PALMDALE HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION AREA PLAN

August 5, 2019

Public Meeting Summary
Project Background

The City of Palmdale is undertaking station area planning in the vicinity of the proposed Palmdale High-Speed Rail (HSR) Multi-Modal Station Area. The entire study area defined for this plan is bound by Rancho Vista Boulevard to the north, Avenue R to the south, SR 14 to the west and 15th Street to the east. The primary focus area for the project encompasses approximately one-half mile around the planned HSR station to be located in the proximity of the current Palmdale Transportation Center (PTC).

As a part of this planning effort, the City will analyze the benefits a High-Speed Rail station will generate for the City of Palmdale and the Antelope Valley region, with the following goals in mind:

- **Embrace Transportation**
  
  Enhance multi-modal transportation options to increase use of alternative transportation modes

- **Enhance Local Economy**
  
  Generate short and long-term economic development opportunities for local business owners

- **Foster New Development**
  
  Attract development activities for residential and commercial product types currently not represented

- **Promote Smart Growth**
  
  Create a healthy, prosperous, and resilient transit-oriented community with a diversified transportation system

When complete, the Station Area Plan will provide urban design recommendations, establish a mobility strategy, and identify economic development potential and opportunities. Additionally, it will evaluate opportunities to improve jobs, housing, retail, entertainment, art, cultural
amenities, pedestrian and bicycle access, parking, streetscape improvements, lighting, wayfinding, open space and recreation, and sustainability. With the introduction of HSR and Virgin Trains USA (VTUSA) in the region, Palmdale will experience a new era of growth thereby increasing interest and development around the station. A key component of the Station Area Plan (SAP) will be the development of a new Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan (PTASP) as a new regulatory document. The boundaries of the PTASP include Technology Drive/Avenue P-8 to the north, East Palmdale Boulevard to the south, SR-14 to the west and 10th Street to the east.

In support of the work being completed during the planning process for the SAP, the City has focused on elevating public awareness and participation and has engaged the community in a robust public outreach program, which has included hosting public meetings. Two meetings were held early in the project process and were focused on the visioning process and two meetings are intended to support the environmental clearance of the preferred scenario/alternative. The following is a summary of the third public meeting focused on the presentation of the draft PTASP.

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### Project Database

The project database, together with parcel data, served as the primary resource for public notification of meetings including direct mail, electronic communications with stakeholders, e-blasts and phone calls. Some of the key stakeholder categories include agencies, businesses, educational institutions, elected officials, community groups and organizations, transportation agencies, and utilities. A direct mail notice was sent to a total of 2,186 records. This included all
mailing addresses from the project database and owner and occupant parcel data, records located within ¼ mile of the future high-speed rail station area.

Notifications

In addition to the direct mail notice to the project and parcel data discussed above, additional outreach was completed with the City’s assistance and included eblast notification, an electronic toolkit for online postings, flyers and posters dropped at various repository sites, digital Facebook ads, and a press release. The meeting eblast, postcard, flyer and poster were prepared in English and Spanish to address the stakeholder language needs. Both the electronic and print notice distribution were completed approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the meetings. All meeting notices are included under Appendix A of this summary report. The following describes activities under each notification method.

1. **Print and Electronic Meeting Notices:**

   The project team created a 6” x 11” bilingual (English/Spanish) post card that was distributed to the project database and parcel data records via traditional mail. An electronic version of the notice was also prepared and transmitted via Constant Contact, an online email distribution service, to the project database three weeks ahead of the meeting. Key stakeholders were asked to email electronic notices to their constituents and colleagues. Meeting posters (11x17) and flyers (8.5x11) were also created and posted on City counters as well as various locations throughout the City, including the following:

   - Recreation and Culture Department
   - Palmdale Library
   - Chimbole Cultural Center
   - City Manager’s Office
   - Development Services/Public Works Counter
   - Palmdale Transportation Center
   - Palmdale Amphitheater
   - Neighborhood Houses (5)
   - Legacy Commons Senior Center
- Dry Town Water Park
- Marie Kerr Recreation Center
- Oasis Recreation Center
- Palmdale Playhouse

Additionally, an electronic reminder was transmitted one week before the Community meeting.

2. **Press and Newspaper Releases**
   The City distributed a press release, which received front page coverage in the Antelope Valley Press and was also covered on the Antelope Valley Times online newspaper and Facebook page. In addition, The Antelope Valley Press ran a post meeting article, which provided a summary of the meeting and other project information. This was also featured on the front page.


   **Palmdale to hold open house on high-speed rail**

   By ALISON GATLIN | Valley Press Staff Writer  2 hrs ago

   The City of Palmdale invites residents to learn about its plans for developing a high-speed rail station and the area surrounding it in central Palmdale during an open house on Aug 5.

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3. **Extended Outreach:**
   As part of the extended outreach, announcements were posted to the City’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages as well as the City’s main webpage and the project website. In addition, boosted paid ads were run on Facebook and Instagram, with a reach of more than 25,000 people and 800+ event responses.
Collateral Materials

A bilingual (English/Spanish) fact sheet was created. The fact sheet featured key project details including an overview of the planning effort, a map, a project schedule, and information on how to stay connected. The project fact sheet was used as a handout at the Community Meeting. It is also available in electronic format via the City’s website. In additional, bilingual comment cards were distributed for attendees to submit written comments and input.

