

Project Update / Initial Alternatives



THE ALTAMONT CORRIDOR RAIL PROJECT

CHSRA Board Meeting – May 6, 2010





Today's Presentation

I. Project Update

- Project Inception
- SJRRC is Local Partner
- Altamont Corridor Partnership Working Group
- Goals and Objectives
- Corridor Location
- Scoping Process
- Identification of Initial Alternatives

II. Development of Alternatives

- Initial Alternatives

III. Next Steps

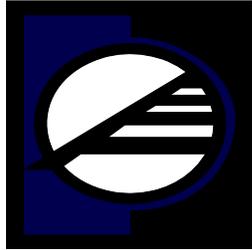


Project Inception

- ❖ The Authority is pursuing a “regional joint-use” project in Altamont Corridor with support from local and regional partners
- ❖ The project will serve a different Purpose and Need from the HST system serving the Northern California regional market
- ❖ Per Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Rail Plan, Altamont Corridor is a complement to both the regional network as well as the statewide HST network
- ❖ San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission is the local partner
- ❖ The FRA has agreed to serve as Lead Agency for the EIS



Regional Partner



SAN JOAQUIN
REGIONAL
RAIL COMMISSION

- ❖ Operates Altamont Commuter Express (ACE)
- ✓ Signed MOU to partner with Authority
- ✓ Wants regional service
- ✓ Will provide local funds





Altamont Corridor Partnership Working Group

- ❖ Partners with the Authority
- ❖ Provides guidance on local issues



San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission / Altamont Commuter Express – Bay Area Rapid Transit District / BART
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority – San Mateo County Transit District / Caltrain
Alameda County Congestion Management Agency – California Partnership for San Joaquin Valley
Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Sacramento Area Council of Governments
Stanislaus Council of Governments – Tri Valley Policy Advisory Committee





Key Goals and Objectives

- ❖ **Develop HST-compatible regional intercity passenger rail service linking Bay Area with northern San Joaquin Valley**
- ❖ **Provide dedicated corridor and trackage separate from UPRR where feasible**
- ❖ **Provide connectivity and accessibility to Oakland and Oakland International Airport**
- ❖ **Maximize intermodal connections with other rail services including BART**

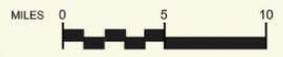


Project Corridor



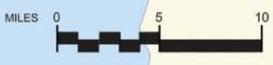
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-  Altamont Regional Rail Corridor
-  Potential Stations
-  Altamont Branch/Station Alternatives
-  Study Area





Altamont Corridor Connectivity





Scoping Meetings

Meetings

- City of Livermore – November 10, 2009
- City of Stockton – November 12, 2009
- City of Fremont – November 17, 2009
- City of San Jose – November 18, 2009

Participation

- More than 200 participants
- More than 100 written comments

Summary of Comments Received

- ✓ Many comments in favor of project
- ✓ Some requested project be “fast-tracked”
- ✓ Interested in service to Sacramento and Merced via Altamont
- ✓ Some suggestions for “out of corridor” alternatives
- ✓ Agree with BART connection; possibly stopping at Livermore

