

Regional Rail Matters

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Metro

California High-Speed Rail

- Working to develop HSR solutions at Los Angeles Union Station.
- Working with CHSRA and other stakeholders in L.A. County to develop engineering solutions.
- Working with the CHSRA rail operations group to develop LOSSAN/I-5 Corridor solutions.
- Metro has been working with CHSRA Board members and staff on aspects of the Business Plan.

CHSRA Business Plan

- The 2012 Business Plan was released on November 1,
- Overall takes a more conservative approach,
- Outlines a “blended approach” to constructing the system,
- Describes overall phasing that includes regional transit agencies,
- Addresses regional connectivity.

CHSRA Business Plan

- Costs have been modified:
 - Construction costs have increased with advanced engineering,
 - Estimates are now year of expenditure.
- Phases the project in accordance with reasonable funding options,
- Ridership numbers have been reduced and are more conservative.

I-5 “Grapevine” Study

- CHSRA has reintroduced the “Grapevine” alignment for study,
 - The segment team is evaluating alignments,
 - Meetings with stakeholders are ongoing,
 - There has been limited support,
 - Report on feasibility in January (?).
- Metro has officially supported the Palmdale station.

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- The LOSSAN CEOs and Board are moving forward with local governance of the Amtrak Surfliner .
- A team is developing governance guidelines and legislation.
- The development of the Business Plan is continuing and will be ready later this year.

Rail-2-Rail

- Rail-2-Rail allows Metrolink monthly pass holders to ride a comparable Amtrak train.
- The agreement is up for renewal.
- Amtrak proposed a “step-up” pass as an alternative.
- Amtrak states that the program is costing them more than the agreed upon compensation.
- Is seeking an increase in compensation.

Rail-2-Rail

- Member agencies have been asking for accurate passenger counts and additional information that has not been provided.
- Metrolink proposed switching Amtrak from the prime commuter slots, freeing up the spots for SCRRA trains.
 - Places the trains in a position to serve their markets.
 - Provides maximum benefit to the passengers.
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Metrolink

- SCRRA is receiving 117 new Guardian fleet cars,
- The Metro Board authorized loan of \$18M for a 20 car option will be exercised later this year.
- Positive Train Control is to be implemented in the first quarter of 2013.

Metrolink

- SCRRRA is developing their Fleet Management Plan,
 - Much of its locomotive fleet is in need of rehabilitation.
 - Allows upgrades to cleaner operating vehicles.
- There are significant funding opportunities to upgrade the vehicles to more energy efficient and clean operations.
- SCRRRA is seeking out funding opportunities to minimize member agency costs.

Antelope Valley Line Study

- A first sweep of the corridor is being done:
 - Identifies areas.
- Tier 1 will provide options within the R/W:
 - Simple realignments.
- Tier 2 will look at minor impact changes:
 - Minor environmental impacts and R/W.
- Tier 3 is a 110mph alignment.