Community Meeting

The community meeting was held in a hybrid format, which included an open-house segment before and after the formal presentation. The open-house opened to the public at 6:30 pm, with the formal presentation beginning at 7:00 pm. A total of 128 people attended the meeting. To kick off the meeting, the City’s Project Manager Mike Behen welcomed and thanked attendees for their participation, provided a brief summary about the project’s background, and then introduced Mayor Steve Hofbauer for opening comments on the project and what it means for the City. Following the Mayor’s comments, Roland Genick of Parsons went through the PowerPoint presentation, which provided additional details on the project, including a summary of work completed to date, an update on the HSR alignment, an overview of the Station Area Plan (SAP), with a specific focus on elements in the Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan (PTASP), and draft station area concepts. The presentation wrapped up with information on the remaining schedule and deliverables as well as an invitation for attendees to visit the open-house stations and engage with staff to receive additional information and provide input. During the course of the open house and presentation Spanish interpretation was provided for four attendees and American Sign Language interpretation was provided for two attendees.
A total of seven stations were arranged around the room, which included 22 exhibit boards. In addition, a station related to the CHSRA ‘I Will Ride’ campaign was included and HSR staff were on hand to answer questions related to that project. A comment station was also part of the meeting layout. Project and City staff were on hand around the room to engage with attendees and answer questions. Staff from the California High-Speed Rail Authority were also in attendance to answer questions.

The stations consisted of the following topics:

**Overview Purpose of the Study** – Station 1 provided the project overview and background, purpose of the meeting, schedule and project contact and website information.

**Outreach** – Station 2 provided details on all public outreach and engagement conducted to date. Activities have included an online survey, stakeholder interviews, project website, student engagement, Technical Working Group, and three public meetings.

**Multi-Modal Connectivity** – Station 3 provided information and graphics related to the transportation circulation. A detailed map was provided to show some of the changes that will take place in the station area once the PTASP is implemented.

**PTASP Overview** – Station 4 featured the highlights of the PTASP and included a detailed map of the study area.

**PTASP Chapters 4 and 5** – Station 5 provided a more in-depth look at chapters 4 and 5 of the PTASP. Detailed maps and information related to the Urban Design Framework were on display, including elements related to the zoning for various districts, neighborhoods and corridors. Information on street improvements was also presented at this station.

**Visioning** – The final station contained illustrative draft station concepts, which showed potential aesthetic, amenities and design elements for the future HSR station.
I Will Ride – This station provided information on the ‘I Will Ride’ program. Promotional and marketing materials were available and staff for that program were on-hand to share information. In addition, CHSRA staff were on hand to answer questions related to the status of the HSR project.

Comment Station – Bilingual comment cards were available at this station. Attendees were able to provide written comments and submit them on the spot. A total of 24 comments were received via comment cards. In addition, six comments were received through post-it notes placed directly on the boards.

Copies of the materials, sign-in sheets, PPT presentation, display boards and comments received are included under Appendix B of this summary report.

Next Steps
The consultant team will begin finalizing the SAP and PTASP documents. One additional community meeting will be held on October 2, 2019 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Chimbole Cultural Center to present the final plans. Briefings with the Planning Commission and City Council will take place before the final meeting. In addition, the Technical Working Group will convene a final time in October 2, 2019. Final Planning Commission and City Council meetings are expected to be held in Winter 2019, after which time the project will conclude.
Appendix A: Meeting Noticing

1. Meeting postcard
2. E-blast
3. Flyer
4. Press release
Please Join Us!

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Please plan on attending the meeting and stay involved by visiting the project website or by contacting us via any of the following methods:

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Reunión de Puertas Abiertas a la Comunidad del Plan de Área de la Estación de Tren de Alta Velocidad de Palmdale

La ciudad de Palmdale invita cordialmente al público a asistir a una reunión de puertas abiertas para obtener la información más reciente sobre el Plan de Área de la Estación de Tren de Alta Velocidad. Este taller es un seguimiento a las reuniones públicas celebradas previamente para el proyecto y proverá una actualización de diversos elementos del proyecto, incluida una vista preliminar del Borrador del Plan Específico de Área de Tránsito de Palmdale y del Borrador de Conceptos de la Estación.

Desde nuestra última reunión, la Ciudad ha continuado con su trabajo para implementar un Plan de Área de Estación que promoverá el desarrollo económico y la sostenibilidad, ofrecerá opciones de transporte y vivienda y mejorará la calidad de vida en Palmdale y en la región en general. Acompáñenos para obtener más información, revisar los elementos del plan y darnos su opinión.

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Se proverá interpretación en español. Las solicitudes de otras lenguas se atenderán si se formulan al menos tres días laborables (72 horas) antes de la fecha prevista para la reunión.

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CITY OF PALMDALE
NEWS RELEASE
CONTACT: John Mlynar
PHONE:  661/267-5115
DATE:    July 11, 2019

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For more information on the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/Projects/HSRSAP. For project updates, please follow us on Facebook at City of Palmdale-Government or on Twitter @PalmdaleCity. For project specific questions, please contact Mike Behen at 661-267-5337 or mbehen@cityofpalmdale.org.

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by The AV Times Staff • July 17, 2019 — 8 Comments
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From The Web

Take A Look At The Best Cash Back Card For Travel

Wise Bread

Play this for 1 minute and see why everyone is addicted
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[Information via news release from the city of Palmdale.]

