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# CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION

Millbrae Community Meeting August 11, 2021 Webinar



# AGENDA MILLBRAE COMMUNITY MEETING

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Project Overview
- 3. Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS Overview
- 4. Resources
- 5. Additional Questions & Answers

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL OVERVIEW



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL?

CONNECTING CALIFORNIA











### **SAN FRANCISCO TO** SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION



Salesforce Transit Center has been environmentally cleared by Transbay Joint Powers Authority and will not be part of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's environmental analysis. San Jose Diridon Station is being evaluated as part of the San Jose to Merced Project Section but will be included in both project sections' environmental analysis.



**PROCESS OVERVIEW** 



Pre-2012

Dedicated High-Speed Rail System



2012 - 2016

**Blended System Planning** & Caltrain Electrification



2016 - 2019

**Environmental Analysis** of Blended System



2020 - 2022

**Draft and Final EIR/EIS** 

**DEDICATED HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM** 



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### HOW DOES THE BLENDED SYSTEM WORK?





### **Project Description**

- Alignment defined by state legislation and regional, multi-agency agreements
- Blended service = Caltrain and high-speed rail service sharing tracks mostly within the Caltrain right-of-way
  - » Minimizes impacts on surrounding communities
  - » Reduces project cost
  - » Improves safety
  - » Expedites implementation





**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OF BLENDED SYSTEM** 



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Development of Alternatives and Preliminary Engineering



Alternative A identified as Preferred Alternative

### **ALTERNATIVES A AND B**

SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION



San Jose to Merced Project Section

**Downtown Extension** 



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Draft EIR/EIS prepared and published for public review





Recirculated Document for public review



Publish Final EIR/EIS and obtain NOD/ROD



# REVISED/SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIR/EIS



### **REVISED/SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIR/EIS**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



- Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Public circulation July 23 September 8, 2021

