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California High-Speed Rail – Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the California High-Speed Rail. The Draft EIR/EIS has been prepared and is being made available pursuant to both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section Draft EIR/EIS and associated documents will be available to the public on December 5, 2025.

The Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section Draft EIR/EIS is available online in PDF format at the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov) or by scanning the QR code. You may also request an electronic copy by calling (877) 669-0494.



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the State of California pursuant to 23 U.S. Code 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 23, 2019 and renewed July 22, 2024, and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration and the State of California. Under that Memorandum of Understanding, the Authority is the project's lead agency under NEPA. Prior to the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding, the Federal Railroad Administration was the federal lead agency. The Authority is also the lead agency under CEQA.

PROPOSED PROJECT AND LOCATION

A Statewide Program (Tier 1) EIR/EIS was completed in November 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System planned to provide a reliable high-speed electric-powered rail system that links the major metropolitan areas of the state and that delivers predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as intercity travel demand in California increases, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources.

The Authority has prepared a project-level (Tier 2) Draft EIR/EIS that further examines the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section (project section). The approximately 30-mile project section would provide HSR service between Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) in Los Angeles and the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) in Anaheim, and travels through the cities of Los Angeles, Vernon, Commerce, Bell, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County, La Mirada, Buena Park, Fullerton, and Anaheim. New HSR infrastructure at LAUS was already approved as part of the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section in January 2022 or is studied as part of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Link Union Station Project. This project section would connect to the HSR System's current southern terminus located at LAUS.

This Draft EIR/EIS evaluates the impacts and benefits of a No Project Alternative and two build alternatives: Shared Passenger Track Alternative A and Shared Passenger Track Alternative B (Figure 1). The Authority's Preferred Alternative under NEPA, which serves as the proposed project for CEQA, is Shared Passenger Track Alternative A. Shared Passenger Track Alternative A proposes approximately 30 miles of new and upgraded track, overhead contact system, maintenance and traction power facilities (including a light maintenance facility at 26th Street in the City of Vernon), additional freight rail track (including storage track replacement at Hobart Yard), grade separations and roadway modifications, drainage improvements, communications towers, security fencing, relocations of and modifications to passenger train stations, and other necessary facilities to introduce HSR service into the existing Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor from south of LAUS beginning at the northern edge of U.S. Highway 101 to ARTIC. New and upgraded tracks would allow other trains to share tracks with HSR. The Preferred Alternative includes an HSR station at ARTIC.

Shared Passenger Track Alternative B would be similar to Shared Passenger Track Alternative A, but would include a light maintenance facility at 15th Street in the City of Los Angeles.

Although not included in the Preferred Alternative, the Draft EIR/EIS also evaluates an option for one intermediate HSR station, which would consist of adding an HSR station platform and station facilities at either the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station or the Fullerton Metrolink/Amtrak Station under both build alternatives.

Consistent with the Authority's commitment to invest in regionally important early action projects to provide early benefits to transit riders and local communities in Southern California, while laying a solid foundation for implementation of the HSR system, both Shared Passenger Track Alternatives include early action projects (grade separations; freight or passenger rail track infrastructure; and improvements at passenger rail stations), which would improve safety and provide immediate mobility and reliability benefits for existing freight and passenger rail operations. These early action projects may be implemented by the Authority in collaboration with local and regional agencies, or by those other agencies relying on this Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section EIR/EIS in advance of the HSR system as standalone projects. These early action projects may also be the subject of an environmental review process completed earlier than the Los Angeles to Anaheim EIR/EIS process by other implementing entities. Additional infrastructure may be required by third parties to utilize the proposed HSR improvements, and these future improvements will be studied and approved in future environmental documents in accordance with federal and state law.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

Significant pre-mitigation environmental effects resulting from Shared Passenger Track Alternative A are anticipated in certain resource areas, including: transportation (construction); air quality and global climate change (construction and operations impacts); noise and vibration (construction and operation impacts); electromagnetic fields and electromagnetic interference (construction and operation impacts); public utilities and energy (construction and operation impacts); biological and aquatic resources (construction and operation impacts); hydrology and water resources (construction impacts); hazardous materials and wastes (construction impacts); safety and security (construction and operation impacts); socioeconomics and communities (construction impacts); parks, recreation, and open space (construction impacts); aesthetics and visual resources (construction and operation impacts); cultural resources (construction impacts), and cumulative impacts (construction and operation impacts).

