



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

SAN JOSE TO MERCED PROJECT SECTION

**Gilroy – Morgan Hill Community Working Group Meeting
August 11, 2016**



INTRODUCTIONS

Carolyn Lott

AGENDA REVIEW

- **Update on Recent Outreach Activities**
 - » Follow-up from April Meeting
 - » Summary of Input from April CWG/TWG Meetings and May/June Open Houses
- **San Jose to Merced Project Section Update**
- **Community Priorities Exercise**
- **Walk The Corridor Discussion**
- **Public Comment**
- **Next Steps**

CWG ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Purpose
 - » Provide project updates to members
 - » Present project alternatives to members for meaningful feedback
 - » Access to Authority environmental and engineering technical staff
 - » Collaborative engagement on environmental and engineering work
 - » Move the environmental process forward in the spirit of cooperation
- Membership and Responsibilities
 - » Broad spectrum of community representatives
 - » Consider/present the interests of their respective communities/organizations
 - » Participate in open communication among different interests
 - » Help move the planning process forward in the spirit of cooperation

UPDATE ON RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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- **Two Technical Working Group (TWG) Meetings held in March 2016**
- **Three Community Working Group (CWG) Meetings held in April 2016**
- **Four Open Houses held in May and June 2016**
 - » Over 150 stakeholders attended including elected officials and those representing neighborhood associations, nonprofits, religious organizations, municipal and regional public agencies, private businesses and more

SUMMARY OF INPUT FROM CWG/TWG MEETINGS AND OPEN HOUSES

- **Impacts on Landowners and Property**
- **Permission to Enter (PTE) Process**
- **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**
- **Alignment Alternatives**
- **Traffic Effects**
- **Open Space and Environmental Impacts**
- **Project Costs and Budget**
- **Outreach & Advanced Notification of Meetings**

SAN JOSE TO MERCED PROJECT SECTION UPDATE

Gary Kennerley

SAN JOSE TO MERCED: Schedule*



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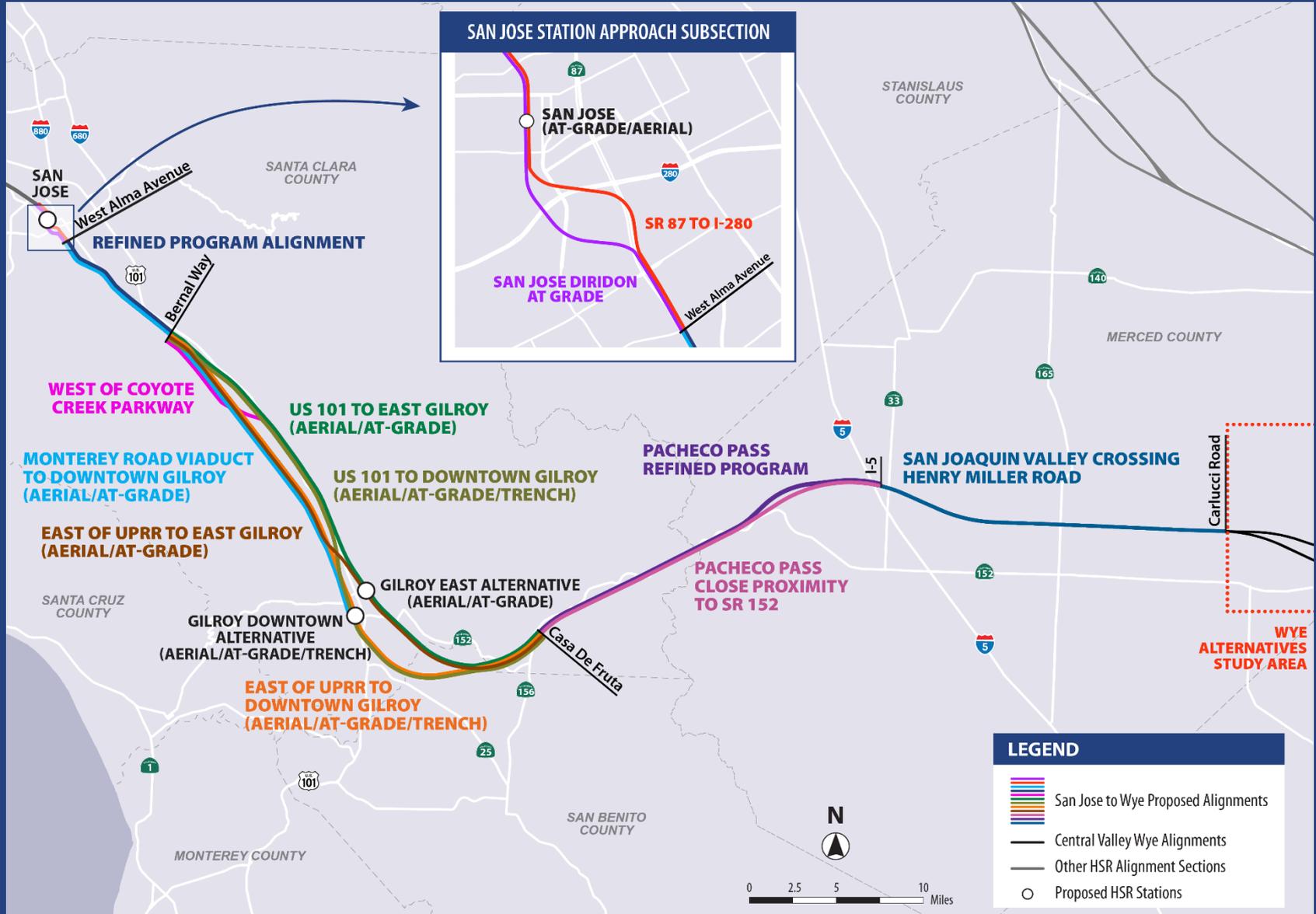
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- The Authority and FRA intend to identify a preliminary preferred alternative in the Draft EIR/EIS
- FRA/CHSRA changing process to conform with federal guidance and leverage key provisions in federal transportation statute (*MAP-21*)
- Identifying a preliminary preferred alternative at the Draft stage does not in any way represent a final decision which can -- and will -- only be made at the conclusion of environmental review

