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# High Desert Corridor Intercity High-Speed Rail Community Meeting

June 2026

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# Agenda

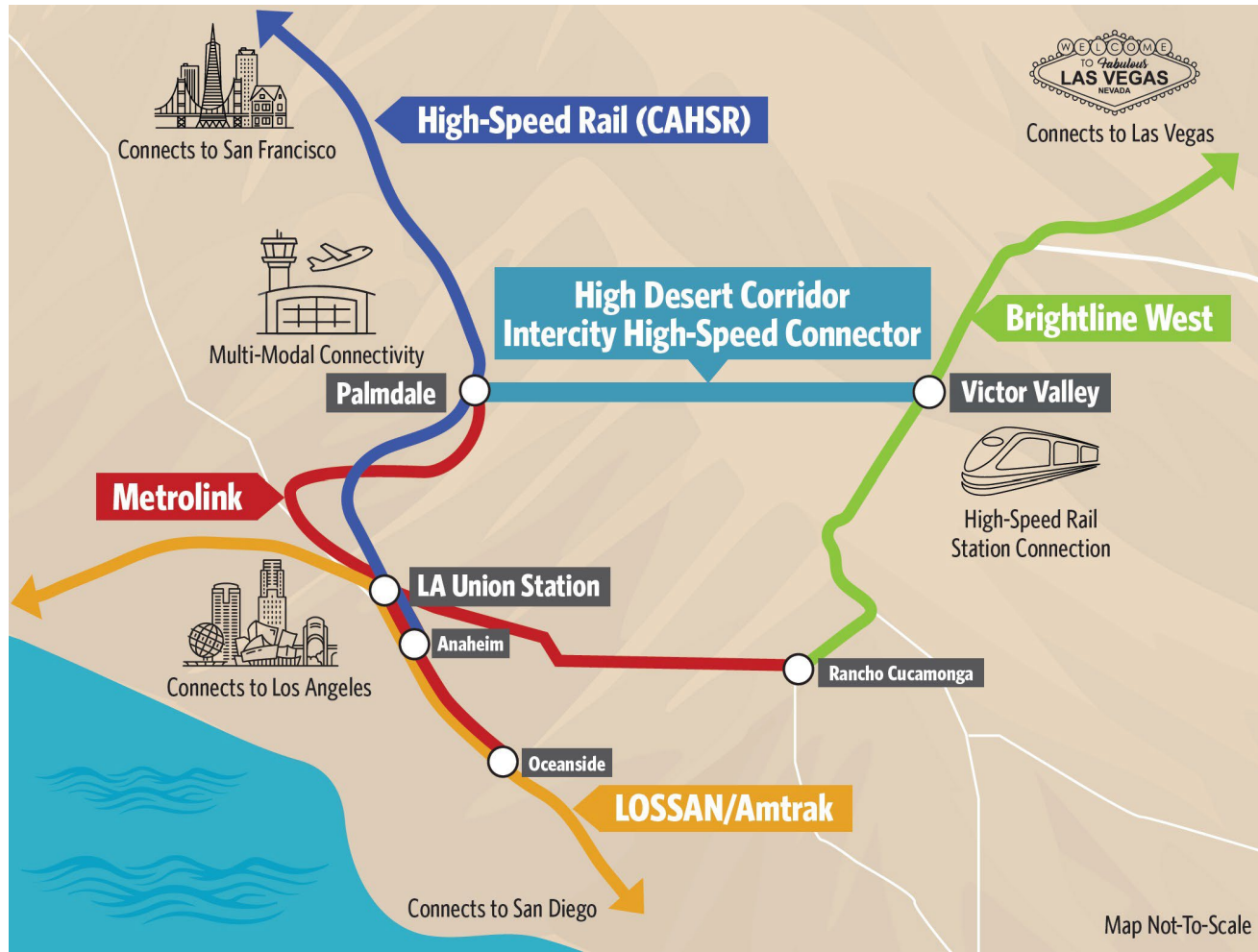
- Introduction of Project Team
- Learn What's New and What's Next
- Project Benefits
- Funding
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- Questions & Answers



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# Learn What's New and What's Next for the High Desert Corridor

