



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of February 23, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 4-L

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SUBJECT:

California High Speed Rail Authority Draft 2022 Business Plan

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

On February 8, 2022, the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) released their Draft 2022 Business Plan. The Business Plan is updated biennially and submitted by the CHSRA to the California Legislature. The Business Plan will have a 60-day public comment period running through April 11, 2022.

Construction Package 1 from Madera County to Fresno County has 95% of design completed, 92.8% of Right-Of-Way parcels delivered, 68% of utility relocations commenced, 79% of structures complete/in progress, 50% of guideway complete/in progress and 71.5% of overall contract complete.

Procurements will be initiated this month to advance design on the 33-mile extension north from Madera to Merced. This will include mapping right-of-way, performing geotechnical investigations, identifying utility relocations, conducting value engineering, and assessing risk.

Six agreements and memorandums of understanding for community investments in Madera County, the City of Chowchilla, the City of Madera, and the community of Fairmead have been completed. They include elementary school bus services, sewer/water improvements and other facility investments.

By mid-2022, CHSRA anticipates taking to the Board of Directors the final Records of Decision on the two Northern California sections, San Francisco to San José and San José to Merced. The San José to Merced section environmental review as required under CEQA and NEPA is expected to be considered for certification in April of 2022. The San José to Merced project section will provide a critical rail link between Silicon Valley and the Central Valley.

The 2022 Draft Business Plan can be accessed via the following link: hsr.ca.gov/about/high-speed-rail-business-plans/2022-business-plan/

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.