



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

CENTRAL VALLEY WYE

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Agenda Item 3: Merced to Fresno Central Valley Wye Update

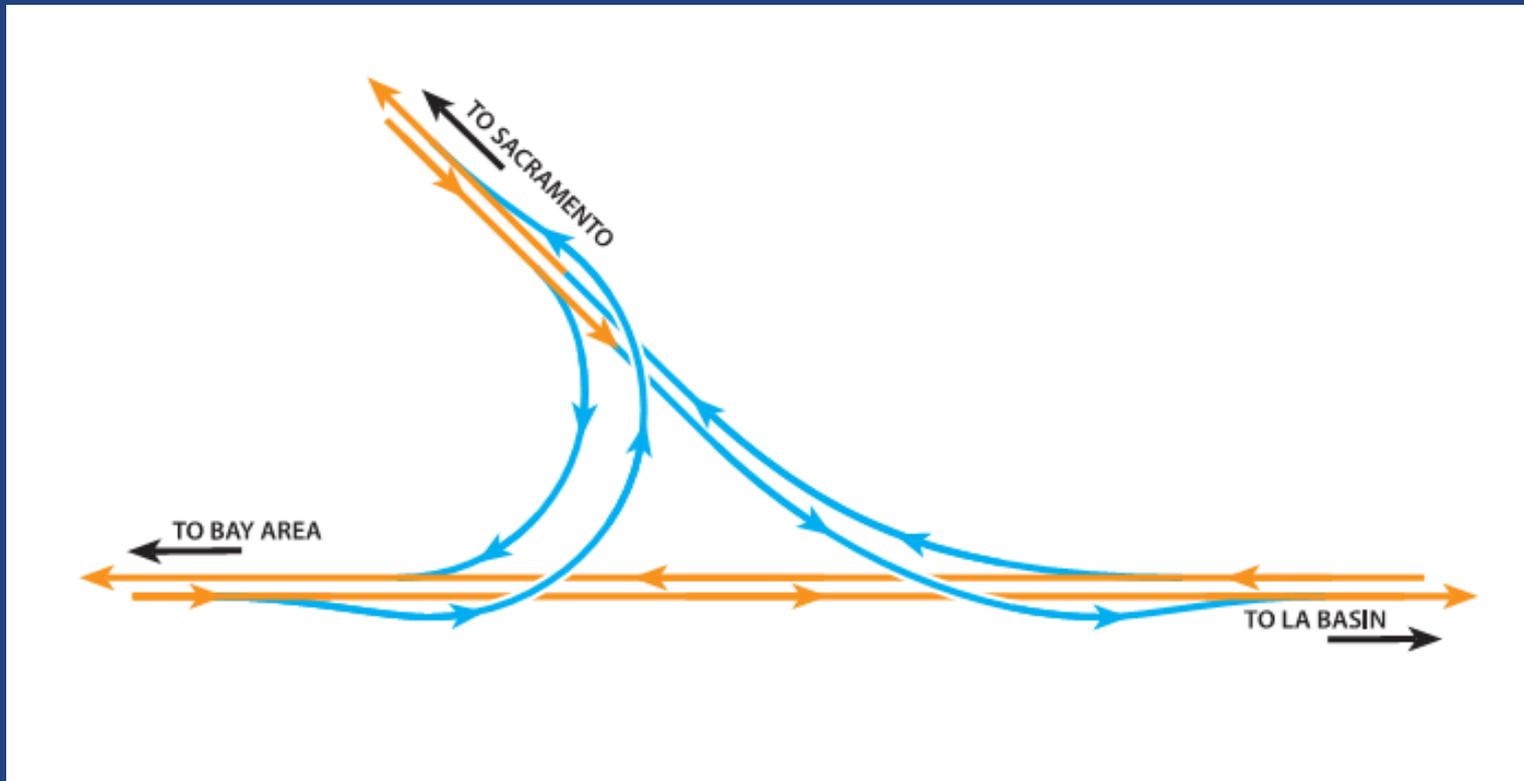
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WHAT IS THE CENTRAL VALLEY WYE?

