



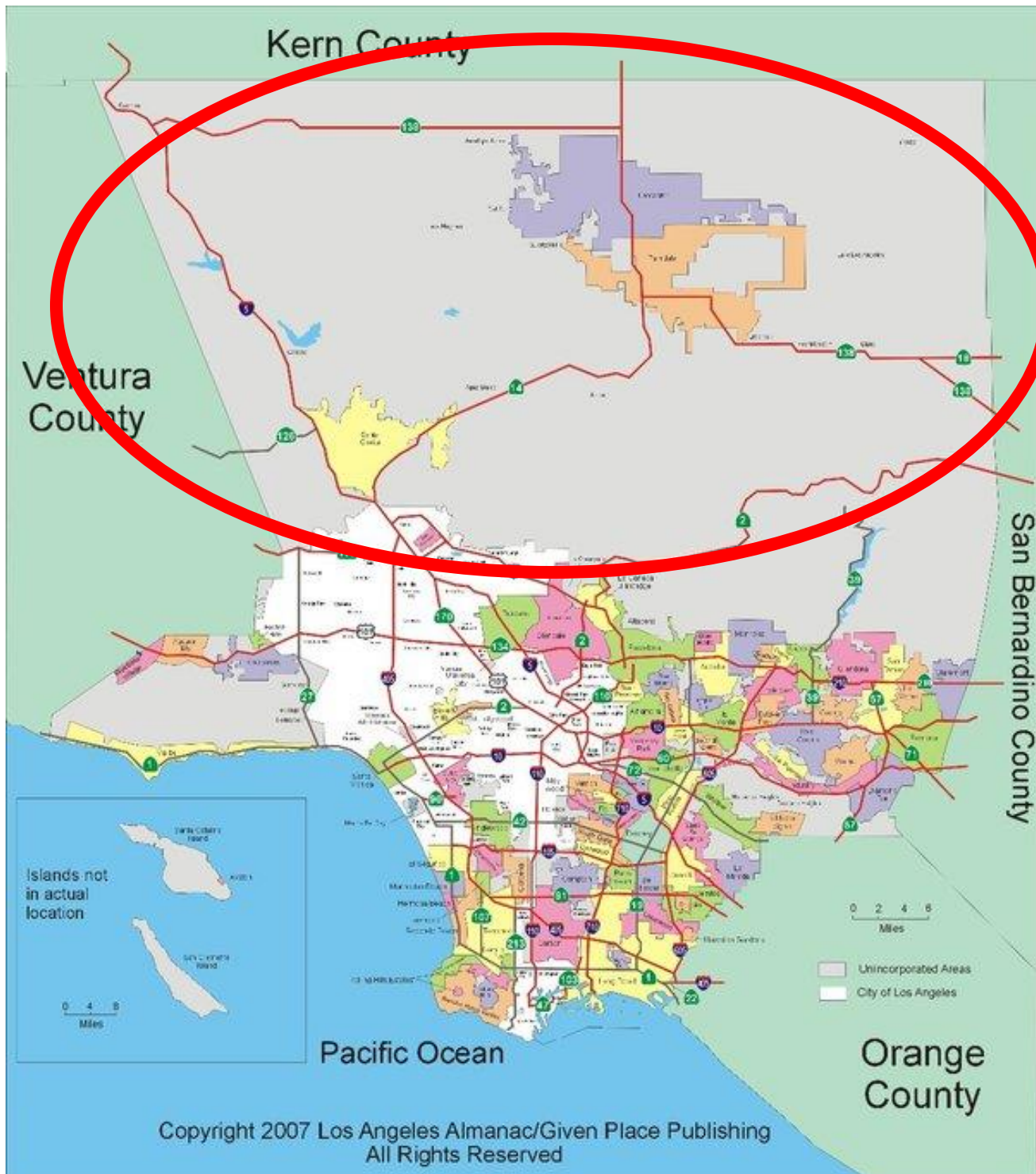
**NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
Transportation Coalition JPA

## The NCTC-JPA Mission

To improve the movement of people and goods in the North Los Angeles County region through the development of policies and strategies that directly lead to the implementation of transportation projects and programs that address critical transportation issues, promote economic development and maximize transportation funding opportunities for member jurisdictions.



