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Mr. Ben Tripousis  
Northern Regional Director  
California High Speed Rail Authority  
100 Paseo de San Antonio, #206  
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: CITY OF MORGAN HILL – HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT – 15% DESIGN  
REVIEW**

Dear Mr. Tripousis,

First and foremost, the City of Morgan Hill would like to thank CHSRA for their on-going collaborative efforts and for the opportunity to review and comment on the 15% Preliminary Engineering for Project Definition (PEPD) drawings received on August 2, 2017. As requested, the City of Morgan Hill has completed a high-level technical review of the 15% PEPD drawings for the two proposed alignments for the High-Speed Rail (HSR) through Morgan Hill. The two alignment options within the plans are briefly described below:

Alternative 1: The proposed high-speed rail tracks would run along a viaduct parallel to, and just west of, US 101.

Alternative 2: The proposed high-speed rail tracks would be parallel (on the east side) to the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) tracks on an embankment through Morgan Hill. The alignment includes shifting Monterey Road to the east to make room for the HSR tracks north of Cochrane Road. Railroad Avenue also would be shifted to the east between Barrett Avenue and Maple Avenue. All streets that currently cross the Union Pacific Railroad track(s) at-grade would be grade separated as underpasses.

As requested by CHSRA, the City organized its comments within the table provided and included an updated study by Hexagon Transportation Consultants identifying potential construction and circulation impacts, along with a map book illustrating the two alignments in relation to the City's sewer, water, and storm utilities. These review comments and attachments are submitted as a courtesy to CHSRA and should not be construed as acceptance of the two design options provided to the City for review. The City remains convinced that an alignment within US 101 right of way would be this community's preference.

The City of Morgan Hill appreciates CHSRA's careful review and consideration of our comments for the 15% PEPD drawings. Should the Authority wish to discuss any of the information within the attachments, please feel free to contact me or Tiffany Brown with Planning Department at [Tiffany.Brown@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Brown@morganhill.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Scott C. Creer  
City Engineer

Attachments:

- A. Storm, Water, and Sewer Map Book
- B. Updated Transportation, Land Use, and Construction Impact Analysis, Hexagon
- C. Comment Table

cc: Morgan Hill City Council  
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren  
Assembly Member Anna Caballero  
Senator Bill Monning