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dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the high speed rail ~~corridor~~ corridor to the SF BAY area. I also have a few questions.

I would recomend that the HST enter the SF BAY area via Pacheco Pass south of Henry Coe Park. There is already some environmental impact from state route 152 (PACHECO PASS). This route would allow you to service both the San Jose to SF Route and the San Jose to Oakland route. I001-1

I have some question + concern about both routes. On the ~~[illegible]~~ SAN JOSE OAKLAND ROUTE your card/map shows a station labelled HAYWARD/I880, with a location between San Jose + Union City. Did you make a mistake? I live in Hayward. This town is located south of San Leandro and north of Union City. The Oakland terminus is labelled WEST OAKLAND/12 STREET CITY CENTER. DID you perhaps mean the OAKLAND JACK LONDON SQUARE STATION? The two stations you listed are both (BART I.E. BAY AREA) stations, one in OAKLAND CITY CENTER AND the other in West OAKLAND I001-2

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Along the SAN JOSE TO SF Route, there's a station adjacent to SAN JOSE/DIRDON called altrain/shared use. Could you explain this? Do you mean the Santa Clara (City) station. There is a planned BART extension from Fremont to this approximate vicinity. I001-3

As you may be aware Between San Jose and ~~San Francisco~~ San Francisco there have been numerous fatalities on the track caused by pedestrian incursion and vehicle crossing. I strongly urge that strong barrier be erected for the 220 MPH route. Also please block off the minor grade level crossings + provide either bridges over or tunnels beneath the tracks for automobile traffic. I001-4 I001-5

There is a safety issue for the South San Francisco Caltrain Station. The Union Pacific Railroad has the practice ~~of~~ of parking large rail road tank car filled w/ dangerous chemicals including anhydrous ammonia on the track along this right of way. I001-6

The other ~~condition~~ concern I have is the Redwood city/Palo Alto station. What do you mean by this? Caltrain has a Palo Alto and a Redwood City station. If there is a choice I'd suggest the Palo Alto station, since it serves the Stanford University community as well as Palo Alto. I001-7

I look forward to riding the HST. I001-8