#### The Recirculated Document includes:





#### Millbrae-SFO Station

Reduced Site Plan Design Variant

**Biological Resources** 

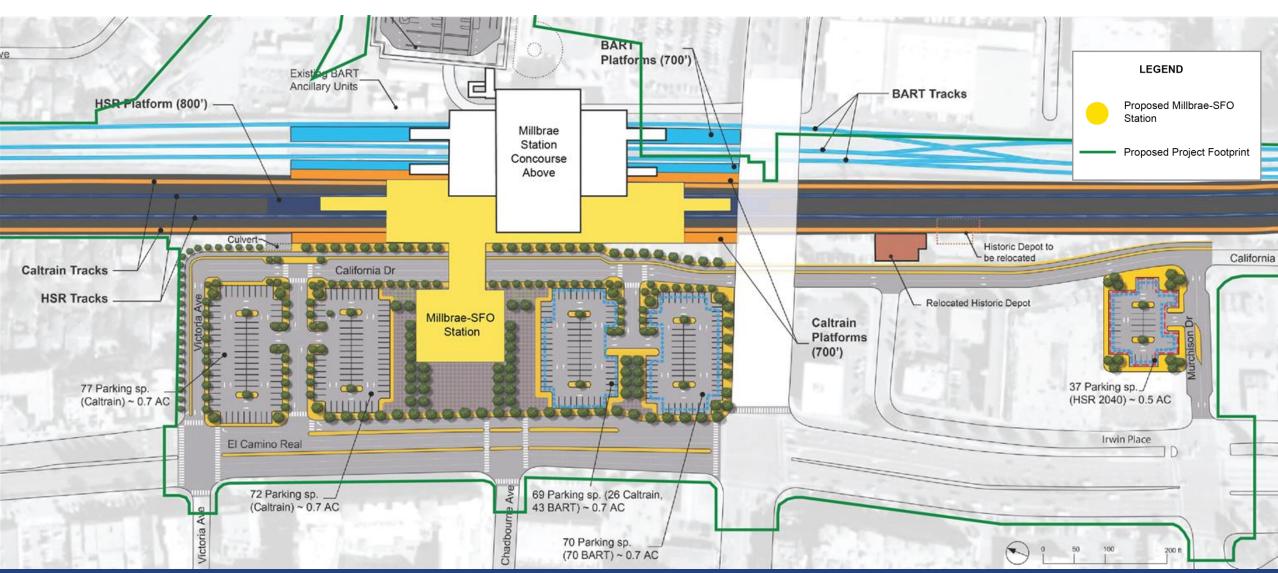
Monarch Butterfly

The Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS has been prepared and approved by the Authority as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency and as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the high-speed rail project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. The Authority is making the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS available to the public for a 45-day review and comment period in accordance with CEQA and NEPA requirements as the CEQA and NEPA lead agency.

### MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN

IN THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

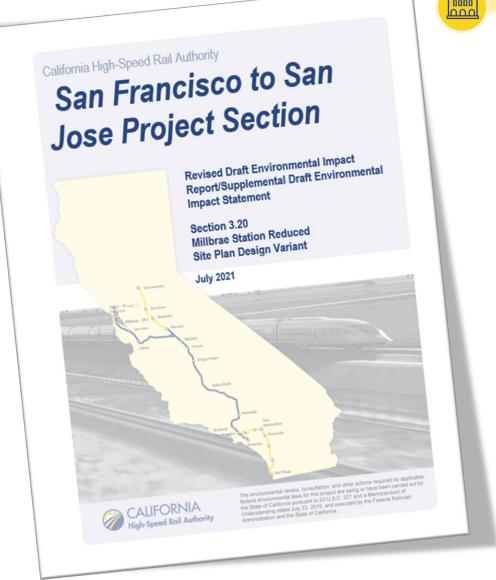




### MILLBRAE-SFO REDUCED SITE PLAN DESIGN VARIANT

**OVERVIEW** 

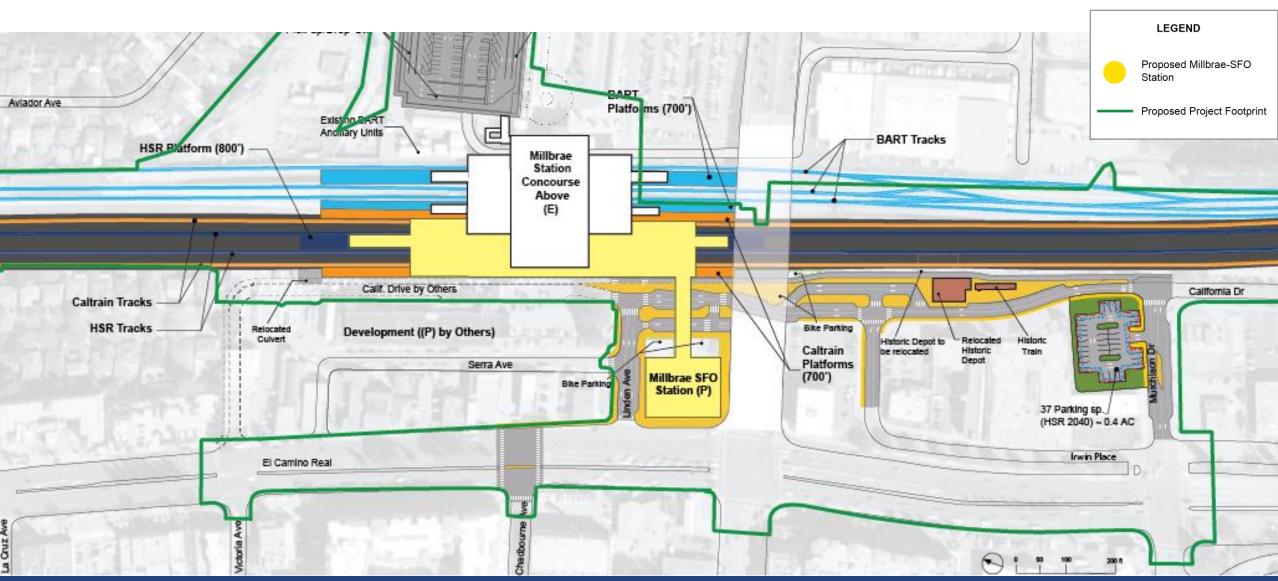
- The Reduced Site Plan (RSP) Design Variant responds to concerns about the proposed Millbrae-SFO Station Design in the Draft EIR/EIS.
- The Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS provides a smaller station footprint by not replacing displaced BART and Caltrain parking spaces and relocating the entrance hall.
- Does not change the Preferred Alternative. Provides an option for Board consideration at time of approval.