Recent Comments

Lackey bill to reduce impaired... (8)
Cher { I agree the AV could be making so much money from taxing... } – Jul 18, 8:20 AM
East Lancaster { Rex and Marv are stuck in the present. I’m far more concerned... } – Jul 18, 8:09 AM

L.A. County set to pay... (3)
Cher { It was inhumane we had to open up private parts pull out... } – Jul 18, 7:50 AM
Jan johnson { I was stripped searched at that time period at Lynnwood how do... } – Jul 17, 10:48 PM

L.A. County aims to recruit... (7)
Cassie Carmichael { I find the system very bias and unethical. They have literally stole... } – Jul 18, 7:44 AM
Trumpist#1 { Anchor babies are the most insidious way to steal our country and... } – Jul 18, 6:35 AM

Public invited to preview Palmdale... (8)
True fact { Your RIGHT. is stupid people of California believe everything. ignorant Democrat stealing... } – Jul 18, 3:57 AM

Neighborhood block party coming to... (1)
Block Party Crasher { I hope the block party doesn’t end with gunfire. } – Jul 17, 10:17 PM

Law professors, legal scholars call... (1)
Professors and Scholars { I guess Jackie Lacey is a racist now. } – Jul 17, 10:15 PM

More details released on Palmdale... (8)
Kenia { I hope god does all in his possibility to help him, I... } – Jul 17, 7:00 PM

Older »
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The plan would remodel a section of central Palmdale, encompassing the existing Transit Center.

The study area runs from Rancho Vista Boulevard (Avenue P) to Avenue R and from the Antelope Valley Freeway to 15th Street East.

The city last held public meetings on the developing plan in 2016. Since then, work has continued on several fronts, including looking at promoting economic development and sustainability, providing transportation and housing choices, and improving quality of life for Palmdale and the region, city officials said.

The plan includes provisions for the California High Speed Rail, a bullet train intended to link San Francisco and Los Angeles, even though that project’s future is uncertain given escalating costs and declining political support.

Palmdale officials fought from the beginning to have the city included as a station on the route, and have included the rail line as a feature for the transit area specific plan. Under the existing state plans, the Palmdale station would be the stopping point between neighboring stations in Bakersfield and Burbank.
A grant from the California High Speed Rail Authority is part of the funding for the planning project.

While the statewide project's outcome is in doubt, the city is not changing its planning efforts, which include the high-speed rail project as one of several aspects for future development of its transit area, which includes multiple transportation modes.

The city is also planning for a future high-speed train service between Las Vegas and Victorville to extend to Palmdale. This privately funded project, now known as Virgin Trains USA and formerly as Brightline, will travel a federally approved corridor between those two cities initially, with the potential to continue the line to Palmdale, where it will connect with other transportation services.

Construction is expected to begin this year and the company plans to begin initial service in 2022, according to a company statement.

Additionally, the city is working with the Air Force and others to reinstate commercial air service at the Palmdale Regional Airport, which uses the runways at Air Force Plant 42.
Appendix B: Meeting Materials

1. PowerPoint
2. Fact Sheet
3. Display Boards
4. Comment Cards
5. Sign-in Sheets
AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Meeting Purpose
3. Project Update
   - Project Purpose / Team
   - Activities Completed
   - Project Schedule
4. Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan
   - Overview
   - Chapter 4 / Chapter 5
4. Station Area Vision
5. Open House Activities
MEETING PURPOSE

1 Project Update
Experts will be able to provide information. We have about five months left on the project.

2 Receive Feedback
Input from you is critical for progress on the project. We cannot finish this project without you.

3 Open House Meeting
We will provide a brief overview with one-on-one interaction between you and the technical experts.
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PROJECT TEAM

Team Members
- Arellano Associates
- Raimi + Associates
- HR&A

CALIFORNIA
High Speed Rail Authority

PARSONS
ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

1. **Project Vision**

2. **Multi-Modal Connectivity**
   Established a path forward for the implementation of a new transportation network for the City.

3. **Funding Strategy**
   Laid out an implementation plan to capture revenue from increased property value for re-investment into infrastructure.

4. **Public Outreach**
   Engaged public and stakeholders through series of visioning workshops, student/youth input and technical working group meetings.
Project Vision

CHAPTER 2. STUDY AREA / GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

STUDY AREA

The project study area is located in the southern portion of the Antelope Valley, east of the Santa Clarita Valley. The major highway connecting Palmdale to other parts of the Antelope Valley and the San Gabriel Mountains is State Route 14, running north to south through Palmdale. The project covers an area of approximately 130 square miles with a population of 308,288 (2010 Census Data). The region is characterized as California High Desert.

The study area is located southwest of the Palmdale Regional Airport and south of Palmdale Boulevard. The main north-south corridor of the Palmdale Station Area Plan is Civic Center Boulevard on the north and Avenue R on the south, and between State Route 14 on the west and Avenue J on the east. The project focuses on a 600-acre area that would be centered on the intersection of Avenue J and approximately 1200 feet south of the existing Transportation Center building.

VISION STATEMENT

Together with the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the project, we have developed a Station Area Plan that embodies the vision of a community welcoming the future Palmdale HSR Station. It communicates a vision that is unique, identifiable, and has an enduring quality, while being consistent with the shared vision of our communities for the future of Palmdale. It will be a strong and consistent vision that will be visible in the infrastructure, and how it will impact the community. The Vision Statement will be a catalyst for creating a new identity for the community.

The Palmdale HSR Station Area will be a gateway to the 21st Century for the City of Palmdale, bringing together people from Palmdale, the region and the southwestern states, celebrating a lifestyle that embraces the union of transportation, community, and the environment. It will be a vibrant mixed-use center that embodies the sustainable, physical, economic and social development of the area and be the catalyst for a more dynamic and livable Palmdale.

