



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, June 23, 2022
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Agenda

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

All items on this agenda are subject to action



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

Local Policy Maker Group

June 23, 2022



Statewide Updates



Recent Milestones

- 2022 Business Plan
- San José to Merced environmentally cleared
- Los Angeles Union Station funding agreement
- Contracts to advance design
 - » Merced and Bakersfield extensions
 - » Central Valley Stations



Updated: April 2022



San Francisco to San Jose Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

Purpose and Process



About the EIR/EIS

- The EIR/EIS is being prepared by the Authority, which is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency.
- The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by the State of California pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 23, 2019 and executed by the Federal Railroad Administration and the State of California.



San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Environmental Process

= ongoing outreach



**Dates subject to change.*



Alternatives A & B

Alternative A remains the Preferred Alternative in Final EIR/EIS

Alternative A Features

- M** East Option Light Maintenance Facility
- No Additional Passing Tracks

Alternative B Features

- M** West Option Light Maintenance Facility
- Additional Passing Tracks

- San Francisco to San Jose Project Section
- HSR Stations
- Maintenance Facilities
- San Jose to Merced Project Section *(Approved April 2022)*
- Downtown Extension

Safety Modifications

- At-Grade Crossings
 - Four-Quadrant Gates
 - Intrusion Detection
 - Median Channelization
- Perimeter Fencing



Light Maintenance Facility
East Option (Alt A)
West Option (Alt B)

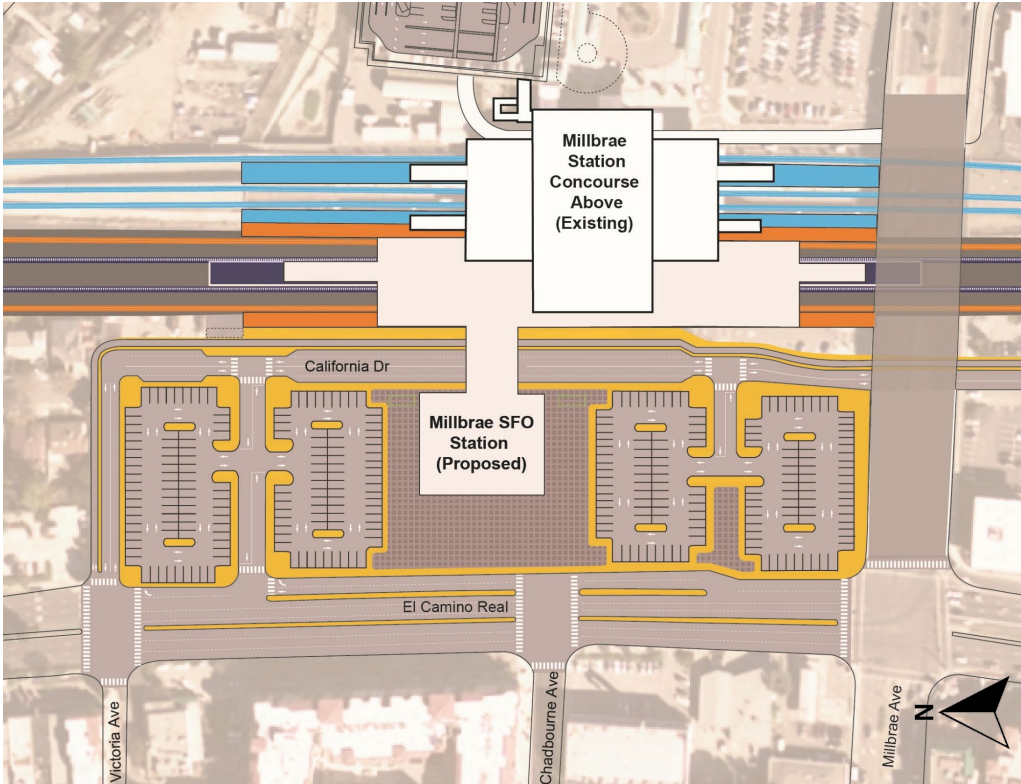
No Additional Passing Tracks (Alt A)
Additional Passing Tracks (Alt B)
↳ Relocation of San Carlos Station