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS: Sequence

- **Before the Draft EIR/EIS is issued, staff will begin developing a preliminary preferred alternative which will:**
 - » Be based on analysis completed to date, and
 - » Reflect public and stakeholder input to date
- **Staff will present its recommendation to the Board for consideration**
- **The Board will either concur with staff's recommendation or modify it**
- **The preliminary preferred alternative identified by the Board will be included in the Draft EIS/EIR which will be issued for public comment**

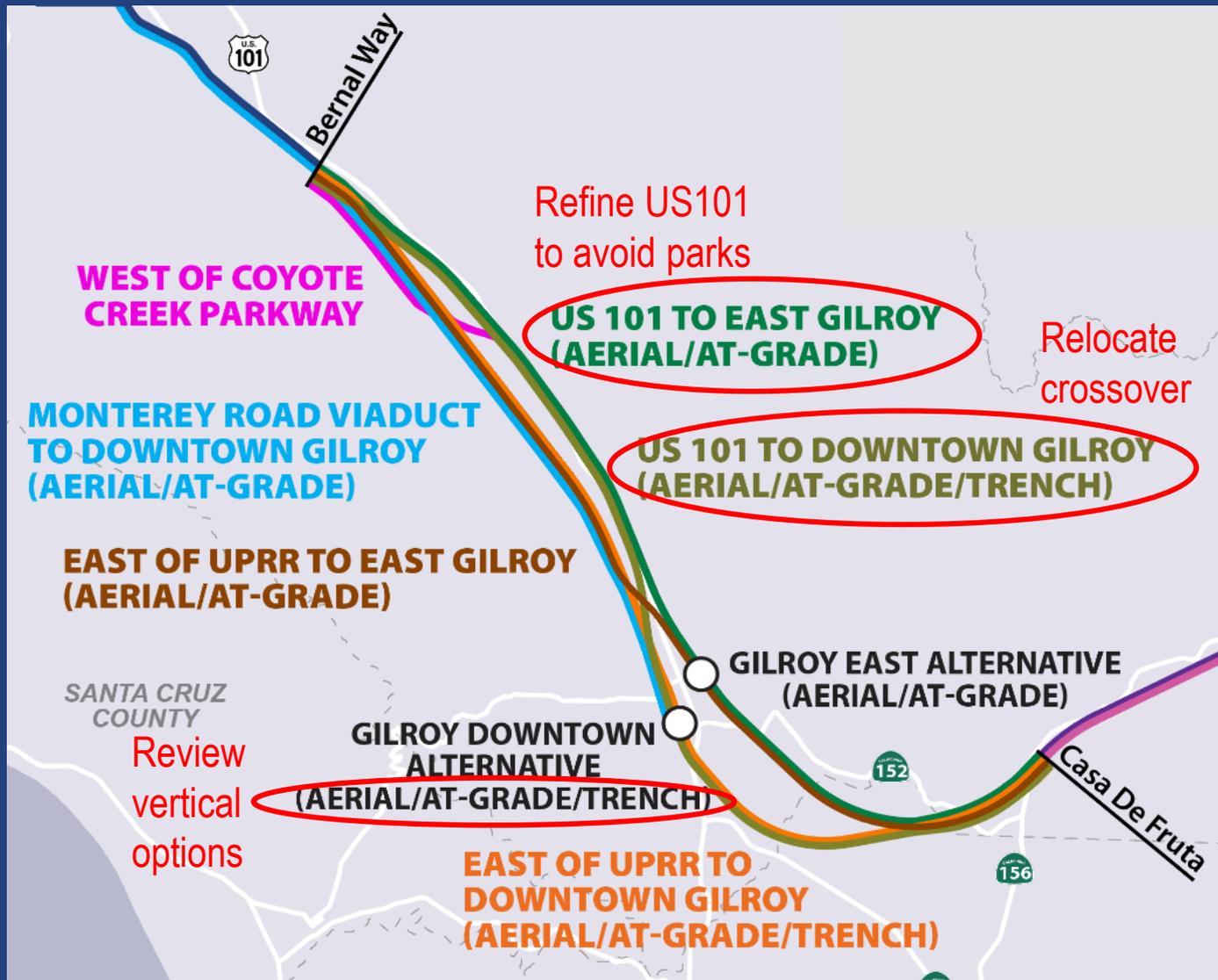
SAN JOSE TO MERCED: Current Alternatives



