



California High-Speed Rail **BRIEFING: June 29, 2023 Board Meeting** **Agenda Item #6**

TO: Board Chair Richards and Board Members
FROM: LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director
DATE: June 29, 2023
RE: Southern California Update

Summary

Information item to update the Board of Directors on activities for the Southern California Region.

Background

The Southern California Region of the Phase 1 high-speed rail system spans approximately 164 miles through the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County and Orange County. The Bakersfield to Palmdale section will connect the Central Valley to the Antelope Valley and the Palmdale to Burbank section will connect the Antelope Valley to the San Fernando Valley in the Los Angeles Basin. The Burbank to Los Angeles section will connect two key multi-modal transportation hubs, the Hollywood Burbank Airport and Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS). The Los Angeles to Anaheim section will connect LAUS to the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). Phase 2 of the Southern California region spans approximately 170 miles and will close a major rail gap between the Inland Empire and San Diego.

Key decisions for the program in Southern California have included the Authority taking action on funding agreements for the following early investment projects in Southern California:

- \$18 million for the environmental review of the Link Union Station (Link US) project (finalized).
- \$423 million for the Link US Phase A run-through track and station improvements (in progress).
- \$76.7 million to the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project (finalized).

In the past two years, three major milestones were met for the Southern California Region, which includes the Authority Board approving the Bakersfield and Palmdale Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) in August 2021 and the Burbank to Los Angeles Final EIR/EIS in January 2022 and the release of the Palmdale to Burbank Draft EIR/EIS on

September 2, 2022. Staff anticipates the Los Angeles to Anaheim Draft EIR/EIS to be released in Q4 2024.

Prior Related Board Action

Significant Board Actions related to Southern California include the following:

1. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 12-10** Adoption of Southern California MOU
2. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 13-27** Award of RC Contract for Los Angeles to San Diego Project Section
3. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 13-32** Award of RC Contract for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section
4. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 15-03** Award of RC Contract for Burbank to LA-Anaheim Project Section
5. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 15-07** Award of RC Contract for Palmdale to Burbank Project Section
6. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 16-03** Agreement with LA Metro for LAUS Planning
7. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 17-13** Approval of Rosecrans Marquardt Funding Plan
8. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-18** Preferred Alternative for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section
9. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-19** Preferred Alternative for Palmdale-Burbank Project Section
10. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-20** Preferred Alternative for Burbank-LA Project Section
11. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-21** Preferred Alternative for the LA-Anaheim Project Section
12. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 20-01** Approval of Link Union Station Funding Plan
13. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-05** CEQA Certification of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)
14. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-06** Approve the Preferred Alternative Bakersfield to Palmdale Section
15. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-07** CEO Issues Record of Decision for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Preferred Alternative
16. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 22-01** CEQA Certification of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement
17. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 22-02** Approved the Preferred Alternative and Related CEQA Decision Materials
18. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 22-03** Direct the Authority CEO to Issue the Record of Decision for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section Selecting the HSR Build Alternative and Complying with Other Federal Laws
19. **FINAL RESOLUTION #HSRA 22-07** Approval of the Project Management and Funding Agreement for the Los Angeles Union Station (Link US) Project, a major capital investment for High-Speed Rail

Discussion

This information item provides an update on activities in the Southern California Region. The presentation will include:

1. Introduction to the Southern California Region
2. Update on the four (4) Project Sections
 - a. Bakersfield to Palmdale
 - b. Palmdale to Burbank
 - c. Burbank to Los Angeles
 - d. Los Angeles to Anaheim
3. Bookend Investments Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation and LINK US, Los Angeles Union Station (presented by Scott McConnell, Executive Officer, Program Management Division, LA Metro)
4. The LinkUS project is being revised and updated by LA Metro to meet project challenges. LA Metro Executive Officer, Scott McConnell will present Metro's latest project description and describe their proposed next steps on the LinkUS project.

Legal Approval

This informational item complies with Authority policy.

Budget and Fiscal Impact

This is an informational item, and by itself, does not have a budget or fiscal impact.

REVIEWER INFORMATION	SIGNATURE
Reviewer Name and Title: Brian Annis Chief Financial Officer	Signature verifying budget analysis:
Reviewer Name and Title: Alicia Fowler Chief Counsel	Signature verifying legal analysis:

Recommendations

This is an informational item.

Attachments

Authority Presentation

Metro Presentation