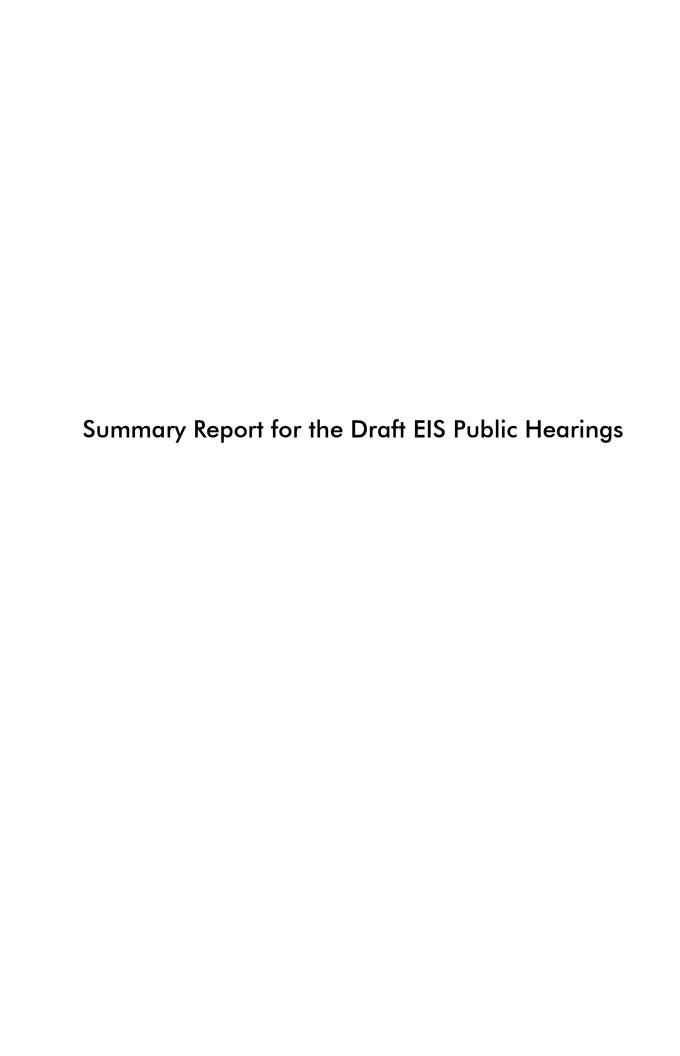
APPENDIX F-A

Summary Reports for the Draft EIS and Supplemental Draft EIS Public Hearings





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1.1 INTRODUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC (Applicant) proposes to construct and operate a privately financed interstate high-speed passenger train between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The Applicant proposes to construct a fully grade-separated, dedicated double track, passenger-only railroad along an approximately 200-mile corridor that would generally follow the I-15 freeway and/or existing railroad corridors/rights-of-way.

The project includes:

- Two passenger stations: one each to be located in the Victorville and Las Vegas areas;
- Two operations/maintenance facilities: one each in the Victorville and Las Vegas areas;
- One maintenance of way facility near Baker, California;
- Ancillary facilities needed to operate and maintain the proposed rail service.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the lead agency for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are Cooperating Agencies under NEPA. FRA and the Cooperating Agencies collaborated in the publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT EIS

The Draft EIS was made available for public review starting on Friday, March 27, 2009. FRA established a 56-day public comment period for the Draft EIS that expired on Friday, May 22, 2009.

FRA communicated the availability of the Draft EIS through several means:

- **Federal Register**: The Federal Register for March 27, 2009 included a notice of publication of the Draft EIS. (**Appendix 1**)
- Property Owner Mailing: FRA developed a mailing list of approximately 3,000 individuals, entailing property owners within 500 feet of the proposed project. The notice (included as **Appendix 2**) provided summary information on the project, information on where to obtain the Draft EIS, and direction on how to comment.
- Newspaper: Notices were published in local newspapers in communities near the project. Display advertisements announcing the availability of the Draft EIS and information on public hearings was published in the Victorville *Daily Press*, the Las Vegas *Review Journal*, and the Barstow *Desert Dispatch* on March 25, 2009.
 Appendix 3 contains the proof of publication in these newspapers.

• **Website:** FRA's website devoted a page to the DesertXpress project (which was referenced in all of the above media). The website included project background and links to the Draft EIS, making the full document and appendices available for download or review.

FRA made copies of the Draft EIS available through many means.

Federal, state, and local agencies received either a hardcopy of the entire document, or a partial hardcopy with appendices on a CD. After the document was made public, FRA provided either hard copies or CD copies of the Draft EIS to requestors. FRA distributed more than 50 CD copies of the Draft EIS at the three public hearings (discussed in greater detail below).

Full hard copies of the Draft EIS were provided to local libraries in Victorville, Barstow, and Las Vegas. Notice of this availability via libraries was included in the information mailed to property owners as well as included in the newspaper ad and on FRA's website.

Tribal representatives received a hardcopy of an executive summary of the Draft EIS, plus a hard copy of the cultural resources Draft EIS section and related appendices. Tribal representatives each received the entire document on a CD.

Finally, as noted above, electronic files comprising the full Draft **EIS** were posted to FRA's website for download by interested parties.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FRA's NEPA implementation guidelines call for public hearings in the vicinity of a proposed project once a Draft EIS has been made available. Given the length of the proposed rail corridor, FRA and the Cooperating Agencies decided to convene three public hearings in the major communities along the proposed route: Las Vegas, Barstow, and Victorville. Scoping meetings had been held in these communities in July 2006.

The public hearings were publicized in all of the above-mentioned notices regarding the project and the Draft EIS. Meeting locations were as follows:

Las Vegas Area	Barstow Area	Victorville Area
Hampton Inn Tropicana	Ramada Inn	Green Tree Municipal Golf Course Club House
4975 Dean Martin Drive	1511 E Main Street	14144 Green Tree Blvd.
April 27, 2009	April 28, 2009	April 30, 2009
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In all, approximately 200 people attended the three public hearings. Hearing attendees were requested to register at the meeting, but many attendees declined to register. (See **Appendix** 4).

Each hearing attendee was offered the following materials (See **Appendix 5**):

Meeting Handout, establishing the hearing agenda.

- **Speaker Card,** for attendees to fill out if they wished to give formal testimony at the hearing.
- Comment Sheet for attendees to submit written comments during or after the hearing.

Each hearing began with a half-hour "open house" in which attendees could view exhibit boards showing the project and interact with FRA or other agency representatives in attendance. Copies of these exhibit boards are available in **Appendix 6**.

Each hearing was attended by staff from FRA and STB. At the Barstow and Victorville hearings, staff from the BLM Barstow field office was also in attendance.

Following the open house, FRA made a presentation summarizing the project, the environmental review process to date, identified impacts of the project, and next steps. A copy of the slides from this presentation is available in **Appendix 7**.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, attendees wishing to make comments were invited to complete a speaker card and make comments to the lead and cooperating agencies.

1.2 COMMENT SUMMARY

Section 4.3, Response to Public and Agency Comment on the Draft EIS and Supplemental Draft EIS, of the Final EIS provides responses to the comments received at the public hearings, as well as all public and agency comments received during the public review period.

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Appendix 1

Federal Register Notice of Availability

Allottees must be able to obtain delivery of their allocations. A letter of commitment from each allottee's serving utility or transmission provider confirming that the allottee will receive the benefit of Western's Proposed Power Allocation must be received by May 11, 2009. If a copy of the letter is not received by the date above, Western may redistribute the allottee's portion of the resource pool to those allottees that remain. Western may extend this deadline for receiving a letter of commitment if a written request to do so is received by Western by the deadline.

The proposed allocations shown in the table above are based on the LAP marketable resource currently available. If the LAP marketable resource is adjusted in the future, all allocations may be adjusted accordingly.

III. Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501– 3520, Western received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect the Applicant Profile Data under control number 1910–5136, which was used to develop this Proposed Power Allocation.

IV. Review Under the National Environmental Policy Act

Western completed an environmental impact statement on the Program, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register**, 60 FR 53181, October 12, 1995. Western will comply with any additional NEPA requirements for this resource pool.

Dated: March 20, 2009.

Timothy J. Meeks,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8591-8]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)© of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed

to the Office of Federal Activities at 202–564–7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 6, 2008 (73 FR 19833).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20080528, ERP No. D-USN-L10006-00, Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC), To Support and Conduct Current, Emerging, and Future Training and Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Activities, WA, OR and CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to marine resources. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080533, ERP No. D-AFS-K65351-CA, Plumas National Forest Public Motorized Travel Management, Implementation, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the scope of the travel management planning process, and potential impacts from the designation of the Sly Creek open area and associated routes to soil and water resources. The Final EIS should address seasonal closures, monitoring, and enforcement commitments. Rating EC2. EIS No. 20090028. ERP No. D-NPS-

F65073–IN, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Draft White-Tailed Deer Management Plan, Implementation, Lake, Porter, LaPorte Counties, IN.

Summary: The preferred alternative provides a balanced combination of methods to manage deer and natural resources. EPA does not object to this project. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20080347, ERP No. F-COE-D30005-MD, Atlantic Coast of Maryland Shoreline Protection Project, Proposed Dredging of Several New Offshore Shoals to Provide Sand for Borrow Sources from 2010 to 2044, Ocean City, Worcester County, MD.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20080378, ERP No. F-COE-D39028-00, Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study, Using Uncontaminated Dredged Material from the Upper Chesapeake Bay Approach Channels to the Port of Baltimore to Restore and Protect Island Habitat in the Middle Portion of Chesapeake Bay, Dorchester County, MD.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20080509, ERP No. F–IBR– J39037–ND, Northwest Area Water Supply Project, To Construct a Biota Water Treatment Plant, Lake Sakakawea, Missouri River Basin to Hudson Bay Basin, Divide, Williams, Burke, Renville, Bottineau, Pierce, McHenry, Ward, Mountrail and McLean Counties, ND.

Summary: EPA noted that the preferred alternative incorporates earlier EPA recommendations regarding UV treatment technology and the need for a template for the adaptive management plan. EPA made additional comments regarding the water quality analysis. EIS No. 20090036. ERP No. F-AFS-

F65069–MN, Glacier Project, To Maintain and Promote Native Vegetation, Communities that are Diverse, Productive, Healthy, Implementation, Superior National Forest, Kawishiwi Ranger District, St. Louis and Lake Counties, MN.

Summary: The Final EIS addressed EPA's earlier question regarding the projected amount of suitable habitat for the Northern goshawk; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed project.

Dated: March 24, 2009.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8591-7]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–1399 or http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed 03/16/2009 through 03/20/2009 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20090079, Revised Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Cabin Gulch Vegetation Treatment Project, Restore Fire-Adapted Ecosystems, Existing and Desired Conditions, Townsend Ranger District, Helena National Forest, Broadwater County, MT, Comment Period Ends: 05/11/2009, Contact: David Carroll 406–495–3716.

EIS No. 20090080, Final EIS, AFS, CO, Long Draw Reservoir Project, Re-Issue a Special-Use-Authorization to Water Supply and Storage to Allow the Continued Use of Long Draw Reservoir and Dam, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, Grand and Larimer Counties, CO, Wait Period Ends: 04/27/2009, Contact: Kris Sexton, 970–295–6623.

EIS No. 20090081, Final EIS, AFS, OR, BLT Project, Proposed Vegetation Management Activities, Crescent Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, OR, Wait Period Ends: 04/27/2009, Contact: Chris Mickle, 541–433–3200.

EIS No. 20090082, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Salt Timber Harvest and Fuel Hazard Reduction Project, Proposing Vegetation Management in the Salt Creek Watershed, South Fork Management Unit, Hayfork Ranger District, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Trinity County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 05/11/2009, Contact: Sandy Mack, 406–375–2638.

EIS No. 20090083, Draft EIS, AFS, 00,
Rogue River-Siskiyou National forest,
Motorized Vehicle Use, To Enact the
Travel Management Rule,
Implementation, Douglas, Klamath,
Jackson, Curry, Coos and Josephine
Counties, OR and Del Norte and
Siskiyou Counties, CA, Comment
Period Ends: 05/11/2009, Contact:
Steven R. Johnson, 541–552–2900.

EIS No. 20090084, Second Final Supplement, BLM, NV, Betze Pit Expansion Project, Development of New Facilities and Expansion of Existing Open-Pit Gold Mining, Eureka and Elko Counties, NV, Wait Period Ends: 04/27/2009, Contact: Kirk Laird, 775–753–0272.

EIS No. 20090085, Revised Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Partially Revised Tier 1—Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation Project, Select and Preserve a Corridor for the Future Construction from CA–70/99 to CA 65, Placer and Sutter Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 05/11/2009, Contact: Gary Sweeten, 916–498–5128.

EIS No. 20090086, Second Draft
Supplement, GSA, MD, U.S. Food and
Drug Administration (FDA)
Headquarters Consolidation, Master
Plan Update, Federal Research Center
at White Oak, Silver Spring,
Montgomery County, MD, Comment
Period Ends: 05/11/2009, Contact:
Suzanne Hill, 202–205–5821.

EIS No. 20090087, Draft EIS, FRA, 00, DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train Project, Proposes to Construct and Operate High-Speed Passenger Train between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada, Comment Period Ends: 05/22/2009, Contact: Wendy Messenger, 202–493–6396.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20090017, Draft EIS, USN, GU, Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), To Address Ongoing and Proposed Military Training Activities, Mariana Islands, GU, Comment Period Ends: 03/31/2009, Contact: Nora Macariola-See 808–472–1402. Revision to FR Notice Published 01/ 30/2009: Extending Comment Period from 03/16/2009 to 03/31/2009.

Dated: March 24, 2009.

Ken Mittelholtz.

Environmental Protection Specialist, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8591-6]

Absaloka Coal Mine Expansion, Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision to issue an NPDES permit for the South Extension of the Absaloka Coal Mine.

SUMMARY: The Absaloka surface coal mine is located in southeastern Montana, and will be expanding onto the Crow Indian Reservation. The NPDES permit will be for surface water discharges associated with the operation of the South Extension of the Absaloka Coal Mine. To support its NPDES decision, EPA has adopted the Environmental Impact Statement No. 20080406, BIA, MT, "Absaloka Mine Crow Reservation South Extension Coal Lease Approval, Proposed Mine Development Plan, and Related Federal and State Permitting Actions, Crow Indian Reservation." The ROD and adopted FEIS are available for review at http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/ npdes. The appeal period for the NPDES permit decision ends April 27, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Greg Davis; davis.gregory@epa.gov; U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, (8P–W–WW); 1595 Wynkoop St.; Denver, Colorado, 80202–1129; or 303–312–6314.

Dated: March 24, 2009.

Susan E. Bromm,

Director, Office of Federal Activities. [FR Doc. E9–6889 Filed 3–26–09; 8:45 am]

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8787-1]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122 (h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Great Lakes Chemical Corporation Emergency Response Superfund Site, El Dorado, Arkansas.

The settlement requires the one (1) settling party to pay a total of \$45,000.00 as payment of response costs to the Hazardous Substances Superfund. The total response costs incurred by EPA, as of January 31, 2008, were \$63,870.49. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA, 42, U.S.C. 9607.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to this notice and will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Courtney Kudla, 1445 Ross Avenue, Ste. 1200 (SF-TE), Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 or by calling (214) 665-8008. Comments should reference the Great Lakes Chemical Corporation Emergency Response Superfund Site, El Dorado, Arkansas, and EPA Docket Number 06-02-09, and should be addressed to Courtney Kudla at the address listed above.

Appendix 2

Public Information Mailer



DESERTXPRESS HIGH SPEED TRAIN

LINKING VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Released for the DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train Project

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Surface Transportation Board (STB), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the National Park Service (NPS), has prepared a DEIS for the DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train Project. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) have also participated in evaluating the impacts of the project.

The DEIS identifies and analyzes the potential environmental impacts (both beneficial and adverse) that could occur to a range of environmental resources as a result of the construction and operation of the project alternatives. The DEIS also describes minimization and mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate adverse impacts.

The DesertXpress project is proposed by a private applicant to provide reliable and safe passenger rail transportation using proven high-speed rail technology along an approximately 200-mile corridor from Southern California (Victorville) to Las Vegas, providing an alternative to automobile or air travel. The project would be constructed as a grade-separated, dedicated double track, passenger-only railroad either in the median of or alongside Interstate 15 (I-15), adding transportation capacity to the freeway corridor. Limited portions of the proposed rail alignment would be located within existing railroad corridors or railroad rights-of-way. Two possible train technologies are evaluated in the DEIS: a dieselelectric multiple unit train (DEMU) and an electric multiple unit train (EMU).

A possible routing along the I-15 median through Lenwood and Barstow has not been evaluated in this DEIS, as the feasibility of this route could not be determined conclusively in time for publication. If found feasible, this routing may be evaluated in subsequent environmental documentation.

The DEIS is being made available for public review and comment. The DEIS can be downloaded and viewed via the FRA website at www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1703. Copies of the DEIS are also available for public review at the following libraries in the project area:

VICTORVILLE CITY LIBRARY

15011 Circle Drive, Victorville, CA 92395

BARSTOW LIBRARY

304 East Buena Vista, Barstow, CA 92311

LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

833 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Three public hearings will be held to take comments from interested parties and the public regarding the alternatives, impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.

