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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

California High-Speed Rail –

Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section:

Locally Generated Alternative

COMBINED SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD OF DECISION AND FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE LOCALLY GENERATED ALTERNATIVE

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the Combined Supplemental Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final Supplemental EIS) on the Locally Generated Alternative of the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section (F-B) of the California High-Speed Rail Project.

The Combined Supplemental ROD and Final Supplemental EIS, and associated documents will be available to the public on November 8, 2019.

The Combined Supplemental ROD and Final Supplemental EIS on the Locally Generated Alternative are available online in PDF format at the Authority website: www.hsr.ca.gov and/or on CD ROM by calling (916) 324 1541.

The Authority website also contains technical reports that inform the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section Combined Supplemental ROD and Final Supplemental EIS. You may also request a CD ROM of the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section Final EIR/EIS, Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS, Final Supplemental EIS, and Supplemental ROD by calling (916) 324 1541.

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.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 23, 2019, and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration and the State of California. Under that MOU, the Authority is the project's lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Fresno to Bakersfield Section Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS (November 2017) was prepared as a joint document to meet all pertinent requirements of both CEQA and NEPA. However, following publication of the Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS, the Authority determined to prepare the Final Supplemental EIS (NEPA) separate from the Final Supplemental EIR (CEQA, completed in 2018).

The Combined Supplemental ROD and Final Supplemental EIS are being made available to the public and public agencies concurrently pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 304a.

By signing the Combined Supplemental ROD and Final Supplemental EIS, the Authority, in its role as federal NEPA lead agency, approves the Fresno to Bakersfield's Locally Generated Alternative as described in the Fresno to Bakersfield Final Supplemental EIS. The Supplemental ROD sets forth that the F-B LGA best serves the purpose and need for this project and minimizes economic, social, and environmental impacts.

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate. For translation services, or special needs, please call (866) 761-7755.