



# Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect

City of Fremont  
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# Agenda



**Project Overview**



**Environmental Review Process**



**Communications & Engagement**



**Questions & Discussion**



# Project Overview

# Improving Rail Operations

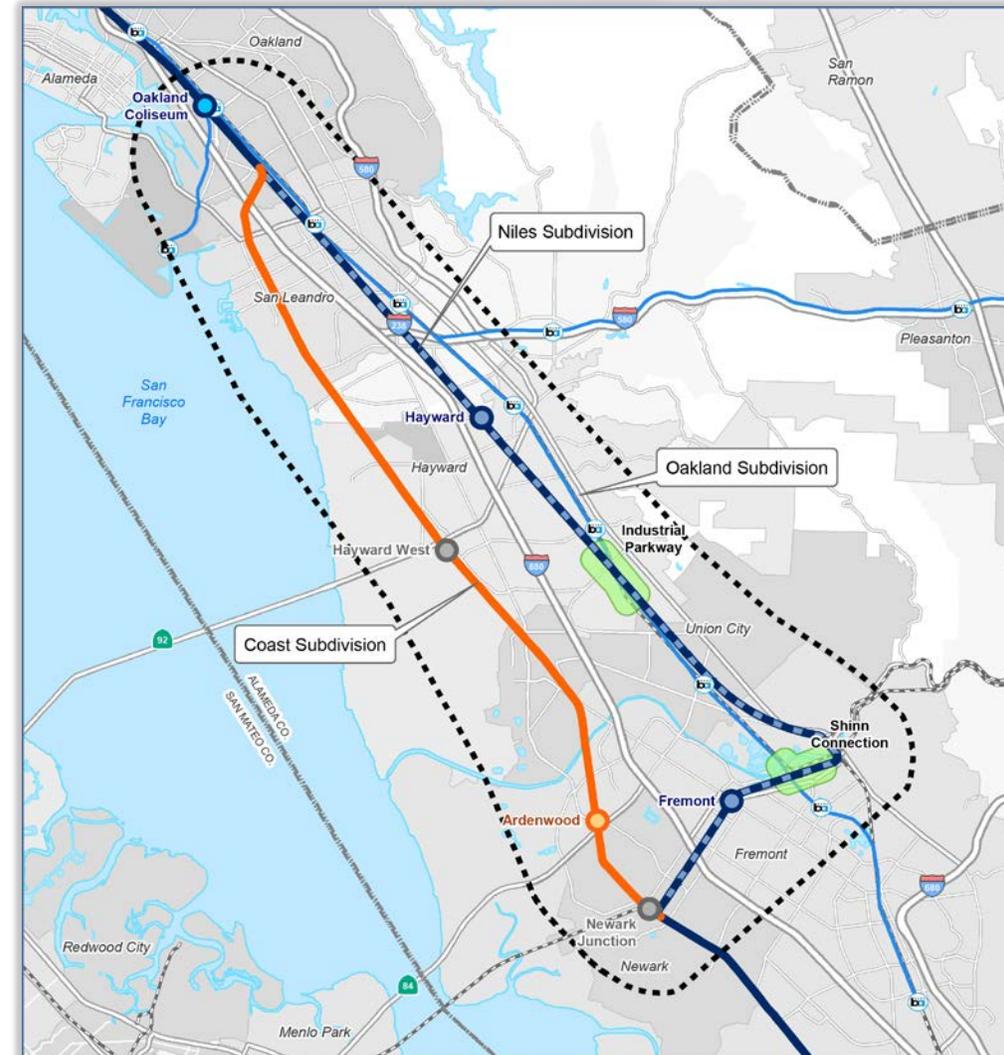
## South Bay Connect – A key rail improvement project that will:

- Enhance **reliability, access, and travel time** for Capitol Corridor riders
- Reduce **train congestion** between Oakland and San Jose
- Improve **rail operations** for passenger & freight service



# Project Description

- **Capitol Corridor route relocation**  
*(Oakland Coliseum to Newark)*
- **Two discontinued Capitol Corridor stations**  
*(Hayward & Fremont-Centerville)*
- **New Ardenwood intermodal station**  
*(existing transbay bus & shuttle connections)*
- **No frequency increase** in Capitol Corridor service  
or change to freight operations
- **Potential improvements to UP rail lines**  
*(Industrial Parkway & Shinn Connection)*



# Future Rail Mobility & Efficiency



South Bay Connect – **One of several** transportation improvements identified within local, regional & state plans to provide **efficient travel options & transport of goods** in our growing region.