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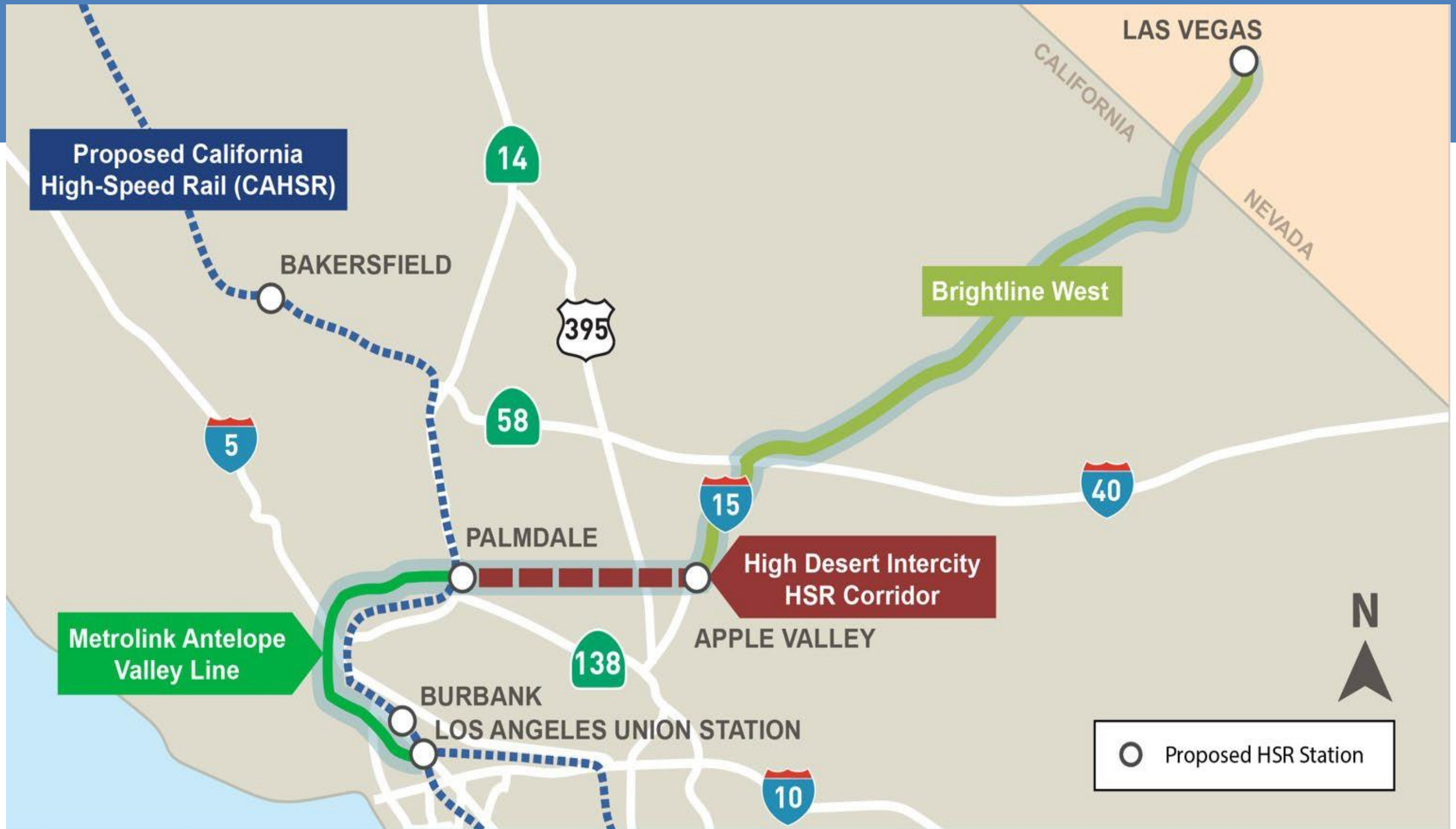
## What Comprises NCTC-JPA