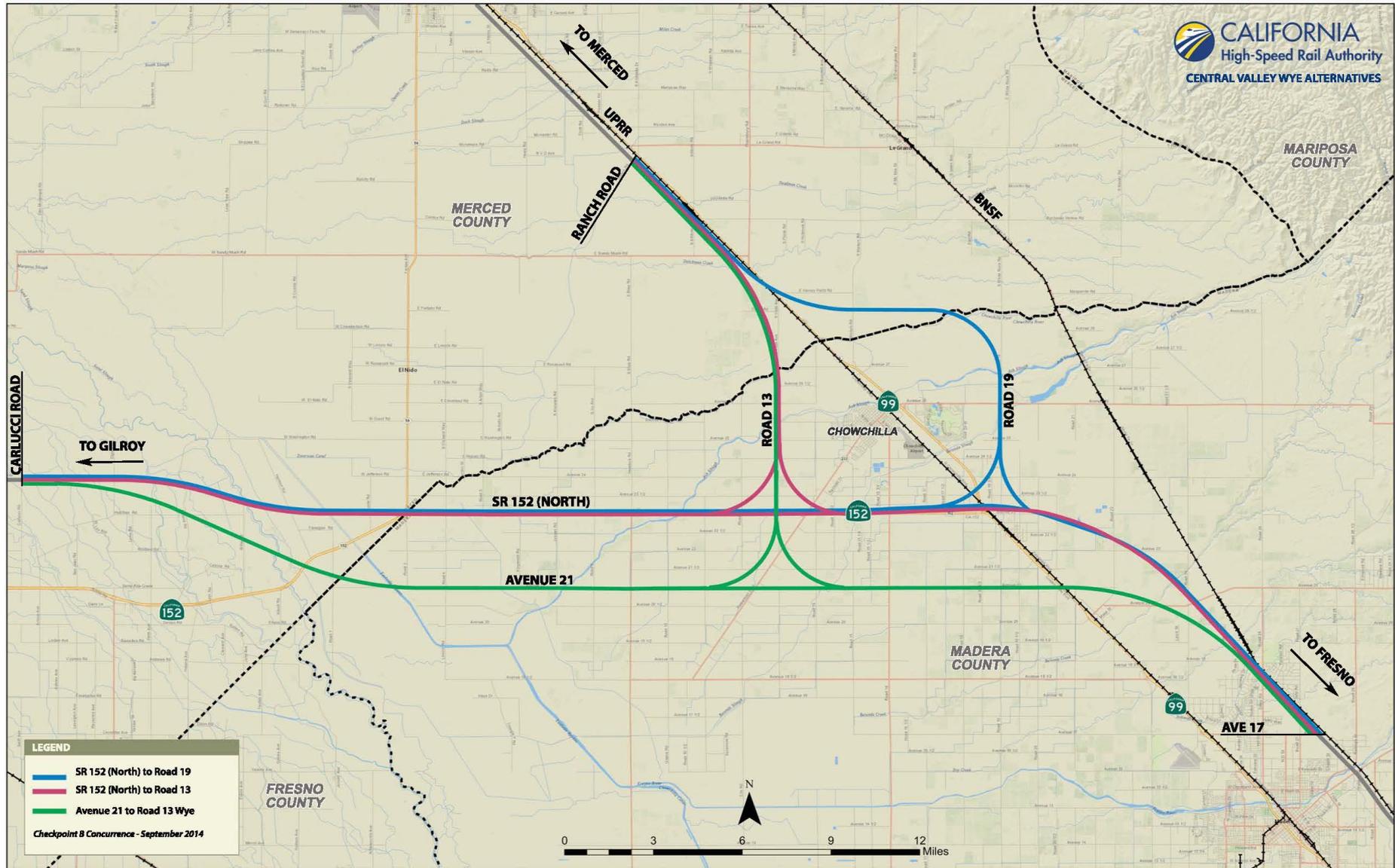
- The **Central Valley Wye (Wye)** connects train tracks branching off from a main line toward different directions, forming a “Y”-like shape
- From each direction, two tracks must become four tracks to travel in two different directions



