



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

PALMDALE TO BURBANK PROJECT SECTION

Community Working Group
February/March 2015



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Introductions
- Purpose of Community Working Groups
- Our Planning Process
- Where We Are Now
- Discussion
- Next Steps

OUR PLANNING PROCESS: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

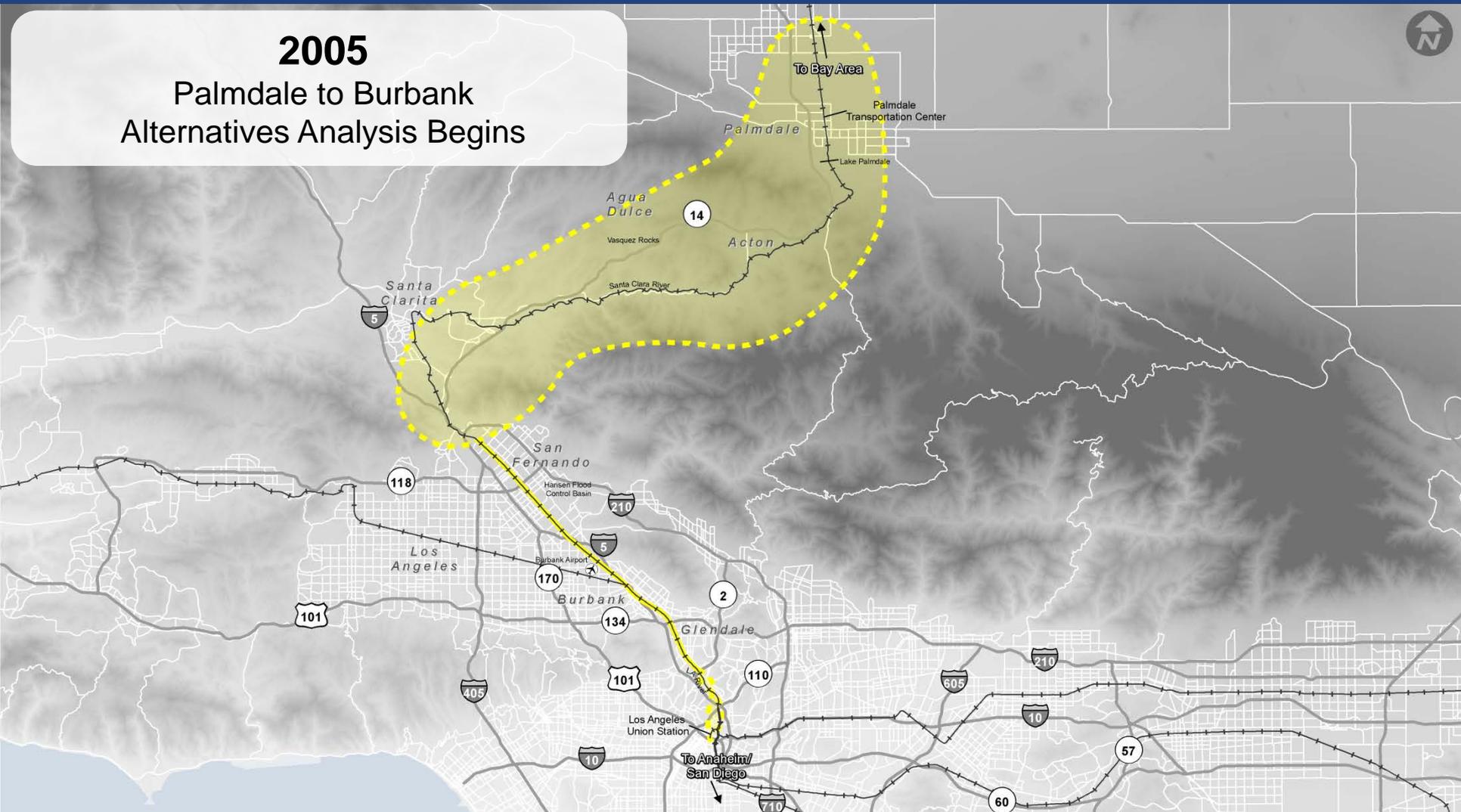
- Committed to Study Full Range of Alternatives that Achieve the Mobility Goals
- Document Development of Various Alternatives and the Differences Between Them
 - » Protect Natural Resources and the Environment
 - » Preserve Communities
 - » Improve Mobility
- “Iterative” or “Back and Forth” Planning Process
 - » Alternatives will be refined, carried forward or retired
 - » The reasons will be clearly documented to preserve decision-making over the life of the project
- Bring Forward the Range of Feasible Alternatives for Study In the Environmental Document