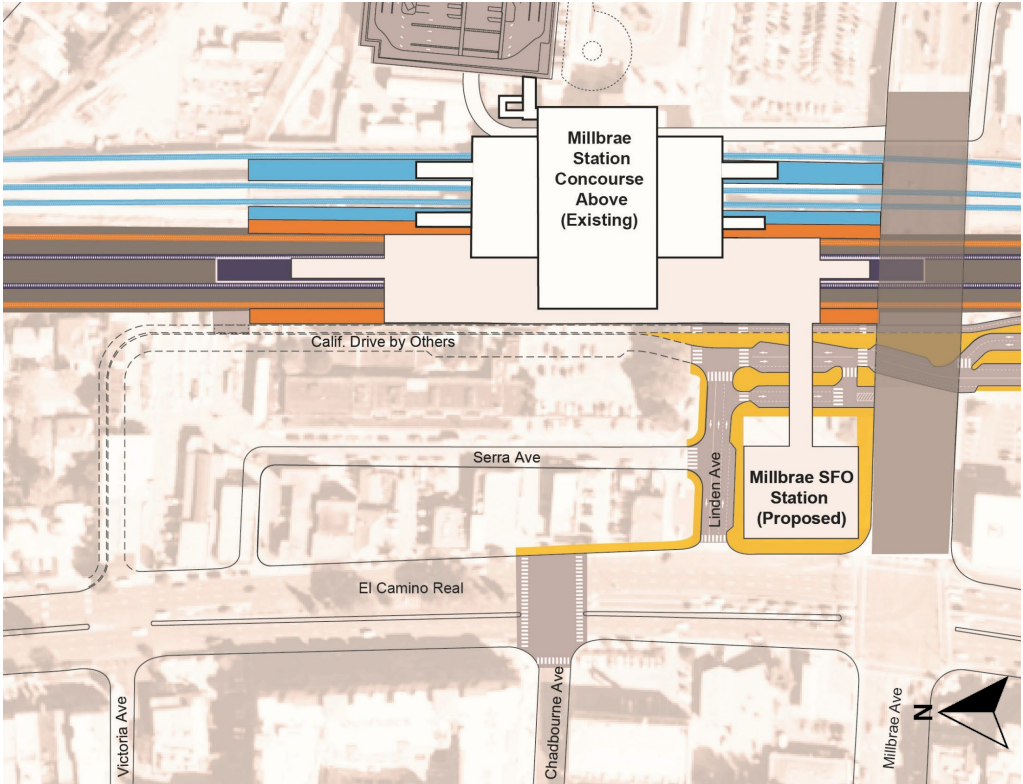
Millbrae Station Options

Millbrae - SFO Station Design



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|--|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | Existing Station Facilities | | HSR Tracks and Platform | | Sidewalk/median |
| | New Station Facilities | | Caltrain Tracks & Platform | | |
| | New Street Improvements | | BART Tracks & Platform | | |

Reduced Site Plan Design Variant





Light Maintenance Facility

Alternative A: Brisbane East LMF

1. Valley Drive to Old County Road Extension removed
2. Lagoon Road relocation
3. Phased approach to construction of roadway modifications
4. Construction and operations of the LMF
5. Relocated Brisbane Fire Station
6. Visitation Creek
7. LMF lead track realignment
8. Bayshore Caltrain Station modifications





Alternative A – Preferred Alternative



Fewer adverse visual impacts



Fewer impacts on natural resources



Fewer displacements



Lower capital cost



Fewer road closures



Slower high-speed rail, faster Caltrain peak hour travel time




Fewer impacts on wetlands and aquatic habitats



Better alignment with Caltrain Service Vision



Comments on Draft and Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS

	Draft EIR/EIS	Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
 Comment Period	July 10, 2020 – September 9, 2020	July 23, 2021 – September 8, 2021
 # of Submissions	151	25
 Comments Received	2,121	136



What Has Resulted From Public Comments and Responses?



PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TOPICS

- Specific Project Alternatives
- Light Maintenance Facility
- Millbrae-SFO Station
- Displacements
- Caltrain Service Vision and Business Plan
- At-grade crossings and grade separations
- Emergency vehicle response delays
- Noise and vibration effects
- Traffic effects and mitigation
- Adjacent planned developments



**MODIFIED AND
ADDITIONAL ANALYSES**



**MODIFIED AND
ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS**





Changes Between Draft and Final EIR/EIS



- Incorporated design refinements for the Brisbane LMF including the lead track, the Tunnel Avenue Overpass, the design for the relocated Brisbane Fire Station (Alt A), and construction assumptions
- Added information about the Authority's LMF site evaluation process
- Added site-specific traffic mitigation measures
- Incorporated analysis of a design variant for the Millbrae Station
- Incorporated analysis and mitigation measures for monarch butterfly; refined several biological resources mitigation measures
- Refined air quality modeling, incorporated refined emissions results, and added new air quality mitigation measure
- Clarified noise mitigation regarding quiet zones
- Refined safety and security mitigation measures



Quick Reference to the Final EIR/EIS



Impacts in my Community

Volume 1 – [Within each resource section](#), the impact analysis is provided by project subsection:

- San Francisco to South San Francisco,
- San Bruno to San Mateo,
- San Mateo to Palo Alto,
- Mountain View to Santa Clara, and
- San Jose Diridon Approach



Responses to Comments on Draft or Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS

Volume 4, [Chapter 17](#) – Standard Responses

Volume 4, Chapters 18 to 21 – Responses to Federal, State, Local Agency and Elected Official comments

Volume 4, Chapters 22 to 24 – Responses to Tribe, Business, Organization, and Individual Comments

*Translated copies of responses to comments are available upon request.



