



## Memorandum

**Date:** November 21, 2019  
**To:** CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)  
**From:** Sebastian Petty, Director of Policy Development  
**Re:** Caltrain Business Plan

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### PROJECT UPDATE

Following the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's adoption of the Caltrain Long Range Service Vision in October, the Business Plan team spent November focused on completing remaining technical work on the plan and on advancing Board discussion of the Organizational Assessment component of the project.

### Ongoing Technical Work

The Business Plan team is concurrently developing a number of additional technical analyses and documentation elements needed to complete the Business Plan in early 2020. Broadly, this work is focused on the following areas;

- Service plans and phasing options for the period from 2022-2029
- Equity outcomes and policies
- Transit connectivity and station access
- Development of funding and revenue strategies
- Additional organizational analysis

A substantial presentation to the LPMG on many of these elements is anticipated in January.

### Special Board Workshop on Organization and Governance

At the August JPB meeting, the Board received a draft Organizational Assessment Report and an accompanying presentation by Howard Permut, of Permut Consulting LLC. At that time, the Board requested that a special meeting be convened to allow for expanded discussion of organizational and governance issues.

The special meeting was convened on November 21 and was held off-site and formatted as a retreat. Howard Permut participated in the meeting and the discussion of organizational and governance issues was moderated by Grace Crunican, former General Manager of BART.

During the meeting the Board provided input on three distinct areas analyzed and discussed in the Organizational Assessment report;

- Service Delivery (the manner in which Caltrain contracts and operates its service)
- Internal Organization (how Caltrain organizes itself)
- Governance (how Caltrain is overseen by a governing body)

A summary of conclusions and next steps emerging from the workshop will be presented at the December 5 JPB meeting.



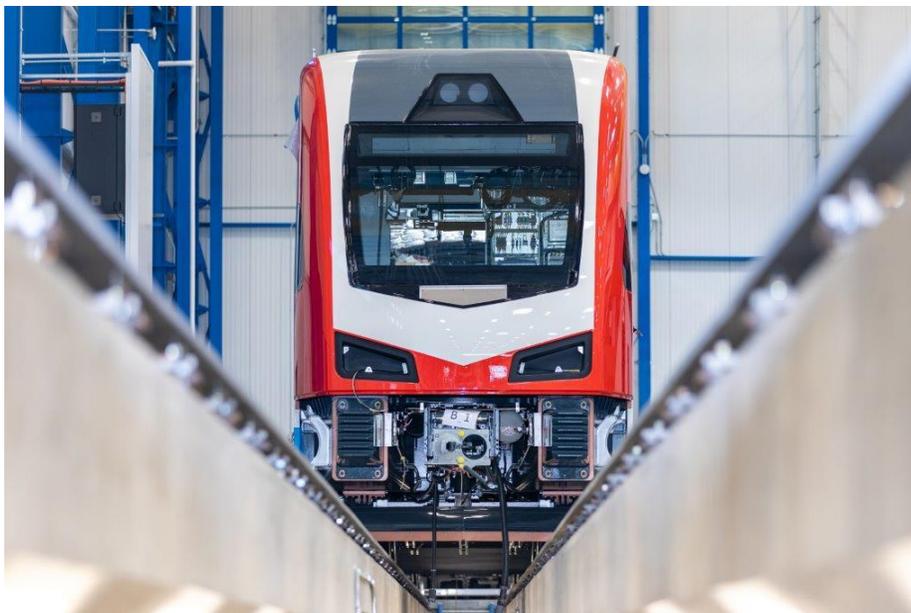
## Memorandum

**Date:** November 21, 2019  
**To:** CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)  
**From:** John Funghi, CalMod Chief Officer; Casey Fromson, Gov. Affairs Director  
**Re:** Caltrain Electrification Project E-Update

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### ELECTRIC TRAIN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Manufacturing, assembly, and testing activities for the electric trains are ramping up at the new Salt Lake City facility. Three cars are now completely wired and undergoing electrical testing. Other testing continues with truck (bogie) structural and lifecycle testing, and propulsion gearbox endurance tests occurring. Seventy-five percent of first article inspections are also now complete.