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

Some of the facilities included in the Shared Passenger Track Alternatives would be on or near sites or facilities on hazardous materials/contaminated site lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Cortese List).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The Authority is making this Draft EIR/EIS available in accordance with CEQA and NEPA for a public review and comment period. During the comment period, comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By mail to Attn: Los Angeles to Anaheim Draft EIR/EIS Comment, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Through the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov)
- By email to <u>Los.Angeles Anaheim@hsr.ca.gov</u> with the subject line "Los Angeles to Anaheim Draft EIR/EIS Comment"
- Oral comment on the direct line for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section by calling (877) 669-0494
- Oral and written comments at public hearings

The comment period begins on December 5, 2025 and ends on February 3, 2026. Comments must be received electronically by 11:59 PM PST or postmarked February 3, 2026.

After the public review period, the Authority will prepare a Final EIR/EIS, which will include responses to comments received during the comment period. The Authority may in its discretion opt to issue a single document that consists of the Final EIS and Record of Decision pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 304a(b) and 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2). In evaluating whether to issue a combined Final EIS/Record of Decision, the Authority will consider whether statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of such a combined document.

OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Your feedback is important. As part of the public review process, the Authority is hosting a series of meetings to provide information and receive public comment on the Draft EIR/EIS. Please join us for an Open House and/or Public Hearing. All Open House meetings will feature the same information, providing details about the project alternatives and the Draft EIR/EIS. The Open House will also provide an opportunity to ask questions about the document and the public comment process. Please note that comments and questions received during the Open House portion of the meetings will not be included in the official public record. The Public Hearing portion of the meetings will include a formal public comment period during which members of the public may provide oral and written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS for inclusion in the official record.

Interpreters will be available at each event to provide Spanish and Korean interpretation services. En la reunión se contará con intérpretes que traducirán al español para el público asistente que lo necesite. 회의에는 필요한 참석자를 위해 한국어 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다.

Below is a list of the open house and public hearing dates.

Meeting Information

Open House – Virtual

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Virtual via Zoom

Register here: <u>bit.ly/LA-AOpenHouse1</u>

Open House/Public Hearing #1 – Sante Fe Springs

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Public Comment*: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Santa Fe Springs Town Center Hall Social Hall 11740 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA

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Open House/Public Hearing #2 - Anaheim

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 **Time:** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Public Comment*: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Anaheim Brookhurst Community Center -

East & West Rooms

2271 Crescent Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801

Open House/Public Hearing #3 – Commerce

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Public Comment*: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM **Location:** Double Tree by Hilton Hotel -

Grand Ballroom

5757 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA 90040

Public Hearing #4 – Virtual
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026
Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Virtual via Zoom

Register here: bit.ly/LA-APublicHearing

*Oral and written comments received for public record.

Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned open houses and public hearings and how to attend them. All requests for reasonable accommodations or other language services must be made three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date by calling (877) 669-0494.

Todas las solicitudes de adaptaciones razonables o servicios lingüísticos deben realizarse tres días hábiles (72 horas) antes de la fecha programada para la reunión llamando al (877) 669-0494.

합리적인 편의 및/또는 언어 서비스에 대한 모든 요청은 예정된 회의 날짜로부터 영업일 기준 3일(72시간) 전에 (877) 669-0494로 전화하여 이루어져야 합니다.

所有合理住宿和/或语言服务的请求必须在预定会议日期前三个工作日(72 小时)致电(877)669-0494 提出.

