

California High-Speed Train Program Update



San Jose to Merced Section – Gilroy Area

May 3, 2010



Presentation Agenda

- Bay Area to Central Valley Revised Environmental Impact Report Materials
- Alternatives Analysis (AA) Process
- Community Engagement Strategy and Plan



Program Environmental Impact Report

The “Bay Area to Central Valley HST: Revised Draft Program Environmental Impact Report Material” includes:

- Clarification of the alignment between San Jose and Gilroy
- Clarification of property impacts between San Francisco and Gilroy
- Assessment of UPRR’s statements regarding the use of its rights-of-way
- The conclusion that the new and revised information does not change the staff recommendation in the 2008 Final Program EIR for the preferred alignment and station locations.



Program Environmental Impact Report

- March 4, 2010 –
Revised Draft Program EIR Material made public
- March 11, 2010 –
Notice of Completion filed
- April 7, 2010 –
Two public hearings held in San Jose
- April 26, 2010 –
Close of official 45-day review period



Program Environmental Impact Report

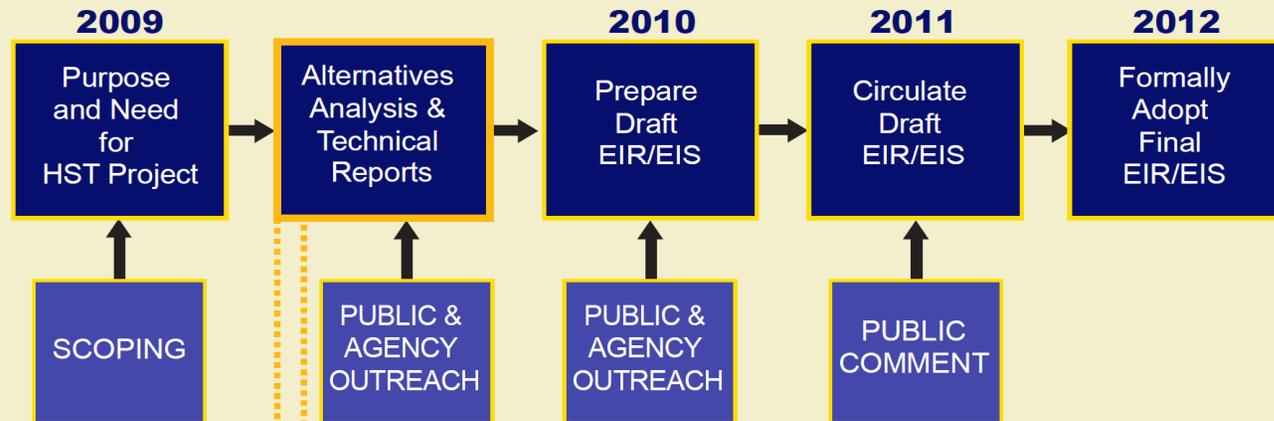
Next:

- Prepare responses to comments that will be included in a Revised Final Program EIR Material document.
- Final document will be made publicly available and will be an action item at future CHSRA board meeting, along with the 2008 Final Program EIR, for a new decision on certifying the EIR and selecting a preferred alignment and station locations.

