



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

REPORT ON RECENT SCOPING MEETINGS

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Palmdale, CA



PALMDALE TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION

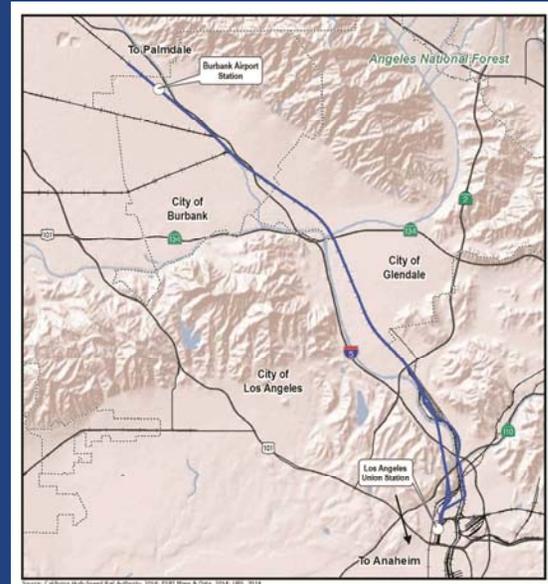
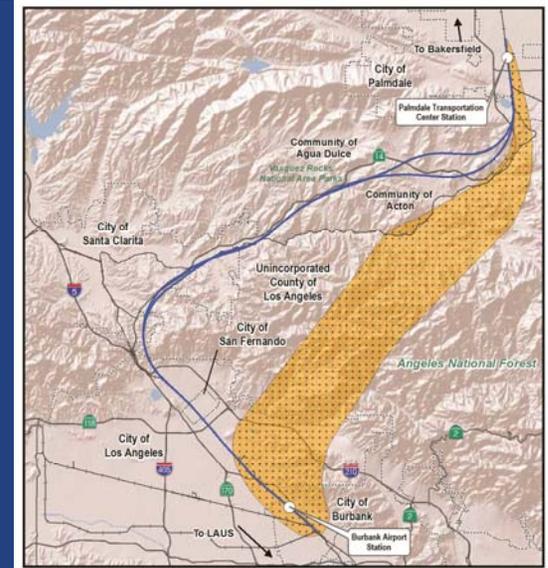
EVOLUTION: STUDY TWO INDEPENDENT SECTIONS



➔ **Palmdale to Burbank Project Section** ➔

- ✓ Independent Utility
- ✓ Targeted Public Outreach in Highly Populated Areas

➔ **Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section** ➔



SCOPING MEETING RECAP

PROACTIVE NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

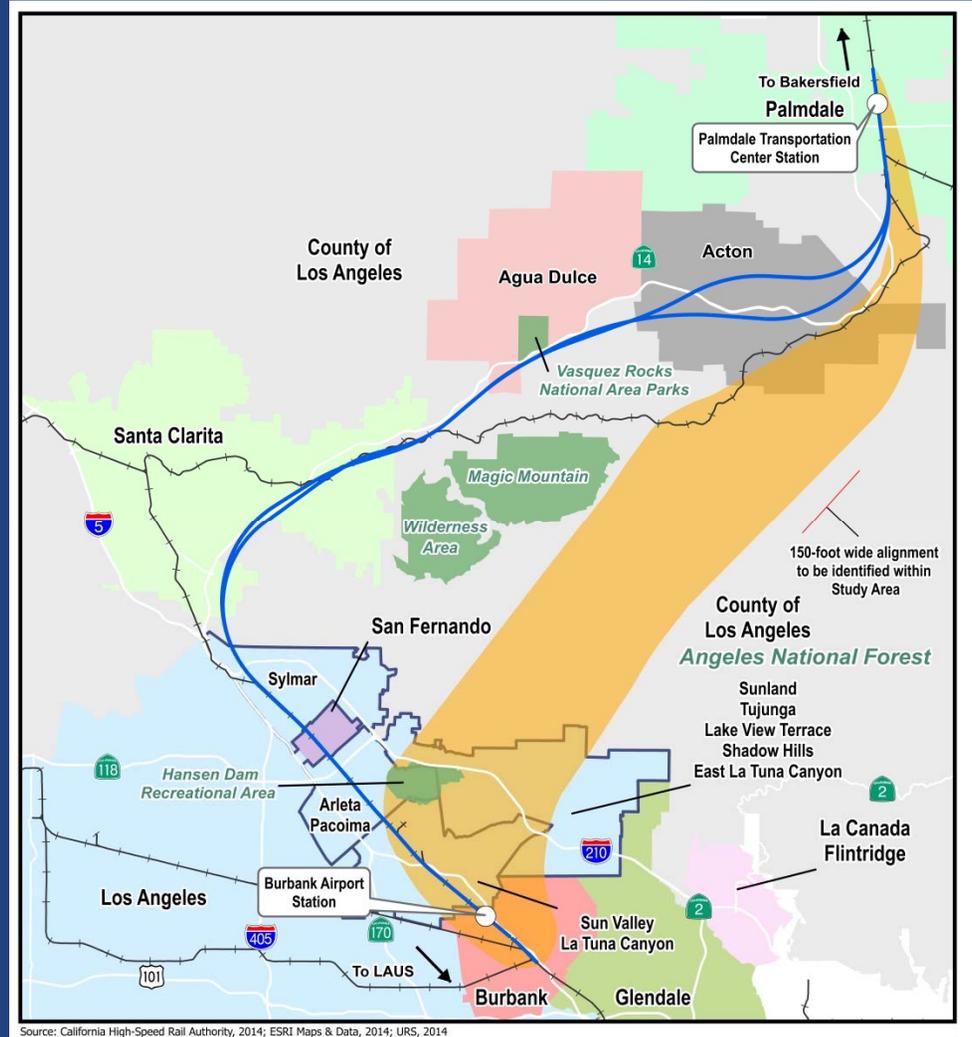
- Federal Register (7/24)
- State Clearinghouse (7/24)
- Los Angeles County Clerk
- Direct mail to project area residents, elected officials, and community groups (80,000+)
- E-blast to stakeholder database (5,000+)
- Legal notices
 - Antelope Valley Press (7/25)
 - La Opinión (7/25)
 - Santa Clarita Valley Signal (7/25)
 - Daily News (7/25)
 - Los Angeles Times (7/25)
- Ads in local papers
 - Acton / Agua Dulce Weekly News (7/28)
 - Antelope Valley Times (online) (7/28)
 - Asian Journal (Filipino) (8/6)
 - Korea Daily (8/6)
 - San Fernando Valley Sun (7/31)
 - Signal Newspaper (7/28)
 - Siamtownus (Thai) (8/10)
 - Antelope Valley Press (7/29)
 - Asbarez Armenian News (7/29)
 - Burbank Leader (7/30)
 - Nguoi Viet-Daily (Vietnamese) (8/8)
 - San Fernando Valley El Sol (7/31)
 - World Journal Chines Daily News (8/8)
- CHSRA , city & community websites
- Social media

