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Virtual Public Meeting #1

*Thank you for joining us this evening
The meeting will begin momentarily.*



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STOCKTON DIAMOND GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT



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September 15, 2020
6-7:30 p.m.



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- Attendees muted upon entry
- Chat box deactivated during meeting
- Facilitated Q&A session
- **Q&A participation (instructions displayed onscreen)**
 - Type questions/comments into Q&A box
 - Press *3 on phone to “Raise/Lower Hand” then wait to be called upon 
- Comment time limit: **1.5 minutes**
- Comments submittal through Oct. 3 via project email, website & hotline
- Meeting materials posted on website & meeting recorded



Project Overview



Environmental Review Process



Key Project Milestones



Communications & Engagement



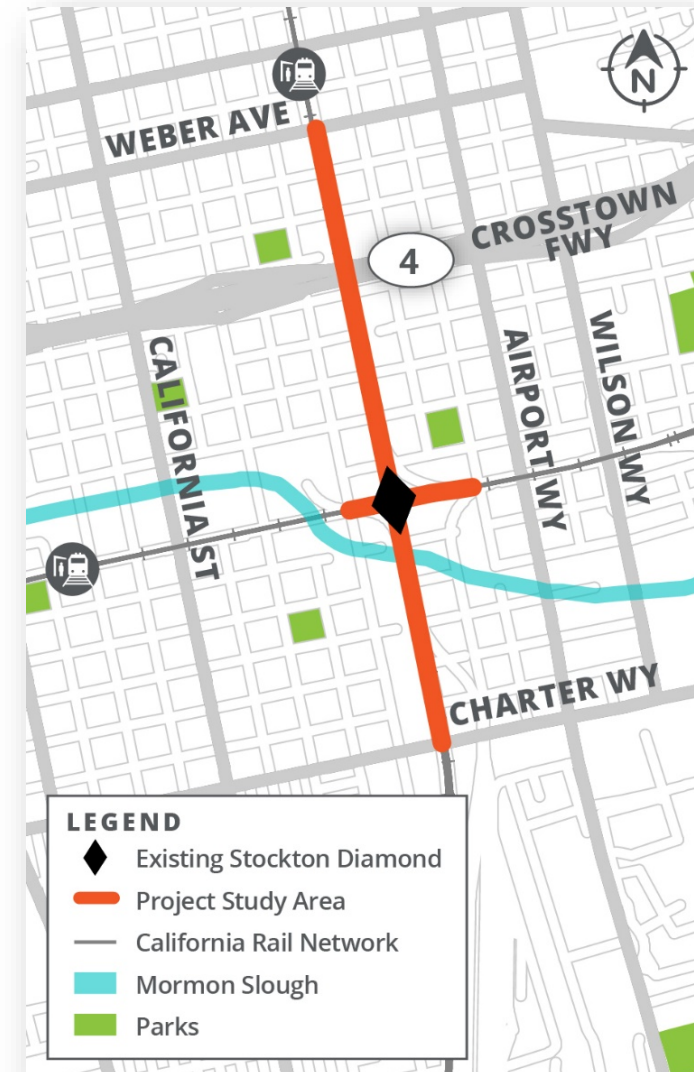
Questions & Discussion



◆ PROJECT OVERVIEW

Existing Rail Crossing

- Two rail lines intersect at-grade in Stockton
 - Union Pacific (runs north-south)
 - BNSF Railway (runs east-west)
- Stockton Diamond
 - Located just south of downtown
 - Double tracked, at-grade
- Rail lines shared with passenger services
 - UP (ACE & San Joaquins)
 - BNSF (San Joaquins)



Current Challenges

Busiest, most congested rail bottleneck in CA

- **Critical** transportation **hub**
 - Freight from Port of Stockton to national network
 - Passenger service links affordable housing to jobs
- Significant rail **congestion** and service **delays**
- Impacts **frequency**, **reliability** and **expansion** potential
- Local **multi-modal delays** at rail crossings





