

# CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

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## Agency Coordination Plan

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## 1.0 Lead/Cooperating/Participating Agencies

### 1.1 List of Agencies, Roles, and Responsibilities

#### 1.1.1 Overview to the Project and the Coordination Plan

The California High-Speed Train (CAHST) system, intended to serve future intercity travel demand in California, traverses a diverse set of communities, regions, and natural resources. As a result, there is a critical need to engage and coordinate with a number of public agencies in the planning, design, permitting, construction, and implementation of this landmark statewide rail system. This Agency Coordination Plan identifies public agencies that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will consult during preparation of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and describes the process by which the Authority and FRA propose to seek guidance and share information. Additional detail regarding the California High Speed Train (HST) Project, the environmental process, public and agency coordination goals and approach, and public outreach tools can be found in the Anaheim to Los Angeles HST Project Public/Stakeholder/Agency Involvement Plan.

The Agency Coordination Plan is based on Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which has been codified as 23 USC Section 139 and establishes a formal procedure by which interested governmental agencies can participate in the environmental review process. The purpose of the SAFETEA-LU 6002 coordination plan is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies as well as to inform groups of how the plan will be implemented. The coordination plan promotes an efficient, streamlined process, as well as good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have adopted guidelines for implementation of Section 6002. The FRA does not have such guidelines but has developed this coordination plan, in conjunction with the Authority, to fulfill many of the same objectives as identified in Section 6002.

#### 1.1.2 Participating Agencies

Section 6002 seeks to include federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in a transportation project and participate in the environmental review process for that project. Nongovernmental organizations and private entities cannot serve as participating agencies. The Authority and FRA have identified the agencies listed in Sections 1.1-7 through 1.1-9 as potential participants in the Anaheim to Los Angeles High-Speed Train (HST) Project EIR/EIS process. These agencies have been sent invitations for this project.

In addition to the agencies identified in the tables in Sections 1.1-7 through 1.1-9, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, a document clearinghouse for the State of California, has also been invited to be a participating agency.

The selection of these agencies represents a good faith, common-sense effort to identify and involve interested agencies early on, the objective being to raise and resolve issues as early and quickly as possible. The roles and responsibilities of participating agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.

- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participating in the scoping process. The scoping process should be designed so that agencies whose interest in the project comes to light as a result of initial scoping activities are invited to participate and still have an opportunity for involvement.

### 1.1.3 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are those governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have been specifically requested by the lead agency to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document for the project. Cooperating and Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below and their contact information is provided in Section 2 of this Coordination Plan.

The Cooperating Agencies for this project have roles and responsibilities that include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, and methodologies;
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Cooperating Agencies are also allowed to participate in the issue resolution process;
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues; and
- Reviewing and providing comment on the preliminary draft DEIS and the preferred alternative.

If new information reveals the need to request another agency to serve as a Cooperating Agency, FRA/Authority will issue that agency an invitation.

### 1.1.4 Responsible Agencies

Responsible Agencies, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), are those local and state governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have discretionary approval power over a project. Examples of approval authority include review, approval, or permitting authority over a project. While the lead agency (the Authority) is responsible for considering all environmental impacts of a project before approving it, a responsible agency has a more specific charge: to consider only those aspects of a project that are subject to the responsible agency's jurisdiction. Under CEQA, responsible agencies have two sets of responsibilities. First, they must respond in a timely fashion to lead agency requests for information or comments at various stages in preparation of the EIR. Second, they must fulfill their role in approving or acting on a project. Responsible and Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below and their contact information is provided in Section 2 of this Coordination Plan.

### 1.1.5 Initial Coordination

The FRA, with assistance from the Authority, submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, as required by CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1501.7). The NOI was published in the Federal

Register on March 15, 2007. Notification of the preparation of the EIS was also published in the project area newspapers. The NOI announced a series of scoping meetings at which agencies, organizations, and the public could learn about the EIS process and raise initial concerns about the project and the scope of the environmental documentation. Three scoping meetings were held in April 2007. The scoping comment period extended through April 24, 2007.