Construction to make Caltrain a modern, electric commuter rail system continues! This month, crews began installation of foundations in Palo Alto and Mountain View. Work was also performed on six traction power facilities in San Jose, Redwood City, Sunnyvale, South San Francisco, and San Mateo, and pole installation continued in San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City.

To sign up for weekly construction updates or for more construction information, visit [CalMod.org/construction](https://CalMod.org/construction).

## THE FACES OF CALMOD

'Tis the season to be thankful, and we're grateful for the thousands of hard-working individuals who have come together across multiple industries like construction, manufacturing and engineering to build the infrastructure and electric trains here in California and across the country. We can't help but feel excited and thankful for all those who have made the project possible



To learn more about the people behind Caltrain Electrification, visit [CalMod.org/jobs](https://CalMod.org/jobs).

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**JPB Board Meeting – December 5 at 9:00 a.m**

**LPMG Meeting – December 19 at 5:30 p.m**

For more details, and a full list of upcoming meetings, please visit [CalMod.org/Events](https://CalMod.org/Events).

## DETAILED PROGRESS REPORT

- [October 2019 Monthly Progress Report](#) presented to Caltrain Board on August 1, 2019



# CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

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**Date:** November 21, 2019  
**To:** Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)  
**From:** Boris Lipkin, Northern California Regional Director  
**Re:** California High-Speed Rail Program Update

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### STATEWIDE UPDATE

#### **Governor Newsom on High-Speed Rail**

This month, the California Economic Summit was hosted in Fresno focused on solutions that grow the economy, improve environmental quality, and increase opportunity for all Californians. Governor Gavin Newsom was the keynote speaker on the last day of the event and reinforced his commitment to bringing high-speed rail to the Central Valley. A short video clip of his statements about high-speed rail can be found on [The Fresno Bee](#) website. In addition, Chief Economic and Business Advisor to Governor Newsom and Authority Board Chair, Lenny Mendonca, led a tour of construction in the Central Valley.



#### **Fresno to Bakersfield Project Section Locally Generated Alternative Moving Forward**

On November 8, 2019, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) issued a Record of Decision for the final 23-mile route between Shafter and Bakersfield in the Central Valley. This completes the environmental review process between Fresno and Bakersfield and allows the Authority to move toward project construction into Bakersfield. This is the first major environmental action taken under the State's newly granted federal [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Assignment](#) and further emphasizes the Authority's commitment to accelerate the project under new executive leadership.

For more information, please see the [Press Release](#) on the Authority website.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE

#### **Diridon Integrated Station Concept (DISC) Plan Update**

On November 15, 2019, after a year of analysis and community outreach, the DISC Partner Agencies, comprised of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, the City of San Jose, the Peninsula Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), presented to the Diridon Joint Policy Advisory Board (JPAB) a recommendation for a future Concept Layout for San Jose's Diridon Station.



The partnership was formed to ensure that an integrated approach to the development of the Diridon Station Area was achieved by addressing both transportation and land use in the station area. The Partner Agencies hired a consultant team led by Arcadis and Bentham Crowwel Architects (Team ABC) to aid in preparing the DISC Plan. Over the past year, the Partner Agencies worked with Team ABC to develop the spatial layout for the future station. The presentation to the JPAB is recommending that the policy boards and/or executive management of the Partner Agencies support the Concept Layout for further development. DISC work will continue to move forward in coordination with the Partner Agencies and their planning processes and projects.

For the Staff Recommended Concept Layout Memo, Layout Development Report, and Presentation Slides, please refer to Item 6 on the [November 15, 2019 JPAB Meeting Agenda](#).

### **Draft EIR/EIS Schedule**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statements for both the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced Project Sections will be released to the public in the Spring of 2020 and circulated for 45 days for public comment. Leading up to the release of these document, Authority staff will meet with regional working groups and stakeholders, including the LPMG, Technical Working Groups, and Community Working Groups to provide stakeholders with a primer on how to read the document, find information within the document, and provide comment. During the 45-day comment period, Authority staff will host a series of open house meetings and a formal public hearing for each project section.

### **RECENT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

- October 27: Transportation Museum in San Carlos
- November 6: Oak Grove High Community Forum
- November 12: Transbay Joint Powers Authority CAC Presentation
- November 14: Visitacion Valley Community Meeting