**2014:** Capitol Corridor Vision Plan Update

**2016:** Capitol Corridor Vision Implementation Plan

**2017:** Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study

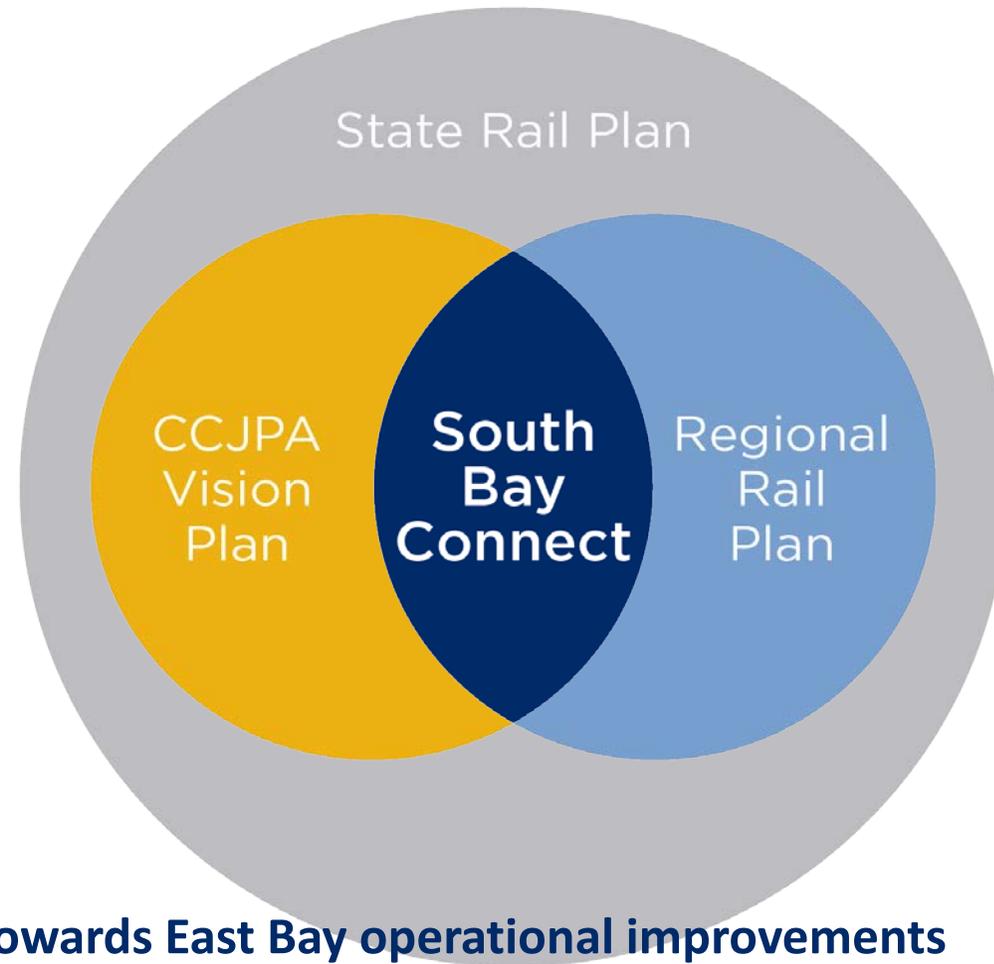
**2018:** Alameda CTC Rail Safety Enhancement Program

