



San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

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## **Madera Station Relocation Project**

Draft Initial Study / Mitigated  
Negative Declaration

**Project Meeting**  
**(via online webinar)**

November 5, 2020

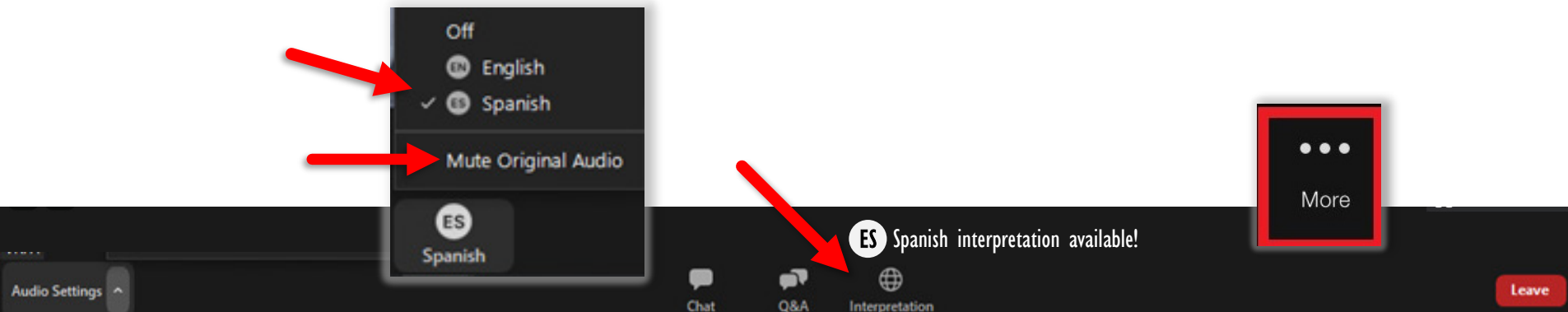
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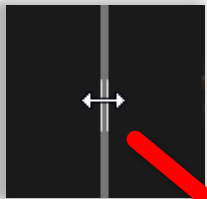
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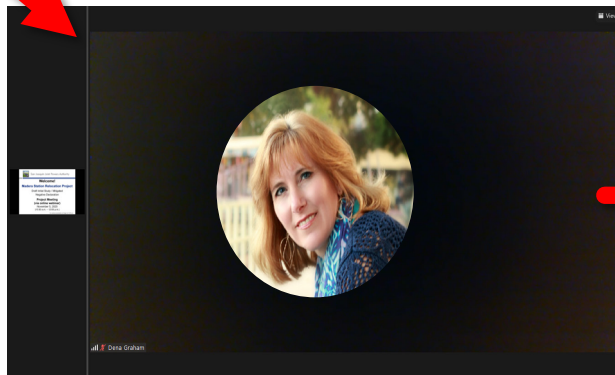


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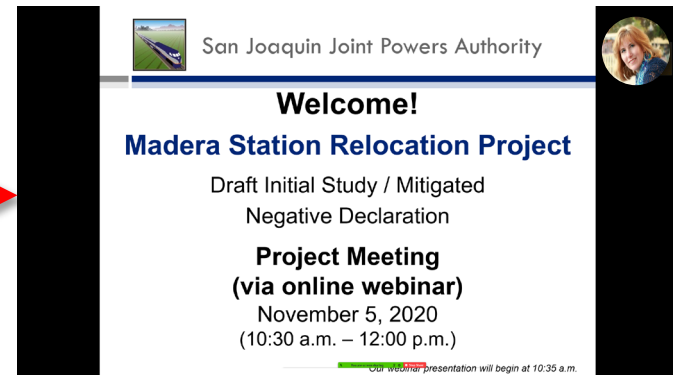
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You can also submit comments via e-mail, the Project webpage online submission form, or the mail.



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## **Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Goals**



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## Opening Remarks



Introduction from Madera County  
Supervisor Brett Frazier



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## Presenters



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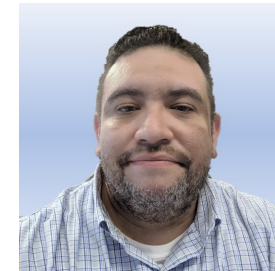
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## Agenda

- I. Project Background
- II. Project Information
- III. Proposed Relocated Madera Station Site Plans
- IV. Draft IS/MND Findings
- V. Questions/Comments





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## **Project Background**



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## Project Background

- San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJIPA), which is the managing agency for the San Joaquins Rail Service (“San Joaquins”), is the Lead Agency in pursuing this project.
- SJIPA has a goal to improve service and performance of the San Joaquins.
- The Madera Station Relocation Project will relocate the station to a site at Avenue 12.



