

**California High-Speed Rail Project:
Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for the
San Francisco to San Jose Project Section**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES GUIDE

Interpretation and translation are available in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog.

If you require *interpretation* services for any event, please do one of the following at least 72-hours before the event:

- Contact EJ team (Kai Walcott (415) 568-9990))
- Contact (800) 435-8670 to request interpretation for events

If you require *translation* of any materials, visuals or information on the Authority Draft EIR/EIS Open House Website, please do the following:

- Refer to: Title VI Civil Rights Information
- Email request to: TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov and forward request to Kai Walcott at kwalcott@kearnswest.com or call (415) 568-9990.

On July 10, 2020, the California High-Speed Rail Authority released its Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section, which includes your community. **The release of the Draft EIR/EIS marks the start of the 45-day public comment period (July 10 – August 24, 2020).**

We developed this guide to help you navigate the available resources and ways to comment on the Project. Within this guide you will find:

1. **Scheduled events** during which you may **ask questions of California High-Speed Rail Authority staff**,
2. **Resources to help you review the portions of the Draft EIR/EIS relevant to you and your community**, and
3. **Ways to comment** on the Draft EIR/EIS.

1. OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK WITH HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY STAFF

Due to the ongoing need for safety in the face of the COVID-19 virus, **previously planned in-person open houses and office hours (listed in the Draft EIR/EIS Notice of Availability) will now be conducted virtually.** Authority staff want to hear from and speak with you, so please join us for the virtual events listed below. *In-language accommodations are provided.*

Opportunity	Date	Purpose	Join
Q&A webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 July 20th, 4-7pm 2 July 30th, 4-7pm 3 Aug 5th, 4-7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions of Authority staff (Comments on the Draft EIR/EIS will not be accepted during Q&A webinars.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This webpage on the MeetHSRNorCal.org website provides instructions and links to join these events.
Virtual Office Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 July 22th, 11-2pm 2 July 29th, 11-2pm 3 Aug 12th, 11-2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask questions of Authority staff in scheduled one-on-one discussions (Conversations with Authority staff will not be recorded and comments on the Draft EIR/EIS will not be accepted during virtual office hour appointments) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-up for a 15-minute appointment here • Must sign up at least 24-hours in advance • The appointment form is in English, but interpretation can be provided for your phone call. For translated version, please contact Kai Walcott

Opportunity	Date	Purpose	Join
			kwalcott@kearnswest.com or (415) 568-9990
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2. RESOURCES TO REVIEW THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

The Draft EIR/EIS is a complex and technical legal document. Resources listed below are to help you navigate the information in the Draft EIR/EIS.

Translated versions of some documents are available, as listed below. To request documents in additional languages, email TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov.

Resource: <u>Open House Website</u>	
What is it?	Includes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provides resources to understand the Draft EIR/EIS Offers an online tool in response to health and safety directives related to the coronavirus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide information including the <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draft 2020 Business Plan Construction Updates San Francisco to San Jose rail route alternatives Links to the Draft EIR/EIS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Summary Volume I-III Technical Reports Link to address lookup map to find your property in relation to any of the alternatives Information on the public comment period and process Authority's contact information Information on joining webinars and office hours to ask staff questions
Open House Website: Available Languages of Associated Resources	
<p>1</p> <p>Open House Website Translations are available. Click the "Convey This translation" box at the bottom right-corner of the website to change the language. (MeetHSRNorCal.org) <i>English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese & Tagalog</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Address Look Up Map (https://maphsrnorcal.org/SanFrancisco-SanJose/) <i>English</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>Authority's Website (hsr.ca.gov) <i>English</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>(916) 324-1541 Number to call for Right-of-Way inquiries <i>English</i></p>
<p>5</p> <p>Authority's Email (san francisco_san.jose@hsr.ca.gov) <i>Accepts emails in all languages</i></p>	
To request documents in additional languages, email TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov .	

