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Bakersfield To Palmdale Draft EIR/EIS Comments
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (RPPL2020001298)
CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
BAKERSFIELD TO PALMDALE PROJECT SECTION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The project proposes the construction and operation of a grade-separated, dedicated double-track, electric-powered, passenger, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail, high-speed railroad between Bakersfield and Palmdale including a station in Bakersfield and a station in Palmdale.

For specific revisions, additions, or deletions of wording directly from the project document the specific section, subsection, and/or item along with the page number is first referenced then the excerpt from the document is copied within quotations using the following nomenclature:

Deletions are represented by a ~~strikethrough~~.

Additions are represented by *italics* along with an underline.

Revisions are represented by a combination of the above.

1. S.8.1 Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Alternatives Benefits and Impacts, Transportation Section, pages S-28 and S-38:

There are five County of Los Angeles-maintained roads that will be crossed by the proposed project:

- West Avenue B
- 30th Street West
- West Avenue E
- West Avenue F
- West Avenue G

If any of the above five road crossings and other nearby private roads are designated for a hard closure, the California High-Speed Rail Authority shall submit a traffic routing plan memorandum to Los Angeles County Public Works for review

and approval. The memorandum shall address traffic flow and distance travelled for residents in the area to navigate around any implemented hard road closures in this area.

2. Summary Section, Table S-5 Impact and Minimization Features, page S-48:

The following revision should be made to TR-IAMF#1:

"Requires the Contractor to provide a photographic survey documenting the condition of the public roadways along truck routes ~~providing access to the construction sites~~ and implement post project remedial pavement preservation work that is needed to restore the affected roadways to their pre-project Pavement Management index conditions."

For questions regarding comment Nos. 1 and 2, please contact John Burton of Public Works, Transportation Planning Programs Division, at (626) 458-3934 or jburton@pw.lacounty.gov.

3. Impact TR #5, Table 3.2-20 Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled, page 3.2-63

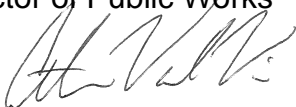
Please use and list the Los Angeles County Vehicle Miles Traveled values not SCAG values. The table should include the Vehicle Miles Traveled impact with the percent increase or decrease.

For questions regarding comment No. 3, please contact Kent Tsujii of Public Works, Traffic Safety Management Division, at (626) 300-4776 or ktsujii@pw.lacounty.gov.

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Very truly yours,

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