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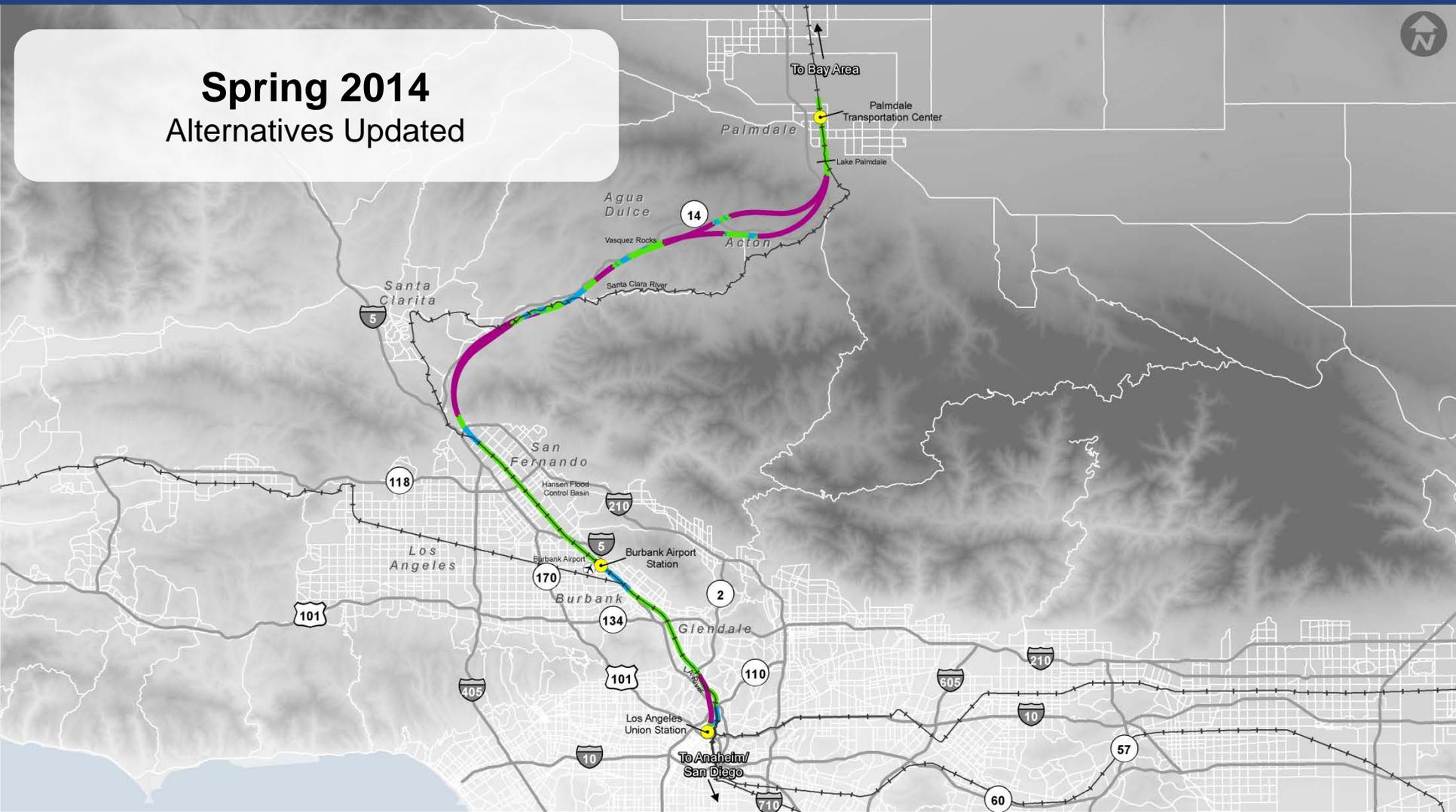
2005

