Agenda for Today’s Meeting

- Introduction
- Project Background
- Major Updates
  - HDC - Strategic Multipurpose Corridor
  - Integration of new project components
  - Environmental process and schedule
HDC Project Partner Agencies

- Metro
- Caltrans
- HDC Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
- SANBAG
- SCAG
- Lancaster
- Palmdale
- Adelanto
- Victorville
- Town of Apple Valley
- Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino
HDC Background

• Metro Board Action – March 2012
  – Recognized the HDC as a Strategic Multipurpose Corridor
    • Highway
    • Green Energy production/transmission facility
    • High Speed Rail Feeder Service
    • Bike route
  – Revised HDC Purpose and Need
    • Reflect the objectives of the Strategic Multipurpose Corridor
Major Updates

• Project Purpose
  • Increase capacity of east-west transportation facilities
  • Improve travel safety and reliability
  • Improve the regional goods movement network
  • Provide improved access and connectivity to regional transportation facilities, including airports and rail
  • Contribute to state greenhouse gas reduction goals through green energy features
Major Updates

• Project Need
  – Recent and future population growth within the High Desert Region
  – Limited and unreliable east-west connectivity within the High Desert region
  – Regional demands for goods movement to support the growth of the regional economy
  – Future demands for the use of green energy, including sustainability and green energy provisions in state law and policy
Highway Component

• Highway
  – 63 miles from SR-14/Avenue P-8 through US-395, I-15 and onto SR-18/Bear Valley Road
  – Estimated 171,000 ADTs through High Desert region by 2040
  – Traffic Analysis currently underway will determine number of lanes and ramps
  – P3 alternatives run from 100th street to US-395
Rail Component

• High Speed Rail Feeder System
  – Currently performing AA for Rail
  – Enhance regional connectivity
  – Integration with Highway
    • North, South or Center
  – Potential east and west connections
    • 4 Alternatives in Palmdale, Metrolink/CaHSRA Station
    • 6 Alternatives in Victorville, future XpressWest Station
Green Energy Component

• Green Energy
  – Generation potential
  – Transmission Corridor opportunities
  – Initial research includes solar and wind technologies
Bike Route Component

• Bike Route
  – Approximately 100th St. to US 395
    • Connection to local bicycle master plans
  – Coordination with the highway alignment
  – On/Off Ramp configuration
EIS/EIR Process

Preliminary Engineering

Scoping Meeting → Perform Environmental Studies → Identify Impacts / Screen Alternatives → DRAFT EIS/EIR → Public Hearing → Final EIS/EIR

Public Involvement

Metro
Caltrans
HDC Funding

- LA County’s Measure R
- SB County’s Measure I
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- SANBAG
- Federal Earmarks
- Public Private Partnership
Next Steps/Schedule

- Summer 2013, Complete Technical Studies
- Winter 2014, Draft EIS/EIR and Public Hearings
- Summer 2014, Final EIS/EIR
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• **Interactive map:** interactive.metro.net/projects/high-desert-corridor