Tuesday, April 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Hampton Inn Tropicana, 4975 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas NV 89118

Wednesday, April 29, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Ramada Inn, 1511 East Main Street, Barstow, CA 92311

Thursday, April 30, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Green Tree Golf Course Club House, 14144 Green Tree Boulevard, Victorville, CA 92395

The deadline for comments is May 22, 2009. Please submit written comments to:

ATTN: DesertXpress DEIS USDOT Federal Railroad Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. MS-20 Washington, DC 20590

E-mail comments, with the subject line "DesertXpress DEIS", may be sent to wendy.messenger@dot.gov





DESERTXPRESS HIGH SPEED TRAIN

LINKING VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

PROPOSED ACTION ALTERNATIVES

The action alternatives considered in the Draft EIS have been categorized into two primary sets: Alternative A and Alternative B. These are based on potential alignment routings for the 200 mile corridor. For analytical purposes in this EIS, each of the alignments is divided into segments. This is to allow for lead and cooperating agencies to combine various segments in composing a preferred alternative.

- Alternative A consists primarily of rail alignment segments that would be within the median of the I-15 freeway.
- Alternative B consists primarily of rail alignment segments that would be within the fenced area of the I-15 freeway, adjacent to automobile travel lanes.

The action alternatives would also include one of each of the following permanent physical facilities in addition to the rail alignment. The Draft EIS examines multiple site options for these facilities. Similar to the consideration of rail segments, FRA's intent is to allow for the lead and cooperating agencies to compose their preferred alternative by incorporating one of each of the following permanent physical facilities. With very few exceptions, these physical facilities can connect to all rail alignment segments.

- Victorville passenger station: Two site options (Site 1 and Site 2) immediately west of the I-15 freeway are under consideration.
- Victorville Operations, Maintenance, and Storage Facility (OMSF): Two site options (OMSF 1 and OMSF 2) immediately west of the I-15 freeway are under consideration.
- Maintenance of Way (MOW) facility: One site option is under consideration adjacent to the I-15 freeway near the community of Baker.

- Las Vegas area Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF): Three site options (Sloan Road MSF, Wigwam Avenue MSF, and Robindale Avenue MSF) are under consideration.
- Las Vegas area passenger station: Four site options are under consideration in Clark County/City of Las Vegas: Southern Station, Central Station A, Central Station B, and Downtown Station.

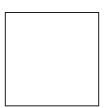
The Applicant has proposed two possible train technologies (referred to as "technology options"), each fully applicable to any set of the action alternatives: a diesel-electric multiple unit train (DEMU) or an electric multiple unit train (EMU). The two technology options would have similar right-of-way width requirements and largely the same construction footprint. However, the EMU option would also include overhead catenary wires and supports (located along the length of the rail alignment) three electrical substations (one at an OMSF, one at the MOW, and one at an MSF), and approximately seventeen transformers (each located on 4000 to 5000 square foot parcels at 10 mile intervals along the rail corridor). The EMU option would also require three electrical utility connections from the existing electrical grid, one in Victorville, one in Baker, and one near Sloan.

The No Action Alternative would not involve the construction and operation of the high-speed train and associated facilities described above under the Proposed Action Alternatives.

The No Action Alternative is being studied as the baseline for comparison with the proposed action alternatives.



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Appendix 3

Proofs of Publication



DESERTXPRESS HIGH SPEED TRAIN

DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train To Link Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada

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Copies of the DEIS

Copies of the DEIS can be obtained via the FRA website at www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1703. Copies of the DEIS are also available for public review at the following libraries in the project area:

Victorville City Library 1501 Circle Drive Victorville, CA 92395 Barstow Library 304 East Buena Vista Barstow, CA 92311 Las Vegas Library 833 N. Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Hearing and Comments

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The deadline for comments on the Draft EIS is May 22, 2009.

Send comments to: USDOT Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., MS-20, Washington, D.C. 20590, Attn: DesertXpress DEIS or by email to <a href="www.weisness.or.no.nd/weisness.or.n





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PAGE AS | Wednesday, March 25, 2009 torville, agreed.

"We've definitely seen an increase in applicants over 25 ... looking for that secure job, that secure paycheck," said Mendoza.

While most applicants he's seen range in age from 17 to 25, about 15 out of 50 applicants are on the older end of the age range, said Mendoza.

The base pay for an active duty soldier with less than two years of Army experience is \$16,794, not include other compensation like health care and housing, according to the

SOURCE: OFFICIALS FROM REGIONAL MILITARY RECRUITMENT OFFICES

U.S. Army website.

Both Blake and Mendoza noted that enlistment standards have also risen as joining the military has grown in popularity.

Mendoza noted that the Navy currently only accepts high school diplomas, where it had previously also accepted a GED, or a general education diploma.

stow recruitment center since June 2008.

In addition to a diploma, enlistment requirements include having a clean bill of health and no felonies.

Blake noted that the recession, however, isn't impacting the decisions of recent high school graduates who are traditionally the Army's biggest base.

"They don't even mention the economy," he said.

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of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration

DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train To Link Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train project for public review and comment. Three public hearings are being held in the project area to solicit comments on the DEIS.

The DesertXpress project is proposed by DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC to provide reliable and safe passenger rail transportation along an approximately 200-mile corridor between Victorville, California and a Las Vegas, Nevada, as an alternative to automobile or air travel. The project would use proven high-speed rail technology and be constructed as a grade-separated, dedicated double track. passenger-only railroad predominately in the median of or immediately alongside Interstate 15 (I-15). Limited portions of the proposed rail alignment would be located within existing railroad corridors or rights-of-way. The proposed project also includes a passenger station and operations and maintenance facility in Victorville, a maintenance facility near Baker, California, and a passenger station and maintenance facility in Las Vegas.

Copies of the DEIS

Copies of the DEIS can be obtained via the FRA website at www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1703. Copies of the DEIS are also available for public review at the following libraries in the project area:

Victorville City Library 15011 Circle Drive Victorville, CA 92395

Barstow Library 304 East Buena Vista Barstow, Ca 92311

Las Vegas Library 833 N. Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Hearing and Comments

FRA will convene three public hearings to take comments from interested parties and the public regarding the alternatives, impacts and proposed mitigation measures. Please call 916-658-0180 in advance if you need Spanish translation or have other special needs.

Las Vegas Area April 28, 2009 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m Hampton Inn Tropicana 4975 Dean Martin Drive Las Vegas, NV 89118

Barstow Area April 29, 2009 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ramada Inn 1511 East Main St Barstow, CA 92311

Victorville Area April 30, 2009 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Green Tree Golf Course Club House 14144 Green Tree Blvd. Victorville, CA 92395

The deadline for comments on the Draft EIS is May 22, 2009.

Send comments to: USDOT Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., MS-20, Washington, D.C. 20590, Attn: DesertXpress DEIS or by email to Wendy Messenger@dot.gov with the subject line, "DesertXpress DEIS."





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Appendix 5 Meeting Materials



Desert Express High Speed Train Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Public Hearing Program April 2009

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) welcomes you to the Public Hearing for the DesertXpress High Speed Train Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Federal cooperating agencies for the DEIS are the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS).

Tonight's agenda:

Open House 5:30 to 6:00Presentation 6:00 to 6:30

Public Hearing 6:30

The purpose of this hearing is to:

- Describe the project and its potential environmental effects
- Take public comment on the DEIS

The FRA will make a brief presentation to orient you to the project, the environmental review process, significant outcomes of the DEIS, and how you can provide your comments. The public hearing will immediately follow the presentation.

Information about the DesertXpress project and Draft EIS set up around the room includes:

- Environmental Process
- Maps showing the Action Alternatives
- Significant Environmental Issues

In addition to making any oral comments during the public hearing tonight, you may also provide your written comments by filling out a comment form. You can placing your completed form in the comment box tonight or mail it to the following address:

Attn: DesertXpress DEIS
USDOT Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. MS-20
Washington, DC 20590

You can also e-mail your comments to the following address.

Subject line: DesertXpress DEIS wendy.messenger@dot.gov

The DEIS is available for viewing at: www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1703

All comments are due to the FRA by May 22, 2009



Desert Express High Speed Train Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Sheet

There are several options to provide written comments. You can provide your written comments by turning in this form at the public hearing. You may also mail your comments directly to the Federal Railroad Administration (mailing address is on the back of this card). You may also e-mail your comments to **wendy.messenger@dot.gov** with the subject line "DesertXpress DEIS". Whatever method you choose, please note that all written comments must be received to FRA by **Friday, May 22, 2009.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMMENTS BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

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Appendix 6 Exhibit Boards

DesertXpress Project Purpose and Need

Purpose

- Provide reliable and safe high-speed train service as an alternative to auto travel in the I-15 Corridor
- Relieve congestion on I-15
- Improve air quality by diverting automobile trips from I-15
- Improve safety, reliability, and convenience of travel in the corridor
- Provide future capacity to meet growth projections
- Reduce transportation energy consumption

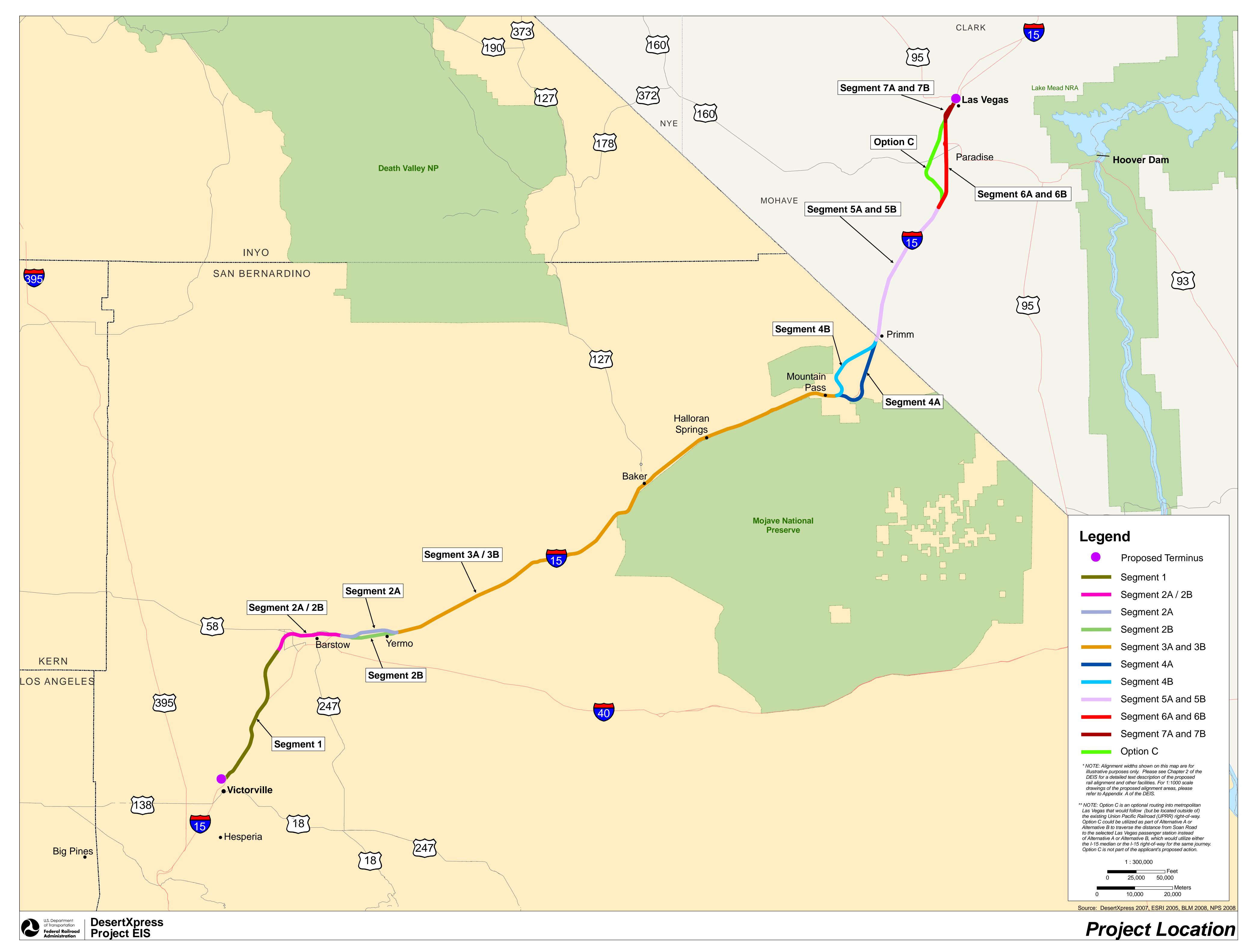
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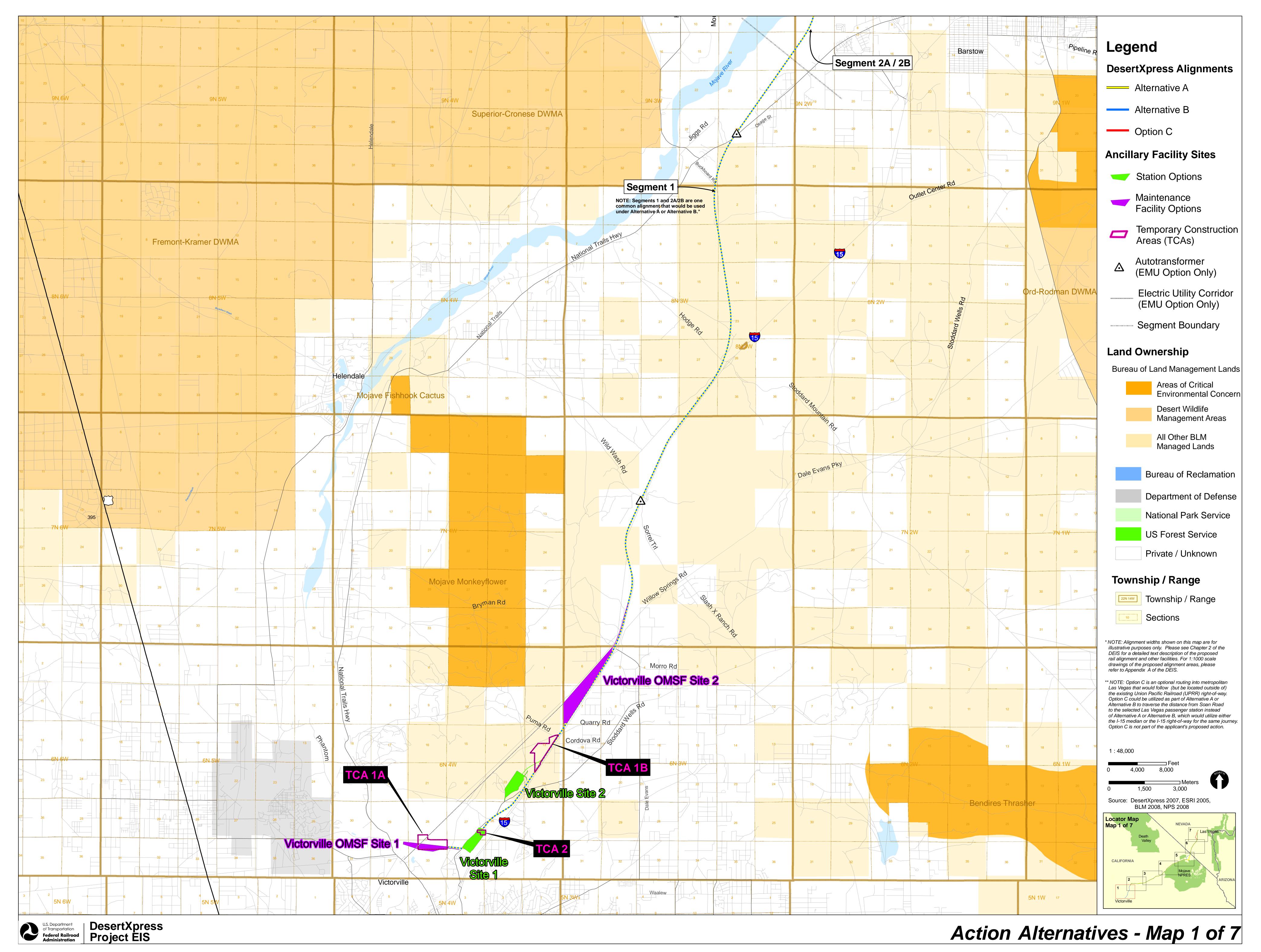
- High and increasing travel demand in the I-15 corridor, frequent traffic accidents in the I-15 corridor
- Lack of funding available to significantly widen or improve I-15
- No public funding available for other transportation improvements in the corridor
- Environmental impacts of continued reliance upon the private automobile for mobility in the corridor
- Constraints to expansion of air travel

