HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AGENCY

HDC HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT OVERVIEW

ABOUT US

The High Desert Corridor (HDC) is a proposed multipurpose transportation route connecting Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County with Victor Valley in San Bernardino County. The first phase is a 54-mile high-speed rail project between the two fast-growing regions with connections to Brightline West, California High Speed Rail, and Metrolink. The HDC JPA 2025-26 budget is fully funded to study a new intercity high-speed rail corridor and to seek NEPA environmental clearance & obtain Record of Decision (ROD) in late 2026/early 2027. Secured over $2B in Local, CA State, and Federal funding for the HDC Intercity High-Speed Rail Project.





BENEFITS

Safety **–** Will improve travel safety and reliability from rural communities to major urban centers in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties.

Economic **–** Will generate more than $12 billion in economic activity during development and construction.

Jobs-Housing **–** New business development will help create jobs closer to and within the growing communities in Southern California. Access to affordable housing options.

Leveraging Other Major Investments **–** By tying with BLW, expands market and reach, creating greater value.

Environmental and Congestion Relief **–** The zero-emission high-speed rail technology will reduce vehicle miles travelled, contributing to improved air quality and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Transportation Connectivity and Mobility Options **–** Unprecedented investment in historically underserved and underinvested communities in the high desert communities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.



The HDC is funded by the voter-approved Los Angeles County Measure M Expenditure Plan with nearly $170 million in the current and near-term fiscal years that could leverage federal, state, and private funds to construct the HDC High Speed Rail Project.

Local **–** Measure M funds committed by Metro are divided into two allocations per the Measure M expenditure Plan: $170M in early funds available for predevelopment activities, $145 million remaining (December 2025). Funds available for capital construction: $1.86 billion available in the outyears.

State **–** In 2023, CalSTA awarded $8 million TIRCP funds for reimbursed predevelopment-related design engineering expenditures and to leverage other investment in the project.

Federal **–** In 2023, HDC JPA awarded grant funding under the FRA Corridor ID Program for reimbursed expenditures related to the Service and Financial Development Plan (SDP): $500k for Corridor ID Step 1 (Obligated).

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