CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

SAN JOSE TO MERCED PROJECT SECTION

San Jose Community Working Group Meeting

August 17, 2016

INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA REVIEW

- **Update on Recent Outreach Activities**
  - » Follow-up from March Meeting
  - » Summary of Input from April CWG/TWG Meetings and May/June Open Houses
- **San Jose to Merced Project Section Update**
- **Community Priorities Exercise**
- **Walk The Corridor Discussion**
- **Public Comment**
- **Next Steps**

CWG ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Purpose
  - » Provide project updates to members
  - » Present project alternatives to members for meaningful feedback
  - » Access to Authority environmental and engineering technical staff
  - » Collaborative engagement on environmental and engineering work
  - » Move the environmental process forward in the spirit of cooperation

- Membership and Responsibilities
  - » Broad spectrum of community representatives
  - » Consider/present the interests of their respective communities/organizations
  - » Participate in open communication among different interests
  - » Help move the planning process forward in the spirit of cooperation

UPDATE ON RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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- **Two Technical Working Group (TWG) Meetings held in March 2016**
- **Three Community Working Group (CWG) Meetings held in April 2016**
- **Four Open Houses held in May and June 2016**
  - » Over 150 stakeholders attended including elected officials and those representing neighborhood associations, nonprofits, religious organizations, municipal and regional public agencies, private businesses and more

SUMMARY OF INPUT FROM CWG/TWG MEETINGS AND OPEN HOUSES

- Impacts on Landowners and Property
- Permission to Enter (PTE) Process
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Alignment Alternatives
- Traffic Effects
- Open Space and Environmental Impacts
- Project Costs and Budget
- Outreach & Advanced Notification of Meetings

SAN JOSE TO MERCED PROJECT SECTION UPDATE

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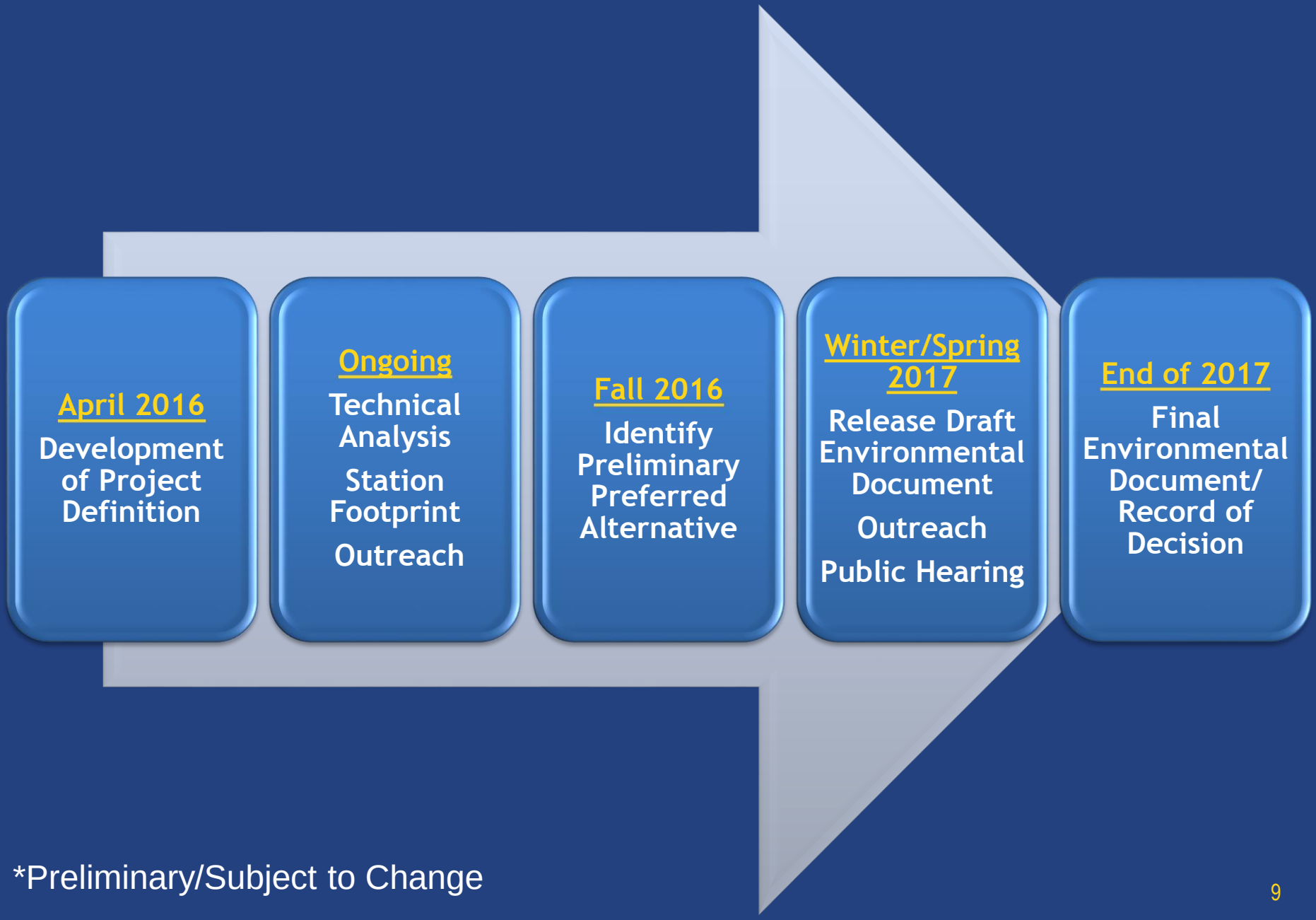
SAN JOSE TO MERCED: Schedule*