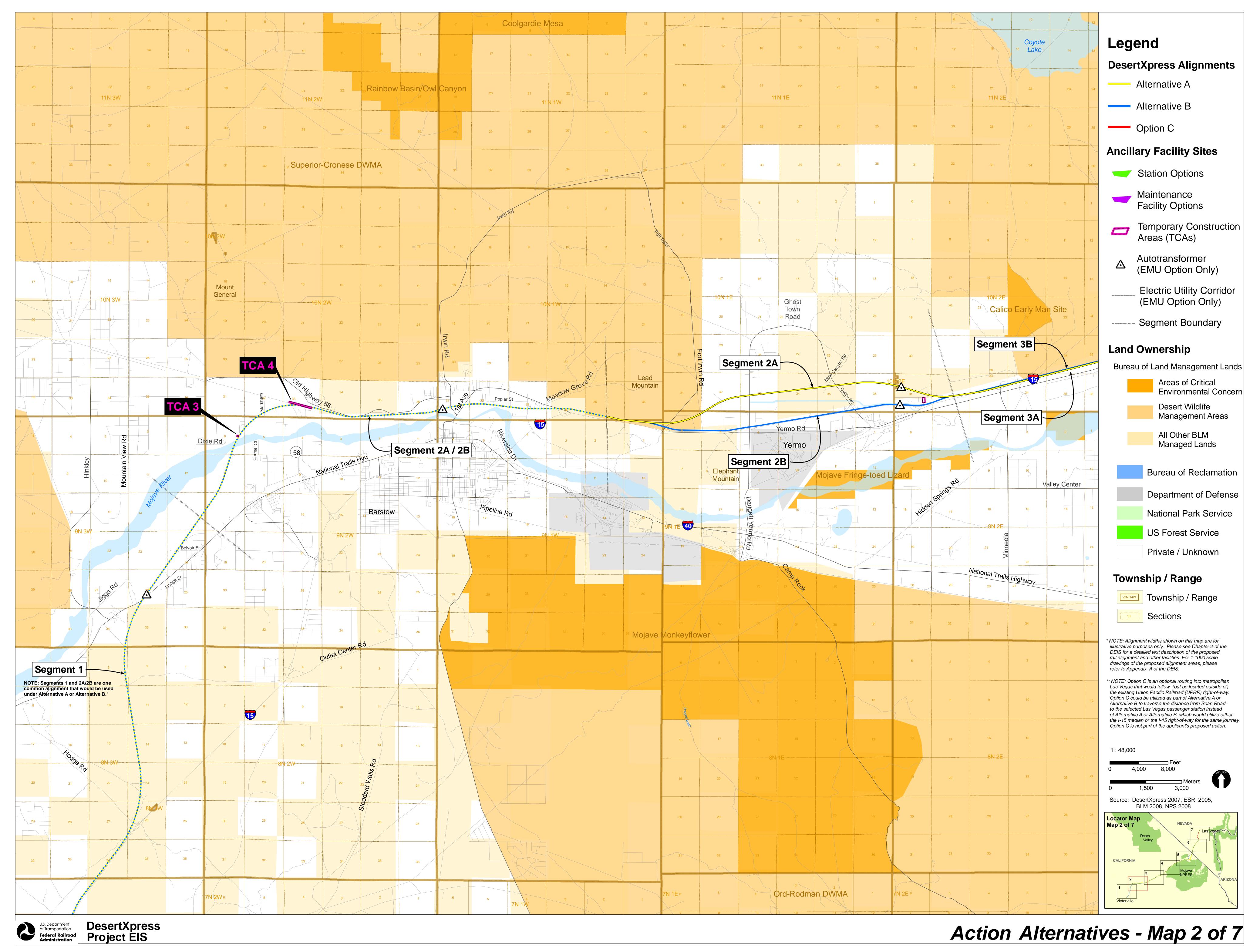
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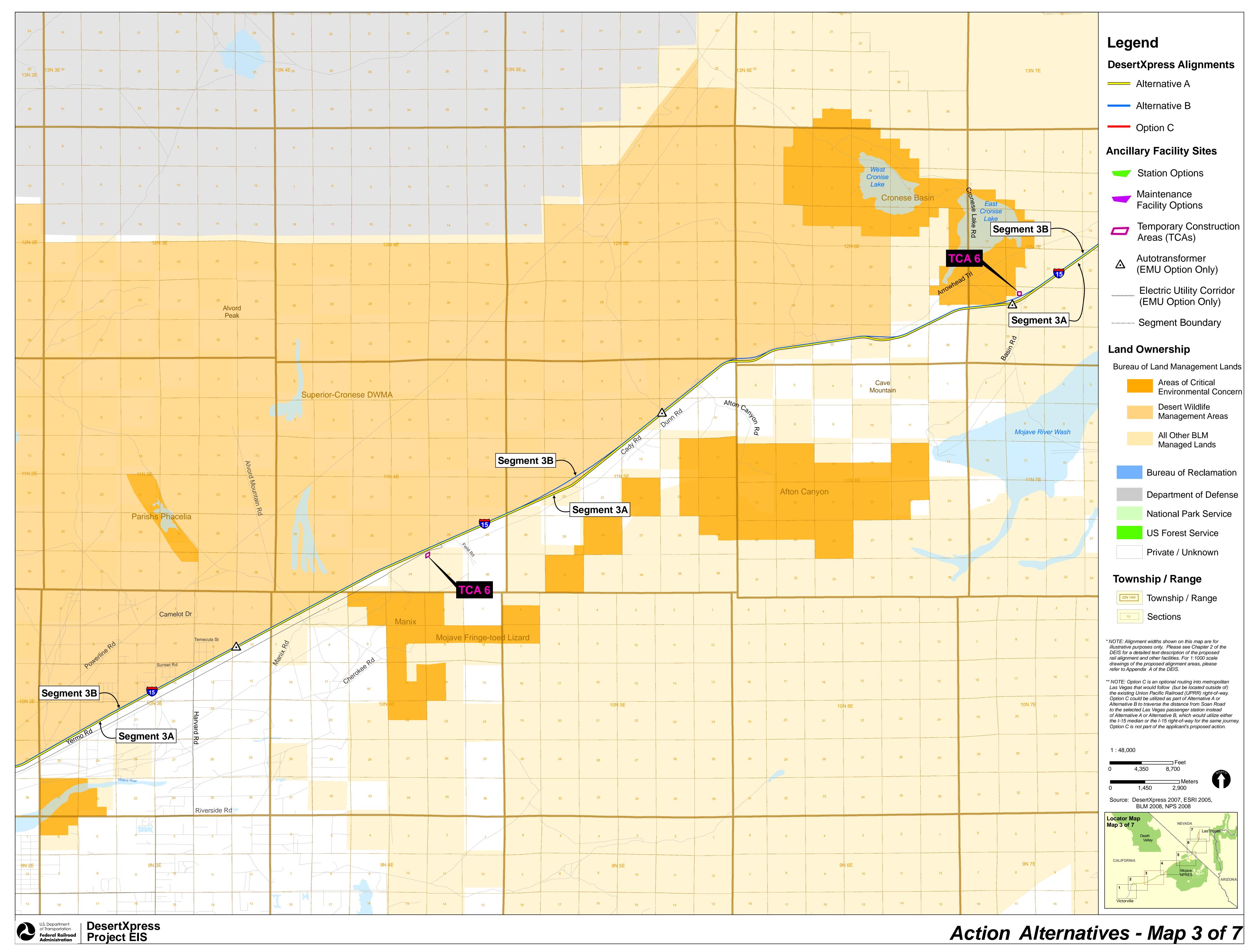
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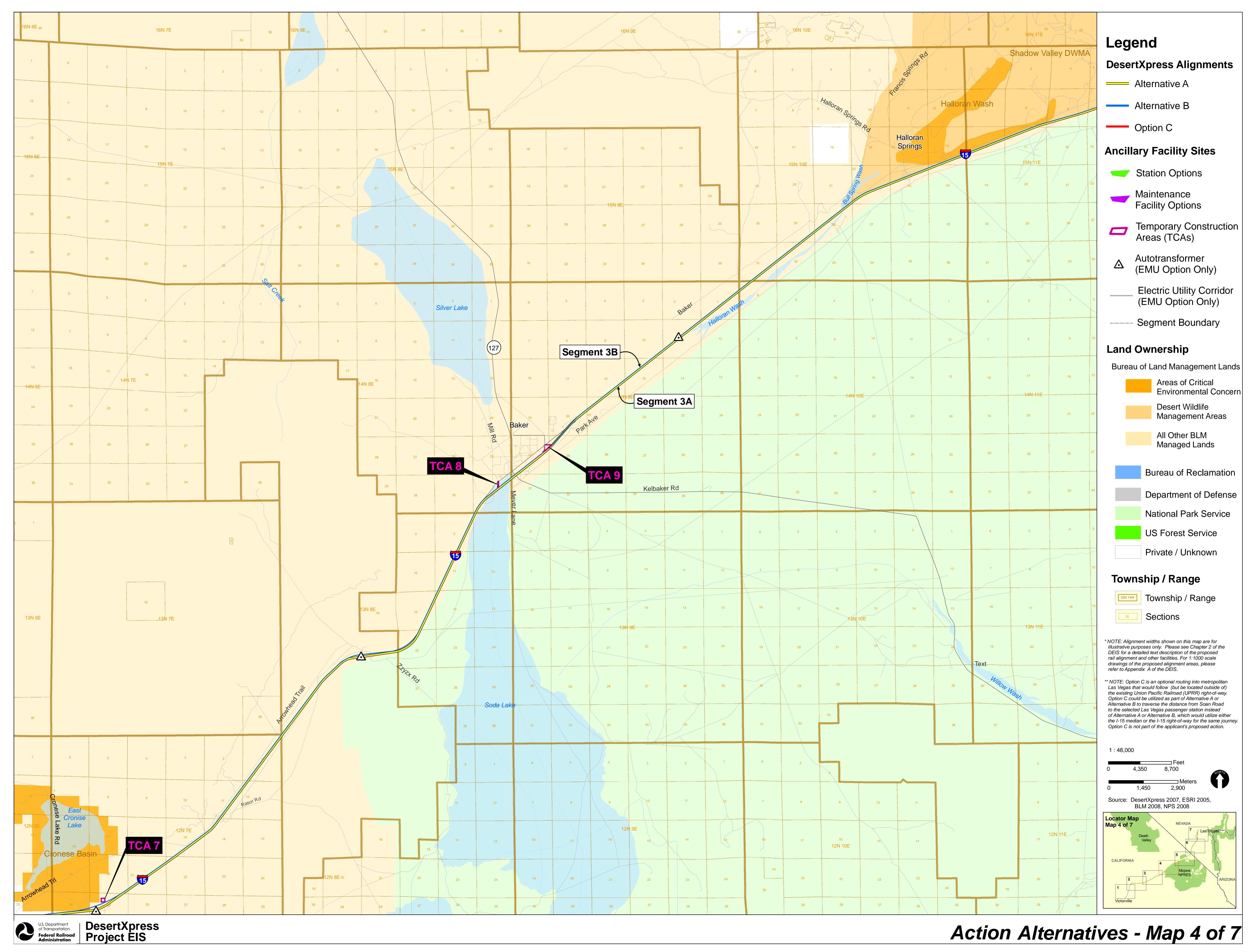
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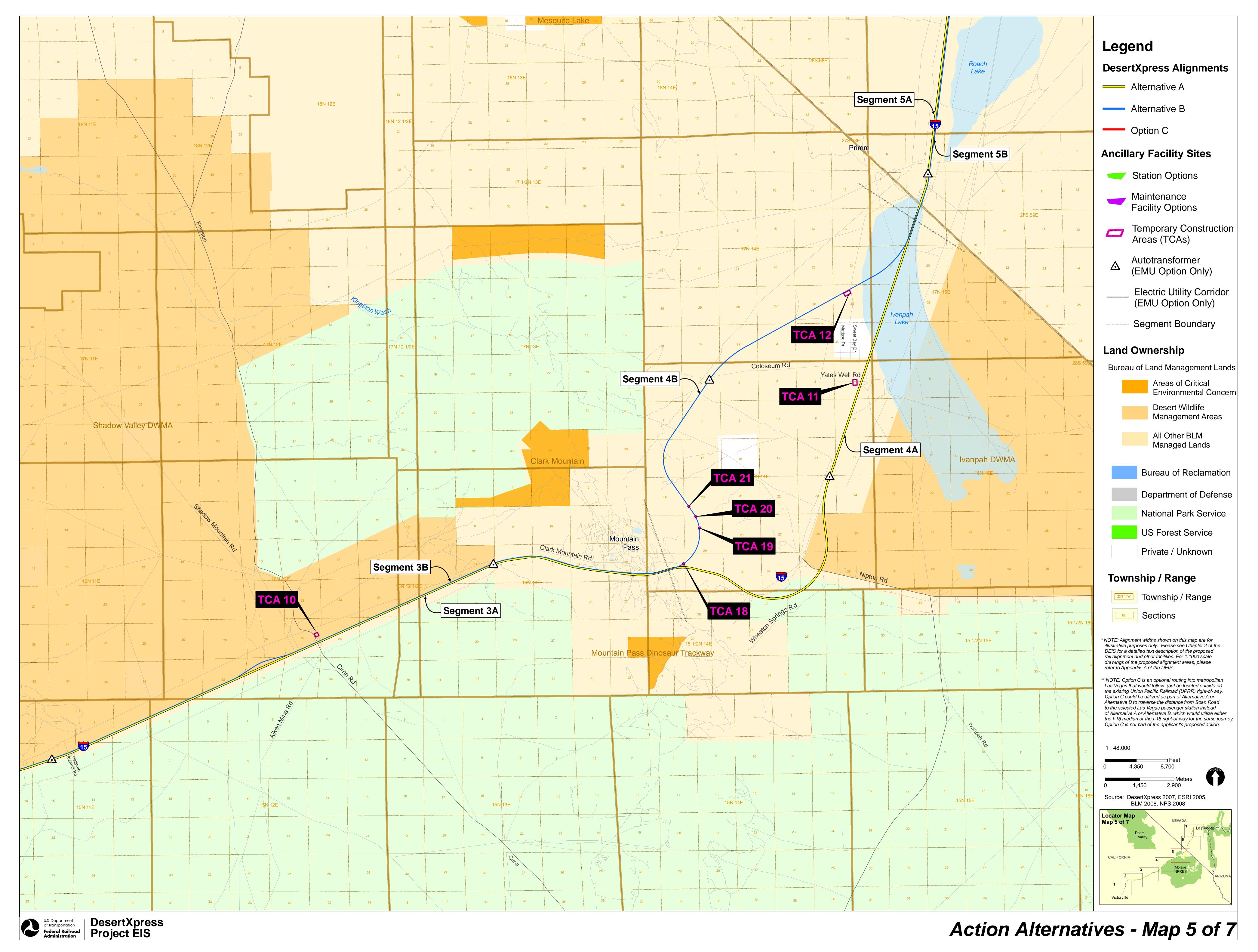


