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SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
May 2 – November 4, 2016

Overview

The following report summarizes environmental justice[i] outreach activities conducted for the California High-Speed Rail Authority San Francisco to San Jose Project Section between May 2 and November 4, 2016. These activities are consistent with the overall approach and specific strategies outlined in the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan and the High-Speed Rail Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Methodology Guidelines, Version 5 (or, EMGv5).

Similar to the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan, the activities in this report are organized into the following outreach categories:

- Public meetings
- Organizational stakeholder contact
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Local stakeholder contact

I. Public Meetings

During the reporting period, the Authority conducted three public scoping meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section, including:

Date	City	Meeting Location
May 23, 2016	San Francisco	UCSF Mission Bay
May 24, 2016	San Mateo	San Mateo Marriott
May 25, 2016	Mountain View	SFV Lodge

Each of these cities include low-income and limited English-proficient (LEP) populations. For each of the public meetings, the Authority provided interpreters for languages commonly spoken (i.e., 5% or more of the population speaks the language as its first language) in each respective community (Spanish, Mandarian and Tagalog for San Francisco; Spanish for San Mateo; and Spanish and Vietnamese for Mountain View). The meeting invitation flyer was translated and made available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Tagalog. In addition, several factsheets were available in Spanish at the meetings.

Title VI[ii] reports were submitted to the Title VI Coordinator within 5 days after each public meeting.

II. Organizational Stakeholder Contact

A series of stakeholder interviews were conducted in August of 2016 with stakeholders serving environmental justice populations along the San Francisco to San Jose Project Sections to inform the Authority's outreach efforts to these populations. The primary objectives of the interviews were to:

- Better understand the interests and concerns of low-income and minority populations and how they relate to the High-Speed Rail project;
- Inform the Authority's strategy for meaningfully engaging low-income and/or minority stakeholders, including anticipating and responding to potential challenges; and
- Identify specific environmental justice outreach opportunities (events, meetings, neighborhood groups, etc.) and additional stakeholders with whom to partner moving forward.

The following stakeholders were interviewed for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section:

Organization	Point of Contact
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	Luz Gomez and David Ralston
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Pam Grove
MTC Policy Advisory Council	Randi Kinman
San Mateo County Health Department	Shireen Malekafzali
SF Environment	Anne Eng
Sustainable San Mateo County	Adrienne Etherton

The following high-level themes emerged from the interviews:

- Building **credibility and trust** within an environmental justice community is essential to effective engagement. This can be accomplished by partnering with local community organizations and thought leaders to share information and co-convene meetings, and demonstrating an understanding of their interests and concerns. Environmental justice communities often have an acute mistrust of government agencies, and while this can be overcome, it will take time and commitment.
- Environmental justice communities have varying degrees of familiarity with the HSR project. To build understanding, project information should be communicated in **simple, non-technical terms and translated in-language**, and graphics and visuals should be used to explain complex topics.
- To ensure constructive interactions with environmental justice stakeholders, the Authority should provide **comfortable, convenient, and culturally relevant opportunities for stakeholder participation**. This approach includes leveraging existing community meetings and gatherings, and engaging residents where they live, shop and play.
- Environmental justice stakeholders often do not attend Authority-convened events because they have **competing, higher-priority needs**. By addressing these needs through providing food and childcare, and holding meetings at times convenient to residents, the Authority can demonstrate it values their time and wants to make the process as convenient as possible.
- When engaging environmental justice communities, the Authority should frame the project more as a **quality of life issue** than exclusively a transportation issue, which will make it more relatable to local needs and priorities. If the Authority can demonstrate that the HSR project can help improve the overall quality of their lives by alleviating current community challenges (e.g., poor air quality, traffic congestion, poverty) while providing tangible benefits (e.g., job creation,

economic development, improved mobility and accessibility), residents of these communities are more likely to want to participate in the process.

The *Summary of Interviews with Environmental Justice Stakeholders – San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced Project Sections* report was developed to capture and summarize these interviews.

