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California High-Speed Rail Extends Public Review Period for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section

LOS ANGELES – Today, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) announced the public review period for the Burbank to Los Angeles Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) has been extended. The public review period previously scheduled to end on July 16, 2020 has been extended by 15 days to Friday, July 31, 2020.

In response to agency and stakeholder requests in consideration of limitations caused by the outbreak of COVID-19, the Authority has elected to extend the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS to provide additional time for review and comments.

The public hearing for Burbank to Los Angeles Section Draft EIR/EIS will be held via teleconference and online video conference, rather than in-person meeting. The virtual public hearing will include a webcast and moderated call-in number for the public to submit oral comments. The date and time of the public hearing remain the same. This is the only opportunity to provide oral comment on the Draft EIR/EIS.

Burbank to Los Angeles Draft EIR/EIS Virtual Public Hearing Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

To view a live stream of the public hearing, please visit www.hsr.ca.gov

The public can continue to submit comments on the Burbank to Los Angeles EIR/EIS the following ways:

- Via web comment form on the Authority's website:
 https://www.hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_burbank_los_angeles_comment.aspx
- Via email to <u>burbank los.angeles@hsr.ca.gov</u> with the subject line "Burbank to Los Angeles Draft EIR/EIS Comment"
- Oral comment on the direct phone line for the Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section at (877) 977-1660
- Via mail at the address below:

Attn: Burbank to Los Angeles Draft EIR/EIS California High-Speed Rail Authority 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2050 Los Angeles, CA 90071 After the comment period closes on July 31, 2020 and the comments received have been evaluated, staff will prepare and issue the Final EIR/EIS document and present it to the Board to consider certification and project approval under the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by the State of California pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 23, 2019 and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration and the State of California.

To view the contents of the Draft EIR/EIS, please visit: https://www.hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_burbank_los_angeles.aspx ###