17 INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME 4

This introduction explains the organization of and how to reference comment letters and responses to comments included in this Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Proposed Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (hereafter referred to as the Final EIR/EIS). The comments and responses to comments section contain public comments on the Draft EIR/EIS for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System and responses.

17.1 Standard Responses to Frequently Raised Comments

As part of the public review process for the Draft EIR/EIS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) received a total of 309 written comment letters and verbal comments at public hearings, including three received after the close of the comment period; these 309 submissions contained 1,450 individual comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and on the proposed project generally. Many of these comments raise similar issues. The Authority has, therefore, prepared a chapter of standard responses to address the most frequently raised issues. The standard responses provide a comprehensive response to an issue to address multiple aspects of the issue in an organized manner in one location. This reduces repetition of responses. When an individual comment raises an issue discussed in a standard response, the response to the individual comment includes a cross-reference to the appropriate standard response. The standard responses are provided in Chapter 18, Standard Responses. A translated summary of individual standard responses to comments may be provided upon request, to the extent practicable.

의견에 대한 개별 표준 답변의 번역된 요약본은 요청에 따라 실행 가능한 범위 내에서 제공될 수 있습니다

Se puede facilitar un resumen traducido de las respuestas estándares individuales a los comentarios a quien lo solicite, en los casos en que sea factible.

17.2 Individual Responses to Written and Verbal Comments

Following the standard responses, the Authority provided responses to individual written and verbal comments.

The individual letters and comments included and addressed are organized and numbered as follows:

- Federal Agencies (Chapter 19)
- State Agencies (Chapter 20)
- Elected Officials (Chapter 21)
- Local Agencies (Chapter 22)
- Businesses and Organizations (Chapter 23)
- Individuals (Chapter 24)
- Native American Tribes (Chapter 25)

Each written submission and oral presentation can be found under the appropriate category, by name, or, if representing an organization, the name of the organization. Each written comment letter sent to the Authority was assigned a number. Each comment letter and public hearing transcript has brackets in the left-hand margin with identification numbers for each comment. Some letters or oral statements are treated as a single comment, whereas in other submissions, multiple comments are identified and are numbered and responded to individually. The responses to comment(s) are at the end of each letter or transcript. Each response is labeled with the letter/testimony identifier and comment number that relates back to that particular bracketed comment.

A number of written comment submissions included lengthy attachments to the comment letters or provided web links to supporting materials. In preparing the Final EIR/EIS and responses to comments, every attachment provided with comment submissions or identified by a web link was reviewed and evaluated. In those cases where attachments included additional comments on the Draft EIR/EIS, the comments were delineated and responses were provided. In those cases where attachments or web links contained information or studies in support of the written comment

submission, the material was considered in developing the response. All attachments submitted as part of the comments have been reproduced in this Final EIR/EIS.

17.3 Contents by Order of Appearance in Document

The tables below list the contents of Volume 4. For Chapter 18, the order of the standard responses is provided. For Chapters 20 through 26, the commenter name, the submission number, and the page in the applicable chapter of Volume 4 where it can be found are provided. The provided page numbers reflect the location in the portable document format (PDF) file to allow for ease of navigation. Readers may also navigate directly to responses using Acrobat Reader's bookmarks function; files are designed to open with the bookmarks displayed to aid in navigation.