III. Group Stakeholder Meetings

The Authority has convened two rounds of Community Working Groups (CWGs) meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section to discuss and gather input on project alternatives with community members representing a broad range of local interests. Each of the CWGs includes representatives of environmental justice communities in the project section. During the reporting period, the Authority conducted the following CWG meetings:

- July 25, 2016: San Mateo County CWG Meeting #1
- August 2, 2016: Santa Clara County CWG Meeting #1
- August 4, 2016: San Francisco CWG Meeting #1
- October 6, 2016: San Mateo County CWG Meeting #2
- October 13, 2016: Santa Clara County CWG Meeting #2
- October 26, 2016: San Francisco CWG Meeting #2

Title VI reports were submitted to the Title VI Coordinator for each CWG meeting.

IV. Local Stakeholder Contact

In addition to hosting public and CWG meetings, the Authority and/or regional consultant staff also attended community events and meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section to provide project information and gather stakeholder input from stakeholders in environmental justice communities, including:

- July 13, 2016: East Palo Alto Farmers Market
- August 25, 2016: North Fair Oaks Community Council Meeting (Redwood City)
- October 9, 2016: Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival (Alviso)

Title VI reports were submitted to the Title VI Coordinator for each outreach event.

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SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
November 4, 2016 – May 2, 2017

Overview

The following report summarizes environmental justice[i] outreach activities conducted for the California High-Speed Rail Authority San Francisco to San Jose Project Section between November 4, 2016 and May 2, 2017. These activities are consistent with the overall approach and specific strategies outlined in the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan and the High-Speed Rail Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Methodology Guidelines, Version 5 (or, EMGv5).

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- Public meetings
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Local stakeholder contact

I. Public Meetings

During the reporting period, the Authority conducted three public Open House meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section, including:

Date	City	Meeting Location
April 5, 2017	San Francisco	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
April 11, 2017	Mountain View	Success Center
April 13, 2017	San Mateo	Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Each of these cities include low-income and limited English-proficient (LEP) populations. For each of the public meetings, the Authority provided interpreters for languages commonly spoken (i.e., 5% or more of the population speaks the language as its first language) in each respective community (Spanish, Mandarian and Tagalog for San Francisco; Spanish and Vietnamese for Mountain View; and Spanish for San Mateo). The meeting invitation flyer was translated and made available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Tagalog. In addition, several factsheets were available in Spanish at the meetings and on the Authority website.

The Authority also completed an expansive Open House notification process to include as many stakeholder groups as possible. Meeting notification advertisements were posted in local papers and published in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Mandarin. Meeting notification postcards were sent to all

addresses within 500 feet of the proposed San Francisco to San Jose Project Section alignment. The Open House Flyer was distributed to the NorCal Stakeholder database via Focal Beam. Reminder calls and emails were made to Community Working Group (CWG) members and environmental justice community leaders and groups to encourage their attendance. The Open House flyer was posted in community centers and libraries throughout the corridor.

Within the reporting period, the Authority has increased digital engagement opportunities for all stakeholder communities, including low-income populations. Three videos have been developed that can be accessed on YouTube and on the Authority website that showcase various aspects of the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section. The videos include a flyover of the Project Section including the current Range of Alternatives under consideration, a high-level flyover of the Project Section highlighting the station locations, and a timeline video describing, in detail, how the Project Section has evolved over the years.

Title VI[ii] reports were submitted to the Title VI Coordinator within 5 days after each public meeting.

II. Group Stakeholder Meetings

The Authority has convened one round of Community Working Groups (CWGs) meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section to discuss and gather input on the current Range of Alternatives under consideration with community members representing a broad range of local interests. Each of the CWGs includes representatives of environmental justice communities in the project section. During the reporting period, the Authority conducted the following CWG meetings:

- January 30, 2017: San Mateo County CWG Meeting #3
- January 31, 2017: Santa Clara County CWG Meeting #3
- February 2, 2017: San Francisco CWG Meeting #3

Title VI reports were submitted to the Title VI Coordinator within 5 days of each CWG meeting.

III. Local Stakeholder Contact

In addition to hosting public and CWG meetings, the Authority and/or regional consultant staff also attended community events and meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section to provide project information and gather stakeholder input from stakeholders in environmental justice communities, including:

- November 19, 2016: Visitacion Valley Planning Alliance Meeting (San Francisco)
- December 7, 2016: Bayview Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (San Francisco)
- December 13, 2016: San Bruno City Council Meeting (San Bruno)
- January 18, 2017: Little Hollywood Neighbors Meeting (San Francisco)
- February 16, 2017: Friendly Acres Meeting (Redwood City)
- March 6, 2017: Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting (San Francisco)

Title VI reports were submitted to the Title VI Coordinator for each outreach event.

