

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and

the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB)

A. **Purpose**

The parties desire to set forth a framework for future cooperation between the CHSRA and the PCJPB after the CHSRA and the Federal Railroad Administration have completed the Final Program EIR/EIS for a proposed high speed train system for California.

B. **Shared Corridor Concept**

Based upon planning studies conducted by the CHSRA and the PCJPB, the CHSRA identified the shared corridor concept as an alternative for evaluation in the Program EIR/EIS. Following the completion of the Final Program EIR/EIS, if a decision is made to pursue the shared corridor concept, additional analysis will be needed in order to evaluate the full potential for such shared use in the Corridor. The initial tasks and objectives of the parties under this MOU will be to prepare a description of potential corridor modifications and to prepare a proposed draft complementary operating strategy, or strategies, which may be needed or useful in order to facilitate or to enhance the potential for shared use of the corridor. This MOU sets forth the process for performing these initial tasks.

C. **Equipment and Facilities Compatibility**

1. The PCJPB shall make available to the CHSRA and its consultants detailed information describing the standards and requirements currently applicable to the PCJPB's Caltrain system, including equipment specifications, train signaling, engineering criteria and traffic control, plus other technical characteristics which determine the requirements for Caltrain equipment and facilities.
2. The CHSRA shall make available to the PCJPB a detailed description of the performance standards, the engineering parameters, the equipment need and the system operational assumptions used in the preparation of the Final Program EIR/EIS for a proposed high speed train system for California and any additional requirements resulting from decisions made following the certification of the Final Program EIR/EIS. This information will include vehicle type, size and performance characteristics and such other details necessary to evaluate further

the potential compatibility of proposed high speed train operations with Caltrain operations in the Corridor (i.e., shared use).

3. Staff of the PCJPB and staff of the CHSRA shall each prepare a draft assessment of the equipment and facilities compatibility potential for the possible joint use of the Corridor. After staff of each agency has independently made a draft assessment, staff representatives from each agency will meet to discuss their respective draft assessments, and to commence preparation of a draft joint assessment of compatibility.
4. After the preparation of the draft assessments by staff of each party, the parties will work together to identify and evaluate potential strategies and potential modifications which could be used or pursued in order to address limitations or constraints on the potential for shared use of the Corridor, including issues that may involve a third party, such as a freight railroad or a governmental agency.

D. Service Level Compatibility

1. The PCJPB is preparing a Strategic Plan for Caltrain to identify desired improvements to Caltrain. The PCJPB plans to include in its Strategic Plan an option which would incorporate a proposed High Speed Rail service in the Corridor.
2. The CHSRA will provide to the PCJPB detailed information describing the proposed HSR service in the PCJPB corridor, anticipated operating speeds and potential location of conceptual HSR stations, from the evaluation of potential shared use of the Corridor as an alternative in the Program EIR/EIS.
3. The PCJPB will review the proposed level of HSR service evaluated as an alternative in the Program EIR/EIS for the PCJPB's corridor in order to identify anticipated services coordination issues which may be related to pursuing such an alternative. For those locations which could potentially accommodate HSR service, the PCJPB will identify the potential facility improvements and modifications which may be necessary for or could facilitate such service, and will provide a description of these potential facility changes to the CHSRA for review and comment.

E. Shared Corridor Requirements

1. Based upon the joint assessment of compatibility and the identification of potential modifications to enhance shared use opportunities, as described in the preceding two sections, the PCJPB in cooperation with the CHSRA will prepare a proposed Shared Corridor Plan which contains a draft complementary operating strategy or strategies.

2. A preliminary cost estimate for identified possible Corridor modifications will be prepared by the PCJPB and submitted to the CHSRA for review and comments.
3. The proposed Shared Corridor Plan will be submitted to the PCJPB and CHSRA for review and comment. The parties anticipate that the necessary approvals for, and the future use of, a Shared Corridor Plan will be addressed in a future MOU or in future amendments to this MOU.

F. Shared Corridor Agreement

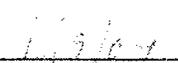
1. The parties agree that any future implementation of the Shared Corridor Concept, if decisions were to be made after the completion of the Final Program EIR/EIS to go forward with the development of a proposed high speed train system and to pursue the Shared Corridor alternative, would require the preparation of a comprehensive agreement, or agreements, setting forth the roles and responsibilities of each party, and addressing construction and operation issues.
2. The potential topics to be covered in a possible future comprehensive agreement, however, may constitute an additional aspect of evaluating compatibility. The parties, therefore, agree to develop a draft outline of a possible future comprehensive agreement as an aid to their broad assessment of compatibility.

G. Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) may be updated, expanded, or otherwise altered, by written amendments approved and executed by both parties.

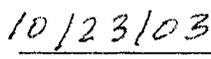
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_____ **Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director**


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