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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The California High Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) outreach goal for this phase was to educate the residents of the city and county of Los Angeles on the alternatives that were selected as part of the environmental process. The LA-Palmdale outreach team was charged with educating the public on the benefits and opportunities available through the approval of a High-Speed Rail (HSR) system.

In September of 2007 with the approval of the State's fiscal year budget, the LA-Palmdale team, in association with the CHSRA, determined that study efforts would be focused on the alignment between Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) and the 134 Freeway (SR 134). The area between Union Station and SR 134 was identified in the Programmatic EIR/EIS as an area of further study and alignment development due to proposed future park development along the Los Angeles River and nearby vacant land.

Because of the limited outreach area the HMM, URS, Arup Public Outreach team suggested the following limited outreach activities:

- Meeting with Key Influentials/Elected Officials
- Meeting with Key Influentials/Organizations
- Formation of a Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)
- Quarterly SWG Meeting
- Roundtable Meetings

From September 2007 to June of 2008, the outreach team met with Councilmembers Reyes and LaBonge, and Huizar's staff to discuss the seven original alternatives that had been developed. These alternatives included a variety of options including a combination of underground, at-grade and aerial structures as well as the possibility of the constructing an alternative station adjacent to LAUS specifically for high speed train service. The alternatives were described to Councilmen Reyes, Huizar and LaBonge and they were informed that their input, along with that of the public would determine the alternative, or combination thereof selected.

Of the activities that were planned for 2008, the following took place:

- Meeting with Key Influentials/Elected Officials
- Meeting with Key Influentials/Organizations
- Interagency Meetings
- Formation of a SWG
- SWG Meeting
- Activity Center Events

The program management team decided that at this point roundtable meetings would be postponed until the next outreach phase.

## 2.0 2008 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

In January 2008, the outreach team drafted a public outreach plan (see appendix A). The goal of the plan was to describe the methodology we would use to educate and update community members, elected officials and community organizations on what our team had learned during the Scoping phase and how the information we had received from the public would be incorporated into the development of future alignment decisions. The plan also includes collaborating with the Anaheim-LA section outreach team on the outreach efforts in the areas surrounding the LAUS and on the planning of the May SWG meeting.

Since the outreach area would be limited to a portion of the LA-Palmdale section (LAUS to SR 135), the public outreach team focused its efforts on the following activities.

- Meeting with Key Influentials / Elected Officials
- Meeting with Key Influentials / Organizations
- Formation of a Stakeholder Working Group
- Quarterly SWG meetings
- Roundtable meetings

### 3.0 SUMMARY OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In April of 2008, the CHSRA suggested the implementation of more expanded and diverse outreach efforts. As a result, the LA-Palmdale outreach team has maintained its involvement with elected officials and organizational outreach efforts. In addition, it has augmented its activities by:

- Attending a minimum of 3 activity center events per month
- Weekly attendance at 3 or more community meetings per week
- Communicating with 62 local elected office holders regarding one-on-one briefings or a Council Study Session for the smaller cities
- Posting HSR information in local community electronic or hard copy newsletters and in activity center event programs
- Setting-up a project dedicated email address and toll-free number

The outreach activities implemented in this phase have shifted from providing outreach to the area between LAUS and the 134 freeway to ensuring that the CHSRA, as well as the project team, builds relationships with stakeholders throughout the cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank, Sylmar, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, outlying areas such as Pasadena, Ventura, Thousand Oaks, South Pasadena, La Canada Flintridge, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, Camarillo, Encino and Calabasas.

The expanded HSR LA-Palmdale outreach efforts began on May 1, 2008. The outreach plan includes the implementation of several strategies, including meetings and collaboration with elected officials, developing and maintaining partnerships with key organizations by providing project briefings, attendance at local key events and activity centers, meetings with neighborhood councils and chambers of commerce as well as other stakeholders listed in the "target stakeholders" section below. Over 4000 stakeholders have been reached via meetings, activity event centers and newsletters.

#### Target Stakeholders

The Los Angeles-Palmdale Outreach Team distributed project information and increased briefings to the following groups/organizations during this phase:

- City Mayors
- City Managers
- City Council Members
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Federal and State Elected Officials
- Local Agencies
- Transportation Related Businesses
- Real Estate Related Businesses
- Community Organizations
  - United Chambers of Commerce
  - Valley Industry & Commerce Association
  - Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
  - Central City Association

- Environmental Groups
- LA Neighborhood Councils/Watch Groups/HOA

The participation of the LA-Palmdale Outreach Team in activities held throughout the greater Los Angeles area has created an increased awareness and understanding of the project and promoted public involvement and support. The Outreach Team has managed all logistical planning for events, developed information that helps explain the planned HSR system, and created stakeholder networks that promote project information. The LA-Palmdale Outreach Team, in conjunction with the statewide outreach team developed section fact sheets, project display boards and other collateral material to distribute and display at the events.

## 4.0 MEETINGS WITH KEY INFLUENTIALS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

The HSR Team briefed Los Angeles elected officials on the updates of the proposed HSR alignments. The briefings maintained the local elected and their staff updated on the project, public meetings, constituents input and concerns, if any.

The public outreach team was responsible for scheduling the meetings, coordinated logistics and note taking (see appendix B for meeting notes) for the meetings listed below.

- Councilmember Ed Reyes:  
October 15, 2007, February 21, 2008 & June 10, 2008
- Councilmember Tom LaBonge:  
October 29, 2007, March 19, 2008, June 10, 2008
- Councilmember Jose Huizar:  
May 9, 2008
- Burbank City Council Study Session  
June 24, 2008

In addition, the outreach team mailed 62 letters to Mayors, City Councilmembers and City Managers for the following cities (see appendix C for letter and mailing list):

- Burbank
- Glendale
- Los Angeles
- Palmdale
- San Fernando
- Santa Clarita
- Lancaster

These cities are outside of the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles but are important cities along the corridor. The letters informed the group that the HSR outreach team would be in their cities meeting with constituents about the HRS project and offered elected officials the option of participating in a Council Study Session.

## 5.0 COMMUNITY PROJECT BRIEFINGS

In addition to meeting with community members interested in the project at local activity centers, over 100 community groups and organizations were contacted and offered a one-on-one briefing. Over 30 have accepted to date. Members of the LA-Palmdale outreach team will be meeting with these groups and offering them an opportunity to learn more about the HSR project throughout the end of the year. The outreach team was responsible for scheduling the meetings, providing CHSRA literature packets and note taking (see appendix D for meeting notes).

Below are some of the organizations that were contacted by the LA-Palmdale Outreach Team:

### Neighborhood Councils

- Arleta
- Arroyo Seco
- Atwater Village
- Boyle Heights
- Central Hollywood
- Chatsworth
- Downtown Los Angeles
- Eagle Rock
- El Sereno
- Elysian Valley Riverside
- Foothill Trails
- Glassell Park
- Granada Hills
- Granada Hills South
- Greater Cypress Park
- Greater Echo Park Elysian
- Greater Griffith Park
- Highland Park
- Historic Highland Park
- Lincoln Heights
- Mission Hills
- North Hill West
- Northridge East
- Northridge West
- Pacoima
- Pico Union
- Silver Lake
- Sun Valley Area
- Sunland-Tujunga
- Sylmar

### Chambers of Commerce

- Burbank
- Calabasas
- Camarillo
- Encino
- Glendale
- La Canada Flintridge
- Los Angeles
- North Hollywood
- Oxnard
- Pasadena
- Santa Clarita
- Sherman Oaks
- South Pasadena
- Sylmar
- Thousand Oaks
- Universal City North Hollywood
- Van Nuys
- Ventura

### Other Organizations

- Valley Industry & Commerce Association
- Women in Transportation Seminars
- Electric Vehicle Association
- CA Chapter American Planning Association (CCAPA)
- Los Angeles Central City Association
- National Democratic Party form North Valley
- Green Technology
- Reconnecting American and the Seaside Institute
- Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)

Over 250 literature packets were distributed at the community briefings listed below.

- April 24, 2008, Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley
- April 24, 2008, Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) of the San Fernando Valley Board Meeting
- April 30, 2008, Burbank Chamber of Commerce
- May 13, 2008, VICA Land Use and Transportation Joint Subcommittee
- May 15, VICA, Government Affairs Subcommittee
- May 20, 2008, Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley
- June 12, 2008, Atwater NBHD Council
- June 19, 2008, North Valley National Democratic Party
- June 23, 2008, Central Hollywood NBHD Council
- June 24, 2008, Central City Association Transportation Committee

## 6.0 INTERAGENCY MEETINGS

The outreach team supported the technical team in preparing presentations for the interagency meetings (see appendix E for meeting notes).

- March 5, 2008, Environmental Groups
- March 6, 2008, Transportation and Local Agency Groups
- March 25, 2008, US Corps of Engineers, LA District
- April 2, 2008, City of Los Angeles Representatives
- May 1, 2008, Los Angeles County Metro
- May 22, 2008, Environmental/Local Agencies Group and Transportation Group

## 7.0 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUPS (SWG)

The goal of the SWG is to create a community group that allows the diverse communities along the corridor to learn more about the HSR project participate in corridor-wide discussions regarding community cares, concerns and benefits and provide a voice for their individual community with regard to the HSR project.

Over 1000 community leaders were invited to the combined (Anaheim-LA and LA-Palmdale sections) May 6, 2008 SWG meeting (see appendix F for invitation letter and mailing list). The SWG meeting was held at the Norwalk Sports and Arts Complex in Norwalk, CA. This meeting was the second one hosted for the Anaheim-LA section and the first for the LA-Palmdale section.

The purpose of the SWG meeting was to continue developing open communication among differing interests and serve to move the proposed high-speed train project forward in the spirit of compromise and cooperation while providing regional involvement for the corridor. The combined group's discussions included community concerns from both corridors; the LA to Palmdale and Anaheim to LA high-speed train alignments.

The Anaheim-LA outreach team managed the coordination of the meeting location, presentations and meeting notes (see appendix G for meeting notes). The meeting was attended by 45 SWG members representing elected offices, school districts, environmental groups, safety agencies, universities, chambers, local public agencies and other community-based organizations.

The LA-Palmdale team invited stakeholders that were suggested by Council members LaBonge and Reyes. Approximately 100 community members who work or reside in the area between LAUS and SR 134 were invited to participate in the first LA-Palmdale SWG meeting. Prospective members were asked to: agree to the Roles and Responsibilities and to sign a Letter of Commitment for the SWG.

The meeting information packet included a copy of the agenda, presentations, Letter of Commitment, Roles and Responsibilities, Interest Form, LA-Palmdale and Anaheim-LA section Fact Sheets and project DVD (see appendix H for SWG meeting packet).

## 8.0 ACTIVITY CENTER EVENTS

Activity centers provided an excellent opportunity for one-on-one conversations between the LA-Palmdale Outreach Team and the public. This format allows for interesting interactive displays, distribution of section fact sheets and other project literature, the collection of stakeholder contact information and immediate feedback on the project. Additional benefits included the opportunity to increase the visibility of the project at local events and allows for larger segments of the community to view the project's DVD and boards, informational material and websites.

An estimated 3000 stakeholders were reached during our activity center outreach. More than 100 contact cards (see appendix I for contact lists) were collected at the activity centers listed below. The CHSRA project material distributed includes:

- Financing California's High-Speed Train System
- Moving California Forward - California's High-Speed Train System
- A Better Option for Southern California High Speed-Rail Authority
- LA-Palmdale section Fact Sheet
- Interest Forms and project DVDs
- HSR boards were displayed and the project's DVD was played continuously at the activity centers.

### **2008 San Fernando Valley Economic Summit, May 8, 2008**

The Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley hosted the 2008 San Fernando Valley Economic Summit at the Universal City Sheraton on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The summit was attended by over 250 local businesses, employers and city leaders. Over 200 HSR literature packets were distributed and 14 contact cards were received at the summit. The project information was well received; people were excited to learn about the possibility of a high-speed train system in their region.

### **Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) 6th Annual Community Forum, May 15, 2008**

LANI hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Forum at the USC Davidson Conference Center on Thursday, May 15, 2008. The forum was attended by over 250 community leaders, residents and elected officials. An estimated 200 HSR literature packets were distributed and 30 contact cards were received at the forum. Many of the attendees were not aware of the HSR project, but were excited to learn about the potential for a high-speed train in the region.

### **The Los Angeles Streetcar Workshop, May 22, 2008**

Reconnecting America and the Seaside Institute hosted the Los Angeles Streetcar Workshop on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Los Angeles. The workshop was attended by over 275 local downtown Los Angeles residents and elected officials. Over 100 HSR literature packets were distributed and over 20 contact cards were received at the workshop.

Councilmember Tom LaBonge stopped by our information table to express his support for the project and offer his office as a resource for moving the project forward.

### **Atwater Village Street Fair, June 8, 2008**

The Atwater Village Street Fair held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 was hosted by the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC). There were an estimated 2000 people in attendance at the Street Festival. Over 100 HSR literature packets were distributed and over 10 contact cards were received at the Fair. In addition to the Street Festival, a Farmers Market was taking place across the street. The President of the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC), Mark Waldner, indicated that this was the

largest turnout the festival had ever experienced. Participants at the Festival expressed strong support for the HSR project.

Many of the festival participants were aware of the HSR project and stated they would be at the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008 and looking forward to hearing more about the HSR project being presented to the council.

**Green Pasadena Leadership Summit and Community Expo, Building Communities for Future Generations, June 7 & 8, 2008**

The Green Pasadena Leadership Summit and Community Expo held at the Pasadena Convention Center on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2008 was hosted by Green Technology. The summit was attended by an estimated 500 people, including community leaders, elected officials, local residents and agency representatives. Over 200 HSR literature packets were distributed and over 40 contact cards were received at the summit.

The CHSRA was listed as an exhibitor on 500 copies of the Summit's Program Guide (see appendix J).

## 9.0 ADS AND NEWSLETTERS

One way to increase project visibility and continue to build relationships in the community is to place information regarding the HSR project in local community newsletters. Community members are familiar with publications from their local City, Chamber of Commerce or Neighborhood Council and therefore more likely to participate in meetings if they are advertised in a source they trust. The following organizations have agreed to place information regarding the HSR project in their newsletters:

- North Hills West Neighborhood Council Newsletter, July 2008 issue  
500 hard copies and posting on website.
- Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Business Journal, July 2008 issue  
8000 copies mailed and emailed copies to 1000 members.