The following questions and comments emerged as key themes from the environmental justice outreach events:

- What is the timeline for the project? When will the San Francisco to San Jose portion be completed?
- How many jobs will be created by High-Speed Rail between San Francisco and San Jose and where will those jobs be located?
- Proposed Light Maintenance Facility (LMF) in Brisbane:
    - Size of the LMF
    - Traffic impacts of LMF
    - Environmental impacts of LMF
    - What type of operations and activities occur at the LMF?
- Noise impacts of High-Speed Rail
- Safety concerns
- Operation concerns and questions:
    - Speed of trains
    - Number of trains
    - Fares
- Impacts of High-Speed Rail on Caltrain and freight service

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SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
May 3, 2017 – November 5, 2017

Overview

During the reporting period, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's outreach consultant were operating under a stop order. As such, the outreach consultant did not did not engage in any outreach efforts outside of existing CalMod meetings. Outreach efforts, including public meetings, stakeholder group meetings, and local stakeholder contact events, are anticipated to resume once the stop order is lifted.

SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
November 6, 2017 – May 2, 2018

Overview

The following report summarizes environmental justice[i] outreach activities conducted for the California High-Speed Rail Authority San Francisco to San Jose Project Section between November 4, 2016 and May 2, 2017. These activities are consistent with the overall approach and specific strategies outlined in the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan and the High-Speed Rail Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Methodology Guidelines, Version 5 (or, EMGv5). Between June 2017 and March 2018, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's outreach consultant were operating under a stop order and did not did not engage in any outreach efforts outside of existing CalMod meetings. During the remainder of the reporting period, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's project team directed their efforts towards completing the 2018 Business Plan and complimentary deliverables in lieu of conducting broader community outreach.

Similar to the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan, the activities in this report are organized into the following outreach categories:

- Public meetings
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Local stakeholder contact

I. Public Meetings

During the reporting period, there were no Authority-hosted public meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section.

II. Group Stakeholder Meetings

The Authority convened three webinars with Community Working Groups (CWGs) across the Northern California Project Section (San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced) to discuss and gather input on the 2018 Business Plan and project alternatives with community members representing a broad range of local interests. Each of the CWGs includes representatives of environmental justice communities in the project section. During the reporting period, the Authority conducted the following CWG meetings:

- April 24, 2018: Business Plan Webinar with NorCal Work Groups
- April 26, 2018: Business Plan Webinar with NorCal Work Groups
- May 3, 2018: Business Plan Webinar with NorCal Work Groups

III. Local Stakeholder Contact

During the reporting period, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's outreach consultant did not participate in any local stakeholder contact events.

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SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
May 3, 2018 – October 31, 2018

Overview

The following report summarizes environmental justice[i] outreach activities conducted for the California High-Speed Rail Authority San Francisco to San Jose Project Section between May 3, 2018 and October 31, 2018. These activities are consistent with the overall approach and specific strategies outlined in the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan and the High-Speed Rail Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Methodology Guidelines, Version 5 (or, EMGv5).

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- Public meetings
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Local stakeholder contact

I. Public Meetings

During the reporting period, there were no Authority-hosted public meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section.

II. Group Stakeholder Meetings

The Authority convened three meetings with Community Working Groups (CWGs) across the San Francisco to San Jose project section to discuss and gather input on the 2018 Business Plan and project alternatives with community members representing a broad range of local interests. Each of the CWGs includes representatives of environmental justice communities in the project section. During the reporting period, the Authority conducted the following CWG meetings:

- October 15: South Peninsula CWG
- October 22: San Mateo County CWG
- October 24: San Francisco CWG

The following items emerged from the CWG meetings:

- Concern about the project's viability in terms of whether there is sufficient funding to see it through.
- Concern about noise, vibration and visual impacts.
- Concern that more train crossings will increase traffic congestion and reduce parking availability.
- Concern about property acquisition and receiving fair compensation.
- Questions about the process/rationale for selecting a preferred alternative and which crossings will have grade separations.
- Concern about impacts to local businesses during construction.
- Concern about lack of coordination with other agencies and external planning efforts.