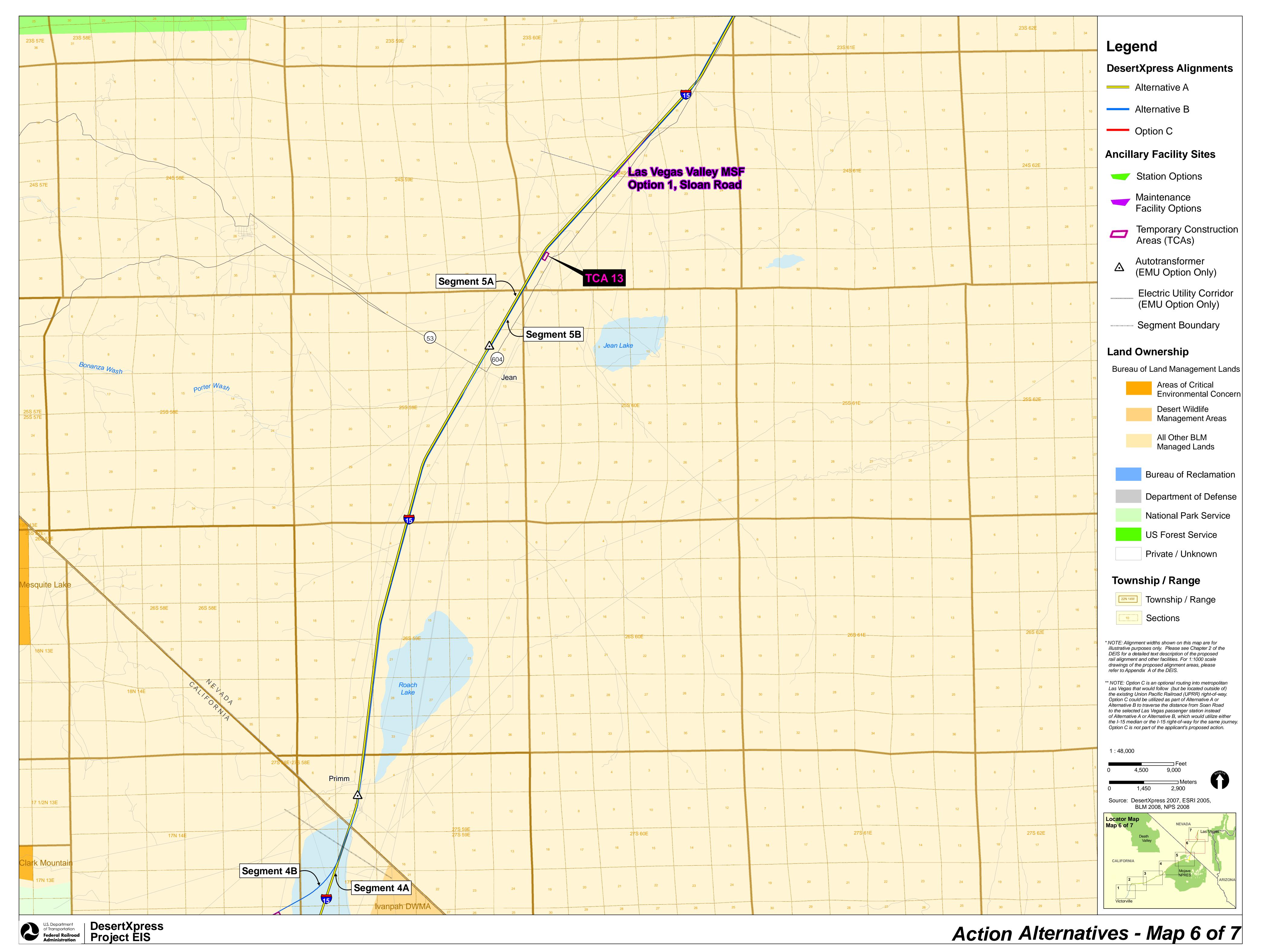


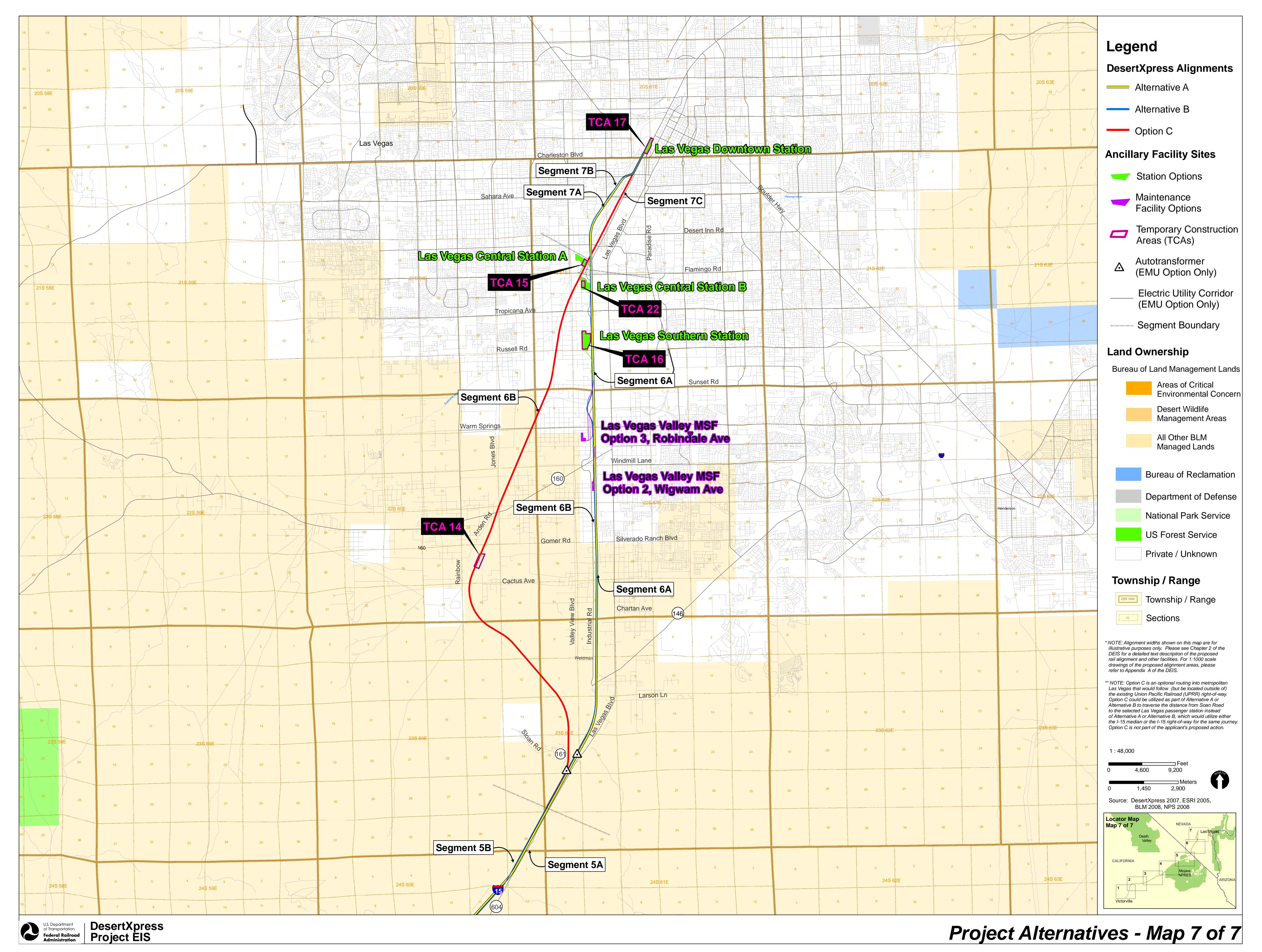














Existing Conditions and Photo Simulations

Victorville



Nipton Road



Las Vegas









Simulation of Victorville Passenger Station

Simulation of Segment 4A within the Mojave National Preserve

Simulation of Wigwam Avenue Maintenance and Storage Facility

Appendix 7

Meeting Presentation



Victorville, California to Las Vegas, Nevada Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Public Hearings





U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Railroad Administration



- Describe the project and its potential environmental effects
- Take public comment on the DEIS

Project Highlights

- High speed passenger train (up to 150 mph) –
 Victorville to Las Vegas
- Fully grade separated
- 200 mile corridor, primarily within I-15 right-of-way
 - Temporary Construction Areas (TCAs) along corridor
- Stations and maintenance facilities in Victorville and Las Vegas
- Two technology options:
 - Diesel "DEMU"
 - Electric "EMU"
- Privately financed

Project Purpose

- Provide reliable and safe high-speed train service as an alternative to auto or air travel in I-15 corridor
- Relieve congestion on I-15
- Improve air quality by diverting automobile trips from I-15
- Improve safety, reliability, and convenience of travel in the corridor
- Provide future capacity to meet growth projections
- Reduce transportation energy consumption

Project Need

- •High and increasing travel demand in the I-15 corridor
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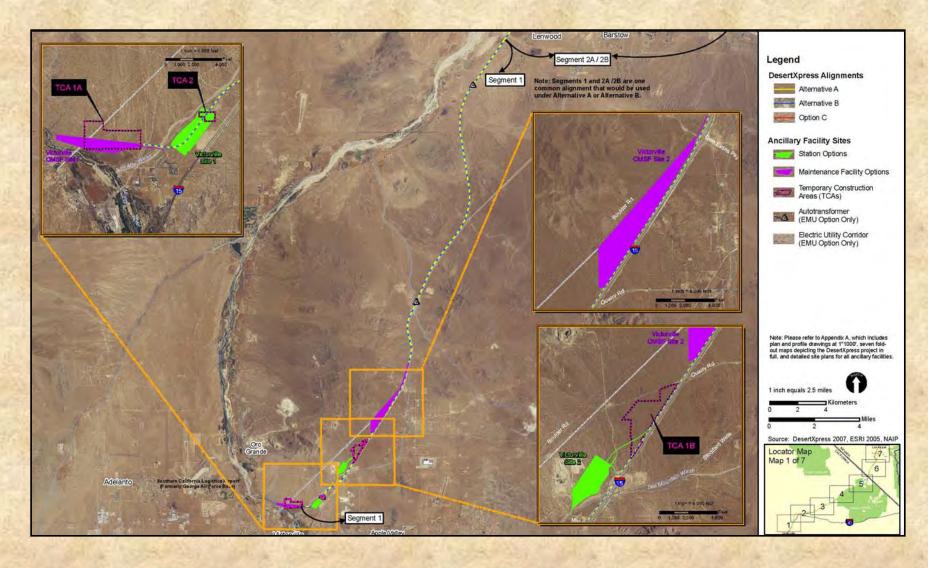
Action Alternatives Evaluated



Project Overview: Segment 1

- Victorville to Lenwood
- One Alignment Routing: Along west side of I-15, within I-15 right-of-way
- Victorville Passenger Station
 - 2 site options evaluated along I-15
- Victorville Operations Maintenance and Service Facility (OMSF)
 - 2 site options evaluated along I-15

Project Overview - Segment 1



Existing View from I-15 Victorville Station Site 2



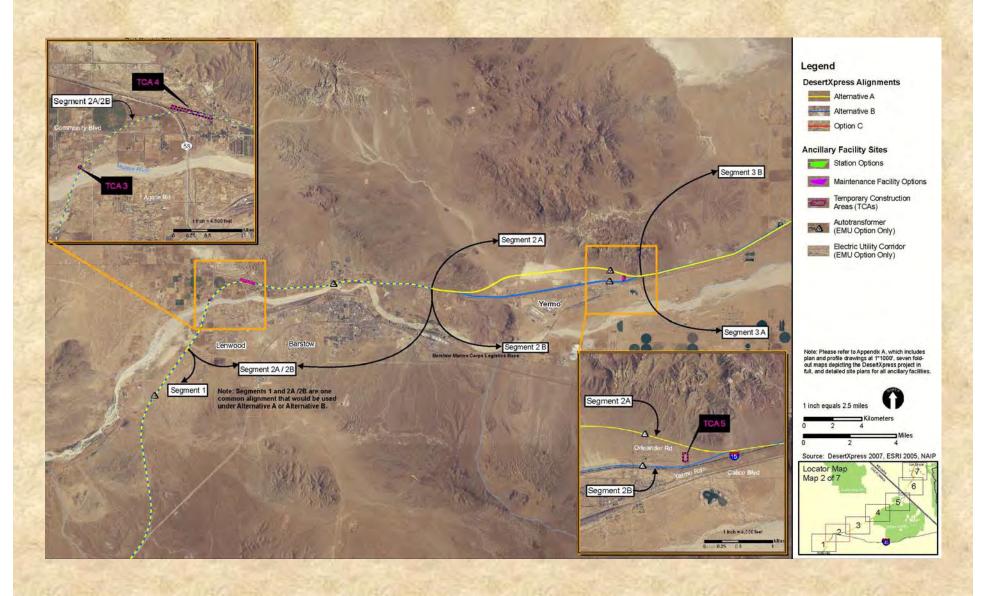
Proposed View from I-15 Victorville Station Site 2



Project Overview: Segment 2

- Lenwood to Yermo via routings north of Barstow
- Two Alignment Routings Segments 2A and 2B:
 - Segment 2A/2B: Lenwood to Barstow
 - Lenwood to Barstow
 - New Mojave River bridge south/west of Old Hwy 58
 - Segment 2A: Barstow to Yermo
 - Northerly course outside I-15 corridor
 - Segment 2B: Barstow to Yermo
 - Along north side of I-15, within right-of-way

Project Overview – Segment 2



Existing View
Lenwood Road near Mojave River



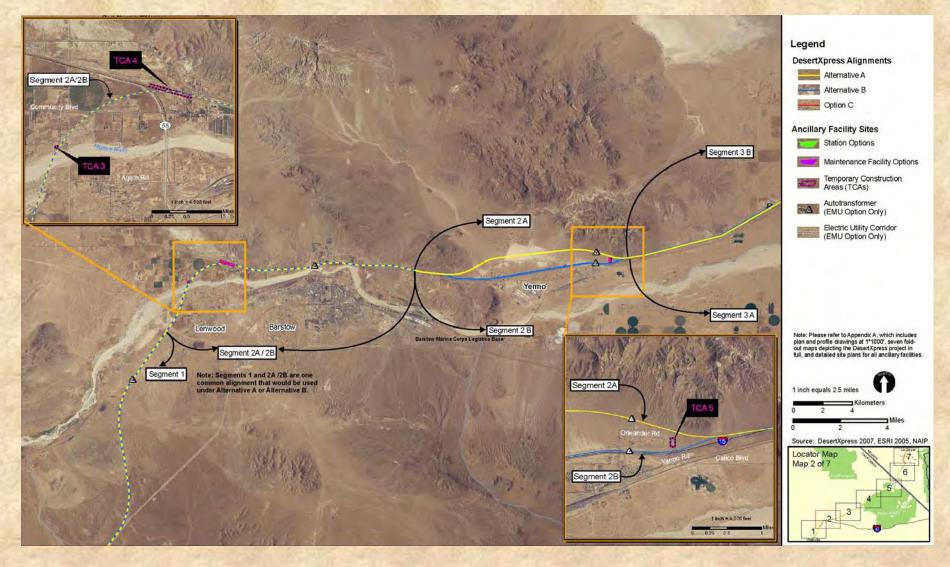
Simulated View Lenwood Road near Mojave River



Project Overview: Segment 3

- Yermo to Mountain Pass about 85 miles
- Two Alignment Routings Segments 3A and 3B:
 - Segment 3A: Via Freeway Median
 - Would diverge from median in Baker
 - Segment 3B: Via I-15 Right-of-Way
 - Along north side of I-15, within right-of-way
- Baker Maintenance of Way Facility
 - Home base for approximately 8 10 new permanent jobs

Project Overview - Segment 3



Map 1 of 4

Project Overview - Segment 3



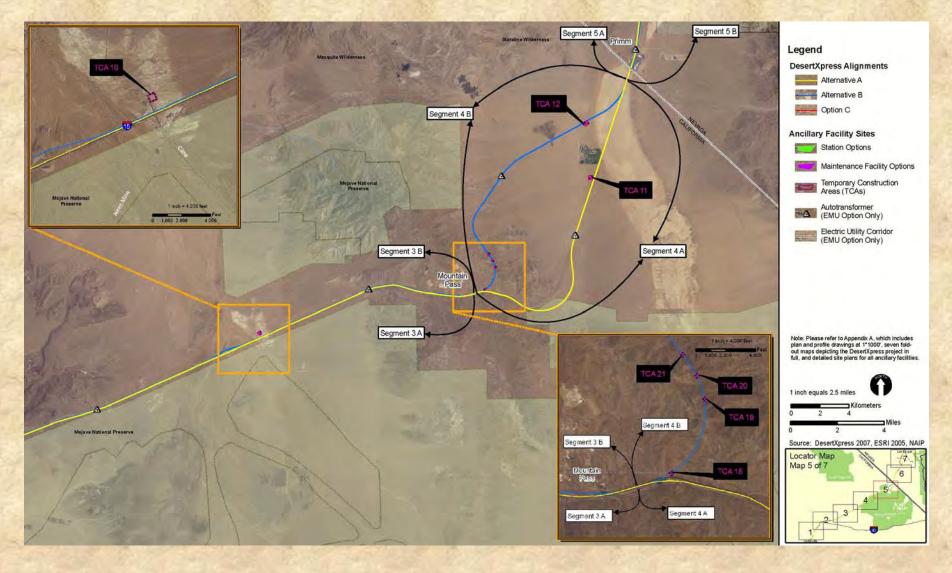
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Project Overview – Segment 3



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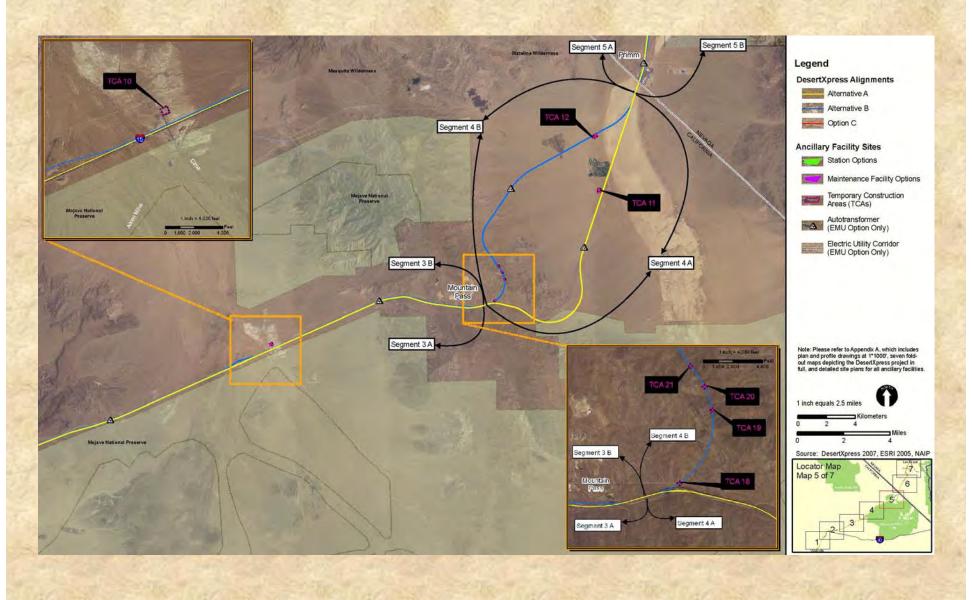


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Project Overview: Segment 4

- Mountain Pass to Primm about 14 miles
- Two Routings Segments 4A and 4B
- Freeway divergence needed due to steep grade.
 - Segment 4A: Crossing Nipton Road
 - Encroach into Mojave National Preserve (1.55 miles)
 - Segment 4B: Via Clark Mountains
 - Northeast of I-15 corridor
 - New dual track tunnels in Clark Mountains

