

Notice of Agency Actions on Proposed Railroad Project in California by the California High-Speed Rail Authority

AGENCY:

California High-Speed Rail Authority

ACTION:

Notice.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) are issuing this notice to announce final agency actions taken by CHSRA. The actions relate to the Link Union Station (Link US) Project. The Link US Project will address existing capacity constraints at Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS). The Link US Project will transform LAUS from a station with stub-end tracks into a station with run-through tracks. It will extend ten tracks south of LAUS Platforms 2 through 6 to merge into a minimum of four tracks over US-101 on a viaduct that will continue south to connect to mainline tracks along the west bank of the Los Angeles River. It will replace the existing pedestrian passageway under the LAUS platforms and tracks with a new, expanded passageway. The new run-through tracks will serve regional/intercity trains and future high-speed rail trains south of LAUS. The Link US Project also includes off-site railroad improvements to BNSF Railway's Malabar Yard in the City of Vernon. The Malabar Yard railroad improvements will include closure of the 49th Street at-grade railroad crossing and construction of a new connector track along 46th Street between two existing track segments. These actions grant approvals for project implementation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other laws, regulations, and executive orders.

DATES:

By this notice, CHSRA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 24201(a)(4) by issuing approvals for the Link US Project. A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions for the Link US Project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before March 13, 2028 (2 years from the date of this notice calculated under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6). If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than two years for filing such claim, then the shorter time period applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Effective July 23, 2019, and as subsequently renewed on July 22, 2024, Federal Railroad Administration assigned, and the State of California, acting through CHSRA, assumed

environmental responsibilities for the Project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that CHSRA has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 24201(a)(4) by issuing approvals for the Project.

The purpose of the proposed action is to increase the regional and intercity rail service capacity of LAUS and to improve schedule reliability at LAUS through the implementation of a run-through tracks configuration and elimination of the current stub-end tracks configuration while preserving current levels of freight rail operations, accommodating the planned high-speed rail system in Southern California, increasing the passenger/pedestrian capacity and enhancing the safety of LAUS through the implementation of a new passenger concourse meeting the multi-modal transportation demands at LAUS.

For the Link US Project, CHSRA has selected the Build Alternative, which includes Rail Yard Canopy Design Options 1 and 2 and the Build Alternative Design Option, as the Selected Alternative. The Selected Alternative spans, in part, approximately 1.4 miles in the City of Los Angeles from the northern Project limit at North Main Street (MP 1.18) to the southern Project limit in the vicinity of CP Olympic, south of Interstate 10 and Olympic Boulevard (MP 142.70). The Selected Alternative and the laws under which CHSRA's actions were taken are described in the Combined Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (Combined Final EIS/ROD) for the Link US Project, executed on January 14, 2026, and published on March 13, 2026.

The Combined Final EIS/ROD will be available on Metro's website at www.linkunionstation.com. Electronic and paper copies of the Combined Final EIS/ROD may be requested from Metro's Records Management Center (Address: One Gateway Plaza, Plaza Level, Los Angeles, CA 90012; Email: linkunionstation@metro.net; Phone: (213) 922-2524) or CHSRA Headquarters (Address: 770 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; Phone: (800) 455-8166).

The Combined Final EIS/ROD and the Executive Summary (ES) translated in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Khmer, Vietnamese and Korean are available on the Link US Project website and at the locations listed below; however, not all versions are available at every location. Translation of other languages will be provided upon request.

- LA Central Public Library (Downtown): 630 W. 5th Street | Los Angeles, CA 90071
 - Hard copies of Combined Final EIS/ROD in English, and ES in English and Spanish
- LA Union Station/Metro Library: One Gateway Plaza, 15th Floor | Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Hard copies of Combined Final EIS/ROD in English, and ES in English and Spanish
- Chinatown Branch Library: 639 N. Hill Street | Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Hard copy of ES in English, Spanish and Chinese
- Lincoln Heights Branch Library: 2530 Workman Street | Los Angeles, CA 90031
 - Hard copy of ES in English, Spanish and Chinese
- Little Tokyo Branch Library: 203 S. Los Angeles Street | Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Hard copy of ES in English, Spanish, Korean and Japanese
- William Mead Homes Administrative Office: 1300 North Cardinal Street | Los Angeles, CA 90012

- o Hard copies of Combined Final EIS/ROD in English, and ES in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Khmer and Vietnamese
- Care First Village Administrative Office (For Residents Only): 1060 North Vignes Street | Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - o Hard copy of ES in English, Spanish, Khmer and Vietnamese
- Vernon City Hall: 4305 Santa Fe Avenue | Vernon, CA 90058
 - o Hard copies of Combined Final EIS/ROD in English and ES in English
- LA Union Station/Metro Records Management Center (Requires appointment: (213) 922-2641): One Gateway Plaza, Plaza Level, Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - o Hard copies of Combined Final EIS/ROD in English, and ES in English and Spanish
- CHSRA Headquarters (Requires appointment: (800) 455-8166): 770 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
 - o Hard copy of Combined Final EIS/ROD in English

This notice applies to all decisions on the Link US Project as of the issuance date of this notice and all federal laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*);
2. Council on Environmental Quality regulations (1978);¹
3. Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act;
4. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Section 4(f);
5. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Section 6(f);
6. Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990;
7. Clean Water Act of 1977 and 1987;
8. Endangered Species Act of 1973;
9. Migratory Bird Treaty Act;
10. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended;
11. Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands;
12. Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management;
13. Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species.

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has withdrawn its 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508 regulations from the Federal Register. CEQ's Interim Final Rule Rescinding CEQ Regulations, 90 Fed. Reg. 10610 (Feb. 25, 2025). However, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is relying on the regulations as they existed on the date of the initial Notice of Intent (NOI), May 31, 2016. Therefore, all citations to CEQ regulations refer to the 1978 regulations and the 1986 amendment, 51 Federal Register (FR) 15618 (Apr. 25, 1986).