- Concern that the community lacks awareness of the project.
- Concern that blended service will result in slower trains, longer travel times and increased traffic congestion.

III. Local Stakeholder Contact

During the reporting period, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's outreach consultant participated in two local outreach events, conducted 1 neighborhood canvasses and 22 stakeholder/service provider interviews.

Outreach Events

- September 15: Sunnyvale State of the City
- October 14: San Carlos Transportation Museum Information Table

Neighborhood Canvasses

- October 25: Millbrae Neighborhood Walk

Stakeholder/Service Provider Interviews

- October 2: Michelle Kong (Resident, Visitacion Valley)
- October 3: Lisa Rinaldi (The Children's Place, San Carlos)
- October 5: Chad Raphael (Santa Clara University, Santa Clara County)
- October 16: Scott Evans (San Carlos Elms, San Carlos)
- October 16: Silvia Andrade (League of United Latin American Citizens, San Jose)
- October 16: Jasneet Sharma (San Mateo County Office of Sustainability, San Mateo County)
- October 22: Terry Anders (Anders and Anders Foundation, Bayview Hunters Point)
- October 23: Lucas Ramirez (Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning, Mountain View)
- October 23: Brian Oh (San Mateo County Health Department, San Mateo County)
- October 24: Daniel Saver (MTC Policy Advisory Council, San Mateo County)
- October 25: Joe Ridel (Brisbane Senior Center, Brisbane)
- October 25: Luisa Buada (Ravenswood Health Clinic, East Palo Alto)
- October 25: Ken Graham (Mayview Health Clinic, Mountain View)
- October 25: Shawnte Beck (Sunnydale Wellness Center, Sunnydale)
- October 26: Lessy Benedith (St Vincent de Paul Society, 4th and King Station)
- October 26: Katie Perdue (Bessie Carmichael School/Filipino Education Center, 4th and King Station)
- October 26: Alice Kaufman (Committee for Green Foothills, North Fair Oaks)
- October 26: Gina Patterson (R.O.C.K., Visitacion Valley)
- October 29: Tom Myers (Community Services Agency, Mountain View)
- October 29: Sister Christina (St Francis Center, North Fair Oaks)
- October 30: Emma Shlaes (Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, San Mateo County)
- October 31: Briana Chavez (Sequoia Adult Learning Center, North Fair Oaks)

The following items emerged from the environmental justice outreach activities:

- Concern that project impacts (e.g., noise, traffic congestion) and benefits (e.g., local jobs, affordable fare, proximity to stations) are not being allocated equitably.

- Concern that the project will exacerbate displacement caused by current lack of affordable housing.
- Concern about safety measures, traffic congestion and connectivity at crossings (e.g., quad gates, grade separations, traffic congestion, community access to services, and neighborhood separations).
- Concern about traffic congestion, connections to local transit, biking and pedestrian access, and parking availability during project construction and operation
- Concern that community is not aware of the project and more outreach (ideally in coordination with local organizations) is needed.

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SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
November 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Overview

The following report summarizes environmental justice[i] outreach activities conducted for the California High-Speed Rail Authority San Francisco to San Jose Project Section between November 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019. These activities are consistent with the overall approach and specific strategies outlined in the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan and the High-Speed Rail Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Methodology Guidelines, Version 5 (or, EMGv5).

In keeping with the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan, the activities in this report are organized into the following outreach categories:

- Public meetings
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Local stakeholder contact

I. Public Meetings

During the reporting period, there were no Authority-hosted public meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section.

