GCCOG Administrative Committee

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CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail

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Goals of Today's Discussion

- The portion of the project in your backyard
- The big overall picture
- Where we are headed and how we get there together

LOSSAN Corridor

- We started with a 200 mph service concept…it is dead
- Where we are on shared track:
  - Concept we showed you will probably work
  - It will not be high speed
  - Trying to shrink 135 ft into 100 ft corridor
  - Tweaking the track for local issues (Home Depot, etc)
  - Have to work out the code and variance issues

Station Development

- The next step is to sort out local issues at the stations
  - Tweak the track and station platforms some more
  - Really develop ground transportation schemes
  - Think through the development aspects and fit into local plans
  - Station design charrettes next month
- Every station is unique with local potential and issues

Big Picture

- Solid progress on the EIR/EIS everywhere (except the Peninsula)
- EIR/EIS rollouts leading to ROD/NODs everywhere 2012 to 2014
- Start work in Central Valley in 2012, then the big choice…Bay or Basin?

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The Business Plan:
What we know now that we did not know before (or did not think of)

- We can find a way to build it and to make it run fast
- We can partner with the FRA – money, technology, regulation
- Phasing goes on for decades
- The airport symbiosis
- Ridership model exaggerates/understates ridership
- There will be an operating profit
- Plan B?

The Business Plan:
What we do not know and cannot know yet

- Long term funding mechanism – sort of
- The “right” interplay with transit and commuter rail
- The State policy debate – this fall and winter
- The Federal policy debate – after November 2012

A Southern California Action Plan

- Prioritize connectivity from Bakersfield (Central Valley) into the Los Angeles Basin (Palmdale/Sylmar/LAUS)
- Bring all operators to the table (Amtrak, Caltrans, Metrolink, BNSF etc.) to work on streamlined schedules and express connections to HSR
- Develop “phased implementation” strategy
- Station programming/planning is now
- Committed to completion of EIR work for all sections (Palmdale/LA, LA/Anaheim, LA/SD)

Updated Project Schedule

Ongoing Public Outreach

2011

- Refine phased implementation approach and address community concerns

Spring/ Summer 2012

- Finalize 15% design
- Continue work on EIR/EIS

Fall 2012

- Release Draft EIR/EIS for public review