

Summary of Public Comment Draft 2020 Business Plan

The Draft 2020 Business Plan was released on February 12, 2020. Initially, the California High-Speed Rail Authority requested public comment on the document until April 13, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, legislative leadership requested that the delivery of the Business Plan be delayed until July 1. As a result, the public comment period on the document was extended 49 days to June 1, 2020. The final 2020 Business Plan will be prepared and issued to the California State Legislature on or before July 1, 2020.

The Authority provided several ways for the public and stakeholders to comment, including:

- Online comment form
- By email
- U.S. mail
- Voicemail
- In person at two Authority Board of Directors meetings

The public also provided comments as part of the Assembly Transportation Hearing, held on May 27, 2020. Those comments have been transcribed and are included as part of this summary.

This memorandum summarizes the public comments received and their method of submission. All comments can be found at

https://hsr.ca.gov/docs/brdmeetings/2020/bp_comments_table_06162020.aspx.

A total of 203 comments were received including short e-mail comments, verbal hearing presentations and multi-page letter submissions.

Submission Method

The Authority received 203 submissions through the following methods of public comment. 71 comments were received orally at public hearings such as the Board of Directors meetings or Assembly Transportation Committee Hearing. 132 comments were received in written form, either by website submission, online comment form, or letter to the Authority.

Affiliation

Commenters on the Draft 2020 Business Plan included various public agencies, elected officials and stakeholders. The following summarizes the number and percentage of total comments.

- Federal Agency – 2 (1%)

- State Agency – 2 (1%)
- Local Agency – 49 (24%)
- Elected Official – 30 (14.5%)
- Business and/or Organization – 46 (22.5%)
- Individual – 74 (36.5%)