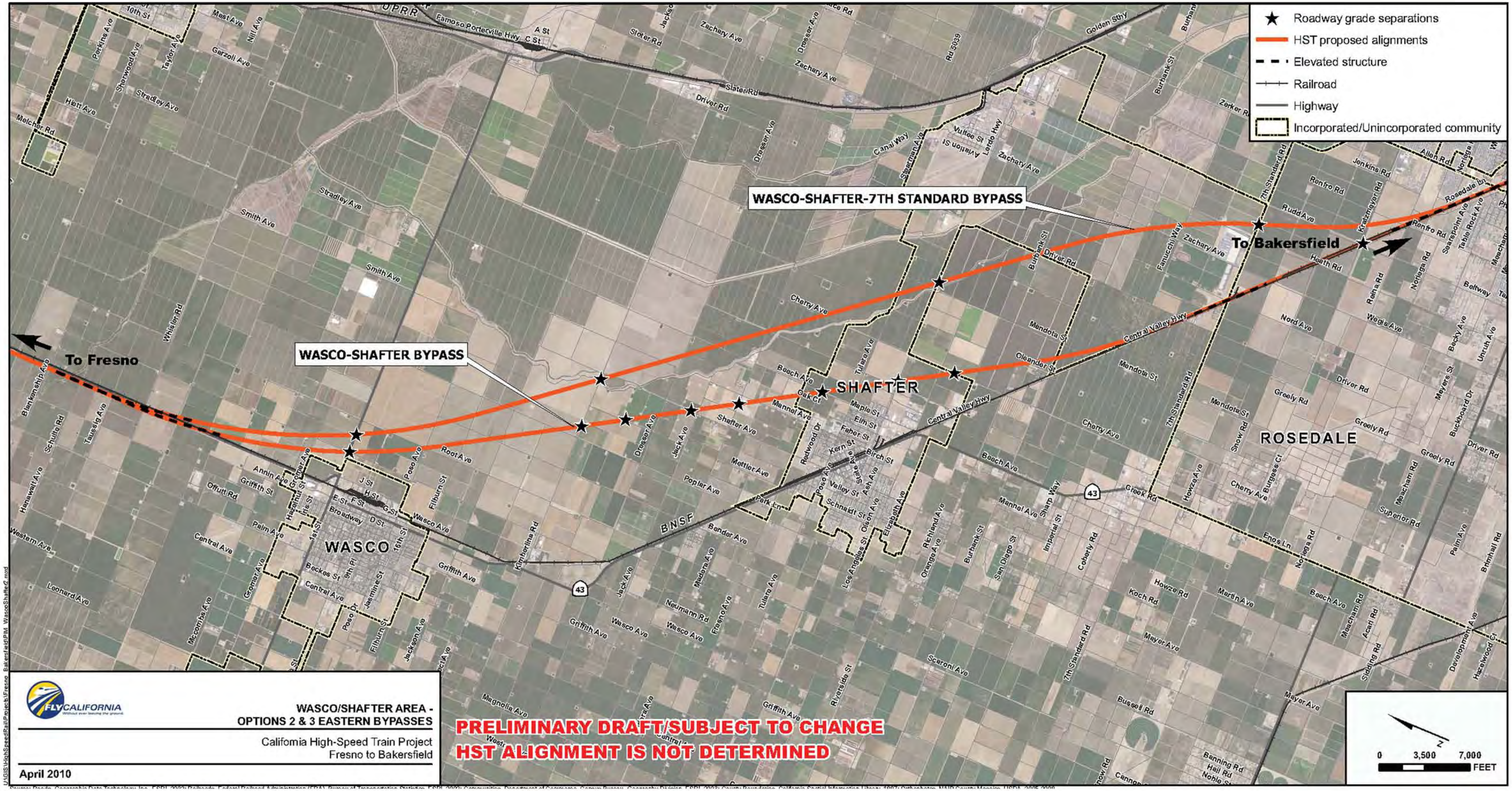
Wasco/Shafter Areas - Options 2 & 3 - Eastern Bypasses



Avoidance of Allensworth State Historic Park, Ecological Preserves and Pixley Wildlife Refuge

Purpose for Allensworth Bypass Study:

- **Alignment adjacent to BNSF at Allensworth impacts the State Park, Pixley National Wildlife Refuge and Allensworth Ecological Reserve, all of which are Section 4(f) properties.**
- **Most of the Pixley National Wildlife Refuge and Allensworth Ecological Reserve are located east of BNSF.**
- **An alternative west of the BNSF can avoid Pixley National Wildlife Refuge, Allensworth Ecological Reserve, and Allensworth State Historic Park.**
- **As part of the environmental analysis for the HST project, a determination will be made if the Allensworth Bypass is a prudent and feasible alternative for the project.**