STIMULATE MOBILITY: Improve rail efficiency and reliability



ENHANCE SAFETY: Improve track crossings



ECONOMIC VITALITY: Increased throughput



INSPIRE CONNECTIONS: Support service expansion linking residents to jobs

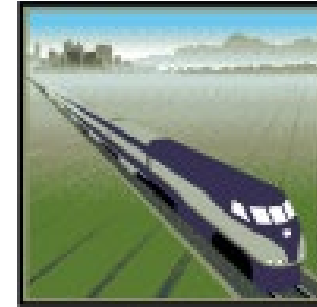


SUSTAINABILITY: Improve air quality with emission reduction

Project Partners



SAN JOAQUIN
REGIONAL
RAIL COMMISSION



San Joaquin
Joint Powers Authority

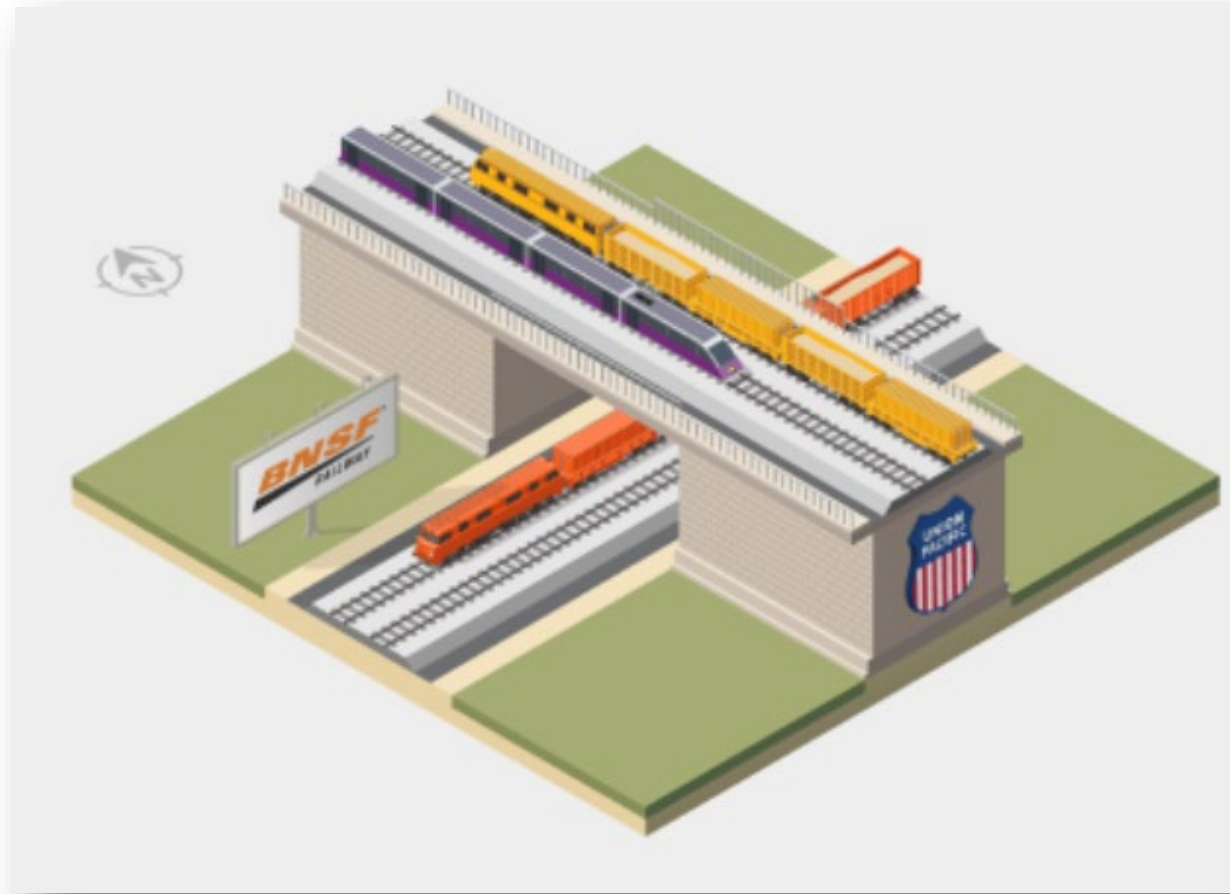