*Preliminary/Subject to Change

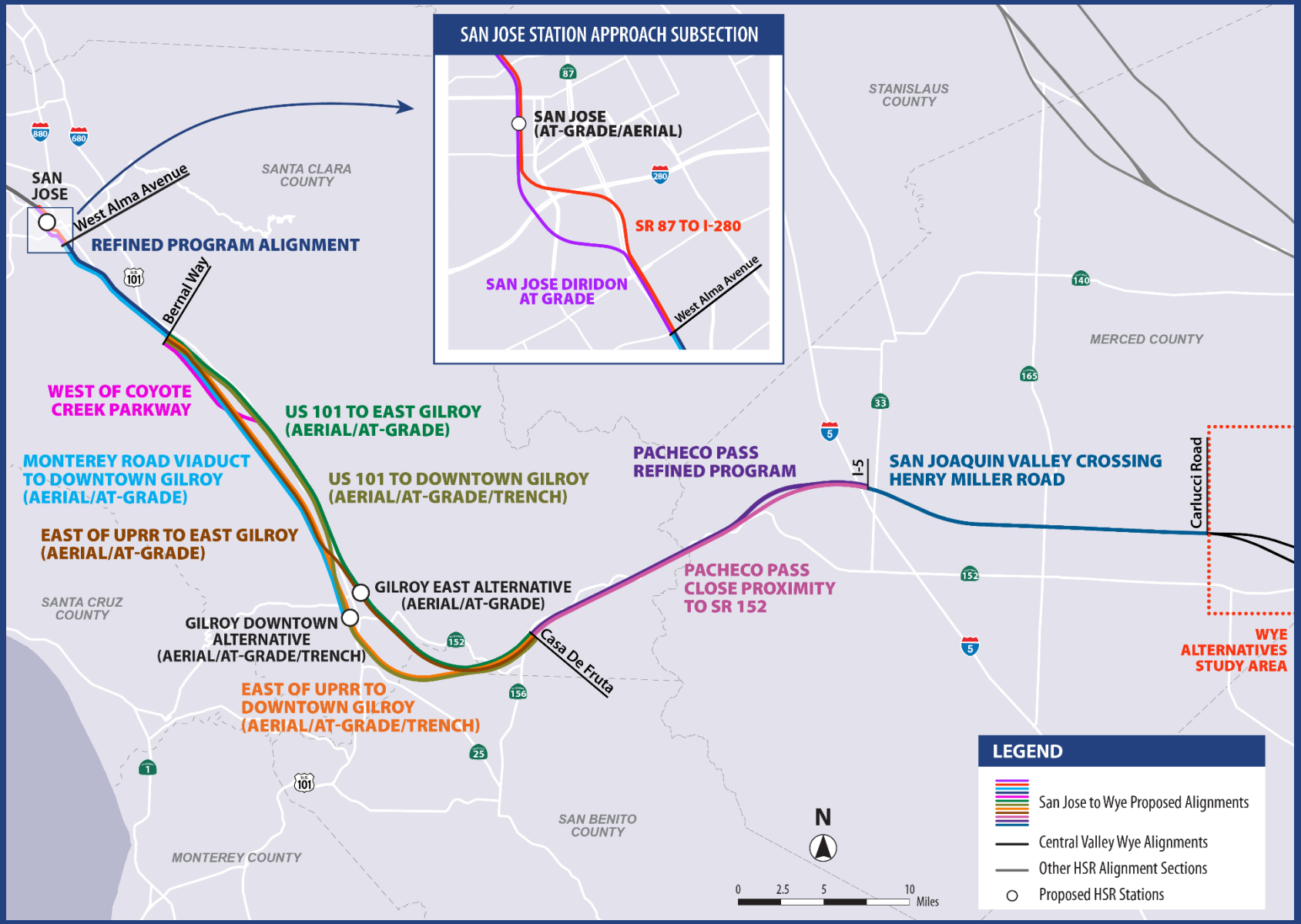
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS: Next Steps

