



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Chairperson and Authority Members      **Date:** April 30, 2009  
**From:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 13 – Draft MOU with the City of Sacramento

**Discussion:**

The statewide HST system approved by the Authority based on the certified Program EIR/EIS includes the link to Sacramento via the Central Valley with the preferred terminus station at the multi-modal station in Downtown Sacramento. The City of Sacramento is interested in working cooperatively with the Authority to serve mutual objectives regarding the preparation of project-level EIR/EIS documents, the development the multi-modal station at Sacramento, and operation of the high-speed train system.

As outlined in the Draft MOU, the City of Sacramento would actively participate in the Authority's technical and environmental studies. The City of Sacramento will provide technical and policy input and technical support, review, and comment on documents in a timely manner, and work together with other agencies for improvements relating to service to Sacramento. The City of Sacramento is particularly interested in the HST link between Sacramento and Merced, and the development of a joint-use passenger rail infrastructure project in the Altamont Pass Corridor.

Authority staff worked with City of Sacramento staff to develop the attached Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work cooperatively throughout the preparation of project-level HST EIR/EIS documents and the development of the Sacramento multi-modal station.

There is agreement between the Authority staff and City of Sacramento staff in regards to the main points described in the draft MOU. The Authority's legal counsel has reviewed the draft.

**Recommendation:**

Authority staff request authorization for the Executive Director to enter into an MOU with the City of Sacramento regarding the location and development of the Sacramento multi-modal station and preparation of project-level EIR/EIS documents for HST service relating to service to Sacramento, as generally described above and in the draft MOU.