



CALL TO ACTION!

FIGHT TO KEEP THE HORSE AS OUR HIGH SPEED TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE!

DEADLINE TO ACT IS FAST APPROACHING!

**SHADOW HILLS 🐾 LAKE VIEW TERRACE
KAGEL CANYON 🐾 LA TUNA CANYON
SUNLAND/TUJUNGA 🐾 SUN VALLEY**

GET INVOLVED, TAKE ACTION, OR THIS WILL HAPPEN!



Elevated high speed train tunneling into Shadow Hills near Wentworth/Mary Bell intersection — Artist's Rendering.

At-grade high speed train runs above ground in Angeles National Forest between tunnel openings near Wildlife Waystation and Angeles Shooting Range off of Little Tujunga Canyon Road — Artist's Rendering.

Elevated high speed train crossing Big Tujunga Wash and tunneling into Lake View Terrace near Foothill/Wheatland intersection — Artist's Rendering.

Elevated high speed train crossing Big Tujunga Wash from Lake View Terrace to Shadow Hills — Artist's Rendering.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROPOSALS WILL DESTROY OUR FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES!

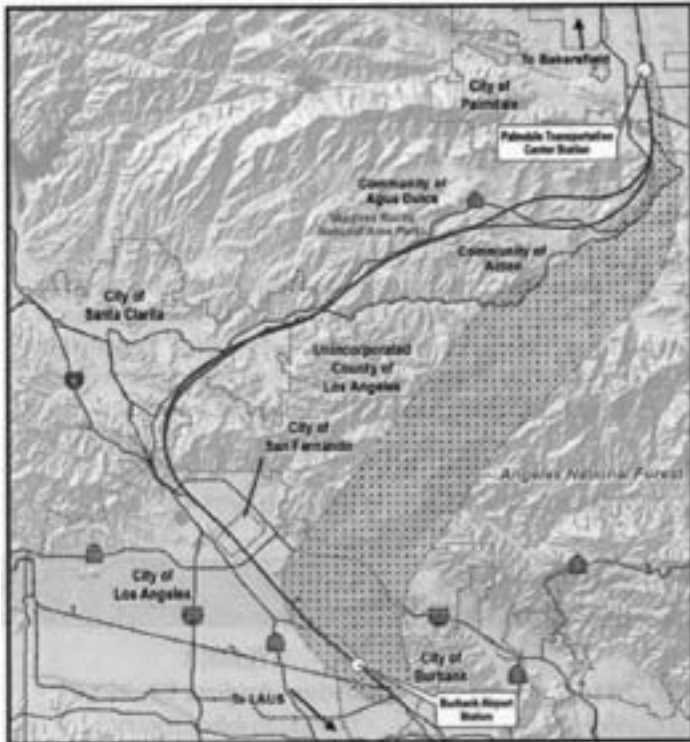
- Bullet Train Tunnels and Lines Dug/Located Under, Over and Through Our Communities
 - Eminent Domain – Your House Could be Taken from You at a Financial Loss
 - Property Values and Your Home's Equity (Your Life's Savings!) Devastated
- 60+ Foot Wide Tunnel Openings, Speeding Train and Elevated Bridge Visible/Audible for Miles
 - Horses, Wildlife and Public Safety Seriously Endangered
 - Serious Health Issues Due to Dust, Truck Emissions, Noise and Vibration
- Equestrian and Recreation Trails Closed and Destroyed; Equestrian Industry and Lifestyle Decimated
 - Constant Noise and Visual Blight for Hundreds of Thousands of Residents and Motorists Daily
 - Water Pollution Created; Water Supply Threatened
- 1 Million Plus Truck Trips to Remove Tunnel Dirt Damages Roads, Pollutes Air, Closes Roads, Jams Traffic
 - National Monument, National Forest, Rim of the Valley and Wildlife Corridors Violated
 - False, Misleading Claims by HSR re: Costs, Jobs, Economic Benefits & Ridership Projections

**ATTEND COMMUNITY MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 6:30 P.M.
ALL NATIONS CHURCH, 10000 FOOTHILL BLVD., LAKE VIEW TERRACE
FREE PARKING**

HIGH SPEED RAIL ALTERNATIVES ARE WASTEFUL, DAMAGING, AND INFEASIBLE! DEADLINE TO ACT FAST APPROACHING!