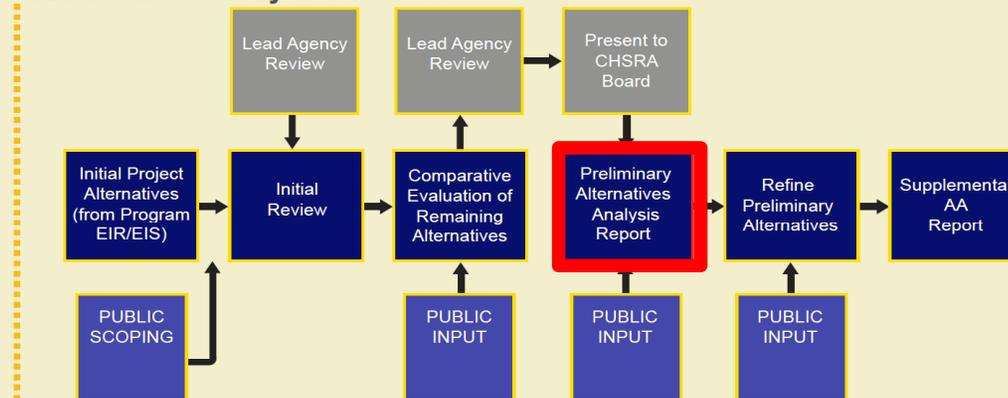


Environmental Review and Alternatives Analysis Process

Environmental Review Schedule



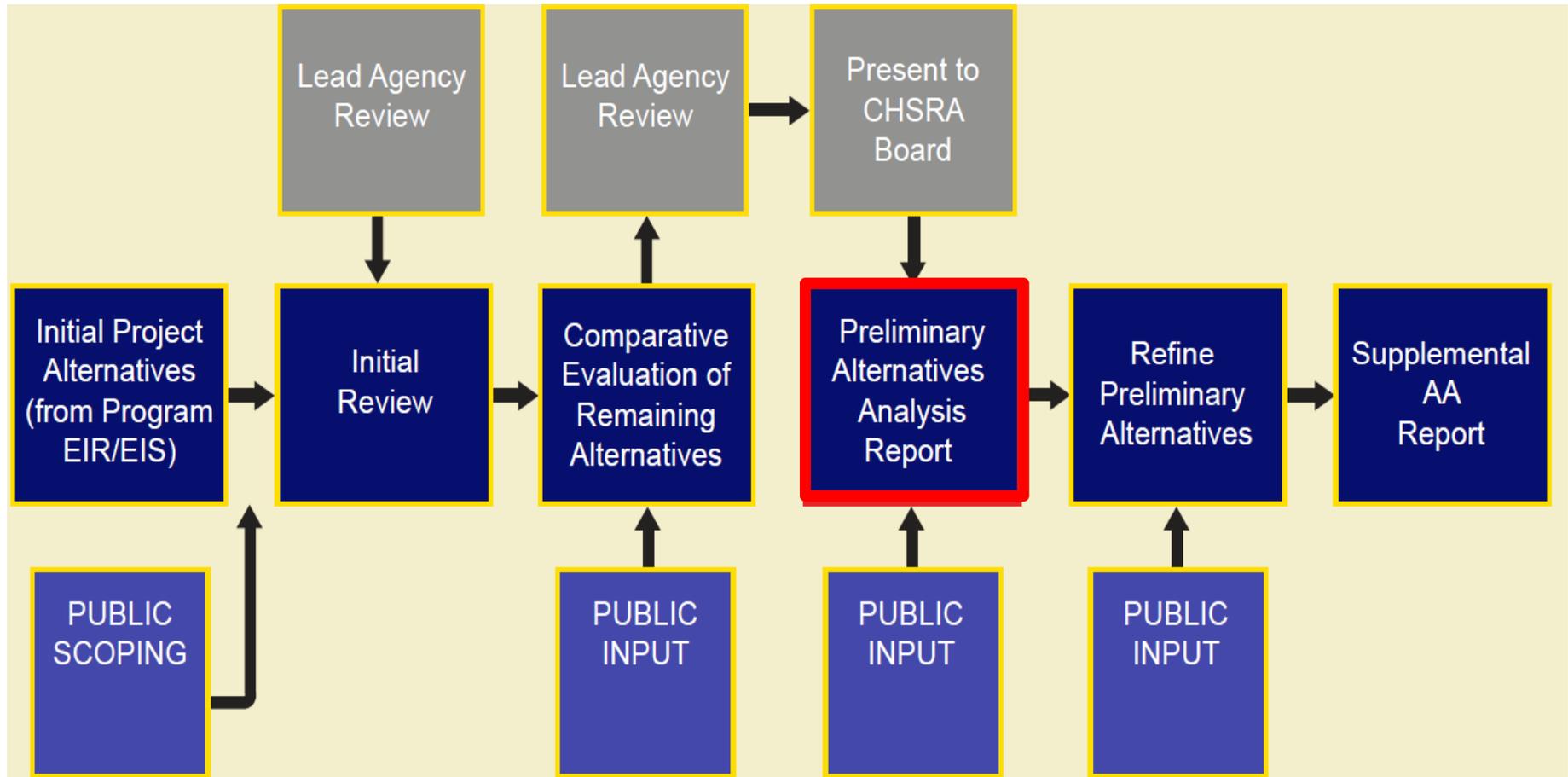
Alternatives Analysis Process



Ongoing Community & Agency Meetings, Interviews, Communications



Alternatives Analysis Process