Copies of the newsletters will not be available until mid July 2008.

## 10.0 SPECIAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In addition to participating in events with community groups and organizations, the LA-Palmdale team is working on creating events that highlight the HSR project in a positive and community friendly manner. Events such as the CHSRA Board Meeting, Culver City Music Festival, Universal City North Hollywood (UCNH) Chamber of Commerce, Women in Transportation Seminar Luncheon, the LaBonge Transportation event and Supervisor's Antonovich's Chamber event offer the unique opportunity to become part of the fabric of the existing community while educating the public on the HSR project in a familiar environment.

- **Culver City Music Festival, City of Culver City, July 10 - August 28, 2008**

Culver City is hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Culver City Music Festival series. The series is presented in the Courtyard of Culver City's City Hall at 9770 Culver Boulevard. Concerts are presented every Thursday evening from 7pm-9pm from July 10 to August 28, 2008. As a sponsor of the series, the CHSRA's logo is posted on the City website at [www.culvercitymusic.org](http://www.culvercitymusic.org) and on the event banner, which is located in city hall. The sponsorship also includes the opportunity to distribute HSR project literature at the event. An estimated 200 HSR literature packets were mailed to the City of Culver City.

- **Universal City North Hollywood (UCNH) Chamber of Commerce L.A. Largest Mixer, July 24, 2008**

The UCNH Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual L.A. Largest Mixer on June 24, 2008 at the Shrine Auditorium. Over 3000 community leaders and business people representing hundreds of industries and companies in and around the L.A. County are expected to attend the mixer. The outreach team has confirmed an HSR information table and has secured a 1/2-page HSR advertisement in the events program (over 2500 printed).

- **Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) Luncheon, LA Chapter, August 19, 2008**

The Los Angeles Area Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar is the largest chapter in the 4,500-member WTS international organization. LA's most senior transportation professionals (both men and women) are members. This group represents every transportation mode, agencies, global consulting firms, small businesses, transportation magazines, and universities (both faculty and students).

The LA-Palmdale Outreach Team scheduled Mehdi Morshed, CHSRA Executive Director as the keynote speaker at the group's August luncheon. The outreach team will coordinate all the logistics including presentation, project displays and will distribute the SD-Anaheim, Anaheim-LA and LA-Palmdale section fact sheets and CHSRA literature. Over 200 transportation professionals are expected to attend the luncheon.

- **Councilmember Tom LaBonge Transportation Event**

Working in close coordination with Councilmember Tom LaBonge's 4th Council District Transportation Deputy, the LA-Palmdale outreach team is in the process of developing a transportation event to be sponsored by the Councilman. The purpose of the event is to educate residents of the 4th Council District and members of the District's Neighborhood Councils on the HSR project. Councilman LaBonge is a strong supporter of the HSR project and has sponsored past HSR events, written letters of support and spoken in favor of the project on numerous occasions. Councilman LaBonge has pledged to provide the necessary structure and forum to ensure a well-received event.

- **LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich Chambers of Commerce Event**

The LA-Palmdale team is in communication with Mike Cano, Transportation Deputy for Supervisor Mike Antonovich about hosting an HSR meeting for the Chambers in his supervisory district including the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley.

### **Other Outreach Activities**

- **California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting, June 11, 2008**

The LA-Palmdale Outreach Team emailed invitations to the June 11, 2008 CHSRA board meeting to over 500 contacts that have been received at meetings and at the activity center events. The outreach team also assisted in the development of the LA-Palmdale section presentation to the board and staffed the meeting.

## 11.0 UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITY CENTER EVENTS

As a result of our increased participation and visibility at activity centers events, our written communications with neighborhood groups and elected officials, the following groups have asked that we present information regarding the HSR at their upcoming community meetings. The outreach team is also coordinating upcoming activity center events. The meetings and activity center activities listed below are tentative and more requests are being received.

- July 2, 2008, LA-32 El Sereno NBHD Council
- July 8, 2008, Northridge West NBHD Council
- July 8, 2008, Downtown Los Angeles NBHD Council
- July 9, 2008, L.A. Chamber of Commerce
- July 16, 2008, North Hill West NBHD Council
- July 17, 2008, L.A. Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Judge Kopp Breakfast
- July 19, 2008, Electric Vehicle Association
- August 4, 2008, Burbank Chamber of Commerce
- August 2008, Arleta Neighborhood Council
- August 2008, City of Palmdale Council Study Session
- August 4, 2008, Burbank Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- August 19, 2008, Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) Luncheon
- September 2, 2008, Santa Clarita Council Study Session
- October 30, 2008, Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)
- Pending, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez
- Pending, L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina
- Pending, L.A. Councilmembers Tom LaBonge & Jose Huizar

### Activity Center Activities

- July 10, 2008 - August 28, 2008, Culver City Music Festival
- July 24, 2008, Universal City N.H. Chamber of Commerce L.A. Largest Mixer
- September 25, 2008, LA Chamber of Commerce Access LA City Hall
- September 23,- September 28, 2008, CA Chapter American Planning Association (CCAPA) 2008 Conference
- October 20, 2008, LA Chamber of Commerce Annual Mobility 21 Summit

## **Appendix A.      JANUARY 2008 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**PRELIMINARY PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN  
FOR THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT  
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**PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN**

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**1.0 PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

The LA-Palmdale team, in association with the HSR Authority, will focus its study efforts on the alignment between Union Station and the 134 Freeway (SR 134) during fiscal year funding 2007/2008. The area between Union Station and SR 134 was identified in the Programmatic EIR/EIS as an area of further study and alignment development due to local concerns with proposed future park development along the Los Angeles River and nearby vacant land.

As part of our Phase II Project Activities, the HMM, URS, Arup Public Outreach team suggests the following:

**1.1 MEET WITH KEY INFLUENTIALS**

While our geographic outreach area has been reduced to the area between Union Station and SR 134, the Public Outreach team recommends that we meet with the following individuals and update them on the status of the budget and the EIR/EIS study process:

- Councilman Ed Reyes (City of Los Angeles)
- Councilman Tom LaBonge (City of Los Angeles)
- County Supervisor Mike Antonovich (County of Los Angeles)
- County Supervisor Gloria Molina (County of Los Angeles)
- City of Santa Clarita
- City of Palmdale

The Public Outreach team also suggests working with Councilmembers Reyes and LaBonge regarding the selection of members for participation in the Stakeholder Review Group. The Stakeholder Review Group participants will not be directly appointed by the Council office or be a representative of that office. We anticipate that by suggesting participants for the Stakeholder Review Group, the Council offices will feel engaged in the process and supportive of future recommendations made by the Stakeholder Review Group. The Public Outreach team suggests that briefings with elected officials begin in the fall of 2007 and continue through the fiscal year. Meetings have already been scheduled and held with Councilmembers Reyes and LaBonge. The Public Outreach team also suggests meetings with Supervisors Molina and Antonovich, and the Cities of Santa Clarita and Palmdale. In the case of Palmdale, these meeting will be coordinated with the Palmdale-Fresno Team to avoid duplicated efforts. These meetings are suggested to ensure that these powerful and supportive key elected officials and cities are kept updated on the progress of the EIR/EIS. A meeting request has been sent to Supervisor Antonovich's Field Deputy Mike Cano, and meetings with other stakeholders are pending team approval. A meeting with the City of Palmdale was held recently and attended by members of the Palmdale-Fresno Team.

**1.2 STAKEHOLDER REVIEW GROUP**

A Stakeholder Review Group (SRG) will be created for the LA-Palmdale section. The SRG will include key stakeholders along the corridor. The SRG will help voice and



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resolve community concerns along the corridor by providing an overall and unbiased opinion on what improvements may need to be made to HSR for community acceptance.

**1.3 SRG MEMBERS**

Members of the SRG will be selected from each of the section areas including the cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank, Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster. For fiscal year 2007-08 only three to four local residents along the LA River Corridor will be selected. Once full funding for the LA-Palmdale section is received, the LA-Palmdale SRG will include approximately 15 members.

Potential members for the LA-Palmdale Stakeholder Review Group have been identified and once vetted by the team, will be contacted by early 2008. The LA-Palmdale team, with input from the Council offices, has tentatively identified the following members for the SRG:

- Joe Linton (Livable Places)
- Tim Grabel (NRDC)
- Raul Macias-Anahuac (soccer group)
- Robert Garcia (City Project)
- Helene Schpak (community member)

**1.4 SRG PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**

The Stakeholder Review Group will be advisory in nature and will be consulted on a semi-annual basis or upon completion of key developments. Members of the public who are not members of the SRG and would like to be kept updated on the status of HSR are welcome to attend meetings but will not be considered formal members of the Stakeholder Review Group. Members of the LA-Palmdale stakeholder group will partner with representatives of the LA-Anaheim section during this fiscal year. When future funding becomes available, members of the SRG who are part of the LA-Palmdale section will separate from the combined section group and become members of a standalone SRG for the LA-Palmdale section.

Since meetings will be held jointly with the LA-Anaheim team, the LA-Anaheim team will take responsibility of the SRG effort and identify meeting locations, securing the date, and designing and sending out meeting notices. The LA-Palmdale Public Outreach team will be responsible for contacting and coordinating the attendance of LA-Palmdale Stakeholder Review Group members. The LA-Palmdale team will help develop the meeting agenda and provide meeting support on an as needed basis.



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**1.5 SRG MEETING SCHEDULE**

The first Stakeholder Review Group meeting is currently planned for mid to late March 2008 and will be coordinated by the LA-Anaheim Public Outreach team. This date is tentative.

**1.6 ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS**

After the combined LA-Palmdale and LA-Anaheim SRG meets for the first time, the HMM, URS, Arup Public Outreach team will schedule a day of roundtables. Roundtables are made up of a small group of participants, no more than 15 or 20 people that represent a specific interest throughout a broader geographic area. Three to four roundtable meetings are held on one day and at one location but are staggered throughout the day. The LA-Palmdale roundtable groups are organized into environmental interests, homeowners, and business owners.

**1.7 ROUNDTABLES MEMBERS**

Invitations to the first set of roundtables will be sent out after the Stakeholder Review Group meets. Roundtables are different than the Stakeholder Review Group. While Stakeholder Review Group members are key individuals with a more regional perspective, roundtable participants have more of an issue and geographic focus. Roundtable participants will have a specific interest area (i.e. environmental, community, or business) along the HSR section. For fiscal year 2007-2008, elected officials will not be included, however, once full funding is received, elected officials will then be included as a separate roundtable participant group.

Invitations will go out to environmentalists, homeowners, and business owners previously identified in our database. There will be a total of three roundtables consisting of 15-20 participants each. It is anticipated the following Roundtables will be formed:

- Environmentalists will be invited to the environmental meeting. Discussion will focus on the environmental benefits of HSR along the corridor. What if any impacts will the alignment choices have on the river? What will be the impacts to air quality?
- Homeowners will be invited to the homeowner meeting. This meeting will focus on issues that are important to local residents. How will HSR impact the view from my house? Will HSR impact enjoyment of my property?
- Business owners will be invited to the business meeting. Will the HSR bring added business?

While there may be participants who fall into more than one group, discussion will be focused on only one issue area. For example, the environmental meeting will only address environmental issues while the homeowner meeting will only discuss homeowner issues. After funding is secured for 2009, we will host elected official

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roundtables that will include elected officials from the entire corridor. The goal of the elected official roundtable is to hear and have heard corridor-wide elected official concerns. Not only will elected officials from LA have input in the HSR public outreach process but, representatives from the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster will also have an opportunity to voice their issues and concerns directly to other elected officials and the Authority. This roundtable format, which includes elected representatives from the entire corridor, will focus on the overall benefits of the HSR, not just the area they specifically represent.

**1.8 ROUNDTABLE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**

In an open forum format, similar to that of a charette, participants will discuss HSR concerns as it relates to their specific interest.

- Will the HSR bring them benefits?
- What is the downside?
- How can the HSR work for everyone along the corridor?
- Is it possible to put the HSR in a trench?
- Is that beneficial?
- Will grade separations improve quality of life throughout the corridor?

The roundtables will allow local geographic groups, in this case those between Union Station and the 134 freeway, with specific interests to be involved in the EIR/EIS process by encouraging them to meet and discuss issues that were presented at the SRG. These roundtable meetings will allow the public outreach team and the Authority an opportunity to hear what issues are important to various segments of the population. This format will allow community members to understand that HSR issues are not just about individuals and their community but about a broader corridor. It allows community members the opportunity to understand the benefits and impacts of HSR.

At these meetings, the project team will introduce project alternatives and solicit community comments and concerns. The format will allow community members to understand that HSR issues are not just about individuals and their local community but involves a broader region.

**1.9 SCHEDULE ROUNDTABLES**

Members of the Stakeholder Review Group will be invited to participate in the roundtables but participation will be broken down by the interests indicated above. The roundtables will be held all on one day. Meetings will be held consecutively and will begin with the business meeting at lunch, the environmental meeting in the afternoon and the homeowner meeting in the early evening. These meetings are scheduled to occur in mid to late April 2008 and will be scheduled after the SRG meeting has been completed.