Palmdale to Burbank
Alternatives Analysis Begins



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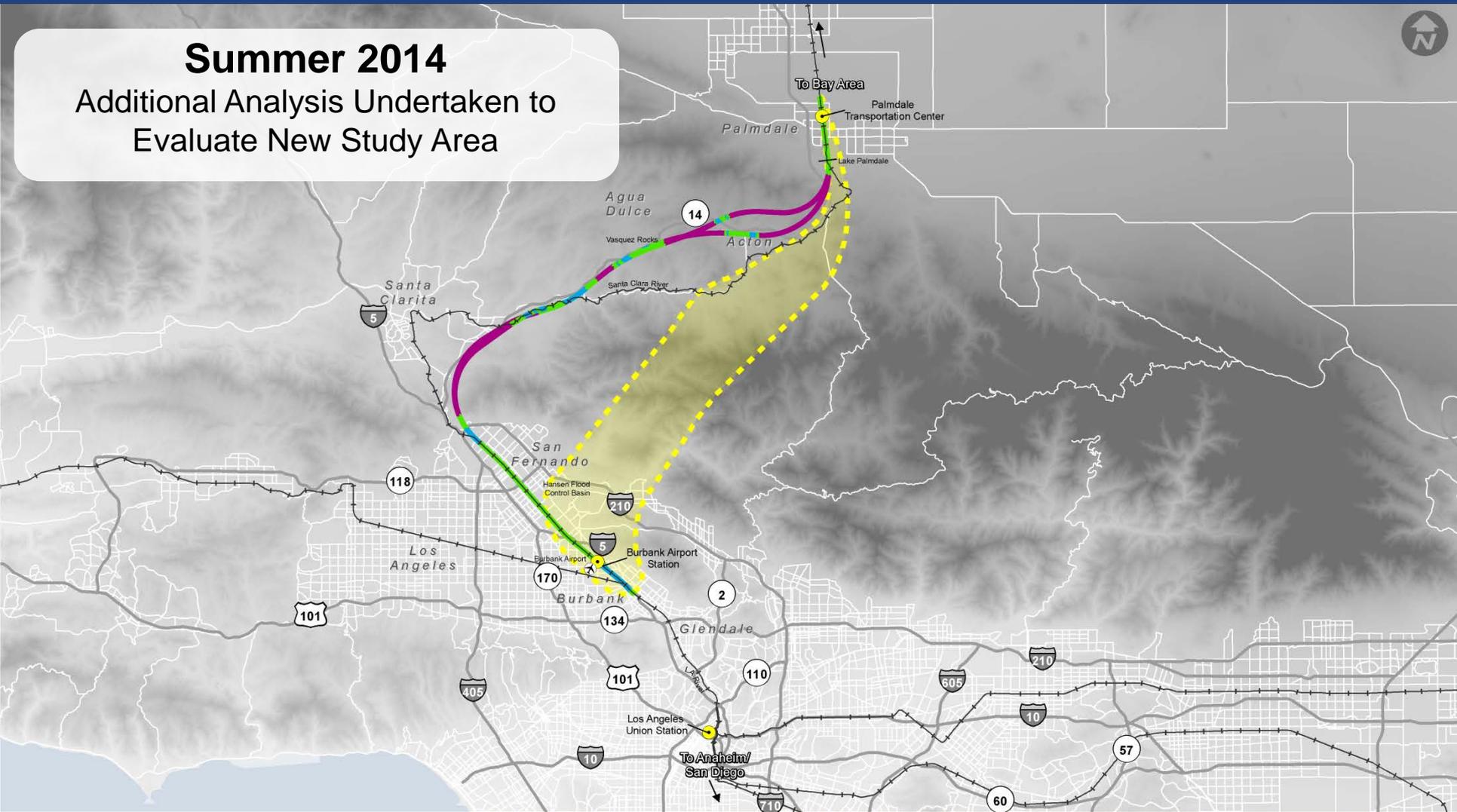
Spring 2014
Alternatives Updated