- The Authority and FRA intend to identify a preliminary preferred alternative in the Draft EIR/EIS
- FRA/CHSRA changing process to conform with federal guidance and leverage key provisions in federal transportation statute (*MAP-21*)
- Identifying a preliminary preferred alternative at the Draft stage does not in any way represent a final decision which can -- and will -- only be made at the conclusion of environmental review

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS: Next Steps

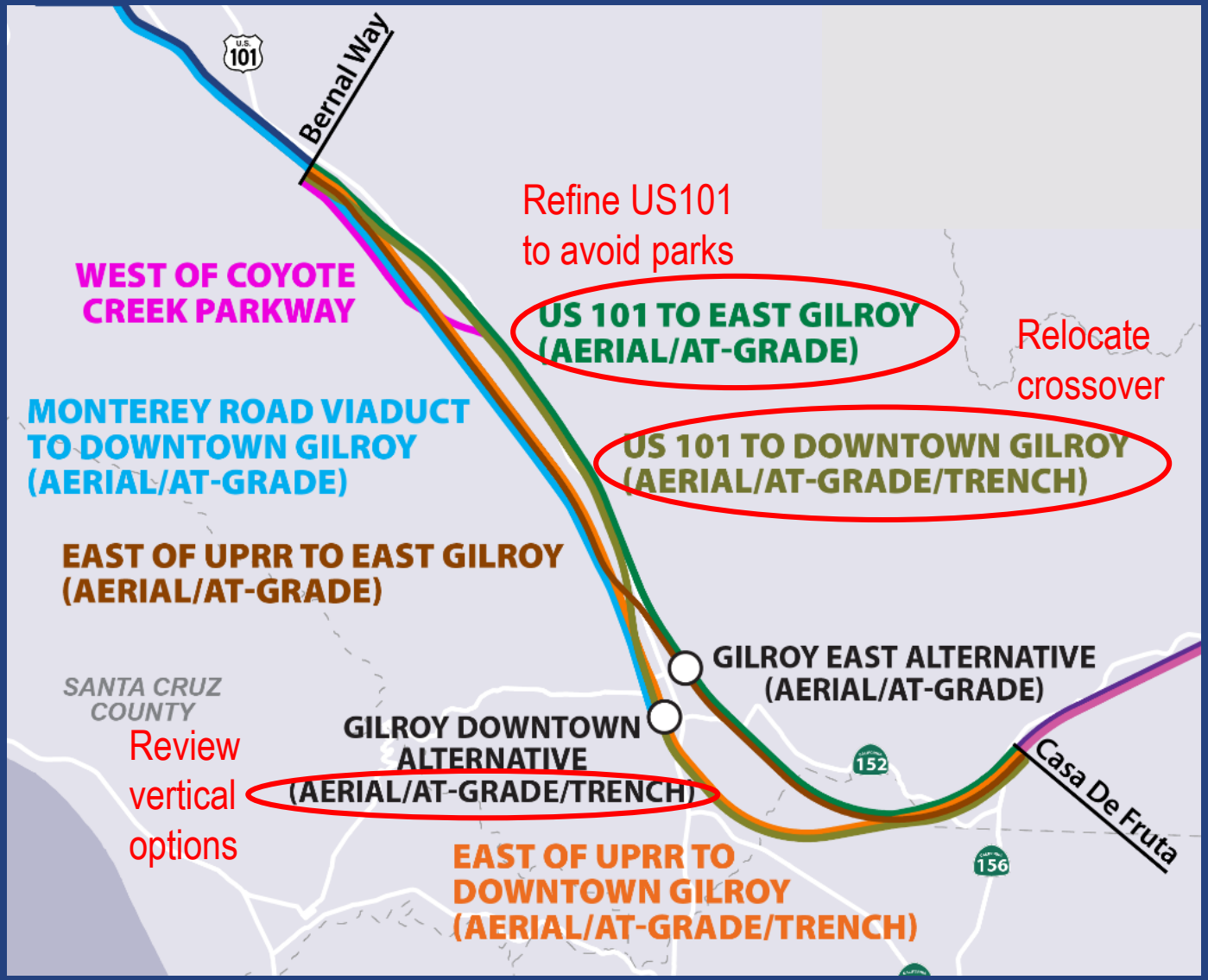
- **Before the Draft EIR/EIS is issued, staff will begin developing a preliminary preferred alternative which will:**
  - » Be based on analysis completed to date, and
  - » Reflect public and stakeholder input to date
- **Staff will present its recommendation to the Board for consideration**
- **The Board will either concur with staff's recommendation or modify it**
- **The preliminary preferred alternative identified by the Board will be included in the Draft EIS/EIR which will be issued for public comment**

SAN JOSE TO MERCED: Current Alternatives



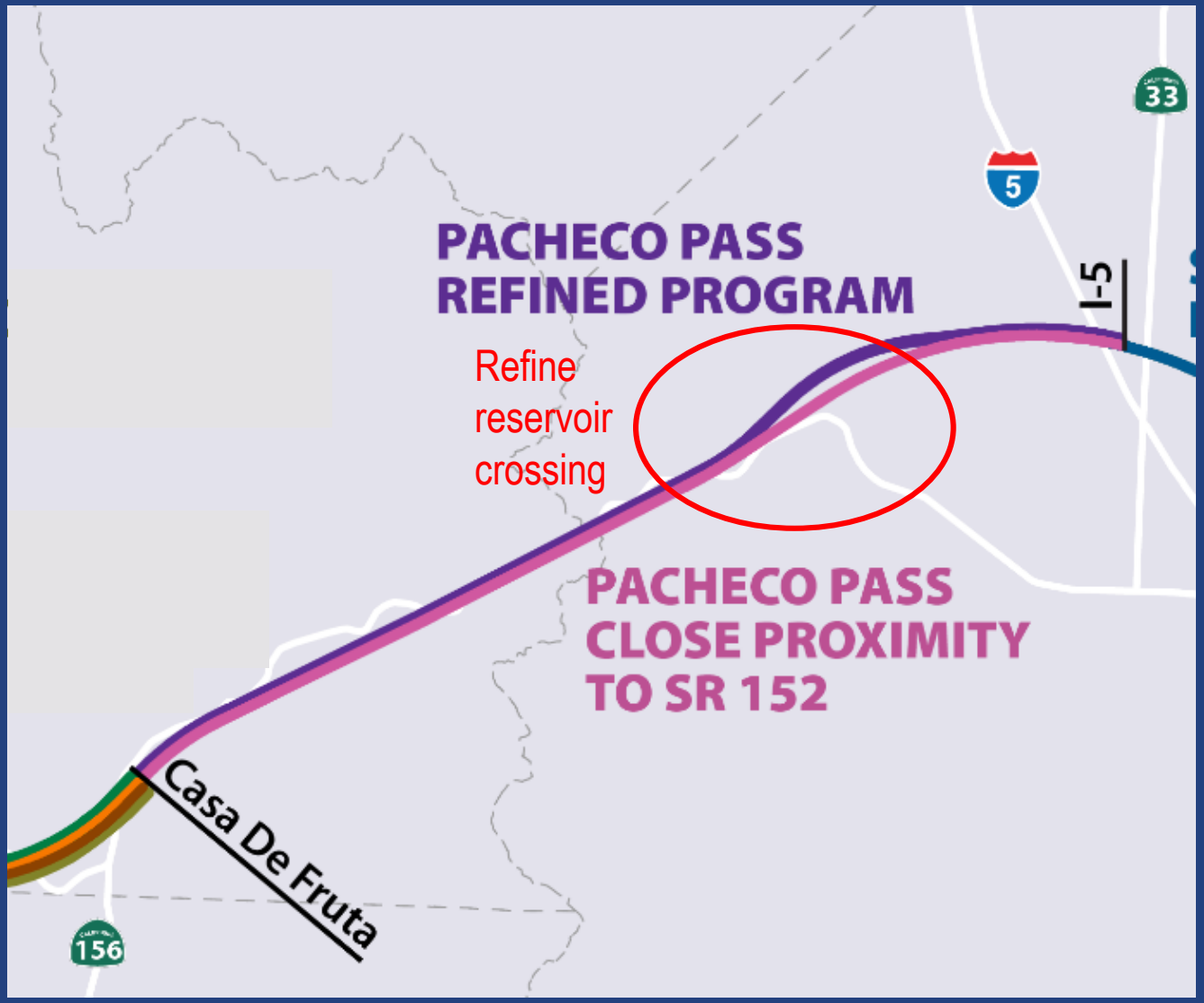
PROJECT DETAILS: San Jose Station Approach

