

PCC High Speed Rail Teach-In

Saturday, September 12, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Cubberley Community Center **Pavilion**, 4000 Middlefield Rd # T2, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4700

Organized by Peninsula Cities Consortium (PCC)

Hosted by the City of Palo Alto, in cooperation with Caltrain and California High Speed Rail Authority

Summary: The goal of High Speed Rail Teach-In is to bring experts together with elected leaders and the public to understand what is desirable and feasible for the rail corridor on the Peninsula. We believe cities and rail authorities can successfully achieve both transportation and community goals by working together.

Program Description: The Teach-In features speakers from diverse backgrounds with varying perspectives on the high speed rail project and will be moderated by Marcia Daszko.

Panel Sessions –There will be two Panel Sessions, each approximately 1 ½ hours. The sessions will start with a general question posed to all the panelists, and each will be allotted up to 8 minutes to present their opening remarks and respond to the question. A moderated Q&A will follow. Audience members will write their questions on cards, which will be collected and read aloud by city staff. Audience members may stand while their questions are read and may provide clarification or ask a follow-up question. Finally, each panelist will be given 2 minutes to share closing remarks.

Open Space Technology Session – The program will culminate in an Open Space Technology Session. Individuals willing to raise a topic will introduce themselves and announce their idea to the group. Anyone interested in that topic is welcome to join the group. Groups will organically form. This self-organizing process enables everyone to fully participate in discussing issues and brainstorming solutions.

Purpose of the Peninsula Cities Consortium: Local cities are joining together to play a pro-active role in the high speed rail project on the Peninsula. Although each city faces unique challenges, Peninsula cities share many similar concerns and the strong underlying belief that high speed rail needs to be integrated into the living fabric of our communities. Our goal is a collaborative process between PCC member cities and the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) in determining the alignment and range of alternatives and mitigations. We believe the final outcome must minimize the impacts upon local communities and incorporate the best urban design ideas.

Members: Five cities comprise the Peninsula Cities Consortium:

City	Representative	Alternate
Atherton	Mayor Jerry Carlson	Vice Mayor Kathy McKeithen
Belmont	Vice Mayor Christine Wozniak	Council Member Coralin Feierbach
Burlingame	Council Member Jerry Deal	Council Member Terry Nagel
Menlo Park	Vice Mayor Richard Cline	Council Member Kelly Fergusson
Palo Alto	Council Member Yoriko Kishimoto	Council Member Pat Burt

Yoriko Kishimoto serves as Chair and Richard Cline serves as Vice Chair of the PCC.

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.** **Registration**
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.** ***Welcome and Introduction to Peninsula Cities Consortium***
by **Yoriko Kishimoto**, PCC Chair and Palo Alto City Council Member
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.** ***Role of Community Advocacy in Shaping Outcomes***
by **Gary Patton**, Special Counsel, Planning and Conservation League
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.** ***Overview from Caltrain/High Speed Rail***
by **Robert Doty**, Director, Peninsula Rail Program for Caltrain/California High Speed Rail Authority
- 10:45 – 10:55 a.m.** ***Program Overview and Panel Introduction***
by **Marcia Daszko**, Teach-In Moderator
- 10:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Panel I: *“What are the opportunities and challenges regarding key technical and operational issues?”***
- **Robert Doty** – Director, Peninsula Rail Program, Caltrain/California High Speed Rail Authority
 - **Rich Tolmach** – President, California Rail Foundation
 - **Greg Greenway** – Co-Founder, Peninsula Freight Rail Users Group
 - **Dave Young** – Principle Project Manager, Hatch Mott MacDonald
 - **Tony Carrasco** – President, Carrasco & Associates
- 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.** **Light Lunch Provided**
Tables set up for groups and individuals to share information (must reserve in advance)
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.** **Panel II: *“How can the public influence the process and final outcome?”***
- **Gary Patton** – Special Counsel, Planning and Conservation League
 - **Dominic Spaethling** – Regional Manager, San Francisco to San Jose Section, California High Speed Rail Authority
 - **Ryan Ojakian** – Legislative Aide, State Senator Simitian
 - **Bradley Matteoni** – Partner, Matteoni, O’Laughlin & Hechtman
- 2:30 – 2:40 p.m.** ***Context Sensitive Solutions* by Bill Cutler**
- 2:40 – 4:15 p.m.** **Open Space Technology Session**
- 4:15 p.m.** **Closing Remarks by Yoriko Kishimoto**

Speaker Biographies

Marcia Daszko– Founder, Marcia Daszko & Associates, Catalysts for Change and Transformation

Marcia Daszko is a professional moderator with more than 20 years experience guiding organizations in developing leaders, new thinking, business models, strategies, systems & processes, and innovative products and services. In corporate, military, non-profit, and educational environments, she facilitates the dialogue for new learning, thinking and action.

Gary Patton – Special Counsel, Planning and Conservation League

Gary Patton is an environmental attorney with the law firm of Wittwer & Parkin, based in Santa Cruz. He served as an elected member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors from 1975 to 1995 and authored that county's successful growth management program. Patton has served on the Regional Coastal Commission, the State Air Resources Board, the local Air Pollution Control District, LAFCO, the Transit District Board of Directors and on the Regional Transportation Commission. He has also been an environmental lobbyist in Sacramento for the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) and now serves as a Special Counsel for PCL, where he works on high speed rail issues. He also provides a popular "Land Use Report" each weekday morning on KUSP Public Radio (www.kusp.org).

