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The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, BART, Caltrain, and California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) wish to thank you for taking the time to participate in last week's regional rail planning charette session. We received a wealth of input on study goals and issue areas from the discussions facilitated by the Earth Tech/Korve Engineering Team. Your input will be incorporated as we move forward with the study.

We want to share with you ten themes that emerged as common planning concerns and principles. The themes are as follows:

- Separate Freight and Passenger Services
- Respect Existing Plans
- Support the Concept of 50-Year Vision Plan
- Use Proven Technology
- Incorporate Cost-Effective Solutions
- Provide Connectivity/Seamlessness to Passengers
- Agree that a Comprehensive Funding Plan Is Needed
- Think Like a Passenger – Provide Convenient, Efficient Service
- Provide Adequate Capacity
- Land Use Decisions Need to Support Transportation Investments

These themes, other suggestions for goals and strategies heard at the charettes and input from the upcoming public workshops (see attached flyer) will be used as the basis for the project alternatives development and screening and evaluation criteria for these alternatives.

Your on-going involvement and participation in this regional rail planning effort is important to us. We therefore plan to hold additional stakeholder meetings and public workshops at key study milestones. In addition, we welcome your participation at the Regional Rail Steering Committee meetings, which will be another forum for review and comment on study reports. These meetings are open to the public. Also, we have created a project website where we will post study materials and notices of meetings and events, and encourage you to visit the website. The URL link to the website is www.bayarearailplan.info.

We appreciate your continued interest and involvement in the Regional Rail Plan effort. Please contact Ashley Nguyen of MTC at 510.817.5809 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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