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## HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR Preferred Alternative Fact Sheet

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### Overview

In September 2010, Caltrans, Metro, SANBAG and partner agencies initiated the Alternatives Analysis (AA) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (Draft EIS/EIR) to evaluate alternatives that could address the high desert region's potential for future population and economic growth, and improve transportation infrastructure to facilitate goods movement. The High Desert Corridor (HDC)

proposes a new strategic multipurpose transportation corridor between Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, connecting the communities of Palmdale, Lancaster, Adelanto, Victorville and Town of Apple Valley. The proposed main alignment covers approximately 63 miles, linking to SR-14, US-395, I-15 and SR-18, and will have the ability to accommodate up to eight lanes of vehicle traffic.

### HDC

In July 2015, the Preferred Alternative (PA) was finalized and adopted by Caltrans and the Metro Board of Directors, advancing the alternative for further study in the Final EIS/EIR, the study is expected to be completed in Spring 2016.

The selected PA consists of a freeway/tollway with HSR feeder/connector, bikeway, and a green energy generation corridor, with Variations D and B1, details are listed below:

**VARIATION D** – located in Lake Los Angeles, will reduce the number of residential displacements and avoid an existing vineyard.

**VARIATION B1** – located in Adelanto, will avoid impacts to several water wells owned by the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District.

### Roadway

The proposed roadway would begin in Palmdale as a freeway, follow Avenue P-8 in Los Angeles County, run parallel to and south of El Mirage Road when entering San Bernardino County, turn east to Air Expressway Boulevard near I-15, transition to an expressway at Dale Evans Parkway and end at SR-18/Bear Valley Road in the Town of Apple Valley.

### Toll

The toll section, if adopted, would begin at 100th Street East in Palmdale and end at US-395 in Victorville.

### HSR Feeder/Connector

The HSR Feeder/Connector service would run between the Palmdale Transportation Center and the proposed XpressWest HSR station in Victorville. The planned future passenger rail network would potentially connect San Francisco, Central Valley, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Diego.

- > HSR Option 1C to the Palmdale Transportation Center – includes underground segments for both northbound and southbound connections to avoid conflicts with the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR), Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) tracks near Sierra Highway, Runway Protection Zones at the Plant 42 facility, and the St. Clair Parkway Section 4(f) open space property in Palmdale.

### Green Energy Production and/or Transmission Corridor

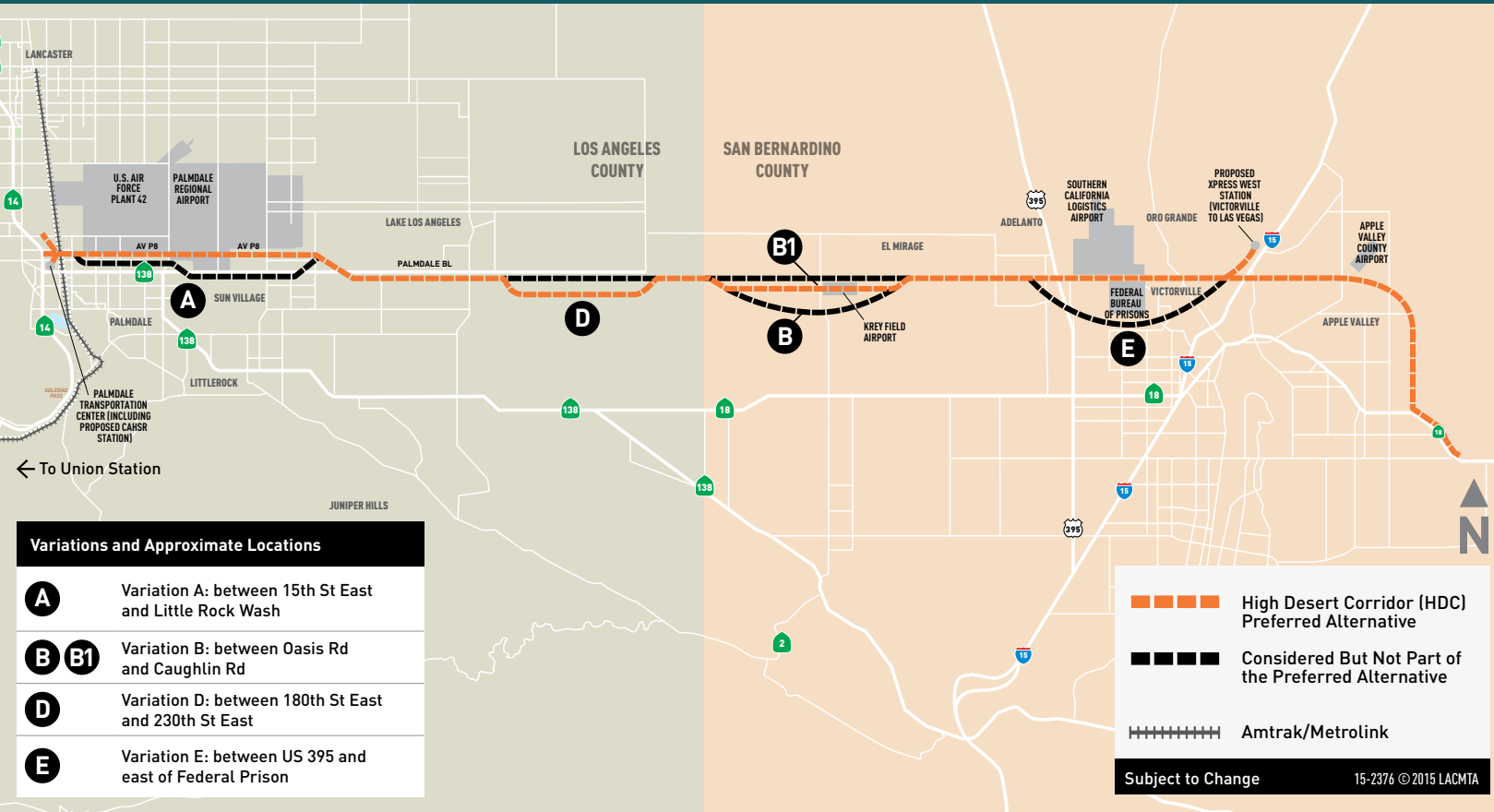
The project will assume a footprint that can accommodate an energy production and/or transmission facility along HDC.

- > The green and renewable energy component would contribute to greenhouse gas and energy cost reductions.
- > The green energy production and transmission facilities would be constructed within the study area footprint.

### Bikeway

Another exciting component to the HDC Multipurpose Corridor project is an effort to enhance bicycle facilities along the HDC, approximately from 20th Street to US-395. Coordination has already started to identify local routes for an ideal bike connection between the City of Palmdale and the Town of Apple Valley.

# HDC Preferred Alternative



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**A GeoSocial Interactive Map** has been created for this project that allows users to explore the HDC Study Area, explore the Preferred Alternative currently under study and post geo-coded comments onto the map.

Please take the time to visit the project webpage and try this dynamic interactive map tool at [metro.net/hdc](http://metro.net/hdc).

