

Appendix A
Scoping Summary



COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT

Summary Report

Public Scoping Meetings

August 28 & 29, 2012

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1.1 Introduction

Project Overview

The proposed Coast Daylight, operated by Amtrak, and jointly funded by Amtrak and Caltrans, would follow the route of the existing Amtrak Coast Starlight service that currently provides passenger service along the rail corridor from Los Angeles to San José, and connect service to San Francisco. The Coast Corridor Project proposes improvements to the existing 130-mile-long rail corridor between Salinas and San Luis Obispo in order to meet the demands of a growing highly mobile population, alleviate travel congestion, and extend passenger rail service down the coast from San José to Los Angeles. The project considers rail siding extensions, double tracking, signaling improvements, and curve realignments. Additional stations are proposed in Soledad and King City with improvements to the station in Salinas.

Public Participation Program

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) initiated the formal scoping process by publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Program EIS/EIR in the Federal Register on August 17, 2012. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the lead federal agency, working jointly with Caltrans as the lead state agency, and will be preparing the program-level (Tier 1) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Two public scoping meetings were held as a part of the public scoping process:

Salinas	San Luis Obispo
Transportation Agency for Monterey County	San Luis Obispo City/County Library
55-B Plaza Circle	995 Palm Street
August 28, 2012, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	August 29, 2012, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

These meetings provided an opportunity for the public and agencies to comment on the scope of environmental topics that will be analyzed in the Program EIS/EIR.

Approximately 25 people attended the Public Scoping Meetings, not including project team members. Sign in sheets (Appendix 1) were provided for attendees with the option of including a mailing/email address so that they could be added to the project mailing list. This list will be used to update the public and appropriate agencies on further public outreach/involvement

opportunities, and to provide further information concerning the proposed project. Scoping meeting attendees were provided with comment cards (Appendix 2) to submit their thoughts on the project, and copies of the presentation given were made available for interested parties.

John Cook (Circlepoint) as well as a representative from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) at the San Luis Obispo meeting and Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) at the Salinas meeting presented an overview of the Coast Corridor project, its components, and its purpose and need. They also discussed the environmental process and the issues to be studied in the EIR/EIS. Preceding and following the presentation, attendees were welcomed to take part in an open house informal discussion of the project and review process with team members at various information stations with exhibit boards and aerial overview maps (Appendix 3).

Formal Scoping Meeting Notification

Federal Register/Notice of Intent

The NOI was printed in the Federal Register on August 17, 2012 (Appendix 4).

Newspaper

Notices to the public briefly describing the proposed project and listing the dates and locations of the scoping meetings were published in local newspapers. These publications included the Salinas Californian (August 21, 2012), the San Luis Obispo Tribune (August 22, 2012) and El Sol (August 25, 2012). Proof of publishing can be found in Appendix 5.

Mailing

6,000 plus postcard meeting notifications in both English and Spanish were distributed to residents within 500 feet of the corridor and 1,000 feet of the stations. These mailers gave a brief explanation of the project and provided details on the dates, times, and locations of the Public Scoping Meetings. A copy can be found in Appendix 6.

1.2 Key Issues Summary

Method of Receiving Comments

Public Scoping Meeting attendees were provided with comment sheets at the meeting and were asked to submit them that day or mail them to 1114 Marsh Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or coastcorridorscopingcomments@circlepoint.com by close of business September 10, 2012. Two comment letters were received from meeting attendees, and two were sent in after the meetings. Appendix 7 contains copies of these comments.

Comments Summary and Disposition

August 28th—Salinas

Questions/Comments	Disposition
Is this a real project? Has funding been identified?	Project attributes and anticipated potential funding strategies will be discussed in the EIS/EIR.
Does the Federal government have some minimum level of projects that need to be approved?	The EIS/EIR will discuss all pertinent regulatory requirements.
How much will the ticket be from Salinas to San Francisco? San Francisco to Los Angeles?	If known, estimated fare information will be discussed in the EIS/EIR.

August 29th—San Luis Obispo

Questions/Comments	Disposition
Would you consider re-instituting the use of sidings—currently many are used for excess rail car storage. This is unsightly, and being used as a parking lot.	The Alternatives section of the EIS/EIR will describe all project components and how they were developed.
Besides the Cuesta Grade, what other curves are we looking at?	The Alternatives section of the EIS/EIR will describe all project components and how they were developed. Several other curve corrections are noted; the Cuesta area is the only segment where substantial second track is programmed.
Do we have the authority to take property via eminent domain?	The EIS/EIR will discuss the subsequent analyses and permits anticipated to be necessary for project implementation, including any needed land acquisition.
Will the fiber optic cable that was laid a number of years ago be considered or disturbed?	The EIS/EIR will consider effects to existing utilities in the rail corridor, including communications infrastructure.
Is the April 2015 service date firm?	The EIS/EIR will clarify anticipated project timeframes.
What is the status of implementing positive train control? Will it be required?	The Alternatives section of the EIS/EIR will describe all of the anticipated improvements.
What website will you use to provide updates?	www.slocog.org
Does the train own an easement next to the tracks?	The EIS/EIR will discuss the subsequent analyses and permits anticipated to be necessary for project implementation, including any needed land acquisition.