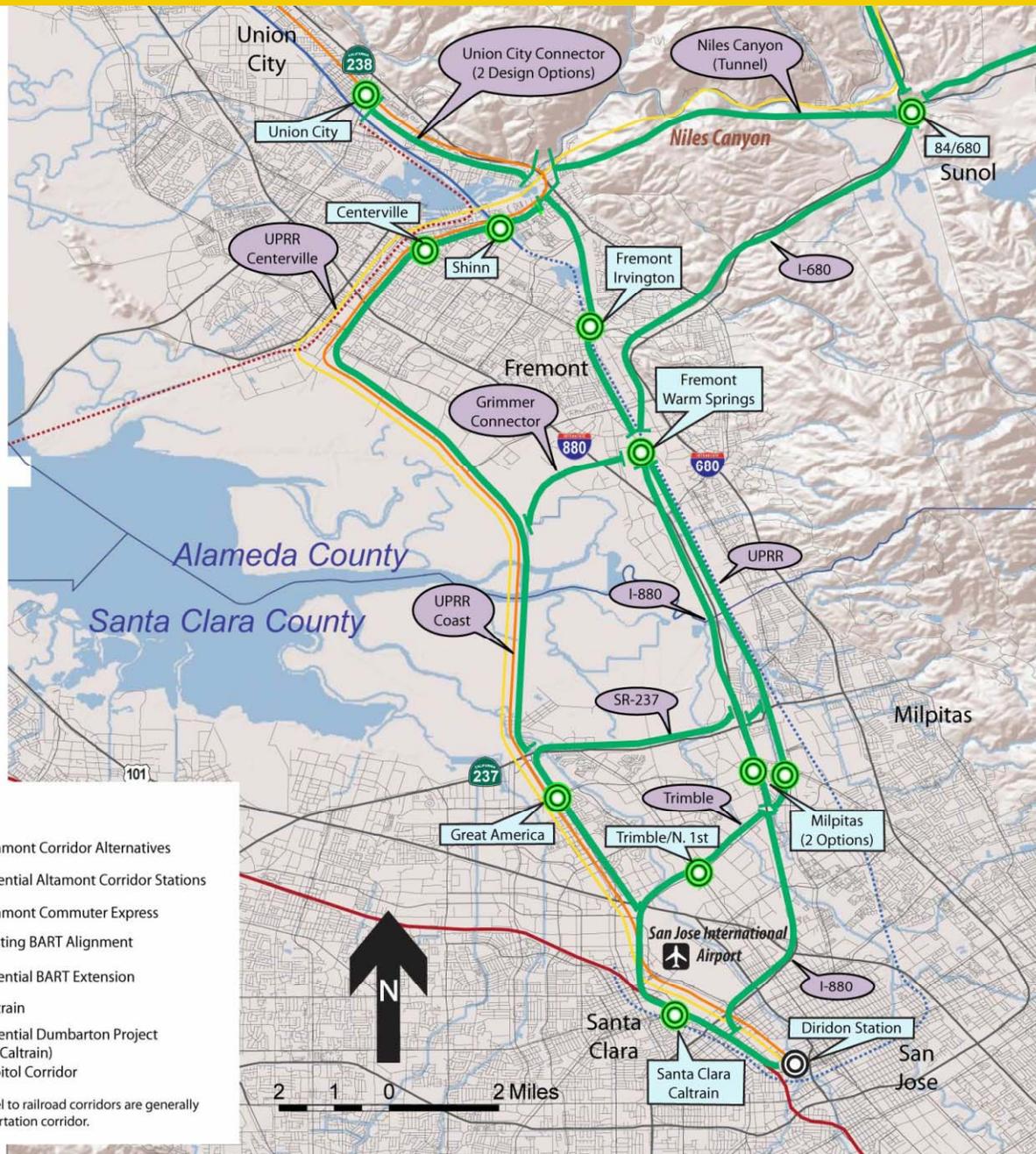


Identification of Initial Alternatives

- Project Team prepared Draft Scoping Report
- Project Team identified alignments and stations by area
(Bay Area / Tri Valley / San Joaquin Valley)
- Options reviewed with City/County &
Transportation Agency representatives in March
- Initial Alternatives presented to Working Group in April



