

# Redlands Passenger Rail Project

Draft Environmental Impact Statement/  
Environmental Impact Report  
State Clearinghouse #2012041012

PUBLIC MEETING  
The Hotel  
September 9, 2014

- Please remember to sign in
- Written comments due September 29, 2014



# Meeting Agenda

- Project Overview
- Environmental Review Process
  - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Draft EIS/EIR Review and Comment
- Questions and Comments
- Comment Work Stations

# Project Overview

- **Project Overview**
  - Key Project in **Measure I** 2010–2040 Strategic Plan and 10-yr Delivery Plan
  - Local transit service between Downtown San Bernardino and Redlands
  - AM/PM Peak hours - 30-minute trains
  - Non-Peak hours - 60-minute trains
  - Metrolink commuter rail service in AM/PM peak hours from Downtown Redlands
- **Use of Existing SANBAG Right-of-Way (ROW)**
  - ROW includes majority of the proposed RPRP improvements
  - Existing freight service (once per week)
- **Improvements**
  - New tracking, at-grade crossings, and replace/retrofit of existing bridges
  - Passenger boarding at four new stations; with station stops at five locations
  - Train layover facility
  - Quiet zones

# Project Location and SANBAG's Right-of-Way



# Alternatives Evaluated in the Draft EIS/EIR

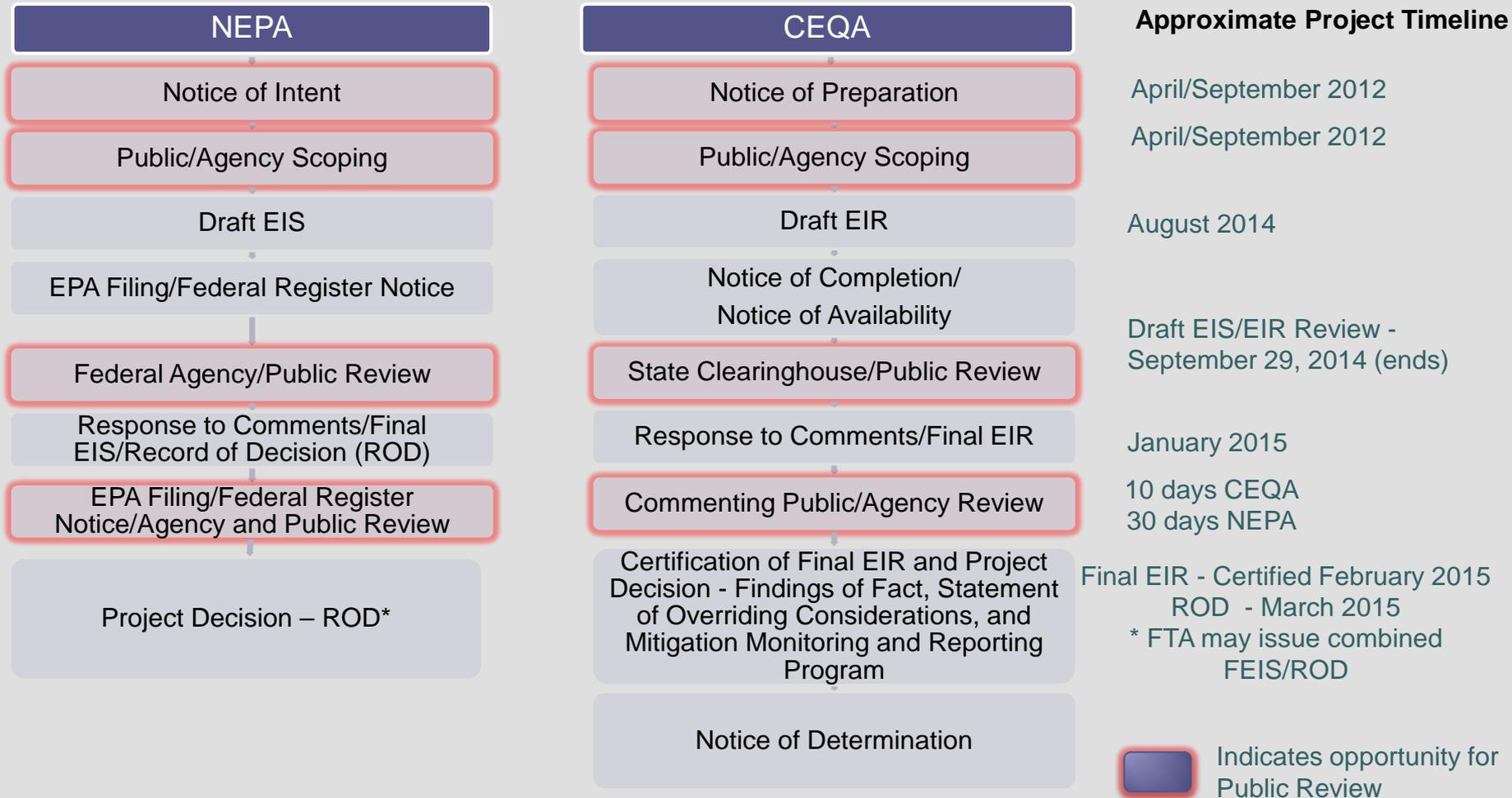
- **Alternatives Considered**
  - No Build (Maintenance)
  - Preferred Project (Train Layover Facility at California Street)
  - Reduced Project Footprint (at River Crossings and Mission Zanja Channel)
- **Vehicle Technology Options Considered**
  - Passenger Locomotive (MP-36 and F-59)
  - Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU)
- **Project Design Options**
  - Train Layover Facility (Waterman Avenue)
  - Use of Existing Train Layover Facilities (EMF and IEMF)
  - Waterman Avenue Rail Station (option to Tippecanoe)