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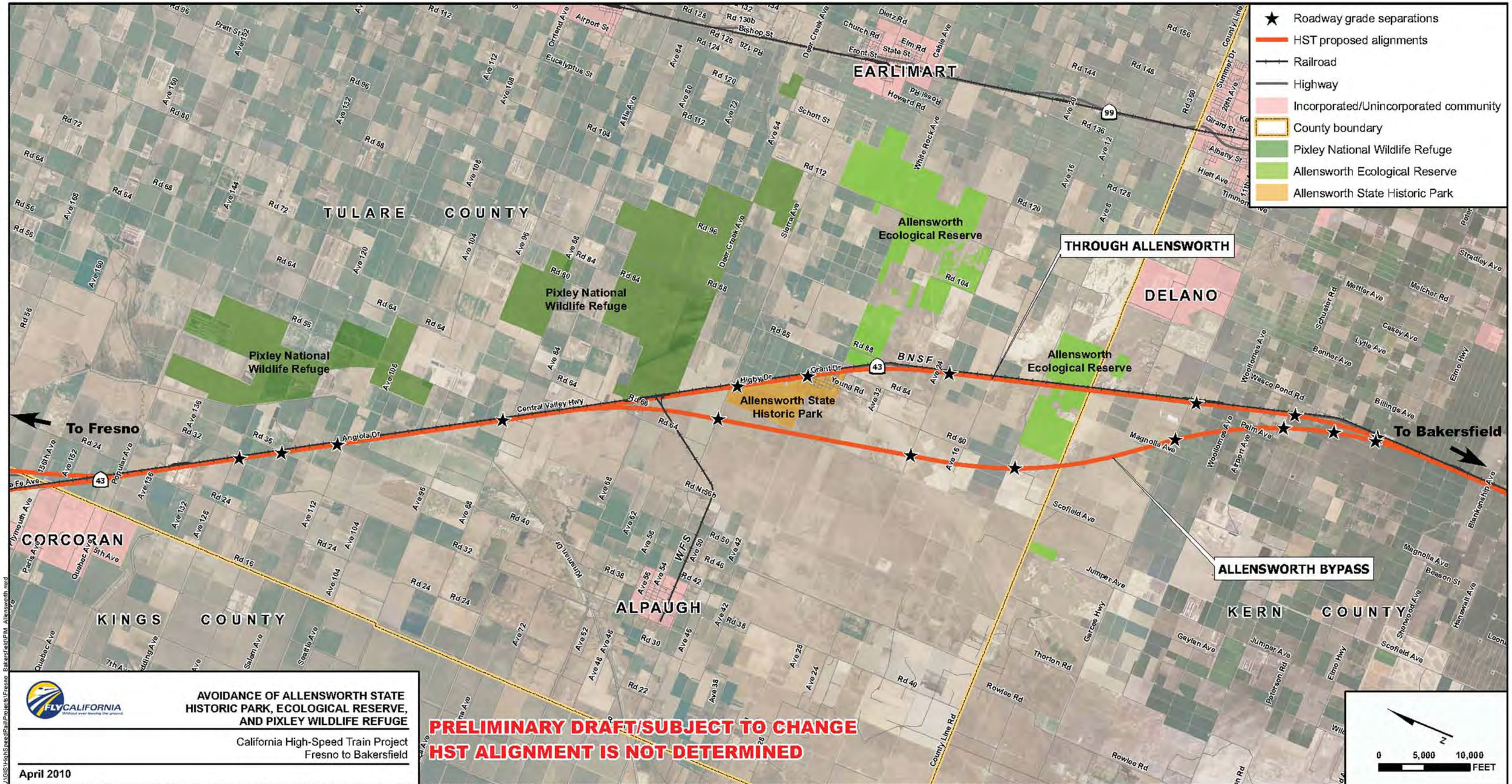