Robert Doty – Director, Peninsula Rail Program, Caltrain/California High Speed Rail Authority

Robert Doty is the Director for the Peninsula Rail Program, a consolidation of the activities of the Caltrain 2025 Program and the California High Speed Rail Project. Doty reports to the chief executive officers of both agencies. He provides overall direction for the program and is the primary contact for interagency coordination and regulatory approvals required for corridor mixed traffic operations. Doty has more than 35 years of experience in the rail transportation industry. He served as Manager of Train Operations for Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Rail Transformation Chief for Caltrain, and Deputy Director of Engineering/Construction and Rail Transportation for Caltrain. Doty developed the "Baby Bullet" express service concept at Caltrain. He held management positions for several international rail projects, including serving as Director of Systems Engineering for the Taipei Rapid Transit System, the Project Manager and Chief Negotiator for the Korean High-Speed Rail project, and Project Manager for Systemwide Works for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Section 1.

Rich Tolmach – President, California Rail Foundation

Richard Tolmach recently retired from the Caltrans Division of Rail after a 33-year career in passenger rail planning and service development, during which he planned the schedules and oversaw marketing of the service startup on each of the three California 403(b) intercity corridors. He currently has a consulting practice specializing in transit system start-ups, maps, timetables, vehicle graphics and information systems. Tolmach helped found the Train Riders' Association of California and serves on its Board of Directors. He is also the Editor of *California Rail News*.

Greg Greenway – Co-Founder, Peninsula Freight Rail Users Group

Greg Greenway is Executive Director of Seaport Industrial Association (SIA), a business group in the port area of Redwood City that promotes sound transportation and land use planning. In his role with SIA, Greenway is one of the founding members of the Peninsula Freight Rail Users Group, a coalition of 26 business, labor and public organizations that promotes the benefits of long-term planning for movement of goods by rail. He also serves as Chair of the Economic Development Department of the Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce.

Speaker Biographies, cont.

Dave Young – Principle Project Manager, Hatch Mott MacDonald

Dave Young is a Professional Engineer and Geotechnical Engineer who works as a Principle Project Manager for the engineering firm of Hatch Mott MacDonald. Young is currently responsible for the design of a 10,000-foot-long 54-inch sewer line to be constructed by microtunneling and conventional pipe jacking methods in alluvial soils. He has worked on tunnels, mines, dams, pipelines and hydroelectric projects during a 21-year career in geo-engineering. Young's worldwide experience includes projects in Canada, the U.S., Peru, Chile, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand and includes tunnels in permafrost, soft muds with zero blow count, to soft swelling rock, to the hardest rock beneath overburden ranging from 2 feet to over 7,000 feet.

Tony Carrasco – President, Carrasco & Associates Architects

Tony Carrasco is founder and President of Palo Alto-based Carrasco & Associates Architects. Carrasco is an architect and urban designer who has worked on award-winning projects throughout the Bay Area for more than 25 years. Carrasco served as a City Planner for the City of Palo Alto and has participated on numerous task forces to initiate better urban design for the city. Most recently, he is a member of an award-winning grassroots effort that is exploring how Palo Alto would accommodate high speed rail and protect adjoining neighborhoods from a walled-in effect that would further divide the city.

Dominic Spaethling – Regional Manager, San Francisco to San Jose Section, California High Speed Rail Authority

Dominic Spaethling is a Regional Manager for the California High Speed Rail Authority who is responsible for the oversight of the San Francisco to San Jose section of the 800-mile statewide high speed train system. Spaethling is also a Senior Project Manager and Vice President with Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) in the firm's San Francisco office. While with PB, he has worked with a variety of West Coast commuter, intercity and freight rail properties, including Caltrain, the Caltrans Division of Rail, the Capitol Corridor, Metrolink, the Northwestern Pacific Railroad and Sounder in Seattle, Washington.

Ryan Ojakian – Legislative Aide, State Senator Simitian

Ryan Ojakian serves as a Legislative Aide to State Senator Joseph Simitian. Senator Simitian represents the 11th District, spanning Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties and encompassing Peninsula corridor cities from San Carlos to Palo Alto and portions of San Jose. Senator Simitian is Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee #2, which oversees state budget allocations for the California High Speed Rail Authority. He is also a member of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Ojakian works in Sacramento on a variety of issues, including all transportation-related matters. He has been involved in a broad range of the legislative aspects of the high speed rail project.

Bradley Matteoni – Partner, Matteoni, O'Laughlin & Hechtman

Bradley Matteoni is real estate attorney with the law firm of Matteoni, O'Laughlin & Hechtman. She has represented public agencies and property owners in condemnation and inverse condemnation actions. In addition, Matteoni has successfully handled cases involving challenges to the right to take, severance damages, loss of goodwill, impairment of access, assemblage, and highest and best use for residential properties, commercial and industrial properties, service stations and undeveloped lands. She has prepared appellate briefs and contributed research and writing to the Continuing Education of the Bar two-volume work entitled *Condemnation Practice in California*.