



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of April 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 4-E

PREPARED BY: Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner

SUBJECT:

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Phase 3 of the Madera Station Relocation Project

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on April 14, 2025, for Phase 3 of the Madera Station Relocation Project.

Phase 3 will support expanded HSR operations and service levels (beyond the Early Operation Service associated with HSR Service (Bay Area to the north, Southern California to the south, or both) and subsequently Phase 1 HSR service (San Francisco to Los Angeles) at the proposed Madera HSR Station. This culminating phase will better connect HSR service and intercity railroad services to economic and educational centers in Madera County.

SJPA will be holding an open house meeting to provide information about the Draft EIR and respond to general questions about the environmental analysis. There will be a presentation and information boards summarizing the Project and the Draft EIR, and staff will be available to answer questions of a general nature.

Meeting Information:

- Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm (the presentation will take place from 5:50-6:10pm.)
- Madera County Community College, Room TM -11, 30277 Ave 12, Madera, CA 93638

A court reporter will be present to capture all formal comments made. Spanish interpretation services will also be available.

Comment Period:

All formal comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing via mail or email by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, or to a court reporter at the Open House Meeting for consideration.

There are three ways to provide comments on the document.

Mail :

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Please include "Madera HSR Phase 3 Project" in the subject line.

In-Person:

Written and verbal comments will be accepted during the Open House Meeting (see Meeting information above).

More information about the Draft EIR and the Madera Station project are available at the SJPA website: <https://sjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/>

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.