Maps of the Alternatives

Volume 1, [Chapter 2](#), Alternatives – General Maps

Volume 2, [Appendix 3.1-A](#) – Maps of Affected Properties

Volume 3 – [Preliminary Engineering Plans](#)



Visual Simulations of the Alternatives

Volume 1, Chapter 3, [Section 3.15](#) – Aesthetics and Visual Quality



Board Meeting

Board Meeting: August 17 and 18, 2022*

The Board will consider whether to:

1. Certify the Final EIR/EIS as CEQA Lead Agency.
2. Approve the Preferred Alternative and related CEQA decision documents.
3. Direct the Authority Chief Executive Officer to issue the Record of Decision (ROD) under the Authority's NEPA Assignment.



**Dates subject to change.*



Next Steps After ROD



Seek Funding

From state and federal sources



Continued Engagement

Separate engagement during design phase



Advance Project Work

Including design, third-party agreements, right-of-way mapping, appraisals



Ongoing Updates

Meetings, social media, newsletters, email, phone

Outreach and Key Dates



San Francisco Sunday Streets Bayview on May 22, 2022

- San Mateo/Peninsula Community Working Group
 - » Wednesday, June 22 at 6pm
- San Francisco Community Working Group
 - » Wednesday, June 29 at 6pm



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High-Speed Rail Authority

Thank you.



Memorandum

Date: June 20, 2022
To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
From: Jadie Wasilco, Government and Community Affairs Manager
Re: Caltrain Electrification Project E-Update



Central Equipment and Maintenance Facility (CEMOF)

Caltrain's maintenance facility recently received an upgrade! Modifications were made in preparation for electrification including extending the inspection pit, creating a component test room, and installing a new prefabricated parts storage building with an office to allow for inspection and maintenance of the new electric trains. These improvements are already in use with the arrival of two of the nineteen electric trainsets. New catenary pole foundations, poles and overhead contact system have been installed at the maintenance facility and the maintenance facility will also be fully electrified to accommodate the new electric trains. Learn more about these improvements at <https://calmod.org/construction/cemof-modifications/>.

Caltrain Electrification Funding

Caltrain is moving forward to fill its \$410 million funding gap for the Electrification Project. At the federal level, Senator Dianne Feinstein requested \$15 million in funding and Senator Alex Padilla requested \$10

million in funding for Caltrain’s new signal system in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. At the state level, the state’s budget surplus is estimated to be about \$100 billion, which provides a unique opportunity to advance California’s ambitious transportation goals. Caltrain is engaging our state delegation regarding the importance of passing a state transportation funding package this year, highlighting the Electrification Project and its impact on the state’s safety, and climate goals.

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

JPB WPLP Committee Meeting – June 22 at 3:00 p.m. – Please note, this will be remote only
JPB Board Meeting – July 7 at 9:00 a.m.

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

DETAILED PROGRESS REPORT:

[April Monthly Progress Report](#) Caltrain Board on June 2, 2022.



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

Memorandum

Date: June 23, 2022
To: Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
From: Boris Lipkin, Northern California Regional Director
Re: California High-Speed Rail Program Update

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE

Environmental Milestone

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) released the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section of the California High-Speed Rail Project on Friday, June 10, 2022. The Final EIR/EIS is available online at the Authority's website (www.hsr.ca.gov).

The Authority's Board of Directors will meet August 17 and 18, 2022 to consider whether to certify the Final EIR/EIS and approve the Preferred Alternative. They will also consider whether to direct the Authority to issue a Record of Decision (ROD), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and file the Notice of Determination, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

These decisions would complete the environmental review process, allowing the project to advance beyond preliminary design once funding is secured. With this project section, the entire stretch from San Francisco to Los Angeles County will be fully environmentally cleared.

More information and factsheets about the San Francisco to San Jose project section can be found on the [Authority's website](http://www.hsr.ca.gov).

Celebrating National Bike Month

In celebration of National Bike Month, the City of San José Department of Transportation Deputy Director Jessica Zenk and Authority Northern California Regional Director Boris Lipkin strapped on their helmets for a bike ride from Diridon Station to City Hall. Along the way, they discussed what high-speed rail means for San José and the future that the City envisions in downtown.



The video can be viewed on YouTube and the [Authority's website](http://www.hsr.ca.gov). Diridon Station in San José is poised to become one of the busiest intermodal hubs on the West Coast. High-speed rail will be added to Diridon Station's existing Caltrain, Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), Capitol Corridor/Amtrak, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Light Rail services, and future Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) service.

RECENT AND UPCOMING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Community Working Group Meetings

- June 22nd, 2022: [San Mateo & South Peninsula](#) CWG
- June 29th, 2022: [San Francisco](#) CWG