
**FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM No. 9

DATE: April 14, 2010

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Jeff Witte, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Consider Approval – Waive LAFCo Filing Fees.** A request to waive LAFCo filing fees for a Heavy Maintenance Facility proposed by the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

Background:

The California High Speed Rail Authority is planning a Heavy Maintenance Facility in the San Joaquin Valley. Several other jurisdictions are in competition with Fresno County to bring this facility to their area. A site location sub-committee for Fresno County's proposal has asked the question of what application fees could be waived to make Fresno County's proposal the most competitive.

Proposal:

The heavy maintenance facility proposal for Fresno County actually consists of three site alternatives of almost 700 acres. The study area inclusive of the three sites extend southerly from Hwy 99 along a corridor generally bounded by Cedar Avenue and Maple Avenue with Adams Avenue at the extreme southerly end of the area being studied. Of the three site configurations, one is within the City of Fresno and LAFCo would not be impacted by that option; the other two areas extend would need both a sphere of influence revision and annexation. In respect to jurisdictional regulations, the sub-committee working on this project was informed that such a project by the California High-Speed Rail Authority should be processed through the local permitting process, which in the case of LAFCo and could require either an annexation or annexation and sphere revision.

Discussion:

The application for this facility has been a cooperative effort with several governmental jurisdictions involved. From a local economic development standpoint, the facility could employ up to 1,500 employees during peak shifts and provide higher-paid skilled employment for the region. While a decision is not likely for over a year, the sub-committee working on this proposal needs to identify various on-site and off-site related costs before making their recommendations for a site.

Staff Analysis





Section 350.08 of Fresno LAFCo's adopted Policies, Standards, and Procedures (Fee Schedule-Exceptions to Required Fees), states that the Commission may take action on a four-fifths affirmative vote to waive filing fees if the imposition of such fee(s) would be detrimental to the public interest, as determined by the Commission. Staff feels that supporting such an economic development proposal would be in the public interest and would recommend the waver of the Fresno LAFCo fees which would be \$13,125 for an annexation and sphere revision. However, it is important to understand there are fees pertaining to annexations which Fresno LAFCo does not have the power to waive such as a State Board of Equalization fee of \$2,500. Any recommendation by LAFCo staff is predicated on environmental documents being processed by the permitting jurisdiction and including the annexation and or annexation and sphere revision in the project description.

Recommended Action:





Find that waiving the LAFCo filing fees of \$13,125 would be in the public's interest with the understanding that other fees not related to LAFCo such as the \$2,500 State Board of Equalization fee would be funded by the project and project proponents would be the lead agency for CEQA







ALTERNATIVE LAYOUT ONE

HIGH SPEED RAIL HEAVY MAINTENANCE FACILITY








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-  SITE STUDY AREA
-  CA HSRA R.O.W.
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BUILDINGS