Project  
Initiation

# Project Schedule



# Overview of Joint NEPA/CEQA Process



 Indicates opportunity for Public Review

# NEPA/CEQA Process to Date

- **NEPA**

- Notice of Intent (NOI): Federal Register (July 31, 2012)
- NOI Comment Period: July 31, 2012 – October 11, 2012
- Draft EIS: Federal Register (August 15, 2014)

- **CEQA**

- Notice of Preparation (NOP): State Clearinghouse/County Clerk (April 10, 2012)
- NOP Comment Period (April 10, 2012 to May 12, 2012)
- Draft EIR: State Clearinghouse/County Clerk (August 6, 2014)

- **Prior Scoping Meetings**

- City of Redlands – ESRI Café: April 24, 2012
- City of San Bernardino – San Bernardino Hilton: May 2, 2012
- City of San Bernardino – San Bernardino Hilton: September 25, 2012
- City of Redlands – ESRI Café: September 27, 2012

# Draft EIS/EIR Distribution

- **Notice of Availability (NEPA/CEQA)**
  - Published in local newspapers (August 6<sup>th</sup>): (1) San Bernardino Sun, (2) Redlands Daily Facts, and (3) Inland Empire Community News
  - Posted with San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board (August 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Published in the Federal Register (August 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - U.S. certified mailing of NOA to adjacent property owners (August 6<sup>th</sup>)
- **Notice of Completion (CEQA)**
  - Filed with the State Clearinghouse (August 6<sup>th</sup>)
- **Draft EIS/EIR:**
  - Available for download at SANBAG's website:  
<http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/redlands-transit.html>
  - Hardcopies available for review at: SANBAG, Cities of San Bernardino and Redlands, Feldheym Public Library, County Clerk, and University of Redlands Library

# Organization of the Draft EIS/EIR

- **Executive Summary**
- **Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need**
- **Chapter 2 – Alternatives Considered**
- **Chapter 3 – Environmental Analysis, Consequences, and Mitigation**
  - 3.1 Introduction to Analysis
  - 3.2 Land Use, Planning and Communities
  - 3.3 Transportation
  - 3.4 Visual Quality and Aesthetics
  - 3.5 Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
  - 3.6 Noise and Vibration
  - 3.7 Biological and Wetlands Resources
  - 3.8 Floodplains, Hydrology, and Water Quality
  - 3.9 Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
  - 3.10 Hazards and Hazardous Materials
  - 3.11 Energy
  - 3.12 Cultural and Historical Resources
  - 3.13 Parklands, Community Services, and Other Public Facilities
  - 3.14 Economic and Fiscal Impacts
  - 3.15 Safety and Security
  - 3.16 Section 4 (F) Resources
  - 3.17 Environmental Justice
- **Chapter 4 – Cumulative Effects**
- **Chapter 5 – Other Statutory Considerations**
- **Chapter 6 – Public and Agency Outreach**
- **Chapter 7 – References**
- **Chapter 8 – List of Preparers**
- **Chapter 9 – List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**
- **Chapter 10 – Index**
- **Appendices**
  - A through O

# Summary of Environmental Effects

- **Significant and Unmitigable Effects**
  - Land Use, Planning and Communities (Physical division of communities from placement of sound barriers, if constructed)
  - Visual Quality and Aesthetics (Changes to visual character or quality from placement of sound barriers, if constructed)
  - Noise (Permanent increase in ambient noise from passing trains)
  - Floodplains and Hydrology (Placement of transportation infrastructure within a 100-year Flood Zone)
- **All other effects can be reduced to no adverse effect (or less than significant) with mitigation or result in no adverse effect**

# Next Steps

- **Response to Comments**
  - SANBAG/FTA will respond to written comments on the content of the Draft EIS/EIR as part of the Final EIS/EIR
- **Preparation and release of Final EIS/EIR**
  - Responses to written comments received will be included in the Final EIS/EIR
  - Changes/edits to the Draft EIS/EIR will be reflected in the Final EIS/EIR (e.g. underline/strikeout)
  - Comment letters on the Draft EIS/EIR will be included in the Final EIS/EIR

# Next Steps (Cont.)

- **Public Circulation of the Final EIS/EIR**
  - 30-day review period (same methods of noticing as the Draft EIS/EIR)
  - Agencies and public will have an opportunity to comment on the Final EIS/EIR
- **FTA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD)**
  - FTA may elect to issue a joint Final EIS/ROD consistent with Federal Regulations
- **Final EIR Certification**
  - SANBAG's Board of Directors will consider certification the Final EIR at a public hearing

# Submitting Comments on Draft EIS/EIR

**Draft EIS/EIR Public Comment Period:** August 6, 2014 to  
September 29, 2014

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**\*\* Written comments  
are necessary for  
a direct response  
as part of the Final  
EIS/EIR process.**

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# Making Comments Today

- **Comment Cards – See stations**
- **Comments may be submitted by e-mail:**  
[RPRP\\_Public\\_Comments@sanbag.ca.gov](mailto:RPRP_Public_Comments@sanbag.ca.gov)
- **Oral Comments:** A court reporter is present at the meeting to transcribe oral comments
- **Spanish bilingual and American Sign Language staff on-hand today – *Traducción disponible en español***
- **Draft EIS/EIR Comment Period:** Comments by mail must be postmarked by September 29, 2014