



SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE PROJECT SECTION Community Working Groups Roles and Responsibilities

Thank you for considering participating in the Community Working Groups (CWGs) for the San Francisco to San Jose section of the California High-Speed Rail Project.

Overview

The group is comprised of community representatives from various constituencies in proximity to the San Francisco to San Jose corridor and local interest groups involved in transportation, environmental sustainability, and social issues in the region. Each group is designed to be small enough for constructive collaboration (approximately 15-20 members) to support the route planning process.

Input from each of the members of each of the Community Working Groups will be considered by the California High-Speed Rail Authority as it continues to develop the range of alternatives under study. The CWG is an informal, voluntary group of community members representing a broad range of local interests and is organized to deepen community input into the high-speed rail planning process.

Purpose

The CWG members can provide valuable insight to the California High-Speed Rail Authority during route planning studies. Sample activities may include:

- Receiving updates from HSR Project staff;
- Distributing information about the project and public meetings to their constituencies;
- Providing feedback from their local communities; insight on a wide variety of key considerations related to proposed alignment alternatives, best methods to reach and engage their constituency groups, and perceptions and feedback received from their broader constituencies.

Responsibilities

CWG members will be encouraged to consider/present the interests of their local and wider community, participate in open communication among differing interests, and help move the planning process forward in the spirit of compromise and cooperation. CWG members are invited to participate regularly in CWG meetings for ongoing local community input and continued dialogue.