



**Local Policy Maker Group  
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Caltrain Offices  
Bacciocco Auditorium 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1250 San Carlos Avenue  
San Carlos, CA 94070

- I. Introductions & Agenda Review**
- II. High-Speed Rail Program Update**
  - a. Statewide Update
  - b. San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Update
- III. Grade Separations Update**
- IV. Public Comments**
- V. LPMG Member Comment/Requests**
- VI. Next Meeting:** October 27, 2016 (Caltrain), November 17, 2016 (High-Speed Rail)



## *Memorandum*

**Date:** September 22, 2016

**To:** CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

**From:** Ben Tripousis, Northern California Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority

**Re:** High-Speed Rail Program Overview & Update

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### **Statewide Update**

#### August Board Meeting

On August 9, 2016, the Authority's Board of Directors approved a Peninsula Corridor Improvement Plan Consisting of Funding Support for Caltrain Electrification.

The Board of Directors' approval of the agreement memorializes the Authority's existing commitment to provide \$600 million in funding through Proposition 1A funds towards Caltrain's Modernization Program.

The next Authority Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 10 in Sacramento.

#### August Construction Update

Since the start of construction more than a year ago, the project now has seven active sites with more to come this fall. In last month's construction update [here](#), multiple images are shared that highlight the progress being made to build high-speed rail.

### **San Francisco – San Jose Project Section Update**

#### Grades Separations

The Authority will be a partner with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrain, LPMG, and cities and counties along the peninsula corridor to develop a long-term grade-separation strategy.

On August 9, 2016, the Authority's Board of Directors adopted [Resolution 16-22](#) that approved the execution of an MOU with the City of San Mateo to contribute \$84 million toward the San Mateo grade separation project. The memo submitted to the Authority Board on this agenda item can be found [here](#).

### **Outreach**

#### Community Working Groups

The Authority convened the first round of Community Work Group (CWG) meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section.

During the CWG meetings, members completed a Community Priorities Exercise. The intent of the exercise was to hone in on community values and, subsequently, how the project may affect

those values. Values and objectives emphasized most by the CWG members included: reduction in noise; improvements to safety; mobility and clean air; economic development; climate change mitigation; traffic impacts; and neighborhood health and ensuring stability in existing communities, especially those that are disadvantaged. Materials from each CWG meeting can be found on the website [here](#).

The next round of CWG meetings are scheduled for:

- **San Mateo County CWG: Thursday, October 6** at the Veterans Memorial Center (1455 Madison Ave, Redwood City, CA 94061)
- **San Francisco CWG: Monday, October 10** at SPUR (654 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105)
- **Santa Clara County CWG: Thursday, October 13** at the Silicon Valley Foundation (2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300, Mountain View, California 94040-1498)

Each CWG meeting is from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

#### Open Houses

The Authority will be hosting three open house meetings to inform the public and solicit input on project elements of the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section. The meetings will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and are scheduled for:

- **Monday, October 24** at UCSF Mission Bay (1675 Owens St., San Francisco, CA 94158)
- **Tuesday, October 25** at San Mateo Marriott (1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402)
- **Tuesday, November 1** at the Sunnyvale Community Center (550 E Remington Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087)

#### Environmental Justice Outreach

The Authority has conducted interviews with 13 community leaders and organizations in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section to learn more about how best to engage environmental justice communities. Key themes heard during the interviews included the following:

- Project interests focus on preserving or improving quality of life through preserved or improved living situations, economic opportunities, environmental health conditions, and intra-community mobility and accessibility.
- Communities will have varying degrees of project understanding, but many will have limited familiarity with the project. To build understanding, concise and relevant information should be shared in-language and using layman's terms. The Authority should anticipate and prepare to mitigate frustration from stakeholders who have recently been engaged in the process and who may feel marginalized in the decision-making.
- Building credibility within a community is essential to effectively engaging EJ communities and it is commonly accomplished by partnering with local community organizations and thought leaders.

### Alignment Tour

The Authority will be hosting two alignment tours in November. The objectives of the tours are to:

- Visit key sites under analysis for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail system.
- Provide key stakeholders with the opportunity to see first-hand where and how components of the project will take place and impact the surrounding communities.
- Provide key stakeholders with the opportunity to hear directly from HSR staff about the ongoing technical analysis of the project.

LPMG members are encouraged to contact Morgan Galli ([morgan.galli@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:morgan.galli@hsr.ca.gov); (415) 243-4146) if they are interested in participating.

