



Board Report

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
JULY 17, 2019**

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SEGMENTS

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE status report on California High Speed Rail Southern California Segments.

ISSUE

On May 23, 2019, Directors Najarian, Solis, Barger, Butts and Krekorian directed the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Evaluate the anticipated June 18th report back to the California High Speed Rail Authority and subsequently update the analysis presented under Agenda Item No.10, pursuant to the February 2019 motion by Directors Barger, Najarian and Krekorian;
- B. Continue monitoring any future developments regarding “bookend” high speed rail investments; and
- C. Report back to the Metro Board of Directors at the July 2019 meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the May 21, 2019 California High Speed Rail Authority (CAHSR) Board Meeting a draft resolution #HSRA 19-03 was introduced to consider accepting the updated June 2018 Program Baseline (Cost, Schedule and Scope) for the 119-mile Central Valley Segment, Bookends and Environmental; approving adjustments to existing contract and delegation to the High Speed Rail (HSR) CEO to manage the updated HSR Program Baseline. The HSR Program Baseline includes scope of work to deliver the High Speed Rail Central Valley segment and commitments made outside the Central Valley (Record of Decisions for San Francisco to Anaheim segments, Caltrain Electrification, San Mateo Grade Separation, Rosecrans/Marquardt Grade Separation, Link Union Station and other funded scope of work). The CAHSR Board director Camacho requested additional side-by-side studies of three project sections (Peninsula, Central Valley and Southern California) by the early train operator, Deutsche Bahn, and report back to the California High Speed Rail Authority Board on June

18th.

DISCUSSION

Findings

At the June 18th CAHSR Board Meeting, Director Camacho made a motion to amend the minutes of the May 21st meeting to include detail on his motion (the motion was adopted). At the June 18th meeting, High Speed Rail staff reported that Deutsche Bahn will conduct the study in two phases and coordinate with rail operators within each section.

The interim report will gather information from third parties, develop an assumptions register, outline service concepts for each scenario and make preliminary conclusions. The interim report will lack the full detail on costs and benefits, which will be developed for the final report. The interim report is expected to be completed in time for the September Board meeting.

A final report will involve additional work with third parties and collection and analysis of information to develop calculations for ridership, revenue, capital expenditures, operating costs, greenhouse gas benefits and congestion relief, as well as near-term benefits, the completion date, and any potential for private investment and local matching funds. It should be noted, while most of the work is focused on southern California, the scope requires additional work for the Central Valley and the Peninsula as well. The final report shall be completed in time to be released concurrent with the Draft 2020 Business Plan in February 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of this receive and file status report on California HSR Southern California Segments would have no financial impact to the agency.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Findings supports strategic plan goals 1, 3 and 4. These actions support Metro's partnership with other rail operators to improve service reliability and mobility, provide better transit connections throughout the network and serves to implement the following specific strategic plan goals:

- a) Goal 1.2: Improve LA County's overall transit network and assets;
- b) Goal 3.3: Genuine public and community engagement to achieve better mobility outcomes for the people of LA County; and
- c) Goal 4.1: Metro will work with partners to build trust and make decisions that support the goals of the Strategic Plan.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will evaluate the high speed rail interim report to be released at the September 17, 2019 California High Speed Rail Authority Board meeting and report back to the Metro Board by November/December 2019. Then staff will return to the Board by April 2020 to provide an update on

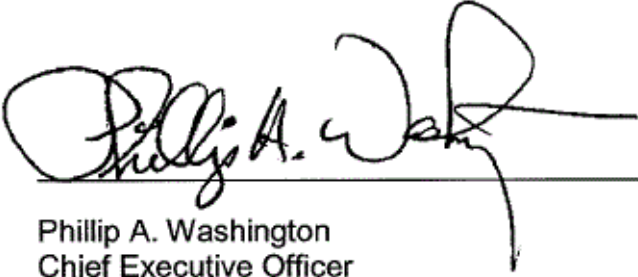
the CAHSR Draft 2020 Business Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - May 2019 Metro Board Motion

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