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COACHELLA VALLEY RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

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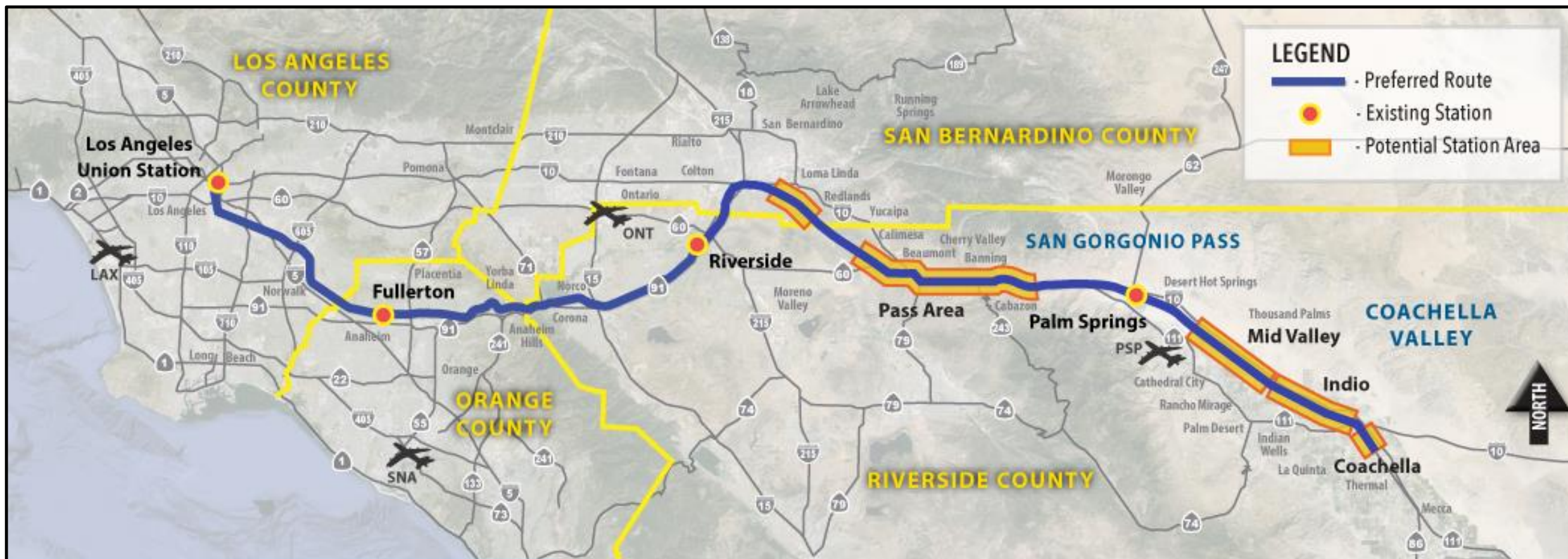
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Tonight's Presentation

- Overview
- Purpose and Process
- Status
- Tier 2 EIS/EIR Overview
- Continued Outreach
- Next Steps



Coachella Valley Rail Corridor



144 **MILES**
Route Length

100% **Commission Supported** ✓

▶ **SoCal Population**
24 Million

▶ **Inland Empire Population**
4.65 Million



Running Time
Los Angeles to Coachella Valley

No. of **Proposed Stations** 9

▶ **San Geronio Pass Travelers**
160,000 / Day

Why Coachella Valley Rail?

- ✓ **Transformational** – Transforms the way Californians will travel
- ✓ **Connections** – Links LA, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside counties
- ✓ **Access & Equity** – Options for residents in disadvantaged communities
- ✓ **Economic Investment** – Expands access to the regional economy
- ✓ **Sustainability** – Combats climate change by reducing vehicle use



Strong Public Support



11 Stakeholder & Agency Briefings



2 Virtual Public Hearings



3,226 Page Views
rctc.org/cvrail



504 Comments Received



Notification Efforts – English & Spanish

- 9 Email Notices
- 2 News Releases
- The Point Blog Posts
- 22 Social Media Posts
- Project Website
- Video Campaign
- 11 Print/Online Ads
- Geofencing Ads

Project Status



- Program-Level (Tier 1) EIS/EIR
- Service Development Plan

Project-Level (Tier 2) EIS/EIR Overview: Looking Ahead

- ✓ Conceptual engineering will be developed to better define the project
- ✓ Tier 2 would analyze site-specific impacts based on infrastructure improvements
- ✓ Identifies station locations and local impacts
- ✓ Certification of Tier 2 will allow construction to begin!

Funding need and opportunities

- Seeking \$20 million of the \$60 million needed to complete Tier 2
- Seeking federal funding through the Federal Railroad Administration & Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Seeking federal funding through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant
- Pursuing state funding through CalSTA State Rail Assistance Program, Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program, and Senate Bill 1
- Thank you for supporting this project

Leading the conversation with continued outreach

- RCTC Ad Hoc Committee
- Trip to Washington DC - September 19 - 21, 2022
- Meeting with California State Transportation Agency
- Community Engagement & Stakeholder Outreach
- Pursue Regional Partnerships for Funding



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QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION