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Fresno to Bakersfield

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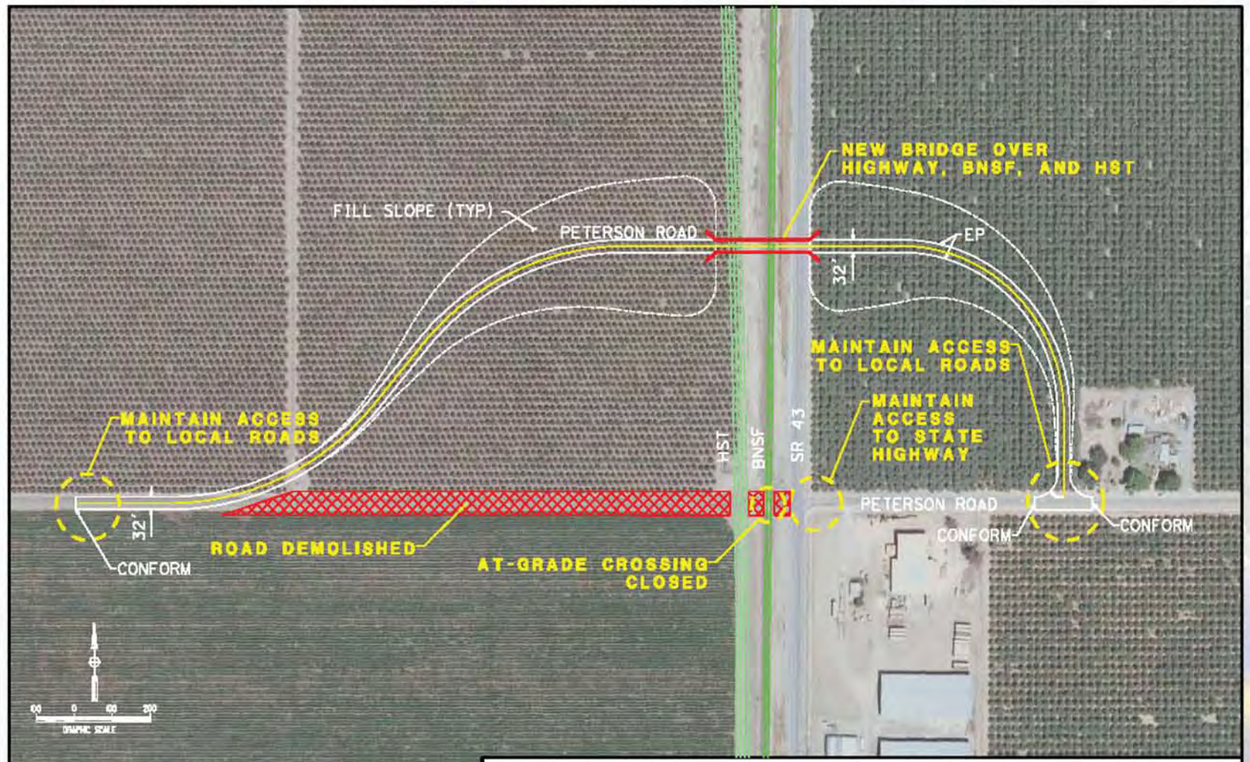
Maintaining Local Access

An important goal is to enhance local and regional connectivity.

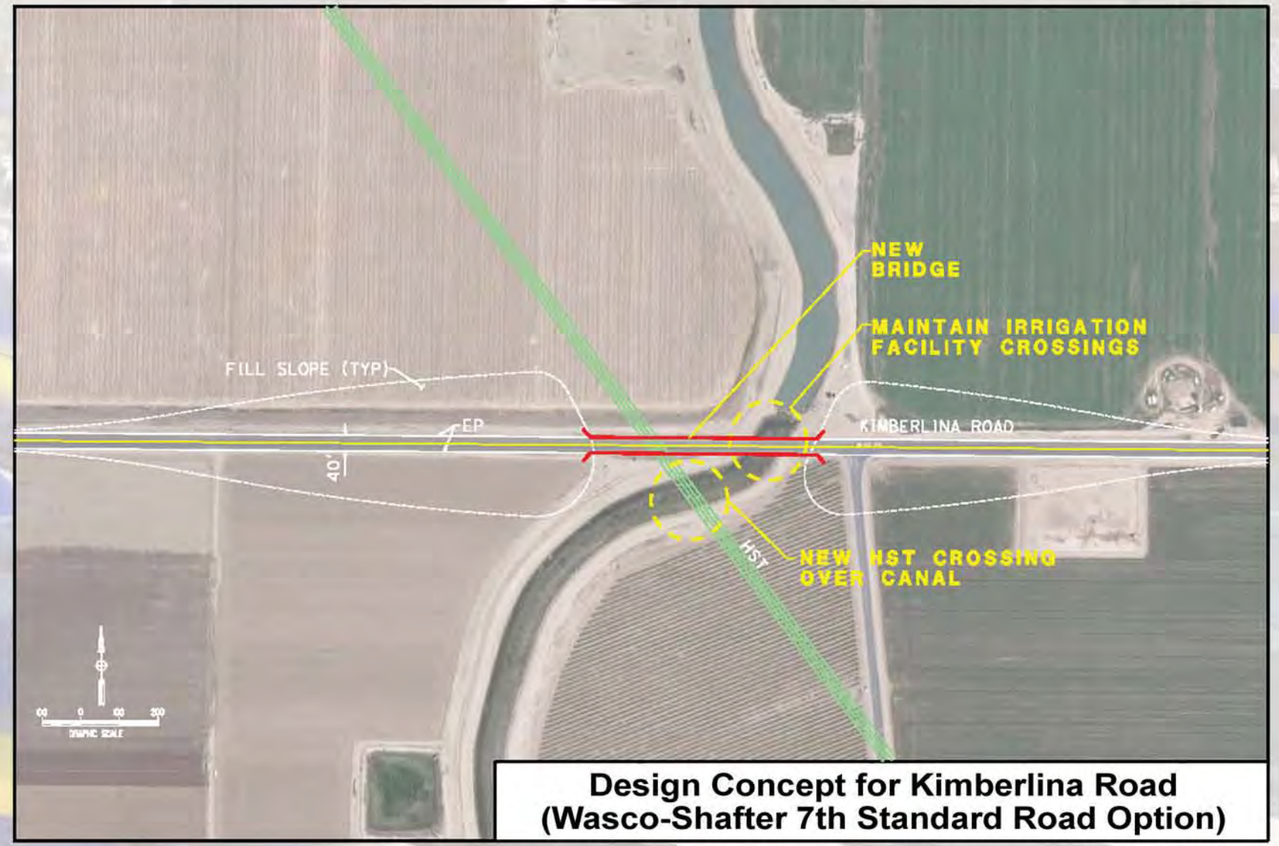
This includes:

