CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

Morgan Hill Unified School District
July 20, 2020

AGENDA

- Introductions
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- EJ Enhancements Planning Process
- EJ Enhancements Evaluation
- Feedback and Discussion
- Next Steps

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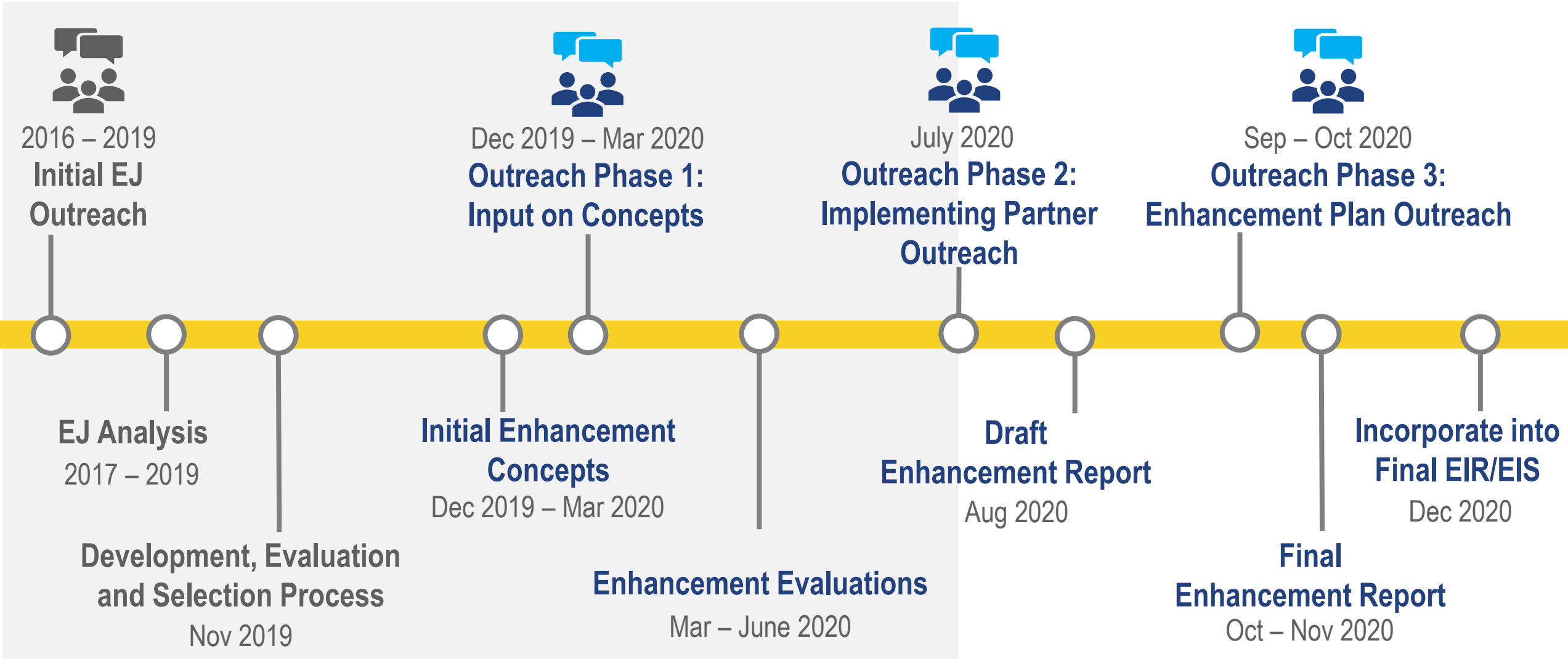
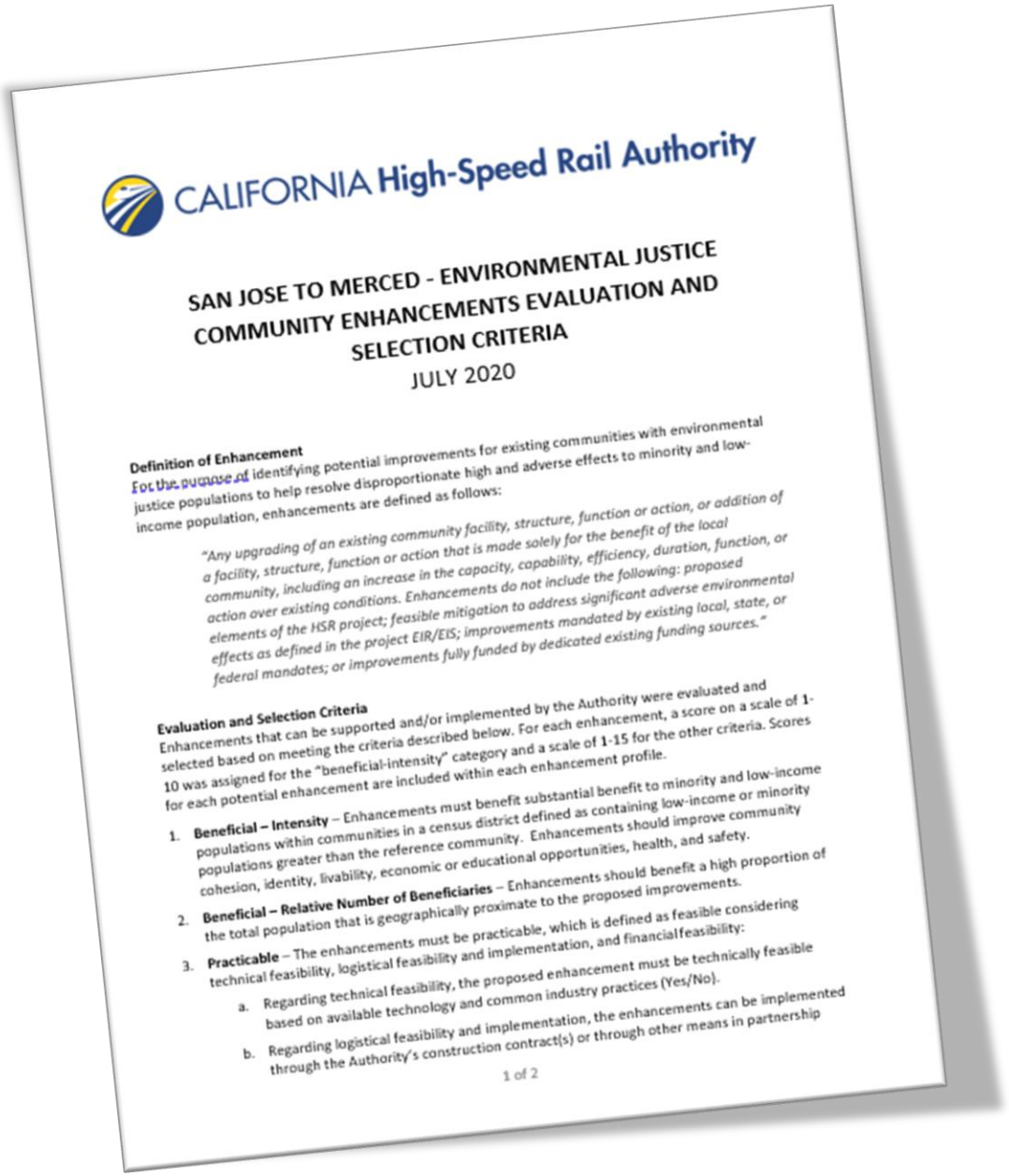


