

Integrating High Speed Rail Into Existing Corridors

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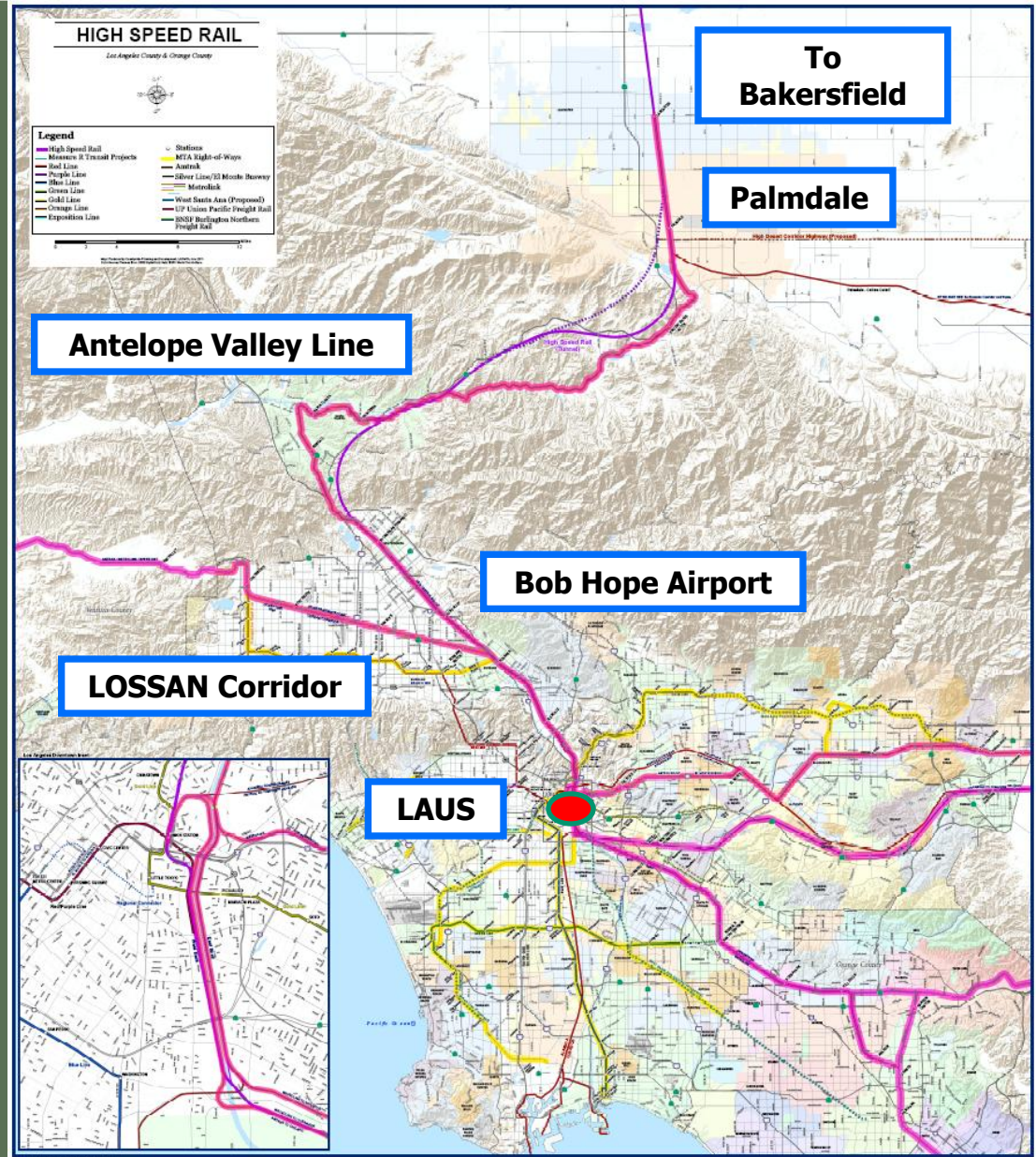
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Regional Rail Corridors in L.A. County

- Five commuter rail lines
- Three high speed rail lines
- Two operating freight lines
- Amtrak LOSSAN service
- An important regional airport



HSR Corridor into Los Angeles

- 30 Metrolink trains a day
- UPRR freight
- 90 trains a day south of Burbank Junction
- Dense urban area
- 24 at-grade crossings



The Challenges

- Differing goals and markets
- Operational Challenges
- Community impacts
- Community Perception
- Impacts to existing service – freight and commuter rail
- Maintaining regional connectivity

How Do We Address the Challenges

- Identify mutual benefits:
 - Grade separations
 - Increased capacity
 - Benefits to the community.
- Work to resolve challenges that benefit the “system”.

How NOT to Proceed

- The old adage “I’m from the railroad and am here to help.” does not work
- Communities do not want to hear how their issue impacts the project.
- The guarantee of jobs does not change the fact that the project is taking away businesses.
- Do not transfer the right-of-way challenges onto the local agency.

Interconnectivity

- The CHSRA Revised Business Plan provides opportunities to work together to solve agency interests.
- High Speed Rail is all about Regional Connectivity.
 - The challenge is to enhance and utilize all modes of transportation to meet the needs of the region – not just the HSR needs.
- Build on existing resources for success

Advance Investment MOU

- Metro has been working with seven agencies on an advance investment MOU.
- The MOU provides \$1B for opportunities in southern California.
- Forms a partnership between the CHSRA and the agencies.
- Metro is working with CHSRA and the other agencies to finalize the illustrative project list.
 - Projects address strategic needs for southern California that will also benefit the HSR system.

What Metro is Doing

- Developing an overall regional rail strategy that:
 - Establishes regional priorities for investment to coordinate with the 2012 CHSRA Business Plan.
 - Advances projects to preliminary engineering and environmental clearance.
 - Initiates a project development plan that leverages investment and grant opportunities.
- Working with Metrolink, CHSRA, FRA, and other agencies to develop an overall regional interconnectivity strategy.

Can Resolve Existing Community Challenges

- Requires a joint effort.
- There is an opportunity to address many community issues:
 - Safety enhancements
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Transit oriented development
 - Regional connectivity

Can Resolve Existing Railroad Challenges

- Requires a joint effort.
- There is an opportunity to address railroad issues:
 - Speed enhancements
 - Capacity enhancements
 - Safety enhancements
 - Infrastructure improvements

Questions?