Integrating High Speed Rail, Regional Rail, and Transit Services in California

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California Rail Services: Both Regional and High Speed
Overview: Rail Plan Scope

– Establishes strategic vision for statewide rail network

– PRIIA (Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act)
  • Short and long-term Rail Investment Plan
  • Analysis of “Program Effects”

– AB 528: state-specific requirements
  • 10-year intercity rail capital plan
  • Passenger rail network integration
The mission of the 2018 State Rail Plan is to provide a path to achieve a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient California rail network that successfully moves people and goods while enhancing the State’s economy and livability.
Attributes of an Integrated Network

Network
- Integrated multimodal transportation network.
- All services are connected (Local->HSR).
- Common transfer point locations.

Schedule
- Network-wide coordination through pulsed schedules.
- Designed connectivity at transfer points.

Fare System
- Integrated ticketing system.
- Journeys can be made on a single ticket.
Example of an Integrated Network - Wetzikon
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- Multimodal Connectivity:
  - Facilitates Bus-Rail connections

- Transfers occur half-hourly at minutes 15 and 45

- Connections between 3 regional rail lines and 12 bus lines
Example of an Integrated Network - Wetzikon

– Network Map
Example of an Integrated Network - Wetzikon

1. Buses arrive in advance of the trains
2. Trains arrive in the station
3. All services are in the station
4. Trains depart from the station
5. Buses depart from the station
2040 Vision for Passenger Rail

Statewide System
Tie together urban, suburban, and rural areas

Integrated Services
Easy connections between rail, express bus and transit services

Coordinated Schedules
Reduce wait times and allow direct transfers

Frequent Service
Make rail a timely option, connecting communities every 30-60 minutes

Customer Focus
One-stop ticketing, scheduling, and passenger information
Rail Plan Vision: Outcomes

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Mitigate roadway congestion
- Reduce vehicle emissions

**CO₂ per Passenger Mile (in grams)**

- **Base**
- **2040 Vision**

**Current Ridership**
- 110,000 Daily Trips

**Business as Usual (2040)**
- 161,000 Daily Trips

**2040 Vision**
- 1,313,000 Daily Trips

- Offer a convenient and reliable alternative to private vehicle travel
- Increase electric and zero emission trains
- Provide alternative to truck transport of containerized cargo

**Rail Mode Share**

- **Current**: 0.34%
- **2040 No Build**: 0.52%
- **2040 Vision**: 6.8%
Rail Plan Performance: Baseline 2040 Ridership

- Results show moderate increase in rail ridership demand due to population growth
- However, market potential for networked services is unrealized
Rail Plan Performance: Integrated Network 2040 Scenario

• Result of integration and HSR shows **huge increase** in rail ridership demand

• Satisfies a **large market potential** for **networked services**
Rail Plan Vision: Freight System Opportunities

- Trade Corridor Improvements
- Economic Development and Short Lines
- Grade Crossing Improvements
- Terminal and Yard Capacity
- Short Haul Services
Investment Strategy: Phasing of the Vision Plan

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Key Features:

- Integrated Statewide Network
- Integrated HSR, Blended Rail, Express, and Local Services with Urban Mass Transit and Express Bus
- Multimodal connection points at key hubs with regular pulsed service
- Auto and air competitive service throughout the State
Capital Plan Phasing (Draft Results)

2022 (or earlier)
- Planned and committed projects with funding identified and available
- Capacity expansions through grade separations, double tracking, etc.
- Vision Planning
- Integrated ticketing investments

2027 (or earlier)
- Initial HSR Service
- Line extensions
- Full utilization of existing and programmed slots
- Connecting regional networks to HSR
- Implementation planning
- Full development of integrated ticketing
- Key hub investments
- Palmdale to Las Vegas Corridor

2040 (or earlier)
- Expanded HSR Service
- New Transbay Tube and service implications of through running rail service in SF
- Development of regional networks in North Bay, Central Coast and Central Valley
- Full Blended Rail Service in the Central Valley
- Completion of hub investments and additional electrification
Investment Strategy: Freight Rail Investment

2022 Short Term Plan:
• Existing rail bottlenecks
• Safety
• Established funding sources

2027 Mid-Term Plan:
• Expansion of freight capacity
• Investment in shared rail corridors

2040 Long-Term Vision
• Full realization of trade corridor improvements
• Shared corridor expansion
• Interregional transportation corridors
Driving Operating and Maintenance Costs Down

Changes in rolling stock

Changes in speed

Changes in turnaround time

Changes in travel distances
Comparing Metrics – Existing versus 2040 (Draft Results)

Cost per Train Mile

2015 2040

Cost per Seat Mile

2015 2040

All costs are in 2015$
Near-Term Tools Supporting Rail Plan Vision

1. State Funding Priority on Transit-Rail Integration
   - Focus of cap and trade funding for transit and rail
   - Guiding future interregional project selection

2. Improved Existing Services
   - Improved network planning & operations
   - Significantly increased capital investment

3. Improved Customer Experience
   - Next generation smart cards and mobile ticketing
   - More extensive ticketing and service integration

4. Long Range Planning with Vision in Mind
   - Not-to-preclude framework for planning and investment
   - Regional strategic planning focused on future service goals
State Public Transportation Account
- Intercity Rail Operating, Equipment and Administration (from 2.375% diesel sales and use tax)
- State Transit Assistance (STA) (4.125% diesel sales and use tax)

Local Transportation Fund for Transit (0.25% general sales tax)

State Transportation Improvement Program
- Interregional (rail minimum 15% of state 25% share)
- Regional (75%, sometimes partnered with interregional)

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
- 10% Cap and Trade Auction Proceeds (continuous; amount varies)
- One-Time Budget Appropriations ($144 million in 2016)

High Speed Rail Funding (see 2016 Business Plan for details)

Local Measure Funding (most between 0.25% and 2% general sales tax, with a portion to transit)

Federal Grants and FTA Formula Funds
New Funding in 2017

SB 1 of 2017

- Augments STA, STIP and TIRCP, Commuter/Intercity
  - 3.5% diesel sales and use tax for transit ($3.1B over 10 yrs.)
  - 0.25% diesel sales and use tax for commuter rail ($220M over 10 yrs.)
  - 0.25% diesel sales and use tax for intercity rail ($220M over 10 yrs.)
  - About $1.1 billion in new STIP capacity over 10 years
  - $25-175 per year Transportation Improvement Fee (per vehicle; indexed)
    - $105 million (indexed) to Transit SGR ($1.2B over 10 yrs.)
    - $245 million (indexed) to TIRCP ($2.7B over 10 yrs.)
  - $236 million one-time funding to TIRCP from debt repayment
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program ($250 million/yr)
- Trade Corridor Enhancement Account (10 cents per diesel fuel gallon (CPI-indexed); about $3 billion over first 10 years)
## Project Schedule

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Next Steps

- Release Final State Rail Plan (by Spring 2018 or earlier)
- Program New Funding:
  - 3-year State Rail Assistance (January 2018)
  - 5-year STIP (March 2018)
  - 5-year Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (April 2018)
- Detailed Planning:
  - Northern CA Megaregion “Deeper Dive”
  - Project Development for Statewide Rail Corridor Improvement
  - Integrated Ticketing and Trip-Planning
  - Updated Fleet Strategy and Fleet Plan
Questions?