la presentación en español comenzará a las 6:30 p.m.** También se ofrecerá traducción simultánea durante ambas presentaciones.

Sitio de Web: Visite el sitio web de la Autoridad (www.hsr.ca.gov) o (www.meethsrsocial.org) para la reunión de puertas abiertas que incluye detalles sobre el borrador EIR/EIS, incluida la transmisión por internet de puertas abiertas y la audiencia pública y cómo acceder a ellos.

El proceso de revisión y consultas ambientales, así como otras acciones requeridas por las leyes federales sobre medio ambiente aplicables para este proyecto, ha correspondido al estado de California, conforme al Código de los EE. UU. (U.S. Code) 23, 327 y a un Memorando de Entendimiento (Memorandum of Understanding, MOU) con fecha del 23 de julio de 2019, mientras que la Administración Federal de Ferrocarriles (Federal Railroad Administration, FRA) y el estado de California se han encargado de su ejecución. En virtud del MOU mencionado, la Autoridad se considera la agencia principal, conforme a la NEPA. Con anterioridad al MOU publicado el 23 de julio de 2019, la FRA fue la agencia federal principal. La Autoridad también es la agencia principal conforme a la CEQA.

LENGUAJES Y OTRAS NECESIDADES

Interpretación en español será disponible en todas las reuniones.

Todas las solicitudes para adaptaciones razonables y/o servicios de idiomas se deben realizar tres días hábiles (72 horas) antes de la fecha de la reunión programada, llamando al (877) 977-1660. Por favor, llame al Servicio de Retransmisión de California al 711 si desea ayuda TTY/TTD.



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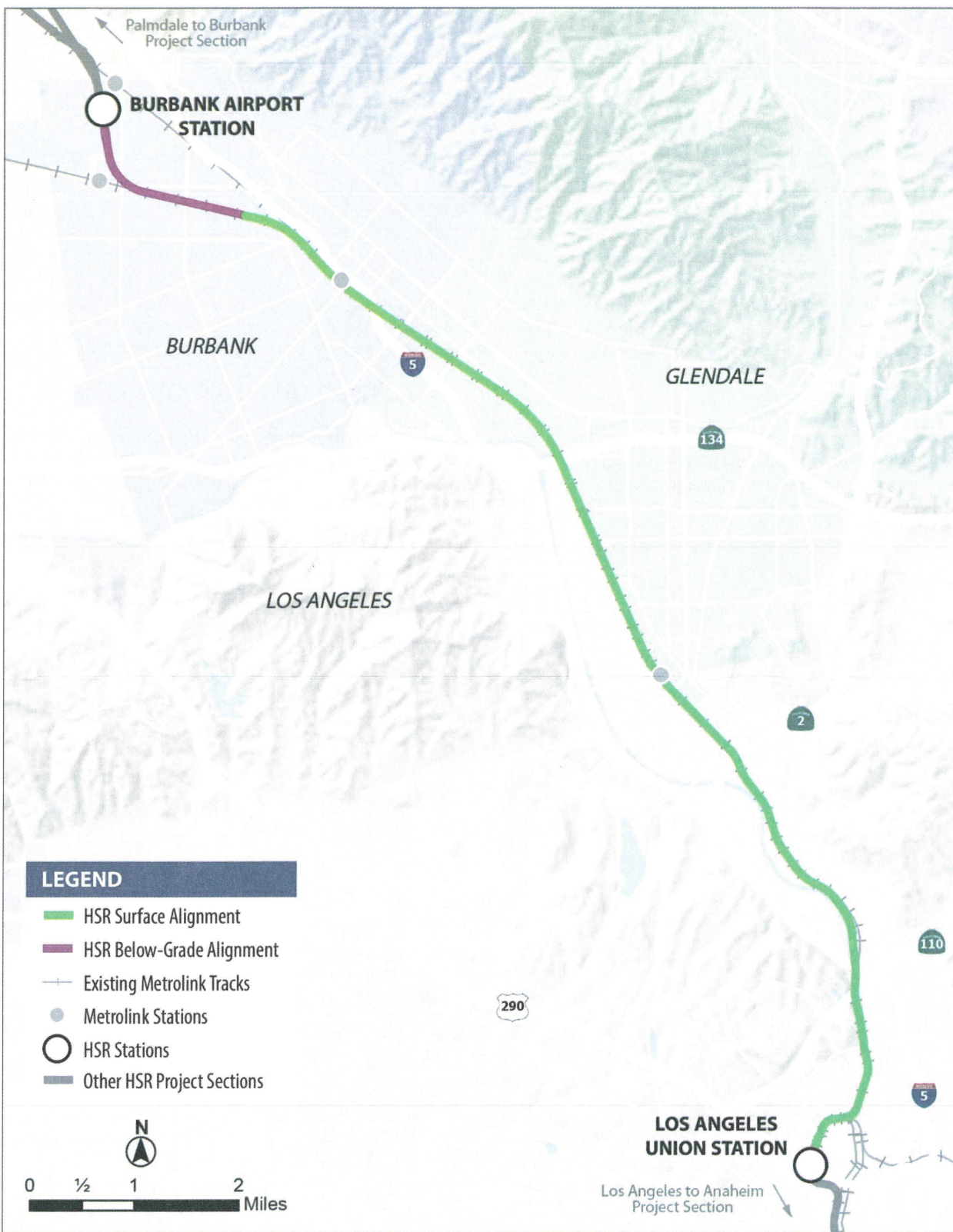
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Source: Authority 2019

Figure 1 Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section