



BAKERSFIELD F STREET STATION ALIGNMENT

Community Open House Meeting

August 25, 2015

Bakersfield, CA



AGENDA

- **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
 - » Alan Tandy, City of Bakersfield
 - » Jeff Morales, California High-Speed Rail Authority
- **Presentation of the Locally Generated Alignment**
 - » Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director
- **Community Open House Continues**



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**A TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENT IN
CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE**

JEFF MORALES, CEO

HIGH-SPEED RAIL: More Than A Transportation Program

- **California is 7th Largest Economy in the World**
- **Comparable to Northeast Corridor in Terms of Distance, Population and Complexity**
- **Transformative Investment**
- **Connecting all California Population Centers**



WHY HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN CALIFORNIA?

- **Curbs Congestion**

- » LAX to SFO is the **Busiest Short-Haul Market** in US
- » 1 in 5 Flights out of LA Heads to Bay Area
- » Six of Top 30 Congested Urban Areas in US Located in California

- **Population Growth**

- » Estimated to Reach **50 Million by 2050**

- **Air Quality/Sustainability**

- » Meets Goals of AB 32/SB 375
- » **Worst Air** Communities in the Country

- **Alternatives are Costly**

- » 2-3 Times **More Expensive**



CONNECTING CALIFORNIA



- **Phase I:**
 - » 520 Miles
 - » San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim
- **Regional Improvements**
 - » Caltrain Electrification
 - » LA Union Station Passing Tracks
 - » Positive Train Control
 - » Grade Separation

STARTING IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

- Central Valley will Serve as the **“Backbone”** of a System that will Tie Major Regions of California Together
- Fastest **Growing** Region in the State
- Revitalize Central Valley **Downtown Centers**
- Creates **Jobs** in a Region with High Unemployment
- Best, Most **Cost-Efficient** Location for Testing



WORK IS UNDERWAY

HIGH-SPEED RAIL: Benefits to the Community

- **Environmental Improvements**

- » Reduction in Greenhouse Gas = Air Quality Improvements
- » Habitat Mitigation
- » Resource Preservation

- **Community Enhancements**

- » Eliminates Grade Crossings = Safety Improvements
- » Broadband Connectivity
- » Enhanced Productivity

- **Jobs & Economic Growth**

- » Small Business Participation
- » Workforce Development
- » Jobs
 - Planning, Environmental, Construction
 - Permanent
 - Indirect



HIGH-SPEED RAIL: Helping Shape Cities

- **Ties Cores Together**
 - » Bakersfield to Fresno = 30 Minutes
 - » Bakersfield to Los Angeles = 45 Minutes
 - » Bakersfield to San Francisco = 1 Hour 45 Minutes
- **Connects With and Reinforce Local Mobility**
- **Foundation for Sustainable Growth**
- **Opportunities for Revitalization**



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OVERVIEW OF THE BAKERSFIELD F STREET STATION ALIGNMENT

DIANA GOMEZ, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL DIRECTOR

FRESNO TO BAKERSFIELD PROJECT SECTION

- 114-Mile Corridor
- Final EIR/EIS Certified in Summer of 2014
- Preferred Alternative Included:
 - » Parts of the BNSF Alternative
 - » Corcoran Bypass Alternative
 - » Allensworth Bypass Alternative
 - » Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative
- Three Station Locations:
 - » Downtown Fresno (Mariposa St)
 - » Kings/Tulare Regional Station
 - » Downtown Bakersfield (Truxtun Ave)