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Summer 2014

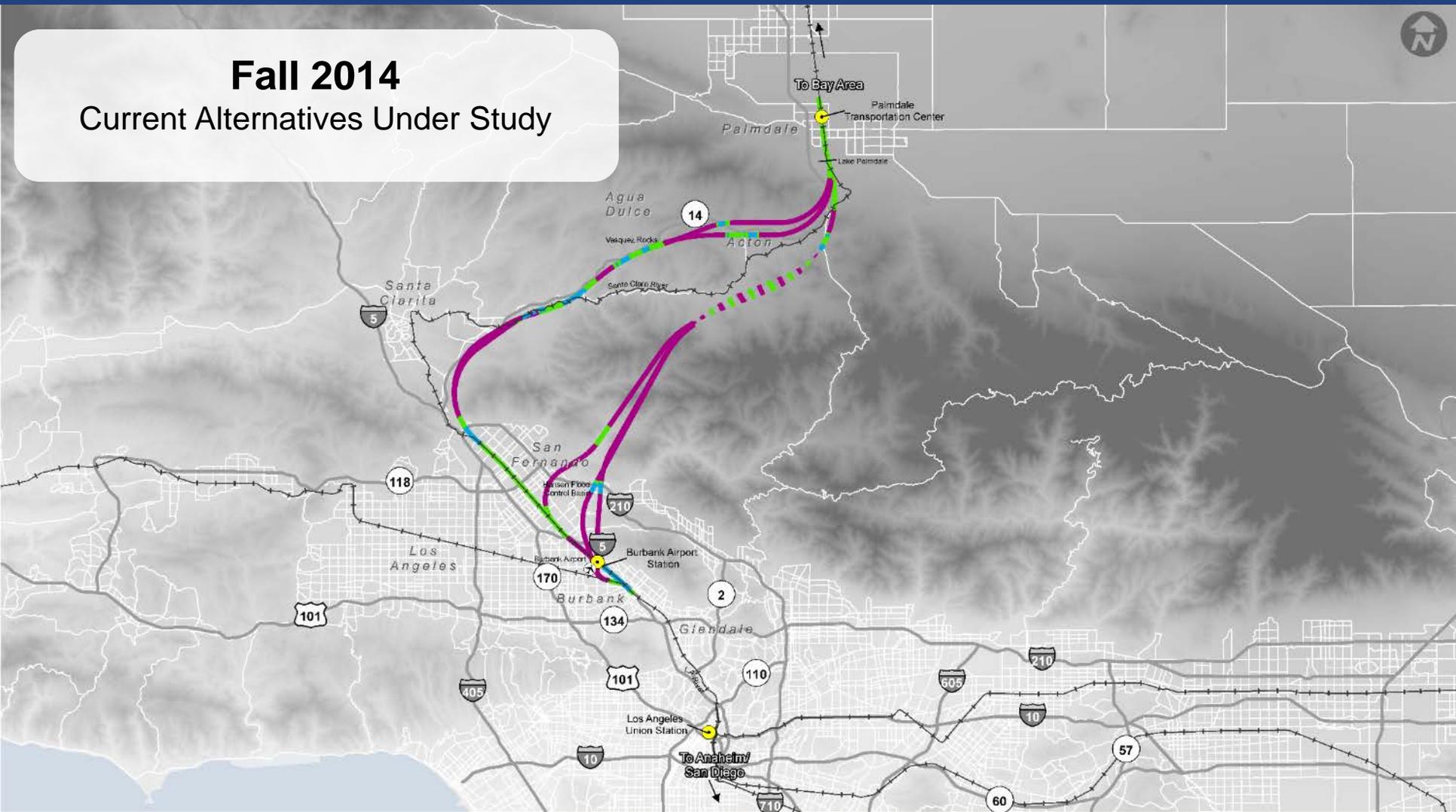
Additional Analysis Undertaken to Evaluate New Study Area