I would like to see a parallel bike path and trail.	The comment is noted.
Amtrak & UPRR—since UPRR is such a disinterested partner, why force the issue? Highway 101 has a good amount of Right of Way for an elevated train up the middle of the highway.	The Alternatives section of the EIS/EIR will describe all of the anticipated improvements and their anticipated locations. This section will also discuss alternatives briefly considered but ultimately rejected from further analysis.
There is much to accomplish in terms of planning and actual work on the Coast Corridor. Eagerly awaiting the start of the Coast Daylight.	The comment is noted.
Pleased to see that much needed improvements will be made. These will serve residents and tourists.	The comment is noted.
This project is much needed, and adding stations between SLO and Salinas would be okay, but there should be at least one daily express run up and down the coast each way that skips most other stops.	The comment is noted.

1.3 Stakeholder Briefings

Prior to the scoping meetings two stakeholder briefings were conducted. A brief summary of each follows.

Soledad

A briefing with the Community and Economic Development Director of the City of Soledad was held prior to the Salinas scoping meeting. A brief overview of the project was provided and then a discussion about the project took place. Discussion topics include: the City of Soledad Downtown Specific Plan, station location, potential agriculture impacts if any access across the tracks is eliminated.

King City

A briefing with the Community Development Director and staff was conducted prior to the San Luis Obispo scoping meeting. A brief overview of the project was provided and then a discussion about the project took place. Discussion topics include: purpose/result of the draft EIS/R, coordination with Fort Hunter-Liggett, coordination with existing downtown planning efforts, coordination with UPRR, existing RailPro study. King City staff indicated concerns about the following topics: Greenhouse Gas emissions, multi-modal element, the potential impact on commute patterns. King City staff also encouraged making the EIS/R accessible to Spanish speakers.

Appendix 1

Sign-In Sheets

COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT

SIGN-IN SHEET/Firme Aquí

Coast Corridor Project Environmental Scoping Meetings Juntas de Evaluación del Alcance Ambiental del Proyecto del Corredor de la Costa

Salinas Salinas
 Tuesday, August 28, 2012, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Martes 28 de agosto de 2012, de 3:30 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.
 Conference Room, Transportation Authority of Monterey County Sala de conferencias, Transportation Authority of Monterey County
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 995 Palm Street 995 Palm Street
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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 E-mail/correo electrónico: Organization/Organización:

Name/Nombre: ERC MEXER Organization/Organización:
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 Domicilio, ciudad, estado, código postal: _____



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Appendix 2

Meeting Materials

PLACE
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HERE

Pete Rodgers
Coast Corridor Tier 1 EIS/R Salinas to San Luis Obispo
C/O San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
1114 Marsh Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please fold, tape, stamp and mail

Appendix 3

Exhibit Boards

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Coast Corridor faces significant mobility challenges today and in the future. By 2040 statewide population is expected to grow substantially, further straining the existing transportation network.

CONSTRAINED TRAVEL OPTIONS

- Air access is limited, with major airports located outside the Salinas to San Luis Obispo areas.
- One major highway –US 101 – serves the corridor and experiences frequent congestion and travel delays
- Amtrak passenger service (Coast Starlight) is often delayed due to the primarily single track rail system.

SIGNIFICANT HIGHWAY CONGESTION

- Congestion is particularly acute at the corridor's urban chokepoints making travel times unreliable.
- Space constraints limit the potential to expand the highway system.

CONSTRAINED RAIL SYSTEM CAPACITY

- Existing infrastructure is significantly undersized for the volumes it currently accommodates.
- Coast Starlight service is often fully booked during peak travel periods.

AGING RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Investment in corridor rail service has not kept pace with population and travel demand.
- Many tracks, signals and bridges have not been upgraded or improved in decades.

SAFETY CONCERNS

- Growing frequency of rail-related collisions call for improved highway/rail crossings and new or upgraded pedestrian crossings.

NEED FOR INCREASED TRAVEL CAPACITY WITHOUT IMPACTING AIR QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Highway capacity improvements can have negative impacts on regional and local air quality as well as the efficient use of natural resources.
- Rail system improvements offer the opportunity to achieve air quality benefits with minimal impact on natural resources.



