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High-Speed Rail Authority Releases Recommended Changes to Draft 2016 Business Plan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Today, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors considered staff recommended changes to the Draft 2016 Business Plan and sought additional public comment. The recommended changes were based on more than 200 public comments received during the required 60-day public comment period that closed on Monday, April 18.

Many comments the board received revolved around areas of the state that had been included in the 2014 Business Plan's Initial Operating Segment, but lie outside of the Silicon Valley to Central Valley line described in the Draft 2016 Business Plan.

To address these comments, staff has recommended several changes for consideration, including:

- Early Investments in the Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim Corridor
- Connections to Merced and the North San Joaquin Valley
- North of Bakersfield Station Location and Connections to Bakersfield
- Extending High-Speed Rail Service from San Jose to San Francisco

A full list of staff recommended changes can be found at:

http://www.hsr.ca.gov/about/business_plans/draft_2016_Business_Plan.html

The public has until Monday, April 25th at 5 p.m. to comment on today's staff recommended changes. The Board will review all comments received and adopt a final Business Plan on April 28. The Authority is required by law to prepare, publish, adopt and submit an updated Business Plan to the Legislature by May 1, 2016.

The Authority is providing four methods to submit comments on the staff recommended changes:

1. Online comment form through the Draft 2016 Business Plan website
at: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/About/Business_Plans/Draft_2016_Business_Plan_Comments.html
2. By email at: 2016businessplancomments@hsr.ca.gov
3. By U.S. mail to the Authority:
California High-Speed Rail Authority
Attn: Draft 2016 Business Plan
770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1, Sacramento, CA 95814



4. Voice mail comment at: (916) 384-9516

The Draft 2016 Business Plan is a foundational document for implementing the California High-Speed Rail program. The Draft Business Plan reflects the transition from planning to construction to providing passenger service for the nation's first high-speed rail system. Overall capital costs are reduced from \$67.6 billion to \$64.2 billion. The plan also provides the path forward for the construction and operation of a section of the high-speed rail program, using existing funds, with a goal of generating revenue within the next decade.

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