### Upcoming Activities

- **September 2016:**
  - Scoping Report
  - Permit-to-Enter Requests
  - Millbrae Intermodal Working Group Meeting
- **October 2016:**
  - Authority Board Meeting: October 11
  - Caltrain LPMG Meeting: October 27
- **November 2016:**
  - Authority Board Meeting: November 8
  - Authority LPMG Meeting: November 17

## California High-Speed Rail Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) Members

City / County	Representative	Alternate
<b>Atherton</b>	Councilmember Cary Wiest	Councilmember Rick DeGolia
<b>Belmont</b>	Mayor Eric Reed	Councilmember Charles Stone
<b>Brisbane</b>	Mayor Clifford Lentz	
<b>Burlingame</b>	Councilmember Emily Beach (Vice Chair)	Vice Mayor Ricardo Ortiz
<b>Menlo Park</b>	Mayor Rich Cline	Mayor Pro Tem Kirsten Keith
<b>Millbrae</b>	Councilmember Wayne Lee	Vice Mayor Reuben Holoher
<b>Mountain View</b>	Councilmember Lenny Siegel	Councilmember Chris Clark
<b>Palo Alto</b>	Mayor Pat Burt	Councilmember Eric Filseth
<b>Redwood City</b>	Councilmember Shelly Masur	Councilmember Janet Borgens
<b>San Bruno</b>	Councilmember Ken Ibarra	
<b>San Carlos</b>	Councilmember Ron Collins	Councilmember Mark Olbert
<b>San Francisco BOS</b>	TBD	
<b>San Francisco</b>	Ms. Gillian Gillett	Ms. Susan Gygi
<b>San Jose</b>	Councilmember Raul Peralez	
<b>San Mateo Co. BOS</b>	TBD	
<b>San Mateo</b>	Mayor Joe Goethals	Councilmember Maureen Freschet
<b>Santa Clara Co. BOS</b>	TBD	
<b>Santa Clara</b>	Vice Mayor Teresa O'Neill	Mayor Lisa Gillmor
<b>South San Francisco</b>	Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto	Councilmember Rich Garbarino
<b>Sunnyvale</b>	Councilmember Jim Davis	
<b>CHAIR (JPB Rep): Adrienne Tissier</b>		

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# **SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION**

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Thursday, September 22, 2016  
San Carlos, California**



# **INTRODUCTIONS/AGENDA REVIEW**

# **HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATEWIDE UPDATE**

**Ben Tripousis**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Recent Actions**

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- **Next Board Meeting: October 11 in Sacramento**
- **Recent Actions Related to Caltrain Partnership:**
  - » Approval of 7-Party MOU
  - » Approval of Funding Agreement

# **SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION**

# **OUTREACH UPDATE**

**Morgan Galli**

# UPCOMING AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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- **September 2016:**

- » Scoping Report
- » Permit-to-Enter Requests
- » Millbrae Intermodal Working Group Meeting

- **October 2016:**

- » SF-J CWG Meetings #2 – October 6, 10 and 13
- » Community Open Houses – October 24, 25, November 1
- » Authority Board Meeting: October 11

- **November 2016:**

- » Alignment Tour
- » Authority Board Meeting: November 8
- » Authority CSCG Meeting: November 9 - NEW DATE
- » Authority LPMG Meeting: November 17 – NEW DATE

# COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

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- **Round 1:**

- » San Mateo County: July 25
- » Santa Clara County: August 2
- » San Francisco: August 4

- **Round 2:**

**San Mateo**

October 6, 2016

Veterans Memorial Center  
1455 Madison Ave  
Redwood City, CA 94061

**San Francisco**

October 10, 2016

SPUR, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
654 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Santa Clara**

October 13, 2016

Silicon Valley Foundation  
2440 West El Camino Real,  
Suite 300  
Mountain View, California  
94040-1498

# RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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- **August 2016: Small Business Workshop in Menlo Park**
- **13 stakeholder interviews were conducted in August with key community leaders and organizations.**
- **Key Feedback:**
  - » Stakeholder interests focus on preserving or improving quality of life, economic opportunities, environmental health conditions, and intra-community mobility and accessibility.
  - » Concise and relevant information should be shared in-language and using layman's terms.
  - » Building credibility can be accomplished by partnering with local community organizations and thought leaders.
- **Recent and Upcoming Activities**
  - » East Palo Alto Farmers Market
  - » North Fair Oaks Community Council Meeting
  - » Gardner Community Flea Market
  - » Viva Calle San Jose

# **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES:** CWGs and CSCG Input

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- **Mobility**
- **Safety**
- **Connectivity and accessibility, especially for disadvantaged communities and populations**
- **Ensure stations are inviting and efficient, useful, meaningful**
- **Air quality improvements and climate change mitigation**
- **Economic development and increased access to jobs**
- **Traffic congestion**
- **Noise conditions**
- **Promote healthy neighborhoods**
- **Increase stability in existing communities**

# GRADE SEPARATIONS

# GRADE SEPARATIONS: MTC TOOLKIT SCOPE

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- **Context/History of the Corridor**
- **Project Development Process Description**
  - » Planning/Conceptual Engineering
  - » Environmental/Engineering Design
  - » Construction
- **Public Outreach/Best Practices**
- **Case Studies/Lessons Learned**
- **Funding**
  - » Current, available sources
  - » Innovative financing options

## **GRADE SEPARATIONS: EIR/EIS**

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- **MTC toolkit scope is completely separate from the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section EIR/EIS analysis**
- **Traffic impacts and potential mitigations will be evaluated as part of the technical review during the EIR/EIS process**

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**LPMG MEMBER  
COMMENT/REQUESTS**

# THANK YOU & STAY INVOLVED

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