



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

A TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE

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HIGH-SPEED RAIL: More Than A Transportation Program

- California is 7th Largest Economy in the World
- Comparable to Northeast Corridor in Terms of Distance, Population and Complexity
- Transformative Investment
- Connecting all California Population Centers



HIGH-SPEED RAIL OFFERS MORE CHOICES IN CALIFORNIA

- The State's Population is Growing
 - » 50 million by 2050
- Congestion Diminishes Our Competitiveness
 - » Highway: Six of top 30 **congested urban areas** in US are in California
 - » Airways: LAX to SFO is the **busiest short-haul market** in United States
 - » Railways: Freight and passenger service share tracks
- Poor Air Quality Impacts Our Communities
 - » South Coast and Central Valley Air Basins Don't Meet Current Clean Air Objectives
- An Efficient and Less Expensive Alternative
 - » Alternatives are 2-3 times more expensive



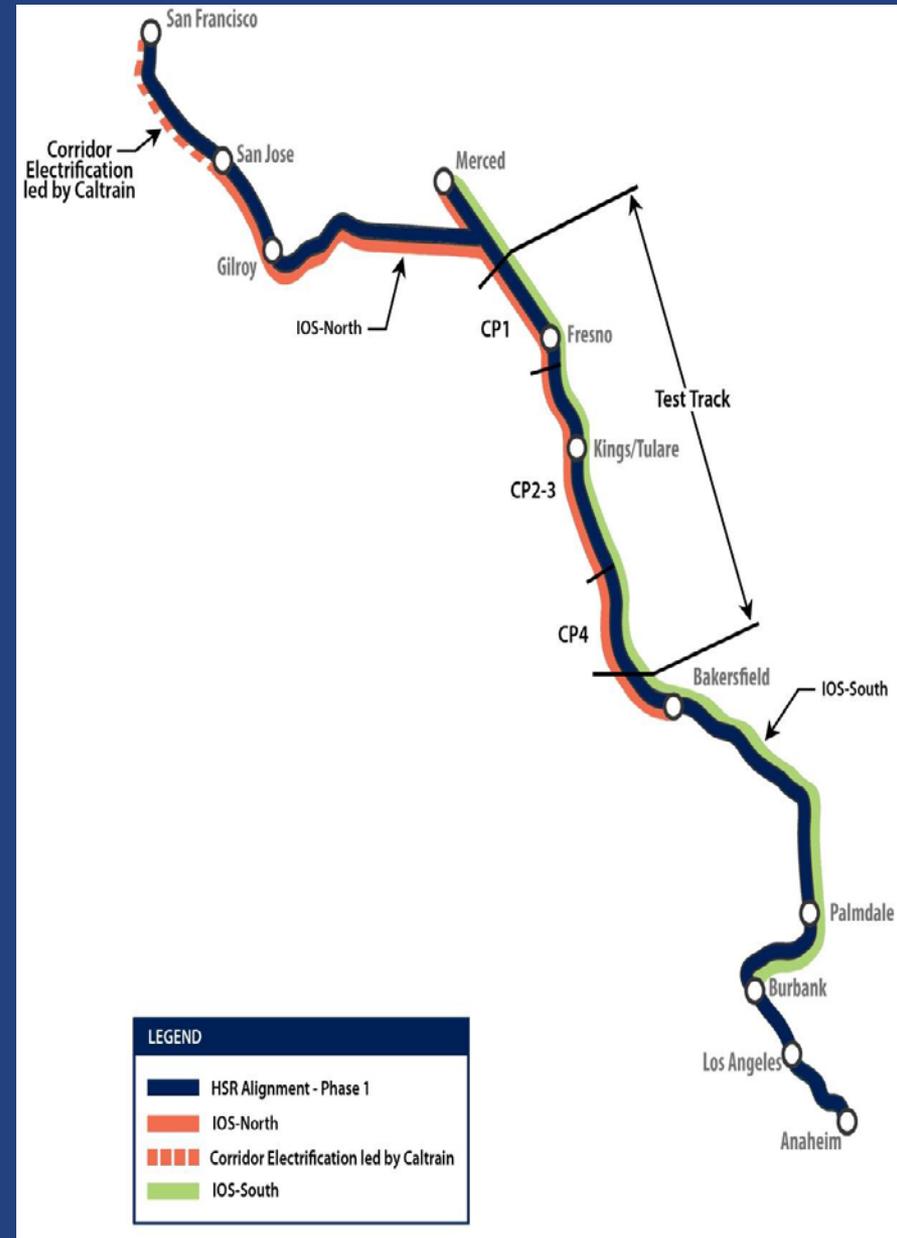
CONNECTING CALIFORNIA: PROJECT SCOPE



- Phase I:
 - » 520 Miles
 - » San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim
- Phase II:
 - » Extends 300 Miles
 - » Connections to Sacramento & San Diego
- Proposition 1A
 - » At least 200 mph
 - » San Francisco-Los Angeles Union Station: two hours, 40 minutes
 - » 24 total stations

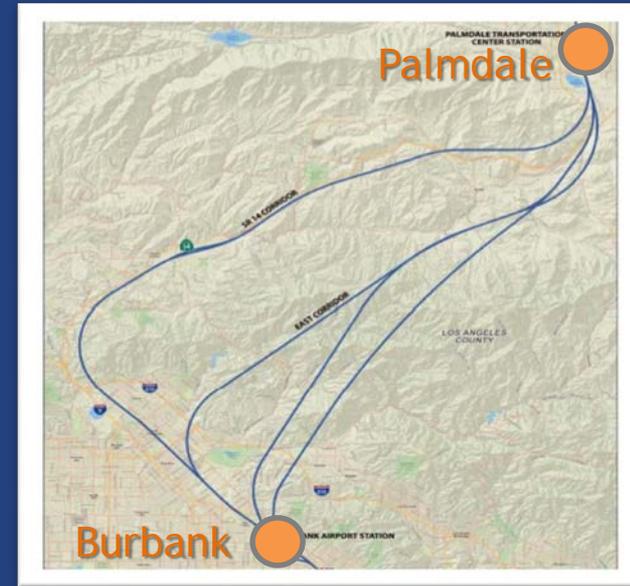
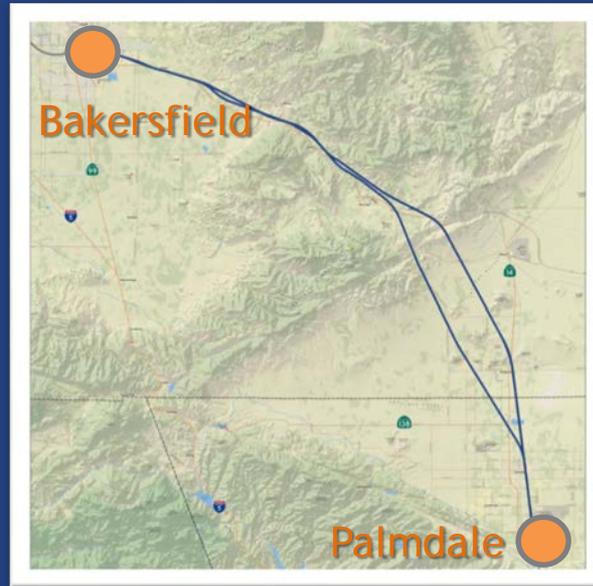
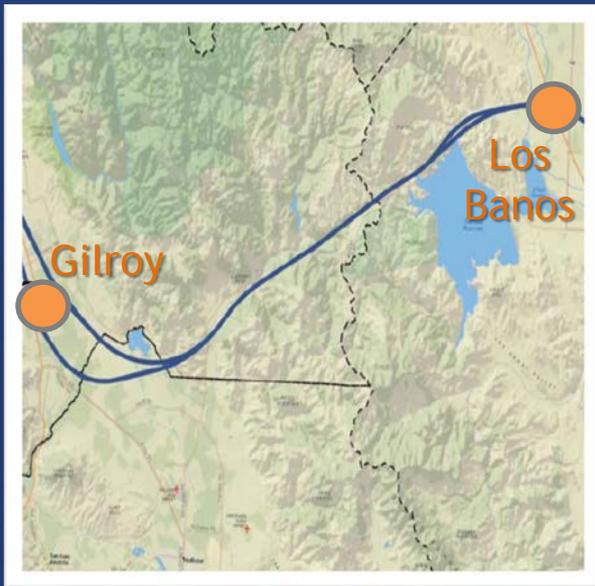
PROGRAM DELIVERY STATUS

