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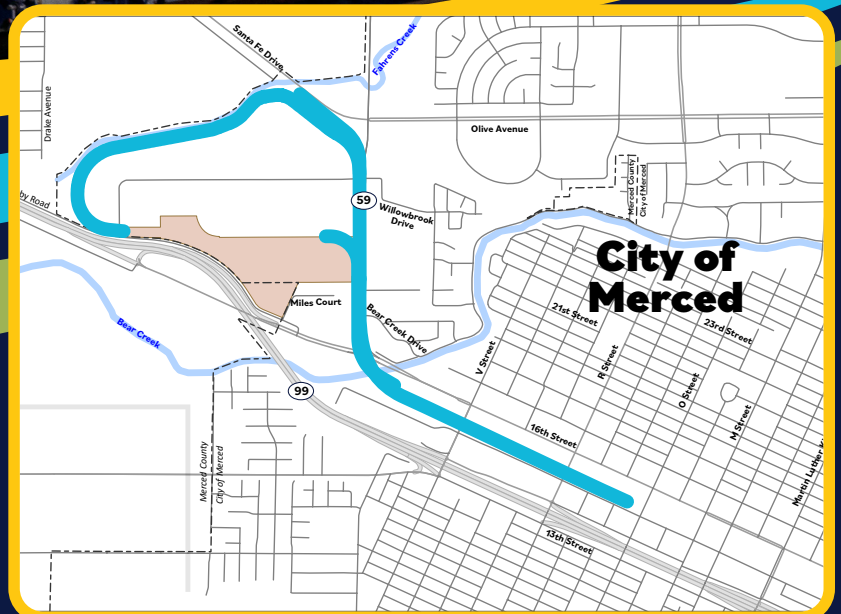


MITC
Merced Intermodal Track Connection

Appendix 1.0-2: Public and Agency Coordination

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Appendix 1.0-2 Public and Agency Coordination

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This appendix summarizes the public and agency coordination effort for the Merced Intermodal Track Connection (MITC) Project (Project). Tables 1.0-1.1 and 1.0-1.2 list the public agencies, elected officials, community organizations, and stakeholders with whom San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) has met with on topics related to the Project prior to and during the development of the environmental impact report (EIR) for the Project. Additional details regarding the topics discussed during most of the meetings listed in Tables 1.0-1.1 and 1.0-1.2 are provided in the after action reports included at the end of this appendix.

1 **Table 1.0-1.1. List of Public and Agency Coordination Meetings Prior to Development of the EIR**

Organization/Individual	Date	Topic
City of Merced	12/14/2022	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Merced County Association of Governments	1/6/2023	Briefing on Project and discussion of planning and collaboration related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination

Note: For the purposes of this table, the release of the Notice of Preparation on January 5, 2023, indicates the start of the development of the EIR.

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3 **Table 1.0-1.2. List of Public and Agency Coordination Meetings During Development of the EIR**

Organization/Individual	Date	Topic
City of Merced and MCAG	1/11/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Razzari Auto Centers	1/24/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on businesses
City of Merced and MCAG	1/25/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Public Scoping Meeting; California High-Speed Rail Authority, City of Merced; MCAG	1/26/2023	Public scoping meeting with tabling/participation from partner agencies
City of Merced and MCAG	2/8/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
City of Merced and MCAG	2/22/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Lifepace Church	3/2/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Granville Apartments	3/2/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Willowbrook Apartments	3/2/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
City of Merced and MCAG	3/8/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Merced Honda	3/15/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria	3/18/2023	Staff introductions and coordination to set up a Project briefing
City of Merced and MCAG	3/22/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination

Organization/Individual	Date	Topic
Albertsons Inc.	3/28/2023	Briefing on Project and impacts; staff on site expressed concerns about effects on property and business, as well as on-site jobs
Merced Boosters, Board of Directors	3/29/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Office of Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria	3/29/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Boosters General Membership Meeting	3/29/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Dave Long, Property Owner	3/29/2023	Briefing on Project and request for access to property for surveying
Franklin County Water District	3/30/2023	Briefing on Project and request for access to property for surveying
Hardeep Sahota, Property Owner	4/5/2023	Briefing on plans for property and overview of permission-to-enter process
Anthony Iaccarino, Property Owner	4/5/2023	Briefing on plans for property and overview of permission-to-enter process
Fred Honore, Property Owner	4/6/2023	Briefing on permission-to-enter process
Scholle IPN Packaging, Inc.	4/18/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses; overview of permission-to-enter process
City of Merced and MCAG	4/19/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Union Pacific Railroad	4/27/2023	Update on Project scope and review/discussion of comments from Union Pacific Railroad
City of Merced and MCAG	5/3/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
Maxwell Homes	5/31/2023	Briefing on Project and impacts on State Route 59 apartment complex
Office of State Senator Anna Caballero	6/6/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
California Department of Transportation	6/7/2023	Discussion on hydrogen fueling
City of Merced and MCAG	6/7/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
California High-Speed Rail Authority	6/8/2023	Engineering Team/California High-Speed Rail Authority to discuss the design of the Merced station
Franklin County Water District	6/9/2023	Follow up on permission-to-enter process
Arco, Highway 59	6/23/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Horizon Distributors	6/23/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Ron Smith Buick GMC	6/23/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor

