



DRAFT EIR/EIS FAQ

SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION

WHEN WILL THE DOCUMENT BE AVAILABLE?



The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section will be published on **July 10, 2020**. The 45-day comment period closes on **August 24, 2020**.*

HOW DO I ACCESS THE DOCUMENT?



Printed copies will be available for review at the following California High-Speed Rail Authority Offices during open days/hours, subject to coronavirus public health and safety directives:*

- Northern California Regional Office: 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95113
- Headquarters: 770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA 95814



The Draft EIR/EIS will be available on the Authority website (hsr.ca.gov) to view or download. Electronic copies of the Draft EIR/EIS and technical reports are available upon request.



Copies will also be available at these locations during hours the facilities are open (open days/hours may be reduced for compliance with coronavirus public health and safety directives):*

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| • Atherton Library | • Menlo Park Main Library | • San Carlos Library |
| • Belmont Library | • Millbrae Library | • San Francisco Main Library |
| • Brisbane Library | • Mountain View Library | • San Mateo Main Library |
| • Burlingame Main Library | • Palo Alto Downtown Library | • Santa Clara Library, Central Park Branch |
| • Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (San Jose) | • Redwood City Downtown Library | • South San Francisco Main Library |
| • Fair Oaks Library (Redwood City) | • San Bruno Library | • Sunnyvale Library |

WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT EIR/EIS?



Volume I: Executive Summary & Report/Statement

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Summary • Chapter 1: Project Purpose, Need, & Objectives • Chapter 2: Alternatives • Chapter 3: Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, & Mitigation Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aesthetics & Visual Quality • Air Quality & Greenhouse Gases • Biological & Aquatic Resources • Cultural Resources • Cumulative Impacts • Electromagnetic Fields & Electromagnetic Interference • Geology, Soils, Seismicity & Paleontological Resources • Hazardous Materials & Waste • Hydrology & Water Resources • Noise & Vibration • Parks, Recreation & Open Space | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Utilities & Energy • Regional Growth • Safety & Security • Socioeconomics & Communities • Station Planning, Land Use & Development • Transportation • Chapter 4: Section 4(f)/6(f) Evaluation • Chapter 5: Environmental Justice • Chapter 6: Project Costs & Operations • Chapter 7: Other CEQA/NEPA Considerations • Chapter 8: Preferred Alternative • Chapter 9: Public & Agency Involvement • Supporting other Chapters |
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Volume II: Technical Appendices

- Detailed data supporting environmental analysis

Volume III: Preliminary Design

- Preliminary engineering design plans





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WHERE DO I FIND MAPS & VISUAL SIMULATIONS?



- Volume I, Chapter 2 contains general maps.
- Volume I, Chapter 3, Section 3.15, Aesthetics and Visual Quality shows simulations from key viewpoints along the corridor.
- Volume II Appendix 3.01-A shows properties that would be affected by project alternatives.
- Volume III contains preliminary engineering design plans of project alternatives.

HOW DO I PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMENTS?

All comments will be accepted and will receive a written response in the Final EIR/EIS. However, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) require the Authority's responses to focus on potential community and environmental impacts of the proposed high-speed rail project. The following suggestions may help you compose effective comments.



Details matter:

- Include reference to the document section or, individual page in your comment.
- Indicate the particular project element or effect of concern, as well as the location of that element or effect.
- A more detailed comment will help the Authority to generate a more detailed response.



Structuring your comments:

- For multiple comments, numbering each comment will help the Authority respond specifically.
- Try to group multiple comments by topic.



Consider reviewing and commenting in collaboration with others:

- Working together can help you review the document more efficiently.
- If someone else has made comments that you agree with, you can refer to those comments rather than repeat the comments in your submission.
- The Authority will provide the same response to comments that raise the same issue. The number of times the same comment is submitted does not affect the response.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY COMMENTS?



In-Person

- Open Houses in San Francisco (July 20*, 4-7 pm), Redwood City (July 30*, 4-7 pm), and Santa Clara (August 5*, 4-7 pm)
 - Written comments or comment cards only
- Public Hearing in San Francisco (Aug 19*, 3-8 pm)
 - Verbal comments, written comments, or comment cards
- Northern California Regional Office* (9 am – 4 pm)
 - Written comments only



By Mail

- Attn: San Francisco to San Jose Project Section:
Draft EIR/EIS
Northern California Regional Office
100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300
San Jose, CA 95113



By Email

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***COVID-19 UPDATE:** Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, in-person meetings for the Draft EIR/EIS may need to change to online and/or teleconference meetings. Please check the Authority website (hsr.ca.gov) for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned hearing and open houses.