ASSEMBLY JOINT HEARING REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN

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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

- Revised Draft Plan released on February 9, 2021
- 30-day public review through March 12, 2021
- Final Business Plan to Legislature by April 15, 2021

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SENATE RULES

December 4, 2020

Tom Richards, Chair California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors 770 L Street, Suite 800 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Richards:

I am writing to extend the statutory deadline for submission of the High-Speed Rail 2020 business plan to the Legislature from December 15, 2020 to April 15, 2021, with an updated draft provided by February 12, 2021.

Given the results of the recent Presidential election, as well as the continued disruptions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, this extension will allow the Authority to fully integrate the changing context in which this project is proceeding and ensure that the final Business Plan accurately captures the current status and future direction. It will also allow the Authority to provide the most recent and accurate information available to inform the Legislature's discussions in the coming session

Thank you and I look forward to continued engagement with your board of directors on this critically important issue.

Warmly

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2020 COVID-19 Impacts to High-Speed Rail:

244 workers quarantined;

- »\$288 million in lost Cap and Trade revenue;
- »Environmental schedules extended for 4 project sections;
- »Track and Systems procurement delayed until Q3 2021;
- »Right of Way acquisition affected by court delays



REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN SCHEDULE UPDATES

We anticipate needing more time to complete Central Valley Segment construction

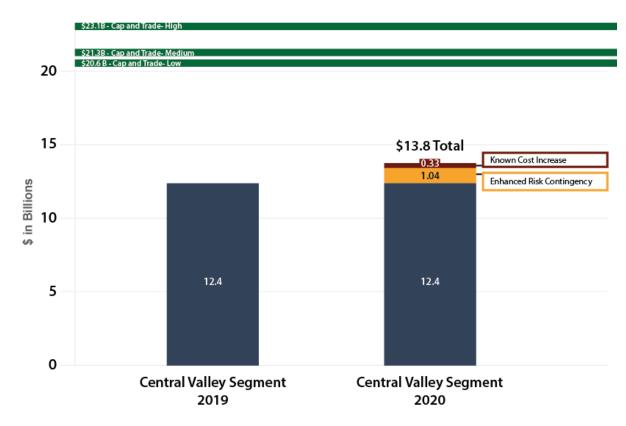
Construction Elements	Projected Completion
Construction Package 1	December 2023
Construction Package 2-3	December 2023
Construction Package 4	April 2022
Track and Systems Contract Award	Q3 2021





REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN CENTRAL VALLEY SEGMENT COST UPDATES

- »Construction costs have increased by \$330 million
- »Remaining construction still has risk and impacts due to the pandemic.
- Recommend adding approximately \$1.0 billion to contingency
- »Estimate includes phased track implementation (single track for system testing)





REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN SCHEDULE UPDATES FOR RECORDS OF DECISION

Project Section	Draft EIR/EIS	Projected ROD Date	
Bakersfield to Palmdale	Complete (February 2020)	Q2 2021	
Burbank to Los Angeles	Complete (May 2020)	Q4 2021	
San José to Merced	Complete (April 2020)	Q1 2022	
San Francisco to San José	Complete (July 2020)	Q2 2022	
Palmdale to Burbank	Q3 2021	Q4 2022	
Los Angeles to Anaheim	Q4 2021 to Q1 2022	Q4 2022 to Q2 2023	



WHY EXTEND TO BAKERSFIELD AND MERCED

171-MILE INTERIM SERVICE

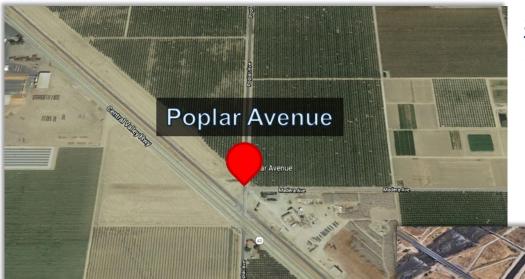
- It reduces travel time by 90-100 minutes
- It provides a valuable state asset and more than doubles service through the Central Valley from – 7 daily trips to 18
- It connects three of the fastest growing cities of the state
- It produces the greatest ridership increase and farebox benefit for the smallest investment compared to other corridors
- Provides for interim connection to parts north via the San Joaquin service (into Bay Area and Sacramento) and bus connection in the south to the LA Basin
- Implementation for 171-mile segment is expected to generate 203k job years and \$40B in economic activity



Bakersfield Station Artist Concept



Southern Terminus Options



SHAFTER – Poplar Avenue

 Southern terminus of 119-mile first construction segment

F Street

BAKERSFIELD – F Street

 Southern terminus of Newsom Administration's first high-speed operating segment (171 miles)



Northern Terminus Options



MADERA - Road 26

 Northern terminus of 119-mile FRA-funded first construction segment (current Amtrak station)

15th/16th Street

MERCED - W 15th/W 16th St

 Northern terminus of Newsom Administration's first high-speed operating segment (proposed station where HSR, ACE and San Joaquin service will connect)