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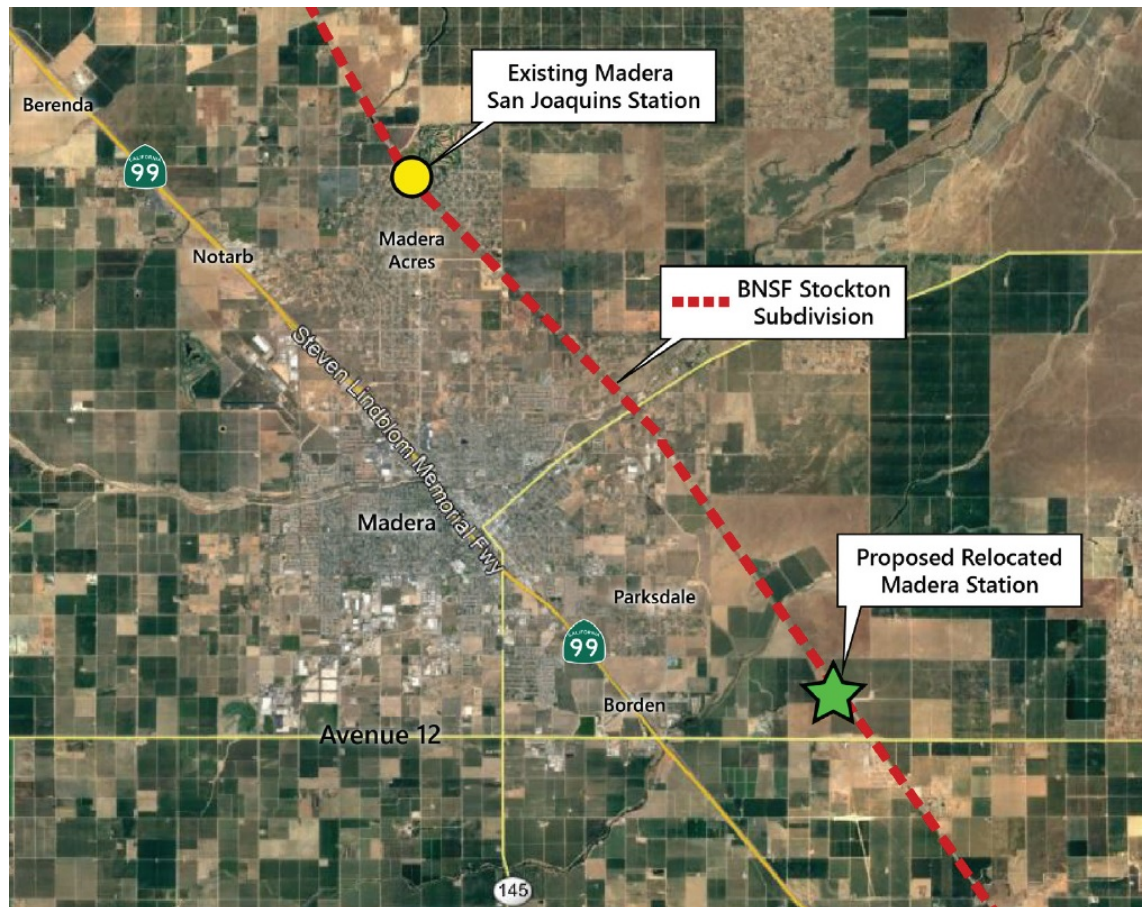


- San Joaquin System Map



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## Project Location



- Existing Madera San Joaquin Station located in vicinity of Madera Acres
- Proposed Station located just north of Avenue 12 along the existing BNSF tracks



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## Project History

- In late 2016, SJJPA analysis identified Madera Station as lacking any public transportation connections.
- Additional analysis showed poor access to SR 99, very low ridership, and limited transit-oriented development potential .
- It was determined that the station location was a major contributing factor for the lack of connectivity and low ridership.





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## Project History

- In late 2016, SJJPA staff worked with Madera CTC, Madera County, the City of Madera, CalSTA, and the CHSRA to review the issues related to the existing station at Madera Acres. The result was a determination that a station site at Avenue 12 would best address the goals of the region and SJJPA.
- In early 2018, SJJPA submitted an application for a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant and was awarded \$26 million on April 26, 2018 to relocate of Madera San Joaquins Station to a site at Avenue 12. Subsequently, SJJPA has been coordinating with its State and local/regional partners towards project implementation.