Similar developments have recently been evaluated and implemented throughout the United States and have been called upon to demonstrate sustainability and desirability development throughout the country.
MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY

1. Improve overall circulation, access and connectivity.
2. Provide pedestrians safe and comfortable walking space.
3. Create integrated outdoor spaces.
Vertical HSR alignment

Current CHSRA Alignment
HSR on embankment with Palmdale Blvd. and Avenue Q crossing under HSR alignment
CHSRA Alignment

HSR on embankment with Palmdale Blvd. and Avenue Q crossing under HSR alignment
Street Alignment

Longitudinal Section through Palmdale Blvd.

Longitudinal Section through Avenue Q
Vertical California High-Speed Rail Alignment

Optimize Passenger Experience
Access to the HSR service should be safe, convenient and intuitive to be successful. Instead of going up and over the tracks (Option A), allow for seamless and intuitive movement directly up to platforms (Option B).
Financial Analysis

Methodology

The project's financial analysis is based on inputs from HRA's market analysis, which is outlined in Appendix 7. The analysis considers the potential for high-speed rail to stimulate economic development by increasing property values and attracting new businesses and investors. The analysis is based on a "high-speed rail project" in California, which is expected to provide significant economic benefits to the surrounding area.

The analysis includes a review of past high-speed rail projects and their impacts on property values and economic development. It also considers the potential for high-speed rail to improve transportation accessibility and reduce travel times, which can lead to increased investment and economic growth.

Overall, the financial analysis concludes that the proposed high-speed rail project is likely to have a significant positive impact on the local economy, with potential benefits including increased property values, job creation, and economic growth.

Assumptions and Methodology

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### Timeline

- **Community Visioning Workshop**
- **Establish technical working group (TWG)**

The timeline shows the progression of tasks from 2015 to 2019, with specific dates marked for each task. The timeline also indicates the current date as 'Today'.
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PTASP – Specific Plan Area
PTASP – Urban Design Framework
PTASP – Urban Design Framework

1. Districts
   - High Speed Rail (HSR) Station Area Core District
   - Regional Commercial District
   - Business Mix District

2. Neighborhoods
   - Basic Building Block of Great Cities
   - Contains variety of Residential Types
   - Edges will be formed by corridors

3. Corridors
   - Avenue Q
   - Palmdale Boulevard
   - 4th Street East
   - 5th Street East
   - Sierra Highway
   - 10th Street East
   - Division Street
High Speed Rail (HSR) Station Area Core District

Intent and Character:
• Provide jobs and amenities immediately surrounding the future HSR Multimodal Station
• Highest intensity permitted to leverage station proximity

Desired Land Uses:
• Active pedestrian uses on the ground floor
• Office and residential permitted on upper floors
Regional Commercial District

**Intent and Character:**
- Provide a mixed-use business/commercial district
- Leverage SR-14 and future High Desert Corridor (HDC) access and visibility
- Well-connected to Avenue Q

**Desired Land Uses:**
- Commercial uses – retail, restaurants, services
- Office allowed on upper floors
PTASP – Urban Design Framework – Districts

Business Mix District

Intent and Character:
- Provide easily accessible locations for office and light industrial uses
- Leverage SR-14 and future HDC access and visibility

Desired Land Uses:
- Office, research and development
- Light assembly uses
- Supportive commercial (Food & Beverage, etc.)
Neighborhoods

Basic Building Block of Great Cities
Contains variety of residential types – single family homes, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), townhomes, courtyard and podium apartments, cottage clusters, etc.
Maintains existing single-family neighborhood – Yucca Neighborhood
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PTASP – Urban Design Framework – Corridors

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PTASP – Specific Plan Zoning Districts
PTASP – Street Network Improvements
PTASP – Street Network Improvements – Street Trees

Street Trees

Existing Condition – inconsistent pattern

Specific Plan goals:
- Reinforce existing stands/retain mature trees
- Create unified street tree frontage
- Provide seasonal color
- Provide shade
- Low water use
PTASP – Street Network Improvements – Street Furnishings

Street Furniture and Street Lighting

Along major retail and mixed-use corridors (Avenue Q, Palmdale Boulevard, 5th Street East, 4th Street East)

Selected Palette

Bench, trash receptacle, bike rack, tree grate
PTASP – Street Network Improvements – Signage

Signage and Wayfinding
Gateways, banners, directories, directional signs and street signs

Examples
PTASP – Street Network Improvements – Public Art

Public Art
Interactive art, murals, temporary and permanent installations

Examples
PTASP - VISION

1. Minimize visual impacts and facilitate east-west connectivities.

2. Create open spaces, encourage community activities and integrate public art.

3. Improved passenger experience, intuitive wayfinding and retail opportunities.
CITY OF PALMDALE
Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan

Project Overview

The City of Palmdale is undertaking station area planning around a future High-Speed Rail (HSR) Multi-Modal Station near the vicinity of downtown Palmdale. The study area for this effort is bound by Rancho Vista Boulevard to the north, Avenue R to the south, SR 14 to the west and 15th Street to the east. The primary focus area for the project encompasses approximately one-half mile around the planned HSR station to be located in the proximity of the current Palmdale Transit Center (see map).

As a part of the project the Station Area Plan (SAP) will analyze the benefits a HSR station will generate for the City of Palmdale and the Antelope Valley. It will develop urban design recommendations, establish a mobility strategy, and identify economic development opportunities. Additionally it will evaluate opportunities for improvements to jobs, housing, retail, entertainment, art, cultural amenities, pedestrian and bicycle access, parking, streetscape improvements, lighting, wayfinding, open space and recreation, and sustainability.

When complete, the SAP will be a vision document for the development of the HSR station area and a guide for the development of economic opportunites for the future of the City of Palmdale and the region as a whole.

