



To: High Speed Rail Authority

re; San Francisco to Los Angeles HST Project EIR/EIS

specifically the geographical area from Blossom Hill Road to Bernal Road in South San Jose

We are the Neighborhood Association that represents the 920+ homes that lie to the east of Monterey Road and the West of Hwy 101 from Ford Road in the north to Bernal Road in the South. We have serious objections to the High Speed Rail going through our Neighborhood. Due to the fact that the High Speed Rail Authority could not reach an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad to use the current rail tracks, the new High Speed Rail Project will need to construct a new rail system to the east of the current tracks. This projection will put trains traveling at a minimum speed of 125 miles per hour at 100 feet from the backyards of our current residents. This raises serious concerns with the neighbors. A list of their concerns is below:

- Noise increases - 6 to 8 trains per direction per hour.
- Vibration - constant increase of vibration due to additional train usage.
- Electrical Hazard from living close to new High Voltage Towers.
- Property Value Decrease (extreme concern).
- Quality of life concerns due to continuous flow of trains. (extreme concern)
- Traffic congestion and noise level increase due to lane mitigation.
- Visual Obstructions (18 ft. high sound walls and constant flow of trains).
- Construction Impact to neighborhood - (serious concern) how many years?
- What types of hazardous wastes do High Speed electrical trains give off?
- Air Quality issues with constant dust and dirt being driven into the air by the continuous flow of trains (minimum 6 trains per hour per direction).

We would like to go on record as opposing the projected new construction location of the High Speed Rail Project in South San Jose, primarily the stretch of proposed track from Capitol Expressway in the north to Bailey Road in the south. Our homes are particularly affected on the stretch of proposed track from Blossom Hill Road in the north to Bernal Road in the south. We feel some of the issues and concerns could be calmed or eliminated by finding an alternative route or by using the existing tracks.

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