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Nadia,

Attached is the technical information that you requested in your email on December 16th, 2009 to John Litzinger on the HNTB team. Instead of providing you the files that were listed in the July, 2009 presentation, I have included the most recent technical memos and drawings as described in the "Engineering Management Team (EMT) Released Technical Guidance Documents" dated December 3, 2009. The reason for this substitution is that several of the documents that were listed in the July, 2009 presentation have been updated since that time. These documents are the same documents that the regional consultant teams use as guidance for their engineering work statewide.

It is important for you to know that these documents are the basis from which we are currently performing our 15% and 30% design engineering. These documents inform a future "Design Manual" that will be used by the design teams to prepare the 100% designs to build the California High Speed Train Project. Therefore, while these documents provide guidance to the Program Management Team and the Regional Consultant teams, they are not necessarily the final criteria and standards that the High Speed Train will be designed and built to.

As you know we are looking forward to distributing the Alternatives Analysis for the San Francisco to San Jose section of the High Speed Train system in early March. As we have discussed, the approximate 50 miles on the Peninsula are unique to the statewide High Speed Train system and will have some of its own design requirements due to the shared corridor concept that we are planning with Caltrain. I will look forward to your input on the Alternatives Analysis document and collaboration in defining a system for that works for the communities on Peninsula, Caltrain and the California High Speed Rail Authority.

Sincerely,

Dominic Spaethling
Regional Manager

Attachments: Engineering Management Team "Released Technical Guidance Documents"
CD of the documents

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