NEPA/CEQA PROCESS OVERVIEW



COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

CURVE CORRECTION/ TRACK REALIGNMENT



- Increase Speeds
- Enhance Safety
- Improve Reliability

SIDING EXTENSION



- Lower Speed 2nd Line
- Enable Safe Passing
- Shorter Distances
- Improve Reliability

SECOND MAIN LINE



- Improve Speed and Safety
- Add Capacity
- Improve Reliability



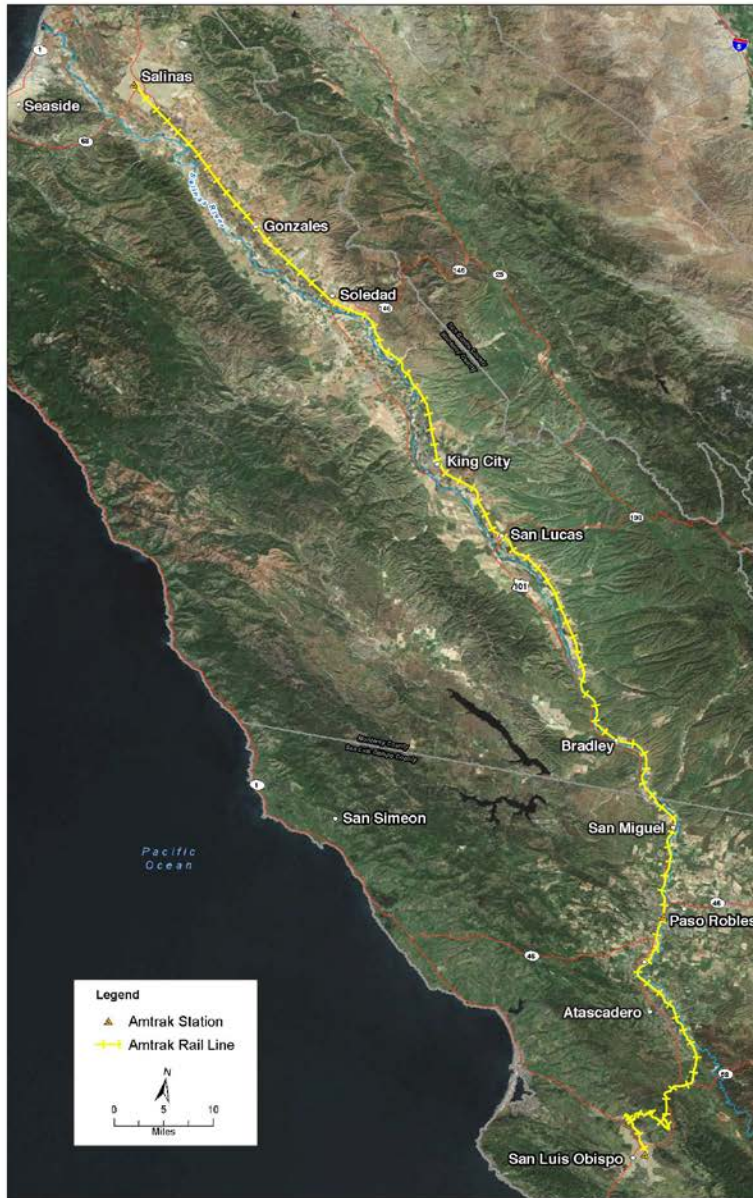
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PASSENGER STATIONS



OVERVIEW MAP



OVERVIEW MAP



Appendix 4

Federal Register

Notice of Intent



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The buildings used for the scoping meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in the meetings should contact Jyll Smith at Oregon Department of Transportation, telephone (503) 986-3985, five days prior to the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 13, 2012.

Corey Hill,

Director, Rail Project Development and Delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Environmental Impact Statement for the Salinas to San Luis Obispo Portion of the Coast Corridor: Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, CA

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that FRA and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will jointly prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to study potential service upgrades and rail corridor improvements to the Salinas to San Luis Obispo portion of the Coast Corridor. The objective of the EIS/EIR is to evaluate alternatives and present environmental analysis to help make decisions regarding the type of service upgrades and rail improvements to be provided in the corridor, including variations in train frequency, trip time, and on-time performance. FRA is also issuing this notice to solicit public and agency input into the development of the scope of the EIS/EIR, whether to tier the environmental process, and to advise the public that public and agency participation resulting from outreach activities conducted by Caltrans and its representatives will be considered in the preparation of the EIS/EIR.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR for the Salinas to San Luis Obispo Portion of the Coast Corridor should be provided to Caltrans no later than September 10, 2012. Public scoping meetings are scheduled on August 28 and August 29, 2012 at the times and locations identified in the Addresses section below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of this study should be sent to Ms. Emily Burstein, Division of Rail, Office of Planning and Policy, California Department of Transportation, 1120 N Street, MS 74, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via email to coastcorridorscopingcomments@circlepoint.com. Comments may also be provided orally or in writing at the public scoping meetings scheduled at the following locations:

Salinas

Tuesday, August 28, 2012, 3:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m., Transportation Authority for Monterey County (TAMC), TAMC Conference Room, 55 Plaza Circle #B, Salinas, CA 93901.

