

**California High-Speed Rail Project:
Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for San Jose to
Merced Project Section**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES GUIDE

Interpretation and translation are available in Vietnamese, Spanish, and Mandarin.

If you require *interpretation* services for any event, please do one of the following at least 72-hours before the event:

- Contact EJ team (Cathy Paskin at (209) 761-6626)
- Contact (800) 455-8166 to request interpretation for events

If you require *translation* of any materials, visuals or information on the Authority Draft EIR/EIS Open House Website, please do the following:

- Refer to: Title VI Civil Rights Information
- Email request to: TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov and forward request to EJ team member Cathy Paskin at cpaskin@kearnswest.com or call (209) 761-6626

On April 24, 2020, the California High-Speed Rail Authority released its Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for the San Jose to Merced Project Section, which includes your community. **The release of the Draft EIR/EIS marks the start of the 45-day public comment period.**

We developed this guide to help you navigate the available resources and ways to comment on the Project. Within this guide you will find:

1. **Scheduled events** during which you may **ask questions of California High-Speed Rail Authority staff**,
2. **Resources to help you review the portions of the Draft EIR/EIS relevant to you and your community**, and
3. **Ways to comment** on the Draft EIR/EIS.

1. OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK WITH HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY STAFF

Due to Governor Newsom’s Shelter In Place mandate (*Executive Order N-25-20*), **previously planned in-person open houses and office hours (listed in the Draft EIR/EIS Notice of Availability) will now be conducted virtually.** Authority staff want to hear from and speak with you, so please join us for the virtual events listed below. *In-language accommodations are provided.*

Opportunity	Date	Purpose	Join
Q&A webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 May 11th, 4-7pm 2 May 14th, 4-7pm 3 May 18th, 4-7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions of Authority staff (Comments on the Draft EIR/EIS will not be accepted during Q&A webinars.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This webpage on the MeetHSRNorCal.org website provides instructions and links to join these events.
Virtual Office Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 May 11th, 2-3pm 2 May 20th, 12-3pm 3 May 27th, 11-2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions of Authority staff in scheduled one-on-one discussions (Conversations with Authority staff will not be recorded and comments on the Draft EIR/EIS will not be accepted during virtual office hour appointments) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-up for a 15-minute appointment here • Must sign up at least 24-hours in advance • The appointment form is in English, but interpretation can be provided for your phone call. For translated version, please contact Cathy Paskin: cpaskin@kearnswest.com or (209) 761-6626

2. RESOURCES TO REVIEW THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

The Draft EIR/EIS is a complex and technical legal document. Resources listed below are to help you navigate the information in the Draft EIR/EIS.

Translated versions of some documents are available, as listed below. To request documents in additional languages, email TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov.

Resource: <u>Open House Website</u>	
What is it?	Includes
1. Provides resources to understand the Draft EIR/EIS 2. Offers an online tool in response to health and safety directives related to the coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide information including the <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft 2020 Business Plan b. Construction Updates • San Jose to Merced rail route alternatives • Links to the Draft EIR/EIS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Summary b. Volume I-III c. Technical Reports • Link to address lookup map to find your property in relation to any of the alternatives • Information on the public comment period and process • Authority’s contact information • Information on joining webinars and office hours to ask staff questions
Open House Website: Available Languages of Associated Resources	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>1</p> <p>Open House Website</p> <p>Translations are available. Click the ConveyThis translation box at the bottom right-corner of the website to change the language.</p> <p>MeetHSRNorCal.org</p> <p><i>English, Spanish, Chinese & Vietnamese</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>3</p> <p>Address Look Up Map</p> <p>MapHSRNorCal.org/SanJose-Merced</p> <p><i>English</i></p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>2</p> <p>Authority’s Website</p> <p>hsr.ca.gov</p> <p><i>English</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>4</p> <p>(916) 324-1541</p> <p>Number to call for Right-of-Way inquiries</p> <p><i>English</i></p> </div> </div>
	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>5</p> <p>Authority’s Email</p> <p>san.jose_merced@hsr.ca.gov</p> <p><i>Accepts emails in all languages</i></p> </div>