California State Rail Plan

**Collective plans establish clear roadmap for implementation over time**

# 21-County Megaregion Rail Strategy

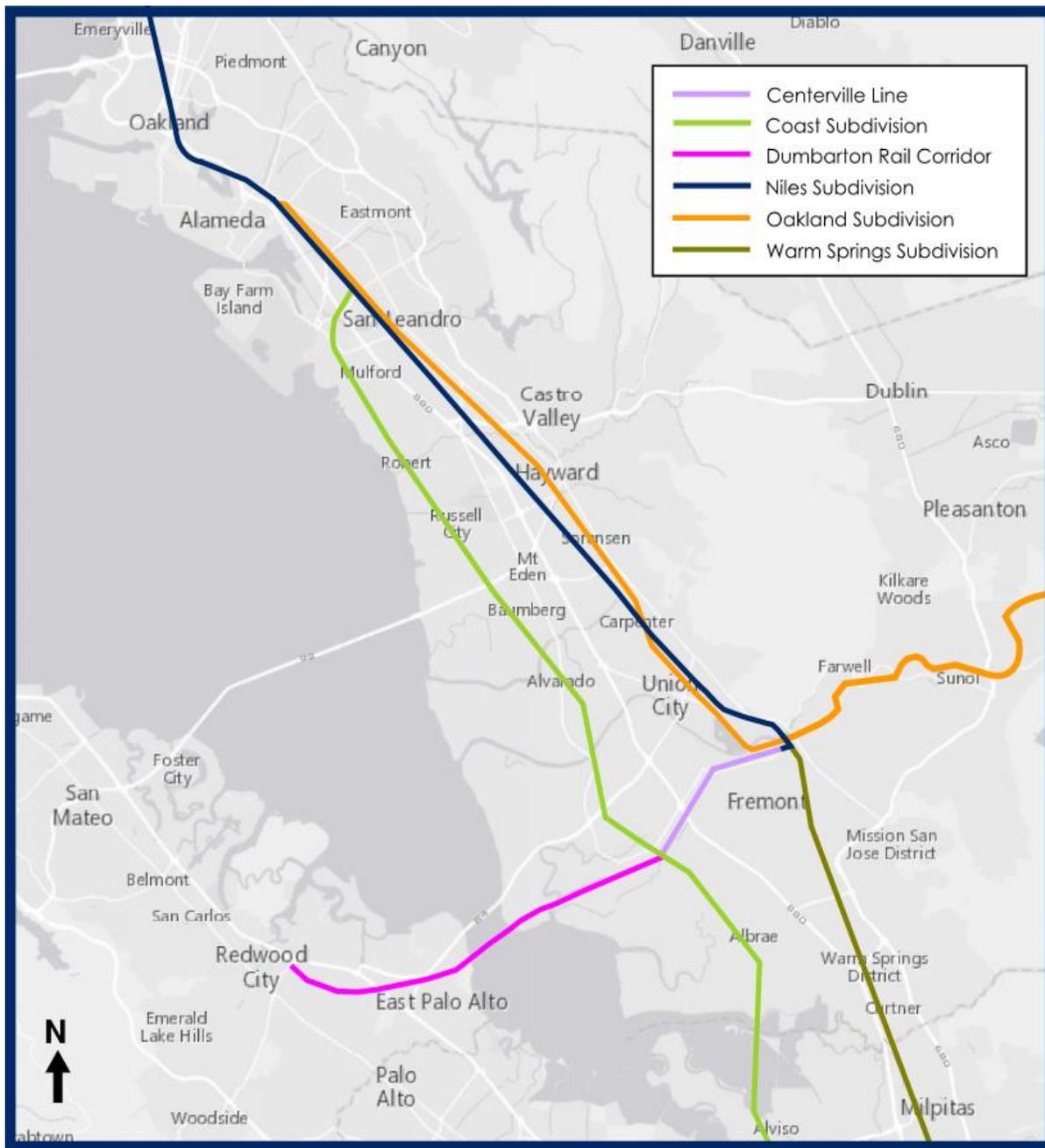
- **Improved** capacity, access & service
- **Moving** people & freight goods through northern California