PROJECT DETAILS: San Jose Station Approach



PROJECT DETAILS: Morgan Hill/Gilroy Subsection



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Preliminary Working Draft

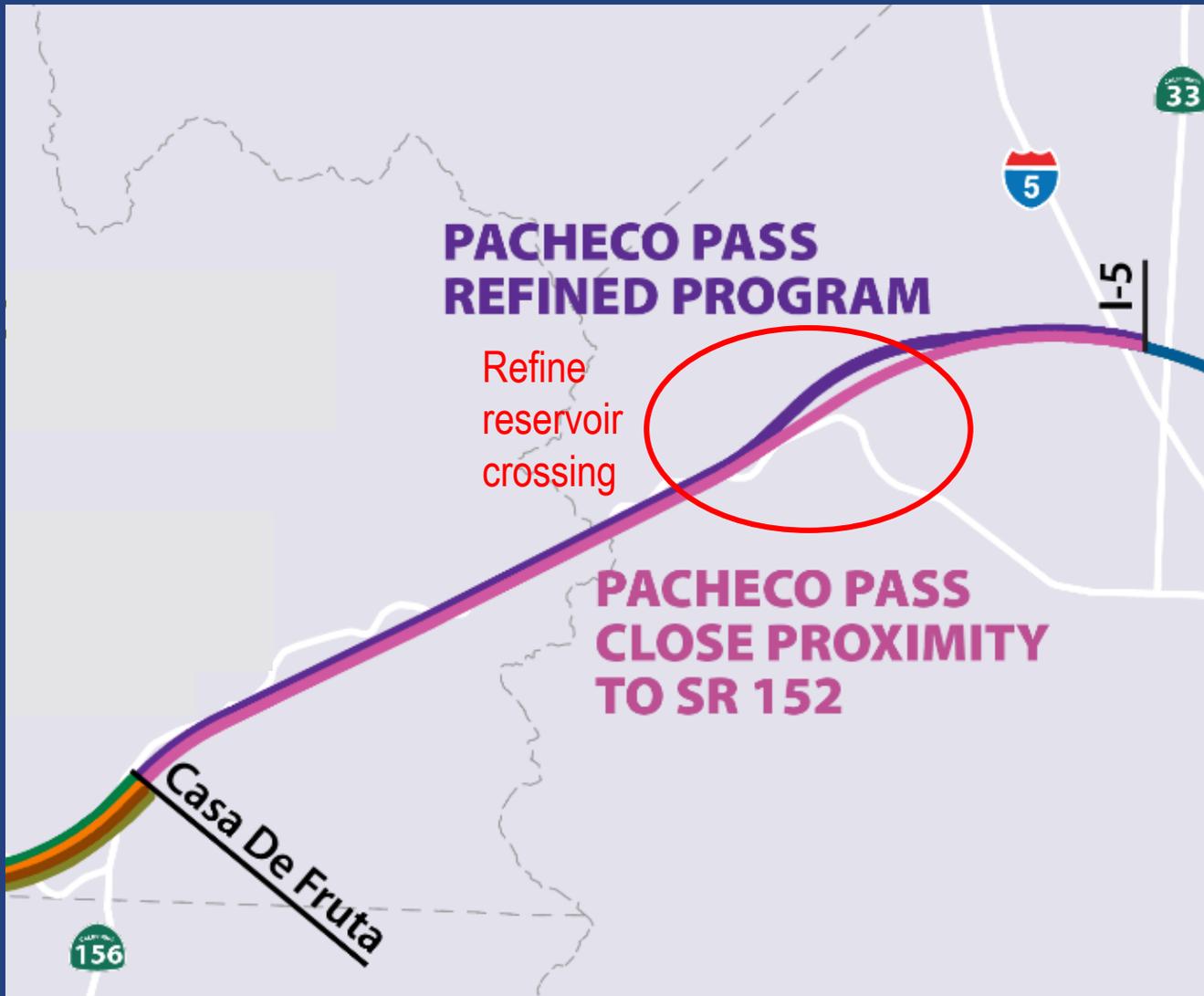
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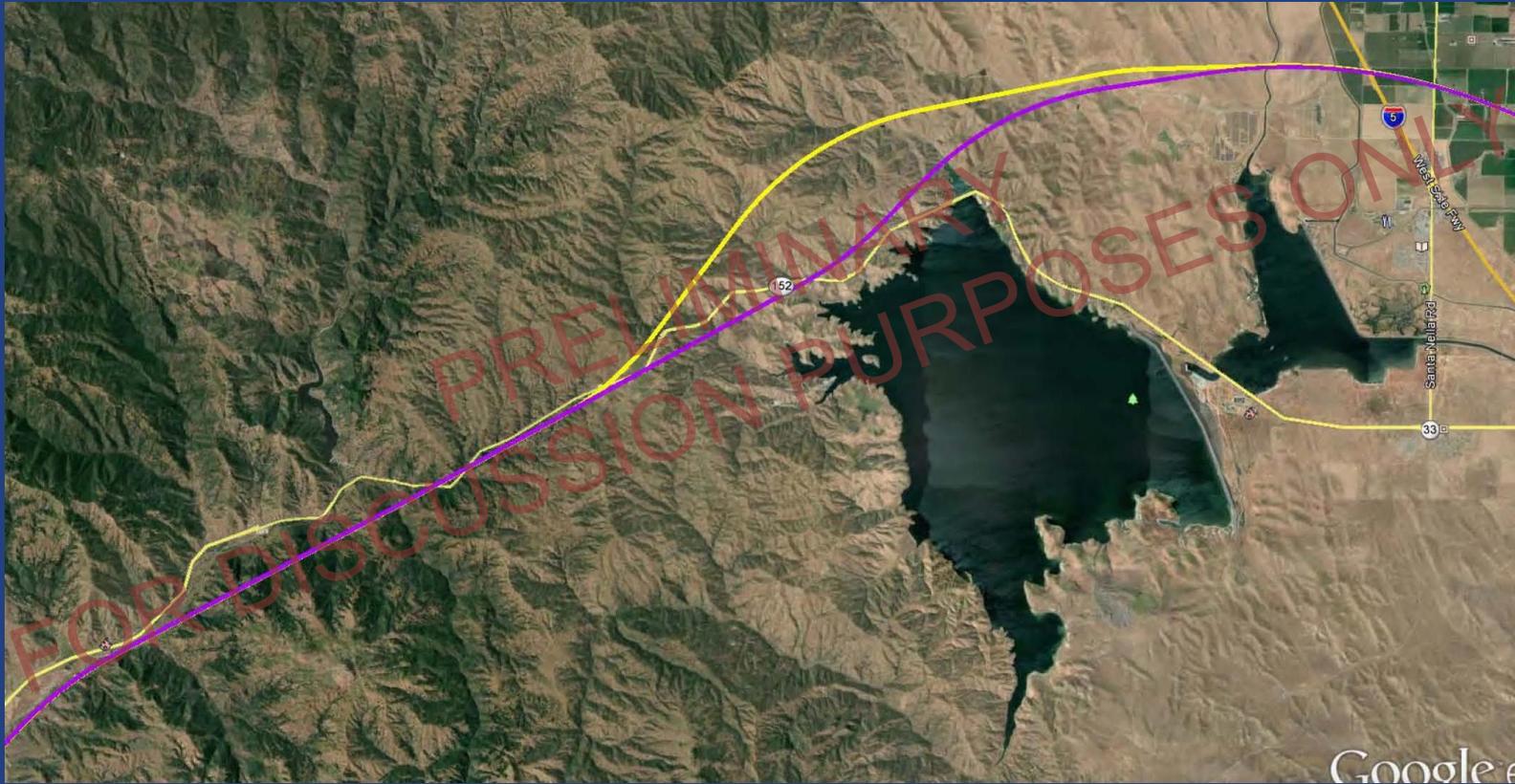