Project Overview – Segment 4



Existing View – Segment 4A Nipton Road, southeast of I-15



Simulated View – Segment 4A Nipton Road, southeast of I-15



Existing View – Segment 4B I-15 at Mountain Pass



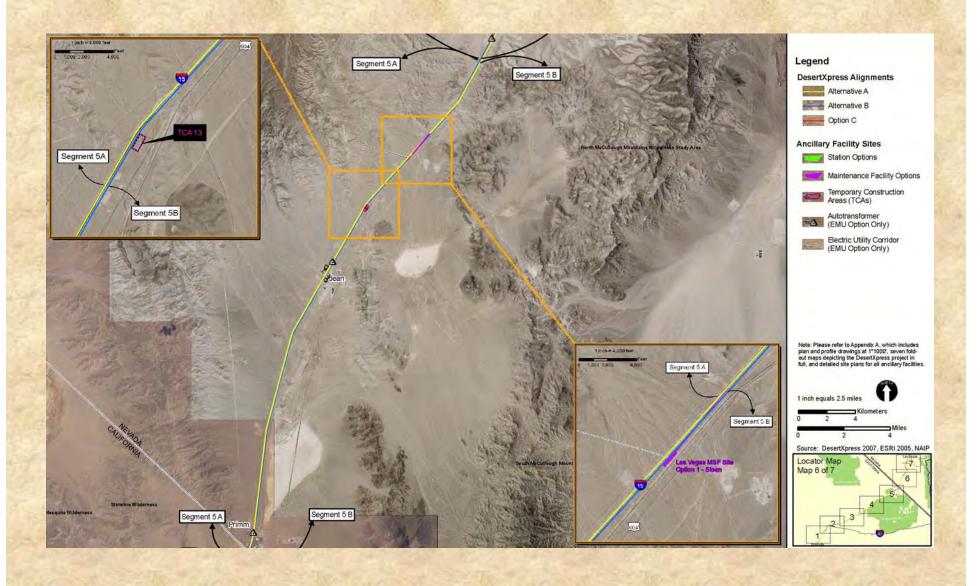
Simulated View – Segment 4B I-15 at Mountain Pass



Project Overview: Segment 5

- Primm to Jean about 25 miles
- Two Routings Segments 5A and 5B:
 - Segment 5A: Via Freeway Median
 - Entirely within I-15 median
 - Segment 5B: Via Freeway Right-of-Way
 - Along east side of I-15, within right-of-way

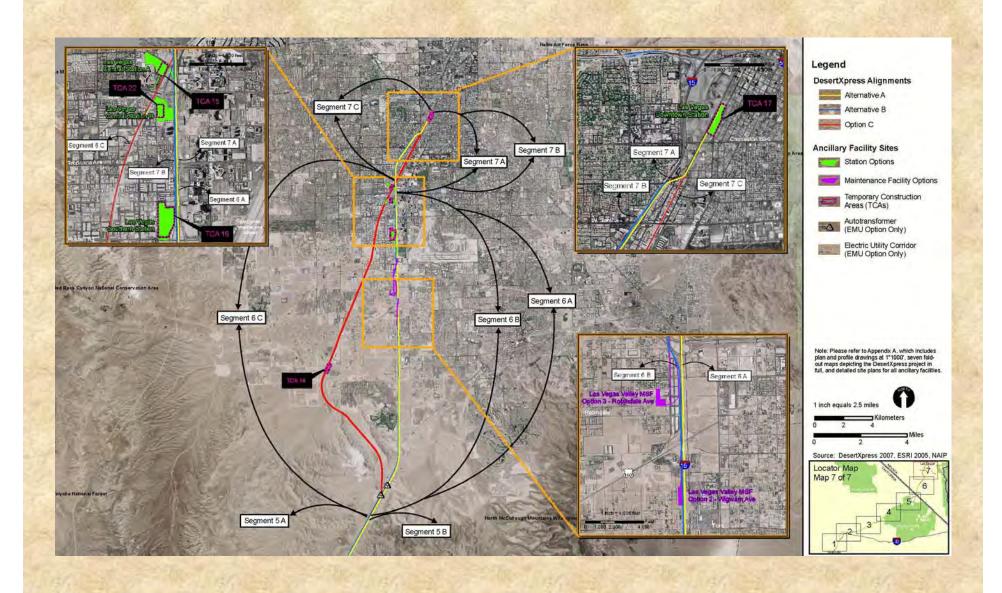
Project Overview - Segment 5



Project Overview: Segment 6

- Jean to Southern or Central Passenger
 Stations about 14 miles
- Three Routings Segments 6A, 6B, Option C
 - Segment 6A: Via Freeway Median
 - Within I-15 median
 - Segment 6B: Via Freeway Right-of-Way
 - Along west side of I-15, within right-of-way
 - Option C: Via Union Pacific Railroad corridor
 - Would diverge from freeway near Sloan Road

Project Overview - Segment 6



Existing View I-15 at Wigwam Avenue



Simulated View I-15 at Wigwam Avenue



Existing View: I-15 at I-215



Simulated View: I-15 at I-215



Existing View: I-15 at Flamingo Road



Simulated View: I-15 at Flamingo Road



Project Overview: Segment 7

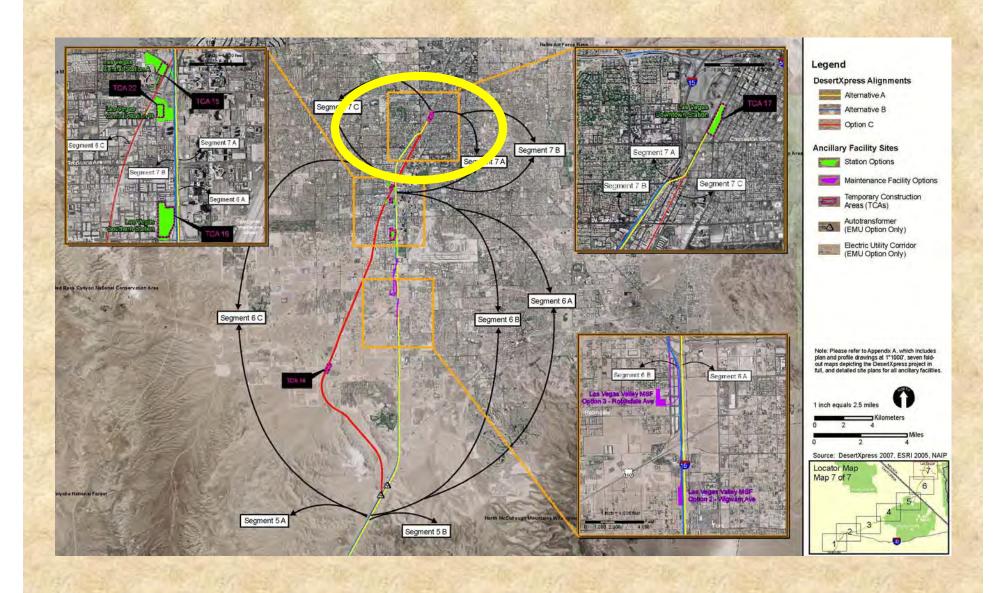
West Twain Avenue – Downtown Las Vegas Station- about 5 miles

Would be utilized only if Downtown Las Vegas station is part of preferred alternative

Three Routings - Segments 7A, 7B, Option C

- Segment 7A: Via Freeway Median
 - Within I-15 median on aerial structure
- Segment 7B: Via Freeway Right-of-Way
 - Along east side of I-15, within right-of-way, aerial structure
- Option C: Via Union Pacific Railroad corridor

Project Overview - Segment 7



Topics Evaluated in DEIS:

- Land Use and Community
 Impacts
- Growth (Socioeconomic)
- Farmland and Grazing Lands
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Transportation and Traffic
- Visual Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology
- Geology and Soils

- Hazardous Materials
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Energy
- Biological Resources
- "Section 4(f)" Resources
- Cumulative Impacts

- •Executive Summary includes comprehensive table of project impacts
- •For each environmental topic, DEIS looked at effects related to rail segments, stations, maintenance facilities, etc.
- •DEIS identifies both beneficial and adverse effects

Table ES-1: Comparison of Segment 1 Alternatives	Segment 1 Rail Alignment and Associated TCAs	Victorville Station Site 1	Victorville OMSF Site 1	Victorville Station Site 2	Victorville OMSF Site 2	No Action Alternative
Land Use & Community Impacts						
Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses	High within I-15 corridor, Low outside	Medium	Medium	High	High	High
Compatibility with Land Use Plans	High within I-15 corridor, Low outside	Medium-High	Medium-High	High, except for Low (residential)	High, except for Low (residential)	High
Number of housing units displaced	0	0	0	0	0	Unknown
Extent of community disruption/severance	None expected	None expected	None expected	None expected	None expected	None expected
Number of environmental justice (EJ) communities crossed by or within 1 mile of facilities	Would cross 2 EJ census blocks (minority and poverty)	Within EJ census block (minority)	Within EJ census block (minority)	Within 1 mile of 2	Within 1 mile of 1	Expected to be similar to Segment 1 rail alignment
Growth						
Estimated permanent employment	NA	361 to 463 permanent jobs in the Victorville Station and OMSF regardless of location				None expected
Removal of obstacles to growth	None expected	None expected	None expected	None expected	None expected	None expected
Extent of effects to TOD potential	Beneficial effect	Beneficial effect	Beneficial effect	Beneficial effect	Beneficial effect	None expected
Extent of effects to economic vitality	Construction period employment	Beneficial construction and operational employment effects similar for all station/OMSF sites				None expected

Beneficial Effects of Project

- Traffic diversion from I-15 freeway
- Economic growth
 - Temporary construction jobs
 - Permanent employment at stations/maintenance facilities
- Air quality improvements (EMU)
- Improved energy consumption (relative to no project)

Adverse Effects of Project Biological Resources:

- Would use habitat for protected species
 - Desert tortoise
 - Mohave ground squirrel
- Impacts to floodplains and waters of the US
 - Mojave River crossing

Cultural Resources/ Section 4(f) Resources

- Direct impacts to up to 100+ archaeological sites
 Land Use/Community Impacts
- 0 to 1 residential displacements
- Some business displacements/relocations

Adverse Effects of Project -continued

- Land Use / Section 4(f) Resources
 - Possible use of 1.55 miles of Mojave National Preserve (Segment 4A)
- Noise and Vibration
 - •Significant noise/vibration near populated areas: Barstow, Yermo, metro Las Vegas
- Traffic
 - Congestion near station area intersections
- Mitigation measures included within DEIS to avoid, reduce, or minimize these effects

DesertXpress EIS Process

July 2006: Notice of Intent & Public Scoping Meetings

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April 2009: Circulate DEIS & Hold Public Hearings

Federal Agencies Identify Preferred Alternative

Release Final EIS

Agency Approvals

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- Speakers will be called in the order that the cards are received
- Wait to be called
- State & spell your name
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1.1 INTRODUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC (Applicant) proposes to construct and operate a privately financed interstate high-speed passenger train between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The Applicant proposes to construct a fully grade-separated, dedicated double track, passenger-only railroad along an approximately 200-mile corridor that would generally follow the I-15 freeway and/or existing railroad corridors/rights-of-way.

The project includes:

- Two passenger stations: one each to be located in the Victorville and Las Vegas areas;
- Two operations/maintenance facilities: one each in the Victorville and Las Vegas areas;
- One maintenance of way facility near Baker, California;
- Ancillary facilities needed to operate and maintain the proposed rail service.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the lead agency for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are Cooperating Agencies under NEPA. FRA and the Cooperating Agencies collaborated in the publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

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- A new Victorville passenger station option at Dale Evans Parkway
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PUBLICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIS

The Supplemental Draft EIS was made available for public review starting on September 3, 2010. FRA established a 45-day public comment period for the Supplemental Draft EIS that ended on Monday, October 18, 2010.

FRA communicated the availability of the Supplemental Draft EIS through several means:

- **Federal Register**: The Federal Register for September 3, 2010included a notice of publication of the Supplemental Draft EIS. (**Appendix 1**)
- **Property Owner and Resident Notification:** FRA developed a mailing list of approximately 3,500 addresses of property owners and residents adjacent to the proposed alignments and project features. Property and resident data was gathered **from Clark and San Bernardino Counties assessor's records for all parcels on 500 feet of** either side of the alignments, within a 1,000 foot radius of stations and within a 500 foot

radius of all other project features such as maintenance facilities, temporary construction zones, autotransformer sites, etc. The notice (included as **Appendix 2**) provided summary information on the project, information on where to obtain the Supplemental Draft EIS, and direction on how to comment.

- **Newspaper:** Notices were published in local newspapers in communities near the project. Display advertisements announcing the availability of the Supplemental Draft EIS and information on public hearings was published in the Victorville *Daily Press*, the Las Vegas *Review Journal*, and the Barstow *Desert Dispatch* on Friday, September 3, 2010 and *The Hesperia Star* on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. **Appendix 3** contains the proof of publication in these newspapers.
- Website: FRA's website devoted a page to the DesertXpress project. The website, www.fra.dot.gov/pages/1703.shtml, was referenced in all of the notification materials. The website included project background and links to the Supplemental Draft EIS, making the full document and appendices available for download or review.

FRA made copies of the Supplemental Draft EIS available through many means.

Federal, state, and local agencies received either a hardcopy of the entire document, or a partial hardcopy with appendices on a CD. After the document was made public, FRA provided either hard copies or CD copies of the Supplemental Draft EIS to requestors. FRA distributed more than 50 CD copies of the Draft EIS at the two public hearings (discussed in greater detail below).

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- Victorville City Library 15011 Circle Drive Victorville, CA 92395
- Barstow Library 304 East Buena Vista Barstow, CA 92311

- Las Vegas Library
 833 N. Las Vegas Blvd.
 Las Vegas, NV 89101
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This list of libraries where the Supplemental Draft EIS could be found was included in the information mailed to property owners, newspaper ads, and on the FRA's website.

Tribal representatives received a hardcopy of an executive summary of the Supplemental Draft EIS, plus a hard copy of the cultural resources Draft EIS section and related appendices. Tribal representatives each received the entire document on a CD.

Finally, as noted above, electronic files comprising the full Supplemental Draft EIS were posted to FRA's website for download by interested parties.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FRA's NEPA implementation guidelines call for public hearings in the vicinity of a proposed project once a Supplemental Draft EIS has been made available. Given the length of the proposed rail corridor, FRA and the Cooperating Agencies decided to convene two public

hearings in the major communities along the proposed route: Las Vegas and Barstow/Victorville area. Draft EIS public hearings had been held in these communities in April of 2009 as were scoping meetings in July 2006.

The public hearings were publicized in all of the above-mentioned notices regarding the project and the Supplemental Draft EIS. Meeting locations were as follows:

Las Vegas Area	Barstow/Victorville Area
Hampton Inn Tropicana	Lenwood Hampton Inn
4975 Dean Martin Drive	2710 Lenwood Road
Las Vegas, NV 89118	Barstow, CA 92311
October 13, 2010	October 14, 2010
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In all, approximately 160 people attended the two public hearings. Hearing attendees were requested to register at the meeting, but many attendees declined to register. (See **Appendix 4**).

Each hearing attendee was offered the following materials (See **Appendix 5**):

- **Meeting Handout,** establishing the hearing agenda.
- **Speaker Card,** for attendees to fill out if they wished to give formal testimony at the hearing.
- Comment Sheet for attendees to submit written comments during or after the hearing.

Each hearing began with a half-hour "open house" in which attendees could view exhibit boards showing the project and interact with FRA or other agency representatives in attendance. Copies of these exhibit boards are available in **Appendix 6**.

Following the open house, FRA made a presentation summarizing the project, the environmental review process to date, identified impacts of the project, and next steps. A copy of the slides from this presentation is available in **Appendix 7**.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, attendees wishing to make comments were invited to complete a speaker card and make comments to the lead and cooperating agencies.

1.2 COMMENT SUMMARY

Section 4.3, Response to Public and Agency Comment on the Draft EIS and Supplemental Draft EIS, of the Final EIS provides responses to the comments received at the public hearings, as well as all public and agency comments received during the public review period.

DesertXpress Supplemental Draft EIS Public Hearing Summary Report		
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Appendix 1

Federal Register Notice of Availability

estimated to average 10 to 30 minutes per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's annual estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 5,800.

Frequency of response: Annual. Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 1,248 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$82,423.88. This does not include an estimated burden cost of \$61,552.96 and an estimated cost of \$100,000 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

Yes. Hours were removed for the certification program collection include in the previous ICR. Fewer hours for EPA are anticipated for the survey work due to a decreased level of sophistication in the analysis and decreased effort being needed to solicit survey responses. More hours were added for teachers completing the educator survey and administering the student survey. Finally, registering such a large number of teachers has resulted in more hours needed at EPA. Hours and burden for educators is about the same; hours for students has also decreased significantly. The bottom line burden hours increased along with the total cost.

What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue

another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: August 26, 2010.

Kristinn Vazquez,

Acting Director, Stratospheric Protection Division, Office of Air and Radiation. [FR Doc. 2010–22072 Filed 9–2–10; 8:45 am]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8992-5]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–1399 or http://www.epa.gov/ compliance/nepa/.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 08/23/2010 Through 08/27/2010 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

In accordance with Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to make its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies public. Historically, EPA has met this mandate by publishing weekly notices of availability of EPA comments, which includes a brief summary of EPA's comment letters, in the Federal Register. Since February 2008, EPA has been including its comment letters on EISs on its Web site at: http:// www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/ eisdata.html. Including the entire EIS comment letters on the Web site satisfies the Section 309(a) requirement to make EPA's comments on EISs available to the public. Accordingly, on March 31, 2010, EPA discontinued the publication of the notice of availability of EPA comments in the Federal Register.