- Three incorporated cities:
  - Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita, and Unincorporated communities such as Acton, Agua Dulce, Gorman, and Lebec, Tejon Ranch
- Fastest Growing subregion in the County
- Population: Estimated at 750,000
- Public Transit: Antelope Valley Transit Authority, (AVTA), Santa Clarita Transit, and Metrolink
- Serves as sub-regional agency to assist in regional planning to obtain funding for transportation projects funded by Metro, State, and the Federal Government

## 1 in 4 people live in Equity Focus Communities

- Hispanic/Latino Pop.: Lancaster: 39.7%, Palmdale: 60.2%, Santa Clarita 33.5%, Adelanto: 67.7%, Victorville: 54.6%, Apple Valley: 39.1%
- African American Pop.: Lancaster: 21.8 %, Palmdale: 12.5%, Santa Clarita 11%, Adelanto: 18.3%, Victorville: 17.3%, Apple Valley: 9.1%
- Poverty rate: Lancaster: 21.7%, Palmdale: 15.6%, Santa Clarita: 8.2%, Adelanto: 28.5%, Victorville: 23.3%, Apple Valley: 17.3%

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## Shovel-Ready Rail Project Fully Funded in Current Budget

- Current FY22 Budget is fully funded to achieve the high-speed rail project shovel-ready federal and state environmental clearance with a FRA ROD.
- FY23 HDC JPA Budget approved for July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. HDC JPA approved budget on April 14, 2022, and Metro Board of Directors approved Funding Agreement with HDC JPA on April 28, 2022, that funds continued NEPA, CEQA, Metro Service Development Plan work without interruptions to get the high-speed rail project shovel ready.
- HDC JPA strongly supports Metro's High Desert Intercity Rail Corridor Service Development and Funding Plan, and working with the FRA, CalSTA, CA HSR, Metrolink, and Brightline.
- Project is funded in landmark transportation voter approved Los Angeles County Measure M Expenditure Plan with nearly \$170M in the current fiscal years and \$1.866 Billion in later years that could leverage federal, state and private funds **NOW**.

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## **Project Will Serve Equity Focused Communities**