**1.1.6 Lead Agencies**

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public and cooperating/participating agency involvement
California High-Speed Rail Authority	State Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIR, provide opportunity for public and cooperating/participating agency involvement

**1.1.7 Potential Participating Resource Agencies (and Responsible or Cooperating Agencies)**

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
<b>Federal</b>		
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Participating Agency	NEPA compliance; wetland oversight; Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice; air quality conformity
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8 – Pacific Southwest Region, Carlsbad Office	Participating Agency	Section 7 Endangered Species Act consultation process and compliance, Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Invited Cooperating Agency	Section 404 Clean Water Act permit; Section 408 permit to alter existing flood control structures; encroachment permit; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
Federal Highway Administration, California Division	Invited Cooperating Agency	Federal and state highway jurisdiction
<b>State</b>		
California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5, South Coast Region	Participating Agency	Streambed Alteration Agreement; California Endangered Species Act compliance; provide comments on methodologies, mitigation measures
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Region 8	Participating Agency	Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver; Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; NPDES permits, waste discharge requirements
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Region 4	Participating Agency	Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver; Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; NPDES permits, waste discharge requirements
Native American Heritage Commission	Participating Agency	Section 106 consultation and compliance process
Department of Toxic Substances Control	Participating Agency	Hazards and hazardous materials and waste plans
California Environmental Protection Agency	Participating Agency	State oversight of air, water, soil, safe pesticides, and waste recycling and reduction laws

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
California Air Resources Board	Participating Agency	Responsible for monitoring the regulatory activity of California's 35 local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts; issuing statewide guidance on clean air regulations and climate change
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Participating Agency	Conformity reviews, stationary source permits, review of localized significance analyses

### 1.1.8 Potential Participating Transportation Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region	Participating Agency	Airport and airspace jurisdiction (Fullerton Airport)
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Participating Agency	Approval and funding of construction for transit improvements
California Transportation Commission	Participating Agency	Funding of construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California
California Department of Transportation, District 12	Participating Agency	Encroachment permit, highway access, modification reviews, and conformance with safety regulations at airports
California Department of Transportation, District 7	Participating Agency	Encroachment permit, highway access and modification reviews
California Public Utilities Commission, Los Angeles Office	Participating Agency	Grade crossings, grade separations, systems safety
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Participating Agency	Shared right-of-way, stations and feeder systems
Orange County Transportation Authority	Participating Agency	Shared right-of-way, stations and feeder systems
Los Angeles City Department of Transportation	Participating Agency	Encroachment permits, construction permits (water quality, waste discharge, and erosion control requirements), and potential Section 4(f) consultation

**1.1.9 Interested Local Agencies**

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Participating Agency	Regional population, employment, and housing projections; transportation plans, review for consistency with regional goals, objectives, and policies.
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other County departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for County parks and historic properties.
Orange County Planning and Development Services Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other County departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for County parks and historic properties.
City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Anaheim, Planning Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Buena Park, Community Development Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Bell, Planning Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Commerce, Planning Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Fullerton, Development Services Department, Planning Division	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of La Mirada, Community Development Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Norwalk, Community Development Department, Planning	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Pico Rivera, Community Development Department, Planning Division	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.
City of Santa Fe Springs, Department of Planning and Development	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
City of Vernon, Planning Department	Participating/Responsible Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.

## 1.2 Agency Contact Information

This Coordination Plan identifies a number of prospective participating agencies. Following the response to the invitation letters to participate in the Anaheim to Los Angeles HST Project-Level EIR/EIS process, the list of agencies will be updated to include those agencies that elect to participate. At that time, agency contacts will also be updated with the specific contact identified by the participating agency. The contact information for each agency identified in Section 1.1 is provided below.

### 1.2.1 Lead Agencies

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	Email
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, MS 20, Washington, DC 20590	David Valenstein	Environmental Program Manager	(202) 493-6368	david.valenstein@fra.dot.gov
California High-Speed Rail Authority 925 L St, Ste 1425, Sacramento, CA 95814	Dan Leavitt	Deputy Director	(916) 322-1397	DLeavitt@hsr.ca.gov

**1.2.2 Resource Agencies**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
<b>Federal</b>				
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Ken Wong	Branch Chief	(213) 452-3290	kenneth.wong@usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Darrell Buxton	Los Angeles River Restoration Project, Arroyo Seco Restoration Study, and Santa Clara River Watershed Study Team	(213) 452-4007	Darrell.W.Buxton@usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Kathleen Bergmann	Los Angeles River Restoration Project, Arroyo Seco Restoration Study, and Santa Clara River Watershed Study Team	(602) 640-2003 x250	Kathleen.M.Bergmann@usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Se-Yao Hsu	Project Manager Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Study Team	(213) 452-4016	Se-Yao.Hsu@usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Eldon Kraft	Project Manager Coyote Creek Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Team	(213) 452-4004	Eldon.I.Kraft@usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Thomas Bucklew	Project Manager Lower Santa Ana River Project	(213) 452-4005	Oscar.T.Bucklew@usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	Veronica Chan	Regulatory Project Manager	(213) 452-3292	Veronica.C.Chan@usace.army.mil
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency USEPA Region	Connell Dunning	Transportation Team Leader	(415) 947-4161	dunning.connell@epa.gov
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Jonathan Snyder	Biologist	(760) 431-9440 x307	jonathan_d_snyder@fws.gov
<b>State</b>				
California Department of Fish and Game, Region	Terri Dickerson,	Senior Environmental Scientist	(949) 363-7538	tdickerson@dfg.ca.gov
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Region 8	Adam Fischer	401 Water Quality Certification Coordinator	(909) 320-6363	afischer@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Region 4	Augustine Anijelo	Assistant Executive Officer for General Permitting	(213) 576-6657	aanijelo@waterboards.ca.gov