PARTICIPATION RESULTS

- Seven Scoping Meetings
 - » Aug. 5 Santa Clarita
 - » Aug. 6 Burbank
 - » Aug. 7 Palmdale
 - » Aug. 11 Acton
 - » Aug. 12 Sylmar
 - » Aug. 14 Lake View Terrace
 - » Aug. 19 LA Union Station
- Federal Scoping meeting (8/8)
- More than 900 people
- Neighborhood Council and Community Group meetings
- 170 comments at meetings
- 835 letters and e-mails

PALMDALE TO BURBANK PROJECT SECTION

- Approximately 45-Mile Corridor
- Connects the Antelope Valley to the San Fernando Valley
- Two Proposed Stations:
 - » Palmdale Transportation Center
 - » Burbank Airport Station
- Connectivity to:
 - » High Desert Corridor
 - » Metrolink Hollywood Way Station
 - » Regional Intermodal Transportation Center



BURBANK TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION

- Approximately 15-Mile Corridor
- Connects San Fernando Valley to Downtown Los Angeles
- Two Proposed Stations:
 - » Burbank Airport Station
 - » Los Angeles Union Station
- Connectivity to:
 - » Metrolink Hollywood Way Station
 - » Regional Intermodal Transportation Center
 - » Los Angeles Union Station



AGENCY/CITY FEEDBACK: PALMDALE TO BURBANK

- Alternative Corridor may reduce community and environmental impacts
- Carefully consider Environmental Justice (low-income & minority populations)
- Provide more detail about the stations
- Fully evaluate and consider:
 - » Waters, aquatic resources and wildlife
 - » The Santa Clara River corridor
 - » Protected species, habitat, and wildlife corridors
 - » Air quality, noise and vibration, growth inducement
 - » Traffic and circulation (safety of pedestrians, vehicles, and emergency service)
 - » Agency Infrastructure--Bob Hope Airport, MWD Feeder lines, Flood Control facilities and utilities, Goods Movement



Palmdale to Burbank

PUBLIC FEEDBACK: PALMDALE TO BURBANK

- General support for tunneling to reduce potential impacts on communities
- Both support and opposition for the Alternative Corridor
- Narrow the study area, provide more detail
- Fully evaluate and consider:
 - » Residential communities and property values
 - » Residential wells
 - » The Angeles National Forest and recreational areas
 - » Water (surface and groundwater)
 - » Cultural and Archeological Resources
 - » Equestrian communities
 - » Hansen Dam
 - » Earthquake Faults
- Analyze and minimize noise and vibration impacts



Palmdale to Burbank

AGENCY/CITY FEEDBACK: BURBANK TO LOS ANGELES

- Carefully consider Environmental Justice (low-income & minority populations)
- Fully evaluate and consider:
 - » The Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Project
 - » Trail and access connectivity to the Los Angeles River
 - » Habitats along the Los Angeles River and in Elysian Park
 - » Businesses, residential areas including connectivity with street, pedestrian, and bicycle connections
 - » Water quality and aquatic resources
 - » Business and cultural resources
 - » Air quality, traffic, noise, growth inducement
 - » Goods movement
- Coordinate and refine:
 - » Connections to Los Angeles Union Station
 - » Infrastructure needed to support an Initial Operating Section terminus
 - » Hours of operation



Burbank to Los Angeles

PUBLIC FEEDBACK: BURBANK TO LOS ANGELES

- Support for tunneling to reduce potential impacts on communities
- Use of existing transportation corridor
- Fully evaluate and consider:
 - » The Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Project
 - » Residential communities and property values
 - » Communities during construction
 - » Traffic and transportation
- Analyze and minimize visual, noise, and vibration impacts



Burbank to Los Angeles

NEXT STEPS

- Complete Scoping Report
- Advance Connectivity and Early Action Projects
- Initiate Station Area Planning activities
- Identify constraints and develop and/or refine alignment or alignments for study
- Conduct public workshops
- Analyze environmental resources
- Prepare draft environmental documents
- Coordinate with responsible/trustee agencies