TIMELINE & PROGRESS

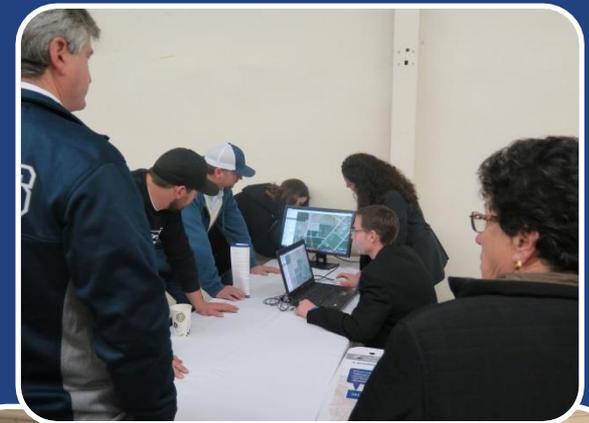
- 2009-Current: Community Engagement to **Identify Range of Alternatives**
- 2011: **14 Alternatives** Identified
- Winter 2013: Narrowed Range of Alternatives from **14 to Six**
- Spring 2013: Narrowed Range of Alternatives from **Six to Four**
- Winter 2014: Narrowed Range of Alternatives from **Four to Three**

THREE ALTERNATIVES TO BE EVALUATED



STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS & OUTREACH