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## **Project Information**

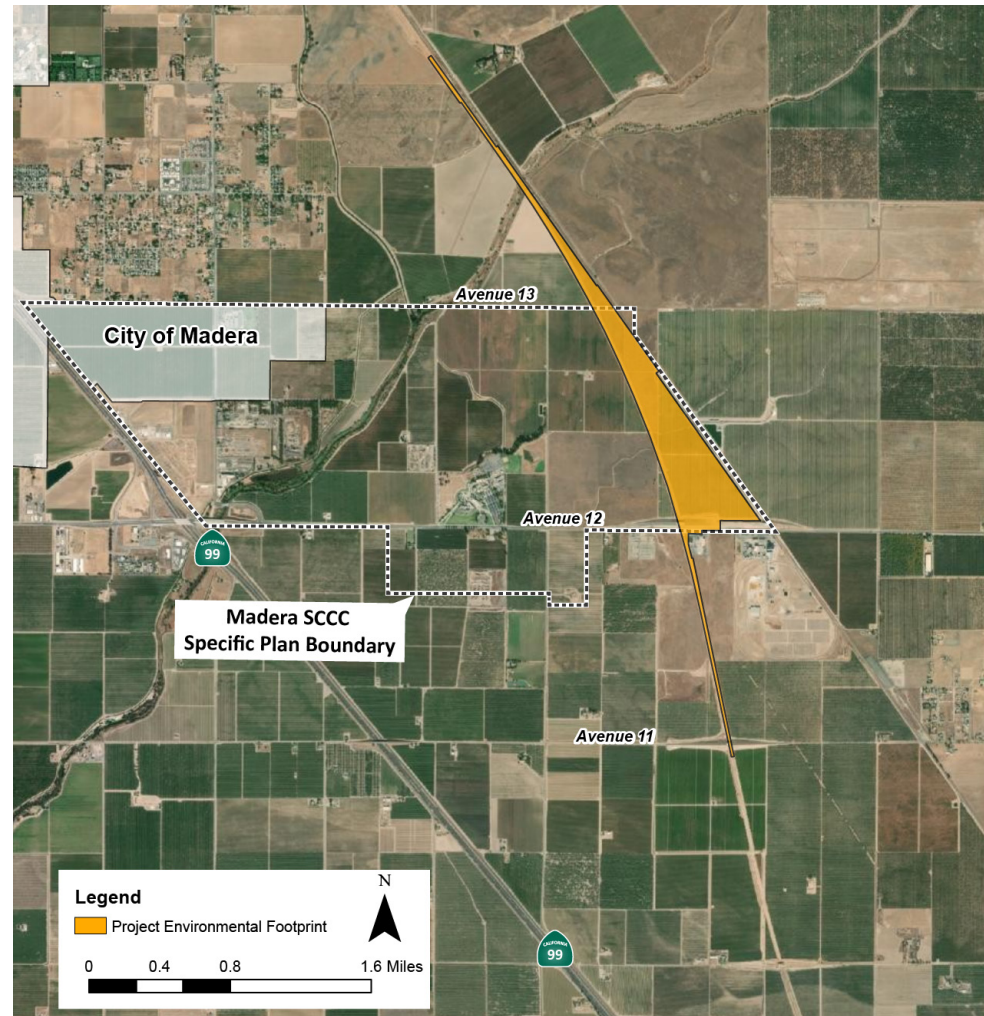




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## Project Environmental Footprint

- The Relocated Station site is located just north of Avenue 12 and very near the Madera Community College Center.
- Much of the Project Environmental Footprint is located within the boundaries of the State Center Community College Specific Plan.







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## Project Phasing

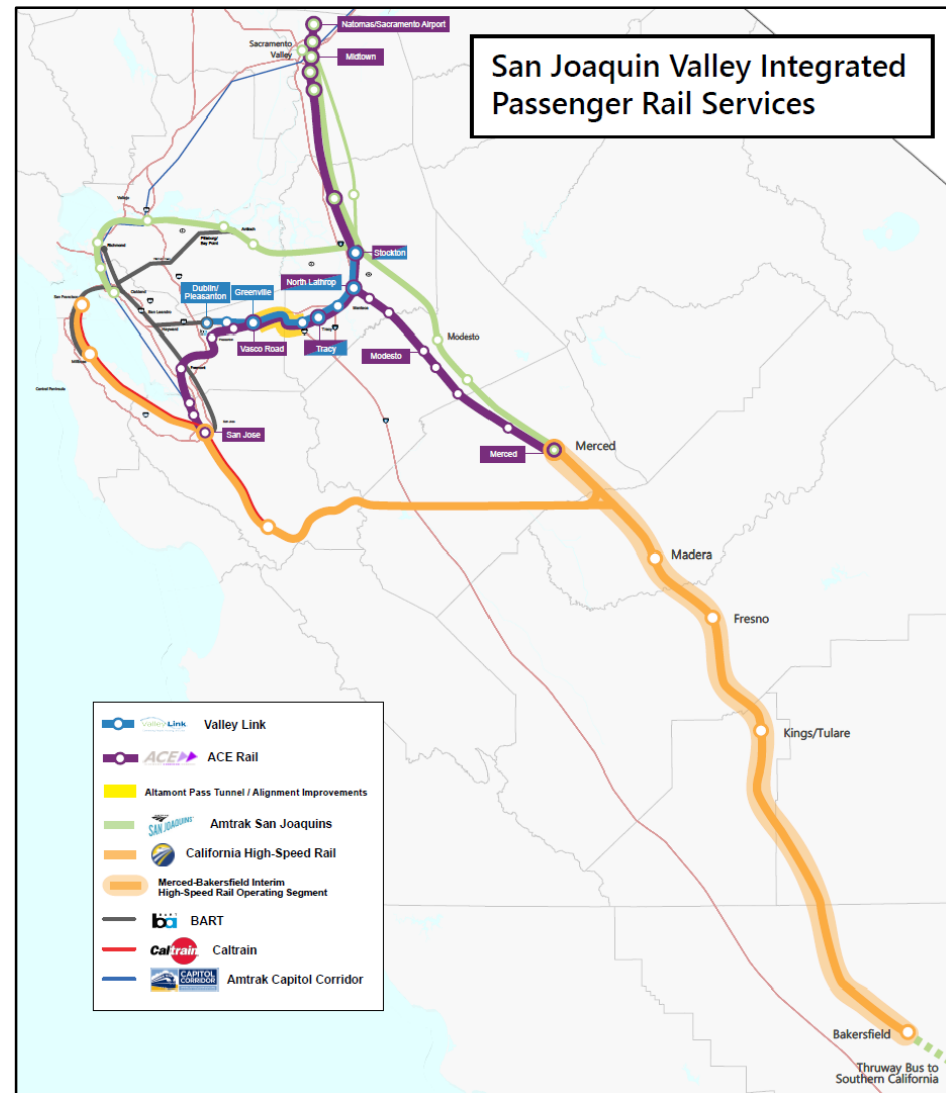
- Phase 1 – San Joaquins Relocated Station
  - The Madera San Joaquins Station and service would be relocated from the existing station site in Madera Acres to a new station (Relocated Station) that would be constructed near Avenue 12.
  - San Joaquins service to the Relocated Station is anticipated to commence in 2024.
  - Fully Funded
- Phase 2 – HSR Interim Operating Segment Station
  - Would construct trackwork and a high-speed rail (HSR) platform to allow HSR trains to access the same Relocated Station from Phase 1.
  - Not Currently Funded