Project Goals

As a vision document the Palmdale SAP will deliver on the following goals:

- Enhance local and regional multi-modal transportation options
- Create short and long-term economic development opportunities
- Generate opportunities for transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Promote smart growth development opportunities
Station Area Plan Components

To successfully deliver on the City’s vision for the SAP it will include the following components:

- Station Area Vision
- Multi-Modal Circulation Element
- Economic, Financial, and Fiscal Planning
- Updates to the Regulatory Framework

The Palmdale SAP will be developed over an 18 month period. The schedule below illustrates some of the key activities during that period and identifies key opportunities for community participation.

Community Involvement

The City of Palmdale is providing public involvement opportunities throughout the development of the SAP, including Technical Working Group meetings, visioning workshops, stakeholder meetings, student engagement, and other public meetings. In addition, the City is communicating with real-time information available on the Project’s Website and Facebook page. Please plan on attending the public meetings and stay involved by visiting the project website or by contacting us via any of the following methods:

FAQ

What is HSR?

High-Speed Rail is a state-of-the-art, world-class rail transportation system that is designed to run up to 220 miles per hour, providing a safe, efficient, and reliable option for travel to and from urban centers. The stations are typically 30+ miles apart from each other to allow trains to pick-up higher speeds. HSR is a proven mode of transit that operates in 12 different countries, with Japan operating the first HSR system since 1964.

The California HSR system will be the first in the United States. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations, including the Palmdale HSR Station. In addition, the California Authority High Speed Rail is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st Century transportation needs.

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Welcome!
Thank you for taking the time to participate in today’s workshop. Your input will be invaluable in influencing the development of the Palmdale Station Area plan.

Why Are We Here?
The City of Palmdale is undertaking station area planning around a future High-Speed Rail Multi-Modal Transit Station near downtown Palmdale. As a part of the project, the City is developing a new Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan (PTASP).

This workshop marks the third public open house for an effort to develop urban design recommendations, establish a mobility strategy, and identify economic development opportunities.

How To Contribute
Materials are presented in an open house format. You can provide input directly to our project team, via comment cards, or by placing post-it notes directly onto the materials. We want to hear your thoughts and opinions.

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**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

**Palmdale HSR SAP Project Schedule**

- **Task 1**: Project Management and Project organization
- **Task 2**: Public Outreach and Stakeholder Education and Engagement - Outreach Strategy
- **Task 3**: Defining the HSR Station Area Vision
- **Task 4**: Multi-Modal Connectivity, Station Access, Parking Analysis, and Land Use Overlay Assessment
- **Task 5**: Economic, Real Estate, Fiscal, and Financial Planning
- **Task 6**: Regulatory Update, Environmental Review, and Implementation Plan
- **Task 7**: Collection of Reference Images and Selection of 3D View Angles
- **Task 8**: Develop Programming Document and Station Sign-Off
- **Task 9**: Site Planning, Station Footprint and HSR Alignments and Circulation
- **Task 10**: Illustrative Site Plan
- **Task 11**: Station Renderings and Final Concept Design

- **Community Visioning Workshop**: ○
- **Establish technical working group (TWG)**: ○

**TODAY**
PROJECT PURPOSE

1. Embrace Transportation
   Enhance multi-modal transportation options to increase use of alternative transportation modes

2. Enhance Local Economy
   Generate short and long-term economic development opportunities for local business owners

3. Foster New Development
   Attract development activities for residential and commercial product types currently not represented

4. Promote Smart Growth
   Create a healthy, prosperous, and resilient transit-oriented community with a diversified transportation system
Public involvement is a key component of the project and outreach has been a collaborative effort, with the community being engaged every step of the way.

**Online Survey**
An online survey for the project garnered more than 1,800 responses.

**Stakeholder Interviews**
More than 125 individual and group interviews have been conducted with a variety of stakeholders since the beginning of the project.

**Website**
The project website serves as the main portal for all levels of stakeholders to access project information, including fact sheets, FAQs, meeting announcements, meeting presentations, and Technical Working Group summaries.
Youth Engagement
The team worked with groups of students from The Palmdale Aerospace Academy to design a site surrounding the proposed High-Speed Rail station.

Technical Working Group (TWG)
The City established a TWG to solicit feedback from a broad range of stakeholders as it develops the Plan. To date, eight TWG meetings have been held for the project.
Two interactive public workshops were held and focused on the development of a vision for the project. Collectively, more than 125 members of the community came to the meetings. Attendees were able to engage directly with City staff and the project team to provide valuable input on the project.
MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY

1. Improve overall circulation, access and connectivity

2. Provide pedestrians safe and comfortable walking space

3. Create integrated outdoor spaces
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Regulatory Framework
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Relationship of PTASP area to other recently completed planning efforts
**DISTRICTS**

### High-Speed Rail Station Area Core District

**Intent and Character:**
- Provide jobs and amenities immediately surrounding the future High-Speed Rail (HSR) Multimodal Station
- Highest intensity permitted to leverage station proximity

**Desired Land Uses:**
- Active pedestrian uses on the ground floor
- Office and residential permitted on upper floors

### Regional Commercial District

**Intent and Character:**
- Provide a mixed-use business/commercial district
- Leverage SR-14 and future High Desert Corridor (HDC) access and visibility
- Well-connected to Avenue Q

**Desired Land Uses:**
- Commercial uses – retail, restaurants, services
- Office allowed on upper floors

### Business Mix District

**Intent and Character:**
- Provide easily accessible locations for office and light industrial uses
- Leverage SR-14 and future HDC access and visibility