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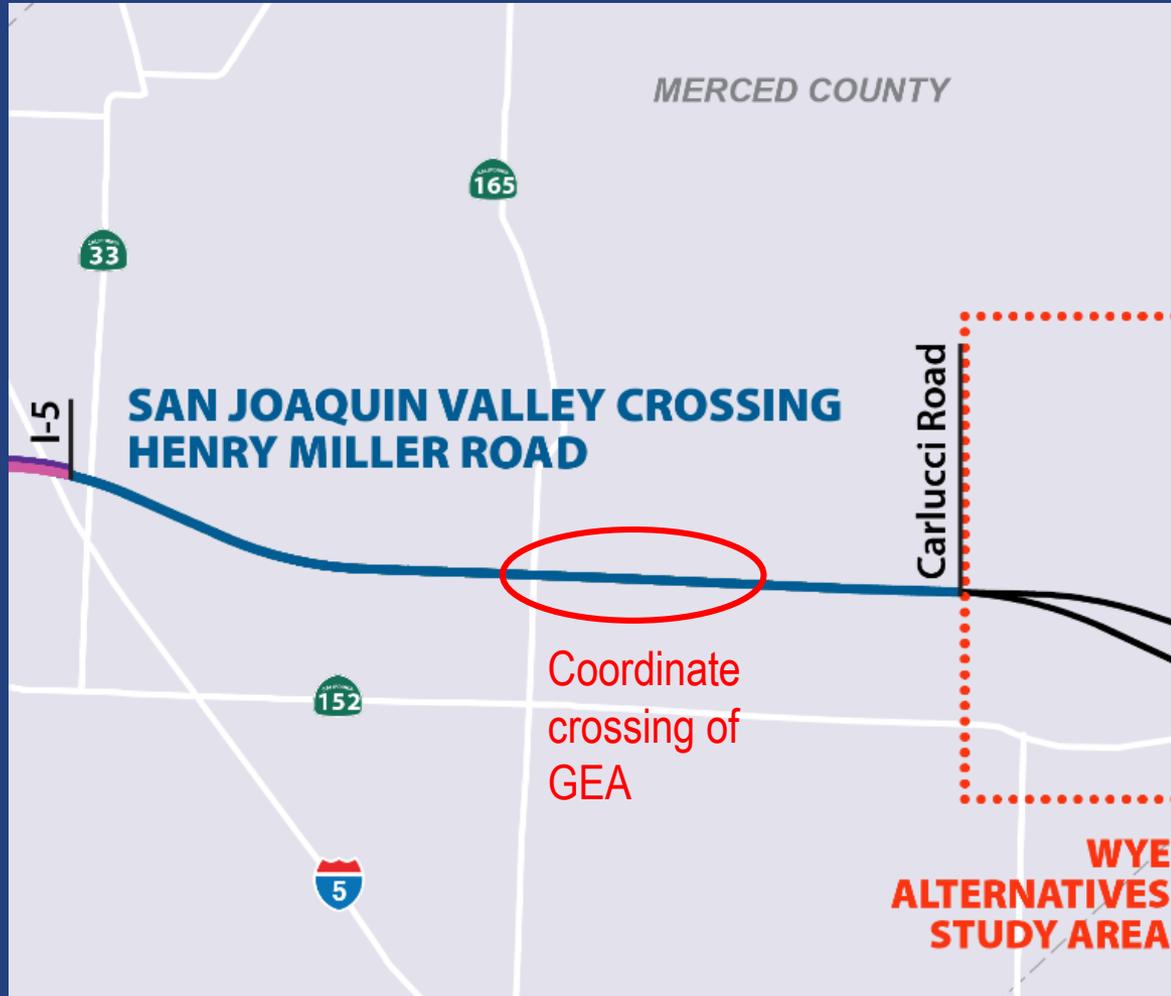
PROJECT DETAILS: Pacheco Pass Subsection



