

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

# COAST RAIL CORRIDOR STUDY



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# AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Study Overview
  - a) Technical Analysis
  - b) Stakeholder & Community Engagement
  - c) Schedule & Milestones
- III. Study Goals & Objectives
- IV. Range of Commuter Rail Options
- V. Question & Answer Discussion
- VI. Next Steps



# GROUND RULES & REMINDERS

- Attendees muted upon entry
- Chat box deactivated during meeting
- Facilitated Q&A session
  - Instructions later in presentation
- Streaming on Facebook Live
- Materials posted on website
- Meeting is being recorded



**Thank you for attending.  
Your input matters!**

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# STUDY OVERVIEW

## STUDY OVERVIEW TWO PLANNING EFFORTS

1. Intercity Rail & Bus Service Implementation Plan
2. Commuter Rail Passenger Rail Improvement Study





# INTERCITY RAIL & BUS

## Study Product:

### Phased Plan to Achieve CSRP Service Levels

#### Intercity Rail

	SLO - north	SLO - south
Existing (pre-COVID)	1 daily	3 daily
Year 2027	+1	+1
Year 2040	+3	+5

#### Intercity Rail + Bus

	Santa Barbara - Salinas
Existing (pre-COVID)	--
Year 2027	Every 2 hours
Year 2040	Every 1 hour



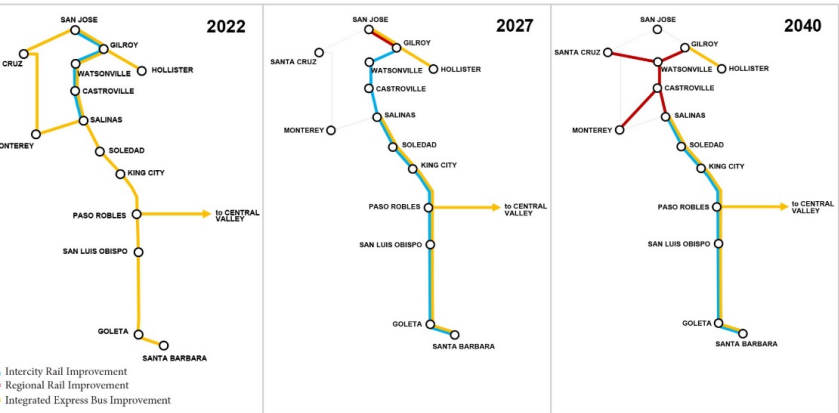
# INTERCITY RAIL & BUS

## Plan will:

- Increase rail service from **Goleta to Salinas**
- Achieve integrated intercity rail/bus system

## Study will evaluate and recommend:

- Rail operations & schedules
- Integrated intercity bus & rail service
- Infrastructure improvement needs
- Equipment needs
- Governance (service operators & managers)
- Local transit connectivity



# COMMUTER RAIL PHASED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

## Study will evaluate:

- Alternative technologies
- Service & schedule options
- Potential funding sources
- Infrastructure & equipment needs
- Operations & maintenance costs
- Integration & coordination with intercity rail & local transit
- Governance structure





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# STAKEHOLDER & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



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Stakeholder Committees

Speakers Bureau

Public Workshops (In-person/Virtual)

Information Materials (Fact Sheet/Surveys)

Project Website & Email

Media Relations

Social Media

# SCHEDULE & MILESTONES



**Milestone 1:** Initial Data / Establish Goals  
& Objectives

*March - August 2020*

**Milestone 2:** Identify Service Options

*September - October 2020*

**Milestone 3:** Evaluate Service Options

*November - December 2020*

**Milestone 4:** Prepare Implementation  
Plans & Recommendation

*January - June 2021*



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# GOALS & OBJECTIVES (INTERCITY & COMMUTER)



# SERVICE GOALS

## INTERCITY RAIL AND COMMUTER RAIL

1. System preservation & efficiency
2. Intermodal mobility & accessibility
3. Support economy
4. Improve safety & security
5. Healthy communities & social equity
6. Environmental stewardship
7. Financial stewardship



# GOALS & OBJECTIVES



## System Preservation

- Maximize efficiency and shift trips from autos to transit
- Maintain system resiliency to projected climate change impacts (e.g. extreme weather)

## Vibrant Economy

- More transit options for tourists and visitors
- Avoid impacting freight rail operations
- Link employment centers to housing

## Safety & Security

- Reduce likelihood of injuries and fatalities
- Improve safety measures and emergency preparedness

## Intermodal Mobility & Accessibility

- Increase ridership
- More convenient, reliable service
- Bus service to cities not on rail line
- Bus to train transfers (1<sup>st</sup>/last mile connections)
- Provide peak period service competitive with automobile travel time
- ADA accessibility

# GOALS & OBJECTIVES



## Healthy Communities, Social Equity

- Better access to major destinations
- Provide alternative to driving
- More options for non-drivers
- Affordable access to disadvantaged
- Encourage walking and biking

## Financial Stewardship

- Competitive for funding
- Coordinated with adjacent projects
- Cost-effective service

## Environmental Stewardship

- Reduce vehicle miles traveled and emissions
- Avoid impacts at rail crossings
- Preserve community character by avoiding roadway expansion
- Promote alternative, energy-efficient rail technologies

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# INITIAL RANGE OF OPTIONS (COMMUTER RAIL)



# COMMUTER SERVICE - RANGE OF OPTIONS



## MINIMAL SERVICE

### Short Route, Limited Service Hours

- Three existing stations
- Two trains daily
- Monday-Friday
- Peak period service
  - 6-9 a.m.
  - 3-7 p.m.

# COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE - RANGE OF OPTIONS



## MAXIMUM SERVICE




### Long Route, Long Service Hours

- Four existing stations; up to 3 new stations (Atascadero, Cal Poly, Santa Maria)
- Seven days a week
- All-day service
  - 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

# INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION







## PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS:

### To Comment or Ask Question

- Select appropriate icon
  - **Internet Browser:** select 
  - **WebEx Software:** select “▼ Q&A”
  - **Mobile App:** select , then 
- Type name, organization & question or comment into Q&A box
- Moderator will read comment/unmute you to ask question of panel



### Raise Your Hand

- Select “Raise Hand” icon
  - **Internet Browser:** select , then “ Raise Hand”
  - **WebEx Software:** select , then 
  - **Mobile App:** select , then 
- Wait to be called upon and unmuted by host
- State name, organization & question/comment
- Select “Lower Hand” after speaking

**Telephone:** Press \* 3 to comment or ask question

# SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

1. Would you use this short route commuter service?  
If no, please explain why?
2. Would this commuter service meet your needs if it only operates during the peak hour periods? If no, please explain way?
3. Could it meet your needs if service ran all day between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.?

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# SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

1. Would this short route commuter service meet your needs if it only operates during peak hours (M-F 6-9 a.m., 3-7 p.m.)? If no, please explain.
2. Would it meet your needs if service ran all day between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.?
3. Would you use this short route rail service for recreational trips or other reasons? If no, please explain.

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4. Would this long route service meet your needs? If no, please explain.
5. Have we have identified the right locations for additional stations on the long route? If no, please explain?
6. Do you see this long route service adding value to our region and communities?



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# QUESTIONS / OPEN DISCUSSION

# NEXT STEPS

1. Evaluate Service Options – *October-December*
  2. Develop Phased Implementation Plan – *March 2021*
  3. Prepare Draft Study Report – *April 2021*
  4. Prepare Final Study Report & Board Adoption – *May 2021*
- \* Stakeholder & Public Engagement throughout Study*





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