



# **Palmdale to Burbank Amendment to the Preferred Alternative**

Informational Item for the Board

August 13, 2020

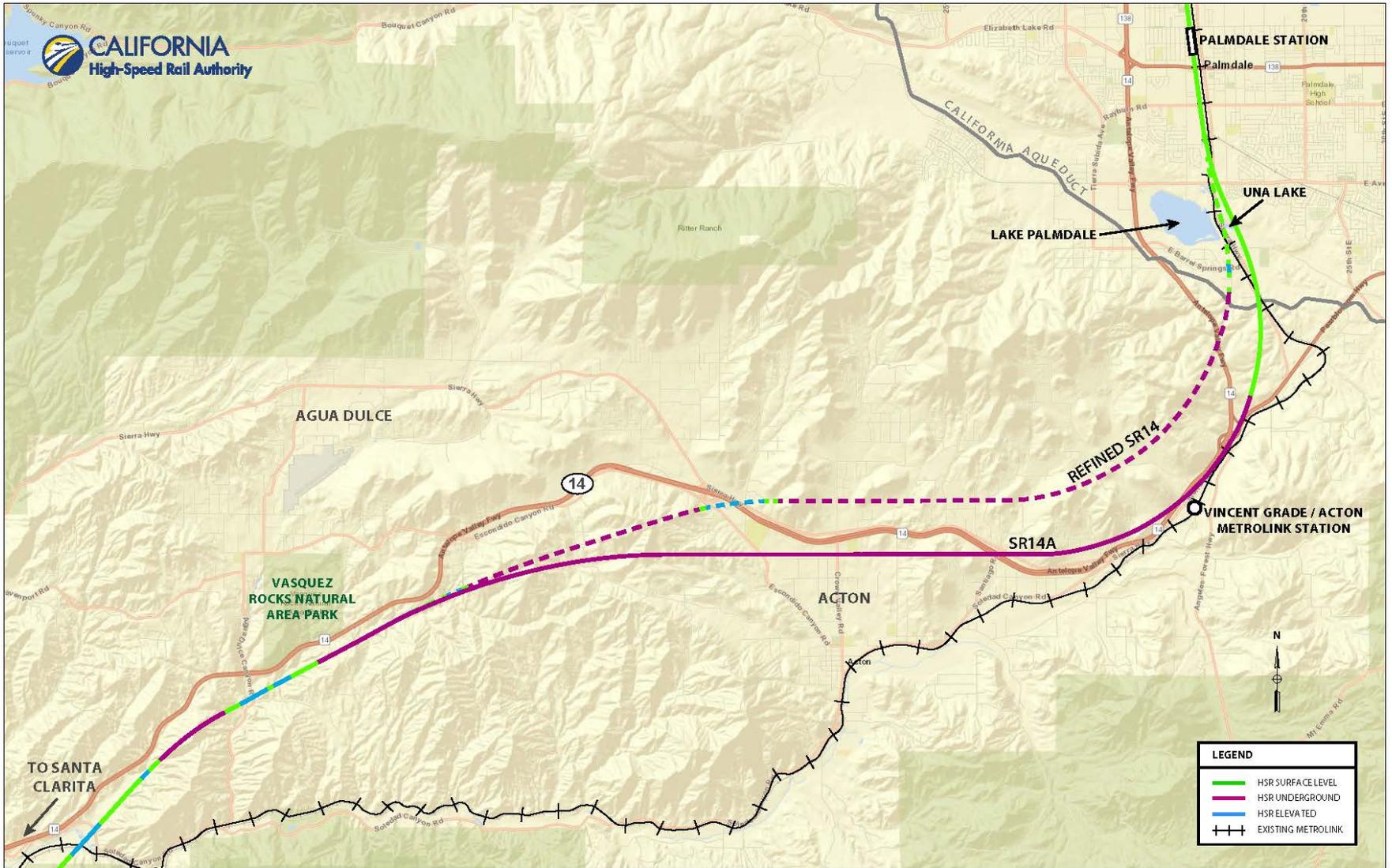
# Purpose

- ▶ Update Board on progress made to date on Palmdale to Burbank alignment and recent stakeholder engagement

# Key Considerations

- ▶ Alignment has been adjusted to avoid direct impacts to Una Lake and reduce impacts to the Acton community
- ▶ Operational improvement gained with the addition of a track crossover
- ▶ USACE/EPA and Acton issues have been improved.

# Palmdale to Burbank: New SR14A Alignment



# Key Community Engagement

- ▶ LA County Supervisor Barger's office 4/10
- ▶ Acton Town Council 4/17
- ▶ Agua Dulce Town Council 4/30
- ▶ City of Santa Clarita 5/12
- ▶ Acton-Agua Dulce School District 6/12
- ▶ City of Palmdale 6/25
- ▶ Congressman Garcia's office 7/10
- ▶ North LA County Transportation Coalition 7/20
- ▶ State Senator Wilk's office 7/22
- ▶ State Assemblymember Lackey's office TBD

# SR14A Best Balances Benefits and Impacts

- **Easiest** and **fastest** to construct
- **Lowest constructability** risk related to tunnels, hydrogeologic, and geologic conditions
- **Lowest risk of unexpected conditions or circumstances** that could impact the cost to build the project or the schedule to complete it
- **Fewer traffic and air quality impacts** within the communities that surround it during construction
- **Shortest tunnel** under the Angeles National Forest (ANF) and the San Gabriel Mountain National Monument (SGMNM)
- **Lowest risk to impacting surface or groundwater and wildlife** within the ANF
- **Avoids impacts** to Una Lake
- **Alignment is underground** through the community of Acton
- **Segment Cost** for the 41-mile stretch is estimated to increase by approximately 2% (\$17.5 billion - \$17.8 billion)

# Palmdale to Burbank Path Forward

- ▶ Continue stakeholder engagement
- ▶ Submit Checkpoint B – July 2020
- ▶ Conduct Agency Review – December 2020
- ▶ Complete Checkpoint C – Spring 2021
- ▶ Circulate Draft EIR/EIS – Summer 2021
- ▶ Final EIR/EIS – Spring 2022
- ▶ ROD – Summer 2022