Organization/Individual	Date	Topic
City of Merced and MCAG	7/5/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
1785 Ashby Rd LLC	7/21/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	8/9/2023	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	8/25/2023	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	9/8/2023	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
Tom Anderson, Commercial Retail Associates, Inc.	9/8/2023	Briefing on impacts of at Costco site and discussion of coordination with property owner
City of Merced and MCAG	9/27/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	10/3/2023	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
City of Merced and MCAG	10/25/2023	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	10/31/2023	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
Merced County Association of Realtors	11/14/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
California High-Speed Rail Authority	12/1/2023	Meeting to share updates on Merced station design
MITC/Merced Interface Coordination	12/5/2023	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	12/6/2023	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Merced Rotary Club	1/3/2024	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
Merced County Office of Education	1/12/2024	Briefing on Project and in-person tour of Cooper Ave. facilities
Razzari Auto Centers	1/12/2024	Meeting to discuss impacts on Razzari-owned properties; property owner expressed concerns about effects on property and business viability
Tom Anderson, Commercial Retail Associates, Inc.	1/18/2024	Meeting to provide briefing on Project and review follow-up with Costco
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	1/23/2024	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station

Organization/Individual	Date	Topic
City of Merced and MCAG	1/24/2024	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
City of Merced Public Town Hall	1/29/2024	Project participation by tabling at public meeting and presentation to Mayor and City Council
City of Merced Public Town Hall	2/15/2024	Project participation by tabling at public meeting
Merced Sunrise Rotary	2/16/2024	Briefing on Project and impact on local businesses and residences in corridor
City of Merced and MCAG	2/28/2024	Meeting to discuss planning and collaboration with City and MCAG related to stakeholder engagement, outreach, and coordination
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	3/5/2024	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
City of Merced, MCAG, CAHSR & Caltrans	3/27/2024	Meeting with stakeholders to discuss planning and collaboration related to public engagement, outreach, and coordination
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	4/9/2024	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
City of Merced, MCAG, CAHSR & Caltrans	4/24/2024	Meeting with stakeholders to discuss planning and collaboration related to public engagement, outreach, and coordination
Merced Station Public Open House, California High-Speed Rail Authority	5/2/2024	Project participation by tabling at public open house
Merced County Officials	5/30/2024	Meeting with Supervisor Pedrozo, County CEO & Asst. CEO to discuss the Project & offer support
Merced County Fair	6/5-6/9/2024	Tabling at Merced County Fair to raise awareness of the Project
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	6/11/2024	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
California High-Speed Rail Authority and Central Valley Stations Joint Venture	6/25/2024	Meeting to coordinate issues/topics related to the Project and high-speed rail station
City of Merced, MCAG, CAHSR & Caltrans	6/26/2024	Meeting with stakeholders to discuss planning and collaboration related to public engagement, outreach, and coordination
Razzari Auto Centers	7/2/2024	Meeting to discuss the release of the Draft EIR and how to enter comments into the public record
<p>Note: For the purposes of this table, the release of the Notice of Preparation on January 5, 2023, indicates the start of the development of the EIR.</p> <p>City = City of Merced MCAG = Merced County Association of Governments</p>		

After Action Reports



After Action Report

1. Date/Time Location: 1/6/23; 1:00 PM; Via Zoom
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Stacie Guzman	Executive Director	MCAG		
Elizabeth Forte	Director of Planning	MCAG		
Stephanie Jackson	Executive Assistant	MCAG		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its relationship to the High-Speed Rail project. We discussed the involvement of MCAG and encouraged their participation in the project. They agreed to have a staff member assigned as a liaison. There was discussion about the community impacts as well as community benefits.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities as well as the schedule for regular project update meetings.8. Follow

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
MCAG to assign a staff member as liaison	1/14/23; Blake Dunford

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 1/24/23; 2:00 PM; @ Razzari Ford
2. Topic: Follow up meeting

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Tim Razzari	Owner	Razzari Ford		
Jan Kahn	Attorney	Kahn, Soares & Conway		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Dan Leavitt	
Daniel Hartman	
David DeRosa	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Dan and Daniel gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on the Razzari properties. Project area maps were examined and the location of structures on the properties was discussed in depth.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/2/23; 11:30 AM; Granville Apartments
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Julie Anne McCully	Manager	Granville Apartments		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on the residents of the complex and the benefits to the community. There was discussion regarding the best way to advise the residents of the complex about the Project and the timeline for doing so.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Schedule meeting with residents as required	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/2/23; 11:00 AM; LifePlace Church
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Melissa Yonan	Pastor	LifePlace Church		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on the church location and to the community as a whole. Due to the recent floods, Ms. Yonan was asked if the church might be used as a meeting place for local residents should that be necessary and she replied that they would be happy to host a presentation regarding the Project.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Schedule community meeting as required	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/2/23; 12:00 PM; Willowbrook Apartments
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project