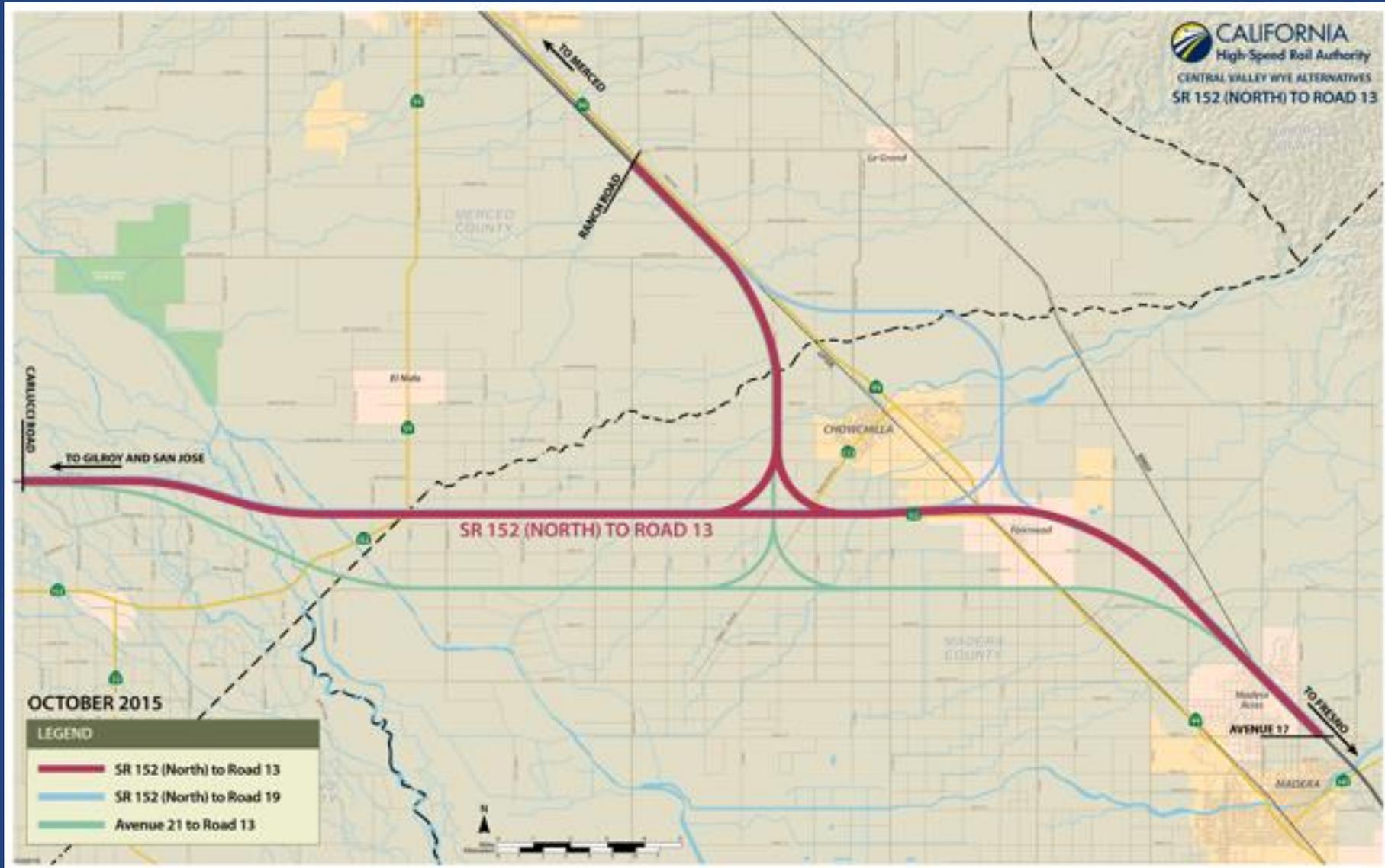
- **Community Open Houses in Chowchilla and Fairmead**
- **Farm Bureau Working Group**
 - » Madera and Merced Farm Bureaus, Preserve Our Heritage and Chowchilla Water District
- **Stakeholder Meeting**
 - » More than 48 One-on-One Meetings Including:
 - Local Residents and Businesses
 - School Districts
 - Chowchilla, Fairmead, Merced and Madera Counties
 - Irrigation Districts
 - State and Federal Agencies
 - Elected officials