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**APPENDIX A: BUSINESS CONTACTS**

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 Business Comments

COMPANY	PREFIX	FIRST	MD LAST	TITLE	DEPT	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTY	REGION	PHONE	FAX	EMAIL	CATEGORY
Asian Business League of So. Cal.	Ms.	Jacquelyn	Chung	Executive Admin.		335 E 2nd St Ste 225	Los Angeles	CA	90012-4200	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	805-834-4814	805-834-0072		Business
California State Bar Association	The	Arnold	Stran			221 N Figueroa St # 1000	Los Angeles	CA	90012-2039	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	213-649-0342			Business
California State Bar Association	Honorable	Mal	Recaña	President/Presiding Judge		111 N Grand Ave #534C	Los Angeles	CA	90012-3004	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	909-621-8887	909-621-8888		BUS
Castillo Development Corp.	Ms.	Christina	Perce	Vice President of Development		800 N Alameda St Ste 100	Los Angeles	CA	90012-2178	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	213-625-5886			BUS
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Castillo Development Corp.	Mr.	Tim	Caray			800 N Alameda St Ste 100	Los Angeles	CA	90012-2178	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	213-625-5886	213-617-6483		BUS
Castillo Development Corp.	Mr.	Frank	Medina	President		1250 Las Flores Dr	Los Angeles	CA	90041-9118	Los Angeles	Engle Rock	213-623-3362			BUS
Libertas Mexico	Mr.	Frank	Medina	President		1522 W Sunset Blvd	Los Angeles	CA	90026-4227	Los Angeles	Echo Park	213-621-2850			Business
London Heights Chamber of Commerce						2716 N Broadway Ste 208	Los Angeles	CA	90031-2035	Los Angeles	Lincoln Heights				Business
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power	Mr.	Bertrand	Thomas	Ph.d Electrical Engineer		111 N Hope St	Los Angeles	CA	90012-2807	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station				BUS
Los Angeles Water And Power Employees Association Inc						111 N Hope St	Los Angeles	CA	90012-2807	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station				BUS
Mexican American Bar Association	Ms.	Teresa	Sanchez Gordon	Chair		3112 North Spring Street, Ste 1503	Los Angeles	CA	90012	Los Angeles	LA-Downtown (Perry)	213-894-4296			BUS
Mexican American Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Mr.	Cesar	Ortu	President		PO Box 60296	Los Angeles	CA	90066-0296	Los Angeles	Gassett Park	800-822-AIDS			Business
World Publishing	Mr.	Cesar	Ortu	President		1555 N San Fernando Rd	Los Angeles	CA	90066-1201	Los Angeles	Cypress Park	323-228-3478	323-225-3471	Malinda@cmra.net	Business
SCRBA	Mr.	A.	J. Malife	Manager			Los Angeles	CA		Los Angeles					BUS

**APPENDIX B: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTACTS**

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 Environmental Groups

COMPANY	PREFIX	FIRST	LAST	TITLE	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTY	REGION	PHONE	FAX	EMAIL	CATEGORY
Friends of the Los Angeles River	Mr.	Joe	Linton	Outreach Director	570 W Avenue 26 Ste 250	Los Angeles	CA	90065-1047	Los Angeles	Glassell Park	3232230585	3232232289	jinton@olar.org	ENV
Friends of the Los Angeles River	Mr.	Lewis	MacAdams	Chair	570 W Avenue 26 Ste 250	Los Angeles	CA	90065-1047	Los Angeles	Glassell Park	3232230585	3232232289	mail@olar.org	ENV
Friends of the Los Angeles River	Ms.	Shelley	Backlar	Executive Director	570 W Avenue 26 Ste 250	Los Angeles	CA	90065-1047	Los Angeles	Glassell Park	3232230585	3232232289	sbacklar@olar.org	ENV
Griffith Park	Mr.	Jon Kirk	Mukri	General Manager	4730 Crystal Springs Dr	Los Angeles	CA	90027-1669	Los Angeles	Griffith Park	3239134688		gunter-thiede@gmx.de	ENV
Gunter Thiede Dressage					3919 Rigall Ave	Los Angeles	CA	90039-1314	Los Angeles	Atwater Village	8186131202		mechoton@earthlink.net	ENV
Hollywood Training Stables					3919 Rigall Ave	Los Angeles	CA	90039-1314	Los Angeles	Atwater Village	6268620391		lmmike@earthlink.net	ENV
Linda Green Stables														
Los Angeles Ad Hoc River Committee	Ms.	Jill	Sourial	Council Deputy, River & the Environment	201 N Spring St Rm 410	Los Angeles	CA	90012-3201	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	2134737001		jil_sourial@lecty.org	ENV
Los Angeles Ad Hoc River Committee	Ms.	Lupe	Vela	Senior Staff	200 N Spring St Ste 410	Los Angeles	CA	90012-1793	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	2134652997		lupe.m.vela@lecty.org	ENV
Los Angeles Zoo	Mr.	John	Lewis	Zoo Director	5333 Zoo Dr	Los Angeles	CA	90027-1451	Los Angeles	Griffith Park	3236664650			ENV
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Mr.	Michael	Berger	Chair	570 W Avenue 26 Ste 100	Los Angeles	CA	90065-1047	Los Angeles	Glassell Park	3232218900	3232219001		ENV
Not A Cornfield LLC					1745 N Spring St # 4	Los Angeles	CA	90012-1901	Los Angeles	LA-Union Station	3232281158	3232269430	info@notacornfield.com	ENV
San Rafael Hunt Club					4010 Verdant St	Los Angeles	CA	90039-1319	Los Angeles	Atwater Village	8185479048		verdanstables@aol.com	ENV
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Ms.	Elizabeth	Cheadle	Chair	570 W Avenue 26	Los Angeles	CA	90065-1000	Los Angeles	Glassell Park	3232218900	3232219001	verdanstables@aol.com	ENV
Verdant Equestrian Center					400 Verdant St	Los Angeles	CA	90039	Los Angeles	Atwater Village	8185479200		verdanstables@aol.com	ENV

**APPENDIX C: HOMEOWNER CONTACTS**

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COMPANY	PRESENTER	MC	ADJ	OFFICE	TITLE	SEPT	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTY	REGION	PHONE	EMAIL	MAIL	MAILING LIST	CATEGORY
Acad Pacific Policy & Planning	Ms. Maura	Robert			Customer Service		1018 N. 29th Ave	Los Angeles, CA	90012	90012-2426	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	323.441.9136				COM
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Wilma	Pauline			President & CEO		119 N. 29th Ave	Los Angeles, CA	90012	90012-1861	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Ann	Laurin					PO Box 20681	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1431	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Barbara	Luis			MC Board Member		P.O. Box 28658	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Catherine	Cheryl			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Charlene	Shirley			Secretary		P.O. Box 28657	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Chris	Clyde			MC Board Member		3271 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Christine	Arifony			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 106	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. David	William			MC Board Member		PO Box 28655	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. David	Harold			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Deborah	Richard			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Gene	Robert			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Jill	Charles			MC Co-Chair		PO Box 28652	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Jim	Debra			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Joan	Levi			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Ken	Cheryl			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Lora	McLaughlin			MC Board Member		P.O. Box 28660	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Lisa	Ford			MC Board Member		3271 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Lisa	Tracy			Treasurer		P.O. Box 28656	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Margaret	Armen			Resurrection		P.O. Box 28658	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Marc	Walter			President		PO Box 29064	Los Angeles, CA	90029-0594	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Mary	Geany			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 106	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Mary Lou	Wendy			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Michael	Barbara			MC Secretary		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Perla	Martha			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Rogelio	Richard			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Spawton	Jeffrey			MC Board Member		3371 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Abernethy Village Neighborhood Council	Ms. Sung	Lee Lee			MC Board Member		3271 Glenrose Blvd # 105	Los Angeles, CA	90029	90029-1426	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			NGO
Chauhan Service Center	Ms. Doreak	Ching			Executive Director		787 N. 401 St. Ste. 403	Los Angeles, CA	90012-2181	90012-2181	Los Angeles	LA Union Station	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			COM
Chinese Historical Society of Los Angeles	Mr. Murson	Jack			President		412 S. Vermont St.	Los Angeles, CA	90012-1701	90012-1701	Los Angeles	LA Union Station	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			COM
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California					President		978 N. Broadway Ste. 206	Los Angeles, CA	90012-1707	90012-1707	Los Angeles	LA Union Station	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			COM
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California					President		978 N. Broadway Ste. 206	Los Angeles, CA	90012-1707	90012-1707	Los Angeles	LA Union Station	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			COM
Chinese Historical Society of Southern California					President		978 N. Broadway Ste. 206	Los Angeles, CA	90012-1707	90012-1707	Los Angeles	LA Union Station	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			COM
Church of Christ of Little Rock							3845 Fletcher Dr	Los Angeles, CA	90062-5293	90062-5293	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			CHURCH
Church of Christ of Little Rock							4543 Foothill Ave	Los Angeles, CA	90028-1209	90028-1209	Los Angeles	Abernethy Village	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			CHURCH
Church of Christ of Little Rock							5022 N. Hollywood Ave	Los Angeles, CA	90015-2004	90015-2004	Los Angeles	Edge Rock	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			CHURCH
Church of Christ of Little Rock							4521 Edge Rock Blvd	Los Angeles, CA	90015-1937	90015-1937	Los Angeles	Edge Rock	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			CHURCH
Church of Christ of Little Rock							5030 N. Hollywood Ave	Los Angeles, CA	90041-2004	90041-2004	Los Angeles	Edge Rock	213.884.4411	avn@abernethy.org			CHURCH





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Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Ms Ann	Quinn	213.965.1629	ann.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1629	ann.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Ms Barbara	Quinn	213.965.1686	barbara.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	barbara.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr Bernard	Quinn	213.965.1686	bernard.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	bernard.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Ms Christine	Quinn	213.965.1686	christine.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	christine.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr David	Quinn	213.965.1686	david.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	david.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
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Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr Francisco	Quinn	213.965.1686	francisco.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	francisco.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr John	Quinn	213.965.1686	john.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	john.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr John	Quinn	213.965.1686	john.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	john.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr Joseph	Quinn	213.965.1686	joseph.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	joseph.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Ms June	Quinn	213.965.1686	june.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	june.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr Larry	Quinn	213.965.1686	larry.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	larry.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr Matthew	Quinn	213.965.1686	matthew.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	matthew.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
Greater East Park Elyran Neighborhood Council	Mr Scott	Quinn	213.965.1686	scott.quinn@greaterestpark.org	P.O. Box 2851	Los Angeles, CA	90008	Los Angeles	East Park	213.965.1686	scott.quinn@greaterestpark.org	MC
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High-Speed Rail  
 Union Station to SR 134  
 Homeowner Group

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## **Appendix B. ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING NOTES**



## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Ed Reyes  
1st District

Meeting Date: October 15, 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Council Member Ed Reyes' Office  
200 N. Spring St., Room 410  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Councilman Ed Reyes; Transportation Deputy Jill Sourial; Mike Hawkins, PB  
Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Sylvia Novoa, URS, Valerie Martinez, VMA  
Communications, Sonia Jimenez, Field Director, District 1, George Magallanes, Deputy  
Field Director, District 1

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis reintroduced the project and explained the FY 2007 budget situation. Because requested funding was not provided by the State Legislature work will be significantly slowed down for the Los Angeles to Palmdale Segment. Mr. Tempelis indicated that the LA to Palmdale segment had received a modest budget for this fiscal year and as a result technical studies and project outreach would occur in the areas between Union Station and the 134 freeway and the Los Angeles River Narrows. Mr. Tempelis indicated that alternative alignments will be developed and discussed in various setting and with different groups along the corridor starting after the first of the year. Mr. Tempelis also let staff know that the Orange County Segment is moving forward with full funding and they too will develop alignment options heading south from Union Station as well as Union Station Concepts. While the Palmdale Segment will not be producing significant environmental documentation this year the Orange County Segment will be pushing forward with development of a draft EIR/EIS.

Mr. Tempelis indicated that alignments would be decided soon and those decisions would include a number of alternatives including

- Tunnels
- Viaducts
- Trenches (stacked or side by side)

### Questions Asked:

- Was the Authority able to realign the line going through a park up north?
- What are the obstacles as you go through Union Station?
- Which is the most expensive alternative and by how much?
- Would cost be a deciding factor in the selection of the alternatives?
- How is electrification being paid for?
- Why can't the 405 corridor be studied as an option?\*
- How would Metrolink electrify?
- Is there a possibility of electrifying freight trains?
- When was the last time someone spoke to the State Parks?

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Action Items:

- The council office has offered to serve as a liaison between HSR and the State Parks.

\*This question was asked by Mr. Magallenes a new staff member for Councilmember Reyes. Mr. Tempelis explained that the Authority had explained the reasons why the 405 corridor was not considered as an option, including the possibility of larger ROW takes if the 405 corridor had been selected. Mr. Tempelis indicated that numerous conversations and letters had been exchanged with Jill Sourial and District 1 staff and that District 1 was aware of the added impacts.

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Tom LaBonge  
4<sup>th</sup> District

Meeting Date: October 29, 2007

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Council Member Tom LaBonge's City Hall Office  
200 N. Spring St., Room 480  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Councilman Tom LaBonge; Transportation Deputy; Dennis Lytton, Press Deputy, Jane Galbreth, Mike Hawkins, PB Project Management Team, Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Sylvia Novoa, URS

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis reintroduced the project and explained the FY 2007 budget. Mr. Tempelis indicated that the LA to Palmdale segment had received a modest budget for this fiscal year and as a result technical studies and project outreach would occur in the areas between Union Station and the 134 freeway. Mr. Tempelis indicated that alternative alignments will be developed and discussed in various settings and with different groups along the corridor starting after the first of the year. Mr. Tempelis also let staff know that the Orange County Segment is moving forward with full funding and they too will be developing alignment options heading south from Union Station. While the Palmdale Segment will not be producing significant environmental documentation this year the Orange County Segment will be pushing forward with development of a draft EIR/EIS.

### Questions Asked:

- Will the public ever really consider using Palmdale airport as their primary airport?
- What is Councilmember Reyes's opinion of the project?
- What is the construction timeline?
- Where would the station be at Union Station?

### Issues Raised:

Councilman LaBonge is supportive of the HSR project. Councilmember LaBonge sits on the LA River Committee and thinks that there are definite advantages to bringing both High Speed Rail and Metro Link into a trench.

### Action Items:

- Councilmember LaBonge asked that the HSR team continue to brief him and his staff on the progress of the High Speed Rail (HSR).

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Ed Reyes  
1st District

Meeting Date: February 21, 2008

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Council Member Ed Reyes' Office  
200 N. Spring St., Room 410  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa

Attendees: Transportation Deputy Jill Sourial; Rogelio Rodriguez, Field Deputy  
Councilmember Ed P. Reyes; Carrie Pourvahidi, CHSR; Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture;  
Sylvia Novoa, URS

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis explained the seven alternatives developed during the 2007-2008 calendar year. Mr. Tempelis then indicated what the alternatives would look like, if they were underground, at-grade or aerial structures. Mr. Tempelis indicated that these were preliminary alternatives and that three of these alternatives originated at Union Station, the other four required the construction of a new station, most likely underground, away from Union Station. Mr. Tempelis indicated that while these were just preliminary alternatives that required a great deal of further study it was our goal to meet with the Council office early and often to ensure that the Councilman and his staff have an opportunity to comment on the alternatives that were suggested for the Councilman's district.