**Desired Land Uses:**
- Office, Research and development
- Light assembly uses
- Supportive commercial (food & beverage, etc.)
**Neighborhoods**

- Basic Building Block of Great Cities
- Contains variety of residential types – single family homes, accessory dwelling units, townhomes, courtyard and podium apartments, cottage clusters, etc.
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Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan

- **Transit Area Specific Plan Boundary**
- **SR-14 Freeway**
- **High Desert Corridor Alignment (Potential)**
- **Virgin Trains USA Alignment (Potential)**
- **California High Speed Rail**
- **Metrolink Rail**
- **Union Pacific Rail**
- **Palmdale Boulevard**
- **Avenue Q**
- **Existing Street Network**
- **Existing or Proposed Park**
- **Proposed Conceptual Street Network**
- **Existing At-Grade Freeway Interchange**
- **Proposed Rail Crossing**
- **Proposed Station Entry Plaza**
- **Future Transit Route**
**Street Trees**

**Existing Condition** – sporadic and inconsistent pattern

**Specific Plan goals:**
- Reinforce existing stands/retain mature trees
- Create unified street tree frontage
- Provide seasonal color
- Provide shade
- Low water use

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**Street Furniture + Lighting**

Along major retail and mixed-use corridors (Avenue Q, Palmdale Boulevard, 5th Street East, 4th Street East)

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Gateways, banners, directories, directional signs and street signs

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Interactive art, murals, temporary and permanent installations
ZONING DISTRICTS

Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan

- Transit Area Specific Plan Boundary
- High Desert Corridor Alignment (Potential)
- SR-14 Freeway
- Union Pacific & Metrolink Rail Right-of-Way
- County of Los Angeles (Pre-Zone)
- Urban Core
- Urban Center
- General Urban
- Traditional Neighborhood
- Regional Commercial
- Business Mix
- Public Facilities
- Open Space - Recreation
- Required Active Frontage
ZONING DISTRICTS

General Urban (T4)

**Intent and Character:**
- Provide a complete, walkable mixed-use neighborhood supportive of transit uses
- Appropriate transitions to surrounding single family zones

**Desired Land Uses:**
- Mostly residential uses with neighborhood commercial focused on specific streets
- Residential typologies include townhomes, courtyard and podium apartments, cottage clusters, etc.

**Intensity and Height:**
- **Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** 1.0-2.0
- **Residential Density:** 20-30 du/acre
- **Maximum Height:** 45 feet

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Traditional Neighborhood (T3)

**Intent and Character:**
- Preserve existing single-family neighborhoods
- Allow for compatible new residential development

**Desired Land Uses:**
- Single family uses
- Accessory dwelling units (ADU’s)

**Intensity and Height:**
- **Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** n/a
- **Residential Density:** up to 8 du/acre
- **Maximum Height:** 30 feet
Special District – Regional Commercial

Intent and Character:
• Provide a mixed-use business/commercial district
• Leverage SR-14 and future HDC access and visibility
• Well-connected to Avenue Q

Desired Land Uses:
• Commercial uses – retail, restaurants, services
• Office allowed on upper floors

Intensity and Height:
• Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 0.5-2.0
• Residential Density: n/a
• Maximum Height: 50 feet

Special District – Business Mix

Intent and Character:
• Provide easily accessible locations for office and light industrial uses
• Leverage SR-14 and future HDC access and visibility

Desired Land Uses:
• Office, research and development
• Light assembly uses
• Supportive commercial (food & beverage, etc.)

Intensity and Height:
• Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 0.5-1.5
• Residential Density: n/a
• Maximum Height: 50 feet

Open Space and Recreation

Intent and Character:
• Designation to support parks

Desired Land Uses:
• Parks and open space

Intensity and Height:
• Per Palmdale Municipal Code

Public Facility

Intent and Character:
• Designation to support public facilities

Desired Land Uses:
• School, rail right-of-way, transit station

Intensity and Height:
• Per Palmdale Municipal Code
ZONING DISTRICTS

Urban Core (T6)

Intent and Character:
• Provide jobs and amenities immediately surrounding the future HSR Multimodal Station
• Highest intensity permitted to leverage station proximity

Desired Land Uses:
• Active pedestrian uses on the ground floor
• Office and residential permitted on upper floors

Intensity and Height:
• Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 2.5-4.0
• Residential Density: 50-80 du/acre
• Maximum Height: 85 feet

Urban Center (T5)

Intent and Character:
• Provide mixed use development
• Active pedestrian frontages along Avenue Q and Palmdale Boulevard
• Appropriate transitions to surrounding single family zones

Desired Land Uses:
• Active pedestrian-oriented commercial uses on the ground floor on certain streets
• Stand alone residential permitted elsewhere
• Office and residential permitted on upper floors

Intensity and Height:
• Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 1.5-3.0
• Residential Density: 30-50 du/acre
• Maximum Height: 65 feet
Nombre: Julio Ortega
Afiliación: Local Leo
Numero de Teléfono/Celular: [Redactado]
Correo Electrónico: [Redactado]

Gracias por su interés en el Plan del Área de la Estación del Tren de Alta Velocidad en Palmdale. Sus comentarios son bien recibidos.

I have lived here in Palmdale for many years and I have never worked in this city. I drive many miles everyday and my desire is to work here to be closer to my family and be able to enjoy time with my grandkids. Please take into consideration my desires to be able to find work here in Palmdale. Thank you and God bless.

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Alexis Cardona B
Residente - Carpenter

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

It is a privilege to be a part of the growth of an important city that is Palmdale. Conform to the vision being imagined by this community and their representatives. Congratulations on such a grand project moving the community toward the future.