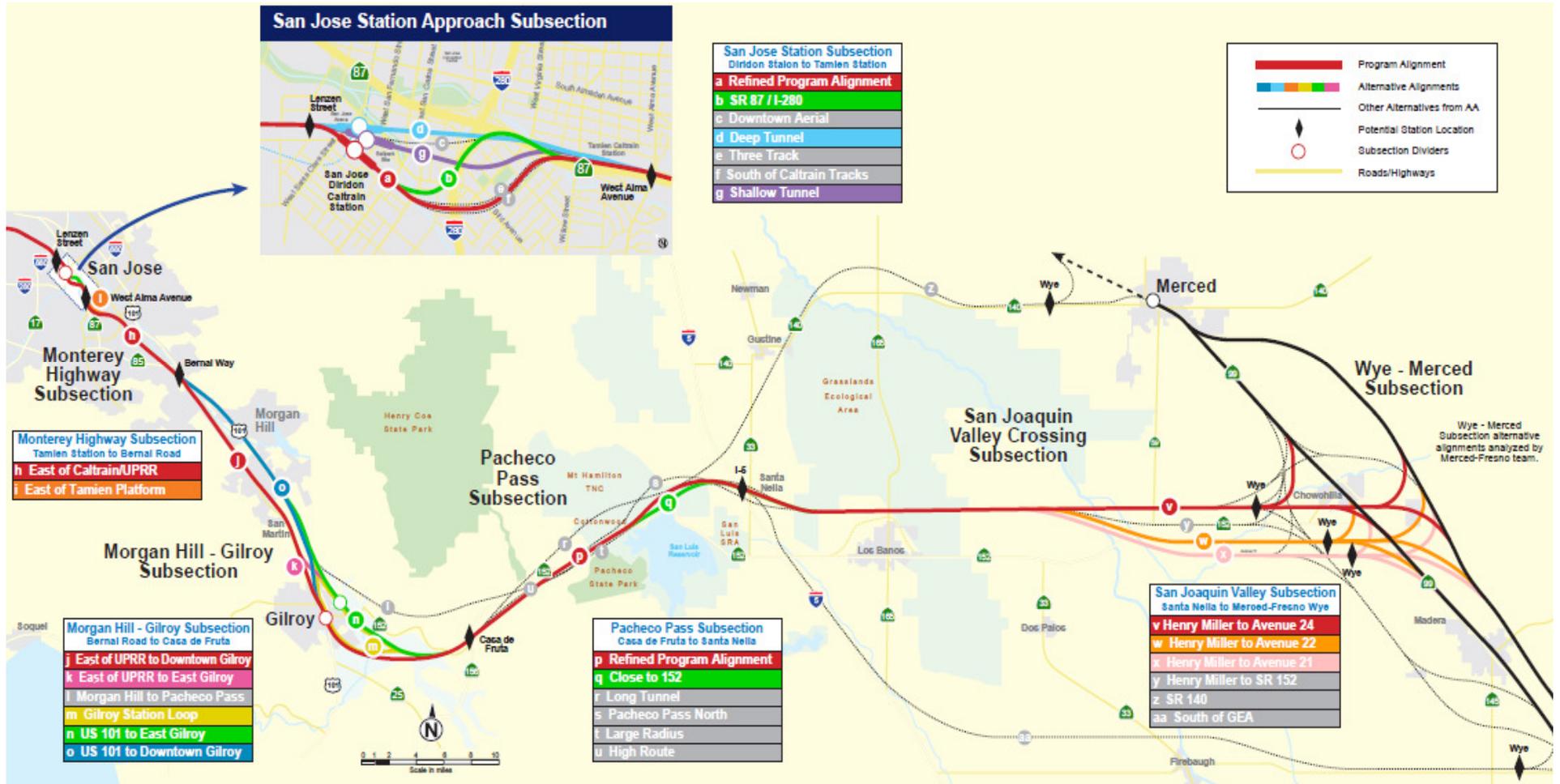


Status of AA Process

- Developed refined / detailed alternative alignments – evaluation to be presented in Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report
- Incorporated public, agency, and stakeholder input
- Maps available for viewing in Gilroy City Hall