### MILLBRAE-SFO REDUCED SITE PLAN DESIGN VARIANT

IN THE REVISED/SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIR/EIS



### HOW DO THE TWO STATION DESIGNS DIFFER?

COMPARISON OF MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN TO MILLBRAE-SFO RSP DESIGN VARIANT

	ELEMENTS	Millbrae-SFO Station Design	Millbrae-SFO RSP Design Variant
Livin	Project footprint (acres)	Permanent: 20.1	Permanent: 17.2
		Temporary: 18.5	Temporary: 16.9
A	High-speed rail track and platform configuration	Center HSR platform with two tracks between two Caltrain platforms and tracks	
	Replacement parking (for displaced BART and Caltrain parking) on west side of alignment	Yes	No
	Potential Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)	Conflicts with approved TOD/does not preclude TOD over parking	Minimizes (but does not eliminate) conflict with approved TOD
A	California Drive extension north of Linden Avenue to Victoria Avenue	Included in HSR project design	Assumed to be part of TOD done by others
<b>!</b>	Location of station entrance hall	West of California Drive (in the middle of the site)	At the NW corner of Millbrae Avenue/El Camino Real

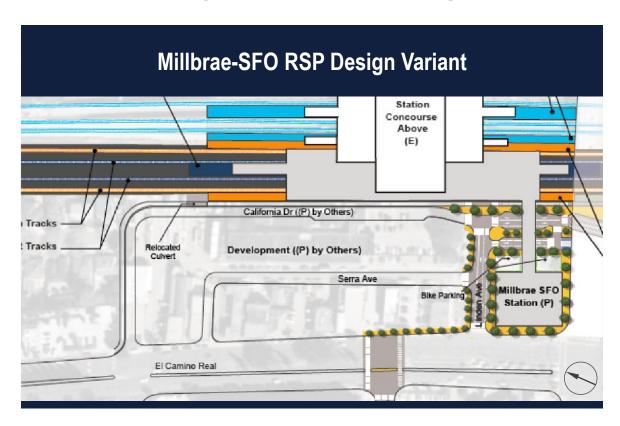
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### COMPARISON OF MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN TO MILLBRAE-SFO RSP DESIGN VARIANT



