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Stockton Diamond Project Team Accepting Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment

Comment period to run from March 28 to April 27, 2022

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Lead Agency, is issuing this Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and bilingual public open house for the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project. The 30-day comment period for the Draft EA is now available through April 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Comments may be submitted by way of:

- <u>www.stocktondiamond.com</u>
- info@StocktonDiamond.com.
- (209)235-0133
- c/o Stockton Diamond Project, 2379 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833
- At the public open house listed below

The public is invited to attend a Public Open House for the project:

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Stribley Community Center (1760 E Sonora St., Stockton) At the Public Open House, members of the community are invited to drop in, anytime between 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Project members will be available to answer questions and provide information on findings from the environmental review process, including the proposed concept for the rail intersection and proposed improvements for surrounding streets. Refreshments will be provided.

COVID-19 protocol: everyone in attendance will be asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Spanish interpreters will be available at the open house.

The Draft EA is also available for review online (<u>www.stocktondiamond.com</u>) and at repository locations (listed below) throughout the project area.

- Stockton City Hall, 425 N. El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202
- San Joaquin Council of Governments, 555 E Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202-2804
- San Joaquin County, 44 North San Joaquin Street, Second Floor Suite 260, Stockton, CA 95202



San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission"

STOCKTON DIAMOND GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT







- Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N. El Dorado St, Stockton, CA 95202-1907
- Margaret K. Troke Branch Library, 502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr, Stockton, CA 95207
- Maya Angelou Branch Library, 2324 Pock Ln, Stockton, CA 95205-7821
- Stribley Micro Library, 1760 E Sonora St, Stockton, CA 95205
- Fair Oaks Branch Library, 2370 E Main St, Stockton, CA 95205
- Weston Ranch Branch Library, 1453 W. French Camp Rd, Stockton, CA 95206
- Arnold Rue Micro Library, 5758 Lorraine Ave., Stockton, CA 95210
- Van Buskirk Micro Library, 734 Houston Ave., Stockton, CA 95206
- CHSRA's Headquarters, 770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1, Sacramento, CA 95814
- SJRRC's Office, 949 E. Channel St. Stockton, CA 95202

About the Project

Today, the tracks of two major railroads intersect at-grade in the City of Stockton at what is called the Stockton Diamond. This rail intersection, located just south of Downtown Stockton near Aurora Street South and East Scotts Avenue, is the busiest, most congested rail bottleneck in California. The proposed Project would grade separate the main tracks, BNSF Railway (BNSF) and Union Pacific Railroad (UP) to elevate UP main track over BNSF main track, which would improve air quality and enhance safety. The proposed Project would also support faster, more reliable passenger rail travel options and expansion of service linking travelers to friends and family gatherings, employment and key destinations throughout Northern California

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