ITERATIVE PROCESS: PALMDALE TO BURBANK SECTION

Fall 2014

Current Alternatives Under Study



ITERATIVE PROCESS: PALMDALE TO BURBANK SECTION

- **Winter 2015 (Currently)**
 - » Alternatives under Development and Refinement
 - » Informed by Technical Study and Review of Comments
 - » Desktop and Field Review and Studies
 - » Letters Requesting Permit To Enter Some Properties (PTE)
 - » Engagement of Community Working Groups

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



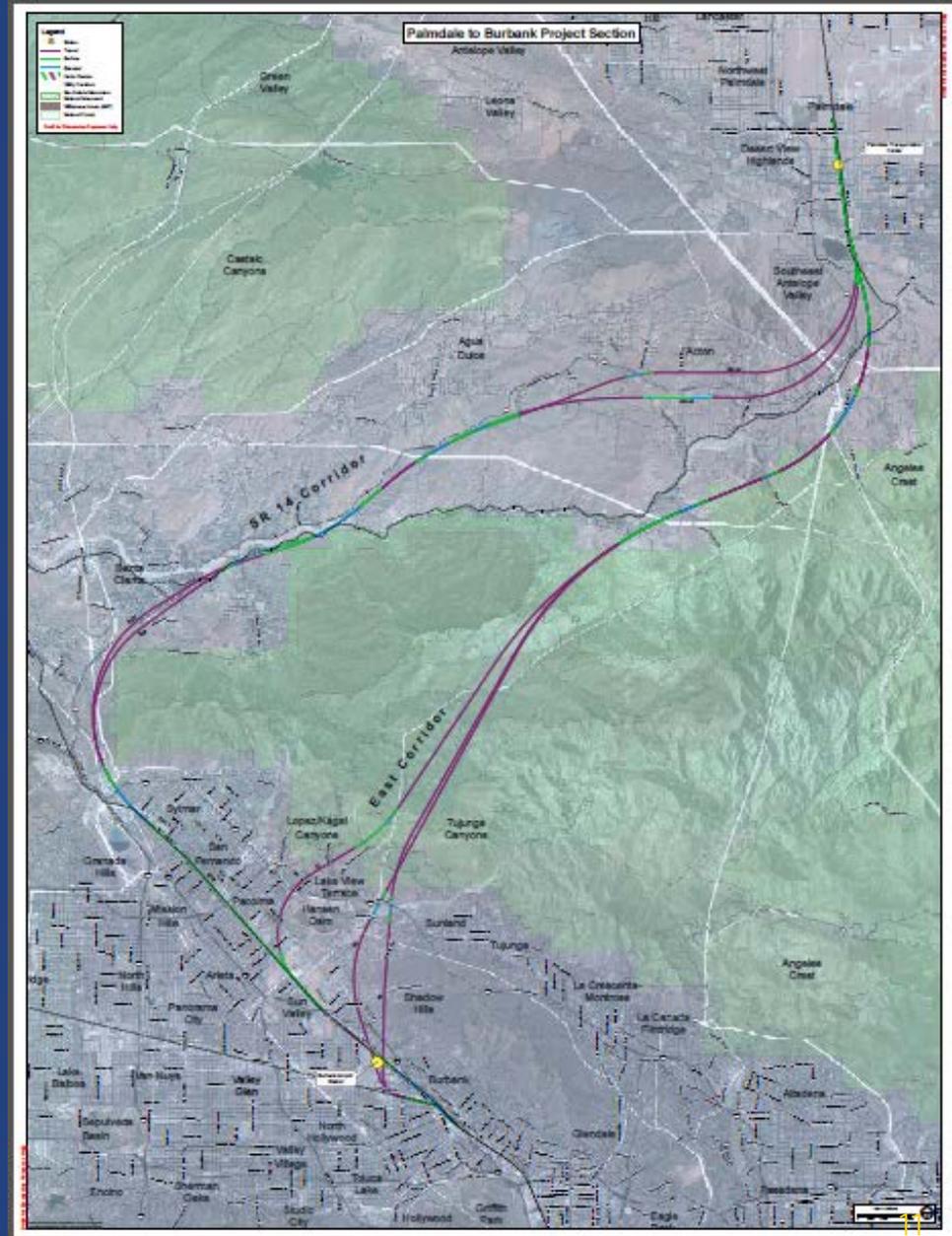
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

