Northern California Region

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STATEWIDE UPDATES



CONGRESSIONAL CALL FOR DEDICATED HSR FUNDING

- Over 75 members of congress called for dedicated funding for high-speed rail in the American Jobs Plan, recognizing that the development of high-speed rail will:
 - » Create good-paying jobs
 - » Foster long-term economic growth
 - » Deliver access to opportunity for communities
- The letter was led by Congressman Jim Costa, Congressman Seth Moulton, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senators Kristen Gillibrand and Edward Markey, co-signed by additional members of congress including **Senators** Feinstein, Padilla, Warren, and others.

Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 2021

Majority Leader Charles Schumer United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Chair Maria Cantwell Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Roger Wicker Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Sam Graves Infrastructure

Washington, DC 20515 Dear Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, Chair Cantwell,

With the new administration, we have a generational opportunity to invest in our nation's infrastructure, and we are grateful for your leadership in ensuring we invest in next generation infrastructure, not just the infrastructure of the past. As negotiations continue to develop around a comprehensive infrastructure package, we write to express our support for the inclusion of dedicated funding to develop international-standard high-speed rail with high-performance connections that feed into a larger network. A federal commitment to these modern and proven transportation systems will dramatically improve our environment, reduce inequity, and help grow cities and sustain vibrant downtowns across the nation.

Reducing emissions from the transportation sector is critical to meeting our nation's climate goals and cutting our carbon footprint. According to an Environmental Protection Agency report, the transportation sector accounted for 28 percent of total greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 to 2018, making it the largest contributing sector.1

Chairman DeFazio, Ranking Member Wicker, and Ranking Member Graves:

A robust network of high-speed rail corridors with high-performance connections is the best option to dramatically reduce carbon emissions while improving intercity travel. It will be decades before aviation is carbon-free, and electric cars - although vital - will not improve

Speaker Nancy Pelosi United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Peter A. DeFazio Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 201515

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United States Environmental Protection Agency, "Fast Facts: U.S. Transportation Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions 1990-2018, accessed March 18,2021, https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P100ZK4P.pdf.

BAKERSFIELD TO PALMDALE PROJECT SECTION FINAL EIR/EIS

- Released June 25, 2021
- Will be presented to the Authority's Board of Directors for approval during a two-day board meeting August 18-19
- If approved, Bakersfield to Palmdale will be the first high-speed rail segment in Southern California to be environmentally cleared



