



# North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

August 1, 2019

Mr. Brian P. Kelly  
Chief Executive Officer  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: NCTC Position Paper for Palmdale to Burbank CHSRA Section**

Dear Mr. Kelly:

On behalf of the North County Transportation Coalition JPA (NCTC) Board of Directors, we write to express our position on the Bakersfield to Palmdale segment. The NCTC JPA Board member agencies representing Los Angeles County 5<sup>th</sup> District, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, and the City of Santa Clarita, voted their position unanimously at the July 22, 2019 meeting.

In November 2018, the CHSRA Board of Directors concurred with the Staff Recommended State Preferred Alternative known as Refined State Route 14 Alternative or “Refined Alternative” which is an approximately 38- mile underground, at-grade and elevated corridor that ends with a station at the Burbank Airport.

The NCTC **remains concerned** about potential impacts to communities within the CHSRA Palmdale to Burbank section as depicted in the preferred SR 14 Refined alternative. While the CHSRA carries out its environmental studies, the NCTC strongly urges the CHSRA **to continue exploring ways to mitigate impacts to communities, including additional tunneling.**

**The NCTC urges the CHSRA to remain underground through the Santa Clarita Valley, including Acton, Agua Dulce, The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and the Magic Mountain Wilderness Area.**

We look forward to working with you and your staff throughout the environmental clearance process to make high-speed rail a reality for North Los Angeles County. You can contact me at [sohikian@northcountytransportationcoalition.org](mailto:sohikian@northcountytransportationcoalition.org) or at (213) 379-1551.

Sincerely,

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CC: CHSRA Board of Directors