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



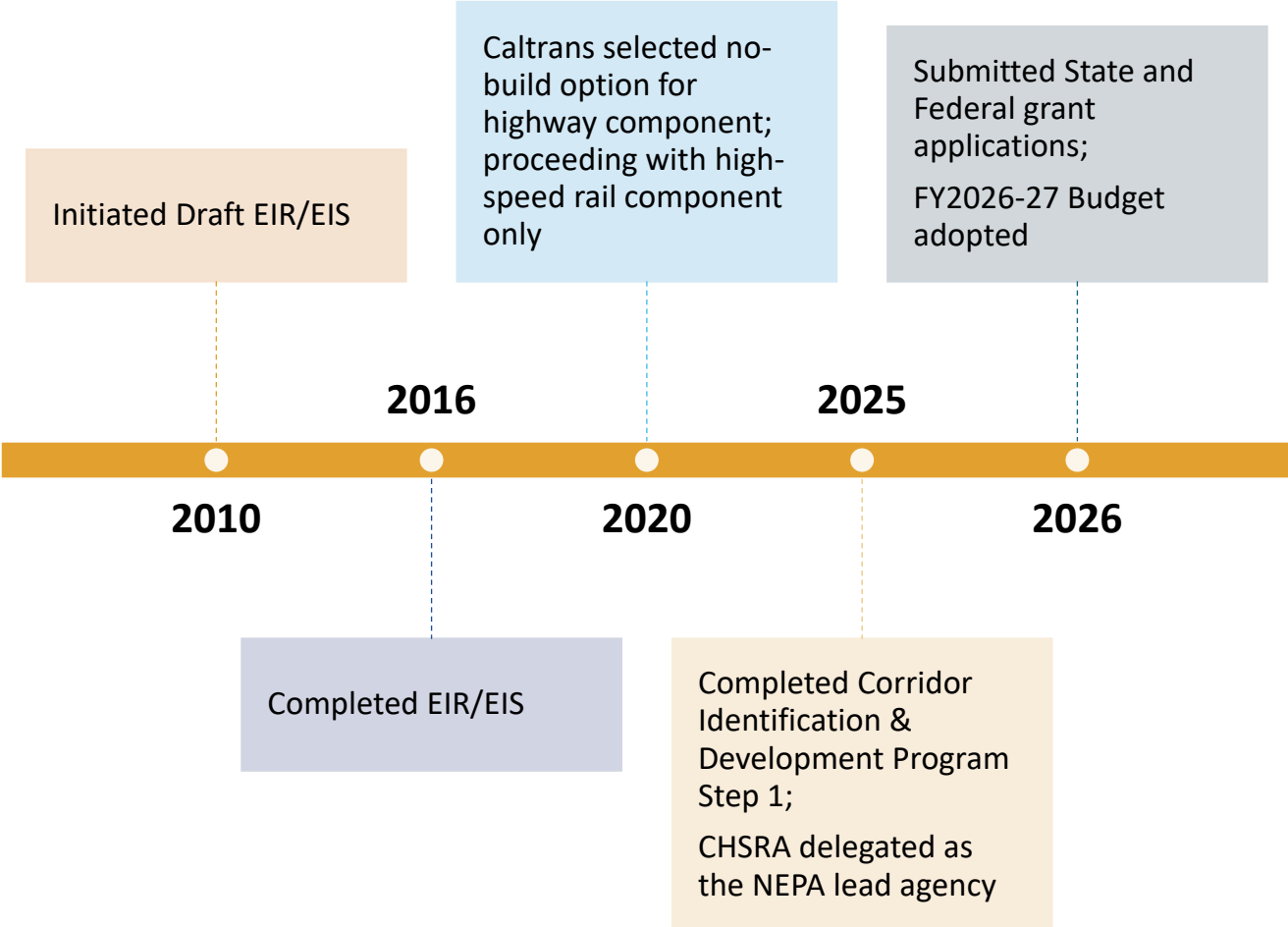
- 54-mile High Speed Intercity Rail Connector Project
- EIR/EIS Completed in 2016
- 8+ year public process, with Federal Railroad Administration as Federal Cooperating Agency
- CHSRA delegated as the NEPA lead agency
- NEPA/Record of Decision approvals anticipated late 2026/early 2027
- Two Environmentally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

# High Desert Corridor JPA Governance



- The High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency (HDC JPA) Members include:
  - Los Angeles County
  - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)
  - Cities of Lancaster & Palmdale in LA County and Adelanto & Victorville in San Bernardino County
- Immediate Communities served are considered underserved disadvantaged equity focused Opportunity Zone areas

# Project Milestones to Date





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# Project Benefits

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**Safety** – Will improve travel safety and reliability from rural communities to major urban centers in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties.

