



# HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

JOINT POWERS AGENCY

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### PROJECT UPDATE

The High Desert Corridor (HDC) is a multipurpose transportation route connecting Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County and Victor Valley in San Bernardino County. The project includes a 54-mile high-speed rail link connecting two fast-growing regions, with connections to regional and statewide rail systems that provide access to housing, jobs, entertainment, and cultural opportunities across Southern California while reducing freeway congestion.

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 HDC JPA is currently advancing early design of a high-speed rail link between Palmdale and Victor Valley, which would connect to existing Metrolink service and future California High-Speed Rail service in Palmdale, and Brightline West service in Victor Valley, providing access to Las Vegas, San Francisco, and the larger Southern California region.

In 2016, Caltrans prepared an Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) evaluating the multipurpose transportation corridor, which included the high-speed rail element. The current activities are focused on completing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) due diligence and obtaining a Record of Decision (ROD) in late Winter 2026/2027 for the high-speed rail project. Following this, the project will advance into final design and engineering. In addition, the HDC JPA will prepare the Intercity Rail Service Development Plan and Funding Plan (SDP) to commence in Summer 2026. The HDC JPA fiscal year 2026-2027 budget is fully funded to continue project development of the HDC High-Speed Rail Project.



PALMDALE HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION RENDERING



VICTOR VALLEY HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION RENDERING

### NEXT STEPS

#### SPRING 2026

- Ongoing NEPA environmental clearance efforts and agency coordination

#### SUMMER 2026

- Public outreach and community meetings
- Initiation of Service Development Plan

#### FALL/WINTER 2026/2027

- Project Environmental Approval / Record of Decision (ROD) anticipated

#### SUMMER 2027

- Completion of Service Development Plan

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