Table 17-1 Chapter 18: Standard Responses

Related Chapter/Section in EIR/EIS	Topic	PDF Page Number
General		
LAA-Response-GENERAL-01	Not used	1
LAA-Response-GENERAL-02	Consideration of Plans and Projects	1
LAA-Response-GENERAL-03	Funding and Project Costs	6
LAA-Response-GENERAL-04	General Opinions, Opposition, or Support	8
LAA-Response-GENERAL-05	Not used	8
LAA-Response-GENERAL-06	Not used	8
LAA-Response-GENERAL-07	Construction Schedule	8
LAA-Response-GENERAL-08	Requests for Extension of the Comment Period	8
Chapter 1, Project Purpose, Need, and Objectives		
LAA-Response-Chapter 1 P&N-01	Project Benefits	9
Chapter 2, Alternatives		
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-01	Alternatives Selection and Evaluation Process and Identification of the Preferred Alternative	9
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-02	Changes to Passenger Rail Station Facilities	13
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-03	High-Speed Rail Station Options	15
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-04	Not used	16
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-05	Grade Separations	16
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-06	Future Rail Operator Coordination and Agreements	17
LAA-Response-Chapter 2 ALT-07	Corridor Capacity	18
Section 3.2, Transportation		
LAA-Response-Section 3.2 TRAN-01	Freight and Passenger Rail Operations During Construction	20
LAA-Response-Section 3.2 TRAN-01	Design of Traffic Mitigation Measures	21
Section 3.3, Air Quality and Global Climate Change		
LAA-Response-Section 3.3 AQ-01	Construction Emission Impacts	22
LAA-Response-Section 3.3 AQ-02	Health Risks and Emission Impacts	23

Related Chapter/Section in EIR/EIS	Topic	PDF Page Number
LAA-Response-Section 3.3 AQ-03	Localized Health Risk Assessment from Construction Emissions	24
LAA-Response-Section 3.3 AQ-04	Greenhouse Gas Impacts	25
Section 3.4, Noise and Vibration		
LAA-Response-Section 3.4 N&V-01	Noise Impacts During Operation	25
LAA-Response-Section 3.4 N&V-02	Sound Barriers and Other Noise Abatement	28
Section 3.6, Public Utilities and Energy		
LAA-Response-Section 3.6 PUE-01	Utility Conflicts	29
Section 3.11, Safety and Security		
LAA-Response-Section 3.11 S&S-01	At-Grade Crossing Safety	30
LAA-Response-Section 3.11 S&S-02	Train Derailment	31
Section 3.12, Socioeconomics and Communities		
LAA-Response-Section 3.12 SOCIO-01	Relocations, Right-of-Way Process, Eminent Domain	33
LAA-Response-Section 3.12 SOCIO-02	Impacts on Businesses	35
LAA-Response-Section 3.12 SOCIO-03	Property Values	35
Section 3.16, Aesthetics and Visual Quality		
LAA-Response-Section 3.16 AVQ-01	Impacts on Visual Quality During Construction and Operation	37
Chapter 5, Community Analysis		
LAA-Response-Chapter 5 COMMUNITY-01	Need for Analysis of Impacts on Minority and Low-Income Communities	39
Section 3.4, Noise and Vibration		
LAA-Response-Chapter 9 OUTREACH-01	Public Involvement Process	39

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Table 17-2 Chapter 19: Federal Agency Comments

Agency	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Connell Dunning, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	013502	2
Viktoriya A. Sirova, U.S. Department of the Interior	013834	4
Zac Appleton, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	013918	8

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Table 17-3 Chapter 20: State Agency Comments

Agency	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Ka-Man Lo, California Department of Transportation	013317	2

Agency	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Maryam Molavi, California Department of Transportation	013329	7
Joleena De La Fe, California Department of Fish and Wildlife	013722	9
Leana Tolentino, California Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics	013783	11
Joleena De La Fe, California Department of Fish and Wildlife	013819	15
Richard Le, California Public Utilities Commission	013837	43
Jeffery Esquivel, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery	013839	49
Maryam Molavi, California Department of Transportation, District 12	013844	56
Thoa Le, California Department of Transportation, District 7	013867	62
Barbara McGahey, California Department of Transportation, District 12	013894	71

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Table 17-4 Chapter 21: Elected Officials Comments

Elected Official	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Tony Flores, California Assemblymember Avelino Valencia	013643	2
William Go, City of Irvine City Council	013737	5
Mayor Gustavo Camacho, City of Pico Rivera	013831	9
Tony Flores, California Assemblymember Avelino Valencia	013939	14

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Table 17-5 Chapter 22: Local Agency Comments

