Project Section Overview

Phase 1 of the California High-Speed Rail Authority System will connect San Francisco to Anaheim. The Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section is the southernmost link connecting Los Angeles Union Station to the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) using the existing shared Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo urban rail corridor. This corridor currently supports passenger and freight rail services including Metrolink, Amtrak and BNSF Railway (BNSF). The project will include an environmental review of four high-speed rail stations: Los Angeles Union Station, Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs, Fullerton, and ARTIC and additional project components: the BNSF Colton intermodal facility and freight staging tracks in the unincorporated area of Lenwood.

Project Benefits

- High-speed electric trains will be powered by renewable energy, attract more riders, and will move them farther and faster with zero emissions
- Improves safety and reliability for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists with new grade separations
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and decreases traffic congestion
- Provides economic and employment benefits for the community, region and state
- Connects employees and employers
- Accommodates future freight volumes more efficiently by reducing truck miles, consistent with the California State Rail Plan

Investing in California’s Future

Increase Mobility to prepare for growth – with the state’s population estimated to reach 44 million by 2049

Improve Air Quality by shifting people from cars and planes to clean trains running on renewable energy

Cut Travel Times and provide a faster, more convenient way to get around the state

Stimulate Job Growth across the state – with construction jobs now and maintenance and operation jobs to come

Investing in transportation infrastructure has been key to making the state an economic powerhouse

High-Speed Rail Will Study New Grade Separations

A grade separation is a roadway that is re-aligned over or under train tracks. This will improve safety, eliminate the need for gate down times, and reduce noise and congestion. The Authority will study the following grade separations on the Los Angeles to Anaheim corridor as part of the environmental process:

- Santa Fe Springs/Unincorporated Los Angeles County: Pioneer Blvd
- Santa Fe Springs: Norwalk Blvd, Los Nietos Rd, Rosecrans/Marquardt*, Lakeland Rd**
- Anaheim: Orangethorpe Ave, La Palma Ave, Broadway Ave, Vermont Ave, Ball Rd, E Cerritos Ave, State College Blvd

* Current Metro Project. High-Speed Rail is contributing $77 million for the Metro led project
** Passenger rail will be separated from the road by an overcrossing
To accommodate high-speed rail while improving both regional passenger rail and freight operations, two additional project components have been added to the project section and included in the environmental review. These components include a new BNSF intermodal freight facility in Colton and freight staging tracks in the unincorporated area of Lenwood, near Barstow.

BNSF owns the railroad right-of-way between Los Angeles and Fullerton. As a long-time supportive partner of passenger rail, BNSF has worked with passenger rail service operators to allow passenger service to operate on the BNSF right-of-way. To allow for high-speed rail service and the growth of other passenger rail operations, BNSF has agreed to relocate a portion of its future freight rail service on the Los Angeles to Anaheim corridor. The BNSF Colton Intermodal Facility is necessary to accomplish this.

The improvements at the BNSF Colton Intermodal Facility will allow local destination freight to move more efficiently. Container cargo traffic generated from the Inland Empire currently being loaded or off-loaded in Commerce would be handled at the Colton Intermodal Facility – a proposed green facility with electric cargo-handling equipment.

The BNSF Lenwood Staging Tracks will be used to hold freight trains during and after the Authority’s construction, until there is capacity on the Los Angeles to Anaheim corridor.

Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section with Project Components

Project Development Process

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