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Native American Heritage Commission	Debbie Pilas-Treadway	Environmental Specialist	(916) 653-4082	nahc@pacbell.net
Department of Toxic Substances Control,	Maziar Movassaghi	Acting Director	(916) 322-0504	MMovassa@dtsc.ca.gov
California Environmental Protection Agency	Linda S. Adams	Secretary for Environmental Protection	(916) 324-9214	LAdams@calepa.ca.gov
California Air Resources Board	Richard Varenchik	Staff Air Pollution Specialist	(626)-575-6730	rvarench@arb.ca.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Steve Smith	CEQA Supervisor	(909) 396-3054	ssmith@aqmd.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	James Koizumi	CEQA (and non-CEQA) Supervisor	(909) 396-3234	jkoizumi@aqmd.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Elaine Chang	Deputy Executive Officer	(909) 396-3186	echang@aqmd.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Carol Gomez	Planning and Rules Manager	(909) 396-3264	cgomez@aqmd.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Antonio Thomas	Senior Transportation Specialist	(909) 396-3285	athoma@aqmd.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Chung Liu	Deputy Executive Officer	(909) 396-2105	cliu@aqmd.gov
Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Terry Roberts	State Clearing House Director	(916) 445-0613	state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov

### 1.2.3 Transportation Agencies

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Federal Highway Administration	Stephanie Stoermer	Environmental Program Coordinator, FHWA California Division	(720) 963-3218	Stephanie.stoermer@dot.gov

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region	Richard Dykas	Regional Capacity Officer	(310)725-3613	richard.dykas@faa.gov
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX East Building,	Ray Sukys	Director of Planning and Program Development	(415) 744-3115	Ray.Sukys@dot.gov
California Transportation Commission	Bimla Rhinehart	Executive Director	(916) 654-4245	bimla.rhinehart@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation, District 12	Cindy Quon	District Director	(949) 724-2000	cindy_quon@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation, District 7	David Sosa	Chief, Office of Regional Planning	(213) 897-0409	david_sosa@dot.ca.gov
California Public Utilities Commission, Los Angeles Office	Rosa Munoz	Utilities Engineer	(213) 576-7078	rxm@cpuc.ca.gov
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Alex Clifford	General Manager	(562) 658-0201	clifforda@metro.net
Orange County Transportation Authority	Darrell Johnson	Manager, Local and Capital Programs	(714) 560-5343	djohnson@octa.net
Los Angeles City Department of Transportation	Jay W. Kim, P.E.	Principal Transportation Engineer	(213) 972-8438	Jay.Kim@lacity.org

**1.2.4 Local Agencies**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Hasan Ikhata	Executive Director	(213) 236-1944	ikhata@scag.ca.gov
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	Jon Sanabria	Acting Director	(213) 974-6405	jsanabria@planning.lacounty.gov
Orange County Planning and Development Services Department	Jess Carbajal	Planning Director	(714) 834-4643	jess.carbajal@ocpw.com
City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning	Gail Goldberg	Director of Planning	(213) 978-1271	Gail.Goldberg@lacity.org
City of Anaheim, Planning Department	Sheri Vander Dussen	Director of Planning	(714) 765-5139	svanderdussen@anaheim.net
City of Buena Park, Community Development Department	Rick Warsinski	Community Development Director	(714) 562-3620	rwarsinski@buenapark.com
City of Bell, Planning Department	Dennis Tarango	Chief Planner	(323) 588-6211	dennis@djengineering.com
City of Commerce, Planning Department	Bob Zarrilli	City Planner	(323) 722-4805 x2337	robertz@ci.commerce.ca.us
City of Fullerton, Development Services Department, Planning Division	Joel Rosen	Chief	(714) 738-6547	joelr@ci.fullerton.ca.us
City of La Mirada, Community Development Department	John J. Di Mario	Director	(562) 943-0131	citycontact@cityoflamirada.org
City of Norwalk, Community Development Department	Kurt Anderson	Director of Community Development	(562) 929-5744	kanderson@ci.norwalk.ca.us
City of Pico Rivera, Community Development Department, Planning Division	Jeff Brauckmann	Director	(562) 801-4332	jbrauckmann@pico-rivera.org