San Luis Obispo

Wednesday, August 29, 2012, 3:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m., San Luis Obispo County Library Community Room, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regarding the environmental review please contact: Ms. Emily Burstein, Division of Rail, Office of Planning and Policy, California Department of Transportation, 1120 N Street, MS 74, Sacramento, CA 95814 (telephone: (916) 654-6932) or Ms. Stephanie Perez, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 20, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-0388).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need

The greater Coast Corridor region from San Jose, California to Los Angeles, California faces significant mobility challenges today. These challenges are likely to continue in the future as continued growth in population, employment, and tourism activity is expected to generate increased travel demand. By 2040, statewide population is expected to grow substantially, further straining the existing transportation network. An effective rail system is necessary to meet the future mobility needs of residents, businesses, and visitors. The Coast Corridor faces continuing transportation challenges as evidenced by the following:

- **Constrained Travel Options**—While the Coast Corridor is served by a transportation system that includes air, highway, and rail modes system access and capacity is insufficient to meet future travel demand. Air access is limited for many residents because major airports are located at a substantial distance outside the Salinas to San Luis Obispo portion of the

corridor. This portion of the corridor is served by a single major highway—US 101—which experiences frequent congestion and travel delays. Amtrak offers a single daily Coast Starlight passenger service along the corridor and trains are often delayed due to the primarily single-track rail system operating beyond its design capacity.

- **Significant Highway Congestion**—While travel by automobile is expected to meet the majority of future travel demand, this increased use will result in worsening of existing congestion. Congestion is particularly acute at the corridor's urban chokepoints and is likely to worsen, making travel times unreliable. In addition, space constraints limit the potential to expand the highway system.

- **Constrained Rail System Capacity**—Corridor rail service could accommodate an increasing portion of projected travel demand growth by providing an alternative mode to automobile travel, but rail service is constrained by infrastructure that is significantly undersized for the volumes it currently accommodates, much less future service, without significant system improvements. Moreover, the existing Coast Starlight service is often fully booked during peak travel periods.

- **Aging Rail Infrastructure**—Investment in corridor rail service has not kept pace with population and travel demand growth, and many tracks, signals and bridges have not been upgraded or improved in decades. Improvements would allow shorter travel times and greater reliability, making rail a more attractive and competitive choice.

- **Safety Concerns**—Increasing potential for accidents in congested rail chokepoints underscores the need for upgraded signaling and infrastructure investments. Growing frequency of rail-related collisions call for improved highway/rail crossings and new or upgraded pedestrian crossings.

- **Need for Increased Travel Capacity Without Impacting Air Quality and Natural Resources**—Highway capacity improvements can have negative impacts on regional and local air quality as well as the efficient use of natural resources. Simultaneously expanding travel capacity while meeting federal and state air quality standards will likely require reductions in total vehicle miles traveled. Rail system improvements offer the opportunity to achieve air quality benefits with minimal impact on natural resources.

In light of the transportation challenges listed above, Caltrans has identified rail improvements to the Coast Corridor as an opportunity to

improve mobility and reliability in this congested part of the state's rail system. The proposed improvements would allow for a more reliable, safe, competitive, and attractive intercity travel option. These improvements would provide additional capacity to relieve some of the projected near- and long-term demand on the highway system, potentially slowing the need to further expand highways and airports in this portion of the corridor, or reduce the scale of those expansions, including their associated cost and impacts on communities and the environment. Rail improvements would augment the highway system, creating an interconnected, multimodal solution, allowing for better mobility throughout the corridor. Improved rail infrastructure would contribute to the economic viability of the Coast Corridor and provide connectivity with local transit systems.

Environmental Review Process

The EIS/EIR will be developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR part 1500 *et seq.*) implementing NEPA; the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Division 13, Public Resources Code; and FRA's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (64 FR 28545; May 26, 1999). FRA and Caltrans intend to use a tiered process for the completion of the environmental review of the Coast Corridor, as provided for in 40 CFR 1508.28 and FRA Procedures.

FRA is considering the option of preparing a Tier 1 EIS/EIS. "Tiering" is a staged environmental review process often applied to environmental reviews for complex transportation projects. If used, the initial phase of a tiered process will address broad questions and likely environmental effects for the Salinas to San Luis Obispo portion of the Coast Corridor including, but not limited to, the type of service(s) being proposed, major infrastructure components, and identification of major facility capacity constraints. If tiering is not used, the EIR/EIS will analyze, at a greater level of detail, site-specific proposals that would otherwise be addressed in subsequent phases or tiers based on the decisions made in a Tier 1 EIS/EIR.