Mr. Tempelis then went on to explain the 7 options which included a combination of underground, at-grade and aerial structures. Ms. Sourial and Mr. Rodriguez welcomed the briefing and suggested that a briefing with Councilmember Huizar, which covers the Union Station area should be considered.

### Questions Asked:

- What areas does State Parks own?
- In option 7 why would you have to take out buildings?
- Is the first stop in Burbank?
- Other than the cost what are the disadvantages to the tunnel system?
- Would grade separations be built as part of the project?
- What are the next steps/time frames?
- What is the time frame for the project level document?
- How realistic is the possibility of more funding?

### Comments Received

- Jill mentioned she liked Option 4 which is a tunnel to Route 2
- Jill stated that based on the HSR timeline and the availability of funds the proposed mixed use and residential projects (Option 7) would probably be in place before the HSR is built
- Jill mentioned that she is ok with slow in and out speeds out of Union Station

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Other Challenges:

- Sharing issues with a freight corridor
- Metrolink
- Gold Line and possible relocation options
- New projects that may pop up
- ROW concerns

Action Items:

The LA-Palmdale HSR team has promised to keep in close contact with the Council office. As a follow-up the LA-Palmdale HSR team offered a follow-up briefing to CD-1 on March 7, 2008. On 3/11/08 we received the following response from Jill Sourial:

"Most of the questions in the office revolved around timelines, funding and upcoming milestones so if you could just keep us posted on that end it would be very helpful. Folks obviously were not in a position to choose an alignment outright at this point without more detailed engineering information but definitely lean toward the tunneling option".

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Tom LaBonge  
District 4

Meeting Date: March 19, 2008

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Councilmember Tom LaBonge's City Hall Office  
200 N. Spring Street, LA, CA 90012

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa, URS

Attendees: Councilman Tom LaBonge; Sharon Shaprio, Housing and Transportation  
Deputy, CD 4; Mike Hawkins, PB; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald;  
Sylvia Novoa URS

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis thanked the Councilman for his continued strong support of the project and indicated that the technical team has developed various alignments for the possible development of the HSR. Dan explained that at this point we are focusing on the alignment that would run from LAUS to the 134 freeway but the HSR Authority was fully committed to developing a HSR route all the way up to Palmdale.

### Questions Asked:

- Is the bond measure likely to be on the 2008 ballot?
- What is the total amount of the bond?
- Will the money available through the bond be enough to complete the entire project?
- Will the HSR route be built at grade?
- How close does the planned HSR route come to the land the City of Los Angeles owns at/around the airport?
- Is there any way you could move the HSR corridor to the center median of the local freeways?
- How does the alignment work through Soledad Canyon and Vasquez Rocks?
- What is Councilman Greig Smith's opinion of the project?

### Comments on Alignments

- Route 1-Can you trench through the buildings? Is there a proposed stop at Glendale?
- Route 2- No comment
- Route 3-Not preferred option
- Route 4-No comment
- Route 5-Is the train system electrical. Are the cross sections at grade or a Viaduct?

### Additional Comments:

- Councilman LaBonge once again expressed his support for the project
- Councilmember LaBonge offered to set up meetings with Gary Lee Moore (City Engineer)
- The Councilmember suggests we speak with Assembly Member Mike Feuer's office

### Action Items:

- Work with his deputy Sharon Shapiro to participate in Councilmember LaBonge's Community Congress
- The Councilman will work with the HSR Authority to ensure that this project is eventually completed

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles City Council Member Jose Huizar  
13th District

**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2008

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** LA City Council Member Jose Huizar's Field Office  
2035 Colorado Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA

**Notes by:** Sylvia Novoa

**Attendees:** Transportation Deputy Edel Vizcarra; Paul Habib, Field Deputy Councilmember, CHSR; Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture; Sylvia Novoa, URS, Bob Close, STV and Bruce Armistead, PB Program Management Team

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis explained the seven alternatives developed during the 2007-2008 calendar year. Mr. Tempelis then indicated what the alternatives would look like, if they were underground, at-grade or aerial structures. Mr. Tempelis explained that these were preliminary alternatives and that three of these alternatives originated at Union Station, the other four required the construction of a new station, most likely underground, away from Union Station. He indicated that while these were just preliminary alternatives that required a great deal of further study, it was our goal to meet with the Council office early and often to ensure that the Councilman and his staff have an opportunity to comment on the alternatives that were suggested for the Councilman's district.

Mr. Tempelis then went on to explain the 7 options which included a combination of underground, at-grade and aerial structures. Mr. Tempelis explained that the additional station was being considered at what is now Piper Tech.

### Questions Asked:

- How much time will it take to get from Los Angeles to San Francisco?
- What is the length of a trench v. a tunnel?
- What is the expected cost?
- Other than the cost what are the disadvantages to the tunnel system?
- Would grade separations be built as part of the project?
- What is the expected cost?
- How long will it take to construct the whole line?
- Will trains go to the Ontario airport?
- What are the creative financing methods that are being considered?
- Can High Speed Rail Systems make money?

### Comments Received

- Mr. Habib mentioned that moving Piper Tech seemed like a very difficult option.

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**Other Challenges:**

- Sharing issues with a freight corridor
- Metrolink
- Gold Line and possible relocation options
- New projects that may pop up
- ROW concerns

**Action Items:**

The LA-Palmdale HSR team has promised to keep in close contact with the Council office. As an effort to continue HSR discussion the LA-Palmdale HSR team offered a follow-up briefing to CD-1 on March 7, 2008. The following response was received from Ms. Sourial on March 11, 2008:

*"Most of the questions in the office revolved around time lines, funding and upcoming milestones so if you could just keep us posted on that end it would be very helpful. Folks obviously were not in a position to choose an alignment outright at this point without more detailed engineering information but definitely lean toward the tunneling option."*

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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Los Angeles City Council Member Tom LaBonge  
District 4

Meeting Date: June 10, 2008

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Councilmember LaBonge's City Hall Office

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa, URS

Attendees: Dan Leavitt, CAHSR Authority; Valerie Martinez, VMA Communications,  
Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture Hatch Mott McDonald, Sylvia Novoa URS

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**Introduction:**

Dan Tempelis introduced the High Speed Rail simulation. The simulation focuses on the options and alternatives available for the area around Taylor Yards and the Cornfield. The simulation demonstrates how the HSR train can get through the areas in question while creating minimal impact.

**Questions Asked:**

- Has Councilman Reyes seen the simulation?
- How can I help make the HSR train a reality? What do you need from me?
- How does the bond look, what do you think the chances of approval are?

**Action Items:**

- Coordinate HSR event with Sharon Shapiro from his office.

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Councilmember Ed Reyes

Meeting Date: June 10, 2008

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Councilmember Ed Reyes' City Hall Office

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa, URS

Attendees: Jill Sourial, Deputy, Councilmember Reyes, Dan Leavitt, CAHSR Authority;  
Valerie Martinez, VMA Communications, Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint  
Venture Hatch Mott McDonald, Sylvia Novoa URS

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis introduced the High Speed Rail simulation. The simulation focuses on the options and alternatives available for the area around Taylor Yards and the Cornfield. The simulation demonstrates how the HSR train can get through the areas in question while creating minimal impact.

### Questions Asked:

- Will the new alternatives (trench) cut off access to the park
- Is there enough ROW for the construction of the trenching option and the development planned for the area?
- What is State Parks view on these options?
- Will there be, what will be, the point when tunneling is no longer an option?
- What is the order of cost magnitude?

### Comments:

- Ms. Sourial still believes that tunneling is the best option; she supports the idea of tunneling all the way to the 2 freeway.
- Ms. Sourial believes that by the time we get to construction there will be new options for Metrolink diesel engines therefore Ms. Sourial suggests separating the Metrolink option and to tunnel.
- Ms. Sourial does not like the San Fernando Road option. She is concerned about adding an extra 75 foot buffer zone between the community and the park if this option is selected.

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### Burbank City Council Study Session

Meeting Date: June 24, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Burbank City Council Chamber

Notes by: Annette Cortez

**Attendees:** Mayor Dave Golonski, Councilmembers Dr. David Gordon, Marsha Ramos and Anja Reinke, and several Burbank Executive staff and members of the city planning department.

#### Introduction

Dan Tempelis gave an overview of the High Speed Rail (HSR) project from San Diego to Sacramento. Mr. Tempelis explained the proposed high-speed train service will run from San Diego to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the north. His presentation included benefits of a HST system and future transportation challenges. 22 HSR literature packets were distributed to the attendees along with hard copies of the Power Point presentation.

#### Questions Asked

- What will happen to the project if the bond on the November Ballot doesn't pass?
- Will new HST dedicated tracks be used?
- Can you elaborate a little more on the planned configuration for the Burbank Station
- Are there any current HST stations that might have similarities to the future Burbank station? Multi-level? Single-level?
- What are the noise impacts from these trains?
- Has noise been a problem with European HST?
- What would attract a commuter to use the HST rather than a plane?
- How does the article about Union Pacific not wanting to share the ROW with the HST impact this project?
- With funding sources coming from different sources, who is responsible to operate the train?
- What is the difference in cost for Tunneling vs at grade?

#### Issues Raised

The Councilmembers expressed their thanks for the presentation and said that they were looking forward to upcoming updates on the project's progress.

#### Action Items

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## **Appendix C. ELECTED LETTER AND MAILING LIST**

Judge Quentin L. Kopp, Chairman  
Fran Florez\*, Vice-Chair  
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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

Insert Date

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

**SUBJECT: California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA)**

As you know, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is proposing high-speed train service from San Diego to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the north. This fast, safe, and reliable system is forecasted to carry as many as 100 million passengers annually by the year 2030. Currently, preliminary engineering and environmental studies are being completed for the proposed Los Angeles to Palmdale Section, the area between Los Angeles Union Station and the Palmdale Airport Station.

It has been about a year since we updated you and members of your city council about the project. Since then, we have moved forward with additional engineering studies in the Los Angeles to Palmdale Section, as well as other sections throughout the State. We believe it is important to keep you up to date about the progress on the project, so we would like to offer you and your fellow council members a Council Study Session at your convenience during the next three months. We hope that by providing the televised Council Study Session, community members who do not otherwise attend meetings will also be given the opportunity to learn about the project.

Additionally, we also wanted to ensure you are aware of our planned outreach activities in your community. During the next few months, we will be contacting schools, neighborhood councils and chambers of commerce in your community. Our goal is to inform the various communities within the corridor of our plans and give community members, city elected officials, and other interested parties an opportunity to become involved in this exciting project.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation in the CHSRA project and look forward to partnering with you to bring this information to your constituents. We are excited about receiving input from community residents and elected officials. Please contact us at (877) 877-6895 should you have any questions, or visit our web site at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) for more information.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mike Hawkins  
Regional Program Manager, L.A.-Palmdale

Dan Tempelis  
Project Manager, L.A.-Palmdale

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## **Appendix D. COMMUNITY PROJECT BRIEFING MEETING NOTES**



## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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### Economic Alliance of San Fernando Valley

**Meeting**

**Date:** April 24, 2008

**Time:**

8:30 am

**Location:**

**Notes by:**

**Attendees:** Bruce Ackeman

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**Introduction**

Dan Tempelis met with Bruce Ackeman to discuss the LA-Palmdale HSR alignments.

**Questions Asked**

**Issues Raised**

**Action Items**

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### California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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#### Valley Industry and Commerce Association of the San Fernando Valley Board Meeting

Meeting Date: April 24, 2008 Time: 12:00 PM  
Location: Notes by:  
Attendees: Sandy Goldman

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Notes not available

Introduction

Sandy Goldman attended the board meeting.

Questions Asked

Issues Raised

Action Items

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### Burbank Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Date: April 30, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Burbank Chamber of Commerce office

Notes by: Leticia Hernandez

Attendees: Gary Olsen, President of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Sheri Rang, Community Relations Director, Dennis Papilion, URS, Leticia Hernandez, URS

#### Introduction

Dennis Papilion gave an overview of the High Speed Rail (HSR) project from San Diego to Sacramento. Mr. Papilion explained the proposed high-speed train service will run from San Diego to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the north. Currently, preliminary engineering and environmental studies are being completed for the proposed Los Angeles to Palmdale Section, the area between Los Angeles Union Station and the Palmdale Airport Station. Mr. Papilion also wanted to make sure that the President understood that the proposed HSR would follow the Metrolink Alignment that currently runs through the city of Burbank, and that we were interested in seeking assistance from the city with our ongoing community outreach activities.

#### Questions Asked

Chamber President asked the following questions:

- Will the project be using state resources?
- Will there be an opportunity for choice?
- Is there a possibility the ownership and operations may change in the future?
- Is there an inherent danger due to the fact the trains will be traveling at very high speeds?
- Is there an inherent danger of the routing system?
- How many cars to a train?
- How much will it cost each individual taxpayer?
- What is the noise level?
- How far away are we from seeing the full build out and development of the project?
- Will the project be grade separated?

#### Issues Raised

President Olsen stated there had been previous bond measures, other priority issues, water, teachers, etc. Are there other companies competing for state funding? Where there other states vying the High Speed Rail project?

#### Action Items

The President extended an invitation to present at the Burbank Chamber of Commerce luncheon on August 4, 2008.

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA)  
Land use and Transportation Joint Subcommittee

Meeting Date: May 13, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Beverly Garland Holiday  
Universal City, Los Angeles

Notes by: Sandy Goldman

Attendees: Subcommittee members

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Introduction:

- The project team presented the HSR video, in addition to a short PowerPoint presentation on the benefits of the project.

Questions Asked:

- Who attended the work shop in March for potential private investors
- Will the project go to LAX?
- What is the government funding for HSR going to do to local project funding?
- Has any polling been done regarding the bond measure?
- Who are the groups likely to oppose the bond issue?
- Are the ridership projections real?
- Will HSR compete with air travel and how will the airline react to the project?
- Why has high speed rail not been proposed on the East Coast?
- How will security at the stations and trains be handled?
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Issues Raised:

- Great project.

Action Items:

None

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA)  
Government Affairs Subcommittee

Meeting Date: May 15, 2008

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Encino Tarzana Regional Hospital Meeting Rooms

Notes by: Sandy Goldman

Attendees: VICA Government Affairs Subcommittee members

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Introduction:

- The project team presented the HSR video, in addition to a short PowerPoint presentation on the benefits of the project.

