

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, joined by Congressman Jeff Denham (CA-19) and Congressman Devin Nunes (CA-21), today sent a letter to the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) requesting a 30-day extension of the public comment period on the high-speed rail route. CHSRA needs to hear from local citizens and communities as major questions still exist on the viability of this project.

Text of the letter is below:

September 15, 2011

Thomas J. Umberg, Chairperson

California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Umberg,

We write to request a 30-day extension of the time allotted for public comment on the high speed rail route that has been proposed by the California High Speed Rail Authority. As Members of the California Central Valley congressional delegation, we have serious concerns about the proposed route, the current project, and ridership estimates. The official public comment period is currently scheduled to end on October 13, 2011. However, because the draft Environmental Impact Report is over 3,300 pages long, we believe this extension is essential to ensuring our constituents and all Californians have ample time to review, analyze, and develop and submit comments to the Authority for review. Given the size and scope of this project, we believe this is a reasonable request.

Thank you for considering our request, and for your attention to this important matter. If you

have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy, Member of Congress   Jeff Denham, Member of Congress   Devin Nunes,  
Member of Congress