Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2009091126

Project Title: CA HSR Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative Final Supplemental EIR

Project Applicant: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Project Location (include county): Shafter to Bakersfield, Kern County

Project Description:
Please see attached description.

This is to advise that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on October 17, 2018 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [X] will [ ] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   [ ] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [ ] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [X] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [ ] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

The Authority's website, www.hsr.ca.gov, and the Authority office, 770 L Street Suite 600, Sacramento

Signature (Public Agency): ____________________________ Title: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________ Date Received for filing at OPR: ____________________________

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.
Notice of Determination (Attachment 1)

Project Title

California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Project Fresno to Bakersfield Section Locally Generated Alternative

Project Description and Location

The Fresno to Bakersfield Section HSR project analyzed in the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS consists of construction and operation of a dedicated, electrified, and fully grade-separated high speed train system approximately 114 miles long between downtown Fresno and downtown Bakersfield with stations at Mariposa Street in Fresno, at Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield, and a Kings/Tulare Regional Station with an option either west or east of Hanford. Following publication of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS, in May 2014, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors certified the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS and approved the Preferred Alternative from the southern limit of the Fresno Station to the north side of 7th Standard Road, the city limit of the City of Bakersfield. In June 2014, the FRA issued a ROD, which approved the Preferred Alternative in its entirety from the Fresno Station to the Bakersfield Station at Truxtun Avenue. As a result of coordination by the Authority with local agencies and stakeholders, the Locally Generated Alternative includes an alternative alignment from Poplar Avenue north of Shafter to Oswell Street south of Bakersfield (approximately 23 miles), including an alternative HSR Station at the intersection of F Street and SR 204 (Golden State Avenue). The new alternative, the Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative (F-B LGA), includes an MOIF in Shafter. This document is a final Supplemental EIR to the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS. This document evaluates the potential environmental impacts from a new project alternative and compares those alternative-specific environmental impacts with the environmental impacts from the portion of the Preferred Alternative south of Poplar Avenue in the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS (i.e., May 2014 Project).

Through Resolution # HSRA 18-XX, the Authority has approved the FB-LGA.

Location of Final Supplemental EIR and Record of Project Approval

The Final Supplemental EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval are available at:

California High-Speed Rail Authority Office
770 L Street, Suite 600
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(888) 481-2772