3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Angela Usher	Manager	Willowbrook Apartments		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on the residents of the complex and the benefits to the community. There was discussion regarding the best way to advise the residents of the complex about the Project and the timeline for doing so. Ms. Usher commented that she would need to speak to the property owner before proceeding.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Schedule meeting with Guy Maxwell, property owner	
Schedule meeting with complex residents when approved	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/15/23; 10:00 AM; Merced Honda
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Gary Hogston	Owner/Manager	Merced Honda		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on the community as well as to the Honda dealership. There was discussion regarding the proposed location of supports for the overhead railway on the property.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities as well as the likelihood of the Project having adequate funding for completion.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/18/23; 12:00 PM; Office of Assemblymember Soria
2. Topic: Attended Meet & Greet
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Esmerelda Soria	Assemblymember	CA State Assembly		
Gilbert Felix	District Director	Office of Asm. Soria		
Alejandro Carrillo	Field Rep	Office of Asm. Soria		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy attended an Open House at Assemblymember Soria’s Merced office and introduced herself to the Assemblywoman and her staff and gave a very quick overview of MITC. Arrangements were made for a full MITC briefing with the District Director, Gilbert Felix

7. Questions/Comments

None at this time

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Schedule meeting with Gilbert Felix, District Director	3/29/23

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/28/23; 10:00 AM; Merced Safeway Plant
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Kaylynn Murphy	Plant Manager	Albertsons/Safeway		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Factsheet
 - b. Project area map
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy met with the Plant Manager and explained the MITC Project in detail, including the proposed layout of the maintenance facility, which would involve the taking of the Safeway plant property. Ms. Murphy had not been aware of the plan and was surprised to hear of it. Cathy stated that a postcard had been sent to the address of record regarding the NOP and the Scoping Meeting, and offered to set up a meeting/call with project principals and any interested parties from Safeway. Ms. Murphy stated that she would have to contact their corporate real estate department and alert them to the project and that someone from that office would be following up.

7. Questions/Comments

Questions regarded the timing of the property acquisition

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/29/23; 7:45 AM; Leap/Carpenter/Kemps Boardroom
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Jill Cunningham, Peg Larson, Robert Matsuo, Robert Dylina, Andrew Alkema, Eric Hamm, Rick Marchini	Board of Directors	Merced Boosters Club		
Stephanie Dietz	City Manager	City of Merced		
Frank Quintero	Deputy City Manager	City of Merced		
Raul Mendez	CEO	County of Merced		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on local businesses and the community as a whole.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Attend General Membership meeting and make same presentation	3/29/23

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
Boosters General Membership Meeting**

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/29/23; 5:30 PM; Vinhos Wine Lounge
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
~ 75 Boosters Members		Merced Boosters Club		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on local businesses and the community as a whole.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities, and what kinds of construction disruptions to expect.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Add contact information for updates to Project database	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/29/23; 6:30 PM; Vinhos Wine Lounge
2. Topic: Discuss MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Dave Long	Property Owner/PTE recipient			

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project to the Merced Boosters Club and one of the members asked for additional information. Dave Long owns property within the project area and was on the list for a PTE request. Cathy gave further details regarding the project and the reasons for the PTE and Mr. Long said that he would sign it when received.

7. Questions/Comments

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Add contact information for updates to Project database; send PTE via email	3/30/23

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 3/29/23; 12:00 PM; 510 Bistro Merced
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Gilbert Felix	District Director	Office of Asm. Soria		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Map
 - b. Project Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy met with District Director Gilbert Felix from Assemblymember Soria’s Merced office and introduced the MITC Project. Mr. Felix was very receptive to the project and promised the Assemblymember’s support

7. Questions/Comments

Questions regarded the timeline for the start of property acquisition and construction as well as traffic impacts in the downtown area.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time Location: 3/30/23; 10:00 AM; Franklin County Water District
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC Project & PTE Request
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Brenda Steinhauer	General Manager	Franklin County Water District		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
 - d. PTE Request Letter & Form
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on the local community. We discussed the reasons for the PTE request; Ms. Steinhauer explained that the 3 APNS in question were holding ponds for the sewage treatment plant and could not understand why there would be a need for PTE, but agreed and signed them.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities as well as why PTE would be needed in that area.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 04/05/23; 12:00 AM; via phone call
2. Topic: Questions re: PTE
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Anthony Iaccarino	Property Owner, PTE recipient	Merced Mini Storage		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Mr. Iaccarino received the PTE request and had various questions regarding the project and anticipated plans for his property. Cathy referred him to Daniel Hartman, who spoke with him by phone and was able to answer his questions. Mr. Iaccarino decided against signing the PTE request.