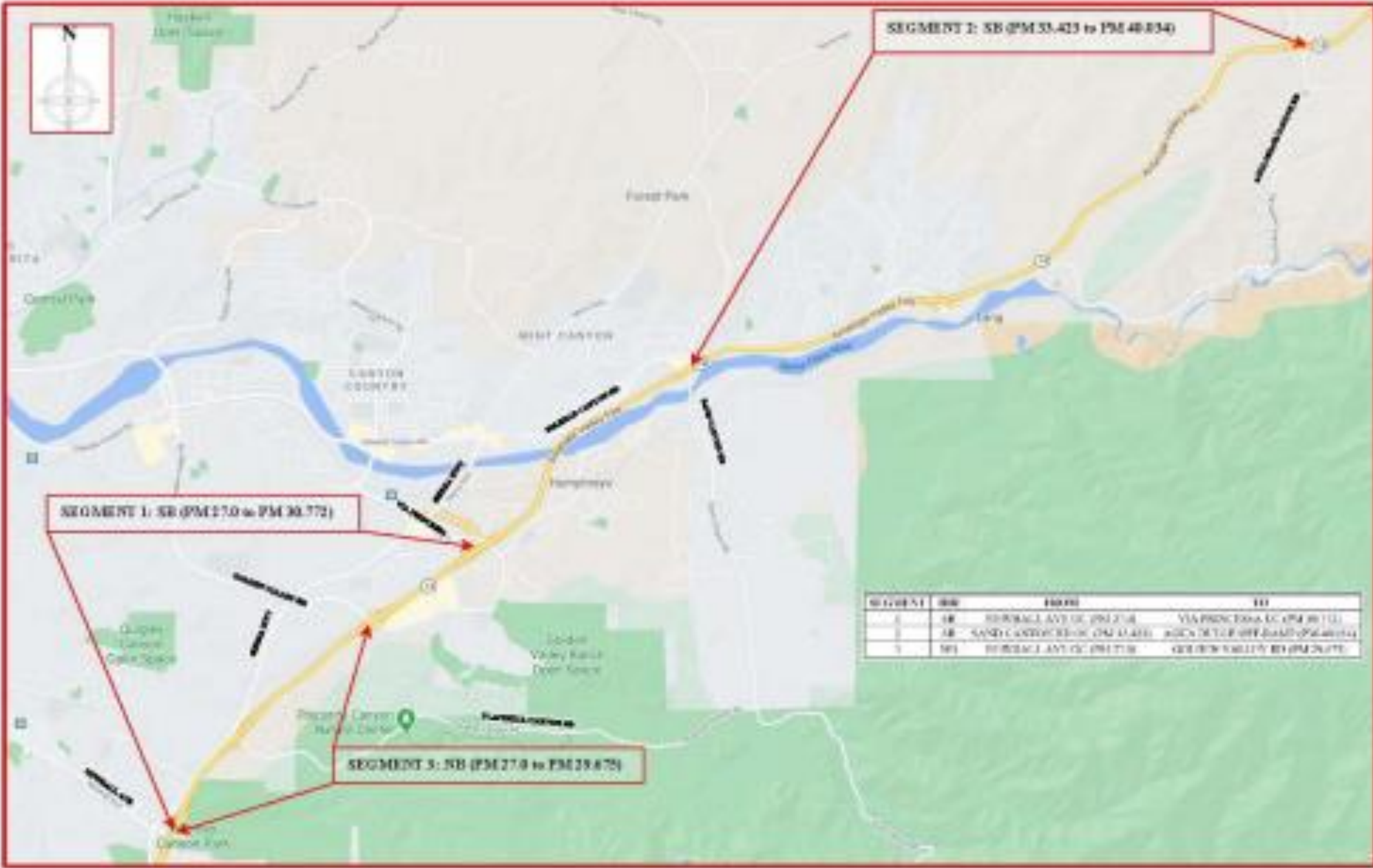
- Nearly all 54-mile route is within Equity Focused Communities in the high desert communities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.
- Strong local support from these communities.
- A revised Joint Powers Authority Agreement is circulating among the seven potential member jurisdictions, six of whom are current HDC JPA Board members, as follows:
  - Los Angeles County, 5<sup>th</sup> District
  - Los Angeles County Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale
  - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
  - San Bernardino County Cities of Victorville, Adelanto, and Town of Apple Valley
- High-speed rail project is expected to generate thousands of jobs during construction and longer-term jobs. Est. more than \$12 billion economic activity during project development and construction.

