

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

December 6, 2010

SUBJECT

High-Speed Rail program status update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive staff's program status update and provide additional input, guidance, and direction. This is an information-only staff report.

BACKGROUND

During the June 14, 2010 Council meeting, City staff presented a summary of the California High Speed Rail Alternatives Analysis, including an overview of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) April 2010 *Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report for the San Francisco to San Jose Section* (Preliminary AA Report), a summary of community input received at community workshops held on April 29 and May 11, 2010, an overview of design considerations within Redwood City, and a summary of the "stitched plan" concept for a below-grade high-speed rail alignment in Redwood City.

Since that time, two additional community meetings have been held to discuss the potential for a high-speed rail train station in Redwood City, the first meeting on October 13, and the second on November 3, 2010. In August 2010 the CHSRA published its Supplemental AA Report, and on November 4, 2010 the CHSRA Board approved the recommendation to "carry forward" (into the detailed environmental analysis) a below grade trench option in Redwood City, along with the aerial design option identified in the Supplemental AA Report.

At this time City staff members wish to update City Council on the High-Speed Rail program status, with a presentation covering the following:

- Program update, including the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement
- Active engagement process, including community outreach meetings; Policy Working Group meetings; Technical Working Group meetings; updates to the Chamber of Commerce, Seaport Industrial Association, and Peninsula Freight Rail Users Group; and regional coordination
- Integration with Redwood City's *New General Plan*, including key themes, urban form and land use, circulation, and economic development
- Council Q & A and discussion

FISCAL IMPACT

This is an information-only staff report; no fiscal impact is associated with this program status update.



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ATTACHMENTS

None

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