PROJECT DETAILS: San Luis Reservoir Avoidance



PROJECT DETAILS : San Joaquin Valley Subsection



HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION PLANNING

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UPDATE ON GILROY STATION SITE PLANNING

Downtown Gilroy Station

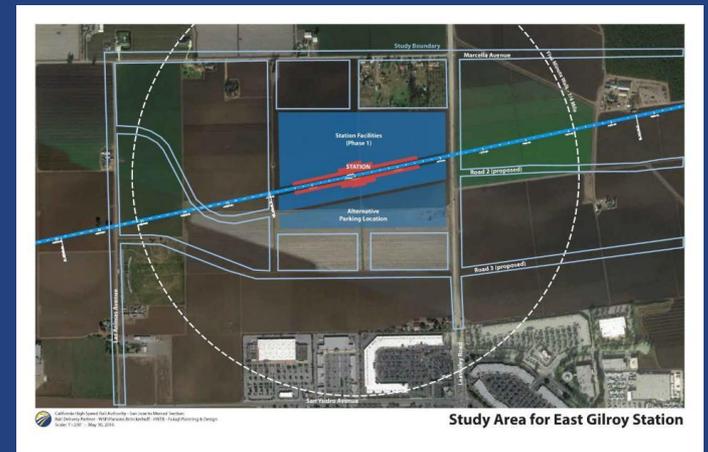
- » Station and concourse layouts
- » Pedestrian, bicycle, transit and vehicle access
- » Coordinating site and station area planning
 - » Integrated schedule and public outreach
 - » Station orientation to downtown
 - » Walkable street network
 - » Access and mode share adjustments
 - » Place making
- » Salinas Extension of Capital Corridor

