



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

BAKERSFIELD F STREET STATION ALIGNMENT

Community Open House Meeting

September 17, 2015

Shafter, CA



AGENDA

- **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
 - » Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, CHSRA
 - » Scott Hurlbert, City Manager, City of Shafter
- **Presentation of the Locally Generated Alignment**
 - » Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director
- **Community Open House Continues**



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

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

DIANA GOMEZ, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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

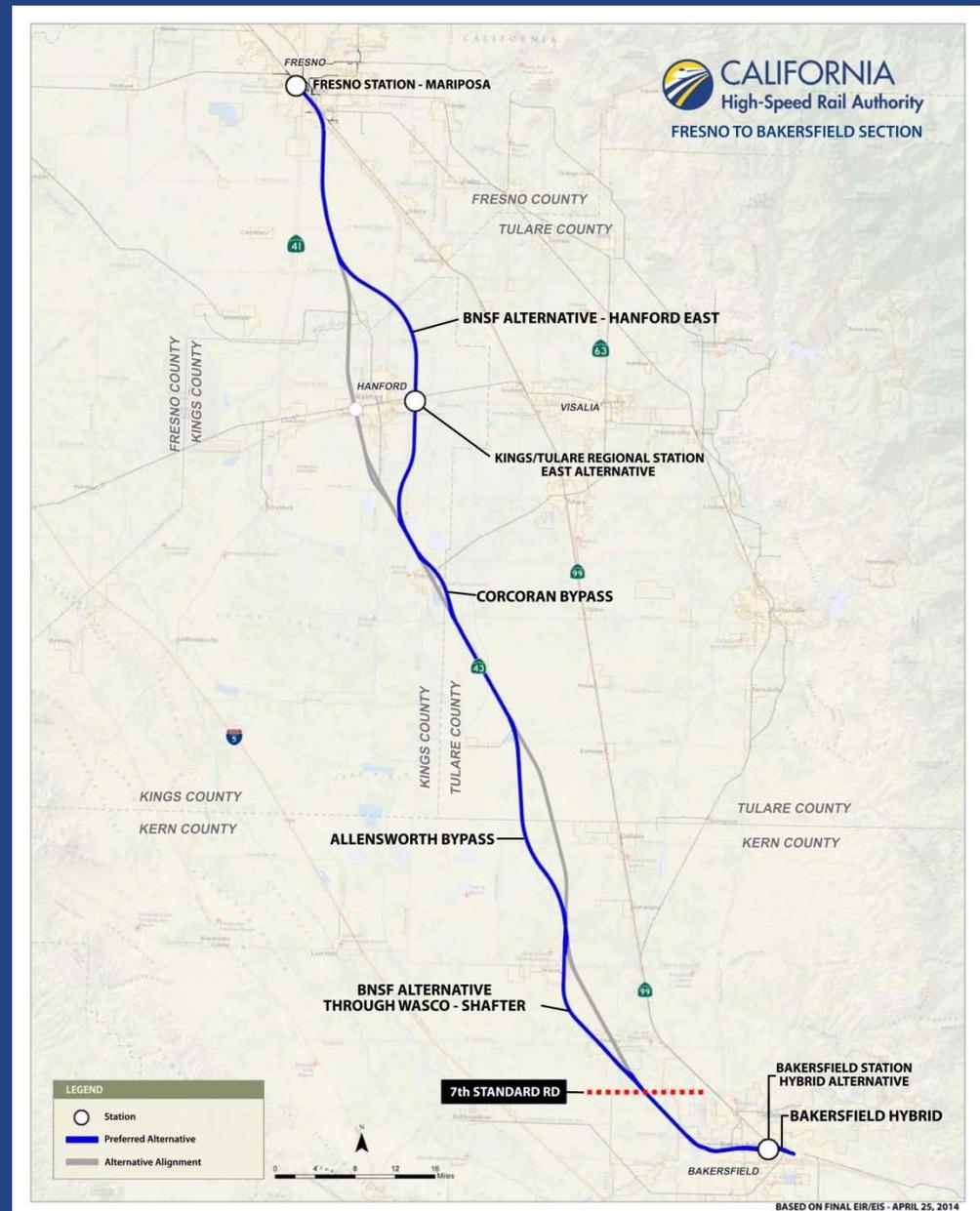


HIGH-SPEED RAIL: Helping Shape Cities

- 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

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)