- **Maintaining local access to state highways and local streets.**
- **Improving crossings over BNSF**
- **Maintaining crossings of irrigation facilities**

Maintaining Local Access - Design Concepts



Design Concept for Peterson Road
(Through Allensworth Option)



Design Concept for Kimberlina Road
(Wasco-Shafter 7th Standard Road Option)

Environmental Process

Articulate Project Purpose & Need

Alternatives Analysis Draft

Study:
- Preliminary Design Corridor
- Environmental & Community Impacts

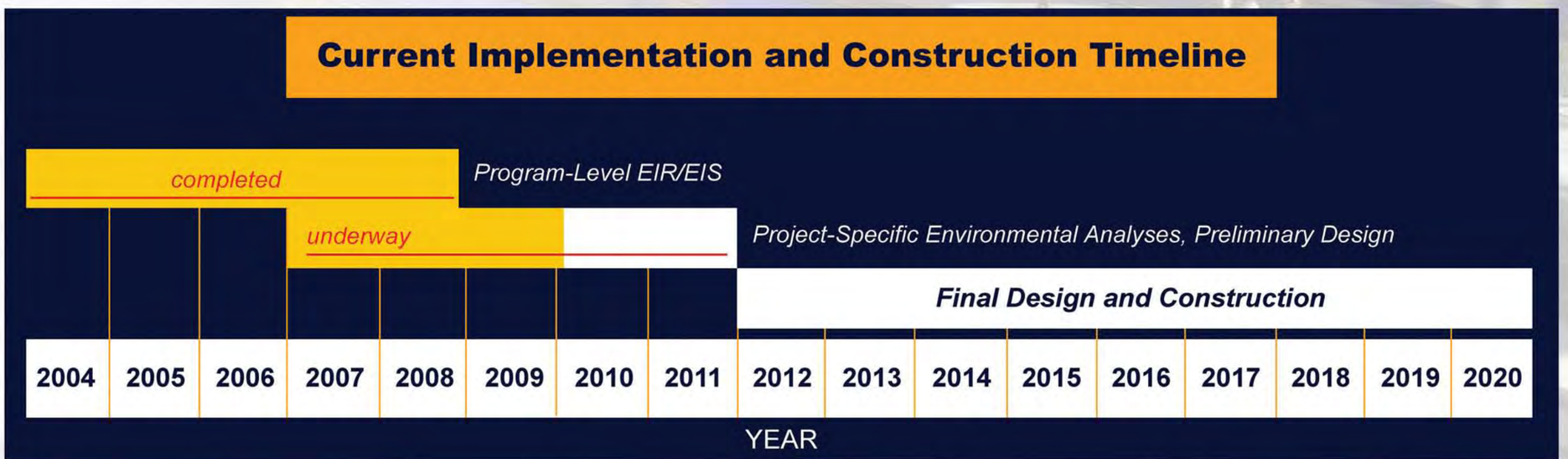
Prepare Draft EIR/EIS

Formally Certify Final EIR/EIS

PUBLIC SCOPING

OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ongoing Community & Agency Meetings, Interviews, Communications

Next Steps

- Receive Public and Stakeholder Comments
- Complete Alternatives Analysis Report
- Prepare and Complete Environmental Documentation
  - National Environmental Policy Act
  - California Environmental Protection Act
- Complete Preliminary Design