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## Integration with High-Speed Rail

- As early as 2029, the San Joaquins service is planned to terminate in Merced, once high-speed rail service along the Merced-Bakersfield HSR Interim Operating Segment (IOS) of the California High Speed Rail Project is operating.
- This project includes environmental clearance of facilities needed to enable this station to be served by high-speed rail as part of the IOS.





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## Project Benefits

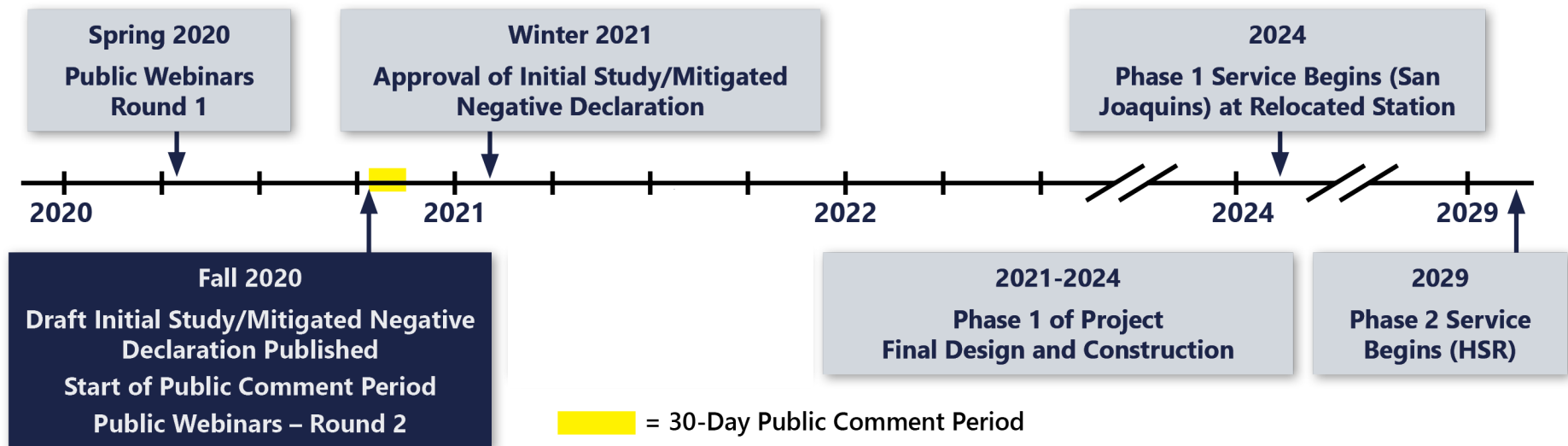
The Avenue 12 location has the following benefits:

- Excellent connectivity to SR 99 due to a recently completed interchange at Route 99/Avenue 12, as well as planned additional improvements to Avenue 12.
- Two bus lines were already running along Avenue 12 (pre-COVID), which provided great public transportation access to the Avenue 12 corridor.
- Central to the fast-growing region of Madera County.
- Within the Madera State Center Community College (SCCC) Specific Plan, which envisions possible Transit-Oriented Development in the vicinity of the Relocated Station.