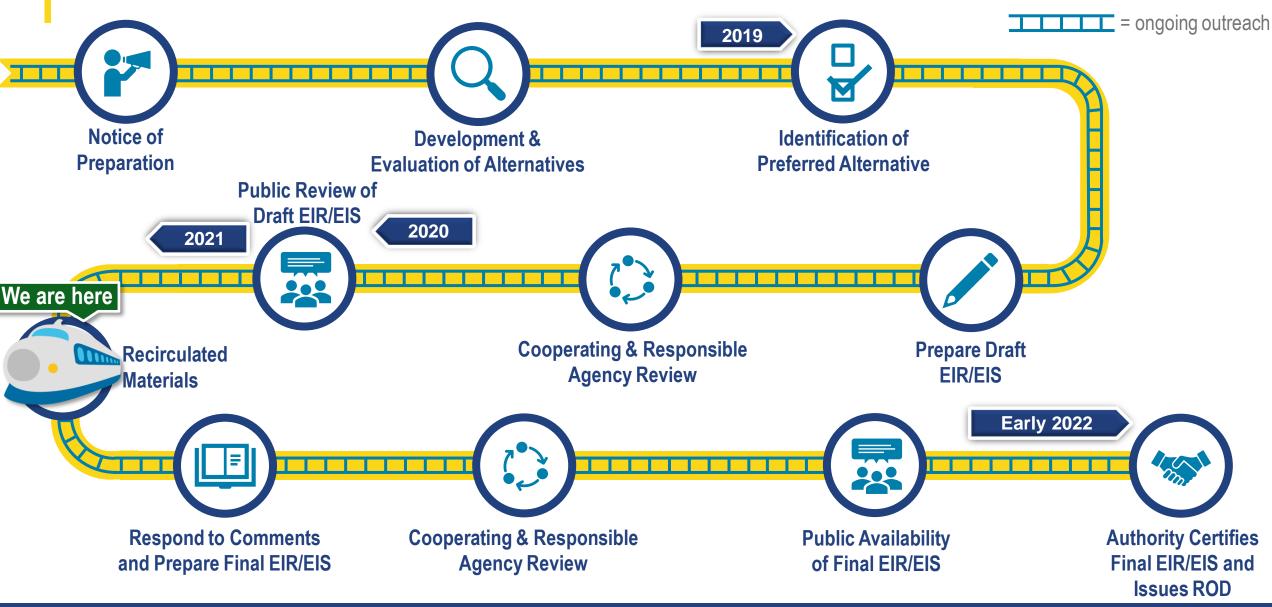


SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE

Revised Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement



SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



REVISED/SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIR/EIS

LIMITED REVISION TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DRAFT EIR/EIS

The Recirculated Document includes:



Millbrae-SFO Station

Reduced Site Plan Design Variant



Biological Resources

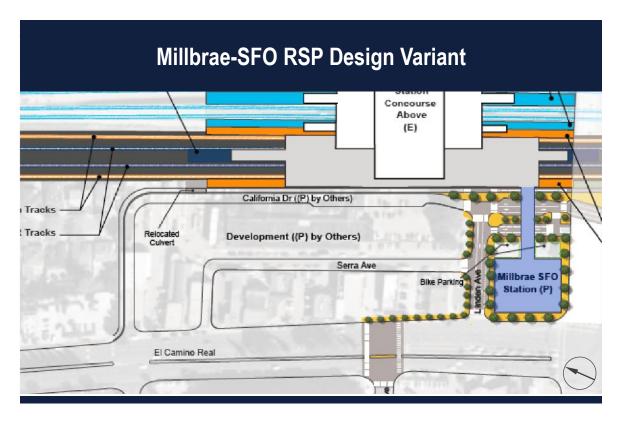
Monarch Butterfly

- Public Circulation: July 23 September 8, 2021
- Virtual Community Meeting: August 11, 2021

The Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS has been prepared and approved by the Authority as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency and as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the high-speed rail project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. The Authority is making the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS available to the public for a 45-day review and comment period in accordance with CEQA and NEPA requirements as the CEQA and NEPA lead agency.

MILLBRAE-SFO STATION





Station Head House



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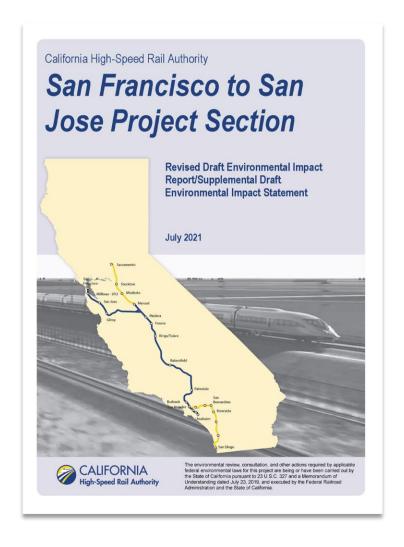
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MILLBRAE-SFO REDUCED SITE PLAN DESIGN VARIANT

OVERVIEW

- The Reduced Site Plan (RSP) Design Variant in the Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS provides a smaller station footprint by not replacing displaced BART and Caltrain parking spaces and moving the station head house location.
- The RSP Design Variant reduces impacts to existing and planned development around the station.
- Does not change the Preferred Alternative. Provides an option for Board consideration at time of approval.



HOW TO COMMENT ON THE RECIRCULATED DOCUMENT



Public Comment Period: July 23, 2021 – September 8, 2021



Online at: www.hsr.ca.gov



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By email: san.francisco_san.jose@hsr.ca.gov with the subject line "Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS Comment"



By mail:

Attn. San Francisco to San Jose Project Section: Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS Comment Northern California Regional Office California High-Speed Rail Authority 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300 San Jose, CA 95113



Please limit the scope of comments only to the new information, i.e., Millbrae Station Reduced Site Plan Design and the Biological Resources. Responses to comments will be included in the Final EIR/EIS.



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