Alternatives

Alternatives to be evaluated and analyzed in the EIS/EIR include a no-action (No-Project or No-Build) scenario and an action alternative consisting of multiple options for the construction of

various passenger Coast Corridor improvements between Salinas and San Luis Obispo. Possible environmental impacts from the action alternative include displacement of commercial and residential properties; disproportionate impacts to minority and low-income populations; community and neighborhood disruption; increased noise and vibration along the rail corridor; traffic impacts associated with stations; effects to historic properties or archaeological sites; impacts to parks and recreation resources; visual quality effects; exposure to seismic and flood hazards; impacts to water resources, wetlands, and sensitive biological species and habitat; land use compatibility impacts; energy use; and impacts to agricultural lands.

No Action Alternative

The no action alternative is defined to serve as the baseline for comparison of all alternatives. This alternative represents California's transportation system (highway, air, and rail) as it exists, and as it would exist after completion of programs or projects currently funded or being implemented. The no-action alternative would draw upon the following sources of information:

- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) for all modes of travel.
- Airport plans.
- Passenger rail plans.

Action Alternative

This alternative would facilitate expanded passenger service along the Coast Corridor. The Action Alternative will have "options" consisting of logical groupings of improvements that take into account the likely timing of such improvements and possible funding scenarios. The improvements to be analyzed in this alternative may include:

- Track upgrades.
- Curve realignments.
- Siding extensions and upgrades.
- Addition of second main track.
- Grade separations.
- New Stations.
- Station and platform upgrades.
- Installation of Centralized Traffic Control (CTC) and power switches.
- New or upgraded pedestrian crossings.

Scoping and Comments

FRA encourages broad participation in the EIS/EIR process during scoping and subsequent review of the resulting environmental document. Letters

soliciting comments were sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and appropriate railroads. Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested agencies and the public at large to insure the full range of issues related to the proposed action and all reasonable alternatives are addressed and all significant issues are identified. In particular, FRA is interested in determining whether there are areas of environmental concern where there might be the potential for significant impacts identifiable at a program level. Public agencies with jurisdiction are requested to advise the FRA and Caltrans of the applicable permit and environmental review requirements of each agency, and the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed improvements.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 13, 2012.

Corey Hill,

Director, Rail Project Development and Delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Early Scoping Notification for the Alternatives Analysis of the Tacoma Link Expansion in Tacoma, WA

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notification of early scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) issue this early scoping notice to advise other agencies and the public that they intend to explore potential alternatives for expanding the existing Tacoma Link light rail transit system in Tacoma, Pierce County Washington, in order to improve connections to the regional transit system and major activity centers. This notice invites the public to help frame the upcoming alternatives analysis by commenting on: the project's purpose and need, the transportation problems to be addressed by the study, potential solutions to the problems, the relevant transportation and community impacts and benefits to be considered, the appropriate extent of the study area, and ways for the public to participate in the alternatives analysis process. The

Appendix 5

Proofs of Advertisement Publication

Lightning sparks more fires across state

The Associated Press

MANTON — Firefighters across the West on Monday kept to the task of battling a summer-long series of wildfires, with the latest round sparked mostly by lightning strikes amid dry conditions and gusty winds.

In Northern California, crews struggled to gain control of a growing wildfire that has destroyed at least seven homes, threatened thousands of others and also forced thousands of rural residents to evacuate.

The Ponderosa Fire, which began Saturday, has consumed more than 23 square miles near three towns about 170 miles

north of Sacramento. It was only about 5 percent contained.

It began after the area was hit by a series of lightning strikes, state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said.

More than 1,200 firefighters fought the blaze in rugged, densely forested terrain as it threatened at least 3,500 homes and more than 300 other structures near the towns of Manton, Shingletown and Viola.

"These are the largest number of homes we've had threatened so far this year, so we're definitely concerned because this fire is so fast-moving," Berlant said. "The grass, brush and timber up here are so dry, and



once the lightning struck, the flames began to spread quickly. The fire forced the closure of Highway 44 and other roads and prompted the declaration of a

In this Saturday photo provided by IncWeb, smoke from the Chips Fire rises above the Plumas National Forest. AP

state of emergency for Shasta County. The Red Cross set up an evacuation center in Redding.

Evacuee Jerry Nottingham told reporters on Monday that, "All we can do is pray."

Another massive wildfire that has burned in Plumas National Forest since July 29 grew larger over the weekend as strong winds pushed the flames past fire lines on its northeast edge that crews had gained some control of late last week.

The blaze, about 120 miles north of Sacramento, has consumed more than 73 square miles and continued to threaten about 900 homes. The fire was 32 percent contained.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIGEST

Man, 21, shot in Oldtown Salinas

A 21-year-old man was shot multiple times at 8:07 p.m. Sunday in the area of Gabilan and Pajaro streets, according to the Salinas Police Department.

The victim was approached by three men in their early 20s, all wearing black clothing, police said.