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## Project Timeline



### Key Documents Released to public on October 14, 2020:

- Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Both available on Project webpage



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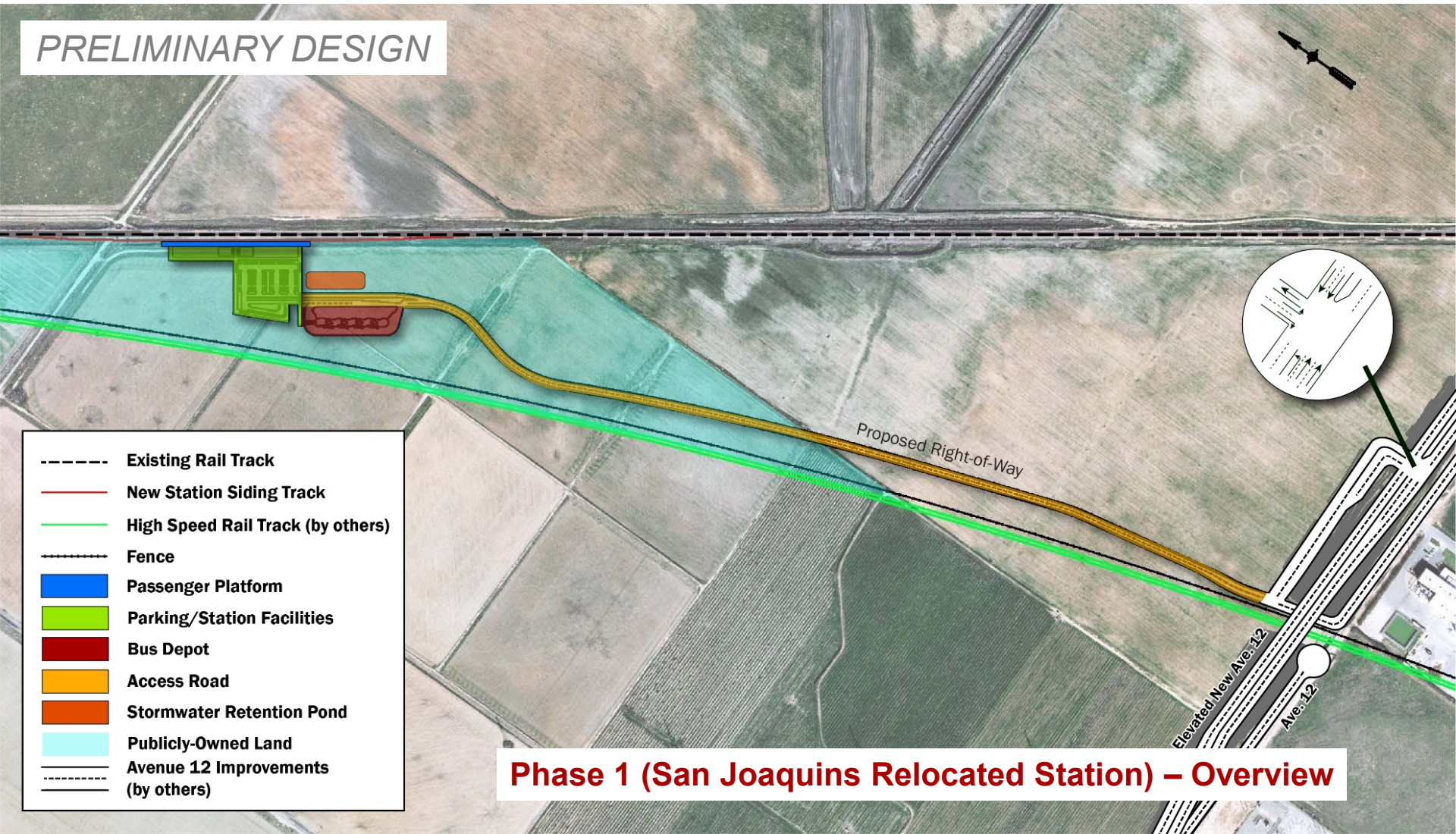
# **Proposed Relocated Madera Station Site Plans**