ADDRESSING COMMENTS ON INTERIM SERVICE: MERCED TO BAKERSFIELD

We evaluated questions raised by Legislature and Peer Review Group:

- »Independent peer review of ridership forecasts
- »Memorandum of Understanding with CalSTA and San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority for interim service roles and responsibilities



REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN PEER REVIEW OF RIDERSHIP PROJECTIONS

Further analysis conducted to address questions on ridership estimates:

- »Peer Review Group helped define the scope of independent review
- »Resource Systems Group a third party transportation research and analytics firm – assessed whether assumptions and results were reasonable
- »Resource Systems Group review concluded:
 - » "No fatal flaws" with the work performed by the Early Train Operator
 - » Ridership estimates are within expected "ranges for travel time and frequency"
 - » Merced to Bakersfield initial operating segment <u>"Obtains the highest forecast gain in ridership and does so at the lowest increase in cost"</u> compared to the Burbank-Anaheim and San José-Gilroy corridors



REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN MERCED AND BAKERSFIELD EXTENSIONS

These studies and efforts reaffirm value in the Merced to Bakersfield interim service:

- »The Merced and Bakersfield extensions are environmentally cleared
- »We recommend advancing design which will include engineering and:
 - » Right-of-way mapping
 - » Identifying utility relocations
 - » Third-party agreements
 - » Establishing the project footprint (project configuration)
- »This will refine our cost estimates and prepare these extensions for preconstruction activities



REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN CURRENT FUNDING

Funding:

- »Business Plan updates funding forecast through 2030 as a range based on Cap-and-Trade projections
- Total funding range is \$20.6 billion to \$23.1 billion
- •Cost estimate to complete Merced to Bakersfield Line ranges from \$21.3 billion to \$22.8 billion (base cost estimate is \$22.2 billion)
- »Funding Plan to seek appropriation of remaining Proposition 1A funds as part of the 2021 Budget Act to complete construction currently underway



PROGRESS - 2018 to 2020

\wedge		Dec. 2018		Dec. 2020		March 2021
	Construction Jobs Created	2,573	VS.	5,216	VS.	5,532
2	Structures Completed or in Construction	19	VS.	56	VS.	65
	Environmental Drafts Released and ROD's Certified	5	VS.	12	VS.	12
	Right-Of-Way Parcels Acquired	1,423	VS.	1,771	VS.	1,799
	Miles of Guideways	47	VS.	79	VS.	80
\$	Monthly Average Expenditures on Design-Build Contracts	\$30.47M	VS.	\$68.13M	VS.	\$68.13M
EA	Design Completed	46%	VS.	92%	VS.	95%



REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN 2021 MILESTONES

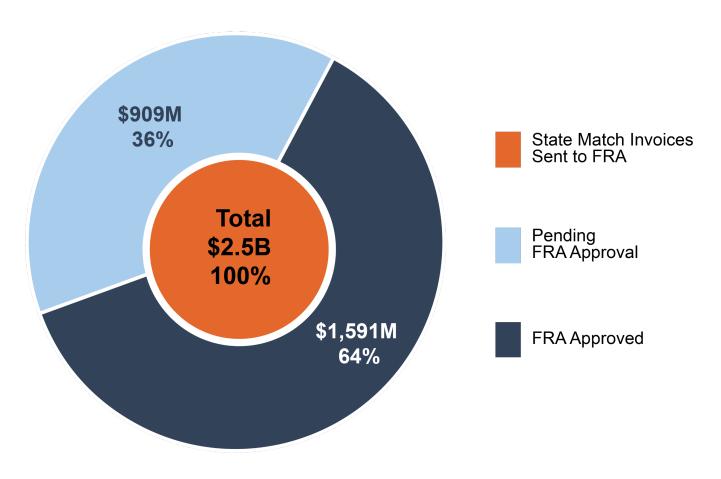
Over the next 12-15 months:

- »100% of ARRA state match will be completed in Q1 2021 22 months ahead of December 2022 deadline
- »Substantial completion of Construction Package 4
- »Environmental clearance of first two segments in Los Angeles County
 - Bakersfield to Palmdale
 - Burbank to Los Angeles
- »Award Track and Systems contract, commence work in 2022
- »Begin advance design work on Merced and Bakersfield extensions
- »Construction completed or underway on
 - •83 of 93 structures
- 106 of 119 miles of guideway



REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN FULFILLING OUR ARRA GRANT COMMITMENTS

ARRA matching funds:





REVISED DRAFT 2020 BUSINESS PLAN A NEW FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

The Biden administration presents an opportunity to re-establish our federal partnership:

- »The Authority is engaging with new administration on:
 - »Restoration of Federal Partnership
 - »Settling litigation to restore FY/10 grant funding de-obligated by the Trump Administration
 - »Program delivery schedule flexibility
- »New administration and Congress create opportunity for increased federal investment in electrified high-speed rail
 - »California is well-prepared to benefit (i.e., SB 1, Cap and Trade \$, commitment to cleaner transportation future)



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"It always seems impossible until it is done"

Nelson Mandela



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