

## 22 TRIBE COMMENTS

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# Submission 1051 ([-], Amah Mutsun Tribal, July 22, 2020)

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**Subject:** California High-Speed Rail Authority Launches Online Resources for San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Community Open House  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 4:58 PM  
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Hi Jerry and Kai

Please see the below comment to be entered into CommentSense as a comment on the EIR Draft EIR/EIS.

Thank you

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Our representatives are in line  
 Cultural Sensitivity Training for all crews doing earth work.  
 A California Trained Archaeological Monitor will be present during earth work.  
 A Qualified Native American Monitor be present during earth work.

On Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 4:15 PM Gail, Morgan [mailto:Gail.Morgan@HSRCA.gov] wrote:

On behalf of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), we are contacting you because you have registered to receive information via e-mail about the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section for the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Project.

Dear Ca Fomia High-Speed Rail Stakeholder

With the release of the [San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement \(EIR/EIS\)](#) on July 10, the Authority is working hard to inform the public that the document is available for review and comment during the 45-day public comment period.

While originally planning to hold in-person open houses in San Francisco, Redwood City, and Santa Clara the flyer below (and attached) announces the transition of those engagements to online formats due to the public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Today, the Authority is launching an online open house platform [www.MeetHSRCA.com](#) that will be available throughout the public comment period and will host webinars, sessions at the previously scheduled open house times.

Open House Location	Open House Dates
San Francisco	July 27, 2020 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Redwood City	August 3, 2020 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Santa Clara	August 17, 2020 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Authority will continue to follow COVID-19 public health guidance and provide updates on future engagement.

The Authority is committed to working closely with the public, local and regional stakeholders, and our federal, state and local agency partners to ensure the success of California's HSR project. We appreciate your interest in this important project and look forward to your feedback on the Draft EIR/EIS.

Here are some helpful links:

- San Francisco to San Jose Project Section [Draft EIR/EIS](#) (Language)
- San Francisco to San Jose Project Section [Draft EIR/EIS](#) (Language)
- San Francisco to San Jose Project Section [Community Action Overview](#)
- San Francisco to San Jose [Project Section Overview](#)
- San Francisco to San Jose Project Section [Open House Information](#)

Best

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**California High-Speed Rail Authority Launches Online Resources for San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Community Open House**

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.** – Today the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) launched an online web portal for the San Francisco to San Jose project section. The new portal, similar to portals created for other recently released environmental documents, is designed to help the public better understand the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) released July 10, 2020. The Draft EIR/EIS, the second and final project level Draft EIR/EIS in Northern California, studies high-speed rail alignments along the California corridor between San Francisco and San Jose.

"We are adjusting our approach to engaging the public in light of the necessary health and safety precautions around COVID-19," said Northern California Regional Director Boris Lipkin. "Similar efforts in Northern and Southern California in the past few months have demonstrated we can reach as many members of the public – if not more – using an online approach. We look forward to getting feedback on this next step in bringing high-speed rail to Northern California."

The new online web portal, accessible via the Authority's website at [hsrca.gov](#), will be available for the duration of the public comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS. Authority staff will use this portal to conduct online/webconference webinars and answer questions from members of the public.

The on-site open house dates and times, unchanged from the original in-person schedule, are as follows:

- Open House Live Webinar #1: July 20, 2020 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Open House Live Webinar #2: July 30, 2020 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Open House Live Webinar #3: August 3, 2020 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The public can continue to submit their comments on the San Francisco to San Jose Draft EIR/EIS in the following ways:

- Use web comment forms on the Authority's website at [hsrca.gov](#).
- Use email to [mbookman@hsrca.gov](mailto:mbookman@hsrca.gov) with the subject line "Draft EIR/EIS Comment".
- \*Please note the communication sent Wednesday 7/8 contained an error in the email address used for submitting comments. The correct address for submitting a comment about the San Francisco to San Jose project segment draft EIR/EIS is above.

Visit a public meeting at the address below:

Attn: San Francisco to San Jose Draft EIR/EIS California

High-Speed Rail Authority

100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300

San Jose, CA 95113

\*Webinars at the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Public Hearing:

August 29, 2020 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bay Area Metro Center\*

375 Beale Street

San Francisco, CA

After the comment period closes on August 24, 2020, and the comments received have been evaluated, staff will prepare and issue the Final EIR/EIS document. The final document is then presented to the Authority Board of Directors, who will consider it for certification and project approval under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

To view the contents of the Draft EIR/EIS, please visit our website at [hsrca.gov](#).

\*Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, the public hearing for the Draft EIR/EIS may need to occur on-line and/or teleconference meetings only.

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## Response to Submission 1051 ([-], Amah Mutsun Tribal, July 22, 2020)

### 1051-127

Refer to Standard Response FJ-Response-CUL-4: Continued Tribal Consultation.

In addition, the Authority has committed to cultural resources worker awareness training (CUL-IAMF#2) as a general treatment measure in Chapter 6, Phased Identification and Treatment of Archaeological Resources, in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section ATP. This training would be mandatory for all on-site construction personnel to limit the possibility of irreparable damage to important undocumented resources. Training would address archaeological deposit and feature identification, as well as the mandatory procedures to follow should potential cultural resources be exposed during construction. Additional details regarding the approach and process for cultural resources worker awareness training are available in the ATP and in Volume 2, Appendix 2-E, Project Impact Avoidance and Minimization Features, of the Final EIR/EIS. The comment did not result in any revisions to the Draft EIR/EIS.

### 1051-128

Refer to Standard Response FJ-Response-CUL-4: Continued Tribal Consultation.

In addition, the Authority has committed to archaeological monitoring (CUL-IAMF#5) as a general treatment measure in Chapter 6, Phased Identification and Treatment of Archaeological Resources, in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section ATP. A monitoring plan would be developed by the contractor's archaeologist and approved by the Authority prior to construction. The Authority would consult with consulting party tribes regarding specific details in the monitoring plan. Additional details regarding the general provisions that would be included in the individual plans are available in the ATP. Refer to Volume 2, Appendix 2-E, Project Impact Avoidance and Minimization Features, of the Final EIR/EIS for the complete descriptions of IAMFs. The comment did not result in any revisions to the Draft EIR/EIS.

### 1051-129

Refer to Standard Response FJ-Response-CUL-4: Continued Tribal Consultation.

As noted in Section 3.16.4.2, Agency, Native American, Interested Parties, and Public Outreach Efforts, of the Draft EIR/EIS, tribal members would participate in monitoring construction activities in archaeologically sensitive areas. The Authority has committed to Native American monitoring as a general treatment measure in Chapter 6, Phased Identification and Treatment of Archaeological Resources, in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section ATP. The Authority's tribal liaison will work closely with the leadership of consulting party tribes to identify the individuals they choose to represent their tribe as a monitor. Additional details regarding the approach and process for Native American monitoring are available in the ATP. The comment did not result in any revisions to the Draft EIR/EIS.