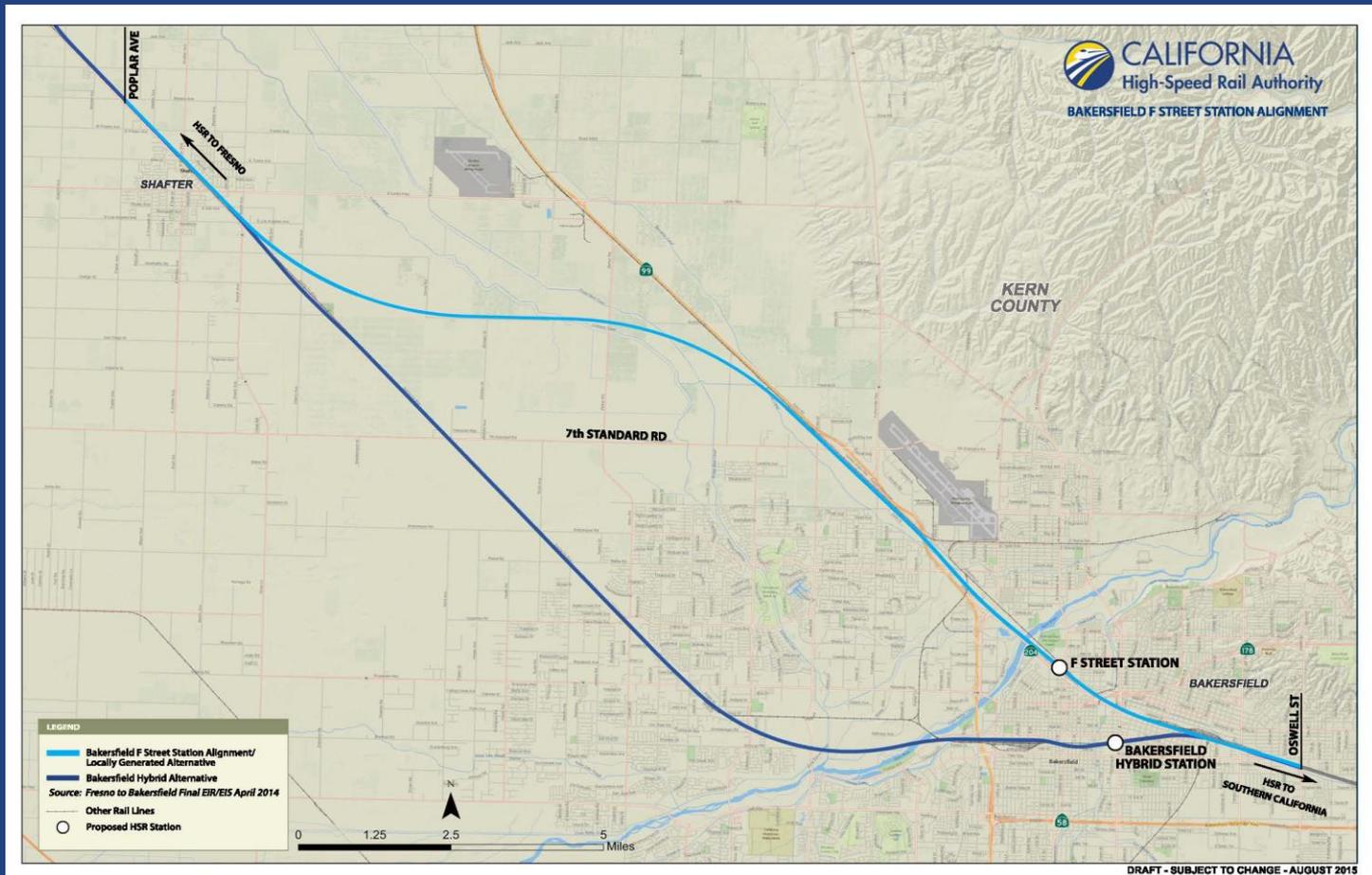


TIMELINE

- **Summer 2014: Legal Challenge to Environmental Document**
- **December 2014: Settlement Agreement with City of Bakersfield**
 - » Resulted in the Identification of a Proposed Conceptual New Alignment and Station Location
 - » Coordination Between City and Authority to Refine Locally Generated Alternative
 - » Engagement with Public and Affected Stakeholders
- **January 2015-Now**
 - » Continued Coordination with City on Locally Generated Alternative
 - » One-on-One meetings with Public and Affected Stakeholders
 - » Public Meetings for Continued Engagement