**Economic** – Will generate more than \$12 billion in economic activity during development and construction.

**Jobs & Housing** – Supports job creation and access to affordable housing opportunities within growing communities in Southern California through new business development.

**Leveraging Other Major Investments** – By tying with Brightline West, expands market and reach, creating greater value.

**Environmental & Congestion Relief** – The zero-emission high-speed rail technology will reduce vehicle miles travelled, contributing to improved air quality and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Equitable Transportation Connectivity & Mobility Options** – Unprecedented investment in historically underserved and underinvested communities in the high desert communities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties





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# Funding

# High Desert Corridor HSR Project Funding

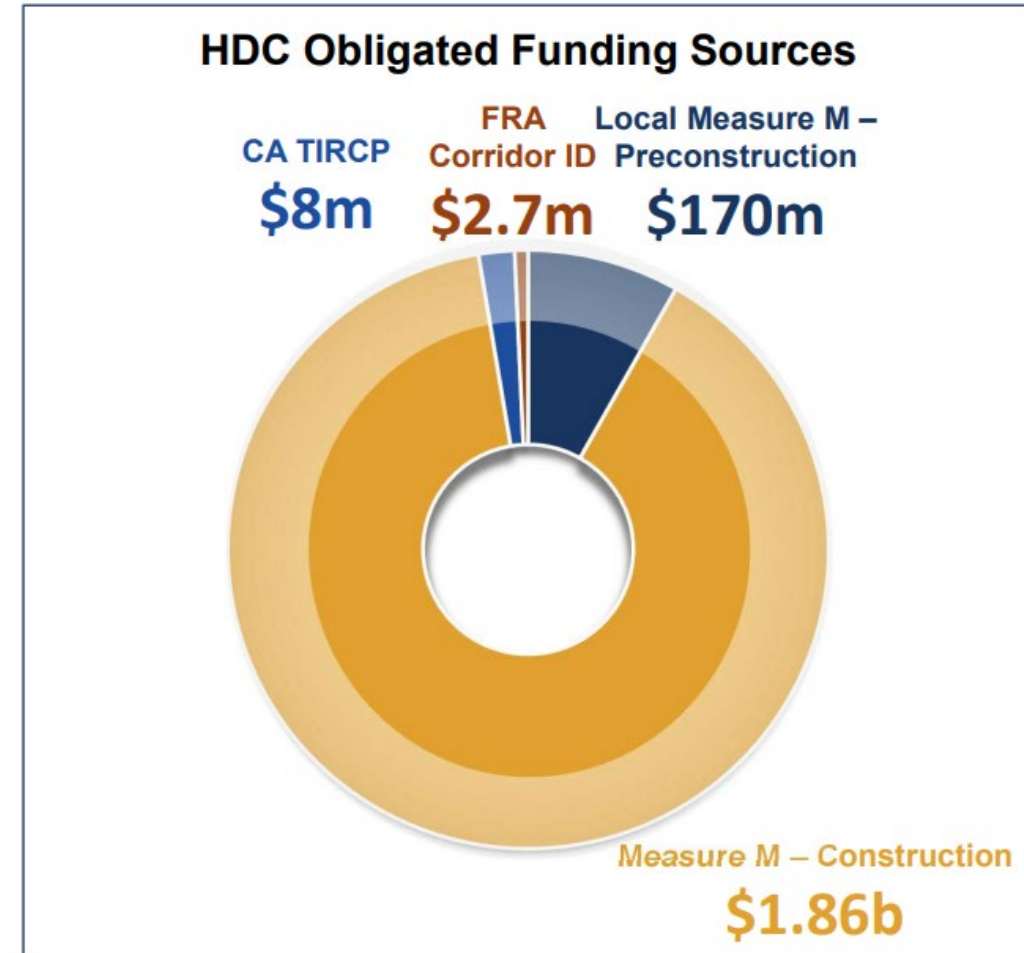
**Local** - LA County Measure M funds committed by Metro are divided into two allocations per the Measure M Expenditure Plan:

- \$170M in early funds available for predevelopment & ROW activities: \$145 million remaining (December 2025)
- Funds available for capital construction: **\$1.86 billion** (available in 2063-2067)

**State** - In 2023, CalSTA awarded \$8 million TIRCP funds for predevelopment-related design engineering expenditures, leverage other funds.

**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)
- \$2.3 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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## Next Steps

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## **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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# Questions & Answers

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