**South Bay Connect - An initial step towards East Bay operational improvements**



# Existing Rail Subdivisions



## Union Pacific (UP):

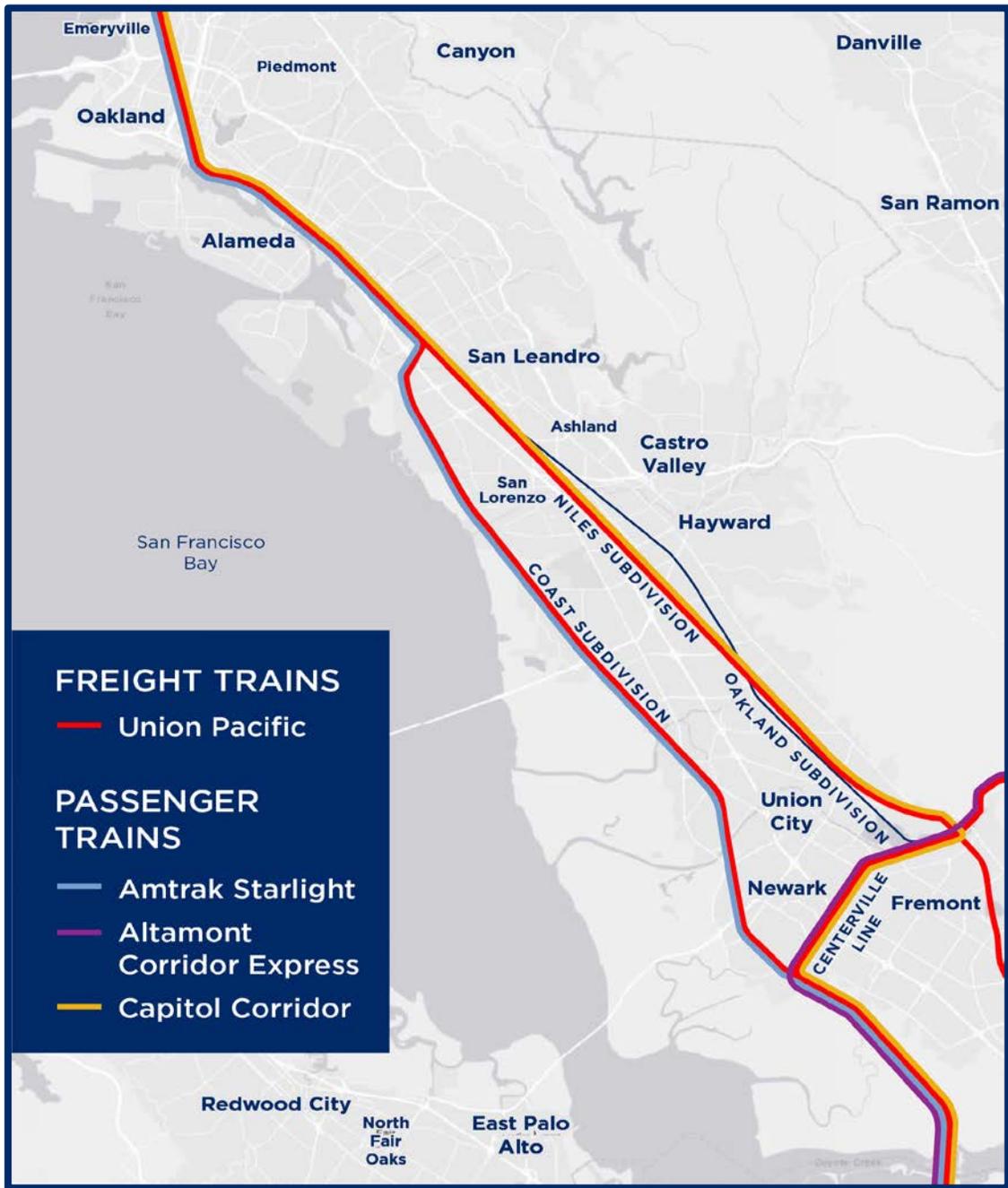
Owner / Operator

## Shared use of rail lines:

- Capitol Corridor
- Altamont Corridor Express
- Amtrak's Coast Starlight



# Corridor Rail Operations



## Capitol Corridor:

14 trains daily

## Amtrak Coast Starlight:

2 trains daily

## Altamont Corridor Express (ACE):

8 trains daily

## Union Pacific:

Level of service varies based on demand

# Current Project Phase and Partners



## Preliminary Design & Environmental Analysis

- ✓ Project Planning & Project Definition Report
- Station Evaluation & Design
- Environmental Analyses
- Agency, Stakeholder & Public Engagement



# Environmental Review Process

# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Steps	Activity
1	Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report –EIR
2	Scoping and 45-Day Public Comment Period – <b><u>Public Scoping Meeting</u></b>
3	Draft EIR Development
4	Draft EIR Circulation for minimum 30-day Public/Agency Review & Comment – <b><u>Public Meeting</u></b>
5	Preparation of Response to Comments
6	Development of FINAL EIR (includes response to comments)
7	Agency Decisions/Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation Monitoring – <b><u>Public Meeting</u></b>

***While the interested public will be engaged throughout the CEQA process, steps 2, 4 and 7 represent the formal Public Comment Periods associated with CEQA.***

# Environmental Activities – Next Steps



- Review comments received during project scoping
- Conduct technical studies on resource areas