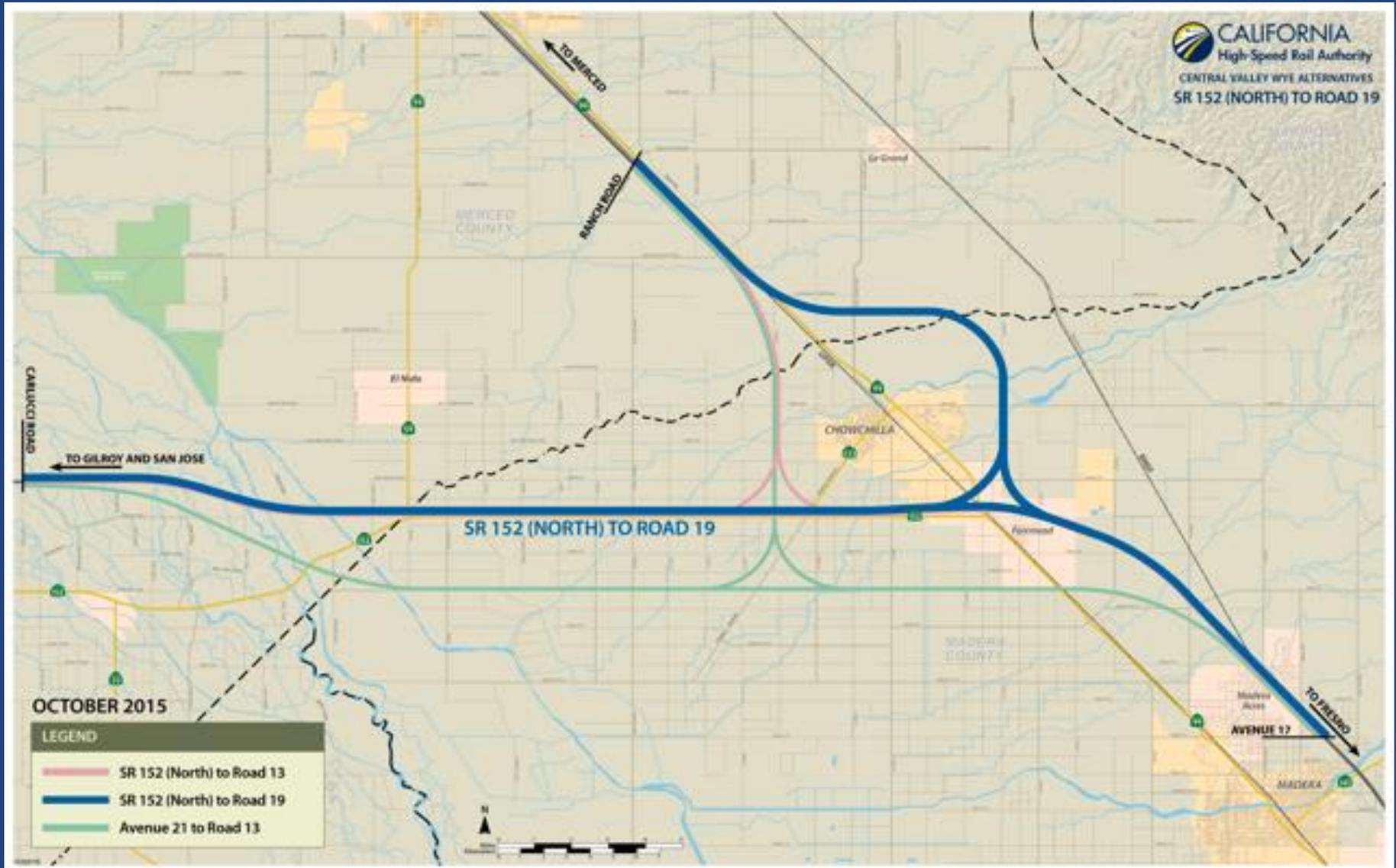
KEY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Agency and Public Input
- Aquatic Resource Impacts
- Agricultural Resources
- Capital Cost / Financial Viability
- Community Impacts and Environmental Justice
- Noise and Vibration
- Proximity to Existing Community and Transportation Facilities
- Residential and Business Development
- Traffic and Circulation
- Travel Time
- Visual Impacts

