



California High-Speed Rail BRIEFING: **MARCH 17, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda Item #2**

TO: Chair Richards and Board Members
FROM: Brian P. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer
DATE: March 17, 2022
RE: Draft 2022 Business Plan

Summary

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is required by Public Utilities Code Section 185033 to prepare, publish, adopt, and submit a biennial Business Plan to the Legislature on May 1 of even numbered years. At least 60 days prior to the submission, the Authority must publish a draft Business Plan for public review and comment.

The Draft 2022 Business Plan (Draft Plan) was issued on February 8, 2022. Notices were circulated and the information was posted on the Authority's website. Stakeholders and the public were provided various ways to comment on the Draft Plan. At the February 18, 2022, Board of Directors meeting, the Draft Plan was presented, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment.

This memorandum provides a summary of the public comment opportunities and substantive comments received as of March 8, 2022. The public comment period will continue through April 11, 2022. A summary of all comments on the Draft Plan will be provided to the Board prior to the adoption of the 2022 Business Plan at its April 2022 Board meeting.

A public hearing on the Draft Plan will be held at the March 17, 2022, Board meeting along with an overview presentation of the Draft Plan.

Background

Following the release of the Draft Plan in February, comments have been received through a variety of means including the February 2022 Board meeting; the California State Assembly Joint Hearing Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation Committees held on February 23, 2022; the California State Senate Joint Hearing Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Correction, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor, and Transportation, held on March 8, 2022; letters; emails; and the Authority's website.

Fifty-two comments have been received as of March 8, 2022.

- Board meeting – 5 comments
- Legislative Hearings – 24 comments
- Authority's website – 21 comments
- Letters – 2 Letters

Prior Board Action

No prior Board action has been taken on the Draft 2022 Business Plan.

Discussion

This Board memo is for informational purposes only.

Legal Approval

The Draft 2022 Business Plan complies with the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 185033.

Budget and Fiscal Impact

This is an informational item on the Authority’s Draft 2022 Business Plan, and by itself, does not have budget or fiscal impact.

REVIEWER INFORMATION	SIGNATURE
Reviewer Name and Title: Brian Annis Chief Financial Officer	Signature verifying budget analysis: Signed March 9, 2022
Reviewer Name and Title: Alicia Fowler Chief Counsel	Signature verifying legal analysis: Signed March 9, 2022

Recommendations

There are no recommendations associated with this Board memo; it is for informational purposes only.

Attachments

Draft 2022 Business Plan Overview PowerPoint