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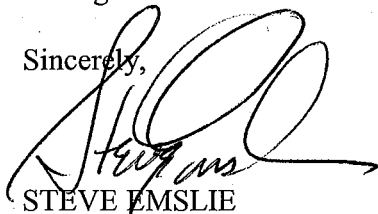
**Re: Request for 30 Day Extension of Comment Period for Revised Draft Program EIR  
for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train**

Dear Mr. Spaethling:

The City of Palo Alto requests that the 45 day comment period be extended by an additional 30 days to May 26, 2010. The limited 45 day comment period is highly constraining for review and evaluation of such a significant document. The extended period is necessary to 1) fully review and understand the findings in the DEIR and 2) better inform the Palo Alto community about the implications of the findings, including holding a community meeting, and review of comments on the DEIR by the City's Planning and Transportation Commission and City Council. The City believes this outreach will best serve the community of Palo Alto and the HSRA by providing more cohesive and thoughtful comments on the DEIR and its implications for Palo Alto.

Thank you for considering this request, and please let us know as soon as possible whether the deadline will be extended. If you or others have questions, please feel free to contact me or City Manager James Keene.

Sincerely,



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Deputy City Manager

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