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High-Speed Rail Authority



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— COUNTY —
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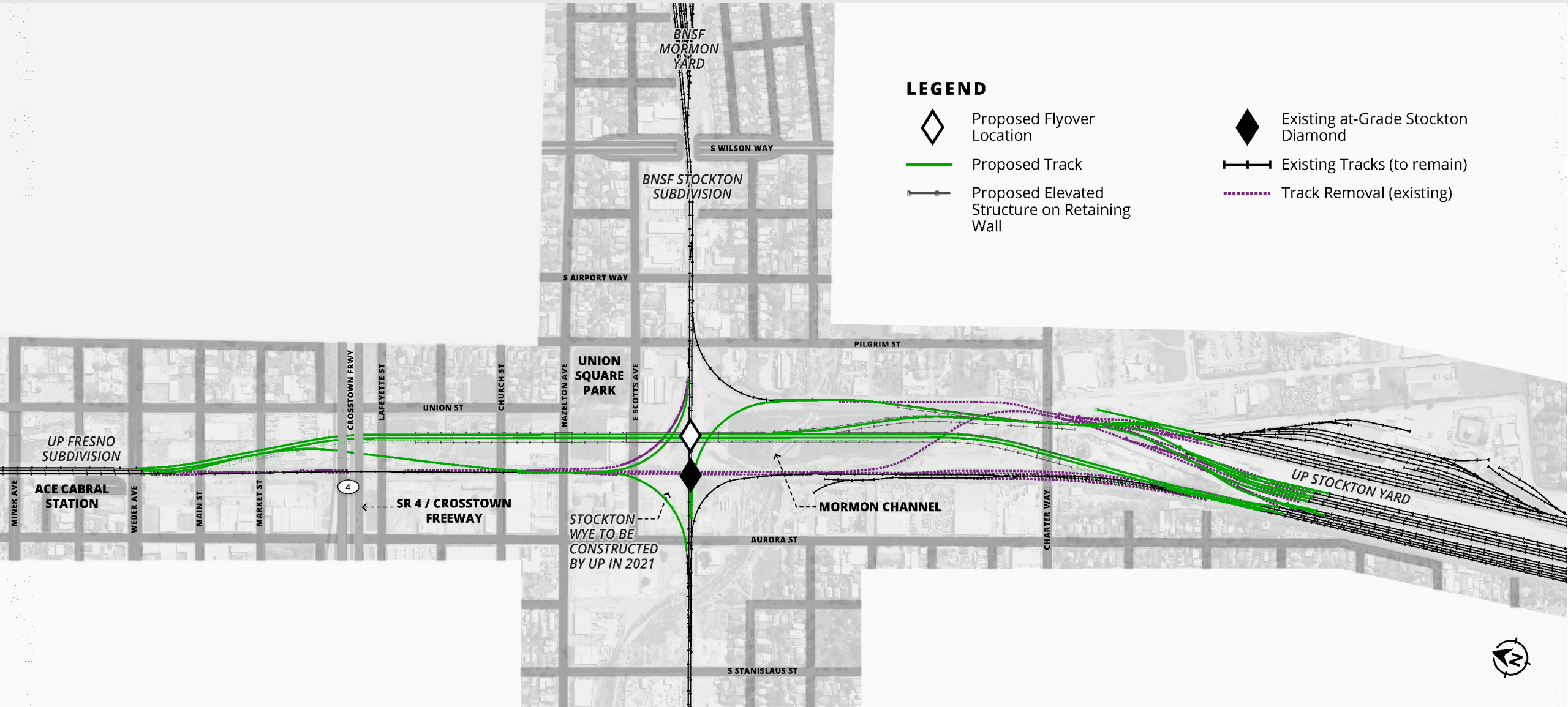




- Grade separation with flyover bridge
 - Uninterrupted rail flow through crossing
- Identification of feasible concepts
 - Partner and stakeholder coordination
- Grade separation concept reviewed for environmental impact
 - Identification of mitigation measures