Resource: <u>Executive Summary</u>	
What is it?	Includes
A 111-page document that summarizes the Project and provides an overview of the Draft EIR/EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An explanation of the environmental review process (pg. 4) (Note: Page numbers are the document’s page numbers, not the pdf reader’s) • Issues raised by communities during public outreach (pg. 5) • Purpose and need for the high-speed rail system (pg. 7) • A description of alternatives and no-build alternative (pg. 9) • Outline of impact avoidance and minimization features (pg. 15) • Table S-3 with a comparison of construction impacts by alternative (pg. 27) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation (pg. 27) • Noise and Vibration (pg. 31) • Safety and Security (pg. 46) • Socioeconomics and Communities (pg. 47) • Parks, Recreation and Open Space Resources (pg. 51) • Table S-4 with a comparison of operation impacts by alternative (pg.57)

Executive Summary: Available Languages of Associated Resources

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Executive Summary

This is the only portion of the Draft EIR/EIS that is translated. It can be found on the Authority’s website under “Education.”
https://www.hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_san_jose_merced.aspx
English, Spanish, Vietnamese & Chinese

Resource: Fact Sheet

What is it?	Includes
1. Discusses the purpose of the Draft EIR/EIS 2. Reviews rail route alternatives from San Jose to Merced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps of rail route alternatives and stations (pg. 2) • Types of track construction (e.g., viaduct, embankment, and tunnels) (pg. 2) • In-person meeting dates and locations (pg.1) • Authority’s contact information (pg.1) • Public comment period and process (pg.1) • List of acronyms, abbreviations, and key terms (pg. 3)

Fact Sheet: Available Languages of Associated Resources

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Fact Sheet

MeetHSRNorCal.org/fact-sheet.html

English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic & Farsi

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Authority’s Email

san.jose_merced@hsr.ca.gov

Accepts emails in all languages

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Authority’s Website

hsr.ca.gov

English

4

800-455-8166

Number to call for general inquiries
English, Spanish, Chinese & Vietnamese

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Social Media: Twitter & Facebook

English

Resource: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is it?	Includes
Provides responses to common questions regarding the Draft EIR/EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of copies of the Draft EIR/EIS for the public (pg. 1) • List of the content in the Draft EIR/EIS (pg. 1-2) • Tips for effective commenting (pg. 2) • Public comment period and process (pg. 2)

Frequently Asked Questions: Available Languages of Associated Resources

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Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.meethsrnorcal.org/station-4-documents.html>

English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russian, Arabic & Farsi

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Draft EIR/EIS

Electronic Copies on Authority’s Website
English

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Draft EIR/EIS

Printed Copies Available at other Facilities
English

2

Draft EIR/EIS

Printed Copies at Authority’s Offices
English

4

Draft EIR/EIS

Electronic Copies Available by Mail on Request
English

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Authority’s Website

hsr.ca.gov
English

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3. WAYS TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR/S

Comment Tips

- **Comments may be submitted in any language** for Authority review and response.
- **Be specific** with locations, impacts and comments.
- **Number and prioritize comments** and state the section to which comment refers.
- Comments may be submitted by an **individual** or **group**.
- The number of times a particular comment is submitted on the Draft EIR/EIS **does not elevate or diminish** the importance of that comment.
- **All comments will be addressed** in the Final EIR/EIS document, to be released in spring 2021.

How to Comment

Submit comments during the 45-day comment period (now through **June 8th, 2020**).

Opportunity	How to Comment	Where to Comment	Interpretation & Translation
Public Hearing (see COVID-19 UPDATE below)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For verbal comment in front of California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors and the public 	<p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">May 27, 3-6 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' Chambers 70 W Hedding St., San Jose, CA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you require interpretation services, please contact (800) 455-8166 at least 72-hours before the event. • Interpretation available in Spanish, Chinese & Vietnamese
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email written comments directly 	san.jose_merced@hsr.ca.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be translated for Authority review
Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail written public comments • Comment form can be downloaded, printed and mailed. 	ATTN: San Jose to Merced Project Section: Draft EIR/EIS, 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95113	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be translated for Authority review • Translated comment cards are available here.
Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use form to submit comments 	www.hsr.ca.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you require translation please contact TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov

***COVID-19 UPDATE**

Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, public hearing for the Draft EIR/EIS may need to occur online and/or by teleconference only. Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned public hearing.

**Thank you for your participation.*

Please contact Cathy Paskin at cpaskin@kearnswest.com or (209) 761-6626, if you need assistance understanding the information resources available to you.