# Metrolink Antelope Valley Line Improvements Project

## Existing Conditions and Proposed Improvements



# SR-14 TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Project ID (EA): 072000165 (37420K)



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**THANK YOU!**

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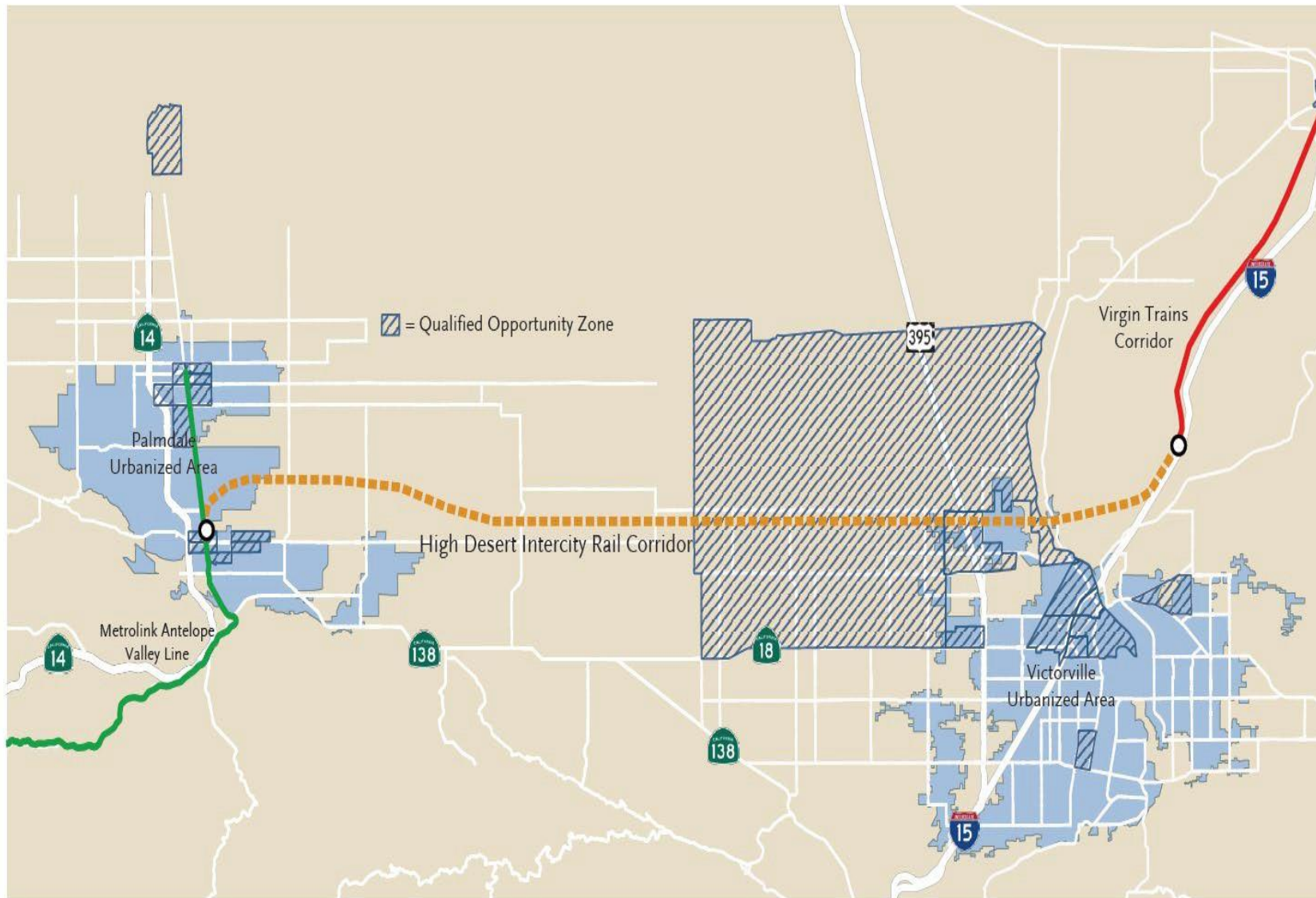
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- The entire area of the Project falls within the low-income communities and households as defined by AB 1550, with a significant portion also falling within the disadvantaged and low-income communities as defined by SB 535.
- There are 15 opportunity zones along High Desert Intercity HSR Corridor. Nine opportunity zones in San Bernardino County and six in Los Angeles County.