PROJECT DETAILS: Morgan Hill/Gilroy Subsection

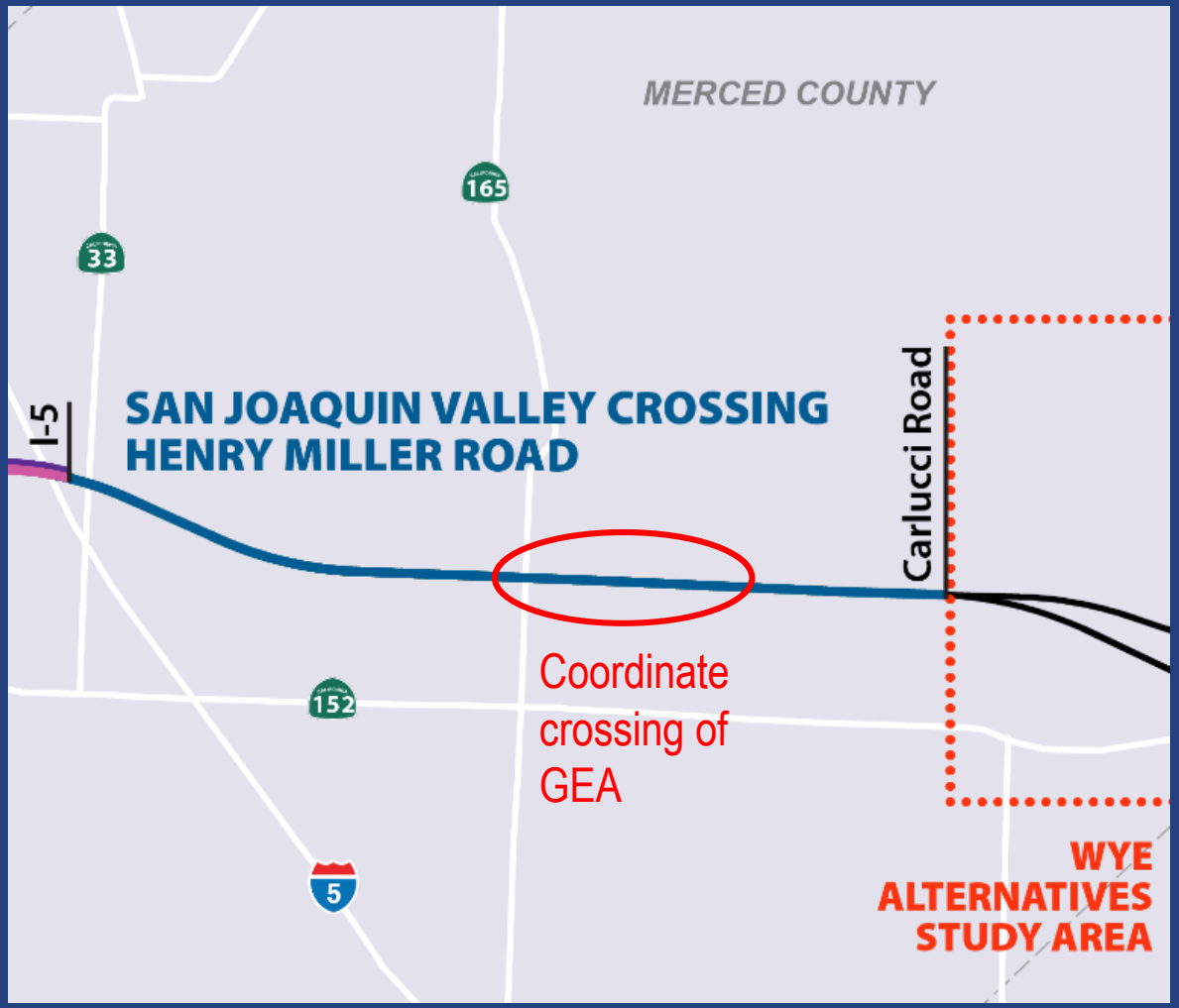


PROJECT DETAILS: Morgan Hill US101 Viaduct

PROJECT DETAILS: Pacheco Pass Subsection



PROJECT DETAILS : San Joaquin Valley Subsection



SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION UPDATE

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SCOPING UPDATE: Current Status

- **Notice of Intent (NOI)/Notice of Preparation (NOP) Issued on May 9***
- **Scoping Period:** May 9 through July 20
- **Three Scoping Meetings Held**
  - » San Francisco on May 23, 2016
  - » San Mateo on May 24, 2016
  - » Mountain View on May 25, 2016
  - » Over 160 stakeholders attended
- **Scoping Report Development**
  - » Complete synthesis of all comments received and outreach completed during Scoping process
  - » Finalized and released in September 2016
- **Key Scoping Comments (handout)**

*Available on the Authority's Website

HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION PLANNING

Bruce Fukuji

UPDATE ON SAN JOSE STATION SITE PLANNING

San Jose Station

- Platform(s) and track configuration
- Station and concourse
- Station access
- Temporary construction
- Refining footprint with Intermodal Working Group
  - Relocate bus facilities to on-street network
  - Extend Cahill Street to Park Street
  - Pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access
  - Mode share adjustments
  - Parking
  - Delivery of inter-related projects
    - BART station, Parking, Joint Development