EIS No. 20100341, Draft EIS, FHWA, WA, Cattle Point Road Realignment Project, To Maintain Vehicular, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Road Access, San Juan Island National Historical Park and Cattle Point Natural Resources Conservation Area, San Juan County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 11/01/2010, Contact: Peter Dederich 360–348–2223.

EIS No. 20100342, Draft EIS, FHWA,

CA, Interstate 80/Interstate 680/State

Route 12 Interchange Project, Proposal to Ease Traffic Congestions, Accommodate Projected Growth, and Improve Safety, Solano County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 10/18/2010, Contact: Lanh Phan 916–498–5046.

EIS No. 20100343, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Tonopah Solar Energy Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project, a 7,680-Acre Right-of-Way (ROW) on Public Lands to Construct a Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Plant Facility, Nye County, NV, Comment Period Ends: 10/18/2010, Contact: Timothy Coward 775–482–7830.

EIS No. 20100344, Final EIS, TVA, TN, Douglas and Nolichucky Tributary Reservoirs Land Management Plan, Implementation, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Jefferson and Sevier Counties, TN, Wait Period Ends: 10/04/2010, Contact: Amy Henry 865–632–4045.

EIS No. 20100345, Draft EIS, BR, CA,
Upper Truckee River Restoration and
Golf Course Reconfiguration Project,
To Restore Natural Geomorphic
Ecological Process, Lake Tahoe, EL
Dorado County, CA, Comment Period
Ends: 11/01/2010, Contact: Doug
Kleinsmith 916–978–5034.

EIS No. 20100346, Draft EIS, BLM, 00, Jarbidge Draft Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Elmore, Owy Lee, and Twin Falls Counties in South-Central, ID and Elko County in Northern, CA, Comment Period Ends: 11/30/2010, Contact: Richard Vander 208–736–2380.

EIS No. 20100347, Draft EIS, FHWA, CA, CA–76 South Mission road to Interstate 15 Highway Improvement Project, Proposes to Widen and Realign/a Two Lane Highway, San Diego County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 11/01/2010, Contact: Cesar Perez 916–498–5065.

EIS No. 20100348, Final EIS, FERC, ID, Swan Falls Hydroelectric Project, Application for a New License for the 25-megawatt Hydroelectric Facility (FERC Project No. 503–048), Snake River, Ada and Owyhee Counties, ID, Wait Period Ends: 10/04/2010, Contact: Mary O'Driscoll 1–866–208– 3372.

EIS No. 20100349, Draft Supplement, FHWA, WI, Wisconsin Highway Project, Mobility Motorized and Nonmotorized Travel Enhancements, Updated Information on New Alternatives, and Evaluates a Staged Improvement, US18/151 (Verona Road) and the US 12/14 (Beltine) Corridors, Dane County, WI, Comment Period Ends: 10/29/2010, Contact: Johnny Gerbitz 608–829–7500.

EIS No. 20100350, Final EIS, NRC, WI, GENERIC—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants for Kewaunee Power Station, Supplement 40 to NUREG—1437, Kewaunee County, WI, Wait Period Ends: 10/04/2010, Contact: Dan Doyle 301–415–3748.

EIS No. 20100351, Draft EIS, NRC, GA, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, Construction and Operation, Application for Combined Licenses (COLs), NUREG—1947, Waynesbora, GA, Comment Period Ends: 11/16/ 2010, Contact: Mallecia Sutton 301— 415—0673.

EIS No. 20100352, Draft EIS, FTA, CA, Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project, Proposes a Light Rail Extension Connecting Metro Gold Line to the Metro Blue Line and the Metro Expo Line, Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 10/18/ 2010, Contact: Ray Tellis 213–202– 3950.

EIS No. 20100353, Draft EIS, FTA, CA, Westside Subway Extension Transit Corridor Project, Extension of the Existing Metro Purple Line and Metro Red Line Heavy Rail Subway, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 10/18/2010, Contact: Ray Tellis 213–202–3950.

EIS No. 20100354, Final EIS, NPS, 00, South Florida and Caribbean Parks Exotic Plant Management Plan, Manage and Control Exotic Plants in Nine Parks, Five in South Florida Parks: Big Cypress National Preserve, Biscayne National Park, Canaveral National Seashore, Dry Tortugas National Park, Everglades National Park and Four in Caribbean Parks: Buck Island Reef National Monument, Christiansted National Historic Site, Salt River Bay National Historic Park and Ecological Preserve and Virgin Islands National Park, Florida and Caribbean, Wait Period Ends: 10/04/2010, Contact: Sandra Hamilton 303-969-2068.

EIS No. 20100355, Draft Supplement, FRA, NV, DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train Project, Updated Information on Project Modification and Additions, Proposes to Construct and Operate High-Speed Passenger Train between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada, Comment Period Ends: 10/18/2010, Contact: Wendy Messenger 202–493–6396.

EIS No. 20100356, Draft EIS, NPS, WA, Stehekin River Corridor Implementation Plan, General Management Plan, Implementation, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, North Cascades National Park Service Complex, WA, Comment Period Ends: 12/13/2010, Contact: Jon Riedel 360–873–4590, Ext 21.

EIS No. 20100357, Final EIS, USFS, SD, Nautilus Project Area, Multiple Resource Management Actions, Implementation, Black Hills National Forest, Northern Hills Ranger District, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington, SD, Wait Period Ends: 10/04/2010, Contact: Chris Stores 605–642–4622.

EIS No. 20100358, Draft EIS, USFS, WY, Livestock Grazing and Vegetation Management on Five Project Area, Proposes to Continue to Authorize Livestock Grazing, Tongue, Medicine Wheel/Paintrock, and Power River Districts of the Bighorn National Forest, Johnson, Sheridan, Big Horn and Washakie Counties, WY, Comment Period Ends: 10/18/2010, Contact: Laurie Walters-Clark 307—674—2627.

EIS No. 20100359, Final EIS, NOAA, WI, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserves to be known as the Lake Superior Reserve Proposed Designation, To Provide Greater Protection, Research and Education Opportunities to 16,697 Acres of the St. Louis River Estuary, WI, Wait Period Ends: 10/04/2010, Contact: Laurie McGilvray 301–563–1158.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20100258, Draft EIS, BLM, OR,
North Steens 230-kV Transmission
Line Project, Construction and
Operation of a Transmission Line and
Access Roads Associated with the
Echanis Wind Energy Project,
Authorizing Right-of-Way Grant,
Harney County, OR, Comment Period
Ends: 09/17/2010, Contact: Skip
Renchler 541–573–4400. Revision to
FR Notice Published 7/16/2010:
Extending Comment Period from
8/30/2010 to 09/17/2010.

EIS No. 20100296, Draft EIS, NOAA, 00, Columbia River Basin Hatchery Operations and the Funding of Mitchell Act Hatchery Program, To Authorize the Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of One or More Hatchery Facilities, OR, WA and ID, Comment Period Ends: 12/03/2010, Contact: Allyson Purcell 503—736—4736.

Revision to FR Notice Published 08/06/2010: Extending the Comment Period from 11/04/2010 to 12/03/2010.

Dated: 08/31/2010.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), Ambient Air Methods and Monitoring Subcommittee (AAMMS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting on September 29–30, 2010, of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ambient Air Monitoring & Methods Subcommittee (AAMMS) to provide advice concerning the development of a guidance document on network design for near-road ambient air monitoring and the implementation of an associated pilot monitoring study.

DATES: The CASAC AAMMS meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) and on Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Marriott at Research Triangle Park, 4700 Guardian Drive, Durham, NC 27703, telephone (919) 941–6200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the September 29-30, 2010 public meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail (202) 546-2073; fax (202) 565-2098; or e-mail at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. General information concerning the CASAC and the CASAC documents can be found on the EPA Web site at http:// www.epa.gov/casac.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) was established under section 109(d)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee. CASAC provides advice, information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC is a Federal advisory committee chartered

Appendix 2

Public Information Mailer



DESERTXPRESS HIGH SPEED TRAIN

LINKING VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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Attend a Meeting

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Get a Copy of the Supplemental Draft EIS and Draft EIS

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LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

833 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas, NV 89101

CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY

1401 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

How to Provide Comments

If you cannot attend a meeting, written comments can be submitted to: USDOT Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., MS-20, Washington, D.C. 20590, Attn: DesertXpress SDEIS or by email to Wendy.Messenger@dot.gov with the subject line, "DesertXpress SDEIS."

The deadline for submitting comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS is 5:00 PM (eastern standard time) on October 18, 2010.



c/o CirclePoint 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 802 Sacramento, CA 95814

Appendix 3

Proofs of Publication

in Brief

CHICAGO

Chicago might have hired first female police officer

A retired federal agent researching Chicago law enforcement history thinks the country's first female police officer was employed in the Windy City.

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Rick Barrett says he found a
reference to Marie Owens as a Chicago
officer in the 1890s. The Chicago
Tribune says that a woman joined the
Los Angeles force in 1910 and that
Oregon has sald it had a female officer
in 1908.

Barrett says Owens decreas the

Barrett says Owens deserves "some recognition."

recognition."
He describes Owens as an Irish
Catholic who wasn't wealthy. She was
tall with long, dark hair, grew up in
Canada and was in her 20s when she
moved with her husband to Chicago,
where they had five children. She
became a detective sergeant in 1891 and
was given the power of arrest.

Agency finds no link between new Pampers, diaper rash

Government safety officials have not found a connection between a new kind of Pampers diapers and the severe skin reactions reported by some parents'

groups.
The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday that it has reviewed 4,700 complaints but found no

organse linking Pampers diapers with new Dry Max technology to diaper rash. Procter & Gamble launched new versions of its Swaddlers and Cruisers diapers in the United States in March. The thinner diapers use the company's

The thinner diapers use the company's Dry Max absorbent gel material to replace the paper pulp previously used. Parents' groups blamed the change for severe skin problems.

In May, the CPSC launched an investigation of Dry Max after complaints of bables and toddlers suffering severe and persistent diaper rashes and blisters that resemble chemical burns.

The agency said it reviewed the materials, construction, heat retention and moisture retention properties of

the Dry Max diapers, with clinical and toxicological data. CPSC also analyzed scientific information provided by. Canadian health officials.

While it found nothing about the Dry Max diapers that causes rashes, CPSC said that most babies do get diaper rash at least once.

COLUMBUS Ohio

Ohio governor commutes inmate's death sentence

A condemned inmate had his life A condemned inmate had his life spared Thursday when Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, though he said he thinks the prisoner committed the crimes, cited "legitimate questions" about evidence used to convict the man.

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Strickland questioned some of the Strickland questioned some of the eyewitness testimony against Kevin Keith, who was scheduled to die Sept. 15 for the 1994 slaying of three people in Bucyrus, and said he is bothered that other possible suspects weren't fully investigate.

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Strickland sald that despite evidence supporting Keith's guilt, "many legitimate questions have been raised regarding the evidence in support of the conviction and the investigation which led to it."

The "case is clearly one in which

a full, fair analysis of all of the unanswered questions should be considered by a court," Strickland said. "Under these circumstances, I cannot

allow Mr. Keith to be executed."
The move by the Democratic
governor overrides last month's decision from his parole board, which unanimously recommended against

unanmously recommended against clemency. Keith's attorneys welcomed the decision but noted that their client, who had requested a pardon from Strickland, still needs a new trial to prove his innocence.

"The commutation to a life sentence does not lessen the need for justice to prevail," the attorneys said in a statement.

CINCINNATI

Coroner finds 7-month-old died in mistake in operation

An Ohio coroner said Thursday that a

An Ohio coroner said Thursday that a 7-month-old boy whose heart was being operated on was flushed with alcohol instead of saline and died. Hamilton County Coroner O'dell Owens said Tressel Meinard of Richmond, Ind., died Aug. 21 at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center. Owens said that the boy's family has been teld of the nigrouptnesses.

been told of the circumstances and that there's "no question a mistake was

The hospital said it cannot comment because of federal privacy laws. Messages seeking further details wero left at the coroner's office and at the home of Meinardi's parents.

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Appendix 5 Meeting Materials



DESERTXPRESS HIGH SPEED TRAIN

LINKING VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Public Hearing Program October 2010

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) welcomes you to the Public Hearing for the DesertXpress High Speed Train Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

Tonight's agenda:

Open House 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
 Presentation 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Public Comments 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to:

- Describe the project modifications and additions
- Take public comments on the SDEIS

The FRA will make a brief presentation to orient you to the project, its modifications and additions, the environmental review process, significant outcomes of the SDEIS, and how you can provide your comments.

Information about the DesertXpress project and SDEIS set up around the room includes:

- Project purpose and need
- Project schedule
- Maps showing the project modifications and additions

In addition to making any oral comments during the public hearing tonight, you may also provide your written comments by filling out a comment form. You can place your completed form in the comment box tonight or mail it to the following address:

USDOT Federal Railroad Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, MS-20 Washington, DC 20590

Attn: DesertXpress SDEIS

You can also e-mail your comments to the following address.

Subject line: DesertXpress SDEIS wendy.messenger@dot.gov

The SDEIS is available for viewing at: www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1703

All comments are due to FRA by October 18, 2010 by 5:00 P.M. EDT



Desert Express High Speed Train Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Sheet

There are several options to provide written comments. You can provide your written comments by turning in this form at the public hearing. You may also mail your comments directly to the Federal Railroad Administration (mailing address is on the back of this card). You may also e-mail your comments to **wendy.messenger@dot.gov** with the subject line "DesertXpress SDEIS". Whatever method you choose, please note that all written comments must be received to FRA by **5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on October 18, 2010.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMMENTS BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

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Desert Express High Speed Train Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Speaker Card



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Appendix 6 Exhibit Boards

DesertXpress Project Purpose and Need

Purpose

- Provide reliable and safe high-speed train service as an alternative to auto travel in the I-15 corridor
- Relieve congestion on I-15
- Improve air quality by diverting automobile trips from I-15
- Improve safety, reliability, and convenience of travel in the corridor
- Provide future capacity to meet growth projections
- Reduce transportation energy consumption

Need

- High and increasing travel demand in the I-15 corridor, frequent traffic accidents in the I-15 corridor
- Environmental impacts of continued reliance upon the private automobile for mobility in the corridor
- Constraints to expansion of air travel

Source: DesertXpress Enterprises Inc.



