



DRAFT EIR/EIS FAQ

BURBANK TO LOS ANGELES PROJECT SECTION

WHEN WILL THE DOCUMENT BE AVAILABLE?



The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Burbank to Los Angeles (B-LA) Project Section will be published on **May 29, 2020**. The 45-day comment period closes on **July 31, 2020**.*

For more assistance navigating the B-LA environmental documents visit www.meethrsocal.org and/or join us for a live Open House on June 18, 2020 from 5-7:30 p.m. (comments received via the online open house will not be part of the public record).

HOW DO I ACCESS THE DOCUMENT?



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, if circumstances allow, during hours the facilities are open (days/hours may be reduced for compliance with coronavirus public health and safety directives):*

- CHSR Southern California Regional Office: 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- CHSR Headquarters: 770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Burbank, Buena Vista Branch Library
- Burbank, Northwest Branch Library
- Burbank Central Library
- Glendale, Grandview Library
- Glendale, Pacific Park and Community Center
- Glendale Central Library
- Atwater Village Branch Library
- Chinatown Branch Library
- Cypress Park Branch Library
- Lincoln Heights Branch Library
- Little Tokyo Branch Library

WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT EIR/EIS?



Volume I: Executive Summary & Report/Statement

- Executive Summary
- Chapter 1: Project Purpose, Need, & Objectives
- Chapter 2: Alternatives
- Chapter 3: Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, & Mitigation Measures
 - Introduction
 - Transportation
 - Air Quality and Global Climate Change
 - Noise and Vibration
 - Electromagnetic Interference and Electromagnetic Fields
 - Public Utilities and Energy
 - Biological and Aquatic Resources
 - Hydrology and Water Resources
 - Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources
 - Hazardous Materials and Wastes
 - Safety and Security
 - Socioeconomics and Communities

- Station Planning, Land Use, and Development
- Agricultural Farmland and Forest Land
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- Aesthetics and Visual Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Regional Growth
- Cumulative Impacts
- 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 and Station Sites
- Chapter 9: Public & Agency Involvement
- Other Supporting Chapters

Volume II: Technical Appendices

- Detailed data supporting environmental analysis

Volume III: Preliminary Engineering

- Preliminary engineering design plans

*Dates and locations, and format of meetings are subject to change. The comment period was originally 45-days, but has been extended an additional 15 days from July 16 to July 31, 2020.



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WHERE DO I FIND MAPS & VISUAL SIMULATIONS?



- Volume I, Chapter 2 contains general maps.
- Volume I, Chapter 3, Section 3.16, 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 the project
- Volume III, contains preliminary engineering design plans

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?



Public Hearing

- Verbal comments will be accepted at the virtual public hearing on July 8, 2020*, 3-8pm



By Email

- Burbank_Los.Angeles@hsr.ca.gov



By Phone

- Leave a recorded comment on the project section helpline at 877-977-1660

***COVID-19 UPDATE:** Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, the public open house will be held online and via telephone on June 18, 2020 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and the public hearing will be held online and via telephone on July 8, 2020 from 3:00-8:00 p.m.



By Mail

- Attn: Burbank to Los Angeles Draft EIR/EIS Comment
355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050
Los Angeles, CA 90071

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 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 23, 2019, and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration and the State of California

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