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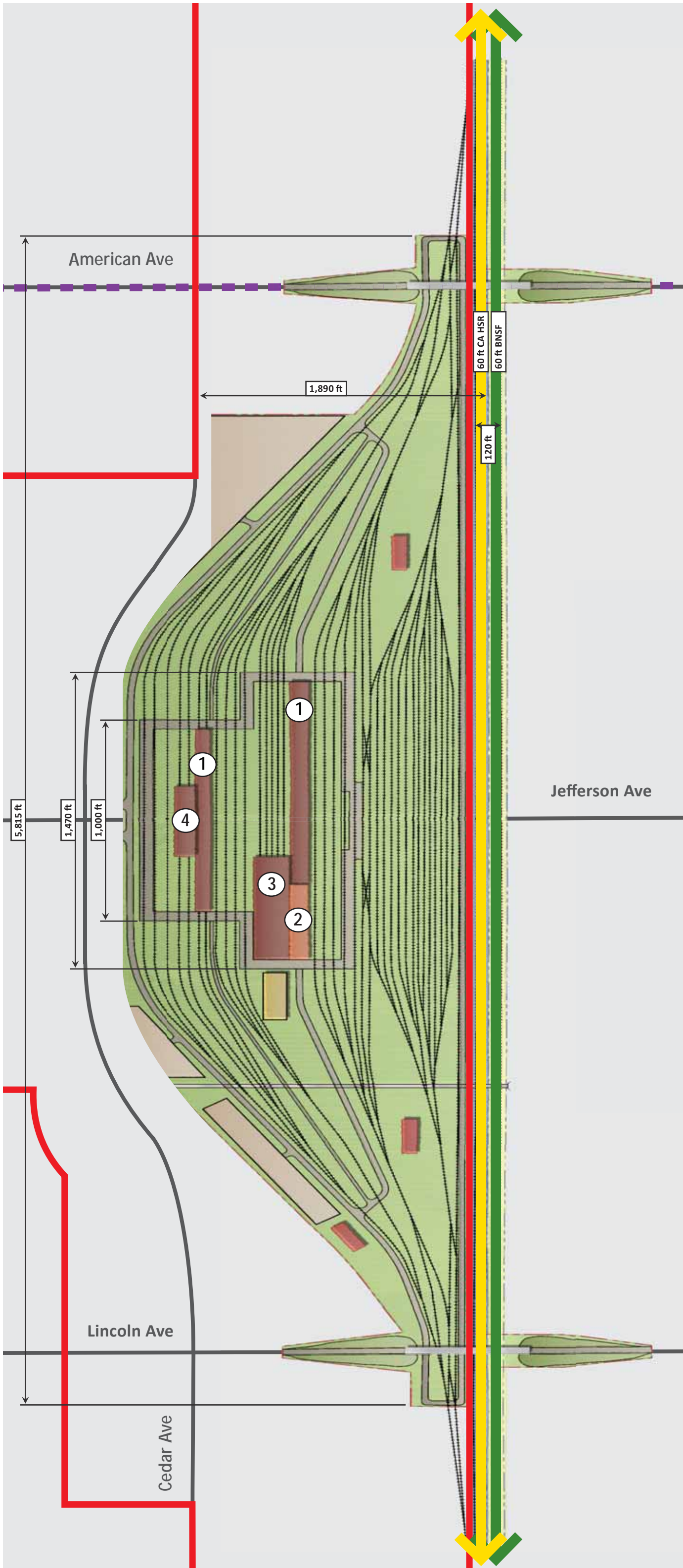
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-  PARKING LOT
-  BUILDING
-  RAIL LINE
-  SUBSTATION
-  EMERGENCY GENERATOR

SHOP TRACKS

-  WHEEL TRUE
-  LEVEL III PERIODIC INSPECTION & SERVICES RUNNING REPAIR
-  COMPONENT CHANGE-OUTS
-  LEVEL IV – OVERHAUL
-  HEAVY REPAIR STORAGE
-  LEVEL V – HEAVY REPAIR
-  PAINT

YARD TRACKS

-  SPARE RATIO - FLEET
-  DAILY PRE-TRIP R/R LEVEL I AND II
-  SWITCHING TRACKS
-  MANIPULATION – LAYUP – DAILY
-  EIC ON PLATFORM