- Begin development of Draft EIR
- Ongoing stakeholder and public engagement



# Communications & Engagement

# Proactive Engagement

**Capitol Corridor will continue to offer diverse & safe engagement opportunities during social-distancing mandates**



Contact  
Database



Speakers Bureau,  
Community Working  
Group



Stakeholder  
Coordination,  
information sharing



Materials, mailers,  
e-blasts, website



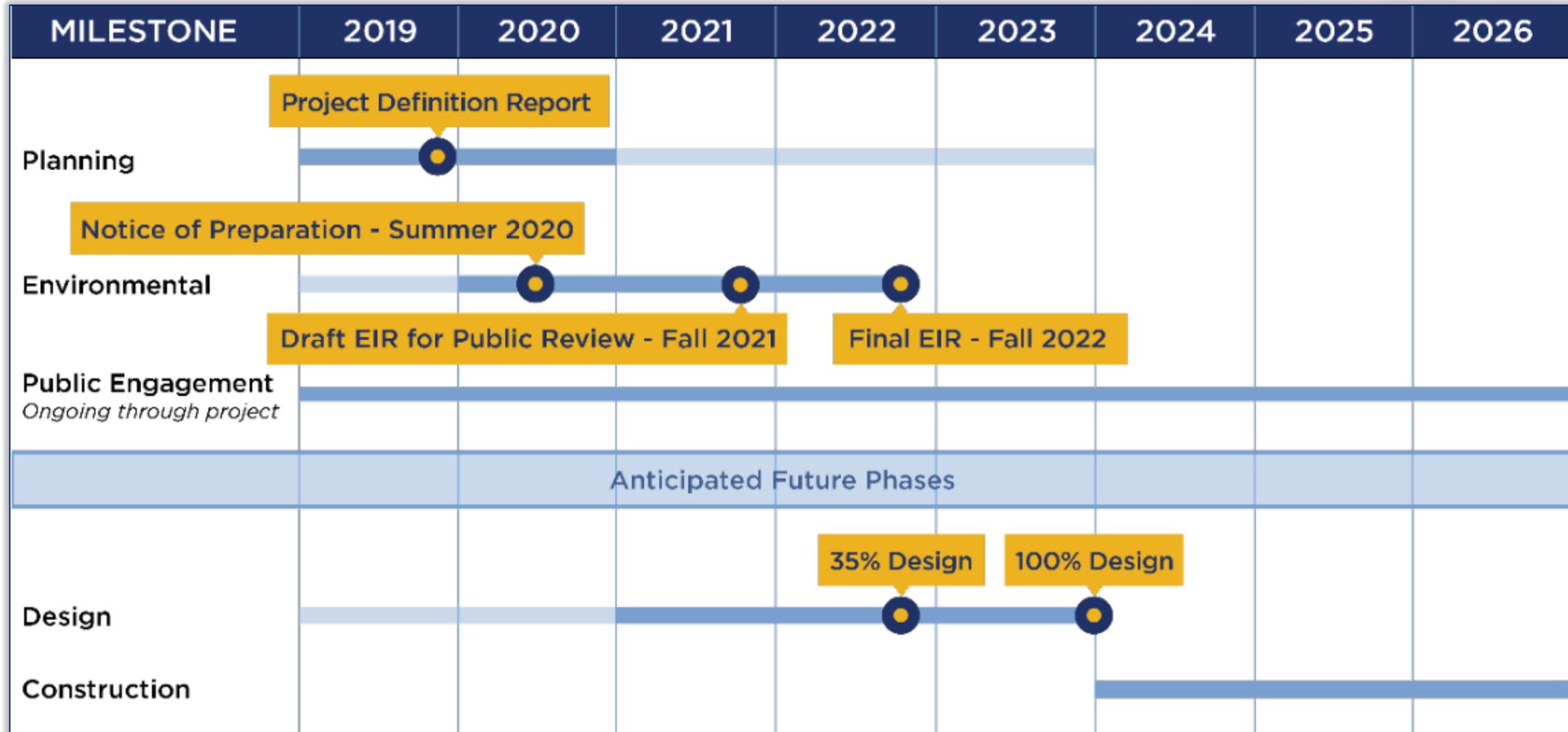
Virtual and  
In-person  
Public Meetings



Media Coordination  
and Social Media

# Project Schedule

# Project Schedule and Key Milestones



# Stay Engaged

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