

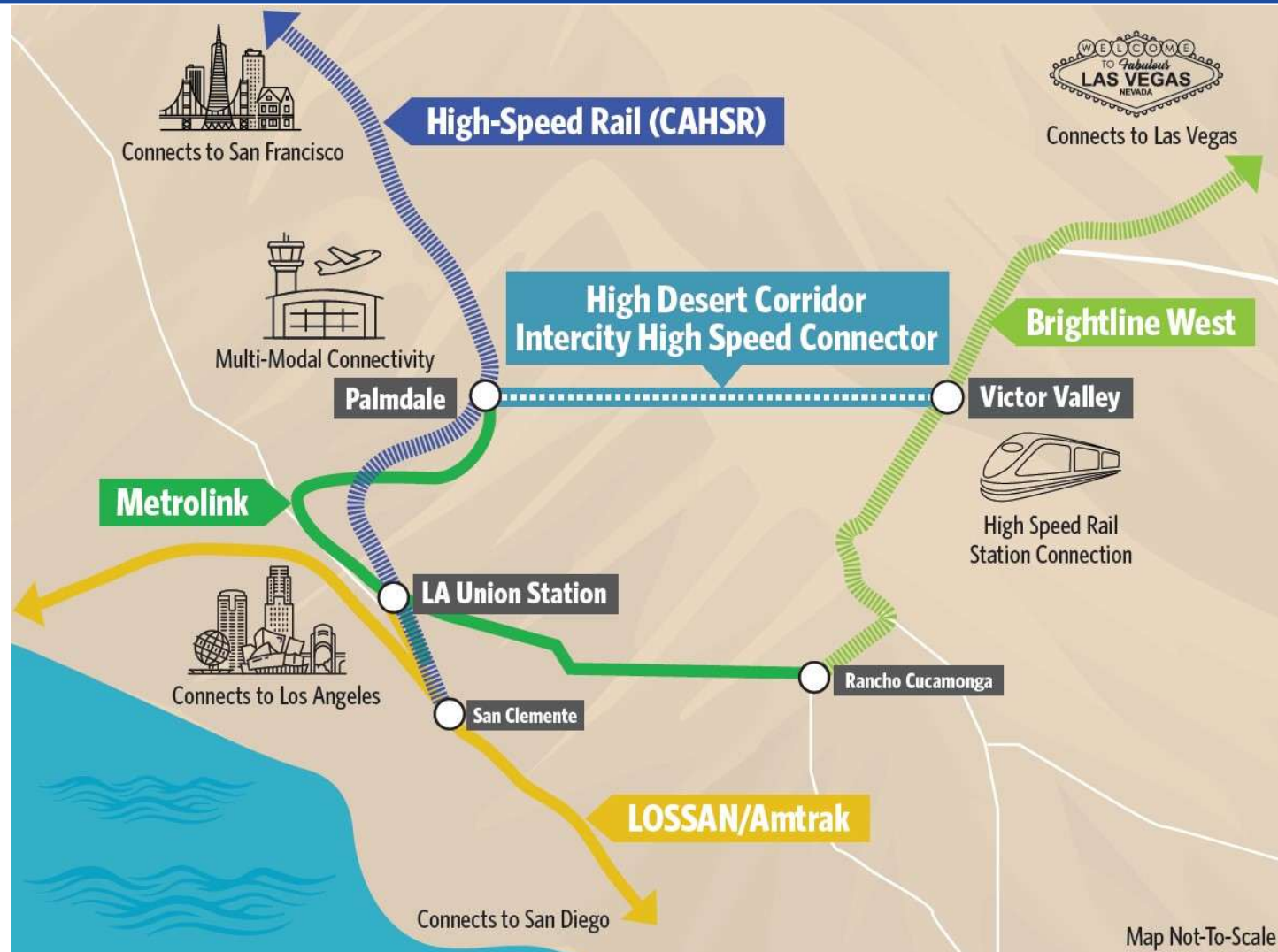


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High Desert Corridor Intercity High Speed Rail Project Update