Questions Asked:

- What is SCAG's position on HSR, they are supporting Maglev?
- This is a rather large bond how will it impact the states bonding capacity and will it change the rating?
- How will the project be constructed, is it a design build or design-bid-build?
- Assuming full funding when will train operation?
- If proposition 99 or 98 passes how will it impact HSR and right of way acquisition
- How will parking at Union Station and other stations be addressed?
- What are we missing by not building Maglev? Is Maglev more energy efficient?

Issues Raised:

None

Action Items:

None

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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Economic Alliance for the San Fernando Valley  
Liveable Communities Committee

Meeting Date: May 20, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Economic Alliance office  
5121 Van Nuys Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA

Notes by: Sandy Goldman

Attendees: list of attendees attached

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### Introduction:

### Questions Asked:

- Who attended the workshop in March for potential private investors
- Did any airlines attend the March investors workshop
- Does a proposed HSR system in California compare to the topography of other country's that have high speed rail?
- How will HSR integrate with other transportation options once you reach your destination?
- What are the major issues of opposition to the project?
- Why does this system not go to LAX?
- If Burbank is a stop how will it link to the West Valley?
- Who is the California High Speed Rail Authority and are they going to do the right thing and build a proper HSR system
- How does Maglev cost compare to HSR?
- Will the State Legislature support HSR?

### Issues Raised:

- MTA was present during the meeting and provided suggestions as to how HSR will integrate with local transit system.
- Exciting project. I'd be happy to have the HSR access to Palmdale Airport.
- If I had millions of dollars available, I would probably tackle the local issues first.
- Don't take our local money for this project.

### Action Items:

None

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May 20, 2008  
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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### Atwater Neighborhood Council

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: 3852 Edenhurst Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039

Notes by: Leticia Hernandez

Attendees: Atwater Village Neighborhood Council & Community Members

#### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis presented to the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Board of Governors. In attendance were 13 council and 15 community members. The CHSRA was not posted to the Newsletter although HSR was on the agenda, time allotted was 15 minutes.

#### Issues Raised:

#### Action Items:

I took 75 factsheets and left them on the table for the community members to take and read. Dan gave his presentation and while he spoke the DVD on the high-speed train was being viewed on the projector. The next day, the Co-chair, Tim Warner sent me an e-mail requesting a copy of the DVD previously viewed at the meeting to post to the Atwater Village NC website. He requested to be placed on the mailing lists to receive continued information on the HSR project. The council and community members suggested we present at a Town Hall meeting to a larger audience as November approaches.

#### Questions Asked:

After the presentation given by Dan Tempelis, each council member took their turn providing a statement(s) or question(s) regarding the HSR project. The statement(s) or question(s) and answers given by Dan are as follows:

1. What effect will it have on Metrolink, Greyhound, etc.?
2. Not much benefit to the project as it will cost \$1200 per household, better use of money for local transportation. (\$1200 was derived by taking the \$9.95 billion and dividing it by the expected population in 2030).
3. Is this a replacement for other transportation?
4. Much bigger picture → airlines, green technology, good idea
5. Not many people travel to Sacramento
6. Will more power plants be built to run trains
7. What is the money trail?
8. Why not maglev trains → very expensive
9. What about Amtrak → different routes
10. What about a Town Hall meeting → larger audience, get more people aware of project
11. Do you guarantee you will not take people's homes?
12. Huge rural areas, i.e., Fresno destroy mountains
13. Is it possible some segments will be available first? Anaheim to San Francisco
14. Some other technology in the United States, why abandon?
15. Reduce regional traffic → how
16. Run real numbers, latent demand

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### North Valley Democratic Club

Meeting Date: June 19, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: North Valley Democratic Club, Carrow's Restaurant, Northridge, CA

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa, URS

Attendees: 20 members of the North Valley Democratic Club; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Sylvia Novoa URS

#### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis introduced the High Speed Rail concept and described the LAUS to Palmdale segment. Dan explained that the technical team has developed various alignments for the possible development of the HSR. Dan explained route and funding details and indicated that the need to develop public/private funding partnerships was critical to the future of the proposed project.

#### Questions Asked:

- Is the bond measure likely to be on the 2008 ballot?
- What is the total amount of the bond?
- What does the term "electrified" mean in relation to this project?
- I saw an article regarding Union Pacific and the fact that they did not plan to share ROW, is this in the same corridor? If Union Pacific does not cooperate can this line be built?
- Do you plan on sharing the HSR lines with existing freight services?
- Will the energy used to power the HSR be fossil fuels?
- Won't there be a need to build new parking facilities?
- Who will pay off the bonds and what grade bonds will they be?
- Where would the station in Sylmar be located?
- Will you use existing rail lines in Sylmar or would you have to create new rail lines?
- When does the first leg of this line get built?
- Can't you build a line straight through to Sacramento?
- Will there be ROW takes where new lines are built?
- What about earthquakes - is the system safe during an earthquake?

#### Additional Comments:

- Overall the group expressed his support for the project

#### Action Items:

- Work with Democratic club to gain endorsement from the Central Democratic Committee before November.

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council

Meeting Date: June 23, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hollywood City Hall, 6501 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood CA

Notes by: Sylvia Novoa, URS

Attendees: 20 members of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council; Dennis Papilion  
Sylvia Novoa URS

#### Introduction:

Denny Papilion introduced the High Speed Rail concept and described the LAUS to Palmdale segment. Mr. Papilion asked if anyone had heard about the project, 3-4 people indicated that they had heard about the proposed HSR project. Denny provided an overview of the planned route and explained route and funding details. Denny indicated that the need to develop public/private funding partnerships was critical to the future of the proposed project.

#### Questions Asked:

- How will the proposed route impact the I-5, will it reduce highway traffic in any way?
- What are the statistics regarding Eminent Domain, how many properties will be taken if this project is approved and built?
- How much would a ticket to San Francisco cost?
- Who would be building the HSR trains?
- Where will the HSR trains be built?
- How come we are only proposing speeds of 200 mph when the French have successfully run their trains at 400 mph?

#### Action Items:

- Work with Neighborhood Council to obtain a resolution of support for the project.

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## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

Los Angeles Central City Association (CCA)  
Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: June 24, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: CCA Office

Notes by: Annette Cortez, URS

Attendees: CCA Transportation Committee, Dan Tempelis, HSR Joint Venture Hatch Mott  
McDonald, Eugene Kim, STV, Annette Cortez, URS, Chelsea Correia, CPG

### Introduction:

Dan Tempelis presented HSR project updates and proposed alignments for the Los Angeles to Palmdale section, his presentation included a High Speed Rail simulation. Dan's overview was followed by Eugene Kim's presentation of the Anaheim to Los Angeles section.

### Questions Asked:

- Who will you share tracks with?
- How is inner city trips defined?
- What ROW will the HST use?

### Comments:

- AAA representative: It concerns me that the ridership and financial calculations in your presentation are outdated. When will these be updated?

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## **Appendix E. INTERAGENCY MEETING NOTES**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY COORDINATION GROUP MEETINGS  
FOR THE ANAHEIM-LOS ANGELES SECTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT  
MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 5 AND 6, 2008 AT THE WILSHIRE GRAND HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CA**

The following is a summary of the Interagency Coordination Group meetings on the Anaheim-Los Angeles Section of the California High-Speed Train (CHST/HST) Project that were held on March 5 and 6, 2008 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles, CA. Meeting notes from these meetings are presented in the order that the three meetings were held with the respective Environmental Agency, Transportation Agency and Local Agency Groups.

**Meeting No. 1: Environmental Agency Coordination Group Meeting  
March 5, 2008, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Introduction**

Ms. Carrie Pourvahidi, Assistant Director of the California High Speed Rail (CHSR/Authority), greeted those in attendance at the meeting. She explained that the Authority was formed in 1996 and that the Authority and the Federal Rail Administration already approved a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the statewide CHST project in November 2005. Also, the Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were approved as part of the Program EIR and a Record of Decision (ROD) was also approved as part of the approval of the Program EIR/EIS.

She also noted that the Authority sent out a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Project level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the FRA sent out a Notice of Intent to prepare a Project level Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Anaheim to Los Angeles section of the CHST project in April 2007. The CHST would follow the existing Los Angeles to San Diego (LOSSAN) railroad corridor between these two cities, with the HST project to remain within existing rail corridors wherever possible.

Funding for the CHST project has also been an issue, with the State providing \$12.5M for this project in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 State Budget for use on the entire CHST project. Also, the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) included \$3M for the Anaheim to Los Angeles Section of the HST project in their FY 2007-2008 budget. Therefore, there is funding to move ahead with the preparation of environmental documentation on this section of the CHST project.

Also noted was the placement of a \$9.5B bond on the November 2008 ballot to allocate additional funds to help plan and build the San Francisco to Anaheim sections of the CHST project. However, a bill has recently been introduced in the State Legislature to allow 8.6 B of the bond funds to be spent on any of the sections of the HST between San Francisco/Sacramento to San Diego and \$900M on other rail projects throughout the State of California. This legislation also promotes a public/private partnership be used to help fund and build the entire CHST project.

It was noted that funding has also been allocated by the Authority to study a portion of the Los Angeles to Palmdale section of the HST project, with this study focusing on the Los Angeles Union Station to Highway 134 section of this project.

Ms. Pourvahidi emphasized that the purpose of the coordination groups was to get early input from the environmental agencies regarding the alignments for the proposed Anaheim to Los Angeles section of the HST project, request that agencies review the HST Methodologies Report to be used in preparing the Project level EIR/EIS, and study materials that have been prepared so far on the proposed alignments for the Anaheim to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to Highway 134 sections of the HST project. Also, the Authority and its consultants working on the above sections of the HST project will want to meet with all environmental agencies to discuss any issues they have on the HST project and project alignment alternatives.

**Anaheim-Los Angeles HST Project Alternatives**

Mr. Bob Close, Project Manager for the Anaheim to Los Angeles Section of the HST project then addressed those attending the Coordination Group meeting to discuss the alternatives alignments for this section of the HST project that have been developed so far. Mr. Close discussed the No Project Alternative for the HST project that would result in the HST project not being developed and transportation improvements proposed as part of state, regional and local agencies being developed to take care of all future transportation needs.

Also discussed were the three Sub-sections that the Anaheim to Los Angeles section of the HST project has been broken into, including Sub-Section 1: Anaheim to Fullerton, Sub-Section 2: Fullerton to Hobart Yard, and Sub-Section 3: Hobart Yard to Union Station. Slides showing these Sub-Sections with track configurations are found at the end of this report.

**For Sub-Section 1:** Anaheim to Fullerton, an aerial photo was shown that included the width of the right of way (ROW) between these two proposed HST stations. The most difficult area in this section is a section where there is only 50 feet of existing railroad ROW between Vermont Avenue and almost to Carbon Creek. This would make development of the HST project difficult in this area unless additional ROW is acquired.

**For Sub-Section 2:** Fullerton to Hobart Yard, an overview of this sub-section was provided showing the cities that this sub-section would traverse. Also described were the Program-Level Shared-Track Alternative that included a Typical At-Grade Configuration, and a Typical Aerial Configuration. The Dedicated- HST alternative was also described that included a Typical At-Grade Configuration (Existing Track Alignments), A Typical At-Grade Configuration (Shifted Track Alignments), and Typical Aerial configuration.

**For Sub-Section 3:** Hobart Yard to Union Station, an overview of the sub-section was provided showing the cities that this sub-section would traverse. A slide was also shown of the Existing/Planned Conditions in the sub-section, Potential HST Alignments though this sub-section including at-grade, above-grade and tunnel sections that the HST could traverse.

Also described were the potential HST station locations at the proposed Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) and at Los Angeles Union Station. A discussion was also provided on two potential stations that the section team is looking at, including one in Fullerton and one in the Norwalk/Pico-Rivera area.

**Union Station Location and Approach Options**

Mr. **Dan Tempelis** with Hatch Mott MacDonald described the Union Station Location and Approach Options for the HST project alignment between Los Angeles Union station and State Highway 134 in the Glendale area. He noted that the Program EIR/EIS did not locate a HST alignment in this area, with a specific alignment for the HST in this area to be analyzed in the Project EIR/EIS.

Aerial photos were shown that noted the location of the HST in a cut and cover tunnel and in a trench in this section of the HST project. Mr. Tempelis noted that a number of technical studies were currently being conducted in this area that would be used to help determine where the HST alignment would be located and whether it would be constructed at-grade, in a trench or in a tunnel.

**Environmental Review Process**

Mr. **Steven Wolf** with Parsons Brinckerhoff discussed the Environmental Review Process that has been followed to date on the HST Program EIR and that will be followed on the Project EIR/EIS. He noted that the Program EIR/EIS was approved by the Authority and FRA in November 2005. This document also included a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, CEQA Findings of Fact that were adopted by the Authority, and a Record of Decision that was adopted by the FRA. He also noted that a Program EIR/EIS has been prepared for the Bay Area section of the HST project, but that this document has not been adopted by the Authority to date. Approval of the Bay Area Program EIR/EIS would include the adoption of an alignment for this section of the HST project between San Francisco and the Central Valley area.

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**Meeting Recap and Next Steps**

Ms. Carrie Pourvahidi and Tony Daniels with Parsons Brinkerhoff provided a recap of the meeting.

Ms. Pourvahidi emphasized that today's meeting was just the beginning of a process that is being conducted to determine where the HST should be constructed along the Anaheim to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to State Highway 134 corridors. She asked meeting participants to feel free to call or email her and any members of the HST team with their questions on this project.

Mr. Daniels asked agency representatives to study the HST draft documents sent to them earlier and to let the Authority and the project team know what their comments are on them. Also, the Authority and project staff will be calling the agencies to set up one-on-one meetings with them to get their input on what HST Alternatives should be considered in the Project EIR/EIS. A discussion was also held on how these meetings should be conducted, including whether individual and/or group meetings should be held.

Mr. Daniels also noted that the HST route is almost 800 miles long, not the 700 miles previously described in other HST documents.

Concerning 15% design for the HST project, HST alignment drawings could be at 70% level and HST station designs could be at a 5% design level. Agencies will have specific areas and HST designs to review.

A request was also made by Mr. Daniels for meeting participants to fill out the Comments form given to them. He asked that these forms be given to project staff or to be mailed in as soon as possible.