Agency	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Marisa Olguin, Vernon Chamber of Commerce	013280	2
Eileen Hunt, City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation	013291	4
Jui Ing Chien, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation	013327	6
Rebekah Soto, Orange County Transportation Authority	013359	8
Rebekah Soto, Orange County Transportation Authority	013376	10
David Berryman, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency	013410	12
Michelle Morrison, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	013661	14
Alex Hamilton, City of Norwalk	013670	49
Patricia Horsley, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	013679	51
William Go, City of Irvine Councilmember William Go and Kathleen Treseder	013736	70
David Kennedy, City of Anaheim Public Works Department	013754	74
Ryan Erasmo, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	013773	76
Jivar Afshar, South Coast Air Quality Management District	013785	78

Agency	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Zulema Renteria, Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety	013796	100
Brian Jacob, Southern California Regional Rail Authority	013797	102
Jeff Boynton, City of La Mirada	013800	106
Zulema Renteria, Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety	013801	108
Jeff Boynton, City of La Mirada	013808	110
Cesar Roldan, City of Montebello	013811	120
Shahid Abbas, City of Commerce	013813	136
Jui Ing Chien, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	013821	138
Jay Fuhrman, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	013822	145
Alexis Murillo Felix, Southern California Association of Governments	013827	157
Shirley Gooding, Riverside County Transportation Commission	013832	161
Nicholas Ghirelli, City of Vernon	013836	166
Zulema Renteria, Los Angeles Unified School District	013842	240
Nicholas Zamarripa, County of Orange Public Works	013848	251
Deepthi Arabolu, Buena Park Public Works	013850	253
David Berryman, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency	013855	255
David Kennedy, City of Anaheim	013859	264
Latasha James, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	013861	293
Chris Schaefer, City of Fullerton	013864	299
Nancy Lee, City of Norwalk	013865	390
Judith Trujillo, Orange County Transportation Authority	013868	399
Harald Luna, City of Buena Park	013870	533
Patrick Lewis, Gateway Cities Council of Governments	013877	535
Jessica Serrano, City of Commerce	013878	539
Ryan Erasmo, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	013933	553
Brian Saeki, City of Vernon	013941	558
Lilia Hernandez, City of Vernon	013942	566
Jessica Serrano, City of Commerce	013944	572
Robert Sanchez, City of Los Angeles	013953	582
Jessica Serrano, City of Commerce	013969	608

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Table 17-6 Chapter 23: Businesses and Organizations Comments

Business/Organization	Submission Number	PDF Page Number
Miguel Vargas, LA Arts District	013253	2
Georgia Kokkinias, Packaging Corporation of America	013288	4
James Thomas, Kimley-Horn	013290	6
James Unknown, Remake Irvine Streets for Everyone	013301	8
Eric Johnson, Amphibian Refuge	013318	10
Jesus Garcia, Ramon's Custom Auto Upholstery	013333	12
Katie Alania, G3 Enterprises	013336	14
Deborah Diep, Center for Demographic Research	013354	16
Nicholas R. Ghirelli, Richards Watson Gershon Law	013546	18
Jack Miranda, Jesse Miranda Center	013551	20
Lisa Henschol, Hyperion Academics	013589	22
Monica Sigismondo, Tunnelbuilder	013666	24
Dick Ackerman, Fullerton Rotary Club	013667	28
Unknown, Remake Irvine Streets for Everyone	013671	30
Brian Yanity, Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada	013685	34
Steve Lay, G3 Enterprises, Inc.	013712	39
Brian Yanity, Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada	013714	45
James Placek, J. A. Placek Construction	013727	48
Brian Yanity, Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada	013729	53
Corie Lahr, Mark Thomas	013735	56
Kevin Brogan, Golden Springs Development Company, LLC and SFS Truck Storage, Inc.	013765	58
Bill Maddux, Urban Crossroads, Inc.	013770	63
Derreck Barker, Nuveen Real Estate	013780	65
John Boslet, Irvine Company	013829	70
Teresa Stephens, BNSF Railway	013846	74
Don Paul, Beta Allec Two LLC	013852	142
Don Paul, Beta Allec Two LLC	013853	147
Chelsea Maclean, Anaheim Real Estate Partners, LLC	013854	155
Marisa Olguin, Vernon Chamber of Commerce	013862	182
Adriana Rizzo, Californians for Electric Rail, The Transit Coalition, and Move LA	013863	188
Jesse Flores, Norwalk Unides	013873	192
Grace Peng, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County	013876	195
Kee Hong Saw, Arroyo Townhomes Owners Association	013934	197