March 2026

HDC High Speed Rail Connects CA High Speed Rail & Brightline West

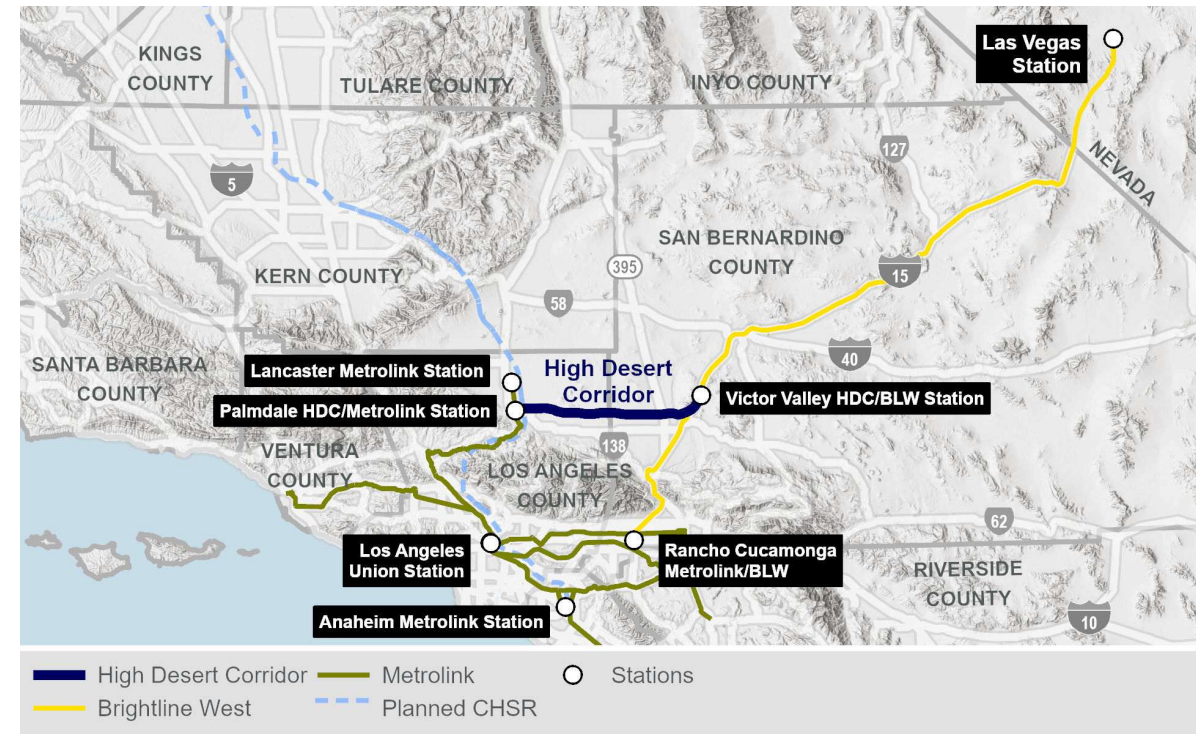


- 54-mile High Speed Intercity Rail Connector Project
- EIR/EIS Completed in 2016
- 8+ year public process, with Federal Railroad Administration as Federal Cooperating Agency
- NEPA/Record of Decision approvals anticipated late 2026/early 2027
- Two Environmentally Cleared Stations by:
 - CAHSR Palmdale, LA County, 2021
 - Brightline West, Victor Valley, San Bernardino County, 2023



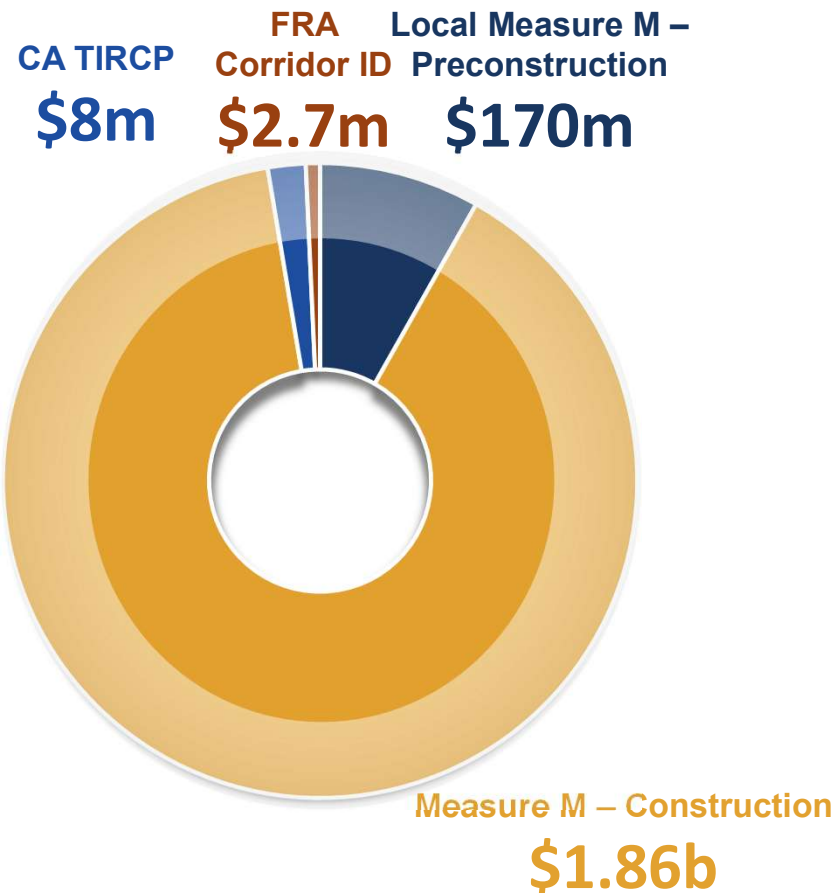
Current Activities and Status

- Nov 2025: Completed Federal Railroad Administration Corridor Identification & Development Program Step 1; working with FRA to advance to CID Step 2 to complete the Service Development Plan
- Jan 2026: Submitted draft NEPA Re-Evaluation document to CHSRA
- February 2026: Submitted Federal State Partnership and US DOT BUILD grant applications
- April 2026: Proposed FY2026-27 budget to HDC JPA Board. Then to Metro Board in May 2026
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High Desert Corridor HSR Project Funding

HDC Obligated Funding Sources



Local - LA County Measure M funds committed by Metro are divided into two allocations per the Measure M Expenditure Plan: \$170M in early funds available for predevelopment & ROW activities: \$145 million remaining (December 2025)
Funds available for capital construction: **\$1.86 billion** (available in out years)

State - In 2023, CalSTA awarded \$8 million TIRCP funds for predevelopment-related design engineering expenditures, leverage other funds. \$16.5M Master Grant Agreement.

Federal - In 2023, HDC JPA awarded grant funding under the FRA Corridor ID Program for reimbursed expenditures related to the Service and Financial Development Plan (SDP):
\$500k for Corridor ID Step 1 (Completed)
\$2.4 million for Corridor ID Step 2 (Pending FRA final approval)
HDC JPA seeks to leverage existing funds to advance the project to construction



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