

HIGH-SPEED RAIL OVERVIEW & ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



BAKERSFIELD TO PALMDALE SECTION

- Close the Rail Gap between the Central Valley and Southern California
- Avoid Impacts to Communities and the Environment
- Improve Safety around Existing Rail Corridor
- Work Closely with Project Partners
- Continue to Seek Feedback and Refine Route Concepts



*Preliminary & Subject to Change

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROCESS



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Alternatives Analysis



- Design Objectives
- Land Use
- Disruption to Communities
- Environmental Resources
- Agency and Public Input

Environmental Documents



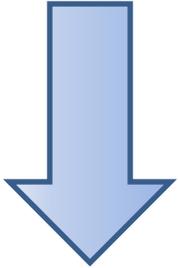
- Aesthetics & Visual Quality
- Agricultural, Farm & Forest Land
- Air Quality & Global Climate Change
- Biological Resources & Wetlands
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Impacts
- Electromagnetic Interference/Fields (EMI/EMF)
- Geology, Soils, Seismicity & Paleontology

- Hazardous Materials & Wastes
- Hydrology & Water Resources
- Station Planning, Land Use & Development
- Noise & Vibration
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Public Utilities & Energy
- Regional Growth
- Safety & Security
- Socioeconomics & Communities
- Environmental Justice
- Transportation
- Section 4(f) & Section 6(f) Evaluations



NEXT STEPS*

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH



- Ongoing
- Sept. 2015
- Sept./Oct. 2015
- Fall/Winter 2015/6
- 2015-2016

- Spring 2017
- Winter 2017

- One-on-One Stakeholder Meetings
- Stakeholder Working Group Meetings
- Community Open Houses
- Board Meeting to Review 2015 SAA
- Project-Level Draft Environmental Document
 - » Detailed Technical Studies
 - » Refined Alternatives
- Draft Environmental Document
- Final Environmental Document

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