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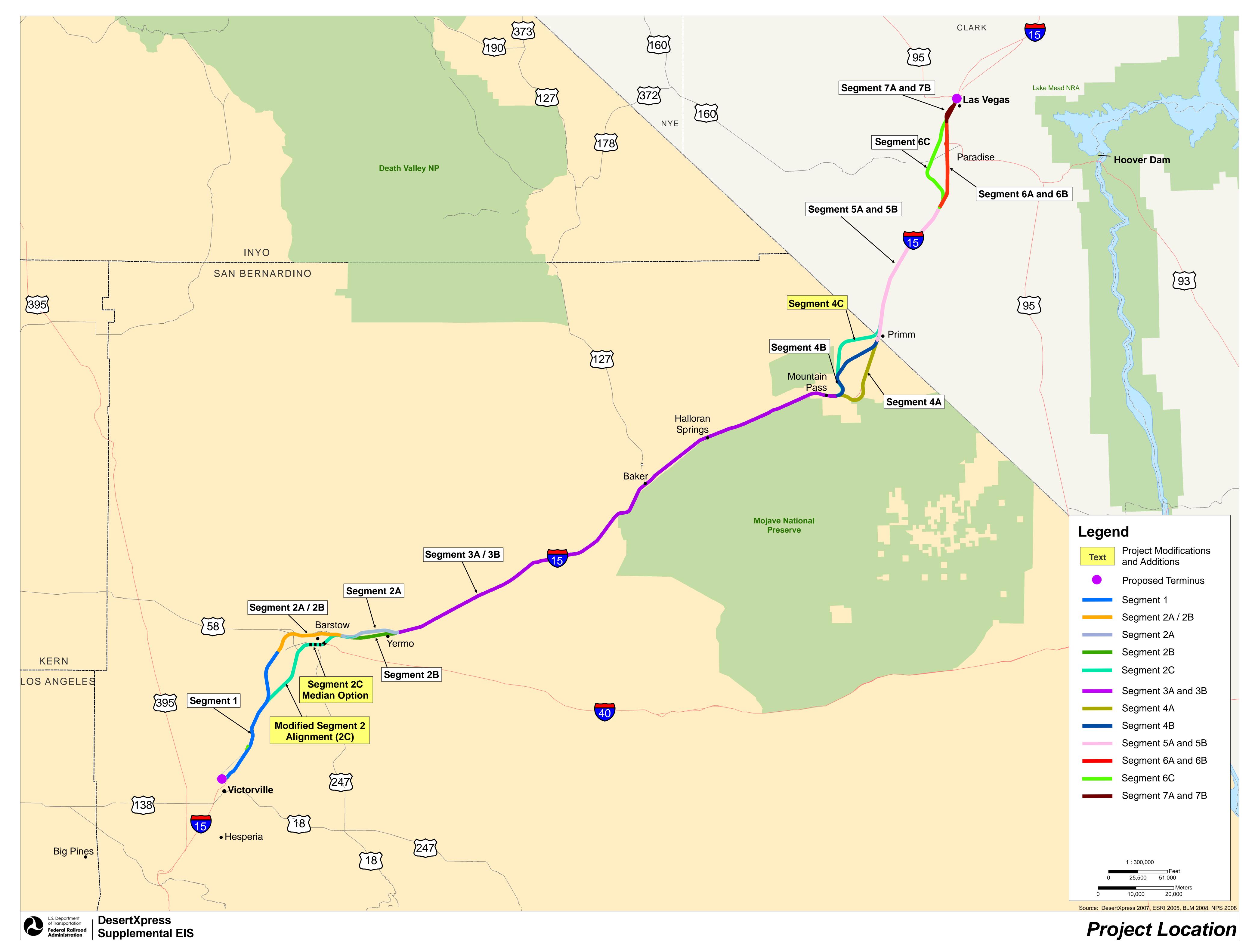
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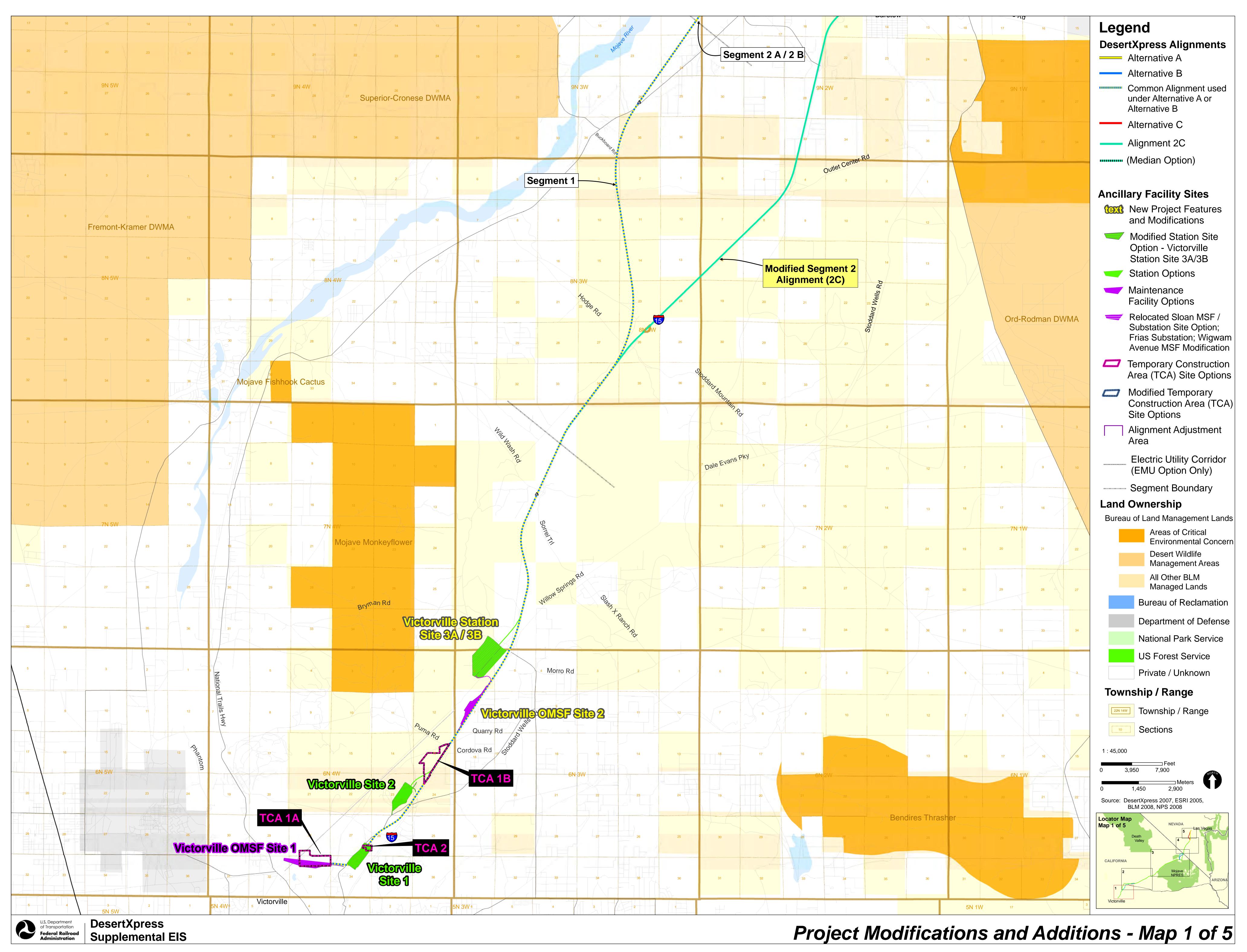


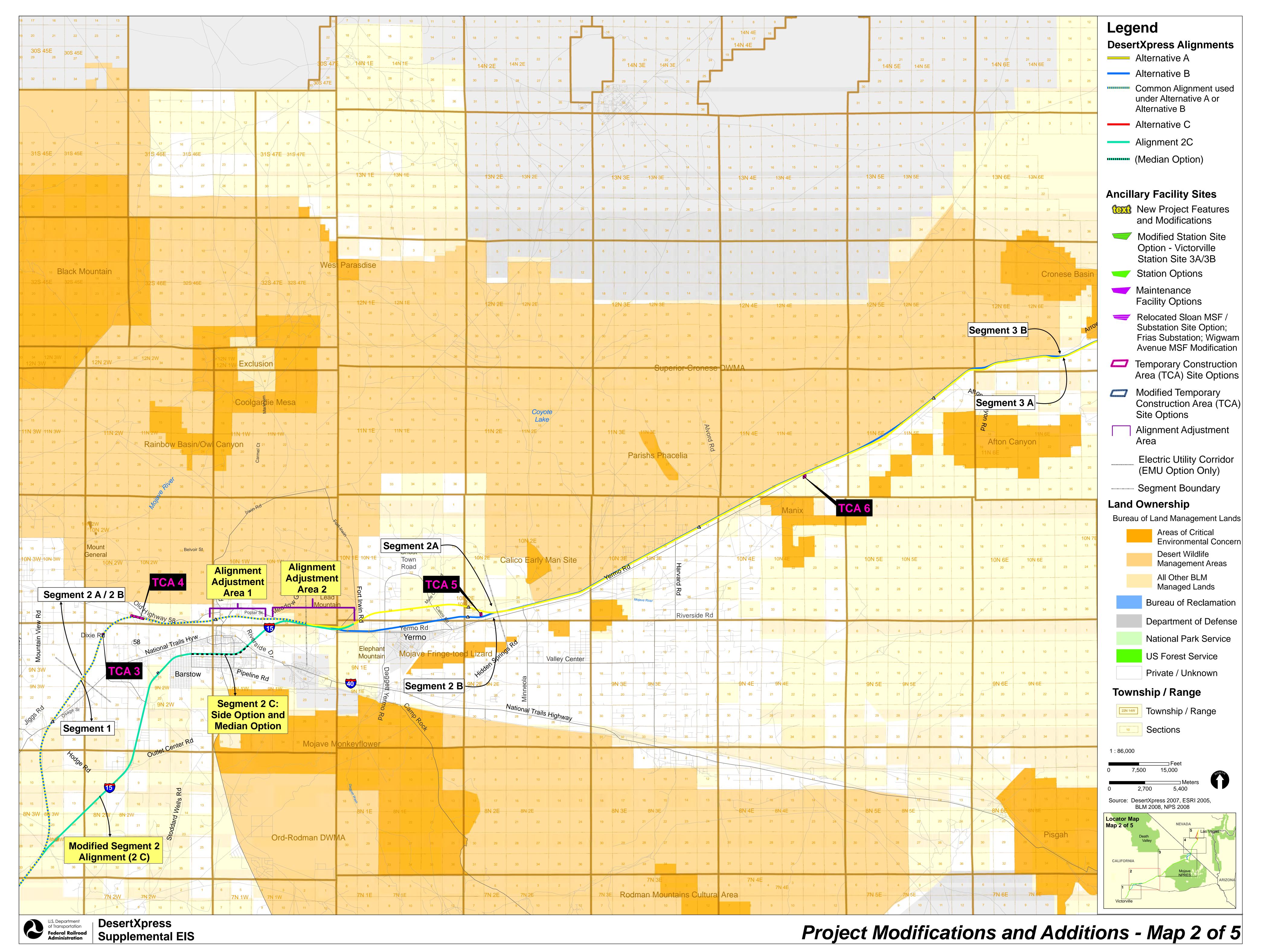
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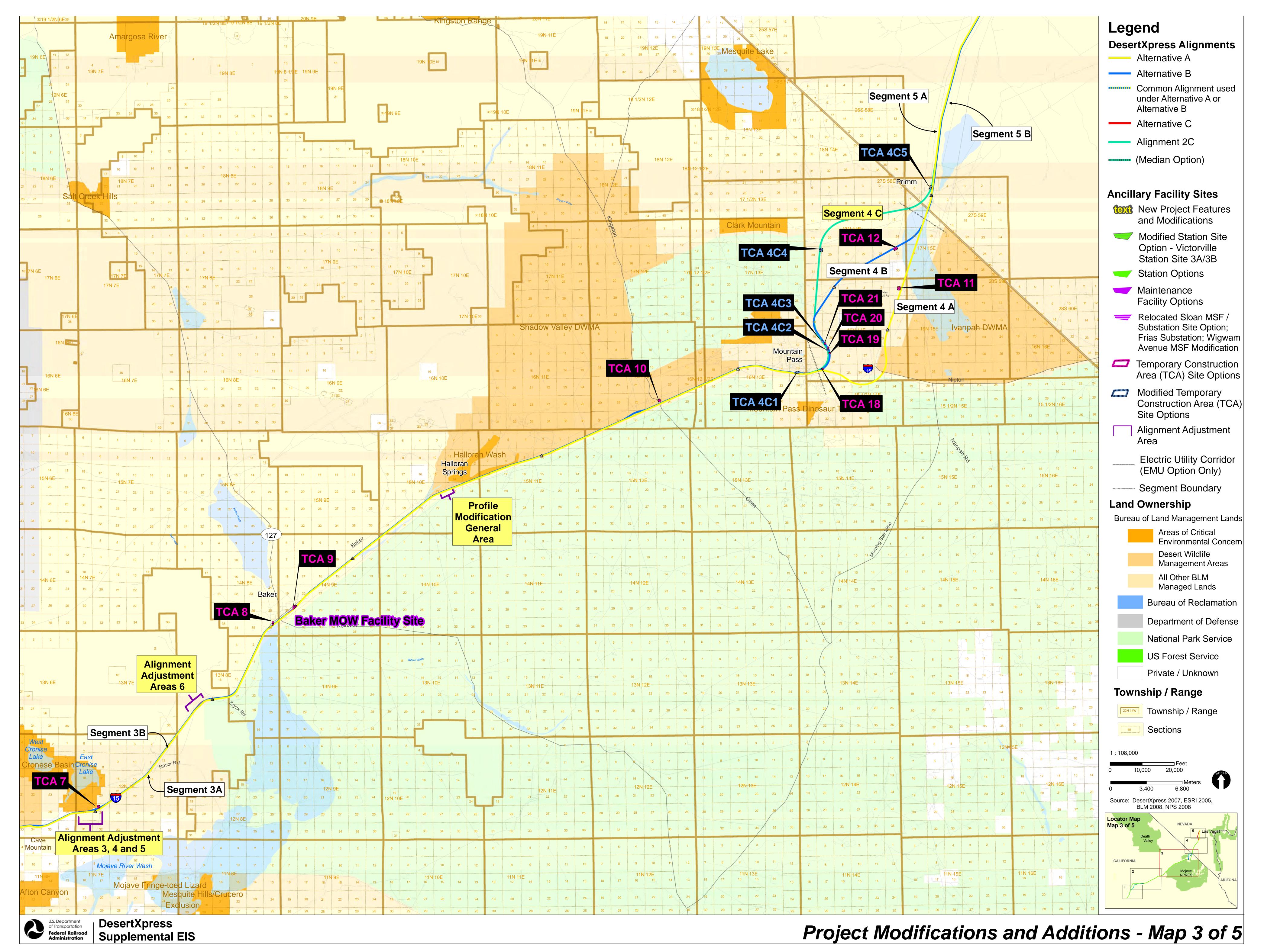


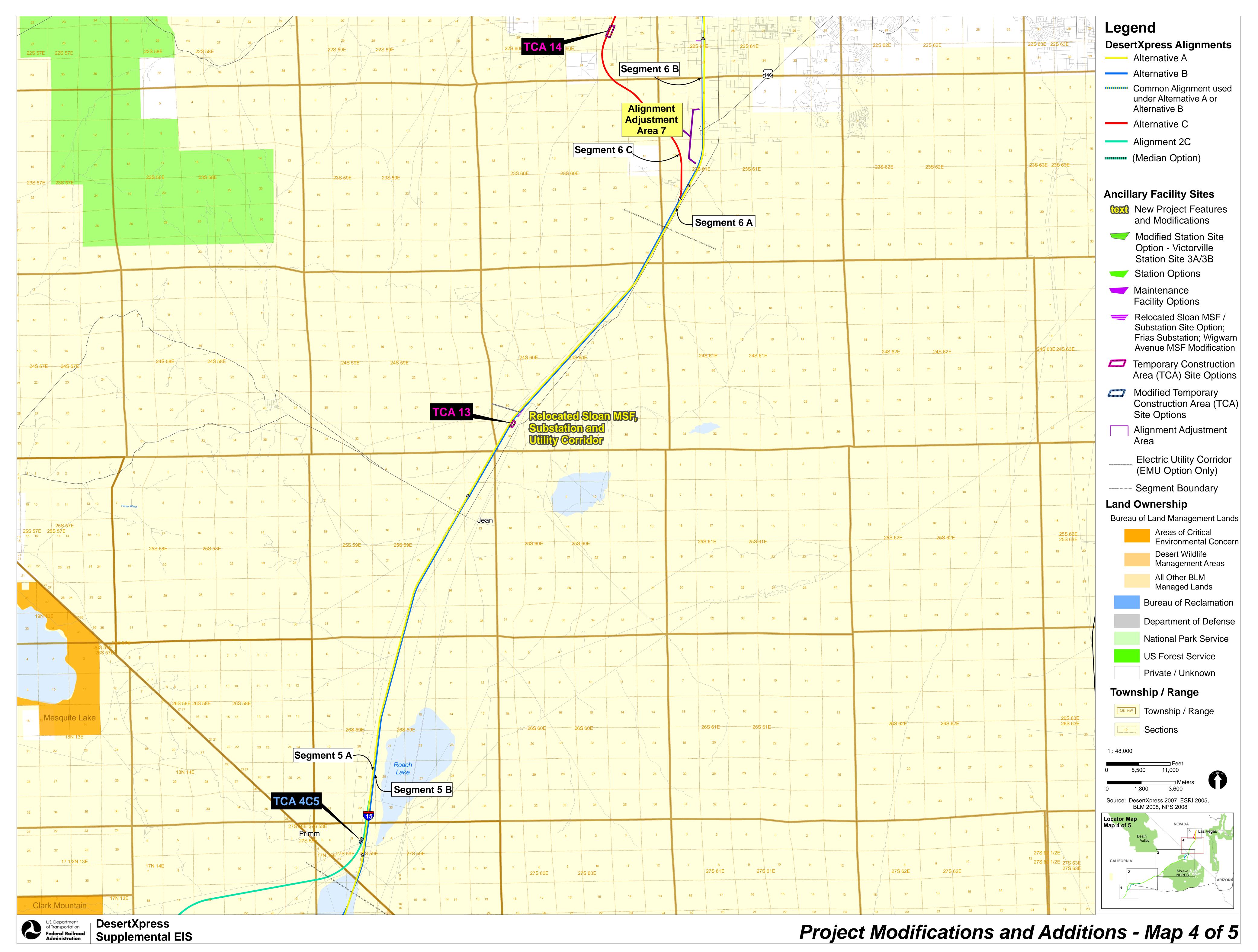
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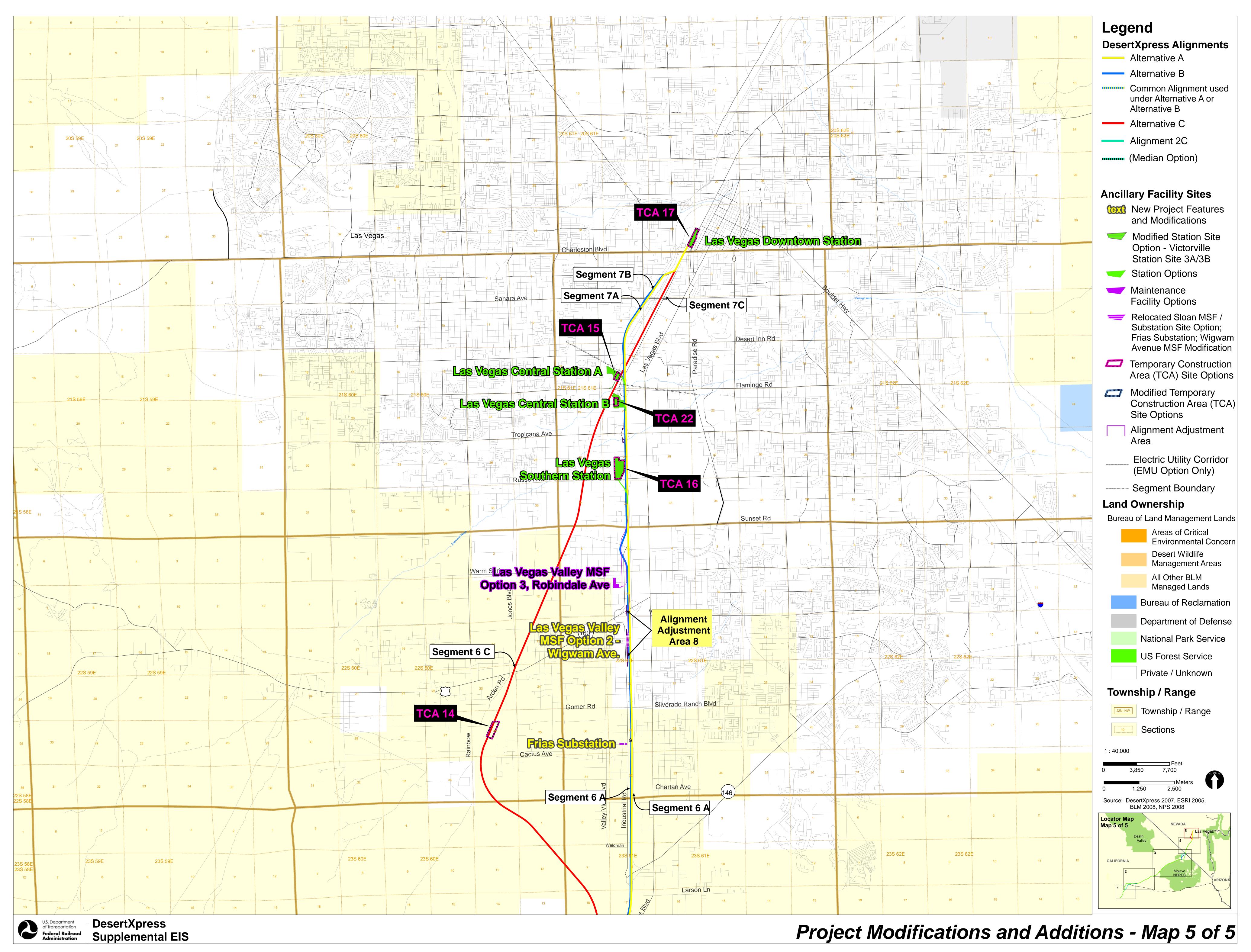