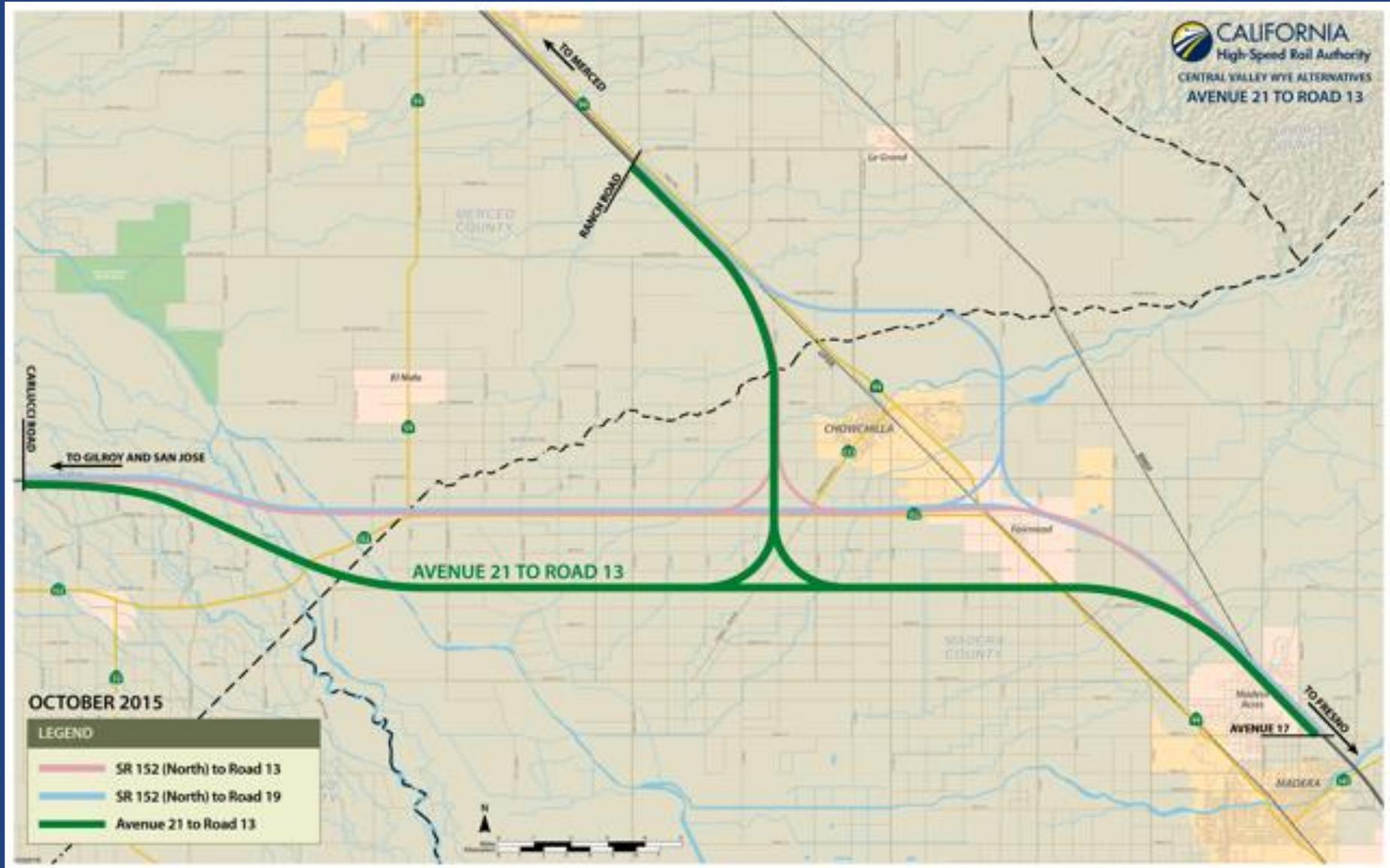
SR 152 (NORTH) TO ROAD 13 WYE



SR 152 (NORTH) TO ROAD 19 WYE



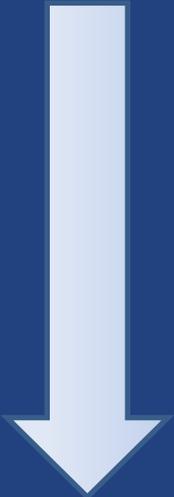
AVENUE 21 TO ROAD 13 WYE



POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES

- **Agricultural Conservation Easements**
- **Wetland Creation/Restoration**
- **Compensatory Mitigation Plan For Biological Resources**
- **Noise Walls or Other Insulation Measures**
- **Landscaping**
- **Community Facilities**
- **Business and Residential Relocation Assistance**
- **Grade Separations to Maintain Road Connectivity**

NEXT STEPS



- **Ongoing Outreach and Stakeholder Meetings**

- **Winter 2016***

Identification of the Staff
Recommended Preferred Alternative

- **Spring 2016***

Draft Supplemental
Environmental Document

- **2017***

Final Supplemental
Environmental Document



* Subject to Change