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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

February 12, 2010

RE: PERMISSION TO ENTER PROPERTY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to seek your permission to enter your property for the purpose of conducting engineering, environmental, and other field surveys, and to work with you in doing so.



The California High-Speed Rail Authority is currently studying the potential environmental impacts of the planned high-speed train system, and the field surveys being conducted by our consultants are necessary in order to complete this environmental review as required by state and federal law. The information gathered will be used to determine the best location for the project and the steps necessary to mitigate for its environmental impacts.

The consultants working on behalf of the High-Speed Rail Authority include engineers, biologists, archaeologists, hydrologists, and other environmental resource specialists. Their work will primarily consist of observation, though if minor ground disturbances are necessary they will be repaired immediately, and the ground will be returned to pre-existing grade. No digging, trimming of brush, removal of crops or other damage will be done. No materials will be removed from your property. Fenced properties will remain stock-tight during and after the surveys. **Individual residences, apartment complexes, office buildings and industrial complexes will not be surveyed.**

The exact dates of the surveys have not yet been determined, but the Authority's consultants would like to conduct the surveys between March 1, 2010 and July 31, 2010, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and consistent with any special conditions you indicate.

Enclosed with this letter is a form we would like you to sign and return. By signing the form you acknowledge that you, the property owner, have received this letter and that you grant the High-Speed Rail Authority's consultants permission to enter your property for the purpose of making these field surveys. However, please note that you are under no obligation to provide the consultants access to your property. If you do not want to grant us permission to enter your property, then do not sign and return the form.

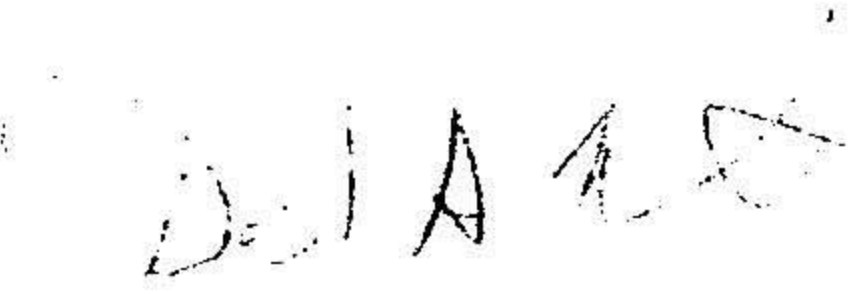
Should you be willing to provide us access, please complete the form and return it in the enclosed stamped envelope. If there are any special instructions you wish to convey (such as notifying tenants/lessees occupying the property, requesting notification prior to entry, giving locked gate instructions, or taking precautions for animals) please include them on the form.



If you have any questions regarding this letter or the related work please contact Chris Colwick at (415) 227-1100 or c.colwick@circlepoint.com

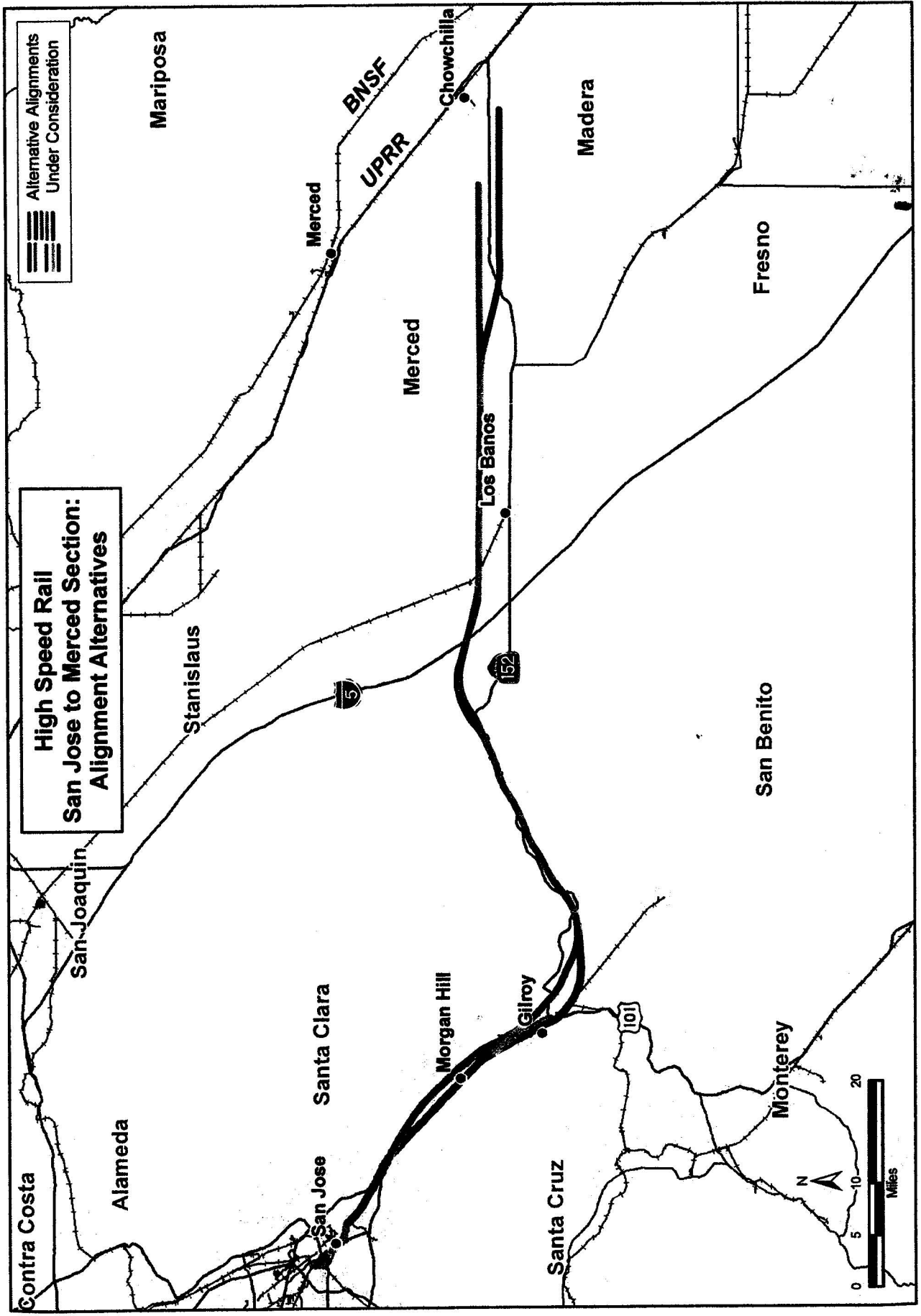
The High-Speed Rail Authority is committed to building a new transportation alternative that will improve our state, and is committed to building it right.

Sincerely,



Dan Leavitt
Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority

Enclosure



Alternative Alignments Under Consideration

**High Speed Rail
San Jose to Merced Section:
Alignment Alternatives**

Contra Costa

Alameda

San Joaquin

Mariposa

Stanislaus

Santa Clara

San Jose

Merced

Merced

Morgan Hill

Santa Cruz

BNSF

UPRR

Gilroy

Los Banos

Chowchilla

Madera

Santa Cruz

Fresno

San Benito

Monterey