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
City of Santa Fe Springs, Department of Planning and Development	Robert Orpin	Director	(562) 868-0511 x 211	BobOrpin@santafesprings.org
City of Vernon, Planning Department	Kevin Wilson	Director of Community Services & Water	(213) 583-8811	kwilson@ci.vernon.ca.us

## **2.0 Coordination Points and Responsibilities**

### **2.1 Coordination Points, Information Requirements, and Responsibilities**

Procedures and expectations are discussed in this section. Expected milestones and responses are listed in Table 2.1.

#### **2.1.1 Invitation to Participate**

All prospective participating agencies will be invited to participate in writing by the Authority. Invitations to cooperating federal agencies will be sent by the FRA. State, regional, and local governmental agencies will be invited to participate by the Authority. Federal agencies that decline to participate will be asked to indicate so in writing and to provide an explanation for their decision. If no response to the invitation letter is received from other public agencies, it is assumed that they will not serve as participating agencies. This section lists key coordination points, including which agency is responsible for activities during that coordination point, the information required at each coordination point, and who is responsible for transmitting that information.

**2.1.2 Key Coordination Points**

<b>Coordination Point</b>	<b>Information "In"</b>	<b>Agency Responsible</b>	<b>Information "Out"</b>	<b>Agency Responsible</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Notice of Intent to Prepare (NOI)/Notice of Preparation (NOP) Project Scoping	Published NOI in Federal Register (March 15, 2007) and NOP on March 12, 2007. Sent participating agencies a copy of the NOI/NOP; published notice in newspaper; invited agencies and public to public scoping meeting.	FRA/Authority	Attend meetings, submit scoping comments and comments on purpose and need by end of comment period	Cooperating and Participating Agencies and the public	NOI March 15, 2007 NOP March 12, 2007	April 24, 2007 (40 days after transmittal)
Purpose and Need	Provide cooperating and participating agencies and the public with draft purpose and need statement in scoping materials; solicit comments; hold scoping meeting.	FRA/Authority	Comments on Purpose and Need	Cooperating and Participating Agencies and the public	Summer 2007	
Range of Alternatives	Provide cooperating and participating agencies and the public with information regarding alternatives being considered via letters; solicit comments; hold public and agency involvement meeting.	FRA/Authority	Comments on range of Alternatives and design options	Cooperating and participating agencies and the public	Summer 2009	
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies	Provide proposed criteria and methodologies to cooperating agencies.	Authority	Comments on methodology for pertinent resource areas	Cooperating and participating agencies	March 2008	
Environmental impacts	Identification of resources located within project area and general location of alternatives. Provide information and hold cooperating agency meeting.	Authority	Identification of any issues that could substantially delay permit approval	Cooperating and participating agencies and the public	Spring 2007	
Review of DEIR/DEIS	Send participating agencies a copy of the DEIS/DEIR; publish Notice of Completion and Availability in newspapers, and EPA Notice of Availability (NOA) in Federal Register; invite agencies and the public to public meeting.	FRA/Authority	Comments on environmental analysis and mitigation measures	Cooperating and participating agencies and the public	Spring 2010	

<b>Coordination Point</b>	<b>Information "In"</b>	<b>Agency Responsible</b>	<b>Information "Out"</b>	<b>Agency Responsible</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Identify Preferred Alternative	Provide cooperating agencies with information regarding Preferred Alternative via letters; solicit comments; hold cooperating agency meeting.	FRA/Authority	Comments of Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) and the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)	Cooperating agencies	Summer 2010/ Fall 2011	
Circulation of Final EIS/EIR	Send cooperating and participating agencies copy of the FEIS/FEIR; publish notice in newspaper, and EPA NOA in Federal Register.	FRA/Authority	Comments on FEIS/FEIR	Participating agencies and the public	March –May 2011	
Issue Record of Decision (ROD)/Notice of Determination (NOD)	Send cooperating agencies copy of the ROD and NOD. File NOD with OPR, County of Los Angeles, and County of Orange	FRA/Authority	Cooperating agency NEPA decisions	Cooperating agencies	Spring 2011	
Permitting	Permit/approval application completion based on data in EIR/EIS and additional information from preliminary and final design	Authority	Coordination on permit completion and conditions and permit issuance	Cooperating Agencies as appropriate	Spring 2011	

### 3.0 Project Schedule

This section includes the key milestones and decision-making deadlines for each agency approval.