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Plan del Área de la Estación del Tren de Alta Velocidad en Palmdale
Reunión Comunitaria # 3

Tarjeta para Comentarios

Lunes, 5 de agosto de 2019
Chimbole Cultural Center
38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Nombre: Jose A. Campos
Afiliación: Local 161 Union of Carpenters
(Dulmar, CA)
Domicilio: [Redactado]
Numere de Teléfono/Celular: [Redactado]
Correo Electrónico: [Redactado]

Gracias por su interés en el Plan del Área de la Estación del Tren de Alta Velocidad en Palmdale. Sus comentarios son bien recibidos.

I am a resident of this city. There are 7 members in my household, the motive behind my participation in this event is to support the cause of bringing more opportunities of employment close and that way be able to work a regular shift and be able to dedicate more time towards my family. I like this new project (Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station) now that it will lead to the creation of more opportunities to work within the community.

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Community Meeting #3

Comment Sheet
Monday, August 5th, 2019
Chinbole Cultural Center
38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Name: Jesus Gonzalez
Affiliation
(i.e. organization, resident, business):
Local 661
Address:
Palmdale
Phone/Cell: 
Email: 

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

I would like to whoever is in charge of the project continue it because if there’s a big job local in the area I would save much more time with my family. I drive everyday to LA to go to work. There’s always car accidents in the way that we been be pick up because we have to get up early so we avoid traffic. Thank you for making our community bigger with these projects.

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ENRIQUE APODACA

CARPENTERS LOCAL 661

But creating more projects in the
antelope as carpenters we will be closer
to our families, not spending so much time
on the road driving and being closer to
our community so we can help out in
activities and volunteer work.

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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

My name is Sean Mann. I am a lifelong resident of the Antelope Valley, and have been able to see the growth and development of this valley. I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition. Palmdale. It will not only bring economic growth to the community but will hopefully bring hundreds of jobs to local carpenters in this area. It allows members of our communities live and work closer to home, which will in return economic prosperity will increase. Decrease commute time, more time at home with their families. We as the carpenters union, look forward to this project fruition.

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I hope there is parking planned. Most people who do business in Palmdale travel miles to this area - from as far as Ridgway, Arizona, Atlanta, etc. Little Rock - etc etc. Your plan sounds idealistic and not practical unless there is a plan to provide parking. With HS2 for people to travel even further, we will need parking. Long term currently, the center of Palmdale is a crime-infested area. What is the plan for all of the low-rent "bad housing" currently there? For the city to claim it and tear it down? By eminent domain?

The weather here is terrible summer & winter - wind & heat or cold - plan for some indoor settings as well as outdoors.

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Name: Michael Swery
Affiliation: Carpenters Local 11
Address: [Redacted]
Phone/Cell: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

I am a Palmdale native born and raised. I love to see the progression of my home town. I would love to be a part of and support all local projects.

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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

As a Metro rider and frankly knowing the area, putting this high speed rail 400 feet under Action 6 going under the aqua duct concerns me as a constant Metro rider. As much as having full train access to all of California excites me as a student, the idea of putting a fast train underground on the fault line is clearly clearlyated to be crushed or damaged with any earthquake. As a rider I would NOT pay for a ticket & tell fellow students of the danger. It's not a bad idea but some ANSWERS would be nice.

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Yes pls. We need this project to continue growing up. We need this project to have more job opportunities.
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Name: DARRYL FULLER

Affiliation
(I.e. organization, resident, business):

Address:

Phone/Cell: 

Email: 

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

LOCAL HIRE, PLA, AREA STANDARD


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As a Metrolink rider I think this project will bring my full release, please I have been dreaming in this project 23 years since I started commuting from Palmdale to Burbank.

Also we need a bridge urgently in Sierra Hwy. and Pear Blossom traffic there is horrible.

Thank you.

Rene' R.
Pedro Tescano
United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

Thank you for the opportunity I am excited for this project as a carpenter. We look forward to big developments. This will help me bring hours for my health, pension, and vacation benefits.

But truly I would like to address new opportunity for up and coming apprentices in our program. Local kids moving into the work force will have that chance of learning a carpenter trade. Working local they will spend money the local economy. Possibly buying a home locally and supporting civil officials to bring more jobs to Palmdale. It's create new jobs for opportunity for young men and women of this community.

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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

Comments below were received from the above stakeholders through an ASL interpreter.

1. Please provide more trees and shade in the station area. The canopy seems transparent in the renderings.

2. Would it be possible to utilize the top of the canopy for solar panels? This would be more efficient to power some elements of the area.

3. I want to comment on the aerodynamic features of the canopy. Palmdale can be extremely windy and this should be considered in the design of any structure.

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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

I have been in Palmdale since 1989. Several times I heard Palmdale Air Port would be build for international flight although the huge land is there. Nothing happened yet. Now we are waiting for high-speed train. I hope it would be done. This town need an airport and high-speed train. FWY 14th is already packed and commuter are tired. This will cause too many leave the town. So city of Palmdale should do something asap. Thanks

(Jack Hormoz)

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Name: Adriana Campos-Josa
Affiliation: Real 93543
Address:
Phone/Cell:
Email:

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

1. What are the eco-friendly features?
2. What will be the carbon footprint?
3. How are low-income residents being taken into account.

Comment:

1. Landscaping design should embrace native plants and low water consuming trees.
2. Architecture should reflect the Antelope Valley setting as it appears from other cities in Southern Cali.

Thank you for your time.