Maple Ave



City of Fresno

Central Ave

Malaga Ave

American Ave

Jefferson Ave

Lincoln Ave

Clayton Ave

Adams Ave

Orange Ave

Cedar Ave

Maple Ave

Chestnut Ave

Golden State Hwy

FWY 99

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ALTERNATIVE LAYOUT TWO

HIGH SPEED RAIL HEAVY MAINTENANCE FACILITY

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- SITE STUDY AREA
- CA HSRA R.O.W.
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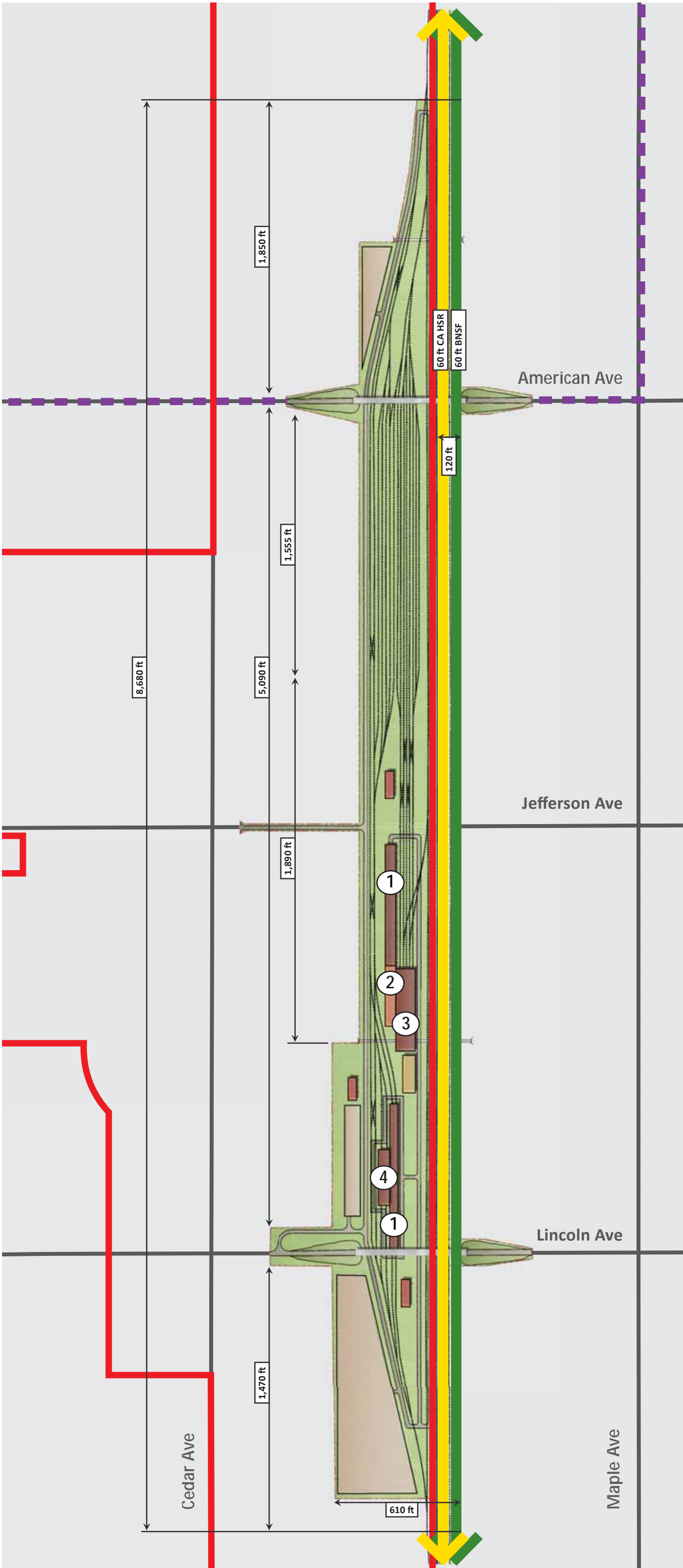
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- S10 - S13 LEVEL IV - OVERHAUL
- S14 - S15 HEAVY REPAIR STORAGE
- S16 - S17 LEVEL V - HEAVY REPAIR
- S18 - S19 PAINT

YARD TRACKS

- Y1 - Y4 SPARE RATIO - FLEET
- Y5 - Y6 DAILY PRE-TRIP R/R LEVEL I AND II
- Y7 - Y8 SWITCHING TRACKS
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- Y12 - Y13 EIC ON PLATFORM



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ALTERNATIVE LAYOUT THREE

**HIGH SPEED RAIL
HEAVY MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

- CITY LIMITS
- SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
- SITE STUDY AREA
- CA HSRA R.O.W. ELEVATED
- BNSF R.O.W.

BUILDINGS

- 1 SUPPORT SHOPS
- 2 STORES
- 3 TRUCK/WHEEL SHOP
- 4 HEAVY METAL SHOP

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