- Environmental Clearances
 - » 10 sections, 2 completed
 - » Complete Phase I by end of 2017
- Construction Underway (Design-Build)
 - » Civil infrastructure in the Central Valley (Construction Package 1, 2-3 and 4)
- Requests for Expressions of Interest
 - » Initial Operating Section (North and/or South)
 - » Design-Build-Finance-Maintain



ENGINEERING CHALLENGES: MAJOR INVESTIGATION SEGMENTS

- Three segments for investigation.
 - » Gilroy to Los Banos (Pacheco Pass)
 - » Bakersfield to Palmdale
 - » Palmdale to Burbank

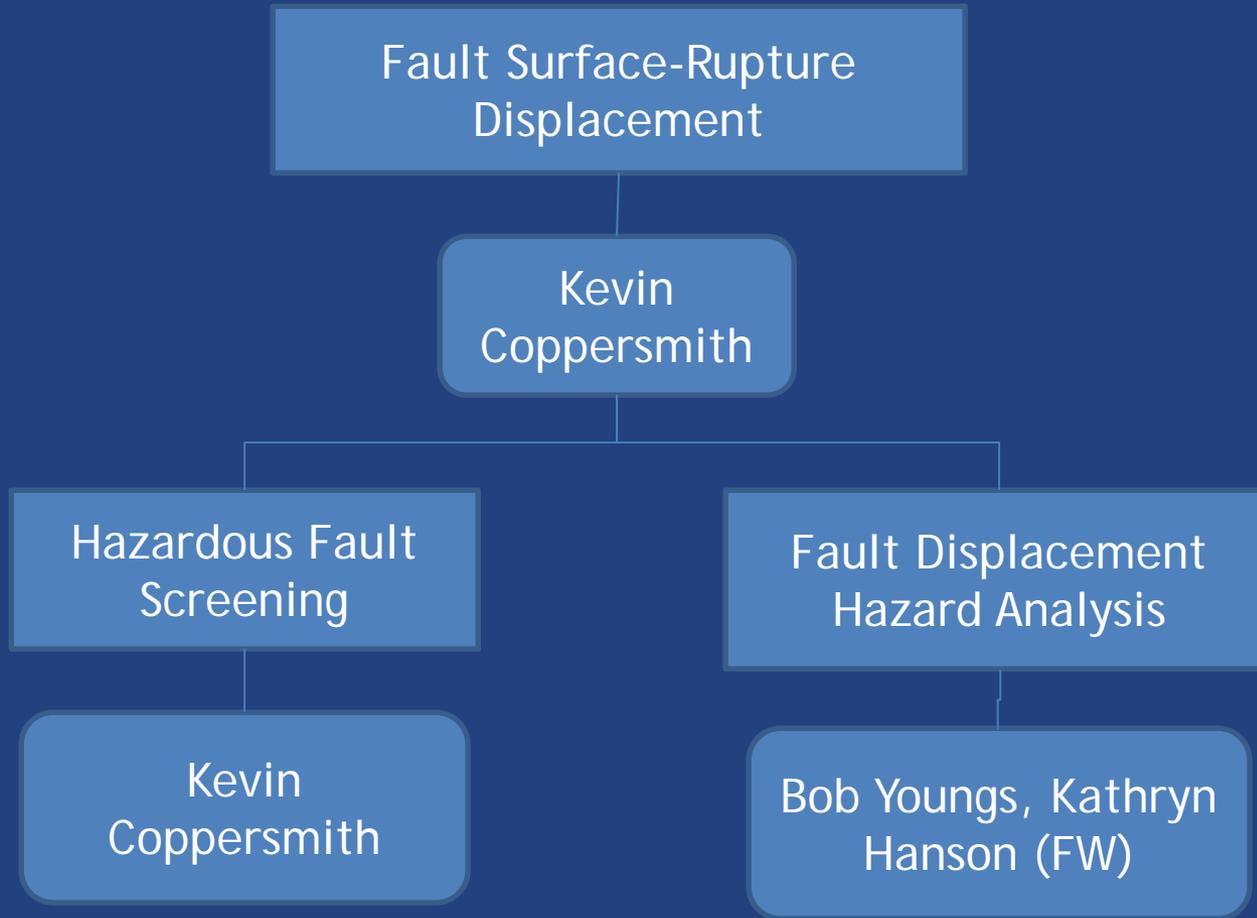


SEISMIC SPECIALISTS TEAM

- Responsible for ground motion development for CP 1 and CP 2-3



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PRELIMINARY GROUND MOTIONS

- Process for developing Preliminary Ground Motions

- » Purpose: Develop ground motions at ground surface to be used during procurement process by CP bidders to develop bid proposal

