

Appendix E:

Newspaper Notices/Articles

Interested in the California High-Speed Train System?

Attend public scoping meetings to start the environmental review of the San Jose to Merced section of the proposed California High-Speed Train system.

Merced	San Jose	Gilroy
March 18	March 25	March 26
3:00-7:00 p.m.	3:00-7:00 p.m.	3:00-7:00 p.m.
Merced Community Senior Center	Roosevelt Community Center,	Gilroy Hilton Garden Inn
755 W. 15th Street	Community Room B	Ballroom A
<i>(joint scoping meeting with Bakersfield to Merced Section)</i>	901 E. Santa Clara Street	6070 Monterey Road

Drop by any time during meeting hours to get information and give input on the scope of the environmental study.

Comments accepted via mail to Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, ATTN. San Jose to Merced, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 925 L Street, Suite 1425, Sacramento, CA 95814, or via e-mail with subject line "San Jose to Merced HST" to comments@hsr.ca.gov through close of business April 10, 2009. For more information: www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov or (415) 613-3612.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS
SAN JOSE TO MERCED SECTION OF THE PROPOSED
HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM**

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), as the Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for a proposed California High-Speed Train (HST) system, is issuing a Notice of Preparation of a Project Level Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Jose to Merced section of the proposed HST system. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), an operating administration with the United States Department of Transportation, will serve as federal lead agency for the federal environmental review process complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The San Jose to Merced Project Level HST EIR/EIS will examine a range of project alternatives for portions of the proposed HST system within corridors selected in the Bay Area to Central Valley Final Program EIR/EIS, as well as a no action alternative.

The Authority and the FRA completed a Final Statewide Program EIR/EIS in August 2005 as the first-phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California HST system. Following certification of the Statewide Program EIR/EIS, the Authority directed staff to prepare a separate program-level EIR/EIS to identify a preferred alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley section. In compliance with CEQA and NEPA, the Bay Area to Central Valley HST Program EIR/EIS was completed in May 2008 and approved in July 2008. The Bay Area to Central Valley HST Program EIR/EIS identified a preferred alignment that generally follows the Caltrain/Union Pacific Railroad corridor from San Jose to Gilroy. From Gilroy, the corridor extends east through the Pacheco Pass, generally following State Route 152, and then along Henry Miller Road to connect with the Bakersfield to Merced section of the HST system. For the Project Level EIR/EIS that will now be prepared, the technical studies, impact analysis, and mitigation measures described in the Program Level EIR/EIS will be reviewed and impacts will be analyzed at a more detailed level of analysis appropriate to a 15 percent design.

To ensure that the issues most important to the public and public agencies are addressed in the San Jose to Merced Project Level HST EIR/EIS process, the Authority is inviting your participation in several scoping meetings, which have been scheduled to collect public input. Comments will be accepted throughout the scoping meetings and through close of business on Friday, April 10, 2009. The meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

Public Scoping Meetings

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**Scoping meetings are open house format. People can drop by at any time to get information and provide input. Team members will be available throughout the session to respond to your questions.*

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the San Jose to Merced Project Level HST EIR/EIS and additional information about the meetings are available at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov. The FRA has published the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. Copies of the NOP also will be available at the scoping meetings.

All written comments on the scope of the San Jose to Merced Project Level HST EIR/EIS should be sent to Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, ATTN. San Jose to Merced, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 925 L Street, Suite 1425, Sacramento, CA 95814, or via e-mail with subject line "San Jose to Merced HST" to comments@hsr.ca.gov through close of business on April 10, 2009. Comments may also be provided verbally or in writing at the scoping meetings.

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