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California High-Speed Rail Releases Draft Supplemental Environmental Document for Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) today released for public review and comment, a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS) for the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail System.

This document supplements the 2014 Final EIR/EIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section and is focused on the southern portion of the alignment between Poplar Avenue in Shafter and a station location in Bakersfield. The 2014 Final EIR/EIS evaluated alignments that generally followed the existing BNSF tracks from Shafter into Bakersfield. Since then, a new alignment was developed, known as the Locally Generated Alternative, extending from Shafter east towards State Route 99 and the existing Union Pacific tracks, then southward into Bakersfield.

The Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS provides a detailed analysis of the Locally Generated Alternative and compares that alignment to the Preferred Alternative identified in the 2014 Final EIR/EIS for the same geographic area between Shafter and Bakersfield.

Recognizing that the comment period includes the holiday season, the Authority has lengthened the public comment period to 60 days from the required minimum of 45 days. The official comment period begins Thursday, November 9, 2017 and ends Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

There are several ways to submit a comment regarding the Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section including:

Online via our [web comment form](#)

Via email at Fresno_Bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov

Mail your comment to:

Attn: Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section
California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1
Sacramento, CA 95814



A public hearing will be offered to solicit verbal comments:

December 19, 2017
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bakersfield Marriott Hotel
801 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Verbal and written comments received during the public comment period will be reviewed and will be addressed in the Final Supplemental EIR/EIS document.

To view the full contents of the Draft Supplemental Environmental EIR/EIS, please visit:
http://hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Environmental_Planning/supplemental_fresno_bakersfield.html

The 2014 Final EIR/EIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section can be reviewed at:
http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Environmental_Planning/final_fresno_bakersfield.html

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