**Questions Asked at This Meeting**

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- How will coordination of the HST Project EIR/EIS interface with the local environmental groups and agencies?
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**Meeting No. 2: Transportation Agency Coordination Group Meeting,  
March 6, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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**Tony Daniels** with Parsons Brinkerhoff advised meeting participants that the cartoons used in the presentations at the meeting were for planning purposes. The Authority understands that it would be difficult to replace all railroad tracks at once because of the need to keep trains moving in the LOSSAN corridor. They also realize that moving train tracks as shown in the presentation cartoons may not be feasible.

He noted that if the aerial alignment were to be used for the proposed HST project that it could stay (or so believed at this time) within the existing railroad right of way. However, this alignment would create noise, vibration and aesthetic impacts.

Mr. Daniels noted that the HST is currently being proposed to be placed in a double tunnel system. He requested that the HST project team take a look at putting the HST in a single tunnel, and asked if this could be done.

**Concept Level Operations Feasibility Study**

Mr. **Paul Mosier** with Parsons Brinkerhoff discussed the Draft Concept Level Operations Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study) that has been prepared for the HST project. The Feasibility Study analyzed the feasibility of using the LOSSAN corridor between the Redondo Junction and the Fullerton Junction and between the Fullerton Junction and the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). A slide was shown that showed the railroad track for these sections of the LOSSAN corridor.

The Feasibility Study was prepared at a conceptual level of analysis using the RTC Simulation, information on the mainline capacity of the LOSSAN corridor, and an estimated number of HSTs, and Metrolink, Amtrak, and freight trains using this corridor.

Four scenarios were considered in the Feasibility Analysis, as follows:

- . 2 Freight Tracks and 2 Passenger Tracks
- . 3 Freight Tracks and 2 Passenger Tracks
- . 3 Tracks (Freight, Amtrak, Metrolink) and 2 Passenger Tracks (HST, Metrolink)
- . 4 Tracks (Freight, Amtrak, Metrolink,) and 2 Tracks (Exclusive HST use)

Service level assumptions for the Feasibility used a forecast beyond the Year 2020.

The assumptions that were made in the preparation of the Feasibility Analysis that were common to all scenarios studied in the Analysis included the following assumptions.

- . Train characteristics - for the various types of freight trains, conventional diesel passenger trains and conventional electric passenger trains that are currently being used in the LOSSAN corridor as shown in the slide program
- . Future Service Levels – for freight trains, Amtrak, Metrolink and the HST as listed in the slide program

The Issue of Cross Plan train movements and the assumption on these kinds of movements were also discussed. These cross train movements have to be taken into consideration, given that the HST would move through the areas listed below, with trains usually moving from north to south within a site. These included 37 daily North/South traversing train moves at the following locations:

- . Hobart and 8<sup>th</sup> Street: 6 movements
- . Hobart and Commerce: 15 movements
- . Pico Rivera and La Mirada; 6 movements
- . La Mirada and Fullerton: 6 movements
- . Fullerton and Orange: 4 movements

Cross plan train movements were shown on one of the slides displayed during this presentation.

Case studies for four different train track movements were also described during the presentation. They included the following as shown on a series of Power Point slides used in presenting this information.

**Case 1:** Program-Level Shared-Track Alternative – 2 & 2 tracks with exclusive passenger train use with complete separation between freight and passenger trains, from the Redondo Junction to the Fullerton Junction, and from the Fullerton Junction to Anaheim. Maximum operation speeds for the HST, and Amtrak, Metrolink and freight trains in these areas were also given.

For the above case study, there would be no physical connection between freight and passenger tracks. With the above 2 & 2 track layout, there was capacity for future freight and passenger trains. However, a solution for cross plan train movements would be needed. Conclusions of this case study were:

- . Two passenger train tracks provide sufficient capacity. The minimum time slot for a HST was 1 train per hour (TPH).
- . Two freight train tracks will be inadequate to handle future freight train movements through this area.

**Case 2:** Program-Level Shared-Track Alternative – 3 & 2 tracks with exclusive passenger train use with complete separation between freight and passenger trains.

For this case study, there were 5 mainline tracks in the Redondo Junction to Fullerton, with 3 tracks for freight trains only and 2 tracks for passenger trains only. For the Fullerton Junction to Anaheim there were 2 mainline tracks. Maximum operating speeds for the HST, Amtrak, Metrolink, and freight trains were provided. The conclusions of this case study were:

- . Two passenger tracks provide sufficient capacity. The minimal time slot for the HST is 1 TPH
- . Three freight tracks provides sufficient capacity

**Case 3:** Expanded Shared-Track alternative with a 3 x 2 track layout. Three tracks would be for combined freight, Amtrak, and the Metrolink 91-line trains. Two tracks would be shared by the Metrolink OC and HST trains. There would be 5 mainline tracks between the Redondo Junction and the Fullerton Junction (3 tracks shared by freight, Amtrak, Metrolink 91-line trains and two tracks for Metrolink Orange County and HST trains). In the Fullerton Junction to Anaheim area there would be 2 mainline tracks. Maximum operating speeds for HST, Amtrak, Metrolink 91-line, and Metrolink OC and freight trains were given, with these speeds being higher than in Case 1 and 2.

The conclusions of this case study were:

- . Operation of Freight, Amtrak and 91-line is feasible
- . Operation of Metrolink OC and HST with 3 to 4 HST trains per hour is feasible.

**Case 4:** Dedicated HST Alternative – with a 4 x 2 track layout with exclusive HST line. For this case, the Redondo Junction to Fullerton Junction would have 4 tracks for combined use including freight, Amtrak, Metrolink trains and 2 tracks for HST use. The Fullerton Junction to Anaheim would have 2 mainline tracks. The maximum speeds for the HST, Amtrak, Metrolink and freight trains were given, with the HST operating at a speed of 150 mph. In this case study, there would be 4 tracks for freight and conventional passenger trains that would be fully interconnected. Two HST track would be provided for exclusive use of the HST. It was determined that a solution for cross plan train movements would be needed.

The conclusions of this case study were:

- . Operation of freight, Amtrak and Metrolink trains is feasible
- . Provides high speed/high density dedicated line for HST. This study tested 6 HST per hour, with a potential for Mainline capacity in the range of 20 TPH.

#### **Union Station Location and Approach Options**

Mr. Dan Tempelis of Hatch Mott MacDonald discussed the HST's Union Station location and approach options for the HST project alignment between Los Angeles Union Station and State Highway 134 in the Glendale area. He noted that the Program EIR/EIS did not locate a HST alignment in this area, with a specific alignment for the HST in this area to be analyzed in the Project EIR/EIS.

Aerial photos were shown that noted the location of the HST in a cut and cover tunnel and in a trench in this section of the HST project. Mr. Tempelis noted that a number of technical studies were currently being conducted in this area that would be used to help determine where the HST alignment would be located and whether it would be constructed at-grade, in a trench or in a tunnel.

Technical studies are being prepared on the section of the HST and will be used in determining where the HST will be located in this area. Coordination with other federal, State and local agencies will also be considered in locating the HST in this area.

**Meeting Recap and Next Steps**

Mr. **Tony Daniels** with Parsons Brinkerhoff provided a recap of the meeting and the next steps to be taken on the HST project. He noted that the HST Authority has directed that the first phase of the HST be constructed between Anaheim and San Francisco, but this could change, depending on if the \$9.5 B bond on the November 2008 ballot passes. He explained that Phase I construction could cost approximately \$30B based on 2006 dollars. One hundred train sets would be needed to operate the HST throughout the State.

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A large number of HST alternatives alignments are also being considered as presented in today's presentation. As of today's meeting, none of these alignments have been eliminated so far, but some will need to be, in order to make some headway on developing the HST project. The Authority is looking for feedback on these alignments via letters, email or by phone.

Future outreach meetings will be held on the Anaheim to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to State Highway 134 sections of the HST project. In the future, the environmental and local agencies outreach groups will most likely be combined into one future meeting, with another meeting to be held with the transportation agencies. The Authority will let the transportation agencies know what happened at today's meeting. The Authority will also be scheduling a series of meetings with local agencies to get their feedback on what HST alignments they believe are feasible and to learn about local projects that may impact the construction of the HST alternatives being looked at so far.

Mr. Daniels noted that the Authority is well aware of the difficulties of getting HSTs into and out of the Los Angeles Union Station and of City of Los Angeles plans for the revitalization of the Los Angeles River. They are also aware that the LOSSAN corridor is owned by the railroads and that the Authority will have to work with them for any HST project to be built in this railroad corridor.

**Questions asked at this meeting included the following:**

- Have discussions been held with the company that operates Union Station on the alignment studies being conducted to/from/through Union Station?
- Where would maintenance activities occur for the HST project?
- What is the role of the State Department of Transportation on this project? How should they be involved to help move the HST project along?
- Where the HST would share the same track with passenger trains – wouldn't there be a need for some time separation between HST and passenger trains – to avoid a collision of these trains?
- How do federal funds impact the project alternatives being considered for the HST project?
- How is the Authority looking at cost effectiveness of the HST project, especially since some federal funds would be used in the construction of this project?
- If the HST were to go 110 to 125 mph, how long would it take to get between Los Angeles and Anaheim?

**Meeting No. 3: Local Coordination Group for the Anaheim-Los Angeles High Speed Train Project**

**March 6, 2008, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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Mr. **Tony Daniels** with Parsons Brinkerhoff also spoke during this portion of the meeting. He noted that there were nine months to go before the November 2008 vote on the HST bond issue. He said that there was support for the bond from many sources.

Mr. Daniels emphasized that no HST alternatives that are currently being studied by the Authority have been cast in concrete and that input from local agencies will be considered on what alternatives will be analyzed in the Project EIR/EIS.

According to Mr. Daniels, the next step that the Authority would take would be to think about what they learned in the series of outreach meetings that were held with the environmental, transportation and local agency outreach groups, and then work with these groups to determine what HST alignments currently being studied were feasible, and what other alternatives these groups want considered in the Authority's efforts to identify which alignments would be analyzed in the Project EIR/EIS.

#### **Anaheim-Los Angeles HST Project Alternatives**

**Mr. Bob Close**, Project Manager for the Anaheim to Los Angeles Section of the HST project then addressed those attending the Coordination Group meeting to discuss the alternatives alignments for this section of the HST project that have been developed so far. Mr. Close discussed the No Project Alternative for the HST project that would result in the HST project not being developed and transportation improvements proposed as part of state, regional and local agencies being developed to take care of all future transportation needs.

Also discussed were the three Sub-Sections that the Anaheim to Los Angeles section of the HST project has been broken into, including Sub-Section 1: Anaheim to Fullerton, Sub-Section 2: Fullerton to Hobart Yard, and Sub-Section 3: Hobart Yard to Union Station. Slides showing these Sub-Sections with track configurations are found at the end of this report.

**For Sub-Section 1:** Anaheim to Fullerton, an aerial photo was shown that included the width of the right of way (ROW) between these two proposed HST stations. The most difficult area in this section is a section where there is only 50 feet of existing railroad ROW between Vermont Avenue and almost to Carbon Creek. This would make development of the HST project difficult in this area unless additional ROW is acquired in this area.

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**For Sub-Section 3:** Hobart Yard to Union Station, an overview of the sub-section was provided showing the cities that this sub-section would traverse. A slide was also shown of the Existing/Planned

Conditions in the sub-section, Potential HST Alignments through this sub-section including at-grade, above-grade and tunnel sections that the HST could traverse.

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Mr. Wolf also reminded meeting participants that a Program EIR/EIS has been prepared on the Bay Area section of the HST and is being finalized for consideration by the Authority. Once that document is approved, it will set the alignment for the HST between San Francisco and the Central Valley.

A question was asked about whether the Project EIR/EIS would analyze the impacts of new freight train tracks being proposed as part of some of the HST alignment alternatives. These new tracks will be studied in detail in the Project EIR/EIS.

**Tony Daniels** also noted that a HST Operational Plan has been prepared for the HST project but it was not presented at the outreach meeting. However, that plan is looking at future growth in rail usage in the LOSSAN corridor.

Mr. Daniels noted that the Anaheim to San Francisco sections of the HST will cost \$30B to construct, with the project to become operational in 2020. This train would travel at a maximum speed of 220 miles per hour. If the Authority had all the funds they needed, construction of the Anaheim to Los Angeles section of the HST could start in two years. This train would travel at a speed between 110 and 125 miles per hour.

A question was asked about how the size of HSTs. Mr. Daniels said that 2 train sets could carry 900 people, with 1 train set carrying 450 people.

Mr. Daniels asked those in attendance at the meeting for their input on how to best get the HST project accomplished and that the Authority was looking for any input that the local agencies had on this project.

Mr. Wolf reminded the meeting group that the Authority and Parsons Brinkerhoff staff would be calling them to meet with them to discuss any of their issues on the HST project.

**Questions Asked at This Meeting**

- Is the Hobart Yard in the City of Commerce or is it in Vernon?
- Doesn't the Federal Rail Administration have oversight over freight lines in the HST corridor?
- Noticed that some of the HST alignments included moving freight train tracks and new freight train tracks will be constructed – will the project EIR/EIS cover the impacts of moving these tracks and new freight train tracks?
- How big would a HST be, and how many passengers would it hold?



## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

US Army Corps of Engineers  
Los Angeles District

**Meeting Date:** March 25, 2008

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.

**Location:** COE Office  
915 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles CA

**Notes by:** Dan Tempelis

**Attendees:** Mike Hawkins, PB; Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Bruce Armistead,  
Denny Papillon, URS; Cathy Shuman COE; Richard Burke, URS.

### Introduction:

Bruce Armistead opened the meeting and discuss that the purpose of the meeting was a follow up to the agency meetings held on March 3 and 4 in Los Angeles in which the COE was in attendance. During the Agency Meetings the COE expressed concern over the alignments from LAUS to SR 134 through the Los Angeles River Narrows and proposed river park development. Bruce thanked the COE for their time and interest in review alignment alternatives in light of proposed Los Angeles River development plans. Bruce explained that at this stage of alignment development that focused alignments were available review and discussion by interested groups and public agencies.

Dan Tempelis quickly review the five (5) alignments from LAUS to SR 134 and their relationship to proposed LA River development as is currently understood from available literature regarding the LA River Master Plan.

