



HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

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ABOUT US

The High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency (HDC JPA) includes Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (L.A. Metro), and the cities of Adelanto, Lancaster, Palmdale and Victorville. The Agency is dedicated to securing critical funding for the continued planning, development, and construction of the Measure M High Desert Multipurpose Corridor Project linking the Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County with the Victor Valley in San Bernardino County.







Phase One: A 54-mile high-speed rail project that will connect the areas through a high-speed, intercity rail system, providing access to housing, jobs, entertainment, and cultural opportunities across Southern California while reducing freeway congestion.

Eventually, the corridor will connect Southern California to Northern California, Las Vegas, and beyond.

The HDC is funded by the voter-approved Los Angeles County Measure M Expenditure Plan with nearly \$170 million in the current and near-term fiscal years and \$1.9 billion in later years (2063-2067) that could leverage federal, state, and private funds to construct the HDC High Speed Rail Project. In 2023, the project received a Federal Railroad Administration Corridor Identification and Development Corridor grant award and a California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program



BENEFITS

-  Significant investment in historically underserved and underinvested High Desert communities
-  Vital new transportation mode for some of the fastest growing areas in Southern California
-  Zero-emission rail technology reduces greenhouse gas emissions and contributes to improved air quality
-  More than \$12 billion in economic activity generated during development and construction
-  Job creation closer to and within growing communities in Southern California's High Desert
-  Increased access to affordable housing stock



STATUS

The HDC JPA 2024-25 budget is fully funded to study a new intercity high-speed rail corridor. The agency is working on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with the Federal Railroad Administration, as well as an addendum to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance received in June 2016.

The project is expected to receive the Record of Decision (ROD/NOD), Notice of Determination, opening the way for project design and engineering.

Concurrently, LA Metro and HDC JPA are finalizing the HDC Intercity Rail Service Development Plan & Funding Plan, a key component to receive federal and state funds.

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