BURBANK TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION FINAL EIR/EIS UPDATE

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Build Alternative in EIR/EIS

Approximately 14 miles

 Electrified HSR tracks will run in the existing rail corridor

Two Stations

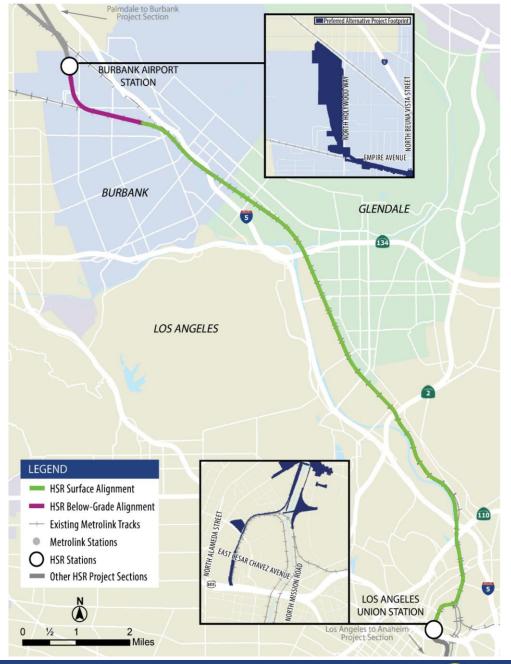
- Burbank Airport Station below ground
- Los Angeles Union Station

Two Alternatives Under Study

- Build Alternative
- No Project Alternative

Benefits

- Improve operational characteristics for passenger and freight services
- Improve safety
- Reduce emissions and congestion
- Proposed infrastructure will accommodate HSR, Metrolink and other passenger rail volumes as envisioned in the 2018 State Rail Plan





Summary of Design Features

Design Features	Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section
Total Length (linear miles)	13.66
At-Grade Profile (linear miles)	7.44
Retained-Fill Profile (linear miles)	4.26
Below-Grade Profile (linear miles)	1.96
Number of Major Water Crossings	6
Total Number of Roadway Crossings	32
Number of Public and Private Roadway Closures	2
Number of Proposed Full Roadway Grade Separations	5



Project Background

Important Milestones

2005	Program EIR/EIS
2008	Second Program EIR/EIS
2010-2014	Alternatives Development for Palmdale to Los Angeles
2014	Project Scoping for Burbank to Los Angeles
2014-2018	Alternatives Development for Burbank to Los Angeles
2018	Identification of the Preferred Alternative
2020	Draft EIR/EIS
2021	Final EIR/EIS



Next Steps

November 5, 2021	The Final EIR/EIS was sent to and the public for a 30-day period on November 5, 2021.
December 6-10, 2021	Final EIR/EIS Briefings. Staff are available for individual Board member briefings (in compliance with the open meetings requirements) on the Final EIR/EIS, as schedules allow.
January 7-12, 2022	The agenda and Board materials (including the Draft CEQA/NEPA Decision Documents) will be published and delivered.
January 13-18, 2022	General Board Meeting Briefings. Staff is available for individual Board member briefings on all January 19-20, 2022, agenda items.
January 19-20, 2022	Board meeting days



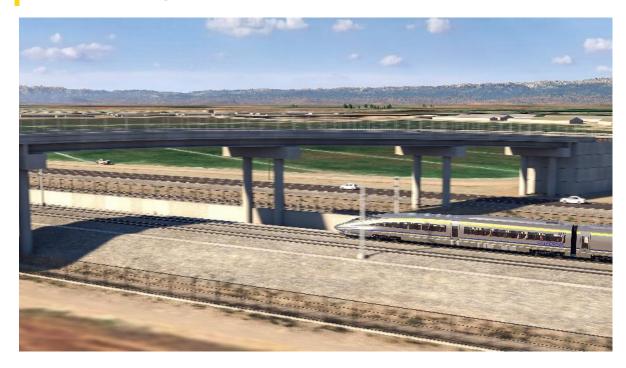
January Board Meeting

The Board will consider:

- 1. Certifying the Final EIR/EIS as CEQA Lead Agency
- Approving the Preferred Alternative and related CEQA decision documents
- Directing the Authority Chief Executive Officer to issue the Record of Decision (ROD) under the Authority's NEPA Assignment



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