

Attachment 2



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**Subject: Recreation Rail EIR - Revised Draft EIR to include new updated analysis**

Karena,

This letter presents our scope of work to prepare the Revised Draft EIR. A separate scope and budget will be prepared to produce the Final EIR, once the volume and complexity of comments received on the Revised Draft EIR is known.

***Executive Summary***

PAM will revise the executive summary to include the *Business Plan Project* and all revised mitigation measures.

***Project Description***

PAM will revise the project description to include the *Business Plan Project* as a new alternative, including the operating schedule presented in the Draft Business Plan: 4 round trips per day, two 3-hour service windows, and service Friday to Monday for a total of 48 days or 336 operating hours.

The *Business Plan Project* will be evaluated at a project-level of detail for each topic area in the Draft EIR. This scope assumes that there will not be any changes to the setting, platforms, maintenance schedule, or project objectives as presented in the original Draft EIR.

***Traffic and Safety***

Based on a revised technical memo from Dowling Associates, PAM will revise the Transportation and Circulation section of the Draft EIR to include updated accident safety data to more clearly explain the potential for accidents over time.

Dowling Associates will recalculate potential impacts based on the implementation of the *Business Plan Project* including recalculation of delay at intersections, and quantification of the potential cumulative impact of the project. PAM will revise the traffic and safety section of the EIR to reflect the new data.

***Noise***

Based on a revised technical memo from Illingworth & Rodkin, PAM will revise the Noise section of the Draft EIR to include the new data gathered by Illingworth & Rodkin in September 2004. Illingworth & Rodkin will recalculate potential impacts to reflect the implementation of the *Business Plan Project*, and PAM will revise the noise section of the EIR to reflect the new data for both the original project and the *Business Plan Project*.

As requested by SCCRTC, PAM will perform research via the web to locate existing examples of community quiet zones in California and will include two such examples in the revised Draft EIR, if available. If Kevin Boles' research into the SCCRTC application for a quiet zone along the corridor yields any positive feedback from the Federal Railroad Administration, PAM will include this information in the revised Draft EIR.

PAM will incorporate language into the revised Draft EIR regarding how the noise analysis methodology addresses single noise events.

### ***Air Quality***

Based on a revised technical memo from Don Ballanti, PAM will revise the Air Quality section of the Draft EIR to include the new analysis completed in September 2004 as directed by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. Don Ballanti will re-calculate the impacts identified in September 2004 based on the implementation of the *Business Plan Project* and PAM will revise the Air Quality section of the EIR to reflect the new data.

### ***Hazardous Materials***

PAM will revise the Hazardous Materials section of the Draft EIR to include additional information regarding the hazardous materials investigation and creosote that has been provided by Kirk Trost.

PAM will include a brief discussion of performance standards as provided by Jim Moose to explain how the process of evaluating, remediating, and/or disposing of hazardous materials is regulated to ensure protection to the environment and to human health.

PAM will update the Impacts and Mitigation section to reflect the *Business Plan Project*. (No quantitative difference is expected between the two projects in the area of hazardous materials.)

### ***Mitigation Measures***

PAM will revise all mitigation measures as needed to replace "shall consider" statements with emphatic "shall" statements.

PAM will revise mitigation measure C-2 (noise) to provide performance standards for homes adversely affected by the project and the typical measures used to achieve the performance standards.

### ***Alternatives***

PAM will revise the alternatives section to remove the "Reduced Service Alternative", since the *Business Plan Project* effectively embodies this alternative.

PAM will revise the Alternatives chapter to include a table comparing the impacts of the Original Project to the *Business Plan Project*.

Our scope and budget assumes that the remainder of the Draft EIR, unless specifically discussed above, will remain unchanged.

***Meetings and Coordination***

We have included budget to attend two RTC public meetings and one RTC public hearing. In addition, the budget includes up to 3 conference calls with RTC staff and their consultants and attorneys.

***Responses to Comments & Final EIR***

The scope and budget do not include preparing responses to comments received on the Revised Draft EIR or preparation of the Final EIR. These will be prepared separately based on the number and complexity of the comments received.

***Budget***

An estimated budget to prepare PAM's portions of the Revised Draft EIR is included as a separate attachment. The budget does not include any estimate of subconsultant time needed to update the technical studies as indicated above. Due to the holidays, subconsultants estimates were not available at this time.

Sincerely,

Mary Bean  
Project Manager

# Public Affairs Management

Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line EIR

22-Nov-04

	Rates					Total Hours	Cost
	174 Steinwert	140 PM	65 Associate	59 Assistant	65 Graphics		
	<b>Public Affairs Management</b>						
Prepare Revised Draft EIR	16	40	60	20		136	\$ 13,464
Meetings/Coordination	6	18				24	\$ 3,564
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<b>Total Labor</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>\$ 17,028</b>

**Escalation 5% for work occurring in 2005** **\$ 851**

**Other Direct Costs**

Draft EIR copies (46 copies)	\$ 1,500
Travel - 1 trip to Santa Cruz	\$ 50
Revised air quality technical memo *	not yet determined *
Revised noise technical memo *	not yet determined *
Revised traffic technical memo *	not yet determined *
<b>ODC Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,550</b>

**Cost Estimate Subtotal** **\$ 19,429**

\* Additional Subconsultant Work on Air Quality, Noise & Traffic \$10,000

**Total Cost Estimate** **29,429**

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