



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Council Meeting Date: August 23, 2011  
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Agenda Item: # 12

## INFORMATION ITEM: High Speed Rail Briefing Information Booklet

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This is an information item and does not require Council action.

### BACKGROUND

Established in 1996, the California High Speed Rail Authority is charged with planning, designing, constructing, and operating a state-of-the-art high speed train system. The Authority is governed by a nine-member Board; five members are appointed by the Governor, two by the Senate Rules Committee, and two by the Speaker of the assembly.

The High Speed Rail system as a whole would serve San Diego to Sacramento, including other major cities in-between. A branch of the system would separate and run from the Central Valley to the San Francisco Bay Area. The High Speed Rail system is planned to access San Jose as well as San Francisco, with other local stops.

Staff was requested by the High Speed Rail Council Subcommittee to prepare a briefing information packet for the Council members and others. The purpose of the information packet (Attachment A) is to inform the Council of the City's efforts to date regarding High Speed Rail as well as provide information from legislators, other organizations and agencies relating to the High Speed Rail project. The information packet is a compilation of material to provide both a historical perspective of High Speed Rail issues as well as a resource to provide an overall perspective on the City's policy positions.

Staff prepared a draft table of contents for the subcommittee to review and comment. The comments from the subcommittee were incorporated into the information packet that is being submitted to Council.

### ANALYSIS

The information packet would provide a useful tool for new Council members and the public to use as a reference on activities the City and other agencies have conducted to date regarding High Speed Rail. It also provides information from other agencies, such as the Legislative Analyst Office, pertaining to their peer review of the High Speed Rail Authority.

### IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

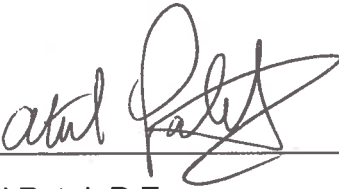
Transmittal of the information packet has no direct impact on City resources.

## **POLICY ISSUES**

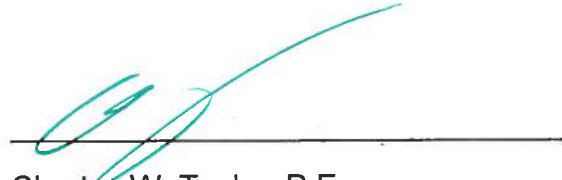
No policy issues are raised in this report.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

As an information report, environmental review is not required.



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**ATTACHMENTS:** A. High Speed Rail Information Packet - August 23, 2011