The suspects challenged the victim by asking his gang affiliation. The victim denied any affiliation and walked away. He was then shot multiple times with a handgun.

He was able to run to Grover's Pub on Monterey Street where he waited for police and medical help. The victim was flown to a Bay Area trauma center in serious condition, police said.

Sheriff: Man accused of molesting children

A man was arrested Sunday on suspicion of crimes including child molestation, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office said.

At 5:03 p.m., the Sheriff's Office said, Luis Villalobos, 20, was booked into county jail on suspicion of lewd or lascivious acts involving a girl under 14, and annoying or molesting a girl under 18.

Clerk shot in car in robbery attempt

A clerk was shot after running away during an attempted robbery on Sunday night in Castroville, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies responded at 9:33 p.m. Sunday to the 10700 block of Merritt Street.

The suspect entered the business, pointed a silver revolver at the clerk and demanded money, deputies said.

The clerk fled from behind the counter and the suspect gave chase, jumping over the counter and following the clerk outside where he fired three shots at the clerk.

The clerk was struck once in the upper right arm and was later taken to a hospital for further treatment, deputies said.

The suspect has not been found. He was wearing a white bandana over his face and a red hooded sweatshirt pulled over his head.

Teenager escapes from detention center

A 16-year-old boy escaped from the Monterey County Youth Detention Center at 7:36 p.m. Sunday, according to Salinas Police.

Staff at the center on the 900 block of Circle Drive said the juvenile was last seen on the fence line where he fled through a hole.

He was last seen running toward Cesar Chavez Park.

Officers couldn't find him after a check of the area and his last address.

Felon found guilty of gun possession

A Salinas man was found guilty last week of possession of a firearm by a felon following a jury trial, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office said.

Following the verdict on Friday, Superior Court Judge Mark Hood held a court trial where he found that Anthony Hernandez, 33, was previously convicted of participating in a criminal street gang — a strike — and two prior prison commitments.

On Sept. 18, they said, Salinas police responded to an anonymous 911 call reporting a man with a gun. Upon officers' arrival, Hernandez tried to hide. He was taken into custody and a gun was found, police said. Blood and a bullet matching the gun was discovered near Hernandez's apartment, the District Attorney's Office said.

Hernandez previously had been sentenced to prison four times.

He is scheduled for sentencing Sept. 27, and faces eight years in prison.

Farmland, habitat set for restoration

Land trust gives tour of property near Watsonville

By Stephen Baxter
 Santa Cruz Sentinel
 (MCT)

WATSONVILLE — On about 500 acres at the heart of the Watsonville Slough system, fields of broccoli and strawberries sit next to fragile habitat for species such as the burrowing owl and the California red-legged frog.

To protect that habitat and hopefully improve the quality of crops, the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has completed a 10-year, \$1.8 million management plan for the property near Harkins Slough and Lee roads, which it owns.

Land Trust leaders showed off the land on Saturday during a tour for about 40 of its members. Many participants got their first look at it.

"I've never seen the junction of farming and wetlands," said Lynn Yoder, a Land Trust member from Soquel who joined the walk. "I'm so impressed with what the Land Trust is doing."

The property includes about 200 acres of farmland, with the rest covered by marshes, grassland and slough.

The new management plan was developed with the two growers on the land — Reiter Berry Farm and Lakeside Organic Gardens — as well as biologists and other stakeholders.

Organic strawberries and leafy greens are grown there, but changes in the fields' configuration are planned to reduce erosion and water use.

About 25 acres of low-production value farm land will be phased out.

Visitors saw a broccoli field producing its last crop, for instance. Yet a prime strawberry

ing owls, rare in the state, have been spotted on the property in the winter, Overtree said.

Leaders hope to see more in the future.

"We're very excited about the grasslands," said Bryan Largay, conservation director for the Land Trust.

Visitors near the slough peered through binoculars to spot birds including egrets, kingfishers and even a red-shouldered hawk.

Others said they had wanted to hike on the land and got the chance with the Land Trust's invitation.

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The second part of the project is expected to restore habitat, reduce erosion and promote wildlife.

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To ensure that the issues most important to residents, public agencies and other involved parties are addressed, the Federal Railroad Administration and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments are inviting you to participate in scoping meetings to collect public input. The following two scoping meetings will be held:

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Tuesday, August 28, 2012
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Conference Room
Transportation Authority of Monterey County
55-B Plaza Cicero
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2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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TERRITORIAL DISPUTE: TIT-FOR-TAT ACTIONS BY ACTIVISTS OVER ASIAN ISLANDS Clash shows Japan's fears of China's rise

By MARTIN FACKLER The New York Times
ISHIGAKI, Japan — When the flotilla of 22 fishing boats arrived at an island chain at the center of a growing territorial dispute with China, the captains warned the dozens of activists and politicians aboard not to attempt a landing.