Initial Alternatives – Bay Area

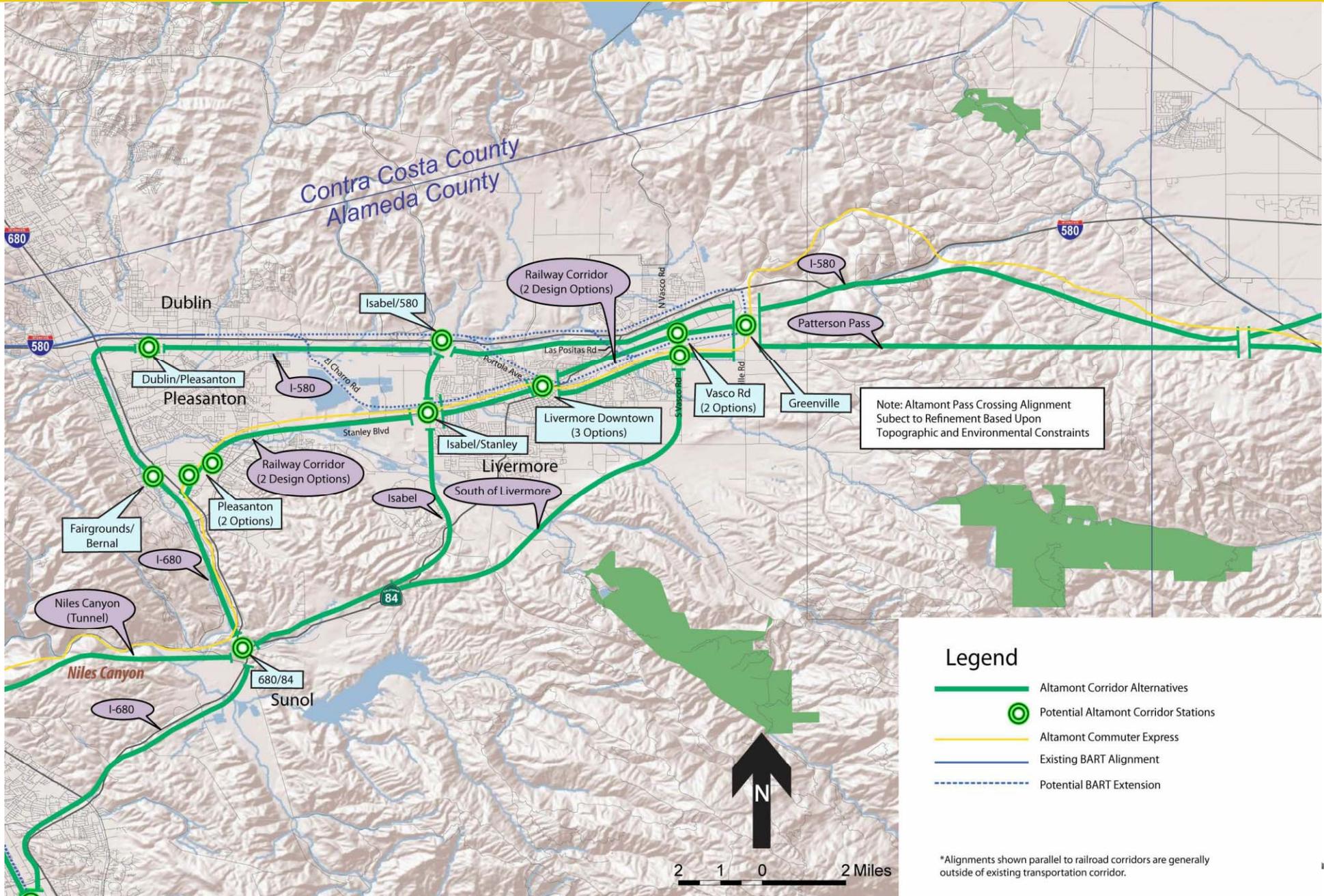


- Legend**
- Altamont Corridor Alternatives
 - Potential Altamont Corridor Stations
 - Altamont Commuter Express
 - Existing BART Alignment
 - - - Potential BART Extension
 - Caltrain
 - - - Potential Dumbarton Project (by Caltrain)
 - Capitol Corridor

*Alignments shown parallel to railroad corridors are generally outside of existing transportation corridor.