### Replacement Parking (for Displaced BART and Caltrain Parking) on West Side of Alignment





Replacement Parking

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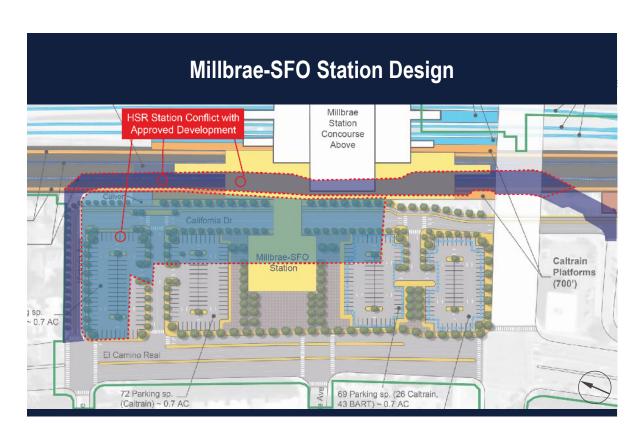
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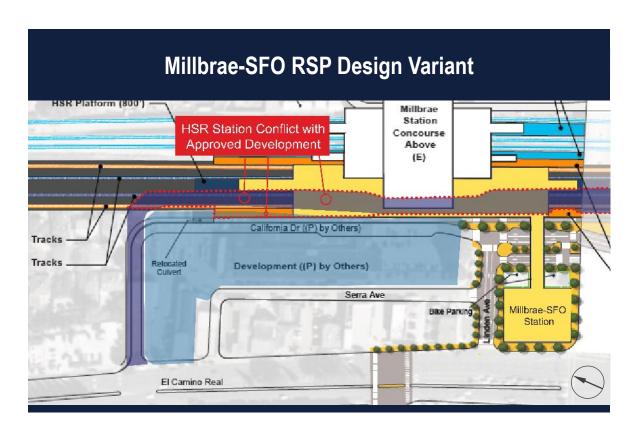


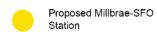
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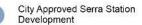


City Approved California Drive Extension



HSR Station Conflict with Approved Development

Proposed Project Footprint



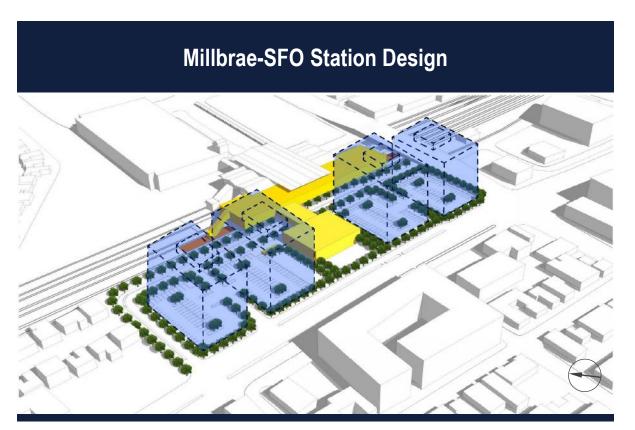


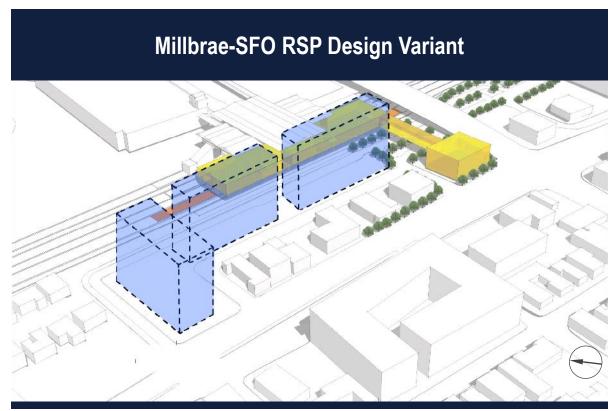
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### **Potential Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)**





Potential/assumed TOD



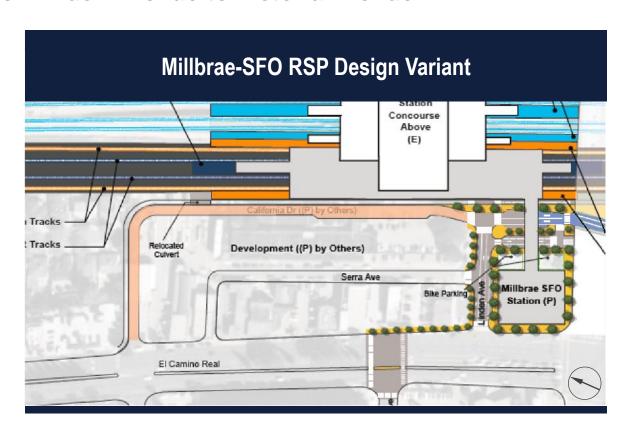
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#### COMPARISON OF MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN TO MILLBRAE-SFO RSP DESIGN VARIANT