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## PRELIMINARY DESIGN



## Phase 1 (San Joaquins Relocated Station) – Overview





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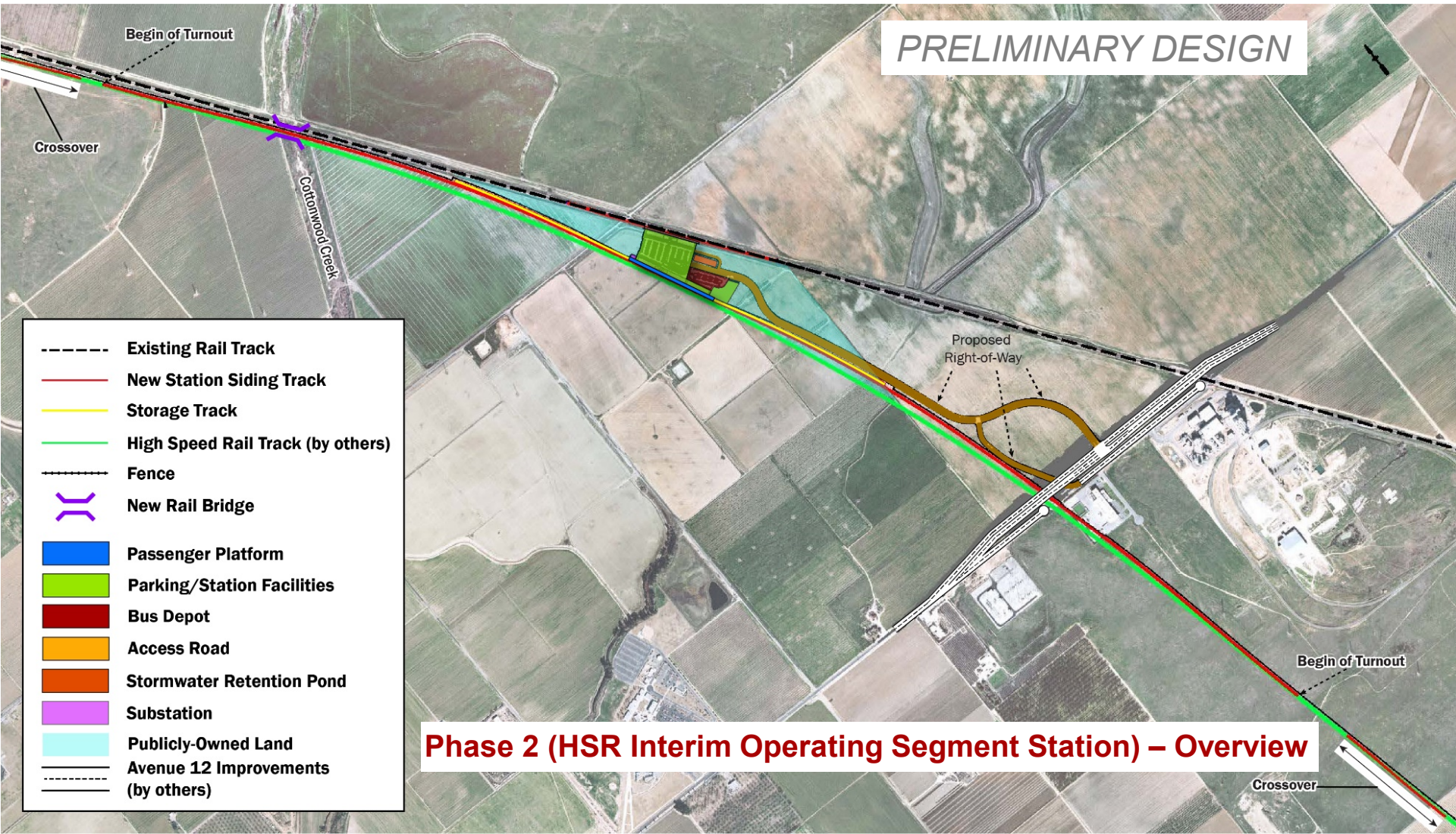
- Existing Rail Track
- New Station Siding Track
- High Speed Rail Track (by others)
- Fence
- Passenger Platform
- Parking/Station Facilities
- Bus Depot
- Access Road
- Stormwater Retention Pond
- Publicly-Owned Land