Initial Study Area

Preliminary Footprint

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES EXERCISE

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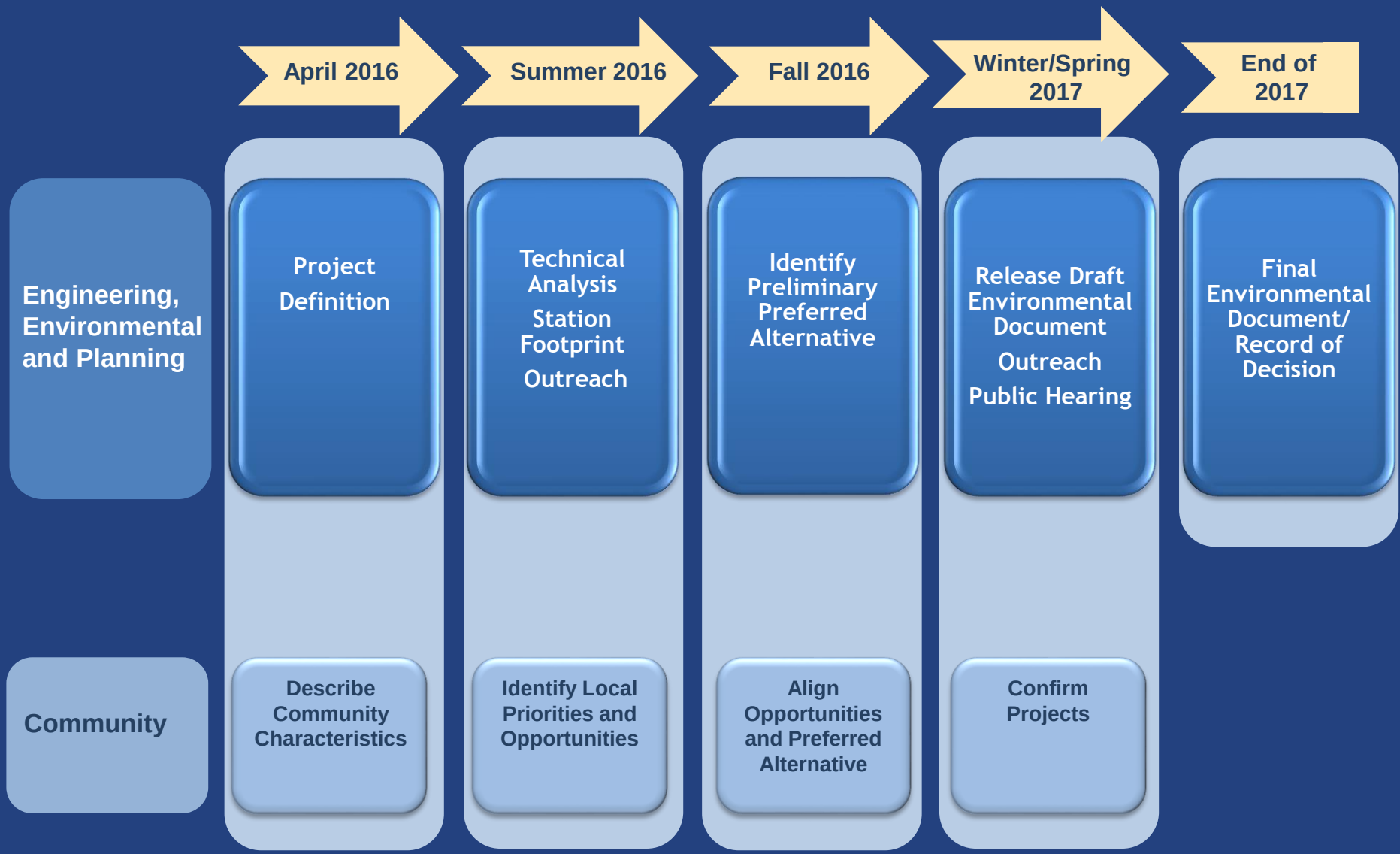
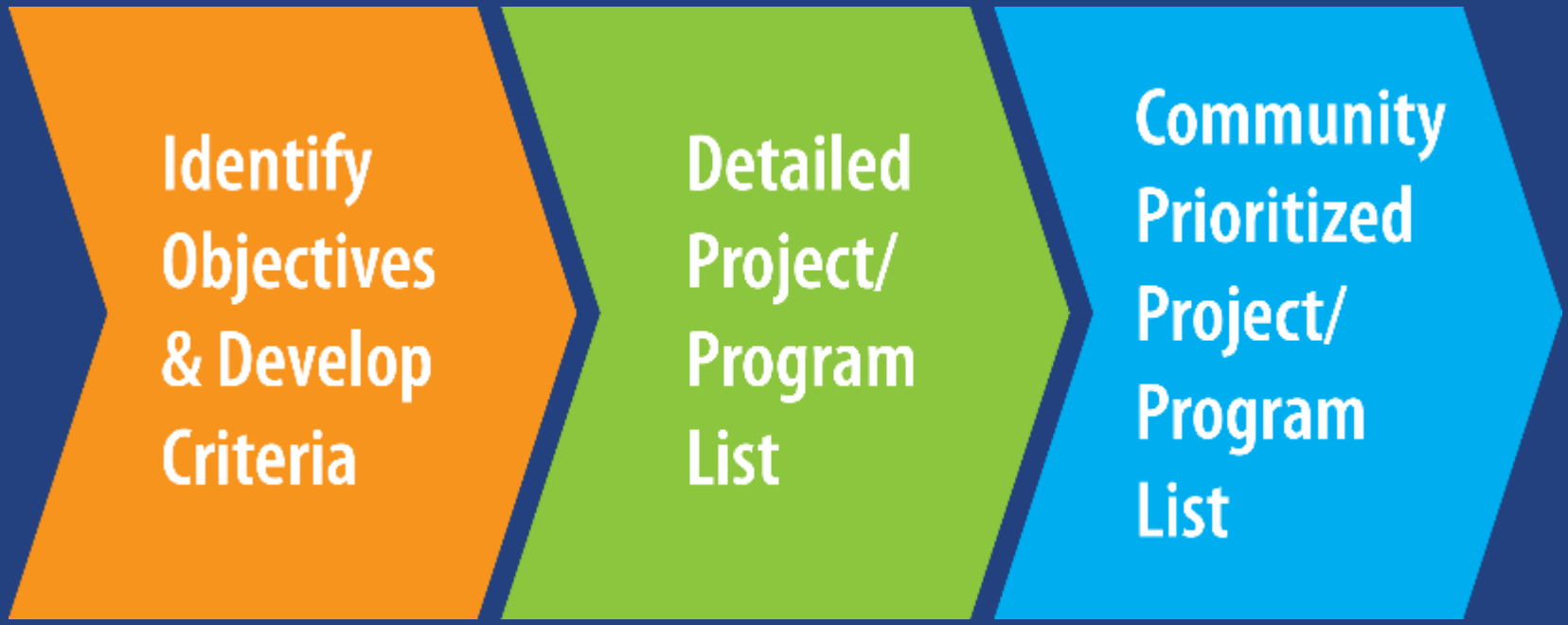
MILESTONE SCHEDULE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT– SJ TO M*



