



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

BRIEFING: March 3, 2011 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #7

TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

FROM: Roelof Van Ark, CEO

DATE: February 23, 2011

RE: Update on the Los Angeles to Anaheim Alternatives Analysis

Discussion

High-speed trains will operate at reduced speeds in the Los Angeles to Anaheim Section, offering great opportunities for phased implementation that can also bring near-term benefits to existing services.

The Authority is working with the local and regional agencies and the communities to incorporate a phased implementation approach into the project environmental document while ensuring that the environmental document would continue to portray the full build out of the section as well, as required by law. Considering this, the draft environmental impact report will not be issued for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Section before the end of 2011. This will allow all stakeholders to participate in the further investigation and development of the alignments, and some of the technical complexities of the operations and alignments can be further analyzed.

This agenda item is intended to serve as an update of the environmental work and the alternatives being investigated in the Los Angeles to Anaheim Section and provide the public and the Board an opportunity to be briefed on the current state of analyzing the alignment, station alternatives, and maintenance facilities for this project.

Staff Recommendation

There is no action needed with this agenda item.

Attachments:

- ✓ Powerpoint Presentation Update for Los Angeles to Anaheim