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To: Ben Tripousis
Northern Regional Director
California High Speed Rail Authority
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RE: Public Review Period for Draft EIR/EIS - San Jose to Merced High Speed Rail Project

Dear Mr. Tripousis:

Thank you for the High Speed Rail Authority's (HSRA) ongoing efforts to engage, consult, and coordinate with the City of Morgan Hill on the environmental review for the San Jose to Merced segment of the proposed High Speed Rail (HSR) system. Based upon the HSRA's published schedule, the City anticipates the release of the forthcoming EIR/EIS in the summer of 2017, and looks forward to reviewing the Draft EIR/EIS when made publicly available.

A thirty to sixty day public review period is consistent with the California Public Resources Code, California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15105(a); however, given the size and complexity of the San Jose to Merced project and the EIR evaluating it, we would like to formally request an extended review period of 90 days. This request, if granted, would be similar to the review period granted in response to a request from the City of Fresno for the Draft EIR/EIS Fresno to Bakersfield segment of this project. Thank you for your consideration and continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Steve Rymer
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