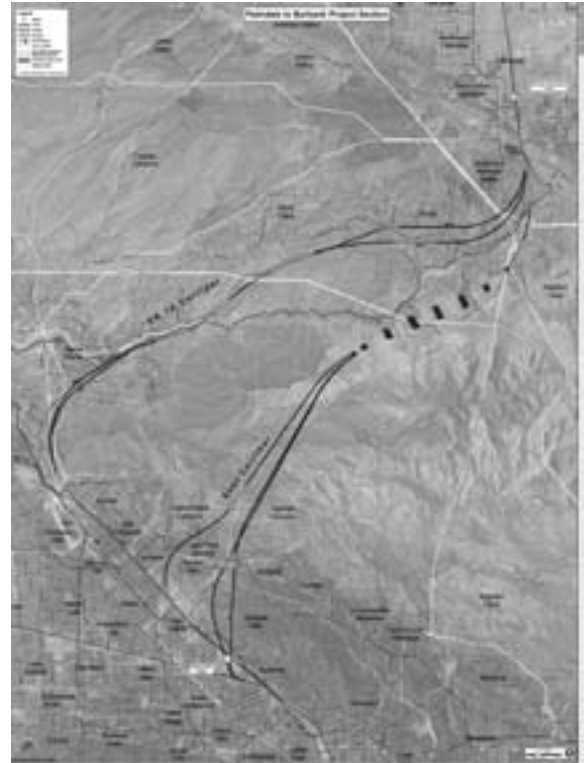
Map of "Yellow Banana" (August 2014)

(The "patterned swath" across the right side of the map.)



Foothill Communities "Thrown Under the Train!"

Map of East Corridor Alternatives (Holiday Period - December 2014)



Foothill Communities are Ground Zero!



Tunnel Construction Equipment

Similar tunnel construction equipment is now **stuck** under the City of Seattle. Imagine this monstrosity tunneling under Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, Kagel Canyon, La Tuna Canyon and Sun Valley for years!

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TIMELINE

Years of Fear, Uncertainty and Wasted Tax Dollars Thanks to the California High Speed Rail Authority

2007 – 2015 - High Speed Rail “Notice of Preparation” filed in 2007 for environmental studies for high speed rail from Palmdale to LA. Planning focused on route along SR 14, Metrolink right of way and I-5.

“Legislation requires high speed rail to be built in existing transportation and utility corridors.”

2008 – High Speed Rail barely approved by voters. By March 2013, only 43% of likely voters support. Voters supporting high speed rail envisioned themselves on a fast, efficient, safe mode of transportation. In a huge oversight, very few voters thought of or were informed of the construction process or the damage that rail lines could do if planned for residential and environmentally sensitive areas. Our Foothill communities are NOT existing transportation and utility corridors!

Fall 2013 – Supervisor Antonovich, responding to concerns of Antelope and Santa Clarita Valley communities over the SR 14 routes, calls upon HSR to review a “tunnel-oriented alternative between the Palmdale station and the San Fernando Valley station...”

August 2014 – Foothill communities were blindsided by a mailing from HSR informing them about “EIR/EIS scoping meetings” being held in mid-August...in the midst of the summer vacation/back to school period. The infamous “yellow banana” was introduced for the first time with no advance notice from the Authority or our elected officials. This alternative covered a 400 square mile area, mostly within the Angeles National Forest, but provided no specific locations for potential rail lines. Meetings did not allow for public comment and discussion.

“Foothill Communities were thrown under the train”

September 12, 2014 – the EIR/EIS scoping comment period ended. Foothill communities generated about half of the 1,000 comment letters and 6,000 comments submitted. To date, HSR has provided no responses to comments submitted, yet they moved ahead to create the East Corridor alternatives.

September 16, 2014 – more than 40 Foothill communities’ residents traveled to Palmdale to attend and to testify at the HSR board meeting. A form letter and lip service from HSR were the result.

August 2014 – January 2015 – SHPOA, Neighborhood Councils and community organizations have disseminated dozens of updates about HSR and news articles have appeared

in the LA Times, Daily News, local weeklies, SHPOA newsletter and Daily Fodder.

October 10, 2014 – San Gabriel Mountains National Monument created.

December 2, 2014 – HSR debuted the East Corridor alternatives and conducted a series of informational meetings. These meetings did not allow for public comment and discussion, and featured many HSR consultants from other countries and states who lack awareness and sensitivity to local issues.