7. Questions/Comments

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 04/05/23; 10:00 AM; via phone call
2. Topic: Questions re: PTE
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Hardeep Sahota	Property Owner/ PTE recipient			

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Mr. Sahota received the PTE request and had various questions regarding the project and anticipated plans for his property. Cathy referred him to Daniel Hartman, who spoke with him by phone and was able to answer all his questions. Mr. Sahota subsequently signed the PTE request.

7. Questions/Comments

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 04/06/23; 11:00 AM; via phone call
2. Topic: Questions re: PTE
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Fred Honore	Property Owner, PTE recipient	Ashby/Miles Business Park		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Mr. Honore owns multiple properties close to the project area and the specific PTE was for property rented to Comcast; Mr. Honore agreed to sign the PTE request.

7. Questions/Comments
8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 04/18/23; 1:15 PM; Scholle Corp.
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Amalee Jayasinghe	Plant Manager	Scholle Corp		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Fact Sheet
 - b. Project area map
 - c. Contact information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impacts on the Scholle properties. The PTE request was discussed in detail. Ms. Jayasinghe explained that the corporation was in the midst of being sold and the PTE request would have to travel through various levels in order to be approved.

7. Questions/Comments

The business has plans to expand into the Project Area and more information is needed as to how much of the property will be impacted by the Project and how that will affect expansion plans

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)

Actions	Follow-up and Date

MEETING MINUTES



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Merced, CA

Thursday April 27, 2023

1:00 p.m. PST

UPRR Coordination Meeting

Web link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Dial-in: +1 213-204-2377

Conference ID: 124 140 900#

Meeting Objective: Internal prep meeting for UPRR coordination.

Attendees:

SJPA:	<i>Dan Leavitt</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Tamika Smith</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
UPRR:	<i>Jeffrey Sheldon</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Kevin Yoder</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AECOM:	<i>Daniel Hartman</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jason Green</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PMG:	<i>Bryan Pennino</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
JMA:	<i>Jon Marshall</i>	<i>Present</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mohammed Abushaban</i>	<i>Present</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Minutes:

No.	Description	Action
1. Project Scope Summary		
a.	MITC will have interface with the ACE Merced Station Project and the HSR Merced Station.	
b.	Both of these projects have been environmentally cleared.	
c.	MITC project has started and is going through environmental process.	
d.	MITC and HSR will be elevated at the HSR station, but ACE station will be at-grade.	
e.	Project is proposing shift UPRR's industrial lead including replacement of the Bear Creek bridge to avoid conflict with MITC.	
f.	MITC will be situated between the UPRR's industrial lead and Snelling HWY.	
g.	The Project will acquire ROW to facilitate shift of UPRR's industrial lead.	
h.	MITC will be at-grade at Cooper Ave and tie-in with the BNSF Stockton Subdivision.	

i.	MITC will have a connection with UPRR's industry tracks to allow movement into a future maintenance and layover facility. Facility will be at grade.	
j.	EIR documents have cleared the future maintenance and layover facility.	

No.	Description	Action
k.	No plans to impact service to existing customers or connections.	
l.	ACE will access facility through the UPRR industry lead.	
m.	The San Joaquin's operate on the BNSF mainline down to Bakersfield, but the Project will end the San Joaquin's in Merced and have passengers transfer on to HSR to get to Bakerfield.	
n.	MITC trains will never operate on the UPRR Fresno Subdivision.	
o.	Project is not proposing to double across the UPRR and BNSF diamond.	
p.	UPRR will not loose access to the industry in the north of the industry park.	
2. UPRR Comments		
a.	UPRR would like to understand if there San Joaquin trains operating on UPRR tracks north of the Project.	
b.	SJPA will provide train roundtrip vision map to UPRR.	SJPA
c.	SJPA advised that no San Joaquin trains will operate on UPRR's Fresno Subdivision	
d.	AECOM acknowledge that the Project will need trackage rights from UPRR to operate on the Industry Lead to access the maintenance and layover facility.	
e.	Out rigger supported structure are being proposed for MITC going over the UPRR ROW.	
f.	AECOM advised that we have developed a track schematic that will be submitted to UPRR as our concept submittal.	
g.	UPRR requested a copy of the .kmz file presented.	
h.	AECOM structures has evaluating structure types and column placement.	
i.	Project is working with Caltrans and City on performing Geotech investigation outside of the UPRR ROW. Final PSE will perform Geotech within UPRR ROW as required.	
j.	Project is aiming for 10% UPRR approval in year 1 and 25% in year 2.	
k.	The Project wants to engage UPRR as part of establishing environmental so final PSE does not impact the cleared footprint.	
l.	AECOM will evaluate and discuss freight traffic impacts as requested by UPRR.	
m.	UPRR advised that the City and Caltrans are proposing modifications to the SR-59 and W 16 th Street, and the Project appears to impact the proposed modifications.	



