



County Administrative Office Governmental & Legislative Affairs

California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: County of San Bernardino Comments on Revised Draft of the 2020 High Speed Rail Business Plan

Dear Members of the California High Speed Rail Authority,

The County San Bernardino appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Revised Draft of the 2020 Business Plan by the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHRSA). San Bernardino County is the largest county geographically in the continental U.S., with 20,105 square miles and a population of over 2.1 million.

When the Revised Draft 2020 High Speed Rail Business Plan was released on February 9, 2021, the County has concerns that the discussion about the CHSRA/BNSF partnership and the Colton and Lenwood facilities had been completely eliminated from the Business Plan. Without knowledge of the reason for removing the projects from the plan, collaboration with the communities it will most impact when implementing the Los Angeles to Anaheim segment of the HSR system it is vital to maintain a transparent process. The communities that will be impacted are some of the most disadvantaged communities in the State of California, based on CalEnviroScreen data.

The County has established a Countywide Vision, where we envision a sustainable system of community health and infrastructure in which development complements our natural resources and environment. Being mindful of the effect on these disadvantaged communities, the County is committed to minimizing impacts and maximize opportunities for the premier freight corridor in the western United States. While the administration has introduced the "Regions Rise Together" initiative, the County is concerned with the current approach from the agency in tackling the hard problems at the community level, particularly for inland counties like San Bernardino and Riverside.

If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Amanda Meere, Governmental and Legislative Affairs Analyst, at 909 387-4280 or Amanda.Meere@cao.sbcounty.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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