LOCALLY GENERATED ALIGNMENT (BFSSA)

- 23-Mile Corridor
- Station at F Street and Golden State Avenue (SR-204)
- Parallels BNSF and UPRR Railroad Corridors



LOCALLY GENERATED ALIGNMENT (BFSSA)

- **Benefits of BFSSA**

- » Shorter Alignment in Miles and Travel Times

- » Reduction of Impacts to Residential Development and Schools

- » F Street Station Location Stimulates Economic Development

- » Connection to California Urban Centers

- » Works to Achieve Rail Passenger Gap Between Central Valley and Southern California

HIGH-SPEED RAIL: 7th Standard Road



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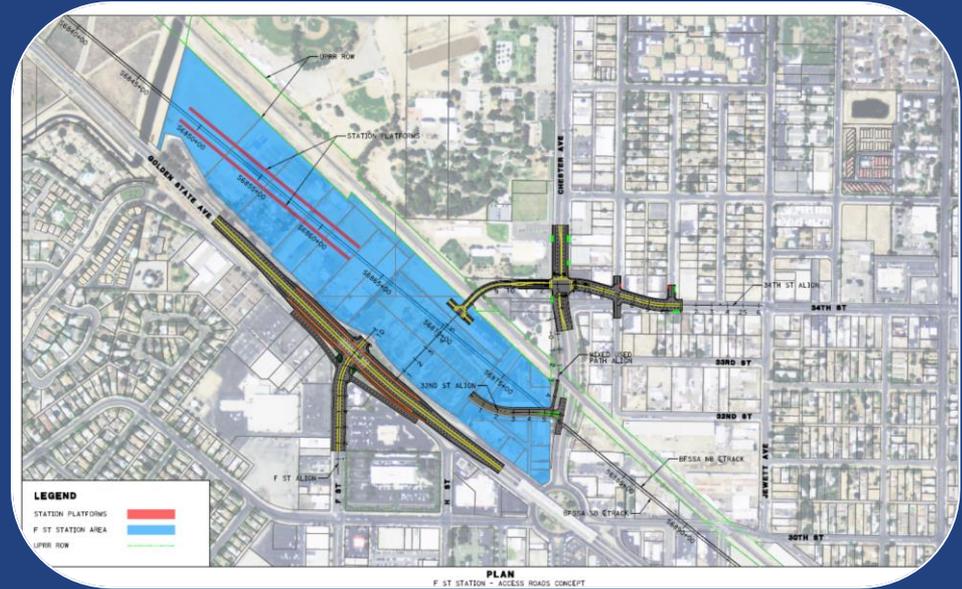
BAKERSFIELD STATION: Opportunities

- High-Speed Rail Stations Can Provide:

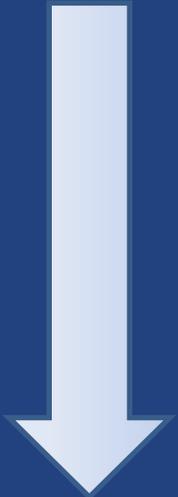
- » Healthy, Livable & Safe Communities
- » Economic Vitality
- » Equitable Access
- » Environmental Protections & Resilience
- » Multi-Modal Connectivity

- Comparable to Other High-Speed Rail Stations:

- » Kanazawa, Japan
- » Malaga, Spain



TIMELINE: Next Steps



- July 2015-Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings
- Aug.-Sept. 2015 Community Open Houses
- Oct. 2015 Joint Community Open House with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- 2015 - 2016 Project-Level Supplemental Environmental Document
 - Detailed Technical Studies
 - Refined Route Design
- May 2016* Draft Supplemental Environmental Document
- Sept. 2016* Final Supplemental Environmental Document

* Subject to Change

THANK YOU

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