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Name: Sally Altobelli, Boys & Girls Club

Affiliation (i.e. organization, resident, business):

Address:

Phone/Cell:

Email:

Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

Great presentation. Very informative.

Our organization is interested in partnering with the city in planning this and providing services to residents using the station and residing in the area.

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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

I been a carpenter 20 years and always commute to LA Area. It will be great to get this project to this city so we can be local and have more time with family. Less traffic on freeways are really needed this project to all the.

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Commutes need the Boys & Girls Club and its current location would be ideal.

Please consider making improvements to keep its current location and use as a marketing tool to endorse the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan.
I would really like to see a robust plan to address the potential of increased homelessness/homeless people in the new development. All these new amenities will surely attract these people, and a plan needs to be in place to address how these people will be removed. These people can potentially make this new station a new place for transients from LA. This is not good for business. Please address this as it is important and planning is needed.

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Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan
Community Meeting #3

Comment Sheet
Monday, August 5th, 2019
Chimboke Cultural Center
38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Name: Alex Blanco
Affiliation: American Generations, First Aid
Address: [Redacted]
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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

Palmdale must evolve to attract people from neighboring cities to visit and stimulate our local economy. The project is a great idea.

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Name: Ryan Moore

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DESIGN CONCEPT SUCH AS "SANTANAS ROW" IN SAN JOSE, CA WOULD BE REALLY NICE.

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Thank you for your interest in the Palmdale High-Speed Rail Station Area Plan project. We welcome your comments.

As a resident, I support this project and being in the Carpenters Union with this project, I will be able to work locally. If the Union is able to work along with the City, I would be able to enjoy more time with the family and also able to work on projects at home with the family to improve my life and style of living. Work as far as 71/2 hours a day would be a great help on my pocket and time.

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I am a local resident that is looking to work local. I have been traveling down hill for many years, this will definitely allow me to spend time with my family on the later days of my career. As well as offering benefits to all carpenters & workers in general. Project Labor Agreements are beneficial to middle class working community.
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Appendix C: Post Meeting

1. Media Coverage
2. Photos
Heart of city at center of potential plan

By ALLISON GATLIN Valley Press Staff Writer  3 hrs ago

This artist's concept of what a potential high speed rail station area could look like was presented as part of the draft High Speed Rail Station Area Plan. This design features a large central plaza near the entry to the station to serve as a public gathering space, surrounded by mixed-use commercial and residential development.

Photo courtesy City of Palmdale

PALMDALE — At some point in the future, a new heart of downtown Palmdale may feature a hub for the high speed rail, Metrolink, buses, cars and other modes of transportation, with a large open plaza for public gatherings, surrounded by a vibrant mix of commercial and residential development.
This is the potential cityscape envisioned by Palmdale's Draft Transit Area Specific Plan and concepts for the transportation station.

More than 125 people turned out Monday evening for an update on the proposed plan and to provide their own input as planners work to finalize the design.

“We want to do it so that it serves you and your needs,” consultant Roland Genick of Parsons said.

The plan encompasses a section of central Palmdale, including the existing Transit Center. The study area runs from Rancho Vista Boulevard (Avenue P) to Avenue R and from the Antelope Valley Freeway to 15th Street East.

A much larger station to accommodate high speed rail service will take the place of the existing Transit Center and the rail line will elevated, with crossings beneath the tracks at Avenue Q and Palmdale Boulevard, designed to help better facilitate east-west travel.

The design focuses on encouraging walking, biking and other means of getting around other than cars, Genick said.

A large, public gathering place will border the west side of the station, providing a home for activities such as Farmers Markets, concerts and other gatherings.
“This really becomes the city’s town square,” consultant Simran Malhotra of Raimi and Associates said.

The specific plan lays out zoning within the plan area, dictating what can be built in any particular place.

The area closest to the station would have highest density, in a combination of commercial and residential development in an urban format not previously seen in Palmdale, Malhotra said.

Existing housing areas will be largely left as is, with newer developments including a variety of housing types and densities.

Avenue Q and Palmdale Boulevard will be the “main street” aspects of the area, designed to encourage pedestrians, bicycles and similar transportation and featuring shops, restaurants and similar businesses.
Commercial and light industrial uses would fill the area closest to the freeway.

“This excites me because I see it going in a direction that would keep me here,” Kenya DeJarnette, a 10-year resident who has begun putting down roots in the community and wants to be part of the city’s future development, said. “This is a great opportunity to have my voice heard.”

The proposed plan provides the yoga instructor with ideas about starting her own business in the plan area, she said.

 Resident Steve Thompson said he found the proposal interesting with the potential to make the area into something like Pasadena or Santa Monica.

“I think it will look a heck of a lot better than it does now,” he said. “It will improve the area, but I feel bad about people who have property that may be affected.”

The transportation station plan is moving forward, even as the future of the California High Speed Rail system is uncertain. The proposed Los Angeles to San Francisco bullet train has been plagued with escalating costs and dwindling support.

Palmdale officials fought from the beginning to have the city included as a station on the route, and have included the rail line as a feature for the transit area specific plan.

“Everything that we’re hearing is the project is moving forward,” Strategic Initiatives Manager Mike Behen said.

Regardless, the plan calls for including multiple forms of transportation, including the proposed high speed rail line between Las Vegas and Victorville, with a connection to Palmdale, expanded Metrolink service and others.

“We need to be able to accommodate whoever’s coming,” Mayor Steve Hofbauer said.

Another public workshop will be held in October to finalize the plan, which will then go before the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval.

Information on the plan may be found online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/Projects/HSRSAP