No.	Description	Action
n.	UPRR noted that their concern regarding shifting of the Industry Lead was regarding not being able to serve existing and future customers.	
o.	UPRR review the material presented today and response provide and then provide their updated comments back to the team.	
p.	AECOM offered to setup a reoccurring call with UPRR.	



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 05/31/23; 10:00 AM; Merced Starbucks
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Guy Maxwell	President	Maxwell Homes		
Colton Maxwell	Builder/Developer	Maxwell Homes		

4. MITC STAFF

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy met with Guy & Colton Maxwell, owners of the Granville and Willowbrook Apartment complexes adjacent to the Project area. The scope of MITC was reviewed as well as potential impacts to residents such as traffic delays and construction noise issues.

6. Questions/Comments

A discussion ensued regarding the timing and manner of informing the residents; it was decided that no information would be disseminated until the EIR is released in early 2024.

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	
Follow up on informing residents as approved by owners	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/6/23; 1:15 PM; Senator Caballero’s Merced Office
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Diana Westmoreland	Field Rep	Senator Caballero’s Office		
Jennifer Hidalgo	District Rep	Senator Caballero’s Office		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy met with representatives of State Senator Anna Caballero to introduce the MITC Project and ask for their support. The benefits and impacts to the community were discussed at length.

6. Questions/Comments

There were several questions regarding the plans and status of the High-Speed Rail project which were referred to CHSRA staff.

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/7/23;
2. Topic: Discussion re: Use of Hydrogen
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Gabrielle Sefranek				
Shannon Simonds				
Ryan Sharpe				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
David DeRosa	
Daniel Hartman	
Jason Green	
Michael Hanebutt	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

The Engineering Team met with representatives of Caltrans to discuss the potential uses of hydrogen fuel on the San Joaquins and what planning would be necessary to supply hydrogen at the layover and maintenance facility

6. Questions/Comments

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/8/23
2. Topic: MITC/HSR Station Design Coordination
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Meg Cederoth		CHSRA		
Bart Gunter		CHSRA		
John Eddy		CHSRA		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
David DeRosa	
Keith Lee	
Jason Green	
Michael Hanebutt	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

The Engineering Team met with representatives of CHSRA to discuss the design of the Merced station

6. Questions/Comments

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/9/23; 1:00 PM; Franklin County Water District
2. Topic: Additional PTE Request
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Brenda Steinhauer		Franklin County Water District		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy revisited with Brenda Steinhauer to review the need for PTE for an additional property specifically for the noise survey

6. Questions/Comments

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/23/23; 10:45 AM; Hwy 59 ARCO Gas station
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC

3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Karan Gill	Manager	Hwy 59 ARCO Station		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy visited with the manager of the new ARCO Gas station and minimart located directly across Santa Fe Avenue from the project area to introduce the MITC Project

6. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the start of construction activities and the expected impacts such as traffic disruption

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/23/23; 11:00 AM; Horizon Distributors
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC project

3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Norman Reyna	Manager	Horizon Distributors		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. **Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda**

Cathy visited with the manager of Horizon Distributors, which is between the Project area and Santa Fe Avenue at the intersection with Hwy. 59 to introduce the MITC Project and explain possible impacts to their business

6. **Questions/Comments**

The questions regarded the timeline for the start of construction activities and the expected impacts such as traffic disruption and access to the business

7. **Follow Up Actions/Next Steps**

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 06/24/23; 11:00 AM; Ron Smith GMC Dealership
2. Topic: Introduction to MITC
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Nick Smith	General Manager	Ron Smith GMC		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy met with Nick Smith, the manager of Ron Smith GMC, to introduce the MITC Project and explain the likelihood that the property they own on the corner of V Street and Auto Center Drive would be acquired for the Project.

6. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the start of construction activities and the possibility of eminent domain being used to acquire the property. Cathy explained that per Dan Leavitt, both the Project administrators and the property owner would submit appraisals which then would become a starting point for negotiations.

7. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location: 7/21/23; 9:55 AM; via phone call
2. Topic: Discussion re: Layover & Maintenance plan
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Wil Crummer	Principal	1785 Ashby Rd. LLC		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Map
 - b. Project Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy had an introductory phone call with Wil Crummer, one of the principals in the cannabis processing facility which will be acquired as part of the ACE/San Joaquins layover and maintenance project. Mr. Crummer was aware of the plan but did not know the timeline nor the likelihood that the project would actually happen. The MITC timeline was shared and Cathy promised to get him more information on the ACE timeline. He stated that it would take several years to locate or build a new processing plant and that he needed to start planning as soon as possible. The project fact sheet and map were emailed to him immediately after the call and his contact information was added to the stakeholders database.

