



City of Anaheim
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 12, 2020

California High-Speed Rail Authority
Attn: Draft 2020 Business Plan
770 L Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: California High-Speed Rail (CHSR) Project – Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan

Dear Sir:

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Revised Draft CHSR 2020 Business Plan. Following are our comments:

- The Draft 2020 Business Plan identified multiple grade separation projects in Southern California which would provide “important short-term safety and traffic operational benefits but also prepare for future high-speed rail construction.” Three specific projects were highlighted as examples of projects being cleared environmentally however clarification was not provided as to why these projects were listed. The projects were removed from the Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan. Were their priority changes for the following projects:
 - Morning Drive (SR-184) at the UPRR along Edison Highway on the eastern edge of Bakersfield;
 - Rancho Vista Boulevard at the UPRR and Sierra Highway in the City of Palmdale; and
 - Palmdale Boulevard at the UPRR and Sierra Highway in the City of Palmdale.
- The Business Plan notes that significant funding is being directed towards the Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation Project and the Link Union Station Project. We request that CHSR consider other early investments, if funds become available. There are several integral projects in Orange County which would improve mobility, safety and the environment and benefit travelers through greater interconnectivity including the State College Boulevard, Orangethorpe Avenue and Ball Road grade separation projects in the City of Anaheim. Early funding of the design phase for the grade separation projects would allow the City of Anaheim to have projects shelf ready for any future CHSR or federal infrastructure funding. In addition, on-going development adjacent to the proposed CHSR station in Anaheim, namely the OC Vibe project, would benefit from early engagement and investment in shared parking opportunities.

- There is a significant amount of time between the environmental document study period and the build out of the system. Significant changes to land use along the corridor would affect the land use impact conclusions in the environmental document and should be addressed in the accordingly in environmental document.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 765-5065 or REmami@anaheim.net.

Sincerely,



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