

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR JUDICIAL STREAMLINING OF  
THE BARSTOW INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY PROJECT  
IN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

**I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq., make the following determinations:

The Barstow International Gateway Project (Project) is a transformative, next-generation integrated rail facility located in the City of Barstow and unincorporated territory of the County of San Bernardino that would allow for the direct transfer of containers from ships at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to trains for transport inland to Barstow. The Project would result in a mode shift from heavy trucks to rail that would remove hundreds of thousands of annual truck miles from the national roadway network. The Project represents a \$4 billion private investment in California, will help reduce congestion in port-adjacent communities, improve supply chain reliability, and support the transition to a zero-emission freight system. A copy of the Project's application, which contains information supporting this certification, is attached as Exhibit 1. All materials associated with this application are available online at: <https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/judicial-streamlining/#under-consideration>

As set forth below, the Project has demonstrated that it meets all requirements to be eligible for certification for streamlining.

1. Project Applicant: Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company
2. Project Description: The Applicant proposes the construction, operation, and maintenance of an integrated rail facility encompassing approximately 4,300 acres.
3. CEQA Lead Agency: City of Barstow
4. The Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (g)(1) which defines a "Transportation-related project." (Exhibit 1, Sections 3.1, pg. 22-39).
5. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (g)(2). The applicant has agreed the Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code. (Exhibit 1, Section 3.2, pg. 39, and Attachment 4).
6. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(3). This Project would not exceed limitations on the number of transportation-related projects that may be certified by the Governor.
7. The Project Applicant has provided information establishing that the Project will minimize impacts to disadvantaged communities in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (c).

Specifically, the Project Applicant has committed to avoid or minimize significant environmental impacts in any disadvantaged community and to mitigate any significant environmental impacts to disadvantaged communities with mitigation measures that shall be undertaken in, and directly benefit, the affected community. (Exhibit. 1, Section 3.6, pg. 41-48, and Attachments 1 and 3).

8. The Project Applicant has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) executed on February 23, 2026 (Exhibit 1, Attachment 5) and with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) executed on April 23, 2026 (Exhibit 2) to implement a demonstration project of hybrid battery electric locomotive technology ("Pilot") as part of the Project.
9. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.83, Subdivision (b). The Project Applicant has demonstrated that the Project would not result in any net increase in greenhouse gas emissions. (Exhibit 1, Section 3.5, pg. 39-41, and Attachment 2).
10. The Project Applicant has agreed to pay the costs of preparing the record of proceedings for the Project concurrent with review and consideration of the Project pursuant to the requirements in Public Resources Code Section 21189.86. (Exhibit 1, Sections 3.3 and 3.4, pg. 39).
11. The application materials submitted by the Project Applicant were made available to the public on the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's website on February 27, 2026, and 67 public comment letters on the Project application were received. These comments were thoroughly reviewed and considered before making this determination.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the Barstow International Gateway Project is an eligible project under Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq. Pursuant to statute, this certification must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for concurrence or nonconcurrence; I therefore instruct the Director of the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to transmit this certification to the JLBC for such action.



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

April 30, 2026