II. Group Stakeholder Meetings

The Authority convened three meetings with Community Working Groups (CWGs) along the San Francisco to San Jose project section to discuss and gather input on the 2018 Business Plan and project alternatives with community members representing a broad range of local interests. Each of the CWGs includes representatives of environmental justice communities in the project section. During the reporting period, the Authority conducted the following CWG meetings:

Meeting	Date	Location	# of Attendees	Purpose
San Mateo County CWG	3/12/2019	Millbrae	18	Rationale and process for identifying Preferred Alternative, role of the early train operator, updated flyover video, project benefits, outreach update
South Peninsula CWG	3/14/2019	Santa Clara	5	Rationale and process for identifying preferred alternative, role of the early train operator, updated flyover video, project benefits, outreach update
San Francisco CWG	3/18/2019	San Francisco	10	Rationale and process for identifying preferred alternative, role of the early train operator,

Meeting	Date	Location	# of Attendees	Purpose
				updated flyover video, project benefits, outreach update

- Concern regarding High-Speed Rail's relationship with other agencies, projects, planning efforts.
    - Concern regarding the impact of High-Speed Rail funding on Caltrain's plans for electrification and future ridership scenarios.
    - Concern regarding negotiations with Union Pacific.
    - Concern regarding the impact of Measure JJ on the proposed Light Maintenance Facility in Brisbane.
    - Concern regarding the Governor's State of the State address.
    - Concern regarding coordination with local jurisdictions' transportation planning.
- Concern regarding project viability.
    - Concern about the cost of construction and the length of time it will take to complete the project.
    - Concern regarding the availability of Federal funding.
- Concern regarding opportunities for incorporating public input.
    - Interest in providing input on the Preferred Alternative.
    - Interest in providing input through the High-Speed Rail website.
- Concern regarding design, planning, and methodology.
    - Interest in more information on grade separations along the Peninsula.
    - Interest in the methodology behind ridership projections, identification of the Preferred Alternative and the allocation of stations.
- Concerns regarding future operations.
    - Concern regarding contracts with private agencies, exclusion of unions and lack of a public option.
    - Concern regarding the length of the Early Train Operator contract.
    - Interest in train speed, acceleration/decelerations rates and safety.
    - Interest in rolling stock specifications.
    - Concern regarding bag-screening policies.
    - Concern regarding safety at crossings in dense urban areas.

III. Local Stakeholder Contact

During the reporting period, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's outreach consultant participated in five local outreach events, and conducted three canvasses and fifteen stakeholder/service provider interviews.

Outreach Events

Meeting	Date	Location	# of Attendees	Purpose	Resource Partners/Advocacy Groups
Visitacion Valley Service Providers Collaborative	3/7/2019	Visitacion Valley, San Francisco	10	Meeting with service providers from Visitacion Valley	R.O.C.K., Mercy Housing, YMCA, HOPE SF, Wu Yee Children's Services, S.P.A.R.K., Visitacion Valley Family Services
Refugee and Immigrant Forum	3/20/2019	San Jose	15	Presentation to service providers for refugees and immigrants in San Mateo/Santa Clara County	FACTOR, Silicon Valley Independent Learning Center, Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
Team C Meeting	3/26/2019	San Mateo County	11	Share information about the High-Speed Rail project and solicit input from consortium members focused on sustainable, equitable transportation in San Mateo County.	Youth Leadership Institute, Friends of Caltrain, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Transform, Green County San Mateo
Visitacion Valley NeighborUp Tabling Event	4/9/2019	Visitacion Valley, San Francisco	10	Conduct outreach, inform the community and solicit input.	Mercy Housing
North Fair Oaks Community Council	4/25/2019	North Fair Oaks	15	Spanish in-language meeting at North Fair Oaks Community Council Meeting	North Fair Oaks Community Council

Neighborhood Canvasses

Meeting	Date	Location	# of Attendees	Purpose	Resource Partners/ Advocacy Groups
LifeMoves Homeless Walks	3/26/2019	San Mateo	4	In-person outreach with homeless individuals along the tracks in San Mateo	LifeMoves
LifeMoves Homeless Walks	3/28/2019	Redwood City	5	In-person outreach with homeless individuals along the tracks in San Mateo	LifeMoves

LifeMoves Homeless Walks	4/4/2019	South San Francisco	3	In-person outreach with homeless individuals along the tracks in San Mateo	LifeMoves

