



BRIEFING: APRIL 12, 2016 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #5

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Jeff Morales, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: April 12, 2016

RE: Update on the Draft 2016 Business Plan and Comments Received

Background

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is required by Public Utilities Code Section 185033 to prepare, publish, adopt, and submit an updated Business Plan to the Legislature on May 1 of even years. Statute also dictates that, at least 60 days prior to submittal to the Legislature, the Authority must publish a draft Business Plan for public review and comment. The Draft 2016 Business Plan was released on February 18, 2016 by posting it on the Authority's website and providing notice to the public, thus opening the public comment period. The 60-day comment period runs through April 18 and staff intends to present the plan and the comments received from the public to the Board for approval at the April 21 meeting.

At the March 8, 2016 Board meeting, staff presented the Draft 2016 Business Plan to the Board and the public. This agenda item is to update the Board on comments received through April 4m, remind the public of their opportunities to comment and detail next steps in the process.

Discussion

As of April 4, the Authority has received 77 total comment submissions on the Draft 2016 Business Plan, all of which are included as an attachment to this Memo along with a comment summary dashboard. Of those comments, 24 have been submitted via the Authority's website, 32 have been submitted via email, 16 have been submitted through the U.S. Postal Service or other mail carrier, and 2 have been submitted via voicemail, and 3 were submitted via the Board of Directors meeting on March 8, 2016.

The Draft 2016 Business Plan has also been the subject of three legislative hearings, where Legislators heard from the Authority, California State Transportation Agency, Legislative Analyst Office, Legislative Peer Review Group, regional agencies/stakeholders, and members of the public. The hearings were held before:

- Assembly Transportation Committee, (Joined by Select Committee on Rail Transportation) – March 28, 2016

- Senate Transportation and Housing Committee/Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation – April 4, 2016
- Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation – April 6, 2016.

Staff will continue to document comments on the Draft 2016 Business Plan from stakeholders, other governmental agencies and the public. This will include taking comments at today’s Board meeting, which will constitute the required public hearing on the Draft 2016 Business Plan. All comments received will be provided to and summarized for the Board. After receipt of public comment, staff will present the Business Plan (with any recommended changes) and, after incorporating the Board’s direction, Authority staff will prepare, publish and submit the 2016 Business Plan to the California State Legislature on or before May 1.

There are five methods for submitting comments on the draft 2016 Business Plan:

1. **Online comment form through the Draft 2016 Business Plan website at:**
https://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
5. **Provide public comment at:** Authority Board of Directors Meeting on April 12

Recommendations

This item is informational only; staff does not recommend any Board action at this time.

Attachments

- Draft 2016 Business Plan Comments (February 18 – April 4, 2016)
- Draft 2016 Business Plan Comment Summary Dashboard