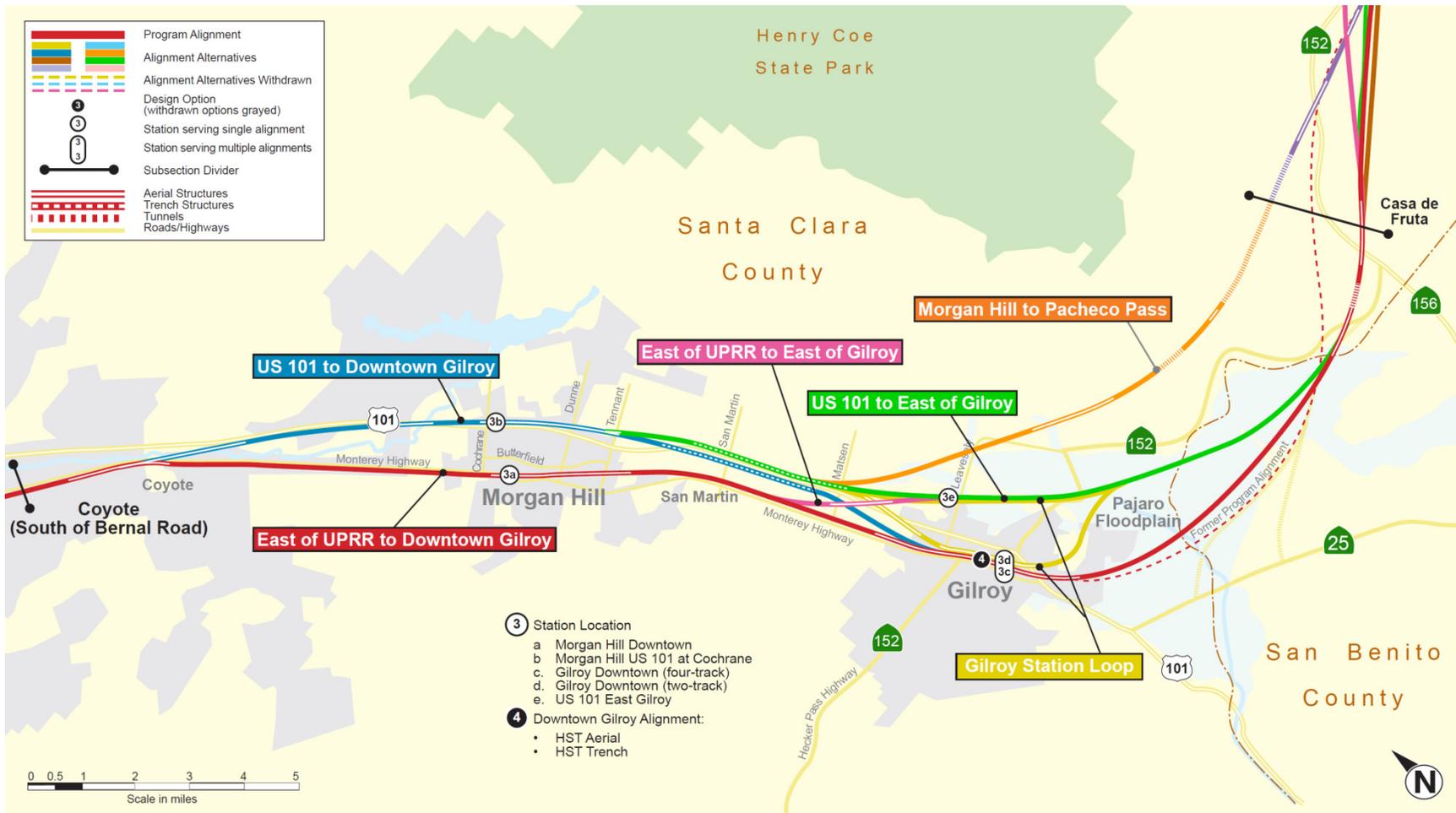


Alignment Alternatives



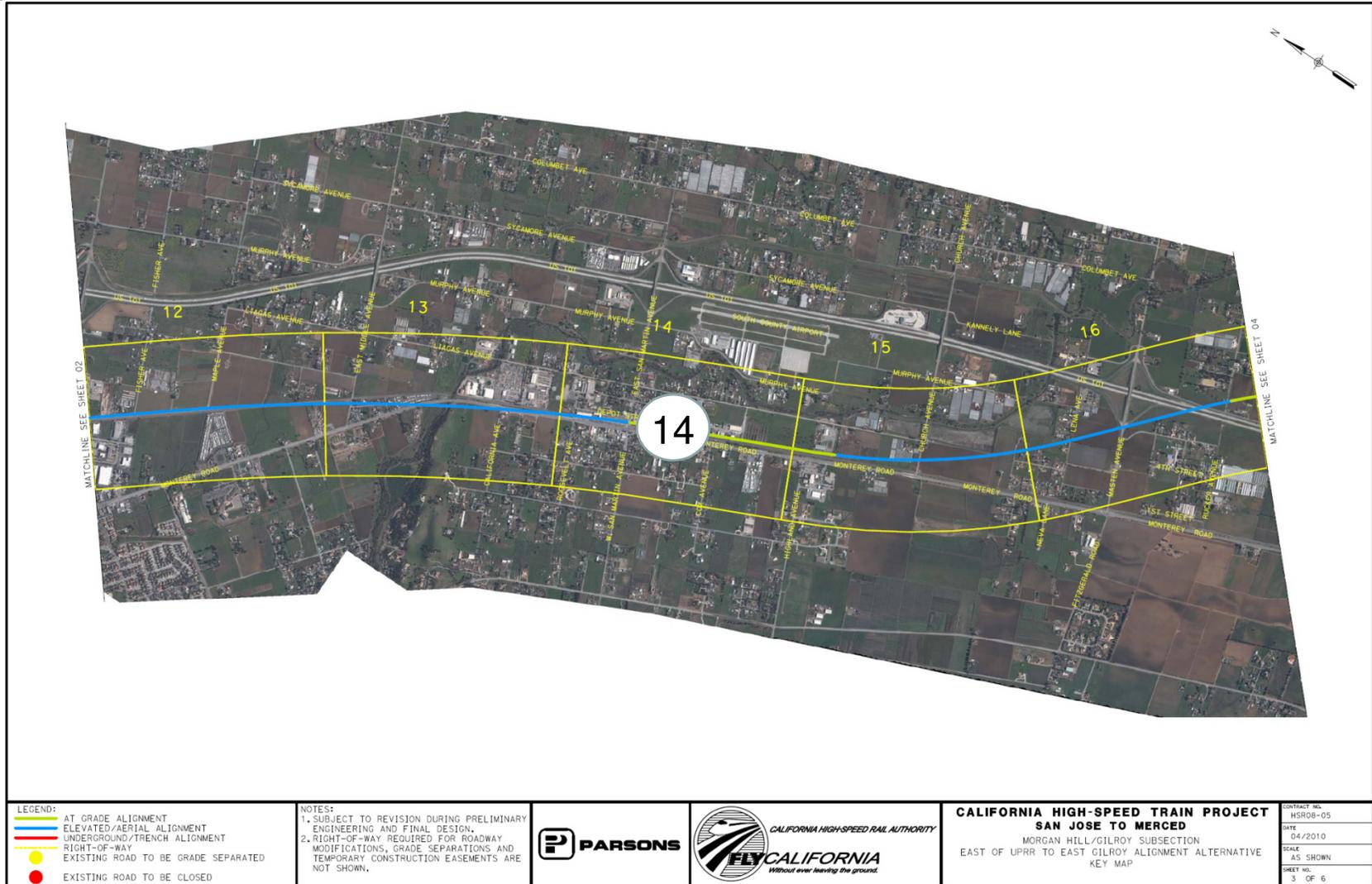


Sample Subsection Map



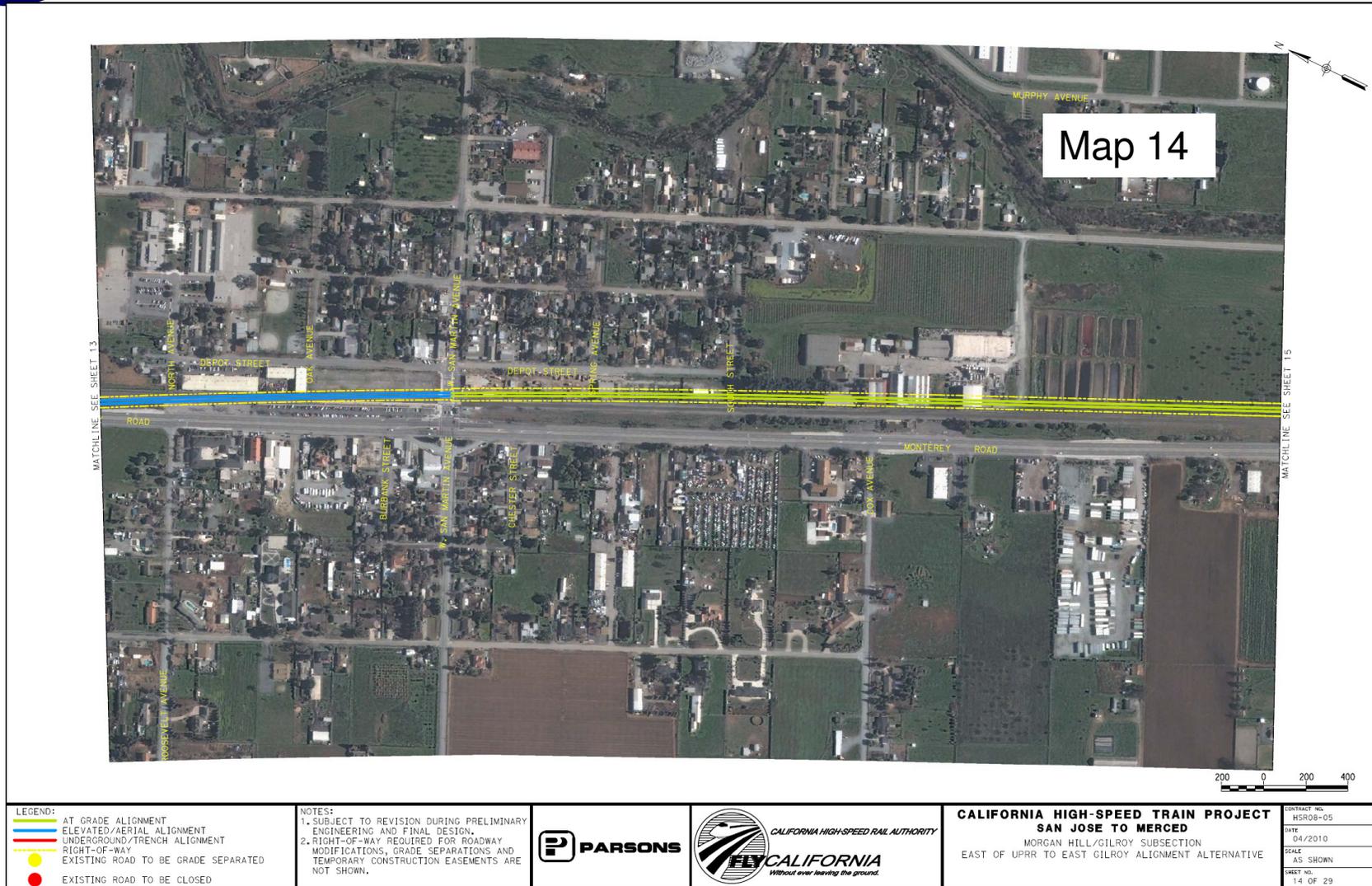


Sample "Key Map"





Sample "Alignment Map"



LEGEND:
AT GRADE ALIGNMENT
ELEVATED/AERIAL ALIGNMENT
UNDERGROUND/TRENCH ALIGNMENT
RIGHT-OF-WAY
EXISTING ROAD TO BE GRADE SEPARATED
EXISTING ROAD TO BE CLOSED

NOTES:
 1. SUBJECT TO REVISION DURING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND FINAL DESIGN.
 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIRED FOR ROADWAY MODIFICATIONS, GRADE SEPARATIONS AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS ARE NOT SHOWN.



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT
SAN JOSE TO MERCED
 MORGAN HILL/GILROY SUBSECTION
 EAST OF UPRR TO EAST GILROY ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVE

CONTRACT NO.	HSR08-05
DATE	04/2010
SCALE	AS SHOWN
SHEET NO.	14 OF 29



AA Process Next Steps

- Present Preliminary AA Report to CHSRA Board
- Hold public and agency meetings after AA presented to CHSRA Board
- Additional engineering required. For example, footprint for:
 - Grade separations
 - Construction areas
 - Maintenance of Way areas



Community Engagement

We are committed to:

- Enhanced collaboration in our community **engagement** process
- Promote dynamic **interactive** process
- Further facilitate information **sharing** and stakeholder dialogue
- Contribute to **creating** the best possible project that adds value to the community, economy and transportation system



Community Outreach Goals

- Ensure broad-based stakeholder input
- Support communities to identify issues, opportunities and goals
- Facilitate inclusive community engagement
- Develop achievable, feasible and acceptable project design



Public Outreach & Involvement

Existing Program Components

- Scoping meetings / documentation
- Neighborhood meetings
- Public AA meetings
- Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings
- Stakeholder (one-on-one) meetings
- Fact Sheets
- E-blasts
- Media outreach
- HSRA web site updates



