



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

**Weekly Executive Director's Report, Oct. 26 - Nov. 3, 2009**

**FROM:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**TO:** Authority Board Members

TOPIC / UPDATE

LINE SECTION

AUTHORITY STAFF

RELEVANT DATE

NEXT STEP / ACTION NEEDED

**TOP ISSUES**

**Gateway Cities MOU**

It is anticipated that, following Board approval, the Authority this week will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Governments representing cities south of Los Angeles, in the Los Angeles - Anaheim section. The MOU will establish a working relationship between the Authority and the COG and assist the COG in necessary work to help evaluate the high-speed line through its cities. LA Metro was instrumental in assisting in the development of the MOU.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

Mehdi Morshed

11/5/2009

Board consideration / approval and formal signing.

**Caltrans Agreement**

The Authority is working closely with Caltrans to develop and enter into a master agreement regarding construction work within right-of-way owned by Caltrans.

All

Carrie Pourvahidi,  
George Spanos, John  
Harrison

11/4/2009

Expecting to complete and execute this agreement with Caltrans this week.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

None to report this period

## ENGINEERING/ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

### LA Union Station

At Los Angeles MTA's request to Authority staff this week, a "Vignes alternative" layout for LA Union Station is being analyzed by the program management team for possible inclusion in the LA-Anaheim EIR/EIS process.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

Mehdi Morshed,  
Tony Daniels

mid-November

Determine feasibility of alternative LAUS track and platform configuration, and how to include it in the EIS/EIR process

### LA-Anaheim Maintenance Facility Sites

Meeting held with Los Angeles MTA which ruled out an existing Union-Pacific Railroad site as a possibility for the maintenance facility sought in the Los Angeles - Anaheim section as Metro's and city's plan for that site does not come into play for at least 10 years. The regional project management team is investigating an alternate site west of Anaheim.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

Tony Daniels, John  
Harrison

mid-November

Administrative draft EIR/EIS report is scheduled for delivery in mid-December.

### SF-SJ Alternatives Analysis Workshop

The Authority, Caltrain, Federal Rail Administration, Attorney General's office, program management and regional management met to discuss the alternatives analysis process in the San Francisco - San Jose section and to determine which alignments will be recommended to be carried forward in the Environmental Review Process and documented as part of a Draft Alternatives Analysis Report.

San Francisco -  
San Jose

Dan Leavitt, Bob  
Doty, Tony Daniels

11/2/2009

A public information meeting will be scheduled and held to present the results of the AA Workshop.

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

None to report this period



**LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Scoping Meetings for the Altamont Project**

Following the Oct. 22 issuance of a Notice of Preparation of an environmental impact report, public scoping meetings have been scheduled for the Altamont Corridor Rail Project, a project separate from CaHSRA's high-speed rail system but proposed jointly by the Authority and the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission to run from Stockton to San Jose.

The meetings are scheduled for:

- Livermore, November 10, 2009
- Stockton, November 12, 2009
- Fremont, November 17, 2009
- San Jose, November 18, 2009

Altamont  
Corridor

Dan Leavitt,  
John Harrison

11/10-18/2009

More information contained in the NOP here: [http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/images/chsr/20091026114818\\_ACRPNOP.pdf](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/images/chsr/20091026114818_ACRPNOP.pdf)