Japanese activists hold national flags on the disputed island of Uotsuri on Sunday.

Diapora in China. That feeling is widely shared in Japan, where a small band of nationalists pushes the country to assert itself to counter China and South Korea's economic rise and China's evolving territorial ambitions.

Japan and China was started by Tokyo's governor. Last spring, he said he wanted Tokyo to buy the islands from the current owner, a Japanese citizen, to better defend them from China. Under pressure not to look weak in advance of elections, Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda said the central government would buy the islands instead.

WorldRoundup

WASHINGTON

In a move that will bolster earthquake relief efforts in Iran, the Treasury Department on Tuesday issued temporary general licenses to nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that allow them to receive donations from U.S. citizens to put toward on-the-ground relief efforts.

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Meles Zenawi, Ethiopia's long-time ruler and a major U.S. counterterrorism ally who is credited with economic gains but blamed for human rights abuses, died of an undisclosed illness after not being seen in his East African country for weeks, Ethiopian authorities said Tuesday. Meles, 57, died in a Belgian hospital Monday.

TOKYO

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Curiosity piqued, Dr. Steiner did his own research to learn more about the formula.
He read about a US cognitive researcher who had taken a new approach to treating memory loss, addressing the "energy crisis" that occurs naturally in human brains around the age of 40.
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Por Abel Márquez | El Sol

El Teatro Campesino, en San Juan Bautista, invita al público en general a disfrutar de la obra de teatro sobre la historia maya de la creación "Heart of Heaven" (Corazón del Cielo).

Con la adaptación de Kinan Valdez, basada en el "Popol Vuh", el libro sagrado sobre la creación del Quiché maya, "Heart of Heaven" cuenta la historia sobre la creación del universo, la tierra, y los primeros habitantes, con marionetas gigantes, música en vivo, vestuarios coloridos y movimientos energéticos.

Dicha obra se llevará a cabo hoy sábado 25 de agosto, a las 3 P.M., y el fin de semana del Día del Trabajo, los días 1, 2 y 3 de septiembre, a las 3 P.M., en la cancha de fútbol San Juan, ubicada en la calle Nyland Drive #100, en San Juan Bautista. La entrada es gratuita.

Dirigida en parte por Valdez y Christy Sandoval, "Heart of Heaven" se llevará a cabo en tres idiomas: español, inglés y Quiché maya.

Así mismo, el Teatro Campesino invita al recital "Canción de San Juan: Oratorio de a Mission

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Para asegurar que se evalúen las cuestiones más importantes para los residentes, para las agencias públicas y para otras partes involucradas, la Administración Federal de Ferrocarriles y el Consejo de Gobiernos de San Luis Obispo lo invitan a participar en las juntas de evaluación para reunir las contribuciones del público. Las juntas se llevarán a cabo en Salinas y en San Luis Obispo el 28 y el 29 de agosto.

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Conductor herido queda atrapado

Por Stephen Baxter
Santa Cruz Sentinel, Calif.
(MCT)

El lunes por la tarde, dos camionetas chocaron de frente cerca de Freedom Boulevard y Valencia Road, luego de que uno de los conductores aparentemente se quedara dormi-

do mientras conducía, informó la CHP. Uno de los hombres quedó atrapado en su camioneta. Fue rescatado por los bomberos y trasladado al centro de traumatología de San José con heridas graves, informó la oficial Sarah Jackson, de la Patrulla de Carreteras de California. El

choco se informó aproximadamente a las 5:10 p.m. Un joven (29) de Aptos iba por Boulevard Freedom conduciendo una Chevy 1500 en dirección oeste cuando se quedó dormido y cruzó la doble línea amarilla, informó Jackson. (Lea más en www.elsol-desalinas.com).

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Coast Corridor Project Environmental Scoping Meetings

Improvements to the existing rail corridor between Salinas and San Luis Obispo are being considered in order to allow for expanded passenger rail service. The type(s) of projects considered include rail siding extensions, double tracking, signaling improvements, and curve realignments. Together, the Federal Railroad Administration as lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments as lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act are issuing a Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Impact Report for the Coast Daylight Rail System (Coast Corridor Project).

To ensure that the issues most important to residents, public agencies and other involved parties are addressed, the Federal Railroad Administration and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments are inviting you to participate in scoping meetings to collect public input. The meetings will be held in Salinas and San Luis Obispo on August 28 and 29th.

Juntas de Evaluación del Alcance Ambiental del Proyecto del Corredor de la Costa

Se están considerando las mejoras al corredor ferroviario actual entre Salinas y San Luis Obispo para contar con un servicio de trenes de pasajeros más extenso. Juntos, la Administración Federal de Ferrocarriles (Federal Railroad Administration), como la agencia principal bajo la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (National Environmental Policy Act), y el Consejo de Gobiernos de San Luis Obispo, como la agencia principal para la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (California Environmental Quality Act), publicaron un aviso de intención/aviso de preparación de un Informe de Impacto Ambiental/una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental para el Sistema de Ferrocarriles de Coast Daylight (Coast Daylight Rail System) (Proyecto del Corredor de la Costa [Coast Corridor Project]).