- Aesthetics & Visual Quality
- Agricultural, Farm & Forest Land
- Air Quality & Global Climate Change
- Biological Resources & Wetlands
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Impacts
- Electromagnetic Interference/Fields (EMI/EMF)
- Geology, Soils, Seismicity & Paleontology
- Hazardous Materials & Wastes
- Hydrology & Water Resources
- Station Planning, Land Use & Development
- Noise & Vibration
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Public Utilities & Energy
- Regional Growth
- Safety & Security
- Socioeconomics & Communities
- Environmental Justice
- Transportation
- Section 4(f) & Section 6(f) Evaluations

WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Two Corridors:
 - » SR 14 Corridor
 - » East Corridor
- Two Stations:
 - » Palmdale (Antelope Valley)
 - » Burbank (San Fernando Valley)
- Multiple Alignment Options
 - » Refinement Process Ongoing
- Prop. 1A Direction

“In order to reduce impacts on communities and the environment, the alignment for the high-speed train system shall follow existing transportation or utility corridors to the extent feasible and shall be financially viable, as determined by the Authority.”



PARTICIPATION IN 2014

OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS MAY/JUNE 2014

- 300+ people

SCOPING MEETINGS AUGUST 2014

- 1,500+ people
- 928 submissions
 - » Individuals (79%)
 - » Public meeting attendees (13%)
 - » Businesses & organizations (4%)
 - » Local agencies (2%)
 - » State agencies (1%)
 - » Federal agencies (1%)
- 5,500+ comments

OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS DECEMBER 2014

- 963 people
- 433 submissions
- 1,462 comments

ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAM & AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