#### California Drive Extension North of Linden Avenue to Victoria Avenue





Completed by Authority

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Assumed to be completed by other entities

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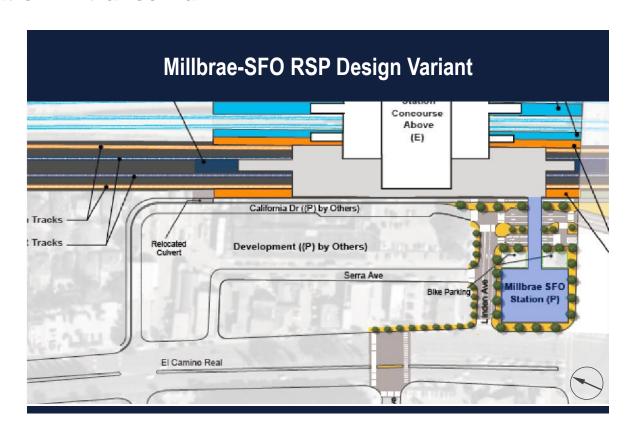
### STATION ENTRANCE HALL

### COMPARISON OF MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN TO MILLBRAE-SFO RSP DESIGN VARIANT



#### **Location of Station Entrance Hall**





Station Entrance Hall



### STATION ENTRANCE HALL

COMPARISON OF MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN TO MILLBRAE-SFO RSP DESIGN VARIANT



#### **Location of Station Entrance Hall**





Station Entrance Hall

### **COMPARISON OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

COMPARISON OF MILLBRAE-SFO STATION DESIGN TO MILLBRAE-SFO RSP DESIGN VARIANT IMPACT ASSESSMENTS



Environmental Impacts	Millbrae Station Design	RSP Design Variant	Notes
Transportation  Traffic, Bike, Pedestrian  Bus Transit		0	No replacement of 288 displaced BART/Caltrain parking spots.  Effects to bus transit during construction.
Air Quality Criteria Pollutants, Health Risk	0	0	Less construction emissions. Effects for Serra Station residents.
Noise and Vibration			Less noise and vibration effects during construction. Noise and vibration operational effects for Serra Station residents.
Socioeconomics & Communities	0	0	No residential displacements, less commercial displacements.
Land Use Pattern Permanent Alterations			Allows for smaller Serra Station Development with realigned California Drive.
Aesthetics	0	0	Less construction activity. Effects for Serra Station residents.

Less than significant impacts



Significant unavoidable impacts

## **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES ANALYSES**

**OVERVIEW** 



### Recent Changes to Regulations Governing Endangered **Species**

- » December 2020: Monarch butterfly candidate listing under the federal Endangered Species Act
- » Authority revised and added mitigation measures in response to candidate listing
- » Scope limited to Icehouse Hill (Alternative B), which is a presumed habitat



