



**Supplemental Material
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City Council
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Items #14: Altamont Commuter Express and High Speed Rail Presentation

- a. PowerPoint presentation submitted by Fedolia "Sparky" Harris, Senior Planner, Transportation Department regarding Central Valley Commuter Rail Service.

Items #17: Surface Parking Lots in the Central City (M06-055)

- a. PowerPoint presentation submitted by staff regarding Temporary Surface Lots.

Central Valley Commuter Rail Service



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History

- San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was created in May 1995
- Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) started in 1998
 - Currently 4 trains each way
 - 3,800 passengers daily



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Smart Growth Principles

- Revitalization of the central core of the cities.
- Support and enhancement of public transit.
- Promote walking and bicycling to and from work.



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Providing commuter service within Central Valley

- Study is currently in Preliminary Phase
 - Prospects
 - Possibilities
 - Potential Benefits



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Access To Existing Rail Lines

- Central Valley Region
 - Uniquely located with two major rail lines running the entire distance.
 - Union Pacific (former SP)
 - Burlington Northern
- Four possible Commuter Rail options



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Challenges/Opportunities

- Three of the rail lines have significant daily freight.
- Future growth in freight business.
- Requires negotiations with UP and/or BNSF.
- Willingness of freight railroads to grant access.



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Challenges/Opportunities, Cont.

- Level of utilization and congestion.
- Cost to operate on current railroad.
- Capacity and environmental constraints.
- Overall track and signal upgrades.
- Two rail lines have current Amtrak Service.



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Advisory Committee

- Recently the Advisory Committee indicated support for alignment:
 - the UP (former SP) line from Merced to Stockton
 - The UP (former SP) Stockton to Sacramento



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Educational Systems

- University of California, Merced
- California State University, Stanislaus
- University of the Pacific, Stockton
- California State University, Sacramento
- Several local Junior Colleges



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Potential Station Locations

- Depends on the final alignment
- Will work with local jurisdictions to finalize station locations.



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Level of Commuter Service

- Four to six weekday trains during peak.
- Mid-day train.
- Locomotive and Coaches.
 - Similar equipment as ACE.
 - Currently exploring Bio-Diesel.



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Next Steps

- SJRRC Staff will continue to determine:
 - Capital Investment
 - Operating Cost
 - Ridership
 - Capacity Enhancements
 - Track improvements, additional sidings, additional bridge structures, signal improvements.



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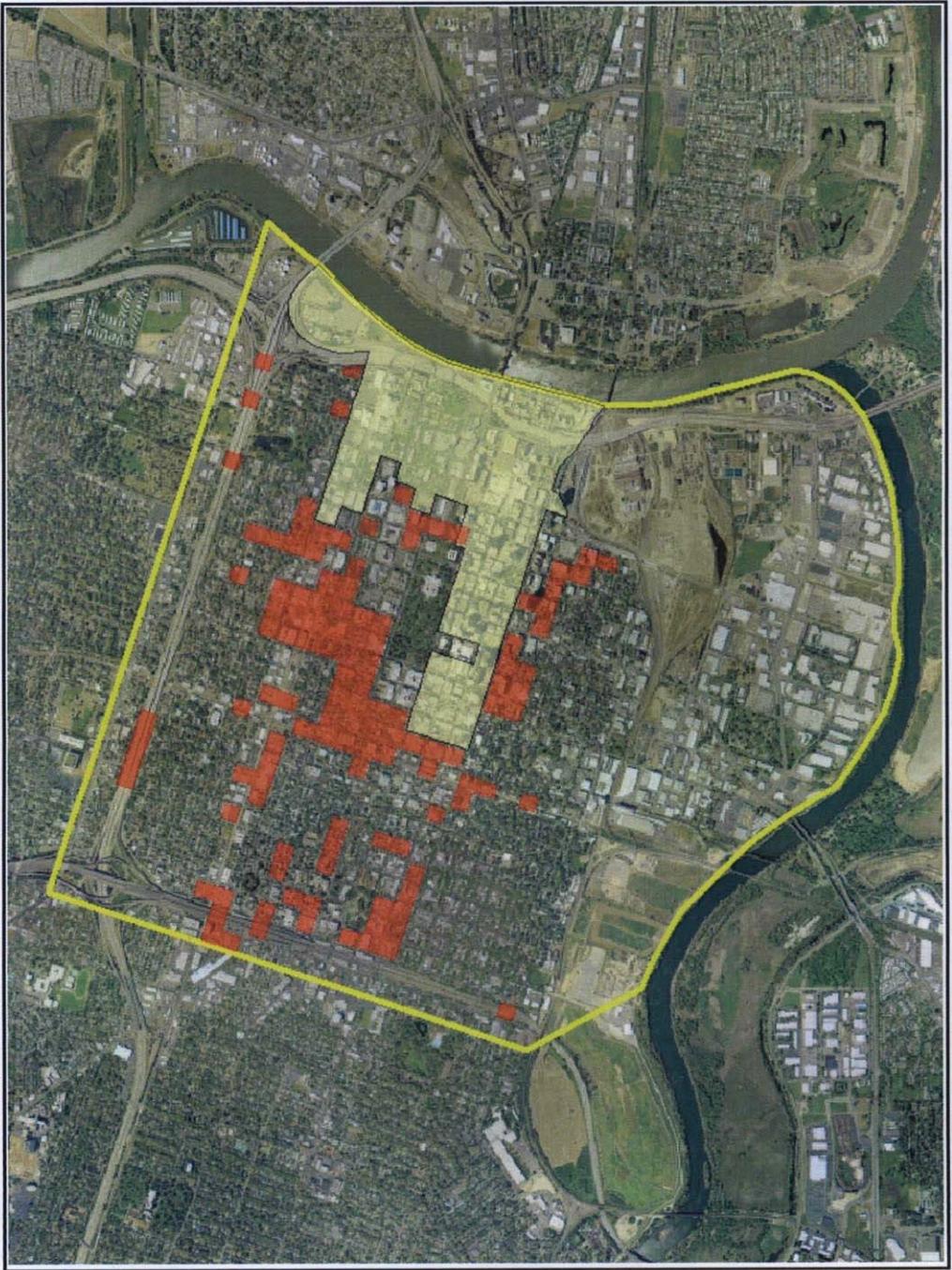
Stakeholder participation

- Continue your participation on Advisory Committee.
- We need feedback from elected officials and staff personnel.
- Service initiation will require financial participation from all parties.



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Temporary Surface Parking Permits



Temporary Surface Parking Permits

132 Surface Parking Lots
(without required permit)

83 Surface
Parking Lots

49 Legal Non-Conforming
Parking Lots

54 Stand-Alone
Parking Lots

29 Parking Lots
(associated w/ building)