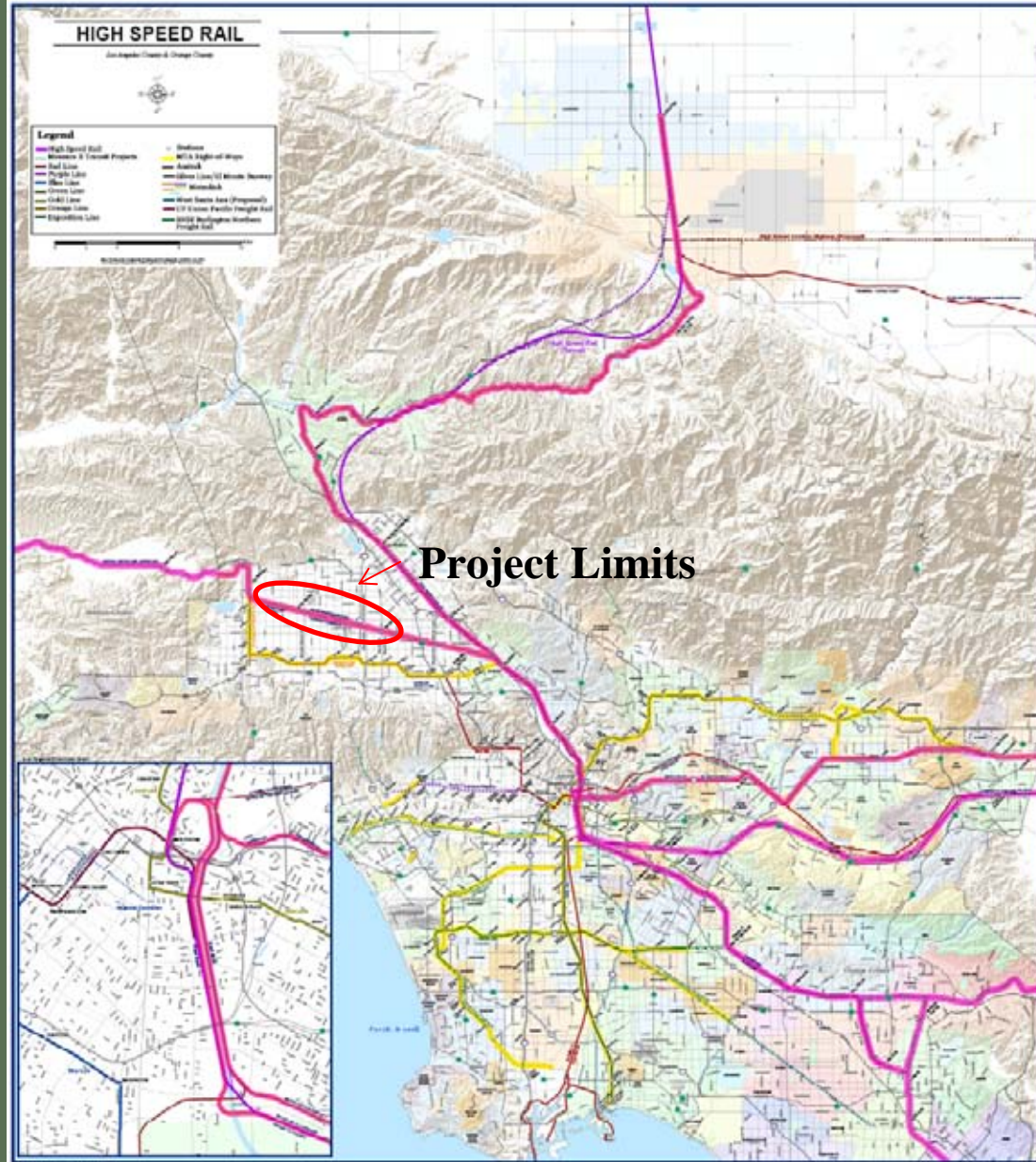
Hollywood Way Station

- Seeking to add into the study a possible Metrolink station at Hollywood Way,
- Closely linked with the Ground Access Study underway by Bob Hope Airport,
- Working with Bob Hope Airport staff and their consultants to evaluate the feasibility of the station.

Raymer to Bernson Double Track Project

- The single track segment in the San Fernando Valley on the LOSSAN Corridor is a significant “bottleneck” in the system.
- This work will double track the Corridor from Los Angeles County to Orange County.
- In September the FRA signed the formal Grant Agreement.
- This stage of the work will be completed February 2013.

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Van Nuys Station

- This work will create a two track platform at the Van Nuys Station.
- In September the FRA signed the formal Grant Agreement.
- Metro is partnering with Metrolink on the project.
- This stage of the work will be completed February 2013.

Conclusion

- Continuing to coordinate the interface between Metrolink and Metro.
- Coordinating with our other partner agencies on regional rail matters throughout the County.
- Continuing the efforts to work with Caltrans and Amtrak regarding Rail 2 Rail and other issues.
- Working to forward capital projects in L.A. County.

Questions?