



# Memorandum

**TO:** Rules and Open Government  
Committee

**FROM:** Mayor Chuck Reed

**SUBJECT:** HIGH SPEED RAIL WORKPLAN

**DATE:** November 2, 2011

Approved

*Chuck Reed*

Date

*11/2/11*

## RECOMMENDATION

Make the following amendments to the High Speed Rail Workplan:

1. Direct staff to bring Visual Design Guidelines and Tunnel Evaluation to Council early next year.
2. Direct staff to set up public meetings with High Speed Rail, professional engineering associations, business organizations, and regional organizations to review recommended Tunnel Plans by High Speed Rail.
3. Schedule a Council Study Session in early 2012 to review San José Visual Design Guidelines, tunnel assessment and take public comment.
4. Discuss and act on the Visual Design Guidelines and Tunnel Study recommendations at a City Council meeting in the February/March 2012 timeframe.

## BACKGROUND

Given the City's commitment to investing in a high-quality high speed train service that meets the needs of our residents and our region, it is important that the City continue to review the Visual Design Guidelines and Tunnel Plans for the High Speed Rail project in order to ensure that our City is getting the best possible constructible system.