**Phase 1 (San Joaquin's Relocated Station) – Detailed View**





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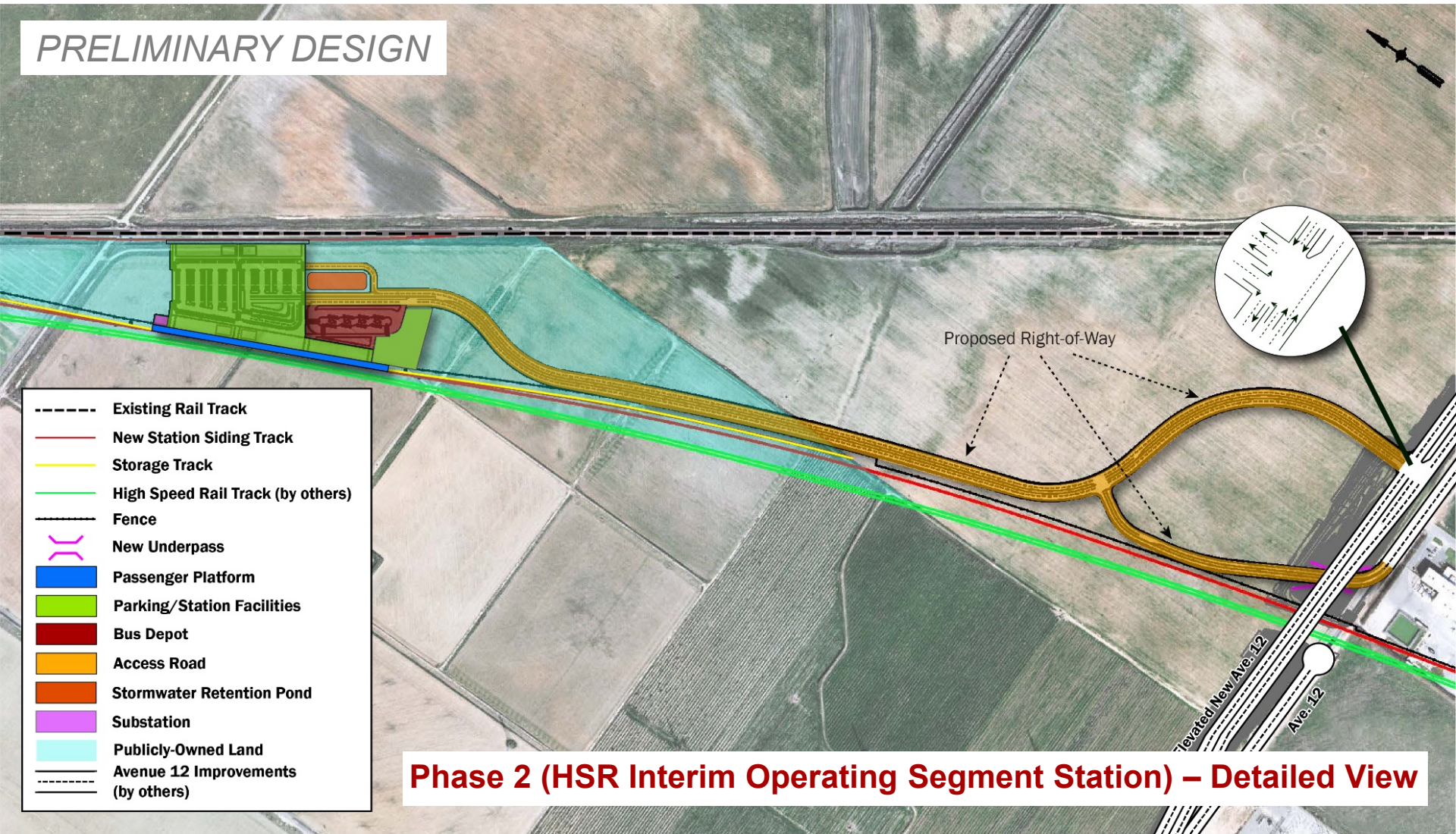






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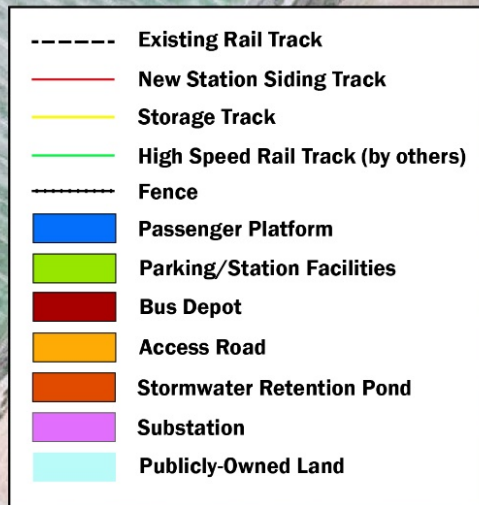
## Phase 2 (HSR Interim Operating Segment Station) – Detailed View





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*PRELIMINARY DESIGN*



**Phase 2 (HSR Interim Operating Segment Station) – Close-In View**



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## **Environmental Review**

### **Summary of Findings from Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND)**



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## **Environmental Process**

- Project requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Environmental document used by other agencies for issuing permits
- Process to determine adequate environmental document
- San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority is the Lead Agency
- California High-Speed Rail Authority is a Responsible Agency
- Public input is important part of the process



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## Public Review Process

- Draft IS/MND Released on October 14, 2020.
  - Document available on Project Website at:  
[\(https://sjjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/\)](https://sjjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/)
- Published Notice of Intent to Adopt an IS/MND on October 14, 2020
  - Madera Tribune
  - Madera County Clerk's Office
  - CA State Clearinghouse
  - Project Website
- 30-Day Public Review
- Public Webinar on November 5, 2020
- Public Review Period ends November 16, 2020



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## Draft IS/MND Organization

- Mitigated Negative Declaration & Summary of Mitigation Measures
- Introduction & Project Description
- Initial Study
  - 21 Environmental Topics Evaluated
  - Existing Conditions Compared with Project Elements
  - Mitigation Measures Proposed as Needed
- Technical Appendices
- Engineering Drawings



## MADERA STATION RELOCATION PROJECT

VOLUME 1

DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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October 2020





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## **Draft Initial Study: No Impacts/Less Than Significant Impacts**

- Aesthetics & Visual Quality
- Forestry Resources
- Air Quality (Operations)
- Cultural Resources (Historic)
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, Seismicity
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Resources
- Land Use & Development
- Mineral Resources
- Noise & Vibration
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation (Operations)
- Tribal Resources
- Utilities & Service Systems
- Wildfires
- Mandatory Findings of Significance (including Cumulative Impacts)



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## **Draft Initial Study: Less Than Significant Impacts with Mitigation**