### Comments from the COE:

1. The COE felt that any options on the west bank of the LA River would be met with considerable opposition due to proposed development in the Cornfield area between Broadway and Main Streets.
2. The City of Los Angeles through Councilmember Reyes is attempting to relocate the Goldline Yard located between Broadway and SR110. The COE currently understood that this was nearing a decision by MTA.
3. The City of Los Angeles really did not have a concept as to how the existing rail operations would mesh with the LA River Plan. Many of the draft concepts did not include a mixture of rail and park elements.
4. The City (Councilmember Reyes) and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard are pushing for a demonstration project somewhere along the west bank of the River possibly in the Goldline Yard or along the River adjacent to the DWP facility near Main Street under the existing power lines.
5. At grade options along the river are not favored in the opinion of the COE. They felt that viaduct options were better in that they could be "Moved" if necessary.
6. The Cornfield Park or Los Angeles State Historic is the City's priority area for development along the River.
7. LA River Narrows channel of the Los Angeles River is not 100 yr flood protected which is creating a challenge for hydraulic modeling of proposed projects. The current top of bank is at the 100 yr flood stage.
8. COE has asked for a budget of \$5M to evaluate potential projects. Current estimate is half may be funded.



9. Metro suggested we collaborate with them regarding negotiation with the freights. Metro suggested that a mutually acceptable partnership could leverage our interests. They suggest we should not deal with the freights alone or find ourselves in a position we are on the opposite side of Metro's interests. Metro suggested they be at the table during discussion with the freights. Metro wants local transit programs and interests protected.
10. Metro were interested in the concept of the Riverside station location as it reduced impact on the existing station and operations and would allow potential transit- oriented redevelopment. The Riverside station options are not out of the question for Metro but they did not know what the City's position would be in regard to the Piper Tech site. Metro generally like the idea and gateway concept to LA. They suggested that the existing 'Amtrak' pedestrian tunnel could be extended past Patsouras Plaza into the proposed station at the concourse level of LAUS. Metro's consideration of this alternative was based on HSR's willingness to discuss rail consolidation issues south of LAUS along the LA River. They saw the potential to relocate the existing Metro bus facility as part of this. They noted that the Pipertech housed the emergency control center (LAPD, Sheriff, City of LA), as well as the City General Services - activities such as vehicle repair, workshops sign shops, stores etc., and it was agreed that many of these should be possible to relocate away from Downtown. For this station they proposed incorporating the current Heliport used by LAPD etc and extending its capability to commercial helicopter service connections to major nearby airports etc
11. Metro strongly suggested that we use a 'top-down' approach to the City on Piper Tech., offering Robin Blair's help to engage his boss Diego Cardoza who also sits on the LA City Planning Commission. Cardoza favors redevelopment around the station and LA River area. (HSR Team's current approach to the City General Services people would not be productive.)
12. Metro requested we consult with them before engaging BNSF.
13. Metro suggested pursuing redirecting San Diego freight traffic from LA County and have improvements done in the south to enable this traffic to use the Arizona and Eastern line to reach the rest of the country.
14. Metro mentioned that BNSF had discussed MTA buying then LOSSAN ROW from them.
15. Metro were suggesting that long term aim should be to electrify Metrolink, Amtrak, and even freight services. This was driven by need to improve regional air quality.
16. Rod Diaz in on the Harbor Sub-division Project was raising the idea of extending a connection fro Redondo into the Union Station from the south. They were interested in using non-compliant vehicles and were proposing that we consider whether these could share HSR track over the southern approach section.
17. Rod also raised the potential new Cypress Park Station in the Taylor Yard area and the need to consider that in our alignment planning.



## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### City of Los Angeles Planning Department

**Meeting Date:** April 2, 2008

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Los Angeles City Hall

**Notes by:** Kavita Mehta

**Attendees:** Gail Goldberg/City of LA; Jane Blumenfeld/City of LA; Patricia Diefender/City of LA; Michael Logrande/ City of LA; Maryann \_\_\_\_/City of LA  
Mike Hawkins, PB; Bruce Armistead, PB; Steve Wolfe/PB,  
Dan Tempelis, Hatch Mott MacDonald; Valarie Martinez/VMA,  
Bob Close/STV, Kavita Mehta, URS;

#### Introduction:

Valarie Martinez opened the meeting and discussed that the purpose of the meeting was to talk about the proposed project with the City and seek feedback. Valarie provided an overview of the California High Speed Rail Authority and its structure, proposed project, project funding, and current project stage.

Steve Wolfe quickly reviewed the program-level environmental documents and provided details of the seven project segments. Dan Tempelis reviewed the five (5) alignments from LAUS to SR 134 and their relationship to proposed developments within the City of LA, e.g. LA River Master Plan. Dan discussed the cross-sections associated with each alternative. Bob Close reviewed the alignments from LAUS to Anaheim and provided details regarding areas with the City. Bob discussed the cross-sections associated with each alternative.

#### Questions from the City:

1. Has anything changed on the project over the years as it has been planned for a long time?
2. Do the alternatives have the right of way? Would any take be required?
3. What would be the height of the aerial structure? (Answer provided: 30' to 80')
4. How do you determine which alternative will be chosen? Would there be any dialogue with the City?
5. How does the decision making with all the various cities occur?
6. Do the cities and counties have any veto power?
7. At the end of the day who is responsible?
8. Large development project for Taylor Yard
  - a. Is the trench mostly covered or exposed?
  - b. Can recreation spaces be placed on top of the covered areas?
9. What is the time estimate for a run from Los Angeles to San Diego?
10. When would the first section be operational?



## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

### Los Angeles County Metro Meeting

**Meeting Date:** May 1, 2008  
**Meeting:** Metro/MTA  
**Location:** PB Los Angeles Office

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Notes by:** Mike Hawkins, Dan Tempelis

**Attendees:** Mike Hawkins PB, Bruce Armistead PB, Amanda Elioff PB, Tesse Roberts PB, Dan Tempelis HMM, Robin Blair Metro, Steve Brye Metro, Roderick Diaz Metro, Cory Zelman Metro, Irving Taylor Metro, Girish Roy Metro, Kathleen Sanchez Metro

#### Introduction:

#### Discussion:

1. Dan Tempelis gave a summary of options for LAUS north to SR 134 presented at the last Agency Meeting in LA and recent decisions made with FRA.
2. Bruce Armistead summarized the process/decisions for options developed between Anaheim and LAUS.
3. The Goldline Yard on the West Bank of the LA River between Broadway and SR110 is not considered a temporary facility. However, Metro would not preclude us the area for HSR if an alternative solution was found.
4. There was discussion about moving the Goldline Yard to the East Bank of the LA River across the LAUS Throat Track which would require construction of a bridge and branch track to move Goldline cars from LAUS. Metro would like this considered in alternatives for HSR. The site mentioned the massive UP yard area and the prominent concrete recycling yard which is the subject on discussions involving major redevelopment. One thought was that the Area could be attractive as a unified rail yard with a podium above incorporating mixed use redevelopment above. The site would appear large enough to accommodate HSR trains and a number of other services maintenance depots. MTA were interested in discussing this further once we had HSR operational requirements more defined.
5. In general, Metro felt that tunnels and trench were expensive solutions and unrealistic based on their experience. they suggested at grade/slightly depressed with surrounding land made into landscaped berms as a more economical way of reducing impacts and segregating the ROW (mentioned in relation to Taylor Yard). There estimates had indicated this was around 5% of the tunnel solution cost.
6. Metro owns considerable land along the LA River particularly south of LAUS. Metro would like consideration of decking existing tracks to open up space between the city and LA River banks as a promenade solution - on a deck above the at grade tracks, similar to Paris' Seine riverbanks. They were against the high level viaduct approach structures (because of impacts and their land values).
7. A review of the track uses South of the station in the vicinity of Metro's Red Line yard indicated 4 tracks of BNSF storage tracks-which they have been trying to relocate. No site has yet been found. PB under another Metro assignment are currently investigating alternate yard sites and the HSR team were encouraged by Metro to share in that information to see if alternate storage facilities could be found near Hobart Yard, to help free up capacity in the Redondo Junction to LAUS section.
8. Metro views Main Street Bridge (historic structure), with its at grade crossings at each end, a problem for rail operations and needs to be replaced.



## California High Speed Rail Presentation / Meeting Notes

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### Environmental/Local Agencies Group and Transportation Group

**Meeting Date:** May 22, 2008

**Time:** 9:30 A.M.

**Location:** Los Angeles METRO

**Notes by:**

**Attendees:**

*NOTES ARE NOT AVAILABLE*

*Introduction:*

*Questions from the City:*

**Appendix F. MAY 6, 2008 SWG INVITATION LETTER**

Judge Quentin L. Kopp, Chairman  
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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

April 17, 2008

Dear Community Leader:

As a leader in our community, your views are very important. The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) would like to invite you to participate in the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) for the Los Angeles to Palmdale Section for the high-speed train project. This meeting will provide an opportunity to share information, gather valuable feedback and create a dialogue between the CHSRA and important community groups. We hope you will join us.

The upcoming SWG meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Norwalk Sports and Arts Complex, Sproul Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk 90650. Complimentary lunch will be provided.

The purpose of the SWG is to continue developing open communication among differing interests and serve to move the proposed high-speed train project forward in the spirit of compromise and cooperation while providing regional involvement for this corridor. While it is not a policy body, the meeting will produce valuable feedback to help the project team build consensus for the project's alignment, service, and public involvement program, and provide you with valuable information to share with your constituency. During the 2007/2008 fiscal year, the LA to Palmdale and LA to Anaheim SWGs will meet and work together. The combined group's discussions will include community concerns from both corridors; the LA to Palmdale and Anaheim to LA HST alignments. Once additional funding becomes available, each SRG will work as a stand alone group; discussions will concentrate only on concerns along their respective alignments.

The CHSRA is proposing train service from Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego in the south to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the north. This fast, safe, and reliable system is forecast to carry as many as 100 million passengers annually by the year 2030. Currently, preliminary engineering and environmental studies are being completed for the proposed Los Angeles to Palmdale Section that would travel along the existing Los Angeles-Palmdale section between the Los Angeles Union Station and the Palmdale Transportation Center in Palmdale. High-speed trains will have an estimated trip time of approximately 25 minutes between Los Angeles Union Station and Palmdale, with maximum speeds approaching 125 mph.

We have enclosed a "Roles and Responsibility" sheet and a commitment form to be returned by **Friday, April 25** via fax at (213) 996-2290 to the attention of Annette Cortez or email at [chsra@communityspeakup.com](mailto:chsra@communityspeakup.com). Please contact us at (877) 877-6895 should you have any questions, or visit our web site at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) for more information.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mike Hawkins  
Deputy Regional Manager, L.A.-Palmdale

Dan Tempelis  
Project Manager, L.A.-Palmdale

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## **Appendix G.      MAY 6, 2008 SWG MEETING NOTES**



California High-Speed Rail Authority  
Anaheim to Los Angeles Section  
Stakeholder Working Group  
Meeting Notes – May 6, 2008

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. Welcome**— *Jen Labrado, Public Outreach Manager, Anaheim to LA Section*
  - Welcomed attendees and facilitated self-introductions
  - Reviewed purpose and objectives of Stakeholder Working Group
- 2. California High-Speed Rail Authority Information Video**
  - Played 4-minute version of video
- 3. Project Introduction and Background**— *Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority*
  - Provided introduction to high-speed trains
  - Reviewed statewide system
  - Explained project benefits
  - Informed stakeholders of budget/funding situation
- 4. Southern California Overview**— *Bruce Armistead, Southern California Project Manager*
  - Overview of Anaheim to Los Angeles Section, including travel times
  - Provided status of project in the environmental process
  - Reviewed project conceptual design and program-level efforts
  - Introduced project alternatives
- 5. Introduction of Anaheim to Los Angeles Section Alternatives**— *Bob Close, Anaheim to Los Angeles, Project Manager*
  - Discussed project alternatives and status of environmental studies
  - Reviewed 3 project sub-sections: Anaheim to Fullerton; Fullerton to Hobart Yard; and Hobart Yard to Union Station
  - Discussed possible stations at Fullerton and Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs
  - Discussed alternatives for each subsection
  - Alternatives consist of a dedicated-HST alternative vs. expanded shared-track alternative
  - Discussed HST alignments from Union Station to Hobart Yard; potential aerial structure vs. at-grade/trench option



**6. Stakeholder Outreach Update**– *Jen Labrado, Anaheim to Los Angeles, Outreach Project Manager*

- Reviewed outreach conducted since January 2007
- Discussed recent community outreach events conducted throughout the Anaheim to Los Angeles region such as Earth Day at the Promenade, Wilshire Center Earth Day, Fullerton Railroad Days, etc.
- Played two video clips featuring project supporters

**7. Los Angeles to Palmdale Section**– *Dan Tempelis, Los Angeles to Palmdale, Project Manager*

- Focused on study area between Los Angeles' Union Station to State Route 134
- This section does not share tracks along the corridor, will create new tracks
- Discussed various alternatives—above-ground alignment with existing Union Station
- Discussed Union Station entrance options— possible option are above-ground, at-grade and tunnel
- Reviewed potential alignment treatment options; the HST could potentially run through an underground open trench or underground trench covered with landscaping.
- Discussed alternative 3– alternative station location, below ground option, and tunnel to SR2; and alternative 4– alternative station location, below ground option, and short tunnel to West River bank

**8. Facilitated Discussion of General Questions, What to Take Into Consideration, and How to Best Reach and Engage Regional Stakeholders**

**Summary of questions and comments received:**

- Q: *What is the noise factor for neighborhoods?*  
A: High-speed trains are quieter than existing trains because they are light-weight, are electrically powered, and have no engine.
- Q: *What is the noise factor for elevated trains in particular?*  
A: We are currently studying this and will let you know.
- Q: *What provisions for additional parking will be taken at station locations?*  
A: Traffic and parking studies are being conducted to determine parking needs and work closely with station cities.



- Q: There are already parking needs at the Norwalk Station.  
A: We are putting together technical teams from Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk to figure out parking.
- Q: What are the polling results on the bond measure?  
A: As of late January/early February, 58% in favor and 34% oppose.
- Q: Are there any proposed stations along the LA to Glendale section?  
A: No, the stops are Burbank, Sylmar, and one in the San Fernando Valley.
- C: The Boyle Heights community has been intersected by freeways and trains and wants to see some additional details on Boyle Heights because they will be concerned.
- Q: What is the train's top speed from Anaheim to Los Angeles?  
A: 120 mph from Anaheim to Los Angeles; 150 mph through the San Fernando Valley; and overall top speeds of 220 mph.
- Q: Connections to local transit systems are very important; will the Norwalk stop connect to the Green Line?  
A: The LA Union Station serves as the regional connector to the light-rail lines. If LA Metro connects the Green Line to the existing Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs station the HSR Norwalk Station would connect with the Green Line.
- Q: Does a parallel Union Station disconnect HSR from the other local transit modes?  
A: No, if a parallel station is created, a people mover or other mobile connections would be used to help riders access adjacent transit modes. In addition, we have begun discussions with Metro on how HSR might connect.
- Q: Are you aware of the Regional Transit Study?  
A: Yes.
- Q: What is the timing to look south of Anaheim?  
A: Our task is to look at a stop in Anaheim, not to go south of the ARTIC. There is significant opposition from the cities of Orange and Tustin to HSR coming through their communities.