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## Economic Impact/Equity

**Figure 5: Urbanized Areas and Qualified Opportunity Zones**



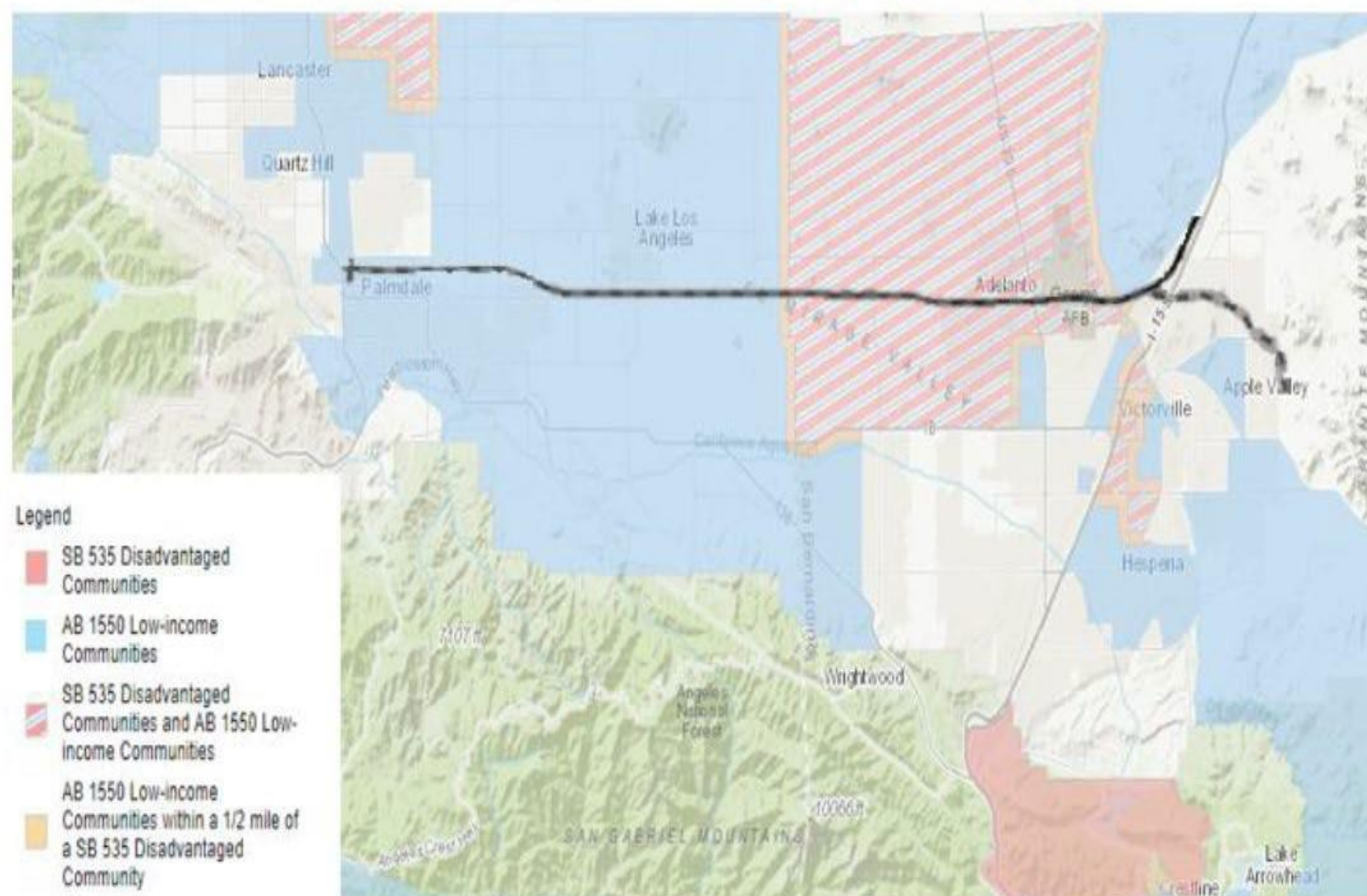
The High Desert Intercity HSR Corridor Project will stimulate economic development in one of the fastest growing areas in California. The growing population of the High Desert has major implications for transit usage and greenhouse gas emissions. Populations in both the Victor and Antelope Valleys spend significant time commuting to employment centers outside of the High Desert region.

As these regions which have been underserved by transportation options and are heavily reliant on single-person automobile traffic continue to grow, it will be essential to provide a new HSR service. With the addition of the new HSR service, many of these communities will be incentivized to eliminate long drives into Los Angeles and other urban centers and capitalize on growing economic opportunities in the High Desert region. The connectivity of Metrolink and a high-speed rail service will ultimately provide reduced commute times for those still commuting into Los Angeles and nearby jurisdictions, while increasing economic prosperity in the Antelope and Victor valleys.

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Figure 4: Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities. (Source: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/535investments.htm>)



Approximately 90 percent of High Desert Intercity HSR corridor between Palmdale and the Victor Valley is rural and the Cities of Adelanto and Victorville are designated as high poverty areas by the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

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