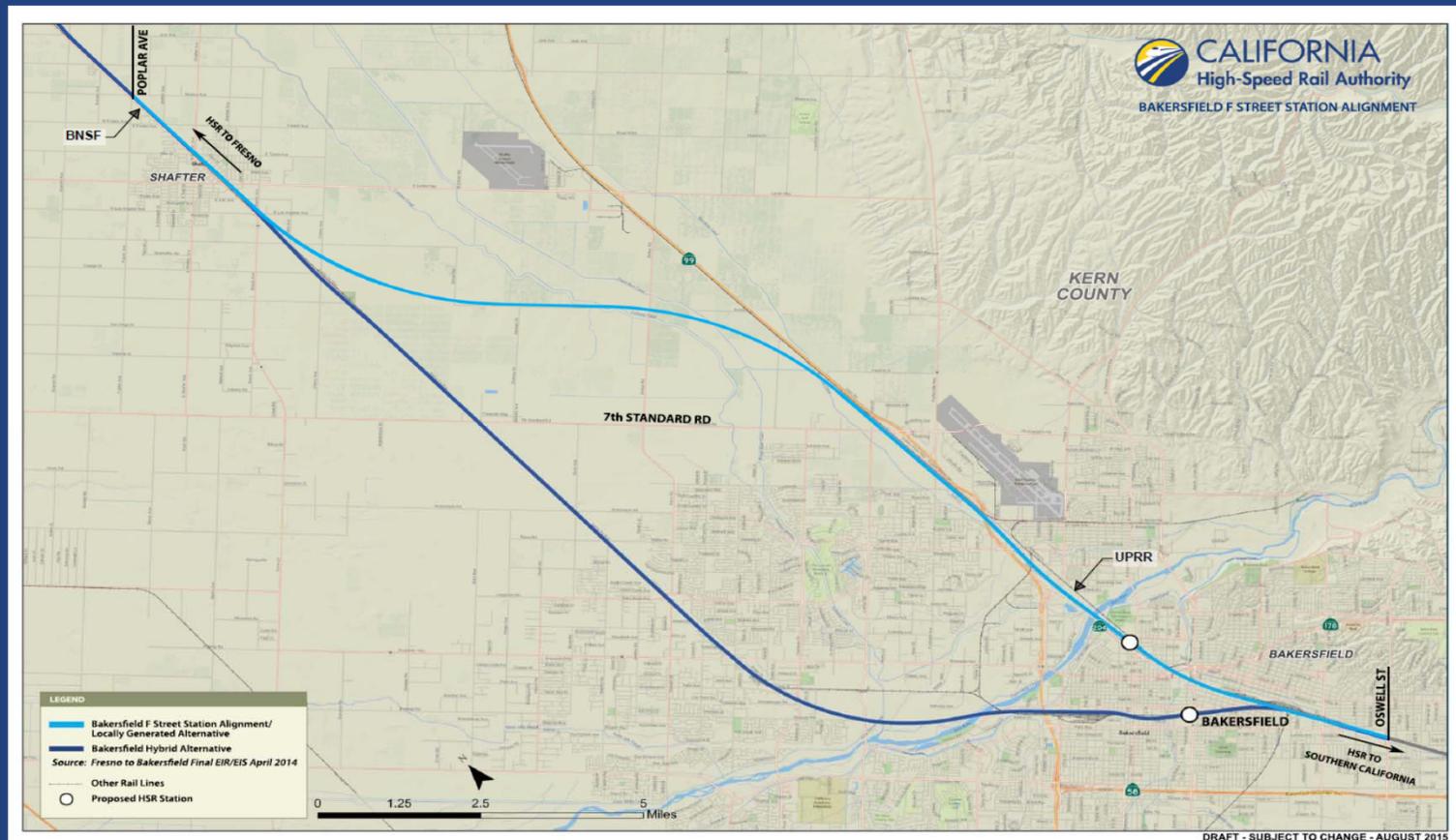


TIMELINE

- 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 of Bakersfield and Authority to Refine Locally Generated Alternative
 - » Engagement with Public and Affected Stakeholders
- January 2015-Now
 - » Continued Coordination with City of Bakersfield 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 RD

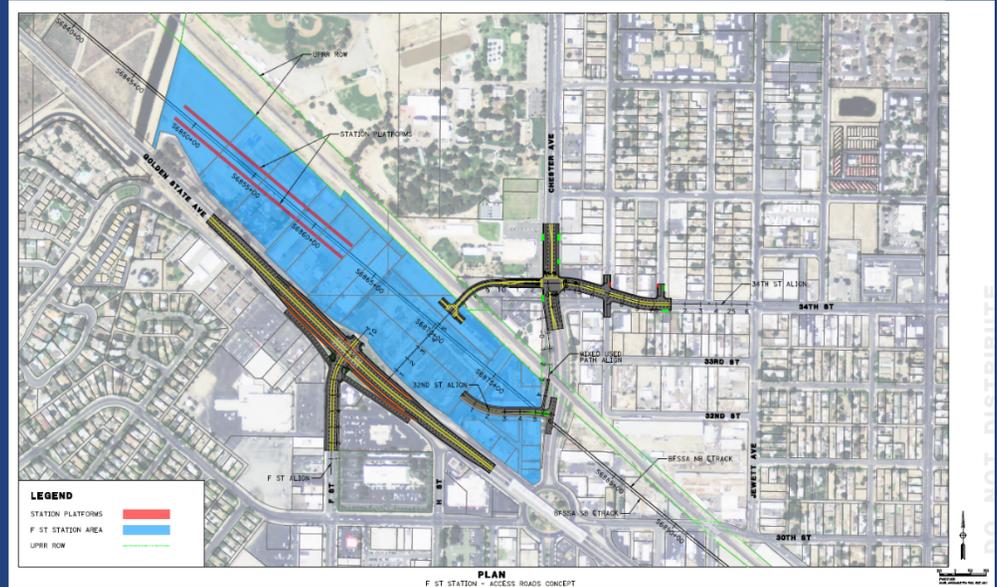


HIGH-SPEED RAIL: 7TH STANDARD RD WITH HSR

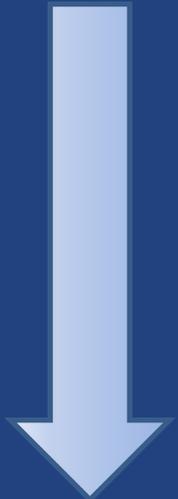


BAKERSFIELD STATION: Opportunities

- 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



- Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings
- Aug.-Sept. 2015 Community Open Houses
- Nov. 4, 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

Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director
(559) 445-5172 , Diana.Gomez@hsr.ca.gov

Central Valley Regional Office
California High-Speed Rail Authority
1401 Fulton Mall, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93721
www.hsr.ca.gov



[instagram.com/cahsra](https://www.instagram.com/cahsra)



[facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail)



twitter.com/cahsra



[youtube.com/user/CAHighSpeedRail](https://www.youtube.com/user/CAHighSpeedRail)