- Agriculture Resources
  - Farmland Protection
- Air Quality
  - Construction Equipment Emissions
- Biological Resources
  - Surveys for Sensitive Species
- Archaeological/Paleontological Resources
  - Unknown Resources





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## **Draft Initial Study: Less Than Significant Impacts with Mitigation (cont'd)**

- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
  - Construction
  
- Hydrology & Water Resources
  - Bridge Construction over Cottonwood Creek
  - Drainage Control
  
- Transportation
  - Freight Operations During Construction
  - Construction



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## Project Benefits

- Reduced Vehicle Miles Traveled
  - Net Reduction in Greenhouse Gases
- Supportive of Transit Oriented Development
- Accessibility Improvements
  - Major Highway
  - Area of Substantial Growth
  - Transit-Dependent Populations



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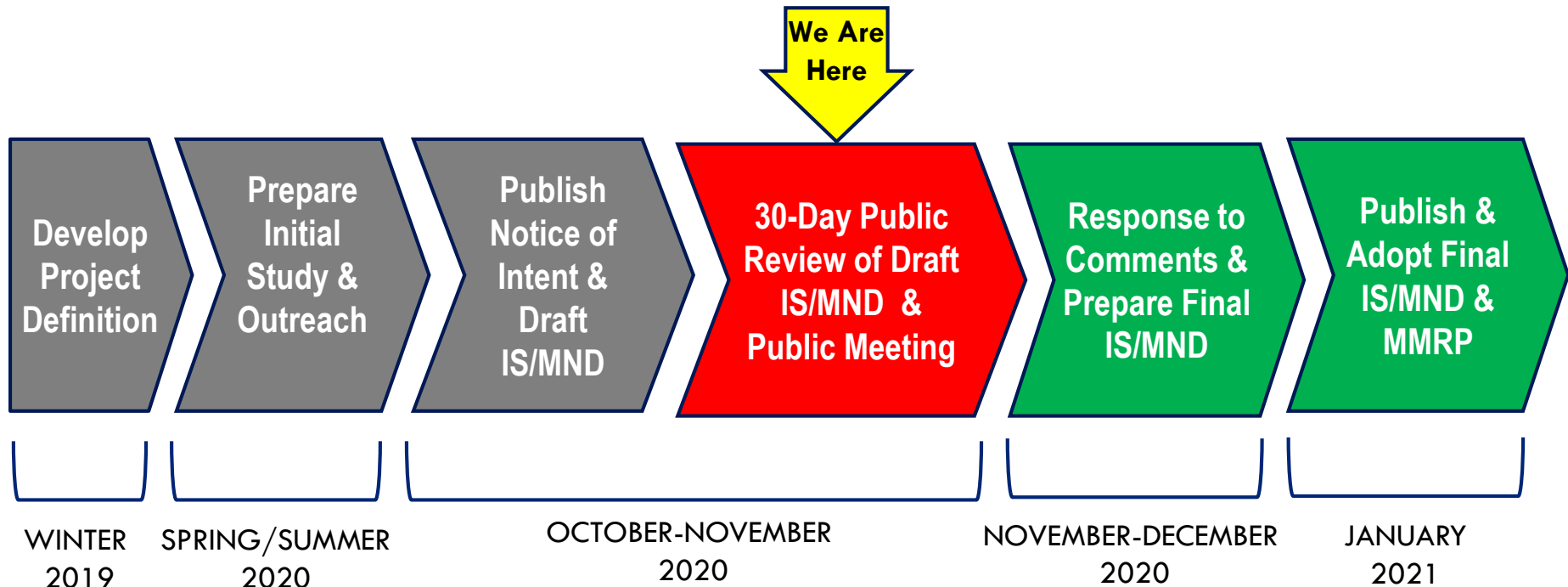
## Comments due by 5:00pm November 16, 2020

- Comments can be submitted the following ways:
  - Via Email: [MaderaStationComments@sjjpa.com](mailto:MaderaStationComments@sjjpa.com)
  - Via Project Webpage: <https://sjjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/>
  - Via Regular Mail: Attn: Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives/  
Madera Station Relocation Project  
San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority  
949 East Channel Street  
Stockton, CA 95202
- All comments received via the three options above will be responded to in the Final IS/MND
- Comments can also be made during this public webinar.



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## Next Steps



Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration



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**Questions/Comments**



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***Public comments on the Draft IS/MND are due on November 16, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.***

To provide official public comment, please submit written comments via:

- 1) E-Mail: [MaderaStationComments@sjjpa.com](mailto:MaderaStationComments@sjjpa.com);
- 2) Project Webpage Submission Form: <https://sjjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/>;
- 3) Mail: Attn: Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives/Madera Station Relocation Project, 949 E. Channel Street, Stockton, CA 95202



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**Standing By for Additional Questions/Comments**



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## Thank you!

For more information, visit the project webpage at:

<https://sjjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/>

## Questions?

**Contact SJJPA's Madera Station Relocation  
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