7. Questions/Comments

Questions regarded the timeline for the start of property acquisition and construction.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Find ACE timeline information	Emailed ACE team 7/21/23
Project Updates as available	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
Call with Tom Anderson/Costco**

1. 9/08/2023, 1:30 PM, via Zoom
2. Impact of HSR/MITC on Costco site
3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Tom Anderson	Realtor	Commercial Retail Associates		
Frank Quintero	Deputy City Manager	City of Merced		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Joey Goldman	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Joey Goldman & Cathy Paskin gave a brief presentation on the impacts of HSR & MITC to the existing Costco site and inquired about any Costco relocation plans

7. Questions/Comments

Mr. Anderson inquired about the timeline for the project and the availability of funding for project completion. He will pass the information on to Costco management.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Send project information to Mr. Anderson	9/9/23

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report

1. Date/Time/Location 1/14/23; 8:30 AM; Merced County Association of Realtors
2. Topic: Update on MITC Project
3. Participants:

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
~ 40 MCAR Members		Merced County Association of Realtors		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Maps
 - b. Fact Sheets
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on local businesses and the community as a whole; discussed benefits of HSR and associated projects to real estate community

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project; there were several questions regarding disposition of Boys & Girls Club and Senior Center, which were referred to HSR for responses

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Follow up with information about release of DEIR	When available

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
HSR Station Update**

1. 12/1/2023, 2:00 PM, Merced City Hall
2. Merced High-Speed Rail Station Update

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Foster & Partners				
Arup Group				
City & County Officials				
CalTrans District 10				
MCAG				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Dan Leavitt	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Foster + Partners & Arup, designers of the Central Valley HSR stations, gave an update on the status of the Merced station with visual renderings of the station area, as well as plans for parking & transit

7. Questions/Comments

The majority of the questions regarded impacts to traffic flow in the station area as well as the need for adequate bike lanes

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
Merced Hispanic Chamber**

1. Date/Time/Location: 12/6/23; 6:00 PM; 531 W. Main Street, Merced
2. Topic: MITC briefing
3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
25 Members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact on local businesses and the community as a whole; discussed benefits of HSR and associated projects to downtown area

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities as well as the cost and availability of adequate funding

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
Merced Rotary Club**

1. January 3, 2024; 11:45 AM; Merced Elks Club

2. Project Briefing

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
35 members of Merced Rotary				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation/Meeting

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact and benefits to the community and local businesses.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities as well as the likelihood of the Project having adequate funding for completion.

We will inform the club president about the release of the DEIR and the date of the public meeting to share with members



**After Action Report
Merced County Schools**

1. January 12, 2024; 9:00 AM; Merced County Office of Education
2. MITC Briefing
3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Steve Tietjen	Superintendent	MCOE		
Joe Schoneman	Facilities Director	MCOE		
Nathan Quevedo	Public Relations Officer	MCOE		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet
 - c. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and in particular its impact on two buildings owned by MCOE along Hwy 59 that are in the path of the proposed alignment. Subsequently, the group conducted an in-person tour of the two facilities in question. One is a warehouse, and the other contains offices, classrooms, and break areas.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated acquisition timeline, beginning of construction activities as well as the cost and availability of adequate funding

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
After an inquiry from Superintendent Tietjen on 3/15/24, and with direction from Dan Leavitt, Joey called Steve Tietjen back on 3/21/24 with additional information. He left a voice message.	

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
Meeting with Tim Razzari**

1. January 12, 2024; 1:30 PM; Razzari Ford

2. Project Impacts to Razzari Dealership

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Tim Razzari	President	Razzari Auto Dealerships		
Jan Kahn	Attorney	Kahn, Soares & Conway		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Dan Leavitt	
Daniel Hartman	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Summary of Meeting per Daniel Hartman

- On 11/7/23, Mr. Razzari was emailed exhibits of planned impacts to properties he owns along the proposed alignment. On December 19th, Mr. Razzari’s attorney, Jan Kahn, emailed requesting an in-person meeting, which took place on 1/12/24.
- Began the meeting with a brief review of the project.
- Razzari asked about the construction schedule.
 - We discussed phased implementation which would include each phase being in their property for 1-2 months at a time mostly near the beginning of a 3-year total construction duration.
- Razzari indicated that the construction impacts would put him out of business. The back area is used to support their service department and mixing employees and customer vehicles in a major construction zone will not work.

- Razzari indicated that debris that may come off the aerial guideway during future operation will also not work with their business.



**After Action Report
Call with Tom Anderson/Costco**

1. 1/18/24, 11:00 AM, via Zoom
2. Impact of HSR/MITC on Costco site

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Tom Anderson	Realtor	Commercial Retail Associates		
Frank Quintero	Deputy City Manager	City of Merced		
Sierra Omlin	Planning Associate	City of Merced		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Dan Leavitt	
Daniel Hartman	
Joey Goldman	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Impact Map
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Daniel Hartman outlined the impacts of the MITC project on the northernmost Costco parking and gas station area, including the necessity of relocating the gas pumps, and the loss of 109 parking spaces.