Public Involvement Process

	2009				2010				2011			2012	
	JAN-MARCH 2009	APRIL-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MARCH 2010	APRIL-JUNE 2010	JULY-SEPT 2010	OCT-DEC 2010	JAN-MARCH 2011	APRIL-JUNE 2011	JULY-SEPT 2011	OCT-DEC 2011	JAN-MARCH 2012
Technical Phases and Milestones	<p>Project Definition/Alternatives Analysis</p> <p>Scoping → Scoping Report → Refine Project Purpose & Need → Prepare Project Description → Alternatives Analysis → EIR/EIS Analysis → Preliminary Engineering → Station Area Planning → Prepare Draft & Final EIR/EIS → Draft EIR/EIS → Record of Decision/Notice of Determination → Final EIR/EIS</p>												
Outreach Purpose & Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and engage interested, affected parties Inform and update on project, process, next steps Engage key stakeholders Solicit input on scope, issues, interests, mitigation measures Prepare outreach plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about project, next steps Continue to identify and consider issues, issues Present and seek input on draft potential alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about project, next steps Continue to identify and consider interests, issues Educate about impact analysis and evaluation criteria and methodology Share and seek input on design options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about project, next steps Continue to identify and consider interests, issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about project, next steps Ensure wide distribution of EIR/EIS and broad review Provide clear info to help people understand and comment on findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about project, next steps Address comments on EIR/EIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about project, final outcome, next steps 						
Outreach Activities													
Technical Working Groups			Scoping input, range of alternatives	Alternatives analysis report		Station concepts	Preliminary engineering	General update	Technical reports		Locally preferred alternatives Draft EIR/EIS		Final EIR/EIS
Stakeholder Outreach	Briefings & Presentations (as needed at milestones and by request throughout)												
Public Meetings	Scoping meetings		Alternatives Alternatives		Alternatives			Station concepts			Draft EIR/EIS		
Communication Materials (Anticipated schedule; subject to change in date and frequency. Topics for updates relate to technical milestones and activities.)													
Mailing List	Update regularly and as needed before sending newsletters and notices												
Newsletters/Announcements	Set up												
Web Site Updates	Update at milestones and as needed throughout the environmental review process												
Media													



Resource Sharing

Ref Doc: CSS1_002_Systemwide
Date: 3/16/10

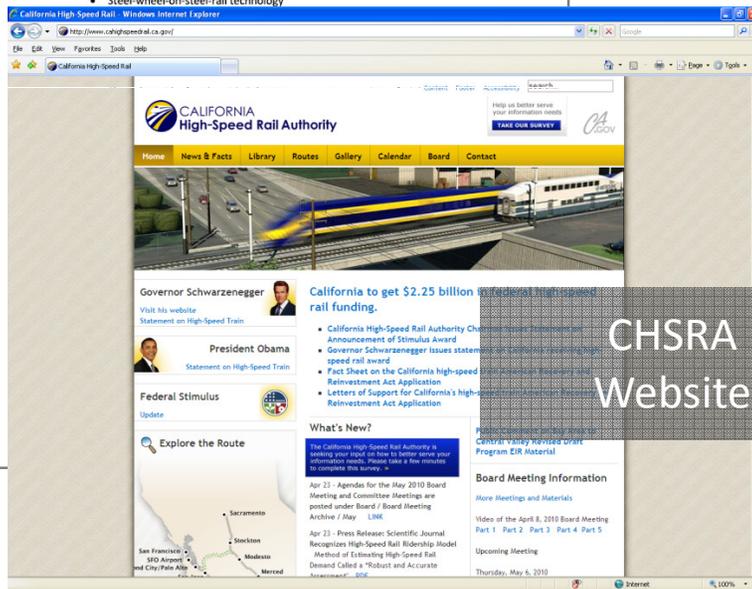
SYSTEMWIDE REQUIREMENTS for the Peninsula Rail Program San Francisco to San Jose on the Caltrain Corridor Description of the Systemwide Context for the High-Speed Train Project

This document provides a general and concise overview of the technical requirements and operational context for the high-speed train project. These include characteristics of the system and basic design requirements which must be considered in the development of project alternatives for a high-speed train system, particularly in the San Francisco to San Jose corridor where there will be shared use between commuter, freight, and high-speed intercity train service.

1. Characteristics of the California High-Speed Train Project:

- a. Statewide network:
 - 800-mile statewide network, connecting major population centers of Sacramento, San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County and San Diego.
 - Electric-powered trains via overhead contact wires
 - Steel-wheel-on-steel-rail technology

Technical Specifications

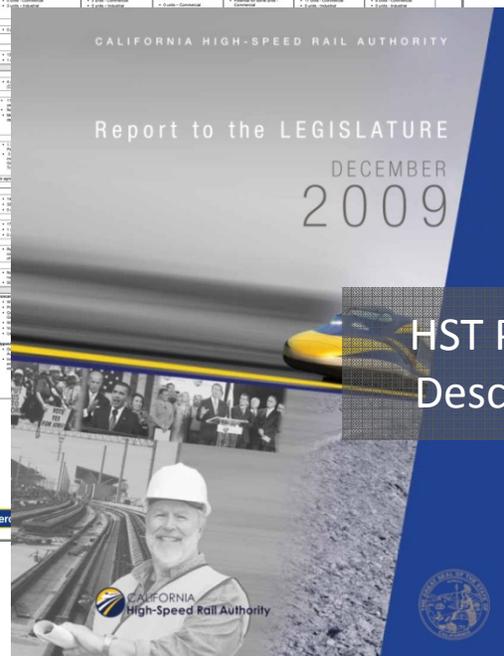


CHSRA Website

Table 1A - San Jose Station Approach Subsection Evaluation Matrix

Measurement Criteria	ALTERNATIVE 1		ALTERNATIVE 2		ALTERNATIVE 3		ALTERNATIVE 4		ALTERNATIVE 5	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Station Type	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Station Location	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Station Design	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Station Cost	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N

