



Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) Meeting

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Public Comments: The Board Chair shall have the discretion to manage the Public Comment process in a manner that achieves the purpose of public communication and assures the orderly conduct of the meeting. **Members of the public are encouraged to provide** public comments in the following ways:

- **Email:** Comments may be submitted by emailing video@caltrain.com before each agenda item is presented. Please indicate in your email the agenda item to which your comment applies.
- **Auditory:** Oral comments will also be accepted during the meeting. Web users may use the 'Raise Hand' feature to request to speak. Callers may dial *9 to request to speak. Each commenter will be notified when they are unmuted to speak.

Thursday, March 24, 2022
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Staff Report (oral update)
4. California High Speed Rail Update
5. Informational memos on Caltrain and High-Speed Rail
6. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
7. LPMG Member Comments/Requests
8. Next Meeting
 - a. Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:30pm
9. Adjourn

All items on this agenda are subject to action



Memorandum

Date: March 24, 2022
To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
From: Jadie Wasilco, Government and Community Affairs Manager
Re: Caltrain Electrification Project E-Update

Electric Train Travels to the Caltrain Corridor



The first state-of-the-art electric trainset embarked on its journey from Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Caltrain corridor. Upon arrival, the trainset and the new electrification infrastructure will undergo system testing. Riders and the community can learn more at CalMod.org. Stay tuned for upcoming celebratory event information.

AEM-7 Ready for Testing



Caltrain Electrification recently added the AEM-7 (see [video](#)) to the project. Purchased from Amtrak, the AEM-7 will be used to test the electric catenary system which will provide power to Caltrain’s electric fleet. This will ensure Caltrain that the Electrification infrastructure is in good working order before our state-of-the-art electric trains get plugged into the system, keeping the new high-performance fleet in pristine condition for electrified passenger service.

Assemblymember Mullin Introduces Legislation to Fund Electrification



Speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Mullin announced the introduction of AB 2197 at the Hillsdale Caltrain Station, which would appropriate \$260 million for the purpose of closing the funding gap for the Electrification project and ensuring the project’s completion by 2024. “Caltrain Electrification is necessary on so many levels,” Mullin stated. “It is essential to our local economies, both now and in the future, because this region and this corridor is a hub of creativity and entrepreneurship that have changed our country. Caltrain is the spine that helps support our innovation economy.” Click [here](#) for more information.

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

JPB Finance Committee Meeting – March 28 at 2:30 p.m. – Please note, this will be remote only

JPB WPLP Committee Meeting – March 30 at 3:00 p.m. – Please note, this will be remote only

JPB Board Meeting – April 7 at 9:00 a.m. – Please note, this will be remote only

For more details, and a full list of upcoming meetings, please visit [Caltrain.com/Meetings](https://www.caltrain.com/Meetings).

DETAILED PROGRESS REPORT:

[January Monthly Progress Report](#) presented to Caltrain Board on March 3, 2022.



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

Memorandum

Date: March 24, 2022
To: Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
From: Boris Lipkin, Northern California Regional Director
Re: California High-Speed Rail Program Update

STATEWIDE UPDATE

Spring 2022 Construction Update

In recognition of Women in Construction Week (March 6-12), the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) released its Spring 2022 Construction Update and recognized women who are contributing to the nation's first high-speed rail project. With continued winter construction progress, highlights include last month's completion of the South Avenue Grade Separation in Fresno County, updates on the Cedar Viaduct's dual span of arches and installation of pre-cast concrete girders at the Conejo Viaduct.

Since the start of construction, the project has created more than 7,500 construction jobs. Currently, 119 miles are under construction in the Central Valley at more than 30 active construction sites.

You can watch the full video on the [Authority's YouTube Channel](#).

2022 Business Plan

As a reminder, the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) Draft 2022 Business Plan is available for review and public comment through April 11, 2022. The plan and instructions on how to provide comments are available on the [Authority's website](#).

The Draft 2022 Business Plan reaffirms the staff's policy recommendation to the Authority Board to develop a clean, electrified Merced to Bakersfield high-speed rail interim service line as soon as possible in California's Central Valley with the funding currently available. In addition, the plan discusses major program progress in Northern California, the Central Valley, and Southern California. Finally, it addresses areas of opportunity with new federal funding and pending Legislative approval of Governor Gavin Newsom's Transportation Infrastructure Package, including Proposition 1A bond funding for high-speed rail. The plan also updates the Authority's budget and capital cost estimates for segments with recently approved environmental documents.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE

San Jose to Merced Final EIR/EIS

On Friday, February 25, 2022, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) released the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San

Jose to Merced Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project. The Final EIR/EIS documents can be viewed and downloaded online at the [Authority's website](#). For those looking to get acquainted with the document, the Executive Summary provides an overview of the substantive chapters of the Final EIR/EIS and is available in English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese.

You can also find latest factsheets on the [Authority's website](#).

#Valley2Valley Discussion

On January 12, business leaders from Silicon Valley and the Central Valley came together for a virtual panel discussion about the importance of connecting the two regions via high-speed rail. The panel featured Ashley Swearingin, President and CEO of the Central Valley Community Foundation; Jim Wunderman, President and CEO of the Bay Area Council; and Boris Lipkin, Northern California Regional Director of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

This discussion comes at a moment in time when the Authority looks to complete environmental clearance that will make the connection between the two regions possible and move the project into the next phase of pre-construction activities—just as new federal funding opportunities are on the horizon.

You can watch the full video on the [Authority's YouTube Channel](#).

RECENT AND UPCOMING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- March 2022: Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting, San Jose Community Working Group, Gilroy/Morgan Hill Community Working Group (CWG) meetings
- April 2022: Gilroy Farmers Market, Los Banos Downtown Spring Street Faire