- » Process:

- Develop ground motions for MCE and OBE according to established procedures
- Develop horizontal design spectra for V_{S30} zones from PSHA using available site data and alignment data
- Define controlling events using hazard deaggregation
- Develop vertical design spectra from horizontal spectra
- Produce time-histories matched to design spectra
- Special sites such as those with structures over water crossings require site-specific exploration and are not included

FINAL GROUND MOTIONS

- Process for developing Final Ground Motions – Non-Special Sites
 - » Purpose: Develop ground motions at ground surface to be used during final design of elements such as aerial structures, bridges, tunnels, etc. for non-Special Sites (i.e., locations without highly nonlinear soils)
 - » Process:
 - Develop ground motions for MCE and OBE according to established procedures
 - Revise horizontal design spectra for V_{S30} zones from PSHA using site data and alignment data acquired by CP Contractor
 - Define controlling events using hazard deaggregation
 - Develop vertical design spectra from horizontal spectra
 - Produce time-histories matched to design spectra

FINAL GROUND MOTIONS

- Special Sites

- » Locations where GMPEs cannot be confidently applied to develop vibratory ground motions at the ground surface
- » Such sites may include:
 - Locations subject to liquefaction
 - Locations subject to highly nonlinear soil response
 - River crossings
 - NEHRP Site Classes E and F
 - Locations with complex structures (long span bridges, tunnels, underground structures, trench boxes, etc.)

FINAL GROUND MOTIONS

- **Process for developing Final Ground Motions – Special Sites**

- » Purpose: Develop ground motions at depth to be used during final design of elements located at Special Sites
- » Process:
 - Develop ground motions for MCE and OBE according to established procedures
 - Develop spectra and spectrally matched ground motions for V_{S30} of 520 m/s, 760 m/s and 1220 m/s from PSHA and deaggregation in advance of Special Site exploration
 - CP Contractor to obtain V_S measurements in 500 ft boring
 - Develop horizontal design spectra at specified depth in profile
 - Produce time-histories matched to design spectra
 - CP contractor to perform site-response analysis to produce horizontal design ground motions and spectra at ground surface
 - Develop vertical design spectra from horizontal spectra

FAULT SCREENING AND DISPLACEMENT HAZARD

- **Process for Fault Screening/Hazard Analysis**

- » Purpose: Determine whether faults that cross or are in close proximity to the alignment are hazardous and if so conduct a hazard analysis

- » Process for Fault Screening:

- Holocene displacement (i.e., movement within last 10,000 yr)
- Slip-rate greater than 1 mm/year
- Recurrence interval less than 1,000 yr

- » Process for Hazard Analysis:

- Conduct probabilistic displacement hazard analysis (PDHA) for MCE and OBE at fault crossings for hazardous faults passing fault screening
- Determine displacement, fault orientation relative to alignment, width of fault zone and locations of displacement

USER NEEDS

- **Required hazard data**

- » Vibratory Ground Motion:

- Validated probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA) code
- Seismic source model (faults and distributed seismicity)
- Ground motion prediction equations in terms of V_{S30}
- Full logic tree to capture uncertainty
- Deaggregated hazard to define controlling events
- Used OpenSHA, UCERF2 source model and NGA-West1 GMPEs
- Will update with UCERF3 and NGA-West2 GMPEs going forward

- » Fault Surface-Rupture Displacement:

- Validated Probabilistic Displacement Hazard Analysis (PDHA) code
- Seismic source model (faults)
- Fault displacement scaling relationships in terms of magnitude, type of fault, etc.
- Full logic tree to capture uncertainty
- Will use UCERF3 and currently available fault displacement scaling relations

SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA

- Discussion

THANK YOU

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