



High-Speed Train Board Posts Draft Scoping Report to Website For San Jose to San Francisco Section

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) has posted a draft Scoping Report for the San Jose to San Francisco section of the High-Speed Train system on the agency's website today (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/library/default.aspx). Over 950 distinct pieces of correspondence from agencies, organizations, and individuals are summarized in this report.

Key themes from these comments include:

- Protection of the environment on the Peninsula
- Interest in alignments and station location alternatives
- Land use and property acquisition
- Interest in learning more about the project through the public outreach process

These are just some of the issues that will be considered by the project team as they initiate the alternative analysis, technical evaluations and the preparation of the draft environmental document expected to be released for public comment in late 2010.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for building high-speed train service covering 800 miles at speeds over 220 MPH. Voters approved Proposition 1A on the November 2008 ballot putting a down payment on what will be America's first high-speed train system.

By linking all major cities in California with a state of the art new transportation option, California's high-speed train system will increase mobility while cutting air pollution and reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming. Building the high-speed train system will cost less than half the cost of freeway and aviation alternatives. Operating the system will create an annual surplus of more than \$1 billion.

*For route information, visual simulations and more, please visit
www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.*

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