WORKING GROUP PROCESS: TODAY'S EXERCISE



WORKING GROUP EXERCISE: EXAMPLE FROM EDISON

Ranking

- **Improve Mobility**
  - Improve connectivity and accessibility #####
  - Improve pedestrian and bicycle access #####
  - Enhance mobility choices and efficiency #####
  - Increase HSR ridership ###
- **Improve Environment**
  - Clean air ###
  - Clean water ########
  - Enhance natural resources ###
  - Reduce waste ###
  - Achieve climate goals #####
- **Improve Economy**
  - Increase HSR potential to improve economy ###
  - Promote economic development #####
  - Increase opportunities to access jobs and quality education ########
  - Leverage economic resources ###
- **Improve Community Livability, Especially in Disadvantaged Communities**
  - Increase access, availability, and diversity of community resources ########
  - Safe and healthy neighborhoods ########
  - Improve visual and audible attractiveness and desirability of the public realm ###
  - Increase attractiveness and desirability of parks and open space ###
- **Other**
  - _____
  - _____
  - _____
  - _____
  - _____

WALK THE CORRIDOR

NEXT STEPS

- **October 2016: SJ-M CWG/TWG Meetings #3**
- **November 2016: Community Open Houses**
- **Ongoing Activities:**
  - » Environmental Justice Outreach Events
    - Interviews with EJ leaders and communities
    - Participating in events such as Farmer's Markets, community meetings, etc.
  - » Alignment Tour
  - » Permission-to-Enter Process

THANK YOU & STAY INVOLVED

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