Stakeholder/Service Provider Interviews

Meeting	Date	Location	Organization
Fahad Qurashi	11/1/2018	San Mateo County	Youth Leadership Institute
Michael Cavera	11/3/2018	Mountain View	St. Athanasius Church
Julio Garcia	11/6/2018	East Palo Alto	Nuestra Casa
Julie Noblitt & Violet Saena	11/6/2018	East Palo Alto	Acterra Action for a Healthy Planet
Tameeka Bennett	11/8/2018	East Palo Alto	Youth United for Community Action
Rafael Avendano	11/19/2018	North Fair Oaks	Siena Youth Center
Everardo Rodriguez	1/22/2019	North Fair Oaks	North Fair Oaks Community Council
David Fernandez	2/1/2019	Sunnydale, San Francisco	Mercy Housing
Jill Smith	2/13/2019	Alviso Neighborhood	Alviso Neighborhood Association Group
Bruce Ives, Marc Sabin & Stacey White	2/15/2019	San Mateo County	LifeMoves
Ofelia Bello	2/26/2019	East Palo Alto	Youth United for Community Action
Malik Looper	2/26/2019	Sunnydale, San Francisco	Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development/ HOPE SF Service Manager
Hannah Doress	2/26/2019	San Mateo County	Contractor
Montzerrat Bedolla	3/8/2019	San Mateo County	Youth Leadership Institute
Russel Morine	3/20/2019	Visitacion Valley, San Francisco	Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center

The following items emerged from the environmental justice outreach activities:

- Impacts
    - Concerns (based on past experience with large-scale infrastructure projects) that impacts and benefits will not be equitably allocated.
    - Concerns regarding noise impacts related to higher speeds and greater frequency of trains.
    - Safety
        - Concern regarding safety of homeless individuals residing along the tracks.
        - Concern regarding effectiveness of safety signage due to language barriers/illiteracy.
        - Concern regarding electrified tracks, train speed, fence design, crossings.
    - Displacement
        - Concerns regarding displacement (especially vulnerable populations, including low-income community members, renters, RV campers and immigrants).
        - Concern that project activities may displace homeless into the broader community.
        - Concern regarding the potential acquisition of homes and businesses.

    - Concern regarding neighborhood separations and the separation of communities from the services upon which they rely.
    - Concern that High-Speed Rail will increase local traffic congestion leading to more pollution in EJ communities.
- Public engagement
    - Concern that EJ community members are not aware of the project (often due to language barriers).
    - Interest in providing input directly and concern regarding the effectiveness of CWG representation.
- Community benefits
    - Interest in potential High-Speed Rail employment opportunities for EJ community members (especially associated with the Light Maintenance Facility).
    - Concern regarding affordability of fares (especially for youth).
    - Optimism that electrification will reduce noise.
    - Optimism that High-Speed Rail will reduce commute times and improve access to jobs.
- Connectivity
    - Concern about adequate connections to local transit.
    - Concern that allocating funds to High-Speed Rail will reduce funding for local transportation.
    - Concerns about safe bike and pedestrian access.

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SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OUTREACH SUMMARY
May 1, 2019 – October 31, 2019

Overview

The following report summarizes environmental justice[i] outreach activities conducted for the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) San Francisco to San Jose Project Section between May 1, 2019 and October 31, 2019. These activities are consistent with the overall approach and specific strategies outlined in the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan and the High-Speed Rail Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Methodology Guidelines, Version 5 (or, EMGv5).

In keeping with the San Francisco to San Jose Environmental Justice Outreach Plan, the activities in this report are organized into the following outreach categories:

- Public meetings
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Local stakeholder contact

I. Public Meetings

During the reporting period, there were no Authority-hosted public meetings in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section. The Authority hosted open houses (focused on the selection of a preferred alternative), but these are not being included as they neither focused on environmental justice nor did they target environmental justice communities.

II. Group Stakeholder Meetings

While the Authority convened several Community Working Groups (CWGs) along the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section during this time period, these meetings were not focused on environmental justice topics and they did not target environmental justice communities.

III. Local Stakeholder Contact

During the reporting period, the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section's outreach consultant participated in 14 outreach events and led 15 stakeholder/service provider interviews.

