CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

California High-Speed Rail –

Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye

FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announces the availability of the **Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Final Supplemental EIR/EIS)** for the **Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye** of the **California High-Speed Rail Project**.

The Final Supplemental EIR/EIS and associated documents will be available to the public on Friday, August 7, 2020. Copies of materials the Board will consider at the meeting, including draft decision documents, will be available prior to the meeting on the Board web page at https://hsr.ca.gov/about/board/schedule.aspx.

The Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Final Supplemental EIR/EIS is available online in PDF format at the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov). You can also request a copy by calling (800) 881-5799.

The Authority website also contains the previously released Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS (published May 2019 under CEQA and September 2019 under NEPA), as well as the Revised Draft Supplemental EIR/Second Draft Supplemental EIS (published in March 2020 pursuant to both CEQA and NEPA). The Executive Summary is available in Spanish upon request.

Printed and/or electronic copies of the Final Supplemental EIR/EIS have been placed at the following locations, and can be viewed during hours the facilities are open (open days/hours may be reduced for compliance with coronavirus public health and safety directives):

- Authority's Fresno Office: 1111 H Street, Fresno, CA 93721
- Authority's Sacramento Office: 770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Chowchilla Branch Library: 300 Kings Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610
- Madera County Library: 121 North G Street, Madera, CA 93637
- Merced County Library: 2100 O Street, Merced, CA 95340
- Madera County Clerk: 200 W 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637
- Merced County Clerk: 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate. For translation services, or special needs, please call (916) 324-1541.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by the State of California pursuant to 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 23, 2019, and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the State of California. Under that MOU, the Authority is the project's lead agency under NEPA. Prior to the July 23, 2019, MOU, the FRA was the federal lead agency. The Authority is the project's lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING on September 10, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, the Authority's Board of Directors meeting for the Final Supplemental EIR/EIS may occur as an online and video/teleconference meeting only. Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) or call (916) 324-1541 for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned meeting.

The Authority's Board of Directors will hold a board meeting on September 10, 2020, to consider whether to certify the Final Supplemental EIR/EIS and approve the Preferred Alternative (SR 152 [North] to Road 11 Wye Alternative) pursuant to CEQA. The Authority's Board of Directors will also consider whether to direct the Authority Chief Executive Officer to issue a Supplemental Record of Decision for the Merced to Fresno Section selecting the Preferred Alternative in the Authority's role as NEPA lead agency.