7. Questions/Comments

Tom Anderson inquired about the timeline for the project and the availability of funding for project completion. He will pass the information on to Costco management.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
City of Merced Town Hall**

1. January 29, 2024; 5:30 PM; Tenaya Middle School Multipurpose Room

2. MITC Briefing

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Matt Serratto	Mayor	City of Merced		
Jesse Ornelas	City Council Dist. 1	City of Merced		
Sarah Boyle	City Council Dist. 5	City of Merced		
Shane Smith	City Council Dist. 4	City of Merced		
Approximately 60 members of the general public				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy attended the Town Hall meeting at Tenaya Middle School. The evening began with tabling and describing the MITC Project using the large board. Approximately 7 people stopped by the table to visit and inquire about the project. At the request of Deputy City Manager Frank Quintero, Cathy made a brief 3 -minute presentation on the MITC project to the members of the City Council who were present, as well as approximately 60 members of the public.

7. Questions/Comments: The Mayor asked several questions regarding the timeline and the number of jobs that might be created due to the layover and maintenance facility.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Follow up with Steve Tietjen with additional information and Draft EIR release information	

"Thank you" sent



**After Action Report
City of Merced Town Hall**

1. February 15, 2024; 5:30 PM; Chenoweth Elementary School Multipurpose Room

2. MITC Briefing

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Matt Serratto	Mayor	City of Merced		
Jesse Ornelas	City Council Dist. 1	City of Merced		
Sarah Boyle	City Council Dist. 5	City of Merced		
Shane Smith	City Council Dist. 4	City of Merced		
Ronnie de Anda	City Council Dist. 2	City of Merced		
Bertha Perez	City Council Dist. 3	City of Merced		
Fue Xiong	City Council Dist. 6	City of Merced		

Approximately 75 members of the general public

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Cathy attended the Town Hall meeting at Chenoweth Elementary School. The evening began with tabling and describing the MITC Project using the large board. Approximately 10 people stopped by the table to visit and inquire about the project. Mayor Matt Serratto also mentioned the MITC project in his public remarks

7. Questions/Comments: The majority of the questions regarded the timeline and the funding for the project



**After Action Report
Merced Sunrise Rotary**

1. February 16, 2024; 6:30 AM; Yosemite Crossing Restaurant

2. Project Briefing

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
40 members of Sunrise Rotary				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation/Meeting

Cathy gave an overview of the MITC Project and its impact and benefits to the community and local businesses.

7. Questions/Comments

The questions regarded the timeline for the project and anticipated beginning of construction activities as well as the likelihood of the Project having adequate funding for completion. One member asked specifically what the budget was for the Project, and Cathy followed up with that information.

We will inform the club president about the release of the DEIR and the date of the public meeting to share with members



**After Action Report
Merced High-Speed Rail Open House**

1. Date/Time/Location: 05/02/24; 5:00-7:00 PM; Merced Senior Center, 755 W 15th St, Merced, CA 95340

2. Topic: High-Speed Rail Public Open House, Tabling for MITC

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
More than 100 members of the public				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Joey Goldman	
Dan Leavitt	
Daniel Hartman	
Rene Gutierrez	Senior Regional Initiatives Coordinator, SJJPA

5. Materials Provided

- a. Tablecloth
- b. Project area map
- c. Fact Sheets
- d. Valley Rail temporary fact sheets
- e. San Joaquins and ACE materials
- f. Contact information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

The MITC team set up and staffed a table with information about the project, as well as information about San Joaquins and ACE service, and Valley Rail program. More than 60

individuals stopped by the table to look at the information or collect materials. Joey, Dan, and Daniel provided overviews of the MITC project and answered questions, including some property-specific inquiries and concerns about the timeline for acquiring properties.

Overall, the mood was upbeat and people expressed enthusiasm about the new high-speed rail station and MITC connection.

7. Questions/Comments

Most individuals who spoke with staff shared enthusiasm about the seamless connection between the San Joaquins and high-speed trains.

There were several questions:

- What is the timeline for completing this work?
- Will ACE Trains come all the way to Merced before the High-Speed Rail station is complete? Where will they go?
- Will the San Joaquins still go the Bay Area?
- The MITC map shows the station on my lot. When will my property be acquired?
- What will be the impacts on the Albertsons/Safeway canning plant? Will it shut down?
- Can they move the maintenance yard somewhere else?
- What will happen to the old Amtrak station?
- How can I get a job on the project?

