

General Information

This document presents responses to comments submitted by agencies, individuals, and organizations concerning the April 2005 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and the October 2005 Partial Revision of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (PRDEIR) for the Union City Intermodal Station Passenger Rail Project (Proposed Project). The City of Union City (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for this project.

The DEIR was made available to the public and regulatory agencies for review and comment during a 45-day comment period between April 25, 2005 and June 9, 2005. Based on the comments on the DEIR, the City decided that the noise analysis in the DEIR required additional analysis and recirculation. The PRDEIR addressed these specific issues and provided additional information concerning long-term noise and was made available to the public and regulatory agencies for review and comment during a 45-day comment between October 30 and December 14, 2005.

The Guidelines implementing CEQA require that written responses be prepared for written comments received on a DEIR during the public review period.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15132 specifically states:

The Final EIR (FEIR) shall consist of:

- a. The Draft EIR or a revision of that draft.
- b. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in a summary.
- c. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
- d. The response of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
- e. Any other information added by the Lead agency.

As allowed by CEQA Guidelines Section 15088, comments received on the DEIR related to the topics addressed in the PRDEIR are part of the administrative record and have been considered when preparing the PRDEIR. However, these previously received comments related to the topics in the PRDEIR are not responded to in this FEIR. Comments received on the PRDEIR that address the topics included in the PRDEIR are responded to in this FEIR.

This FEIR has been prepared in compliance with the CEQA Guidelines as well as with applicable procedures of the City of Union City. This FEIR includes the DEIR, the PRDEIR, and the material in this document, organized as follows.

Chapter 1. Introduction

Chapter 2. Master Responses

Chapter 3. DEIR Comments and Individual Responses

Chapter 4. PRDEIR Comments and Individual Responses

Chapter 5. Revisions to the DEIR and PRDEIR

Chapter 6. References

Appendix A – Mitigation Monitoring Plan (MMP)

Master Responses

Chapter 2 of this document contains detailed master responses to the following issues, which were raised in multiple comments on the DEIR and/or the PRDEIR. The purpose of the master responses is to provide a comprehensive and integrated response to multi-faceted elements of a single overarching issue or subject. All individual comments were reviewed prior to developing these master responses. Where response to an individual comment is addressed by the master response, this is noted in the responses to DEIR individual comments in Chapter 3, and PRDEIR individual comments in Chapter 4. Revisions to the DEIR and/or the PRDEIR pursuant to the Master Responses are described in Chapter 4.

General Issues (GEN)

Project Background

Segmentation

Project Description (PD)

Layover Yard

Turnouts

Redesigned Shinn Connection

Freight Rail Traffic

Air Quality (AQ)

Diesel Health Risk Assessment

Construction Emissions

Alternatives (ALT)

Niles Subdivision Passenger Rail Station Alternative

Individual Responses

Chapter 3 of this document contains the comments received by the lead agency during the comment periods for the DEIR and Chapter 4 contains the comments for the PRDEIR. These chapters provide responses to substantive issues raised in the comments. Revisions pursuant to the individual responses to comments are provided in Chapter 5 of this document.

The comment letters are grouped in four categories: state agencies, local agencies, organizations, and individuals. Each comment letter has been designated with a comment number. Individual comments within each comment letter are numbered sequentially. For example, the first comment in DEIR comment letter 10 is 10.01, the second is 10.02, and so on. PRDEIR comments are handled the same way except that a prefix of “PR” is used.

State Agencies

- 1 Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- 2 Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- 3 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4

Local Agencies

- 4 Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA)
- 5 Alameda County Water District (ACWD)
- 6 Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA)
- 7 Dumbarton Rail Corridor (DRC)
- 8 City of Fremont
- 9 East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD)
- 10 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- PR1 City of Fremont
- PR2 San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SamTrans)

Organizations

11	Fremont Glen Apartments (Mark Feichtmeir)
12	Fremont Glen Apartments (Mark Feichtmeir)
13	Fremont Glen Apartments (Mary Smith)
14	Riverwalk Homeowners Association
15	Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR)
PR3	Riverwalk Homeowners Association

Individuals

016	Robert Allen
017	Jasdeep Aulakh
018	Sliviu Balan
019	Thomas Blalock
020	Lynda Brown
021	Thuy Bui
022	Charlie Cameron
023	Brett Chamberlain
024	Brett Chamberlain
025	Brett Chamberlain
026	Brett Chamberlain
027	Brett Chamberlain
028	Brett Chamberlain
029	Brett Chamberlain
030	Brett Chamberlain
031	Brett Chamberlain
032	Brett Chamberlain
033	Victoria Chamberlain
034	Victoria Chamberlain
035	Victoria Chamberlain
036	Victoria Chamberlain
037	Victoria Chamberlain
038	Victoria Chamberlain
039	Victoria Chamberlain
040	Victoria Chamberlain
041	Victoria Chamberlain
042	Mimi Chan
043	Laura Cinquini
044	William Cinquini
045	Vish Conjeevaram
046	Menchu Cruz
047	Bahram Darya-Bari
048	John Daskaloff
049	Margaret Daskaloff
050	Joanne Deane
051	Ernest Delgado
052	Ernest Delgado
053	Ernest Delgado

054	Phung Doan
055	Edward Dowling
056	Jennifer Emmett
057	Linda Fernandez
058	Alan Garretson
059	Scarlett Gomez
060	Jose Govea
061	Linda Haastrup
062	Brian Hanson
063	Frederick Hui
064	Ralph Jones
065	Gary Keesee
066	Raymond Kuang
067	Susan Lanferman
068	Law
069	Lawrence Law
070	Henry Lee
071	Susie Lee
072	K.C. Lin
073	Cindy & Eric
074	Eric
075	Mihir Meghani
076	Teresa Mercado
077	Teresa Mercado
078	Don Michel
079	Sam Mury
080	Jackie Nguyen
081	Shin Ohkura
082	Tony Pang
083	Dinesh Patel
084	Cary Pereira
085	Tim Pitsker
086	Terry Plaughur
087	Maria Ponsen
088	Rajnesh Prasad
089	Sherry Ryan
090	Carol Spindler
091	Kevin
092	Ralph Stenejhem
093	Margaret Tai
094	Jonathon Tu
095	Madonna Vanderpool
096	Kathy Wagner
097	Weimin Weng
098	Andrew Wilson
099	James Wu
100	Stella Wu
101	William Wullenjohn
102	William Wullenjohn
103	City of Union City Planning Commission Meeting May 19, 2005

- PR4 Brett and Victoria Chamberlain
- PR5 Maria Ching
- PR6 Laura Cinquini
- PR7 John and Margaret Daskaloff
- PR8 John and Christina Govea
- PR9 Susan Lanferman
- PR10 Joanne Lew
- PR11 Tim Pitsker
- PR12 Madonna Vanderpool
- PR13 Madonna Vanderpool
- PR14 City of Union City Planning Commission Meeting November 17, 2005

Revisions to the DEIR and PRDEIR

The revisions to the DEIR and the PRDEIR identified as a result of review of comments on these documents are presented in Chapter 5 of this document.