



California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors

Transit-Land Use Committee Meeting

January 31, 2017

1pm-3pm

California High-Speed Rail Authority Offices

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Meeting Minutes/Summary

Committee Members Present:

- Mr. Dan Richard, Chair
- Mr. Daniel Curtin

Authority Staff Present:

- Ms. Melissa DuMond, Director of Planning and Integration
- Mr. Jim Andrew, Assistant Chief Counsel
- Mr. Tony Mendoza, Deputy Director of Planning and Integration
- Mr. Matt Shelden, Access Planning Lead

Other Participants:

- Mr. Marc Guberman, Foster & Partners
- Mr. Peter Sokoloff, Foster & Partners

Agenda Item #1 –Statewide Station Vision Planning Presentation

Foster & Partners presented an initial progress update on the statewide vision work for high-speed rail stations. The vision plan will lay the groundwork for a statewide identity for the stations, allowing flexibility for future designs and solutions that will be unique to each community the system travels through. The stations will have a system identity so you know intuitively that you are in a California High-Speed Rail Station because of certain design and facility features, while also reflecting the local design vernacular and contextually appropriate to the region that it serves.

The committee expressed a desire to see the team's progress as the vision plan is developed and also ensuring that High-Speed Rail Enterprise value is a major consideration as design and aesthetic decisions are made moving forward. These elements are not mutually exclusive, and in fact should be harmonized to enhance the entire experience of the High-Speed Rail system. High-Speed Rail is an opportunity to create a place. Future design should harmonize the experience within the station with the experience outside the station.

Agenda Item #2 – Access Planning Efforts

Staff presented the current state of access to our stations to kick off a multi-meeting progress update on High-Speed Rail Station Access. Access planning considers ownership, space, local conditions, funding, multiple solutions and evolution of behaviors. Staff is conducting research with the help of Caltrans and UC Berkley, as well as working with each station city to develop access plans.

Discussion centered on the need for an access policy that would define targets and criteria so that investments can be prioritized and leveraged with local efforts and market conditions. The committee emphasized the need for flexibility, such as the potential to convert surface parking to vertical development. This is important since High-Speed Rail is a 100-year investment and technologies and uses are certain to change. The committee is supportive of pushing the envelope on parking and suggested we consider the following:

1. Flexibility
2. Engaging stakeholders including members of the environmental community and focus groups of citizens
3. Experience of convenience and time
4. Land use
5. Technology – including ways to transform surface or structure parking

The committee also noted that legislative solutions to advancing implementation of projects and funding should also be considered.

Agenda Item #3 – 2017 Transit-Land Use Committee Outlook

Staff presented to the committee a 6-month outlook for Transit Land Use committee meetings. The categories of topics include:

- Station as Places
- Criteria for Investments
- Land Use and Economics
- Partnerships

Under the “Partnerships” discussion, staff briefed the committee about a recent grant application effort with US EPA’s Brownfields Program that Authority submitted in partnership with Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency to assist with station area planning around Los Angeles Union Station.

Note the State Rail Plan Draft will be available in March 2017.