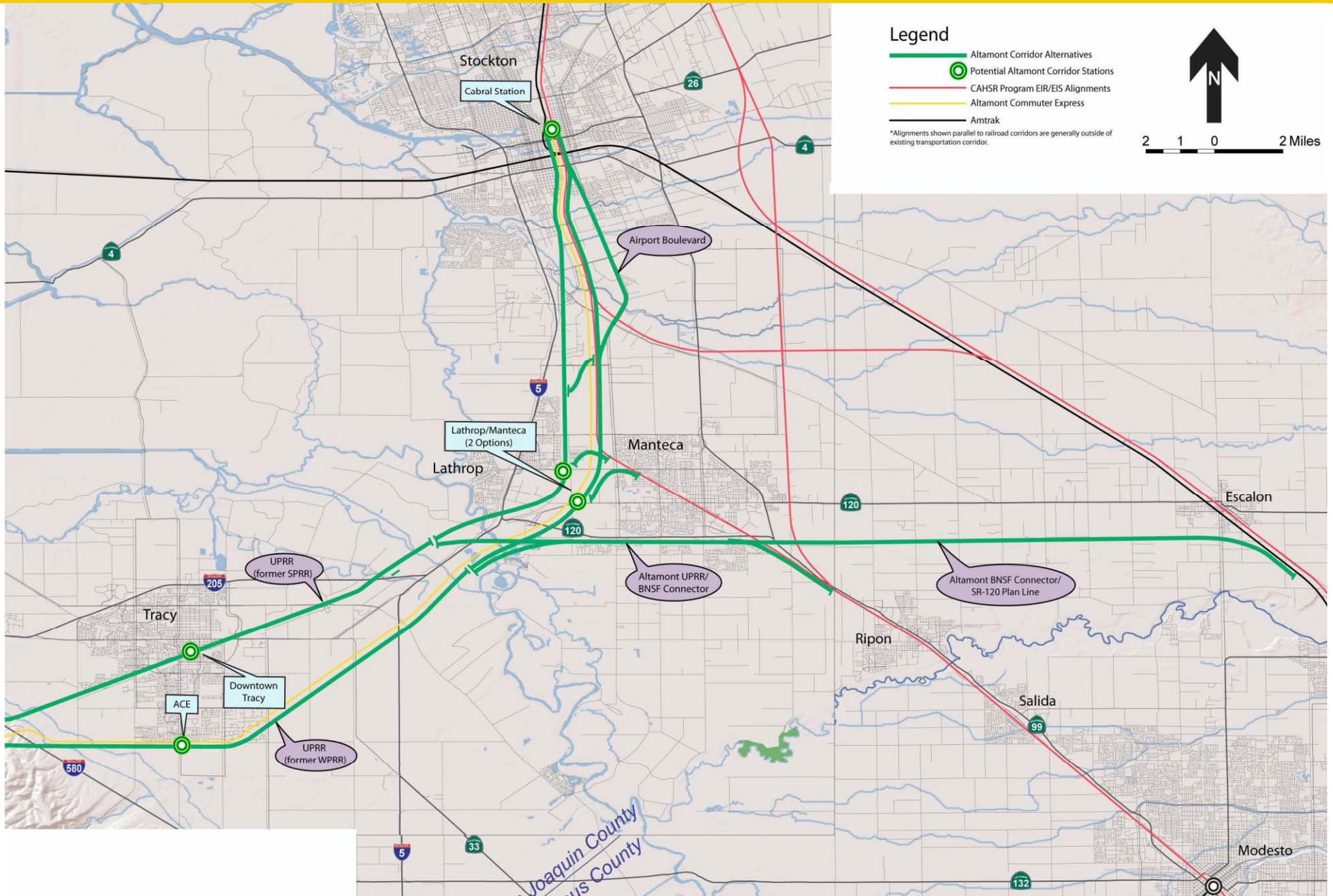
Initial Alternatives – Tri Valley



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Initial Alternatives – San Joaquin Valley





Next Steps (Next 6 Months)

- ❖ Commence Alternatives Analysis
- ❖ Meet with Resource Agencies
- ❖ Work with Caltrans on state highway interfaces
- ❖ Work with Cities & Counties, Transportation Agencies on refinement of alignment & stations
- ❖ Prepare Preliminary Alternatives Analysis



Questions & Answers