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Craig Preston, Citizens' Climate Lobby Orange County	013947	199
James Placek, J. A. Placek Construction	013960	205
Don Paul, Beta Allec Two LLC	013972	209
Eli Lipmen, Move LA and Move California	013974	215

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Table 17-7 Chapter 24: Individual Comments by Last Name

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Aguilera	Victoria	013955	454
Alduenda	Lizette	013532	130
Allen	Patricia	013505	112
Allione	Milton	013308	16
Amsbary	William	013820	356
Aqil	Faraz	013818	353
Aqil	Faraz	013945	419
Aqil	Faraz	013946	425
Arias	Reuben	013965	474
Avery	Brittnie	013309	18
Ayala	Jesus	013810	343
Azuma	Jason	013633	260
Barboza	David	013620	240
Barrera-Martinez	Martin	013561	156
Basball	Susan	013658	287
Biolsi	Joe	013815	347
Biornstad	Nathan	013951	447
Black	Arthur	013651	277
Black	Arthur	013662	291
Boish	Louis	013634	262
Brizula	Yvonne	013568	166
Bryant	Connie	013488	84
Bushala	George	013724	310
Bushala	Tony	013967	485
Cain	Jerome	013534	134
Cam	Calvin	013644	268

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Cannon	Alexander	013856	370
Capuccio	Teresa	013610	228
Cardenas Quintana	Veronica	013312	21
Carll	Janet	013964	471
Chen	Justine	013580	186
Ciesla	Peter	013599	214
Clarke	Ron	013572	172
Clements	Pam	013302	6
Collins	Heather	013485	80
Cooper	Steve	013824	360
Cortez	Cathleen	013352	37
Costa	Clarence	013632	258
Cox	James	013563	160
Crane	Skip	013484	78
Dahl	Fred	013586	198
Daniel	Scott	013637	264
Daniels	George	013655	281
De La O	Fernanda	013595	208
De La Torre	Nick	013883	390
DeFazio	Mark	013611	230
Delgadillo	Charles	013348	35
Devine	Patrick	013486	82
Dickerman	Dan	013521	118
Dikdan	Tony	013478	74
Donze	Sue	013562	158
Dorsey	Thomas	013949	434
Durando	Doug	013607	224
Eslinger	Barbara	013490	88
Esquivel	Connie	013604	220
Eustermann	Joe	013560	154
Flanagan	Susan	013600	216
Flippin	Liz	013593	206
Flynn	Margaret	013659	289
Forel	Samuel	013606	222

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Fournier	Tom	013525	120
Fradkin	Diane	013816	349
Freedlander	Carol	013622	244
Frescuz	Ije	013548	142
Friar	John	013579	184
Friedman	Richard	013374	41
Friedman	Richard	013378	43
Gallant	Ilona	013533	132
Gandara	Adrian	013325	23
Gaston	Miguel	013948	429
Gerkens	David	013812	345
Gibbons	Rochelle	013625	250
Goldsmith	Stephen	013763	337
Gotch	Robert	013624	248
Greeson	Cory	013761	335
Groom	James	013665	295
Haack	Laurie	013582	190
Hanpeter	Benjamin	013874	380
Harake	Joe	013405	49
Hasey	Raymond	013543	138
Hasey	Raymond	013544	140
Havrilo	Billy	013341	29
Henderson	Robert	013540	136
Himmelheber	Eve	013721	305
Hodgson Placentia	Jan	013575	178
Howe	Michelle	013581	188
Isaacson	Peter	013860	372
Jaffe	Kimberly	013358	39
Jensen	Ron	013630	256
Johnston	Mark	013279	4
Johnston	Tom	013492	92
Kearns	Robert	013952	452
Keeler	Nancy	013475	67
Kelly	Patrick	013872	378

