

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # 2023010061
Project Title: Merced Intermodal Track Connection Project

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

Contact Person: Dan Leavitt

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City: Stockton

Zip: 95202

County: San Joaquin County

Project Location: County: Merced

City/Nearest Community: Merced and outlying areas

Cross Streets: State Route 59 and 16th Street

Zip Code: 95340

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 18 ' 42 " N / 120 ° 30 ' 18 " W Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.: various (see Project Description and separate page)

Section: 24 Twp.: 7S Range: 13E Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 59, SR 99, SR 140

Waterways: Bear Creek, Fahrens Creek, irrigation canals

Airports: Merced Regional Airport

Railways: ACE/UPRR, San Joaquins Schools: Leontine Gracey El, John C Fremont El, Valley HS, Tenar

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP	☐ Draft EIR	NEPA: ☐ NOI	Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons	☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR	☐ EA	☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec	(Prior SCH No.)	☐ Draft EIS	☐ Other:
☐ Mit Neg Dec	Other: Revised Draft EIR	☐ FONSI	

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update	☐ Specific Plan	☐ Rezone	☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment	☐ Master Plan	☐ Prezone	☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element	☐ Planned Unit Development	☐ Use Permit	☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan	☐ Site Plan	☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	☒ Other: Transit, Encroachment

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	☒ Transportation: Type Commuter and Intercity Rail
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Educational: _____	☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____	☐ Other: _____
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual	☐ Fiscal	☐ Recreation/Parks	☐ Vegetation
☐ Agricultural Land	☐ Flood Plain/Flooding	☐ Schools/Universities	☐ Water Quality
☐ Air Quality	☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard	☐ Septic Systems	☐ Water Supply/Groundwater
☐ Archeological/Historical	☐ Geologic/Seismic	☐ Sewer Capacity	☐ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources	☐ Minerals	☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	☐ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone	☐ Noise	☐ Solid Waste	☐ Land Use
☐ Drainage/Absorption	☐ Population/Housing Balance	☐ Toxic/Hazardous	☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs	☐ Public Services/Facilities	☐ Traffic/Circulation	☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Within the ROW of UPRR and BNSF as well as areas zoned for commercial, industrial, and residential uses

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Project would include a new track connection from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) corridor to the proposed integrated Merced High-Speed Rail (HSR) Station in downtown Merced between O and R Streets, in addition to a new platform that would allow for cross-platform transfer between the San Joaquins passenger rail and HSR. The Project only includes the construction of the track connection; it does not include the construction of the proposed integrated Merced HSR Station.

The Project would consist of the following:

- New passenger rail connection for the San Joaquins from BNSF north of State Route (SR) 59 to the southern terminus at the proposed integrated Merced HSR Station
 - New aerial guideway that would connect into the east side of the HSR platform (which would be shared with the San Joaquins) at the proposed integrated Merced HSR Station, creating an elevated integrated platform with HSR
 - Modification of the approved Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) Merced Layover and Maintenance Facility
- The separate page includes the Assessor's Parcel Nos. for the Project.

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If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

☒ Air Resources Board	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☒ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☒ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # <u>10</u>	☒ Public Utilities Commission
☒ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
☒ Caltrans Planning	☒ Resources Agency
☒ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☒ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☒ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☒ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☒ Other: <u>Union Pacific Railroad</u>
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 31, 2025 Ending Date September 23, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 8/7/2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

**Additional page for the Notice of Completion for the Merced Intermodal Track
Connection Project (SCH # 2023010061)**

The Project site includes the following Assessor's Parcel Nos.: 031-172-009, 031-172-010, 031-190-008, 031-352-014, 031-352-028, 031-352-029, 031-370-006, 031-370-017, 031-370-018, 031-370-019, 031-370-020, 059-051-028, 059-051-029, 059-450-046, 059-051-031, 059-051-033, 059-051-036, 059-051-043, 059-450-003, 059-450-004, 059-450-005, 059-450-006, 059-450-008, 059-450-036, 059-450-039, 059-051-033, 059-450-060, 059-450-063, 059-450-065, 059-450-066, 059-450-069, and 059-450-072.