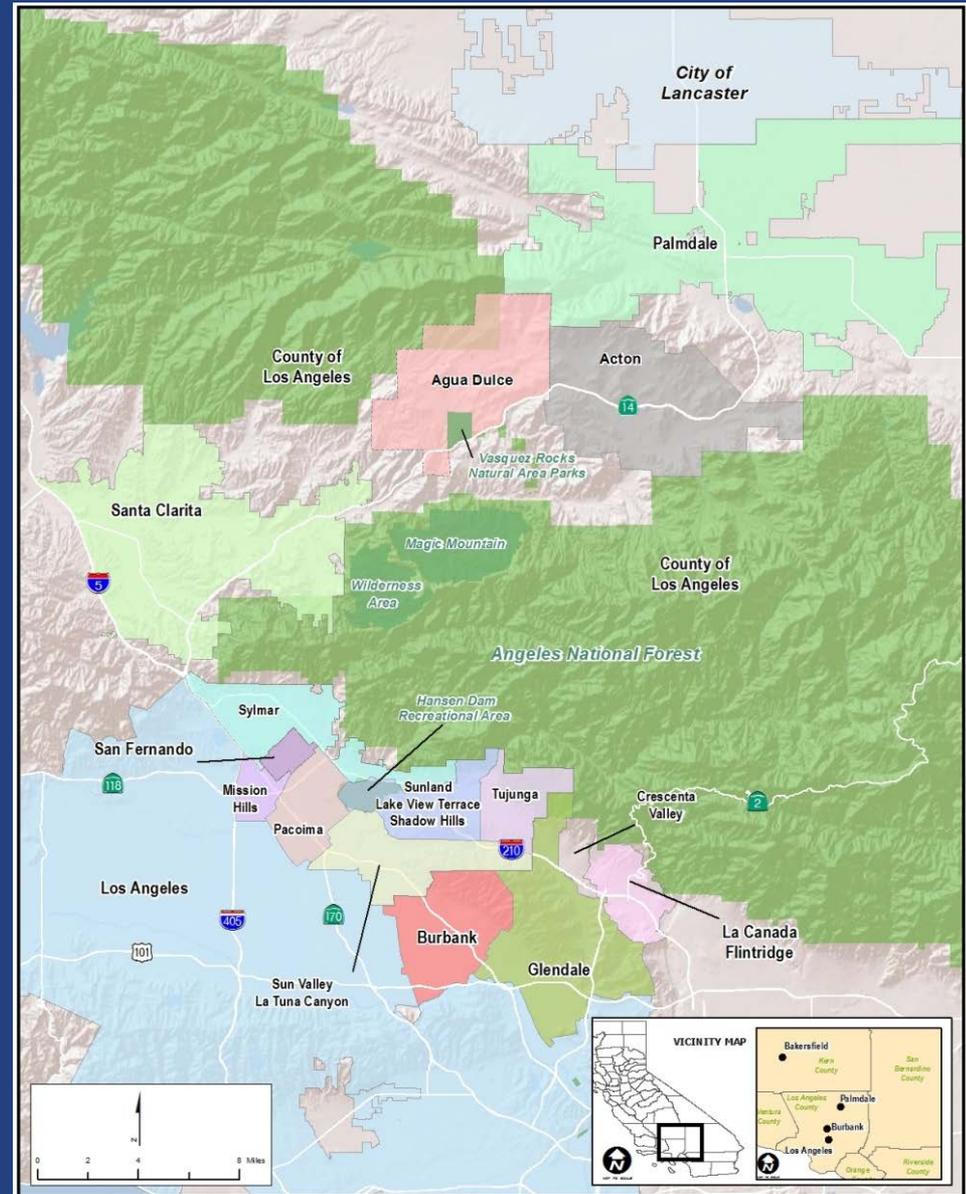
- Technical planning meetings with cities, regulatory agencies and interested parties
- Briefings with community leaders and local media
- Presentations to community and business organizations
- Participation in community and professional events
- Outreach to educational institutions and students

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING EFFORT



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

- Strong Sense of Community in all Locations Along All Alignments
- Strong Interest in Preserving Unique Community Characteristics
- Strong Concerns About Preserving the Environment
- Many Questions About Technical Details



COMMENTS BY COMMUNITY AREA *

Issues	Acton Agua Dulce	Burbank	Foothills	Palmdale	San Fernando	Santa Clarita	Pacoima Sun Valley	Sylmar
Property (incl. Values)								
Funding								
Business Impacts								
Equestrian Issues								
Engineering Design								
Alignment Proposals								
Construction Issues								
Land Acquisition								
Station Design								
Right of Way								
Bicycle/Pedestrian								
Consistency with Other Plans								
Wildlife								
Technology								
Operational Issues								
Ridership								
Health								
Traffic								
Mitigation								
Legal/Litigation								
Groundwater Wells								
Environmental Process								
Earthquakes								
Geologic Faults								
Habitat								
Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species								
Historic Architectural Resources								

* The summary presented in this table is to inform communities of the general issues that were obtained from two rounds of recent public meetings: the Scoping period (07/24/14 through 9/12/14) and the Community Open House period (12/2/14 through 1/5/15). For the purposes of this summary, only comments that contained a zip code were used to obtain the top comment categories per community area.

NEXT STEPS *

- February - May Community Working Group Meetings
Municipal & Agency Technical Meetings
- May Open House Public Meetings
- June 2015 CHSRA Board Meeting: SAA Report
- June 2016 Draft Environmental Document
- June 2017 Final Environmental Document

* Subject to Change

CLOSING COMMENTS

- We are Committed to a Fair and Open Process
- Two Steps **MUST** be Completed Before a Route is Selected
 - » Completion of Planning Studies to Select Routes for Further Study in the Environmental Documents (Underway)
 - » Preparation of Environmental Documents to Further Study Routes and Compare Them
- Both Steps Include a Strong Public and Agency Communication Program

DISCUSSION

THANK YOU

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