Appendix 7

Meeting Presentation

DesertXpress High-Speed Passenger Train

Public Hearings on Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

October 13 & 14, 2010



Overview

- DesertXpress Project Background
- Summary of Environmental Review Process
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - Published March 2009
 - Supplemental Draft EIS
 - Published September 2010
- Take public comment on the Draft Supplemental EIS

Project Background

- High speed passenger train: speeds up to 150 mph
- Passenger stations: Victorville and Las Vegas
- Fully grade-separated no at-grade road crossings
- Rail corridor would be located primarily within I-15 right-of-way
- Operating technology options
 - Diesel-electric ("DEMU")
 - All-electric ("EMU")
- Maintenance facilities: Victorville, Baker, Las Vegas
- Private Applicant

Draft EIS Process

- Document Published March 2009
- EIS Examined Several Alternative Routings and Station/Maintenance Facility Options
 - "Side Running Alignment"
 - "Median Alignment"
- FRA Convened Public Hearings in April 2009
- Comment Period: March 27, 2009 May 22, 2009
 - About 50 comment letters received with more than 300 total unique comments

Action Alternatives Evaluated in Draft EIS



Supplemental Draft EIS Process

- Draft EIS identified several environmental effects of the proposed project, some adverse, some beneficial
- To avoid or lessen several adverse effects or improve operations, project applicant proposed several modifications and additions
 - New and Modified Rail Alignments
 - New and/or Modified Stations/Maintenance Facilities
- Supplemental EIS evaluates these modifications and additions

Supplemental Draft EIS Process

- Supplemental Draft EIS
 - Published September 3, 2010
 - 3,600+ property owners notified by mail
 - Newspaper display ads
 - Copies of document to local libraries
- Public Hearings
 - Wednesday, October 14 Las Vegas
 - Thursday, October 15 Lenwood
- Public Comment Period

September 3, 2010 – October 18, 2010

DesertXpress EIS Process

July 2006: Notice of Intent & Public Scoping Meetings

2006–2008: Environmental Technical Studies

2008-March 2009: Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

April 2009: Circulate DEIS & Hold Public Hearings

September-October 2010: Circulate Supplemental DEIS & Hold Public Hearings

Oct – Nov 2010: Federal Agencies Identify Preferred Alternative

December 2010: Release Final EIS

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Proposed Modifications and Additions

- New/Modified Rail Alignments
 - Segment 2C alignments through Barstow; avoid sensitive cultural resources, planned industrial areas
 - Segment 4C avoids Mojave National Preserve and proposed solar energy projects
 - Segment 6B in metro Las Vegas, relocated outside of I-15 Corridor
 - Minor Alignment Adjustments elsewhere along Segments 2 and 3

Addition of Segment 2C



Segment 2C in Central Barstow



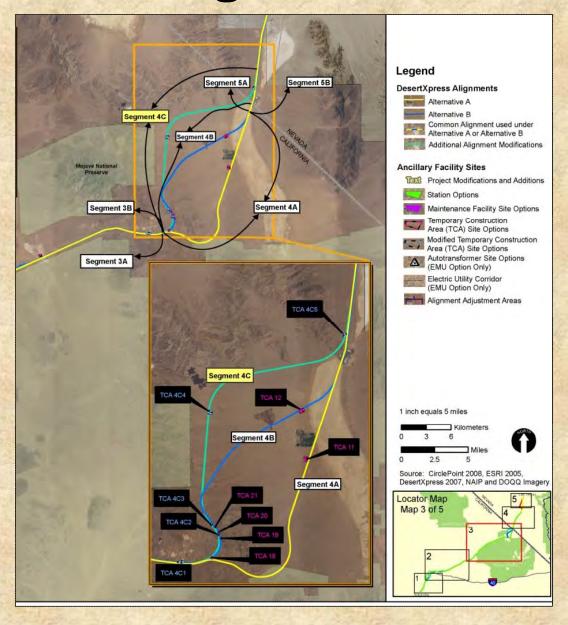
Existing View – Main Street at I-15



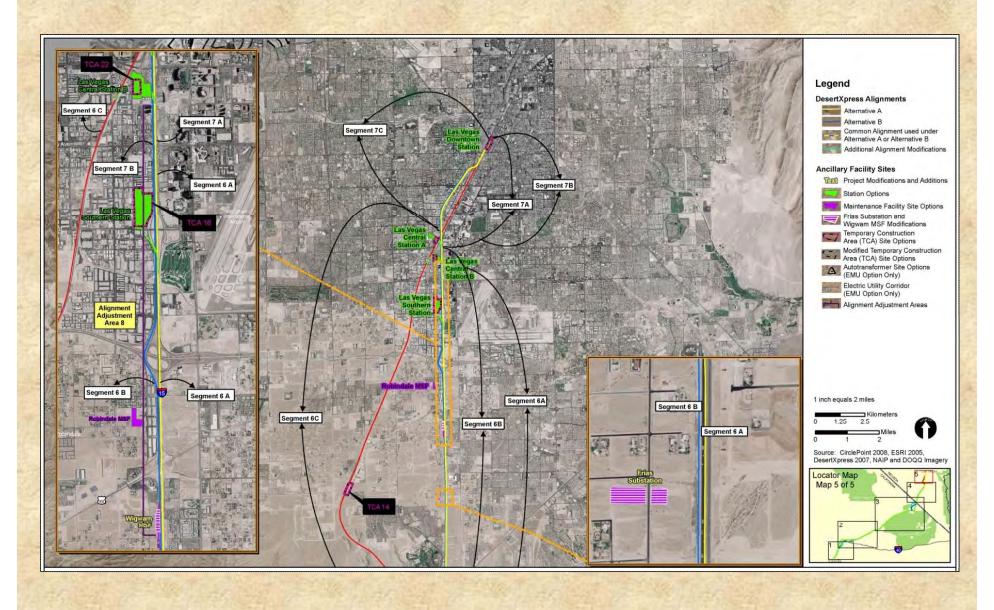
Simulated View - Segment 2C



Addition of Segment 4C



Segment 6B Modification Area



Existing View - Dean Martin Drive at Ali Baba Lane



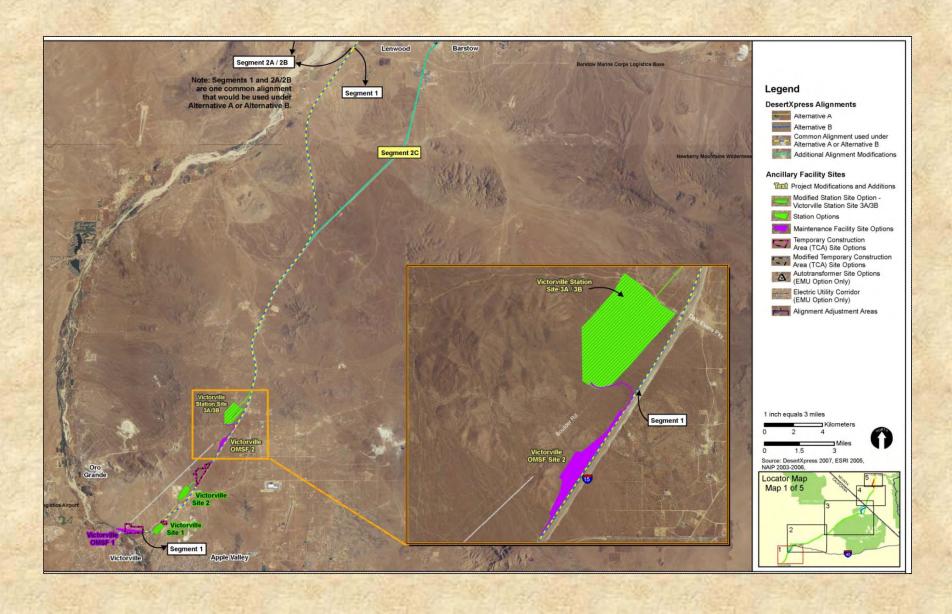
Simulated View - Modified Segment 6B



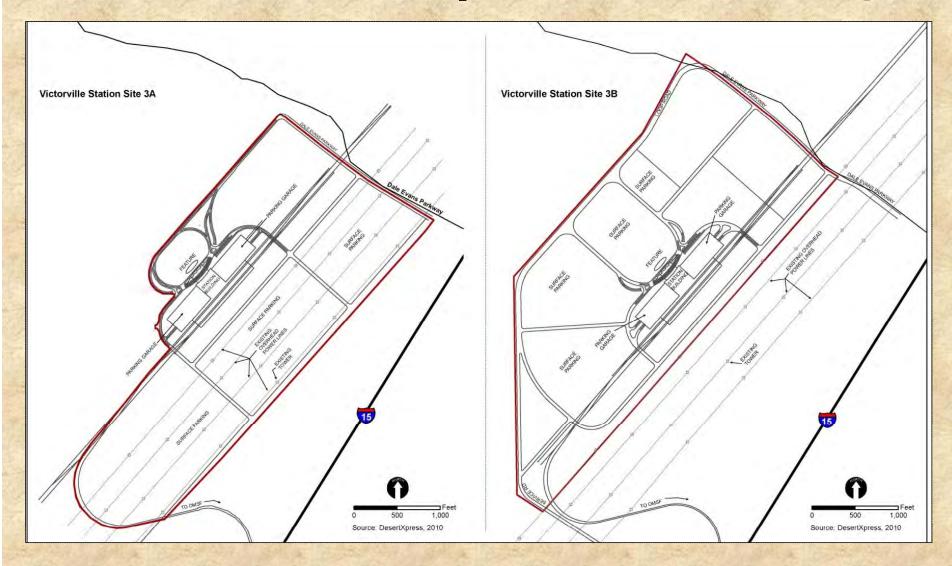
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- New/Modified Stations and Maintenance Facilities
 - Victorville Station Site 3 (VV3) new station site option at Dale Evans Parkway
 - Victorville Operations Maintenance and Storage Facility #2 (OMSF2) – reduction in size
 - Sloan Road Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) – relocation to avoid conflict with planned roadway
 - Frias Substation to provide electrical power
 - Wigwam Avenue MSF change in site design

Victorville Area Modifications & Additions



VV3 - Two Site Options for Parking



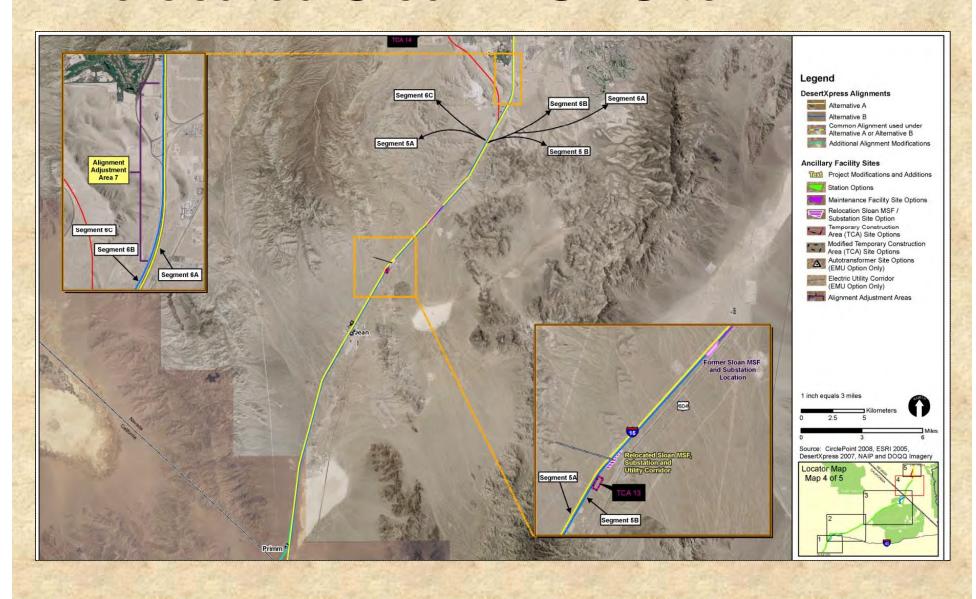
Existing View: I-15 at Dale Evans



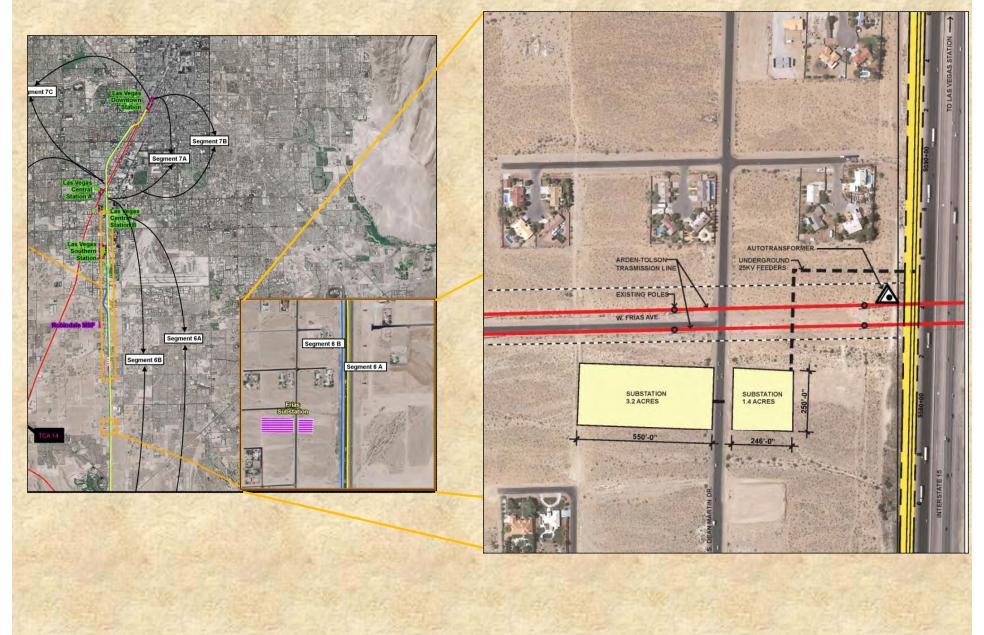
Simulated View - Victorville Station Site 3



Relocated Sloan MSF Site



Addition of Frias Substation Site



Modification to Wigwam Avenue MSF



Next Steps

- Comments on both Draft and Supplemental EIS will be considered
- Federal Cooperating Agencies will choose "Agency Preferred Alternative"
- Agency Preferred Alternative will be evaluated in "Final EIS"
 - Final EIS process includes additional opportunities for public review and comment
 - "Record of Decision" follows Final EIS;
 - Denotes and discloses each Federal agency's decision on the project;
 - Engineering, construction, and design could then proceed

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How to Provide Comments

Verbally – at tonight's public hearing

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Comments Due October 18, 2010

Public Hearing Process

- Fill out a speakers card
- Speakers will be called in the order that the cards are received
- Wait to be called
- State & spell your name
- Three minute time limit per speaker

Speaking Time – 3 Minutes Time Up