East Gilroy Station

- » Mode share adjustments
- » Site planning with reduced parking



Downtown Gilroy Study Area

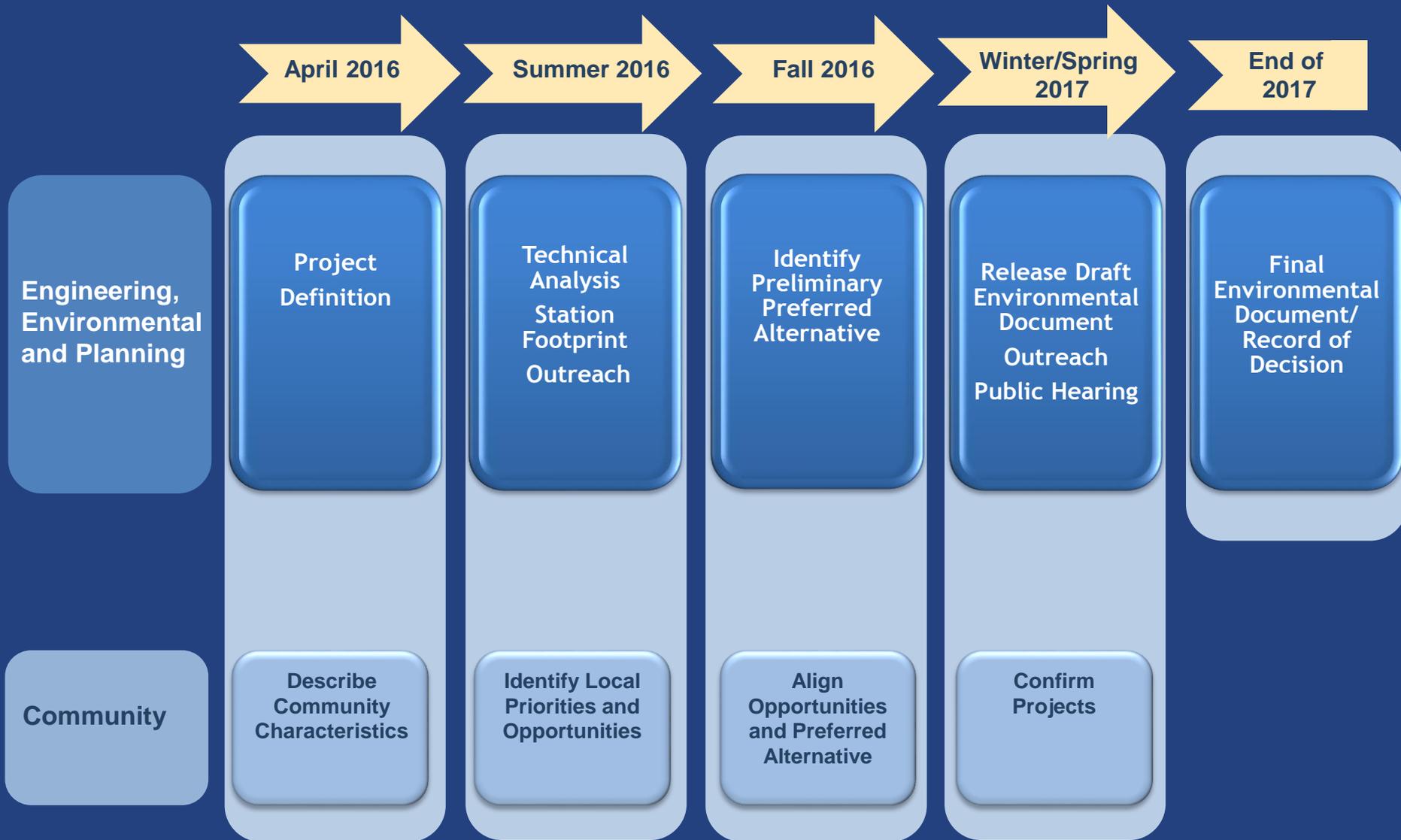


East Gilroy Study Area

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES EXERCISE

Tony Mendoza

MILESTONE SCHEDULE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT– SJ TO M*



WORKING GROUP PROCESS: TODAY'S EXERCISE

Identify
Objectives
& Develop
Criteria

Detailed
Project/
Program
List

Community
Prioritized
Project/
Program
List

WORKING GROUP EXERCISE: EXAMPLE FROM EDISON

Ranking

- **Improve Mobility**

- » Improve connectivity and accessibility _____ #####
- » Improve pedestrian and bicycle access _____ #####
- » Enhance mobility choices and efficiency _____ #####
- » Increase HSR ridership _____ ###

- **Improve Environment**

- » Clean air _____ ###
- » Clean water _____ #####
- » Enhance natural resources _____ ###
- » Reduce waste _____ ###
- » Achieve climate goals _____ #####

- **Improve Economy**

- » Increase HSR potential to improve economy _____ ###
- » Promote economic development _____ #####
- » Increase opportunities to access jobs and quality education _____ #####
- » Leverage economic resources _____ ###

- **Improve Community Livability, Especially in Disadvantaged Communities**

- » Increase access, availability, and diversity of community resources _____ #####
- » Safe and healthy neighborhoods _____ #####
- » Improve visual and audible attractiveness and desirability of the public realm _____ ###
- » Increase attractiveness and desirability of parks and open space _____ ###

- **Other**

- » _____
- » _____
- » _____
- » _____
- » _____

WALK THE CORRIDOR

NEXT STEPS

- **October 2016: SJ-M CWG/TWG Meetings #3**
- **November 2016: Community Open Houses**
- **Ongoing Activities:**
 - » **Environmental Justice Outreach Events**
 - Interviews with EJ leaders and communities
 - Participating in events such as Farmer's Markets, community meetings, etc.
 - » **Permission-to-Enter Process**

THANK YOU & STAY INVOLVED

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