EJ ENHANCEMENTS EVALUATION

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Beneficial – Intensity**
- **Beneficial – Relative number of beneficiaries**
- **Practicable**
  - » Technical feasibility
  - » Logistical feasibility
  - » Financial feasibility
- **Defined Project or Action**
- **Satisfy Authority Obligations**
- **Defined Roles and Responsibilities**
- **Evidence of Agreement**
- **Proportionate**



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Definition of Enhancement

For the purpose of identifying potential improvements for existing communities with environmental justice populations to help resolve disproportionate high and adverse effects to minority and low-income population, enhancements are defined as follows:

"Any upgrading of an existing community facility, structure, function or action, or addition of a facility, structure, function or action that is made solely for the benefit of the local community, including an increase in the capacity, capability, efficiency, duration, function, or action over existing conditions. Enhancements do not include the following: proposed elements of the HSR project; feasible mitigation to address significant adverse environmental effects as defined in the project EIR/EIS; improvements mandated by existing local, state, or federal mandates; or improvements fully funded by dedicated existing funding sources."

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Enhancements that can be supported and/or implemented by the Authority were evaluated and selected based on meeting the criteria described below. For each enhancement, a score on a scale of 1-10 was assigned for the "beneficial-intensity" category and a scale of 1-15 for the other criteria. Scores for each potential enhancement are included within each enhancement profile.

1. **Beneficial – Intensity** – Enhancements must benefit substantial benefit to minority and low-income populations within communities in a census district defined as containing low-income or minority populations greater than the reference community. Enhancements should improve community cohesion, identity, livability, economic or educational opportunities, health, and safety.
2. **Beneficial – Relative Number of Beneficiaries** – Enhancements should benefit a high proportion of the total population that is geographically proximate to the proposed improvements.
3. **Practicable** – The enhancements must be practicable, which is defined as feasible considering technical feasibility, logistical feasibility and implementation, and financial feasibility:
   a. Regarding technical feasibility, the proposed enhancement must be technically feasible based on available technology and common industry practices (Yes/No).
   b. Regarding logistical feasibility and implementation, the enhancements can be implemented through the Authority's construction contract(s) or through other means in partnership

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RATING GUIDE

Criteria	High (10 for Benefit Intensity; 15 for other criteria)	Medium (6 for Benefit Intensity; 10 for other criteria)	Low (3 for Benefit Intensity; 5 for other criteria)	Notes (1 to 100 scale overall; Benefit is 25% of score)
Benefit Intensity	Benefits most of the people most affected by project; provides long-term local tangible benefit.	Benefits some but not all of people most affected; yet also some unaffected people; moderate tangible benefit.	Not targeted to most affected people; minor and/or short-term and or less tangible benefit.	"People" defined as minority and/or low-income populations proximate to project corridor.
Relative number of beneficiaries	More beneficiaries.	Average amount of beneficiaries.	Less beneficiaries.	Relative to other enhancements.
Practicable	No technical, logistical or financial hurdles.	Some technical, logistical or financial hurdles, but unlikely to be major obstacles to implementation.	Technical, logistical or financial hurdles likely to be difficult to overcome.	Evaluating ability to actually implement enhancement.
Defined Project	Fully defined details	Concept understood; details to define	Key aspects yet to be defined	Evaluating level of definition.
Satisfy Authority Obligations	Related to HSR project effects overall; consistent with Authority's mission; no undue precedents or collateral hardships.	Partially related to HSR project effects overall; somewhat consistent with Authority's mission.	Less or unrelated to HSR project effects overall; inconsistent with Authority's mission; and/or establish undesirable precedents or cause collateral hardships.	
Defined Roles and Responsibilities	Authority and partner roles defined.	Roles somewhat defined; some implementation roles to be defined	Key roles undefined.	Roles: funding, implementation, maintenance.
Evidence of Agreement	Partner agreement; high priority for partner agency or community.	Partner tentative agreement; community support but may not highest priority.	Partner does not support; lower priority for community.	

To Be Evaluated for the Full Suite of Proposed Enhancements by Community				
Proportionate	Proportionate to the extent or intensity of unresolved effects	Somewhat greater or lesser than extent or intensity of unresolved effects, but within rough general range.	Much greater or lesser than the extent or intensity of unresolved effects	Unresolved effects to minority and/or low-income populations along project corridor.

EJ ENHANCEMENTS PROFILE OVERVIEW

FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION

FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is your feedback about the descriptions of different enhancements?
2. What do you think of the preliminary scoring of individual enhancements?
3. *Are there any enhancements your agency is not interested in advancing? And if so, why?*
4. What grant opportunities (local, state, federal) could be leveraged to assist with funding?
5. *What are the possible cost-sharing opportunities between the Authority and your agency?*
6. *Do you have concerns with implementation of particular enhancements? If so, what are they?*
7. Do you have feedback about potentially funding larger cost enhancements versus a broader range of lower coast enhancements?
8. *Of the enhancements, which are your top priorities and why?*
9. What additional information would you like to be considered?
10. Other comments?

NEXT STEPS

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- Submit additional feedback by August 3rd
- Community Partner workshops on Draft Enhancement Report (Fall 2020)
- Final Enhancements Report (Spring 2021)
- Meeting follow-up

THANK YOU!

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