Outreach Events

Meeting	Date	Location	# of Attendees
Gardner Community Meeting	5/13/2019	San Jose	17
Sunnydale Family Day Tabling	5/18/2019	Visitacion Valley	50
North Fair Oaks Mural Unveiling Tabling	5/19/2019	North Fair Oaks	20
Visitacion Valley Community Leader's Meeting	5/30/2019	Visitacion Valley	4
Youth United for Community Action	6/24/2019	East Palo Alto	9
Parkside Shoreview Community Summer Picnic	6/29/2019	San Mateo	30
Mountain View Thursday Night Music	7/18/2019	Mountain View	55
Visitacion Valley Service Provider Collaborative	8/1/2019	Visitacion Valley	35
Sunnydale Community Health Fair	8/3/2019	Visitacion Valley	35

San Mateo Farmers Market	9/7/2019	San Mateo	50
API Council Meeting	10/7/2019	San Francisco	35

The following items emerged from these environmental justice outreach events:

- **Engagement/Awareness/Outreach**
    - Members of the public often expressed that they had limited knowledge of the High-Speed Rail project and were surprised that the project is still happening
    - Interest in early engagement, continual updates and ongoing opportunities to provide input (especially related to the Preferred Alternative) all through varied means (e.g., mass mailings, online comments forms)
    - Concern that additional outreach in Brisbane specifically related to the Light Maintenance Facility is still needed
    - Interest in additional in-language materials and outreach through local in-language media (e.g., newspapers and radio)
- **Process/Timeline**
    - Frustration with project delays and the targeted completion date
    - Questions regarding the commencement and order of construction
    - Questions regarding the timeline and process for selecting a Preferred Alternative and the potential for combining elements from various alignments
    - Questions regarding integration with other planning efforts (e.g., the Diridon Integrated Station Concept (DISC)
- **Funding/Feasibility/Project Cost**
    - Concern that a lack of funding could put the project at risk
    - Concern regarding the cost of the project given other priorities
- **Operations/Design/Environmental Sustainability**
    - Interest in train speed and trip lengths
    - Concern regarding train frequency and associated traffic
    - Support for electrification (and related air quality improvements) and interest in the source of electricity (in terms of price stability, renewable resources and reliability)
    - Questions regarding how High-Speed Rail will share tracks with Caltrain and Union Pacific and the total number of tracks over all
    - Interest in having the train travel underground
- **Displacement/Property Impacts**
    - Concern regarding the displacement of communities of color and low-income populations through rising home values and/or property impacts
    - Concern regarding impacts to homes, public spaces (e.g., Fuller Park) and communal buildings (e.g, churches)
    - Interest in learning the locations of properties that will be impacted
- **Light Maintenance Facility (LMF)**
    - Concern regarding noise from LMF operations (especially if there will be a transformer on site)
    - Interest in the design, size, capacity, construction, cost, and the anticipated number and type of jobs associated with the LMF
    - Interest in the number of trains that will be stored at the LMF
    - Concern regarding the number of proposed parking spaces associated with the LMF
    - Interest in aesthetic improvements to LMF properties (e.g., roof-top gardens)
    - Concern regarding the LMF's impact on property (e.g., Tunnel Road) and the proposed Universal Paragon development
    - Interest in whether the facility level is subject to change
    - Interest in opportunities for providing input on the proposed LMF

- Interest in job training programs
- Questions regarding State and local workforce requirements
- Concern regarding local impacts to traffic and housing prices

- **Project Benefits/Enhancements/Mitigation**
  - Interest in local, long-term employment opportunities, local hire requirements and job training
  - Interest in potential mitigation and/or enhancement measures, including: parks, open spaces and public architecture (e.g., a neighborhood entryway)
  - Appreciation that service from the Bay Area to the Central Valley could help relieve housing pressures, allowing for shorter commute times and the potential to live in more affordable areas
  - Interest in the process for determining mitigations
  - Concern that project impacts and benefits will not be equitably distributed
- **Noise**
  - Concern regarding noise impacts (even at low speeds)
  - Interest in the Authority's role in pursuing quiet zones and noise mitigation measures (e.g., sound walls on both sides of the track)
- **Safety/Security**
  - Concern regarding safety in terms of earthquakes, soil conditions and derailment, gate down-time impacts on emergency vehicle response times, and children's ability to access the tracks particularly at at-grade crossings)
  - Interest in the security measures being planned to ensure the safety of riders
- **Cost/Access/Community Separation**
  - Concern regarding the affordability of ticket prices and whether High-Speed Rail will be a feasible option for working class people and youth
  - Support for a pedestrian bridge given the current limited access across the tracks that separates the North Fair Oaks community
  - Interest in improving connections between transit systems (e.g., shuttles, additional bus routes, transfer discounts) to reduce barriers to access
  - Questions regarding documentation requirements
- **Alignment Preferences**
  - Support for viaduct options as opposed to Alternative 4 due to visual aesthetics (and despite the higher cost)
  - Support for Alternative 4 on the basis that it would minimize impacts