# **RESOURCES**

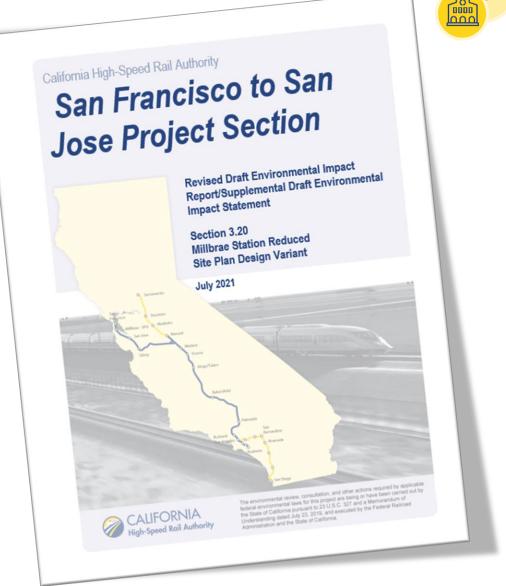


### MILLBRAE-SFO STATION RSP DESIGN VARIANT

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- Section 3.20, Millbrae Station Reduced Site Plan Design Variant:
  - » 3.20.1, Purpose
  - » 3.20.2, Description of the Millbrae Station Reduced Site Plan Design Variant
  - » 3.20.3, Environmental Impact Differences of Millbrae Station Reduced Site Plan
    - » 3.20.3.1, Resource Topics with No Differences in Impact
    - » 3.20.3.2, Resource Topics with Differences in Impacts



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### • Section 3.7, Biological and Aquatic Resources

- Section 3.7.6, Methods for Evaluating Impacts
- » Section 3.7.7, Affected Environment
- » Section 3.7.8, Environmental Consequences
- » Section 3.7.9, Mitigation Measures
  - » Revisions to Mitigation Measure BIO-MM#1:
    Prepare and Implement a Restoration and Revegetation Plan
  - » New Mitigation Measure BIO-MM#40: Avoid Direct Impacts on Listed Butterfly Host Plants
  - » New Mitigation Measures BIO-MM#41:
    Provide Compensatory Mitigation for Impacts on Monarch Butterfly Habitat



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#### SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION

Revised/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental **Impact Statement** 

The California High-Speed Rail Authority issued a limited revision to its previously published Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project

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#### The Revised/Supplemental Draft

EIR/EIS("recirculated document") was prepared by the Authority. which is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. The recirculated document presents analysis of a design variant for the Millbrae Station and a new biological resources analysis for the monarch butterfly.

#### MILLBRAE COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join us virtually on August 11, 2021, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM to learn more about the Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS and ask clarifying questions of staff.

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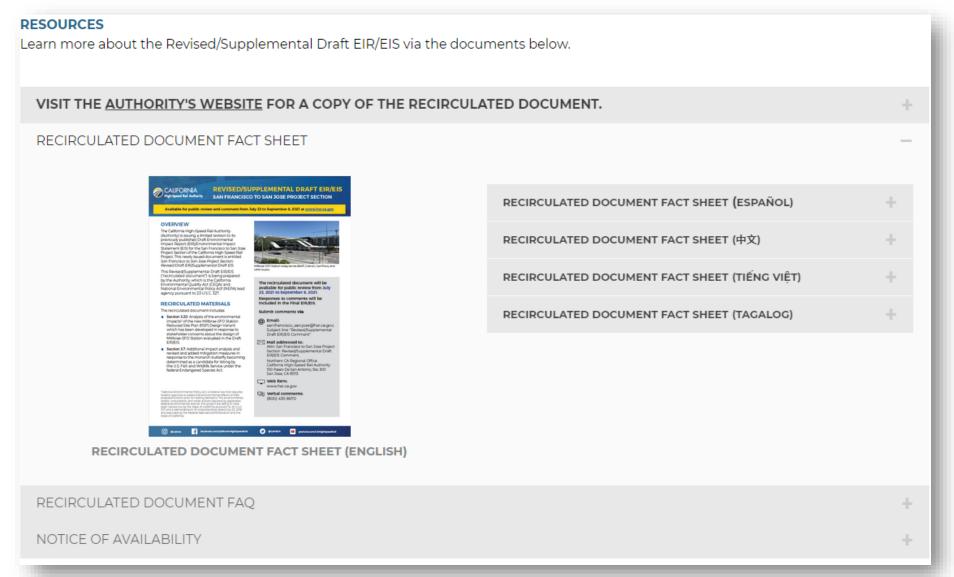
The Authority developed the Millbrae Station Reduced Site Plan (RSP) Design Variant to add a smaller, potentially feasible footprint for the station design at this location. The RSP Design Variant





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