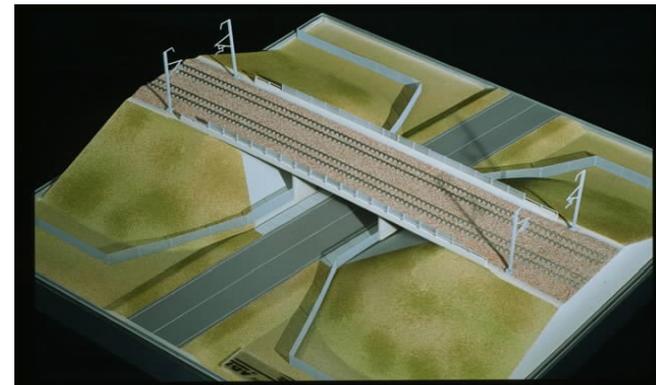
Alternatives Comparisons



HST Program Descriptions



Process Visualization





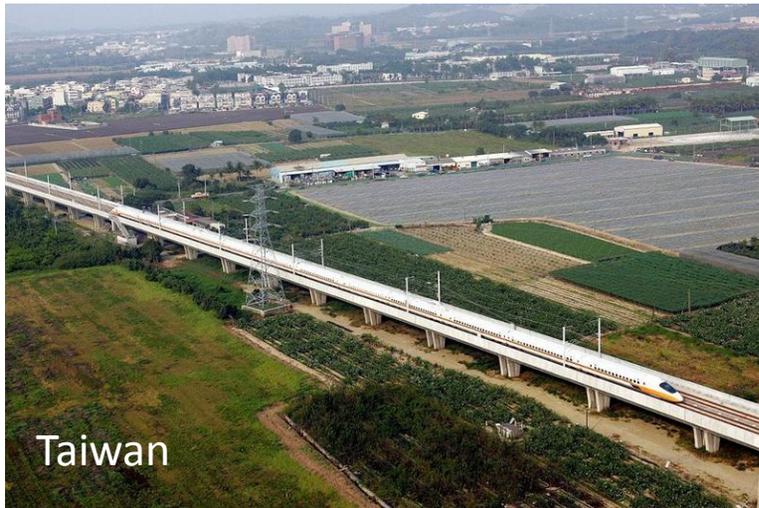
Existing HSR System Examples



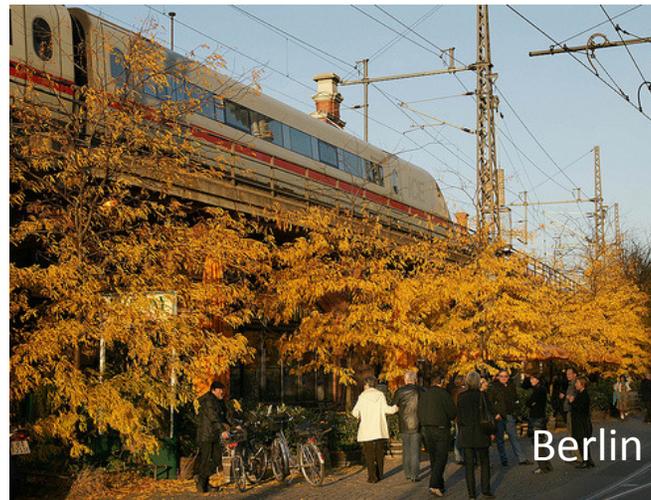
Tokaido, Japan



Valence, France



Taiwan



Berlin



Project Visualizations





Gilroy Community Engagement Topics

Configurations

Alignments

Station Locations



Community Values/Issues

1. Quality of Life
2. Community Character
3. Mobility and Connectivity
4. Economic Vitality
5. Natural Environment
6. Safety
7. Equity
8. Infrastructure
9. Rider Experience



Community Workshop Process

Summer 2010

Summer 2011

Configurations

Process

Outcome

Alignments

Station Locations

Stakeholder
needs/values

Evaluation
criteria/application
to alternatives

Refinements to
criteria &
alternatives

Alignment / Station
Refinements for
Draft EIR/EIS



How to Stay Involved

- Sign-in to make sure you're on the project mailing list
- Email comments or questions to:
san.jose_merced@hsr.ca.gov
- Call the project information line: 1-800-881-5799