合理的配慮/言語サービスに関するすべてのリクエストは、会議予定日の 3 営業日 (72 時間) 前までに (877) 669-0494 に電話で行う必要があります

Tất cả các yêu cầu cho các tiện nghi hợp lý và/hoặc dịch vụ ngôn ngữ phải được thực hiện trước ba ngày làm việc (72 giờ) trước ngày họp đã được sắp xếp bằng cách gọi số (877) 669-0494.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

Please visit the Authority website (<u>www.hsr.ca.gov</u>) where you can view and download an electronic copy of the Draft EIR/EIS. Electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS and technical reports are also available on request by calling the Authority office at (877) 669-0494.

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS will be available at the following repository locations during facility operating hours:

Repository Locations	
Anaheim Central Library	500 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805
Buena Park Library District	7150 La Palma Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620
City of Los Angeles Public Library—Central Branch Library	630 W 5th St, Los Angeles, CA 90071
City of Los Angeles Public Library—Malabar Branch Library	2801 Wabash Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90033
County of Los Angeles Public Library—Chet Holifield Library	1060 S Greenwood Ave, Montebello, CA 90640
County of Los Angeles Public Library—Cudahy Library	5218 Santa Ana St, Cudahy, CA 90201
County of Los Angeles Public Library—La Mirada Library	13800 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada, CA 90638
County of Los Angeles Public Library—Los Nietos Library	8511 Duchess Dr, Whittier, CA 90606
County of Los Angeles Public Library—Norwalk Library	12350 Imperial Hwy, Norwalk, CA 90650
Fullerton Public Library	353 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832
Orange Public Library	407 E Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92866
Rivera Library	7828 S Serapis Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
Rosewood Branch Library	5655 Jillson St, Commerce, CA 90040
Santa Fe Springs City Library	11700 Telegraph Rd, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
Vernon - Leon H. Washington Jr. Memorial Branch Library	4504 S. Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90011

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS are also available for review during business hours at the Authority's Headquarters at 770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA, and by appointment at the Authority's Southern California Regional Office at 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA. To make an appointment to view the documents at the Southern California Regional Office, please call (877) 669-0494. Electronic copies of the Tier 1 document are also available for review on request by calling the Authority office at (877) 669-0494. The Authority does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.

If you wish to request the translation of this letter and/or attached documents, call (877) 669-0494.

Si desea solicitar la traducción de esta carta y/o los documentos adjuntos, llame al (877) 669-0494.

이 문서 및/또는 첨부 문서의 번역을 요청하려면 (877) 669-0494 로 전화하세요

如果您希望请求翻译本信函和/或所附文件,请致电(877)669-0494。

この手紙や添付書類の翻訳をご希望の場合は、(877)669-0494までお電話ください。

Nếu quý vị muốn yêu cầu bản dịch của lá thư này và/hoặc các tài liệu đính kèm, hãy gọi (877) 669-0494.

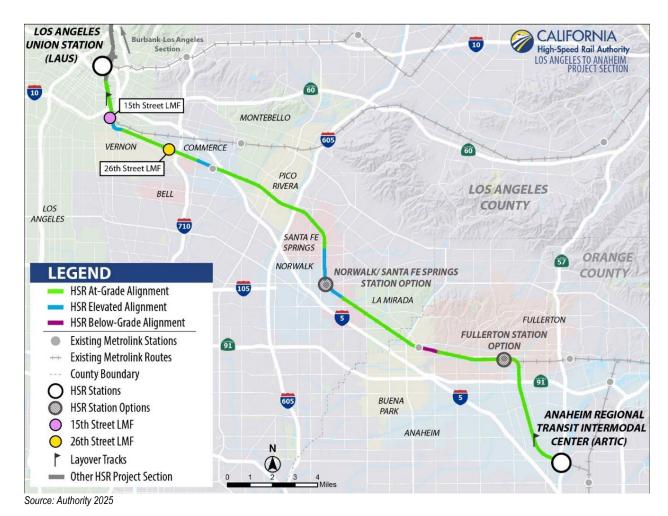


Figure 1 Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section - Shared Passenger Track Alternatives A and B