Unlocking freight & passenger rail mobility in Northern CA

Proposed Flyover Bridge Location



Flyover Concept Examples



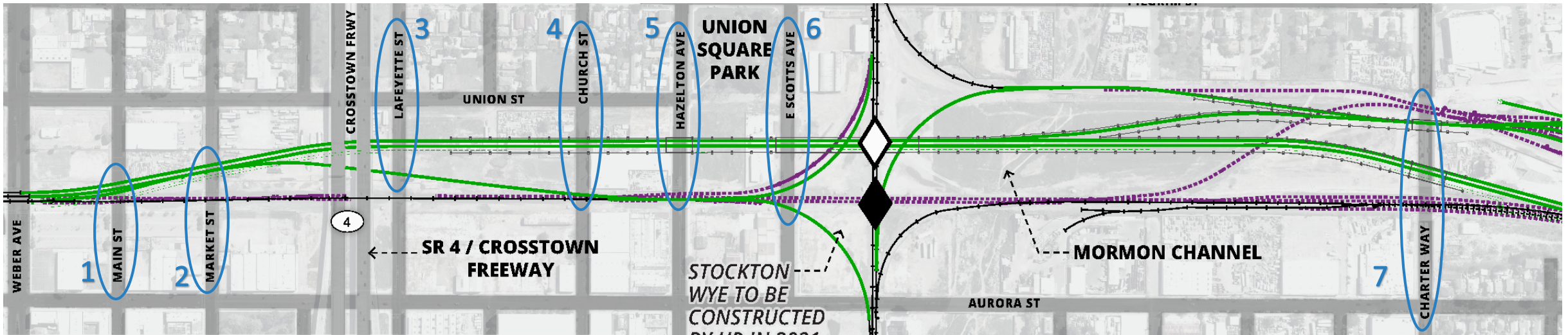
Design & materials to be determined through planning process

Local Road Crossings

- Revised alignment, rail connections and flyover bridge will impact several local east-west city streets
- Currently evaluating grade separation and closures at several crossings
- Changes to local roads to be determined through analysis and input

Potential Local Roadway Modifications:

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Main Street | 5. Hazelton Avenue |
| 2. Market Street | 6. E. Scotts Avenue |
| 3. Lafayette Street | 7. Charter Way |
| 4. E. Church Street | |



Why We're Here Today?

- Gather public input into environmental scope of the project:
 - What key resources in the project area should be consider by SJRRC and CHSRA in the environmental analysis?
 - Do you have any concerns regarding this proposed project?
 - Are there any community organizations or other stakeholder groups SJRRC and CHSRA should coordinate with to understand community concerns?

Suggestions and comments accepted from all interested parties until 5 p.m. PDT on October 3, 2020 through website, email, mail and information hotline



◆ ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW



Preferred project concept analyzed within:



- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - **CEQA Lead Agency** = San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - **NEPA Lead Agency** = California High Speed Rail Authority under assignment by Federal Railroad Administration

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA)

- EIR/EA assess potential impacts to physical, human and natural environment



Coordination with regulatory agencies including, but not limited to:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board Encroachment Permit
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District



Ongoing regional community stakeholders and general public

- Engagement and input are critical to planning process

Environmental Resource Areas



Land Use Planning



Population
& Housing



Air Quality & Greenhouse
Gas Emissions



Noise & Vibration



Visual Resources



Parks &
Recreation



Biological
Resources



Hydrology &
Water Quality



Cultural
Resources



Hazards & Hazardous
Materials



Transportation
& Circulation



Geology
& Soils



Energy



Public Services
& Utilities



Agriculture & Forestry
Resources



Wildfire

Focus on Environmental Justice



Potential Project Burdens



Noise &
Vibration



Visual
Resources



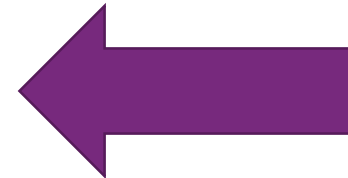
Cultural
Resources



Public Services
& Utilities



Environmental
Justice



Potential Project Benefits



Air Quality &
Greenhouse
Gas Emissions



Transportation
& Circulation



Energy

Steps	Activity
1	Notice of Preparation of EIR/EA
2	Scoping & 45-Day Public Comment Period – Virtual Public Meetings
3	Draft EIR/EA Development
4	Draft EIR/EA Minimum 30-day Public Comment Period – Public Meeting
5	Development of FINAL EIR/EA (includes response to comments)
6	SJRRC Board Approval/Adoption – Public Hearing

While the public will be engaged throughout the CEQA/NEPA process, steps 2, 4 & 6 represent formal Public Comment Periods

Scoping Comments Submittal

- Comments concerning the proposed project's environmental scope should be submitted via the following options:



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◆ KEY PROJECT MILESTONES

Current & Future Project Phases

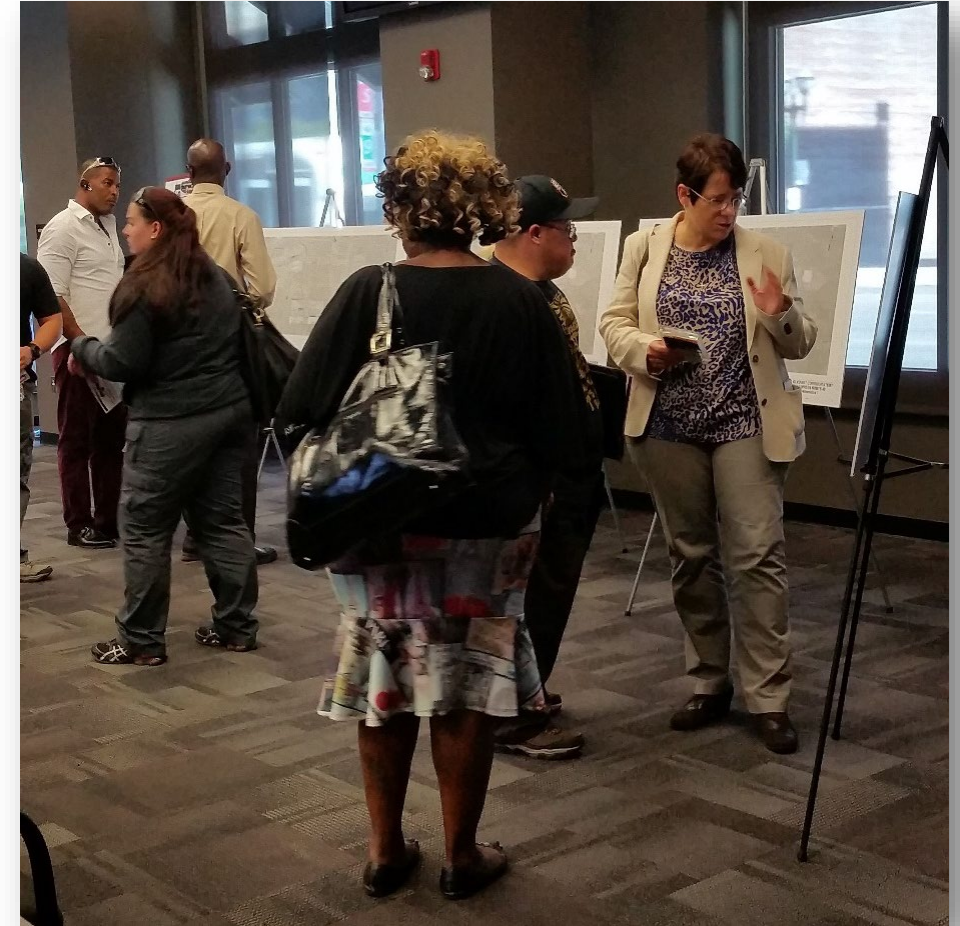




1. Review Project Scoping comments
2. Conduct Technical Studies on resource areas
3. Collect analysis and develop Draft EIR/EA



Ongoing Stakeholder & Public Engagement





◆ COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Proactive Public Engagement



Contact Database



Speakers Bureau &
Stakeholder
Working Group



Website, Mailers
E-blasts, Hotline
Public Meetings
(virtual & in-person)



Media Coordination
& Social Media



Stakeholder Coordination
& Information Sharing



- What questions or concerns do you have?
- We'd like to hear from you:
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◆ Q&A SESSION



SUBMIT QUESTIONS

- Select appropriate icon
 - **Internet Browser:** select 
 - **WebEx Software:** select “▼ Q&A”
 - **Mobile App:** select , then 
- Type name & organization with question/comment into Q&A box
- Moderators will read question/comment out loud
- **TIME LIMIT:** 1.5 minutes





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- Project currently estimated to cost \$237 million
- SJRRC working to secure funding from local, state and federal sources to complete project
 - Includes \$100 million in Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding through California's Senate Bill (SB) 1
 - \$25 million Federal grant from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program
- SB 132 and Interregional Transportation Improvement Program funding already secured to match project funds