Para asegurar que se evalúen las cuestiones más importantes para los residentes, para las agencias públicas y para otras partes involucradas, la Administración Federal de Ferrocarriles y el Consejo de Gobiernos de San Luis Obispo lo invitan a participar en las juntas de evaluación para reunir las contribuciones del público. Las juntas se llevarán a cabo en Salinas y en San Luis Obispo el 28 y el 29 de agosto.

SALINAS	SAN LUIS OBISPO	SALINAS	SAN LUIS OBISPO
Tuesday, August 28, 2012 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Conference Room Transportation Authority of Monterey County 55-B Plaza Circle Salinas, CA 93901	Wednesday, August 29, 2012 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Community Room San Luis Obispo City/ County Library 995 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	Martes 28 de agosto de 2012 De 3:30 p. m. a 6:00 p. m. Sala de conferencias Transportation Authority of Monterey County 55-B Plaza Circle Salinas, CA 93901	Miércoles 29 de agosto de 2012 De 3:30 p. m. a 6:00 p. m. Sala comunitaria San Luis Obispo City/County Library 995 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

The Notice of Preparation is available at www.slocog.org and the Notice of Intent is available at www.federalregister.gov.

If you require an interpreter, including sign language services or other accommodations at a meeting please call (805) 781-4219.

El aviso de preparación está disponible en www.slocog.org y el aviso de intención está disponible en www.federalregister.gov.

Si necesita un intérprete, incluidos los servicios de lenguaje de señas, o algún otro servicio en la junta, contáctenos al (805) 781-4219.



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Comments

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Public Scoping Comments For the Coast Corridor Project Environmental Scoping Meetings

Name RICHARD W. ALBERTS

Organization and Address _____

1279 CHAPARRAL CIRCLE

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL 93401-2698

Email _____ Phone 805-594-1801

Date 29 AUG '12

Please circle the topic
your comment relates to:

- Environmental
- Traffic/Transportation
- Project Alternatives
- Other

Comment here *A highly informative meeting. Realize much still needs to be accomplished in plans and actual work on the Coast Corridor. Eagerly waiting for official start of Daylight train. That is long awaited and needed. Upgrading infrastructure for the 21st century is needed.*

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Thank you
(Please print clearly)

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Name ANN MYHRE
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Email annmyhre @msn . com Phone 831 627-2534
Date Aug 29, 2012

Please circle the topic
your comment relates to:

- Environmental
- Traffic/Transportation
- Project Alternatives
- Other

Comment here RE: SIDING EXTENSION
Because freight (sugar beets) was shipped from
San Ardo we have siding for trains to pass
cars that are being loaded - two and possibly three
tracks wide (if third set of tracks has not been
removed)
For over one year this siding has been used
for storage of scores of rail cars - and is slightly
a nuisance that. It would be hard for me
to support additional siding for purpose of storing
excess rail cars

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Name Kathy Longacre
Organization and Address _____
6445 Corral de Piedra
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Email KLL50@sbcglobal.net Phone 805 543-5517
Date 8/31/12

Please circle the topic your comment relates to:

- Environmental
- Traffic/Transportation
- Project Alternatives
- Other

Comment here I am very pleased to see that there may be improvements to rail transportation north from SLO. I do use Amtrak at least 1-2 times a year to travel to San Diego / oceanside & would like to be able to go to SF in a timely matter.

This is a much needed upgrade to a very old rail system. Improvements will serve both residents & tourists.

Kathy Longacre

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10/2/12

Name Lillian Jewell
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Date 10/1/12

<p>Please circle the topic your comment relates to:</p> <p>Environmental</p> <p>Traffic/Transportation</p> <p>Project Alternatives</p> <p>Other</p>

Comment here Double tracking of the Coastal Rail Corridor is definitely needed in order to make passenger traffic more viable by increasing dependability & SPEED. Yes it would be good to add stations between SLO & Salinas, but there should be at least 1 daily express train option each way up & down the coast. My experience taking the train south from SLO → LA/Orange Co, even just to SBarb is it takes too long to use regularly for business purposes. For example, Ventura Co has stops in every city along the route. There should be 1 train that makes all these stops, but an alternative should be adding for an express train that skips at least 1/2 of these stops, i.e. SBarb → Ox → Simi → LA → Anaheim → Del Mar → SDiego. Heading north from SLO, same concept. IF you add too many stops → too slow for business use. Add some "direct/non-stop" commuter trains. Invest the \$ where the population is! Connections are critical as well.

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