Stakeholder/Service Provider Interviews

Meeting	Date	Location	Organization
Victoria Asfour	6/20/2019	San Mateo	LifeMoves
Glenn Willen	7/24/2019	Mountain View	
Chris Man & Rosa Chen	7/26/2019	San Francisco (Chinatown)	Chinatown Community Development Center
Irene Phan	8/9/2019	Visitacion Valley	Charity Cultural Services Center/Visitacion Valley Service Providers Collaborative
Carol Steinfeld	9/9/2019	San Mateo	Communications Consultant
Susan Murphy	9/24/2019	San Francisco	FacesSF
Melvin Parham	10/3/2019	Visitacion Valley	FacesSF
Quyen Vuong	10/24/2019	Santa Clara County	ICAN

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- **Safety**
  - Concern regarding the ease of accessing the tracks (especially in regards to homeless individuals and children on their way to/from school)
  - Concern that electrified tracks could increase incidences of self-harm
  - Interest in additional/improved fencing (i.e., taller and extending further), signage in multiple languages, security patrols, lighting, cameras and open spaces
  - Concern that higher speed trains will result in more accidents
- **Homeless**
  - Concern that homeless individuals will be left to "adapt" but that their higher rates of mental health and drug abuse problems make them particularly vulnerable to safety impacts
- **Outreach & Engagement**
  - Consider leveraging trusted messengers (e.g., faith-based organizations) and collaborative efforts amongst service providers to distribute (in-language) collateral to their constituencies
  - Interest in maintaining communication with local businesses that may be sensitive to project construction
  - Concern that there is a perception that the project has been terminated
  - Concern that High-Speed Rail benefits will not be clear to those who currently use buses because they perceive Caltrain as slow, crowded, untimely and expensive
- **Displacement & Property Impacts**
  - Concern regarding impacts to property (especially under Alternatives 2 and 3) and redevelopment plans
  - Concern that High-Speed Rail may reduce property values
  - Concern that High-Speed Rail will result in gentrification
  - Questions regarding valuation should property acquisition be necessary
- **Light Maintenance Facility**
  - Interest in job opportunities (especially guaranteed work for apprentices), questions regarding local hiring requirements and concerns regarding contested boundary implications
  - Concern regarding parking and access to transportation
- **Parking & Traffic**
  - Concern regarding traffic congestion associated with at-grade crossings
  - Concern regarding the availability of parking near train stations (especially during construction)
- **Jobs/Benefits/Enhancements**
  - Interest in greater transparency around the community benefits process and the timeline for workforce opportunities
  - Interest in ensuring that project labor agreements include skills training programs and first-source hiring policies that are genuine efforts to hire locally and structured to succeed
  - Appreciation that High-Speed Rail may improve air quality
  - Appreciation that High-Speed Rail may reduce traffic congestion
  - Appreciation that High-Speed Rail may improve access to Southern California
  - Interest in potential enhancements, including green spaces and a "Bicycle Blvd" parallel to the tracks between Redwood City and Millbrae
- **Noise/Construction**
  - Concern regarding noise (from construction and operation) within a four-block radius of the tracks
  - Concern that many homes close to the tracks have older single-pane windows and little insulation, making them more vulnerable to train and construction noise
- **Operations**
  - Concern regarding the frequency, speed and operating hours of trains

[i] The Authority's definition and application of the term "environmental justice" as it relates to the high-speed rail project is as follows: *"Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income with respect to the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws and policies. Implementation of environmental justice principles in how the Authority plans, designs, and delivers the high-speed rail projects means that the Authority recognizes the potential social and environmental impacts that project activities may have on certain segments of the public."* (HSR Authority, Title VI Report, 2013)