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Boris Lipkin, Northern California Regional Director  
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California High Speed Rail Authority  
100 Paseo De San Antonio, #206  
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: CHSRA REVISED DRAFT 2022 BUSINESS PLAN**

Dear Mr. Lipkin,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2022 Draft Business Plan. As the project advances through the environmental process, the City continues to request the Authority select the Alternative with the least impacts on the City and budget for City specific projects to successfully mitigate the impacts.

Alternative 4 is identified as the Preferred Alternative within the Final EIR for the San Jose to Merced Segment and may ultimately be selected for implementation. If Alternative 4 is selected, the Authority should budget to incorporate the necessary grade separations to properly mitigate the Safety Impacts identified within the Final EIR. The draft 2022 Business Plan identifies grant opportunities that include Safety enhancements such as grade separations. Priority of funding should be dedicated to communities with significant safety impacts such as Morgan Hill where the alignment bisects the community causing delay in Police and Fire response times. The City asks that the Authority take the lead on those grant opportunities to further enhance their rail project and reduce impacts to our City. In addition, the Business Plan should:

- Prioritize negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad that would allow the HSR to operate mostly within the existing right-of-way and provide electrified tracks from San Jose to Gilroy.
- Prioritize identification of funding for the electrification of the tracks from San Jose to Gilroy to ensure future rail service for South County.

- Identify a funding plan for future Bookend and Connectivity projects required to mitigate impacts for Morgan Hill such as grade separations and Caltrain Station Refinements.

The City looks forward to future collaboration to further mitigate impacts to our community, and thanks you for the consideration of incorporating these comments within the draft Business Plan.

Sincerely,



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City Manager  
City of Morgan Hill

cc: City Attorney  
Mayor  
City Council