“Engineering is getting in the way of common sense. The cart is ahead of the horse.”

December 22, 2014 – S.A.F.E. Coalition (representing the communities of Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, Kagel Canyon, La Tuna Canyon, Sunland/Tujunga and Sun Valley) issued position statement calling for elimination of East Corridor alternatives, vast improvements to SR 14 alignments and rejection of Palmdale to Burbank plans.

“We won’t accept the lesser of multiple evils. HSR needs to go back to the drawing board and do better work. Voters and tax payers deserve the best; no community should be pitted against another for the sake of high speed rail.”

December 25, 2014 – Congressman Schiff calls for HSR to “scrap its plan to study the Angeles National Forest as a possible route and go back to its original plan.”

January/February 2015 – HSR hiring engineering firms to study East Corridor alternatives and to conduct environmental studies (EIR/EIS).

1st Quarter 2015 – HSR to finalize routes for study in EIR. This is CRITICAL!

July 2015 – HSR to begin EIR/EIS for Palmdale to Los Angeles.

2022 – proposed start of high speed rail traffic to Burbank.

“Our elected officials should move away from the presumption that high speed rail will happen at any cost and move more toward demanding it be done right and cost-effectively...or not done at all.”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 6:30 P.M.
LAKE VIEW TERRACE – FREE PARKING

CALL TO ACTION! HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH? CONTACT HIGH SPEED RAIL AND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TODAY!

TIMING DEADLINE IS LATE JANUARY:

• In early 2015, HSR will choose which “alternatives” or routes will be studied in their EIR/EIS. If any of the East Corridor alternatives are included, we will have 3-5 years of fear and uncertainty as we will need to constantly monitor the studies, attend public hearings, write letters, disclose high speed rail on real estate transactions, and lobby elected officials.

ACTION NEEDED BY LATE JANUARY:

- Write letters, emails and faxes, and make phone calls and testify at meetings to obtain broad community, elected official, business and media support to eliminate East Corridor alternatives from upcoming environmental studies and further consideration by HSR.
- Work with HSR to help them understand and communicate with densely populated communities.
- Remind all communities to demand the best from HSR and to not be forced to settle for anything less.

KEY MESSAGES FOR YOUR COMMUNICATIONS:

- The East Corridor alternatives, E1, E2 and E3, are wasteful, damaging and infeasible.
- The East Corridor alternatives are fatally flawed and must be eliminated from environmental studies and further consideration immediately.
- The SR 14 alternatives are similarly flawed and must be substantially improved to be worthy of further consideration.
- Overall, HSR must avoid ALL residential, equestrian and sensitive environmental areas, as well as the National Monument and National Forest, for tunnel openings, at-grade tracks and elevated rail lines.
- If the Authority does not figure out better strategies to build rail lines near densely populated communities, and how to better communicate with those communities, high speed rail will fail.

WHAT YOU ~~CAN~~ MUST DO!

- ✓ **Stay informed** – subscribe to and read SHPOA’s Daily Fodder (shpoa@shpoa.us) and newsletter; attend meetings of SHPOA, Neighborhood Councils, Kagel Canyon Civic Association, Lake View Terrace Improvement Association and La Tuna Canyon Community Association. Attend January 13 High Speed Rail Protest Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at All Nations Church
- ✓ **Attend HSR Sponsored Meetings when Scheduled; Testify at Meetings; Submit Written Comments**
- ✓ **Word of Mouth** – tell your friends; spread the word via social media; invite S.A.F.E. leaders to speak to your group or organization
- ✓ **Set Aside Funds for Potential Legal Action**

EMAIL AND WRITE TO THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY AND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS!

Here are their addresses:

High Speed Rail Authority

- Chairman Dan Richard and other Board Members (boardmembers@hsr.ca.gov)
- CEO, Jeff Morales (jeff.morales@hsr.ca.gov)
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High Speed Rail Website: <http://www.hsr.ca.gov/>

High Speed Rail Website for Palmdale to Burbank Project Section: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/palmdale_burbank.html

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP: PLEASE
CONTACT S.A.F.E. AT SAFE@SHPOA.US OR
CALL 818-352-7618.**

**Note: S.A.F.E. has registered the domain name:
“www.dontrailroad.us”
for a website devoted to
informing you about high speed rail.
The site is in the planning stages at this time.**