Resource: <u>Executive Summary</u>	
What is it?	Includes
A 104-page document that summarizes the Project and provides an overview of the Draft EIR/EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An explanation of the environmental review process (pg. 4) (Note: Page numbers are the document's page numbers, not the pdf reader's) Issues raised by communities during public outreach (pg. 5) Purpose and need for the high-speed rail system (pg. 7) A description of alternatives and no-build alternative (pg. 9) Outline of impact avoidance and minimization features (pg. 15)

- Table S-4 with a comparison of **construction impacts** by alternative (pg. 24)
 - Transportation (pg. 24)
 - Noise and Vibration (pg. 27)
 - Safety and Security (pg. 45)
 - Socioeconomics and Communities (pg. 48)
 - Parks, Recreation and Open Space Resources (pg. 54)
- Table S-5 with a comparison of **operation impacts** by alternative (pg.61)

Executive Summary: Available Languages of Associated Resources

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Executive Summary

This is the only portion of the Draft EIR/EIS that is translated. It can be found on the Authority’s website under “Education.”
https://hsr.ca.gov/programs/environmental/eis_eir/draft_san_francisco_san_jose.aspx
English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese & Tagalog

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Resource: Fact Sheet

What is it?	Includes
1. Discusses the purpose of the Draft EIR/EIS 2. Reviews rail route alternatives from San Francisco to San Jose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps of rail route alternatives and stations (pg. 2) • Light maintenance facility and Caltrain operations (pg. 2) • In-person meeting dates and locations (pg.1) • Authority’s contact information (pg.1) • Public comment period and process (pg.1) • List of acronyms, abbreviations, and key terms (pg. 3)

Fact Sheet: Available Languages of Associated Resources

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Fact Sheet

MeetHSRNorCal.org/fact-sheet.html
English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese & Tagalog

2

Authority’s Website

hsr.ca.gov
English

3

Authority’s Email

san.francisco_san.jose@hsr.ca.gov
Accepts emails in all languages

4

800-435-8670

Number to call for general inquiries
English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese & Tagalog

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Social Media: Twitter & Facebook

English

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Resource: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is it?	Includes
Provides responses to common questions regarding the Draft EIR/EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of copies of the Draft EIR/EIS for the public (pg. 1) • List of the content in the Draft EIR/EIS (pg. 1-2) • Tips for effective commenting (pg. 2) • Public comment period and process (pg. 2)

Frequently Asked Questions: Available Languages of Associated Resources

<p>1</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions https://www.meethsrnorcal.org/faq.html</p> <p><i>English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog & Arabic</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Draft EIR/EIS Electronic Copies on Authority's Website <i>English</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Draft EIR/EIS Printed Copies Available at other Facilities <i>English</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>Draft EIR/EIS Printed Copies at Authority's Offices <i>English</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Draft EIR/EIS Electronic Copies Available by Mail on Request <i>English</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Authority's Website hsr.ca.gov <i>English</i></p>
<p>7</p> <p>Authority's Email san francisco_san.jose@hsr.ca.gov <i>Accepts emails in all languages</i></p>		
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3. WAYS TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR/S

Comment Tips

- **Comments may be submitted in any language** for Authority review and response.
- **Be specific** with locations, impacts and comments.
- **Number and prioritize comments** and state the section to which comment refers.
- Comments may be submitted by an **individual** or **group**.
- The number of times a particular comment is submitted on the Draft EIR/EIS **does not elevate or diminish** the importance of that comment.
- **All comments will be addressed** in the Final EIR/EIS document, to be released in 2021.

How to Comment

Submit comments during the 45-day comment period (now through **August 24th, 2020**).

Opportunity	How to Comment	Where to Comment	Interpretation & Translation
Public Hearing (see COVID-19 UPDATE below)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For verbal comment in front of California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors and the public 	<p>August 19, 3-6 PM</p> <p>Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale St., San Francisco, CA 94105</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you require interpretation services, please contact (800) 435-8670 at least 72-hours before the event. • Interpretation available in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese & Tagalog
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email written comments directly 	<p>san francisco_san.jose@hsr.ca.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be translated for Authority review
Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail written public comments • Comment form can be downloaded, printed and mailed. 	<p>ATTN: San Francisco to San Jose Project Section: Draft EIR/EIS, 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95113</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be translated for Authority review • Translated comment cards are available here. Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese & Tagalog
Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use form to submit comments 	<p>www.hsr.ca.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you require translation please contact TitleVICoordinator@hsr.ca.gov

*COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to public health and safety requirements concerning the coronavirus, public hearing for the Draft EIR/EIS may need to occur online and/or by teleconference only. Please check the Authority website (www.hsr.ca.gov) for more information, including up-to-date information on the planned public hearing.

**Thank you for your participation. Please contact Kai Walcott at kwalcott@kearnswest.com or (415) 568-9990, if you need assistance understanding the information resources available to you.*