

MERCED TO FRESNO SECTION: CENTRAL VALLEY WYE

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Preparation for September Board Meeting Decisions

□ **Agenda**

- Background on Merced to Fresno Section
- Central Valley Wye Project Alternatives
- Central Valley Wye Final Supplemental EIR/EIS
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Project Schedule
- Board Actions for September Meeting



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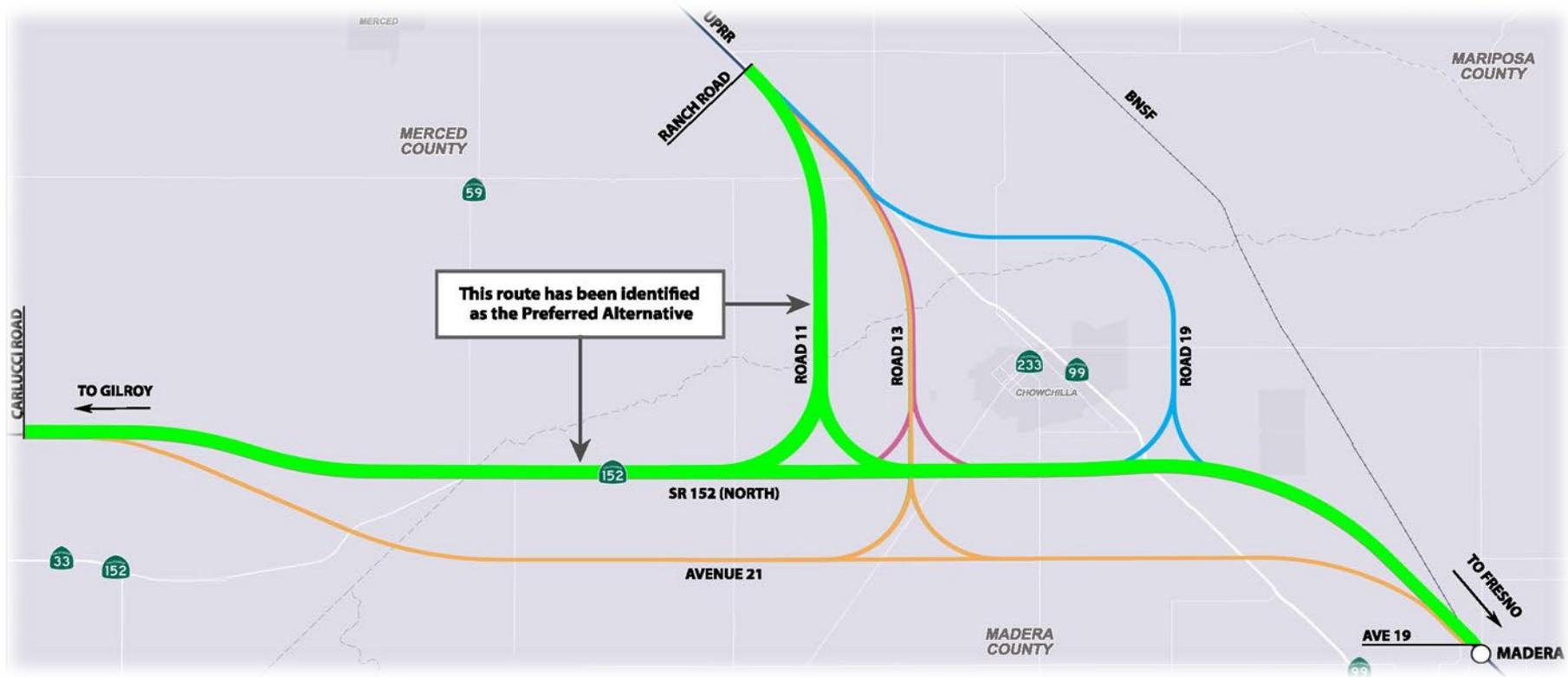
Environmental Document History

- Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS was approved by the Board in September 2012
- These approvals deferred a decision on the “wye connection” for additional environmental analysis
- The wye will form the 3-way connection between Madera to Merced, Merced to San Jose, and San Jose to Madera
- The Central Valley Wye has been studied and released as a Final Supplemental EIR/EIS on August 7, 2020



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Project Alternatives in Supplemental EIR/EIS



Four Alternatives were studied in the Supplemental EIR/EIS

- SR 152 (North) to Road 13 
- SR 152 (North) to Road 19 
- Avenue 21 to Road 13 
- SR 152 (North) to Road 11 
Preferred Alternative



CENTRAL VALLEY WYE FINAL SEIR/EIS

Public Circulations

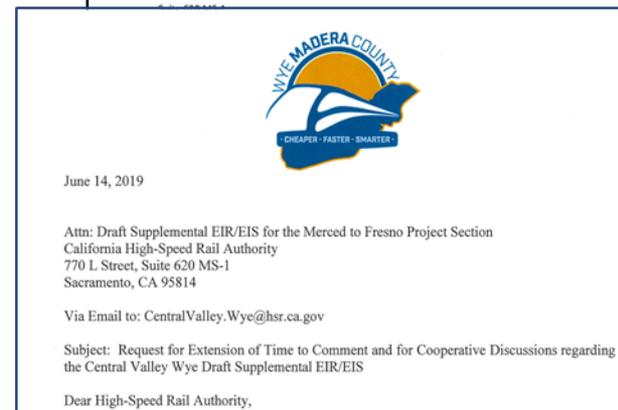
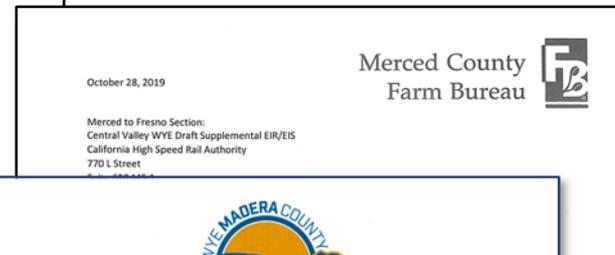
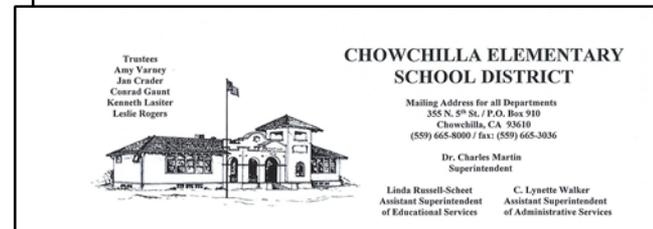
- ❑ **Three Circulations for Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS Public Review and Comment**
 - CEQA Circulation (May – June 2019)
 - NEPA Circulation (September – October 2019)
 - Revised/Second Draft SEIR/EIS (March – April 2020)
- ❑ **Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS revised in response to public comments**
- ❑ **Final Supplemental EIR/EIS published August 7, 2020**
 - Document is available on Authority's website for 30-day availability period before Authority Board actions in September



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Stakeholder Outreach

- ❑ Madera County
- ❑ City of Chowchilla
- ❑ Fairmead Community and Friends
- ❑ Chowchilla Elementary School District
- ❑ Madera and Merced County Farm Bureaus and related stakeholders
- ❑ Wye Madera County Task Force



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Project Schedule and Board Actions

Project Schedule:

- ❑ **Final SEIR/EIS Publication** **August 7, 2020**
- ❑ **NEPA Availability period ends** **September 8, 2020**
- ❑ **Authority Board Meeting** **September 10, 2020**

- ❑ **The Board will consider the Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS and Merced to Fresno: Central Valley Wye Final Supplemental EIR/EIS to:**
 - **Certify the Final Supplemental EIR/EIS as CEQA Lead Agency**
 - **Approve the Preferred Alternative and related CEQA decision documents**
 - **Direct the Authority CEO to issue the Supplemental Record of Decision under the Authority's NEPA Assignment**



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