- Q: Regarding the AB 3034 language, does this prohibit using money to upgrade local systems?  
A: No, the bill has given money to each entity by formula and each can use the money how they want.
- Q: What is the cost difference between trench and tunnel construction?  
A: We are still studying what this will be.
- Q: Is there a reason, other than cost in sensitive areas, not to go underground or aerial?  
A: We look at the least amount of impact and a balance between costs, ease of construction and noise. The board will decide the alternatives.
- Q: Will this free up rail for freight?  
A: In urban areas, if we can put local trains on HSR tracks it will free up tracks to improve freight capacity. We will incorporate over 700 grade crossings throughout the state increasing the level of safety for freight tracks.
- Q: Why was the Pacheco Pass chosen when the Altamont Pass is faster and cheaper?  
A: Our environmental document clearly shows the travel time, cost, impacts, and ease of construction through the Pacheco Pass is better than the Altamont Pass. In addition, some cities along the Altamont route do not want HSR in their cities.
- Q: Is the Governor supportive?  
A: The Governor would like to see it built and he is supportive of the bond measure.
- Q: Has a campaign committee been setup and when can we expect to see ads?  
A: That is separate from the Authority and we do not know.
- Q: Do you have info on Soledad Canyon?  
A: Not yet, if we have funding we will study it.
- Q: The website says HSR will follow Metrolink tracks through Soledad Canyon, is that still happening?  
A: We are studying a few alternatives through the area.
- Q: One-third public and private partnerships, where will the private money come from?



A: We are still looking at mechanisms – private construction companies would build segment or provide equipment and run the system and get the revenue. State could sell revenue bonds and use cash for construction.

- Q: Are you currently looking at other alternatives from Union Station to the 134 freeway?

A: Yes, we have narrowed them down to four.

- Q: When do you envision you will select these alternatives and what role will stakeholders have to decide that?

A: We are looking at creating a SWG group after the DEIR to decided preferred alignment.

- Q: Is it possible to have contact information for all members of the Stakeholder Working Group?

A: We have not asked members for permission to release their contact information but we can provide names of the attendees.

- Q: Since the system will operate without subsidies, what will the average fare be to generate the expected revenue surplus?

A: We estimate a ticket will cost 70% of the going airfare rate from San Francisco to Los Angeles. We encourage you to check out our website to see how long the project will take, what the fare prices are estimated to be, and how much carbon dioxide will be saved.

- Q: What plan and/or strategies is SCAG a part of?

A: This is part of the financially constrained Regional Transportation Plan

- Q: If the bond does not pass, is there a contingency plan?

A: No.

- Q: Does AB 3034 require surplus to go back to the general fund?

A: If we need funds to maintain/improve the system, the money goes to HSR. If not, the money goes to the general fund.

- Q: When will you start planning from Los Angeles to San Diego?

A: There is not really a timeline. It is likely to move quickly, but if there are still discussions about maglev, then we will not have the room to build HSR. We need to figure out maglev with SCAG.

**Appendix H. MAY 6, 2008 SWG MEETING INFORMATION PACKET**



**California High-Speed Rail Authority  
Anaheim to Los Angeles Section &  
Los Angeles to Palmdale Section**

**Stakeholder Working Group  
Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Sproul Room  
13000 Clarkdale Avenue  
Norwalk, CA 90650**

**May 6, 2008  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Self Introductions
2. Project Introduction and Background –  
*Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director of CHSRA*
3. Southern California Regional Overview –  
*Bruce Armistead, Southern California Project Manager*
4. Introduction of Anaheim to Los Angeles Section Alternatives –  
*Bob Close, Anaheim to LA Project Manager*
5. Introduction of Los Angeles to Palmdale Section –  
*Dan Tempelis, LA to Palmdale Project Manager*
6. Closing



**California High-Speed Rail Authority**  
***Roles and Responsibilities of the Los Angeles to Palmdale***  
***Stakeholder Working Group (SWG)***

Thank you for your interest in the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) Los Angeles to Palmdale Section, and your willingness to serve on the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG).

The SWG plays an important role in the project development process. The group is comprised of community leaders who represent various interest groups and constituencies and have an interest in transportation and transit for the Los Angeles to Palmdale area, as well as for the state. The SWG will act as a liaison between the CHSRA and various local constituencies: by receiving information, sharing updates with their constituencies, and providing valuable feedback for the technical staff and public outreach team.

The SWG will provide specific input:

- To help build regional consensus for the identified alignment and service
- On the public involvement program
- On the best methods to reach and engage (their) constituency groups
- On perceptions and feedback received from (their) broader constituencies

Importantly, as a SWG member, you will be charged with fostering open communication among differing interests and moving the process forward in the spirit of compromise and cooperation. The project team will share feedback received from the SWG with the Authority, which is ultimately responsible for policy decisions. To that end, SWG members should be the designee from their organization and make every effort to attend SWG meetings consistently to provide continuity in moving the dialogue on high-speed train service for California forward.

The success of the SWG depends on your active participation. The SWG meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, Sproul Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

The SWG has been formed to reflect the following stakeholder interests for the Los Angeles to Palmdale Section:

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| ▪ Business/Economic Development Associations | ▪ Transportation Agencies/Groups/Services |
| ▪ Chambers of Commerce                       | ▪ Environmental Organizations             |
| ▪ Community and Neighborhood Organizations   | ▪ Major Employers                         |
| ▪ Developers/Construction                    | ▪ Educational Institutions                |
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**STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP  
LETTER OF COMMITMENT**

- I accept the opportunity to become a member of the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) for the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) Los Angeles to Palmdale Section.
- I have read, understand and accept all of the responsibilities listed in the *Roles and Responsibilities of the Stakeholder Working Group*.
- I will make every effort to attend all SWG meetings.
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- I will communicate openly with differing interests on the SWG and work towards moving the process forward in the spirit of compromise and cooperation.

**Please fill out the following information. This information will only be used to contact you regarding this working group and relevant project information.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes, I will attend the SWG meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

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Please send us #\_\_\_ brochures.
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Organization: LINCOLN HTS N.C.  
Contact Person: FRANK WADA  
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Organization: BOY SCOUTS  
Contact Person: JIM MCCARTHY  
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Organization: NENC Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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### What Is It?

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is proposing high-speed train service for travel between major metropolitan areas of California. The service would run from Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego in the south to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the north. This fast, safe and reliable system is forecast to carry approximately 100 million passengers annually by the year 2030.

### Where Will It Go?

The proposed alignment for the Los Angeles - Palmdale Section will connect Los Angeles Union Station and the Palmdale Airport Station.



### Everyone Benefits

The benefits of high-speed trains are significant and wide-spread. Highlights include:

- **Protect the Environment** – Early estimates show that high-speed trains will reduce greenhouse gas by 17.6 billion pounds per year, equivalent to removing 1.4 million cars off the road annually.
- **Enhance the Economy** – The high-speed train will create nearly 160,000 construction-related jobs and is expected to generate up to 450,000 permanent jobs statewide once completed.
- **Better Connections** – Provides a safer, time- and cost-efficient alternative to automobiles and will help relieve overcrowding at major airports.
- **Improve City Streets** – Locally, many existing at-grade railroad street crossings will be separated from vehicle traffic.
- **Reduce Traffic** – The statewide system will remove over 70 million auto trips per year.

### Please add me to the mailing list.

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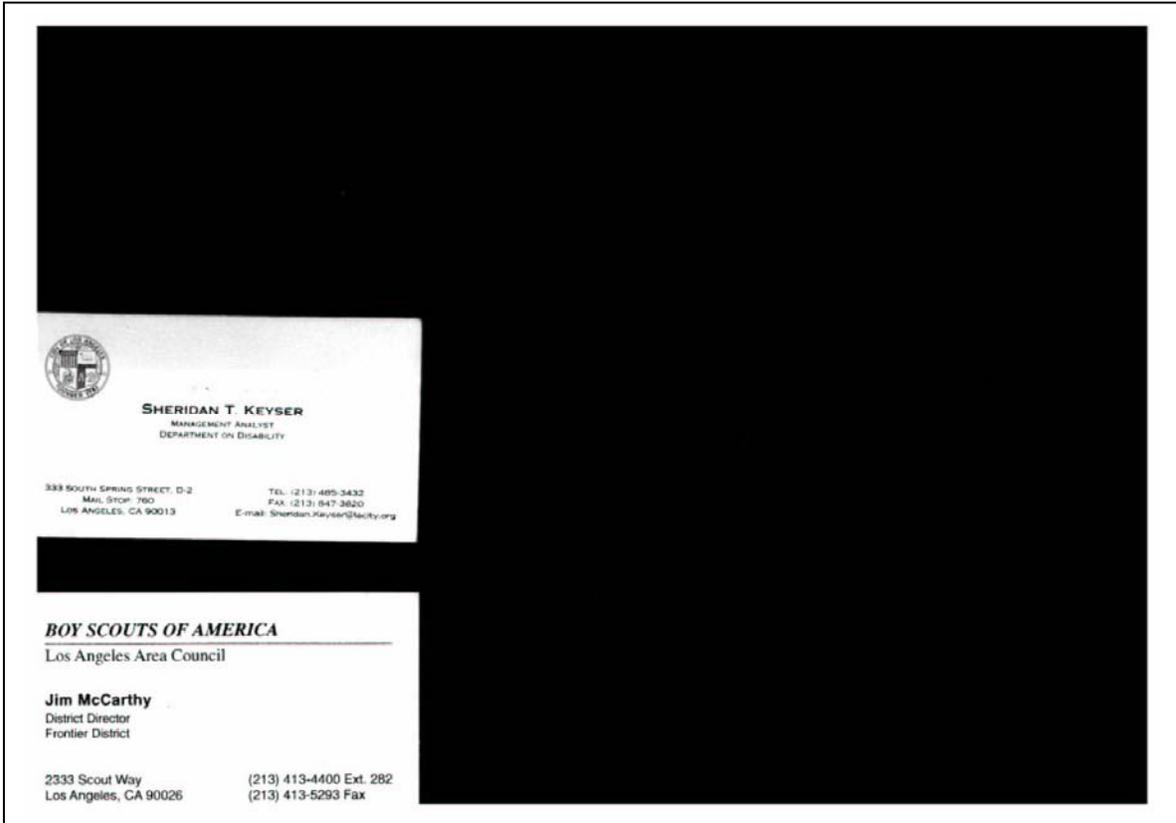
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<p>a part of the movement to make schools better places to learn. Join Randall Higa of Southern California Edison, a member of the CHPS Board of Directors and a resident of Pasadena, for this informative and motivating talk.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Randall Higa, P.E., LEED AP, Southern California Edison</p> <p><b>THE LOW IMPACT LANDSCAPING SYSTEM – ROOM 207</b>                  Want to learn about the latest landscaping techniques and practices professionals use to reduce water consumption in your home garden? This seminar will help you make smart and aesthetically pleasing landscaping choices while reducing environmental impact. Come learn the basic principles of watering, soils, and plants, along with a comprehensive guide to free community resources</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Tim Wheeler, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Tony Zile, New Growth Landscaping Company</p> <p><b>THE BUSINESS CASE FOR GOING GREEN, PART II - ROOM 210</b>                  Market research data shows that consumers and businesses want to go green. Merchants can no longer expect consumers to accept a lower level of quality for a green product. The good news is that environmentally minded buyers are willing to pay a little more. It is imperative for all businesses to begin a journey towards sustainability. Castle Press will discuss the methods that resulted in meeting our customer's green goals as well as the resulting cost savings that went directly to the bottom line.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Gregory Stephens, Castle Press</p> <p><b>2:00 pm-4:45 pm</b></p> <p><b>TOWN HALL SESSIONS – PLAZA LEVEL</b>                  The Town Hall Sessions will provide a forum for Summit attendees to engage in discussion with representatives from the City of Pasadena. The goal is to facilitate communication between the city and its constituents in order to advance the goal of creating a clean and sustainable community.</p> <p>This is unique opportunity to interact directly with city staff, as well as members of the Environmental Advisory Commission and the City Council—the officials who are charged with establishing and implementing Pasadena's</p>	<p>green policies. Have your questions answered first hand, and provide decision makers with valuable input. The discussion will focus on the seven subject areas of the Green City Action Plan: Energy, Waste Reduction, Urban Design, Urban Nature, Transportation, Environmental Health and Water. Each moderated session will focus on the action items currently being considered in these subject areas, with an eye towards the possibilities for community involvement.</p> <p><b>SESSIONS:</b></p> <p><b>WASTE REDUCTION, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION – ROOM 207</b></p> <p><b>URBAN DESIGN, URBAN NATURE – ROOM 212</b></p> <p><b>ENERGY, WATER – ROOM 214</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Each of these three sessions will repeat, with the first session beginning at 2:00 pm and the second at 3:45 pm.</p> <p><b>EXHIBITORS</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p><b>EI Solutions</b>                      130 West Union St.                      Pasadena, CA 91103                      800-237-0916                      email: solutions@eispv.com                      www.eispv.com                      EI Solutions is one of California's fastest growing providers of large-scale solar power systems.</p> </div> <p><b>Southern California Gas Company</b>  <b>A Sempra Energy Utility</b>                      www.socalgas.com                      Southern California Gas Co. has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing safe and reliable energy to 20.3 million consumers through 5.7 million meters in more than 500 communities.</p> <p><b>California High-Speed Rail Authority</b>  <b>c/o URS Corporation</b>                      email: annette_cortez@urscorp.com                      www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov                      By linking all major cities in California with a state-of-the-art new transportation choice, high-speed trains will move people and products across our state like never before. The system will cost half as much as expanding freeways and airports to deliver the same transportation capacity.</p>	
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