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report—Meeting with Merced County

1. May 30, 2024; 10:00 AM; Merced County Administration Building
2. MITC Briefing

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Josh Pedrozo	Supervisor	Merced County		
Raul Mendez	CEO (Chief Executive Officer)	Merced County		
Mark Hendrickson	Asst CEO	Merced County		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Dan Leavitt	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Fact Sheet
- c. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

Supervisor Pedrozo requested the meeting to become familiar with the MITC project and to extend his support for transportation projects within Merced County. He expressed the desire to become more involved. It was noted that Supervisor Espinosa is the current representative to the SJJPA (San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority), and his term is expiring soon; Supervisor Pedrozo would like to take his place on the SJJPA Board. Dan Leavitt explained that there is a plan evolving to hold monthly meetings between SJJPA, City of Merced, Merced County, Caltrans, and any other entity involved in transportation issues to ensure coordination and cooperation which Supervisor Pedrozo and County staff endorsed.

In the meantime, the County will set up a meeting with key staff members, directors of Public Works, Community & Economic Development, and Workforce Development to brief them on all the issues surrounding HSR/ACE/MITC.

7. Questions/Comments

Questions focused on the timeline for the project and the likelihood of securing the necessary funding.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Set up briefing meeting with County personnel	Mark Hendrickson setting up a meeting on either June 18 th or June 28.

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



After Action Report—Merced County Fair

1. June 5-9, 2024; 5:00 PM – 11:30 PM W/Th/Fr; 3:00 PM – 11:30 PM Sa/Su; Merced Fairgrounds
2. MITC Briefing
3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
386 members of the public				

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Joey Goldman	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided
 - a. Project Area Map
 - b. Fact Sheet in English & Spanish
 - c. Valley Rail Fact Sheet
 - d. Various handout items—pens, lanyards, train cutouts, etc.
 - e. Contact Information
6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

The MITC booth at the County Fair was an opportunity to inform the public about the project and answer questions. The overall reaction was positive, and most people were enthusiastic about the community benefits of having a transportation hub downtown. Some people said they believed High-Speed Rail will never happen, and thus the project is a waste of money or unnecessary effort.

7. Questions/Comments

Although a few people expressed concerns (“This is a waste of money. I don’t even like the bike path you put in front of my house.”), most comments by far were positive, and questions were generally constructive. Many participants said that MITC would be good for Merced and improve mobility in the Central Valley. Some commented that the project would be especially valuable for UC Merced students. An individual who identified himself as a Costco employee said that a local businessperson informed him that Costco had already purchased property for expansion on Mission Avenue.

Examples of some of the questions asked at the event are as follows:

1. Where will the power to operate the trains come from? PG&E is already struggling to provide power statewide at certain times of the year.
2. What can be done to eliminate delays and be sure trains run on time? Currently the schedules are unreliable with frequent lengthy delays, making the train unusable if you have an appointment at a specific time. Ridership would increase if reliability increased.
3. How will this project affect Costco?
4. Why not make the connection in Fresno since the tracks are parallel there? It would save money on construction.
5. This will be great for UC students
6. What effect will this have on future freight operations on BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe) track?
7. How will transfers work since San Joaquins do not run frequently?
8. What is the cost to ride to Sacramento?
9. What is the status of the ACE (Altamont Corridor Express) extension?
10. What will happen to the existing passenger station on K & 24th Streets? A train museum might be a good idea for reuse.
11. Will you be joining the Clipper transfer card service? It would be appropriate since you will be transporting commuters.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Follow up with one property owner regarding questions about impacts to property	Completed June 11, 2024

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)



**After Action Report
Meeting with Tim Razzari & Jan Kahn**

1. July 2, 2024; 2:30 PM; Razzari Ford, Merced

2. Release of DEIR

3. Participants

Name	Title or Affiliation	Organization	Email	Phone
Tim Razzari	Owner	Razzari Motors		
Jan Kahn	Attorney	Kahn, Soares & Conway		

4. MITC Staff

Name	Title or Affiliation (if other than core team)
Dan Leavitt	
Daniel Hartman	
Cathy Paskin	

5. Materials Provided

- a. Project Area Map
- b. Contact Information

6. Summary of Presentation and/or Meeting Agenda

A meeting was held to advise Mr. Razzari and Mr. Kahn about the upcoming release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the MITC Project, as well as the public meeting to be held on August 1, 2024. We provided updated information on the project but clarified that that design in the Draft EIR would be consistent with what we previously presented to them in our meeting on January 12, 2024. Mr. Razzari has not changed his opinion about the project impacts. The process for submitting comments into the public record was explained in detail. We also discussed both the HSR and the MITC project funding needs, which leave the possibility of delays in the schedule. Mr. Razzari indicated that it is difficult to plan for improvements that he needs to make, with funding issues yet to be determined.

8. Follow Up Actions/Next Steps

Actions	Follow-up and Date
Send two USBs containing full DEIR to Mr. Kahn's office	7/17/24

"Thank you" sent (if applicable)