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Kiesel	Jens	013925	404
Kim	Yunbae	013760	333
Kling	Jessica	013569	168
Koch	Joseph	013576	180
Krieger	Kathleen	013623	246
Krill	Molly	013587	200
Kumar	Lolita	013963	468
Lasser	Tom	013491	90
Law	Elizabeth	013613	232
Lehman	Beverly	013746	329
Leon	Julian	013869	376
Leonard	Melvin	013654	279
Lizama	Richard	013728	317
Lo	Nicholas	013305	10
Machado	Edgar	013968	490
MacLean	Daphne	013866	374
Maraszek	David	013880	386
Masters	Brad	013615	236
Mather	Oliver	013885	402
Mattera	Daniel	013526	122
Mauriello	Ralph	013474	65
McCauley	Christopher	013480	76
McDermott	Michael	013571	170
McDonough	Vince	013472	61
Miller	Lynn	013573	174
Momy	Ned	013689	299
Moon	Clark	013304	8
Moran	Carol	013619	238
Morchower	Scott	013817	351
Moreno	Daniel	013726	312
Morrison	Matthew	013583	192
Moseley	Katrina	013738	320
Murphy	Andy	013555	148
Murta Adams	Katharine	013431	55

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Nelson	Kathleen	013477	72
Nguyen	Sally	013646	270
Nguyen	Sally	013971	503
Olsen	John	013585	196
P	Megan	013590	204
Page	Thomas	013471	59
Palmer	Patricia	013553	146
Paul	Don	013307	14
Paul	Don	013740	324
Pepper	Stefanie	013966	477
Pherrin	Heidi	013574	176
Pierson	Jeffrey	013784	341
Pope	Carlen	013641	266
Poucher	Roy	013748	331
Ramirez	Justin	013380	45
Rands	Jane	013961	462
Reed	Sabrina	013626	252
Reiman	Diane	013840	368
Reinhardt	Karla	013306	12
Rice	Anne	013495	98
Roberts	Kenneth	014026	512
Ross	Andrea	013489	86
Ross	Phyllis	013518	114
Ross	Phyllis	013549	144
Rucker	Richard	013614	234
Salazar-Dunbar	Ben	013566	162
Sammartano	Tom	013470	57
Schmid	David	013529	126
Semas	Ron	013598	212
Shepherd	Amanda	013596	210
Shore	Howard	013527	124
Sisson	Gary	013531	128
Slick	Jess	013500	108
Smith	Sam	013424	53

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Smith	Bill	013473	63
Smith	David	013494	96
Smith	Samuel	013520	116
Stapfer	Kim	013577	182
Steele	Barry	013690	301
Stephen	Adrian	013950	440
Stevens	Barbara	013691	303
Storme	Dolores	013781	339
Strapac	Joseph	013255	2
Stringer	Walt	013962	465
Swain	Carol	013588	202
Swenberg	Johanes	013476	69
Switzer	April	013557	150
Switzky	Rodger	013346	33
Szerlip	Donald	013833	366
Taylor	Joseph	013493	94
Throne	Michael	013823	358
Throne	Michael	013825	362
Trac	Eryn	013739	322
Turner	Jordan	013943	413
Ulwelling	Gary	013973	509
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Unknown	Pineda	013402	47
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Unknown	--	013497	102
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Unknown	--	013499	106
Unknown	Nuckles	013501	110
Unknown	--	013608	226
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Vita	James	013584	194
Waki	Victor	013559	152
Walker	Alexander	013826	364
Walters	David	013567	164
Wardle	David	013412	51
Westin	Greg	013882	388
Weyhrich	Mike	013940	410
Wolfe	Bob	013875	382
Yarbrough	Norma	013627	254
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Chris Granado, Juaneño Band of Mission Indians – 84A	013303	2

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