



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board meeting minutes April 27-28, 2022

Main Location

California Department of Healthcare Services
The Auditorium
1500 Capitol Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on April 27 - 28, 2022, at 1500 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA. The minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

April 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Margaret Pena
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for public comment on all April 27-28, 2022, agenda, and non-agenda items other than agenda items 2,8,9,10, and 11 will be provided at the outset of the meeting. An opportunity for public comment on agenda items 2,8,9,10, and 11 will be offered after agenda item #2 has been presented. Public comment made during the April 27-28, 2022, Board meeting can be found on pages 10-43 of the Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #2 – Staff Presentation on the San Jose to Merced Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Selection of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4 with a San Jose Diridon Station, Gilroy Station, and South Gilroy Maintenance-of-Way Facility) and Related Decision

Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Serge Stanich, Northern California Regional Director for the Authority, Boris Lipkin, and Northern California Director of Projects for the Authority, Gary Kennerley provided a presentation on the San Jose to Merced Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Selection of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4 with a San Jose Diridon Station, Gilroy Station, and South Gilroy Maintenance-of-Way Facility) and Related Decisions

Agenda Item #2 can be found on pages 47-98 of the April 28, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment on agenda items 2,8,9,10, and 11 was offered. Comments and recommended changes were given by the Public and the Board.

Public comment and staff recommended edits can be found on pages 99-125 of the April 27, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving March 15, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

The March 15, 2022, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Miller and approved (7-0).

Agenda item #1 can be found on page 126 of the attached April 28, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider Approving the Project Management and Funding Agreement for Los Angeles Union Station

No Questions were asked by the Board. The motion to approve the Project Management and Funding Agreement for Los Angeles Union Station was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Miller and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 127-129 of the April 27, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Providing Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for Design Services for the Central Valley Stations

Director of Planning and Research for the Authority, Margaret Cederoth, gave a presentation on the request for qualification for design services for the Central Valley Station. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Ms. Cederoth. The motion was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Camacho and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 129-157 of the April 27, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #5 – Consider Adopting the 2022 Business Plan

The motion to adopt the 2022 Business Plan was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Camacho and approved (6-1).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 157-161 of the attached April 27, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #6 –CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a program update, update on polling and an update on the summer schedule to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on pages 161-1671 of the attached April 27, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #7 – Finance and Audit Committee Report

The April 27, 2022, F&A Committee meeting was cancelled. Chair Richard had nothing to report to the Board.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 2:20 p.m. that the Board would adjourn until 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2022.

**April 28, 2022
11:00 A.M.**

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Mr. Margaret Pena
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member

Agenda Item #8– Brief Staff Response to Public Comment following Staff Presentation on the San Jose to Merced Final EIR/EIS

Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Serge Stanich, Northern California Regional Director for the Authority, Boris Lipkin, and Northern California Director of Projects for the Authority, Gary Kennerley provided a presentation on public and staff recommended edits to the San Jose to Merced Project Section Final EIR/EIS and Proposed Selection of the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4 with a San Jose Diridon Station, Gilroy Station, and South Gilroy Maintenance-of-Way Facility) and Related Decisions

Questions and comments made during agenda item #8 can be found on pages 7-30 of the attached April 28, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #9– Consider Certifying the San Jose to Merced Project Section Final EIR/EIS under the California Environmental Quality Act

Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri, and Deputy Attorney General for the California

Department of Justice, Jessica TuckerMohl, presented resolution 22-10 to the Board. No Questions were asked by the Board. The motion was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Camacho and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on pages 33-36 of the attached April 28, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #10– Consider Approving the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4 with a San Jose Diridon Station, Gilroy Station, and South Gilroy Maintenance-of-Way Facility) including associated facilities and refinements, and the related California Environmental Quality Act Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Enforcement Plan for the San Jose to Merced Project Section

Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri, and Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice, Jessica TuckerMohl, presented resolution 22-11 to the Board. The motion was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Ghielmetti, and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #10 can be found on pages 36-40 of the attached April 28, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #11– Consider selecting the Preferred Alternative (as defined in Item 10) and Directing the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Draft Record of Decision and to issue it as a Final Record of Decision for the San Jose to Merced Project Section

Environmental Counsel for the Authority Minming Wu Morri presented resolution 22-12 to the Board. The motion was moved for approval by Director Ghielmetti, seconded by Director Camacho, and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #11 can be found on pages 41-44 of the attached April 28, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 1:40 P.M. that the Board would adjourn.