Anaheim to Los Angeles	2007				2008				2009				2010				2011	
	Quarter																	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Draft EIR/EIS</b>																		
Scoping	X																	
Invitation to become Cooperating/Participating Agency											X							
Refine Purpose and Need										X								
Submit Final Public Participation Plan											X							
Submit Scoping Report										X								
Cooperating and Participating Agency Review of Methodologies									X									
Refine and Finalize Analysis Methodologies											X							
<b>Technical Reports</b>																		
T.R. – Traffic and Transit												X						
T.R. – Air Quality												X						
T.R. – Noise and Vibration												X						
T.R. – Biological Resources and Wetland												X						
T.R. – Hydrology and Water Resources												X						
T.R. – Geology, Soils and Seismicity												X						
T.R. – Hazardous Materials												X						
T.R. – Communities and Environmental Justice												X						
T.R. – Aesthetics and Visual Quality												X						
T.R. – Cultural Resources and Paleontology												X						
Cooperating Agency Review Technical Reports, as appropriate												X	X					
Revise Technical Reports												X	X	X				
EIR/EIS analysis of affected environment and project impacts												X	X	X				



Anaheim to Los Angeles	2007				2008				2009				2010				2011	
	Quarter																	
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Distribute Administrative Draft EIR/EIS to Cooperating Agencies													X					
Cooperating Agency Review of Administrative Draft													X					
Revision of Administrative Draft EIR/EIS													X					
Print and Distribute Draft EIR/EIS														X				
Public Review/Hearings														X	X			
<b>Final EIR/EIS</b>																		
Identify Locally Preferred Alternative/LEDPA															X		X	
Prepare and Submit Draft Final EIR/EIS																X		
Submit Findings and Statements of Overriding Conditions																	X	
Submit Final EIR/EIS																	X	
<b>NOD/ROD</b>																		X
Authority Board Certification of EIR/EIS																		X
Submit Draft NOD																		X
Submit revised Draft NOD																		X
Submit Draft ROD																		X
Submit revised Draft ROD																		X
FRA Clearance and Signature																		X



## 4.0 Coordination Meetings

The Regional Team, with the assistance of the Lead Agencies, the Authority and FRA, will form agency coordination groups for each subsection the study area. These working groups will be composed of agency representatives that will likely be responsible for issuing environmental approvals and permits for each section of the HST system. A minimum of three groups should be formed for the purpose of conducting coordination meetings:

1. Local and regional planning agencies;
2. Transportation agencies; and
3. Environmental resource agencies.

Each of these groups will be expected to meet a minimum of twice during the Alternative Analysis (AA) process and every three to six months during the EIR/EIS process or as needed. The meetings will provide forums for information exchange and coordination, which will inform the Authority's teams in developing EIRs/EISs to support issuance of permits and approvals.

Coordination Point	Anticipated Date for Coordination Meeting	Purpose of Meeting
Scoping	Completed	Identify range of alternatives, environmental effects and mitigation measures to be analyzed. Identify agency concerns.
Scoping Summary	Completed	Overview of alternatives, summary of comments from scoping process
Initial Development of Range of Alternatives/Criteria for Evaluation	Completed	Review initial range of alternatives, including design options and stations, and criteria for evaluation in AA and receive input from agencies.
AA Results	Completed	Discuss results of alternatives analysis.
EIS Analysis: Existing Conditions (2 or 3 meetings)	Fall 2009	Discuss existing conditions information, clarify information and analysis needs where necessary
Resource Evaluation	Fall 2009/Winter 2010	Coordination with resource agencies regarding resources in project area, potential impacts and mitigation concepts.
Pre-Distribution of Draft EIR/EIS	Spring 2010	Review Draft EIR/EIS prior to publication to discuss analysis results and potential mitigation and address remaining issues.
Public Hearings/ Comment Period	Spring 2010	Receive comments from agencies and public on the Draft EIR/EIS
Results from Comment Period	Summer/Fall 2010	Discuss agency comments and address issues
Pre-Distribution of Final EIR/EIS	Winter 2011	Resolve remaining issues

## 5.0 Revision History

As this project progresses, this Agency Coordination Plan will be continually revised to reflect project milestones, meetings, and other relevant agency coordination activities. As information in this document is revised, this section will summarize the types of changes and additions that have been made to the document.

**Table 5.1**  
 Plan Revisions

Version	Date	Name	Description
1	10/23/09	Renee Crookston	Initial Release

## 6.0 Other Information