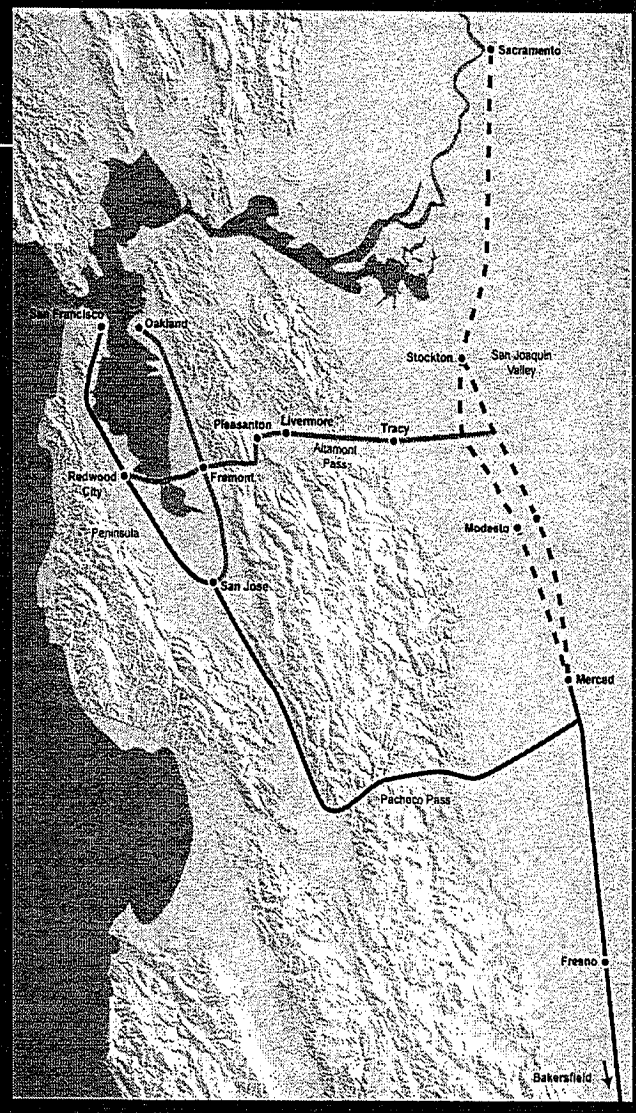
California High-Speed Rail Authority

Altamont Corridor Partnership Working Group



Project Status Briefing
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Summary Of Transportation Agency Comments

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- Provide new rail corridor crossing Altamont Pass
- Provide an upgrade to the ACE service operating between Stockton and San Jose
- Connect to Modesto
- Connect to BART in the Livermore area
- Connect to the High Speed Rail network operating in San Joaquin Valley
- Connect to Dumbarton rail in Fremont/Union city area

Summary Of Transportation Agency Comments

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- Identify phasing plan and evaluate potential to terminate first phase in Livermore vicinity
- Provide a corridor suitable for operation of standard passenger in near term
- Provide a corridor suitable for operation of HST lightweight consists in long term
- Provide a dedicated right of way to the greatest extent possible
- Provide separate passenger trackage if improvements are made within railroad right of way

Elements of Project Description

1. The Altamont Corridor Project will provide an improved rail corridor between Stockton and San Jose to support passenger service between Silicon Valley, the Tri Valley, and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

2. The project will include a branch east of Tracy which will connect to the north – south HST line in the Central Valley to allow operation of trains between the Inner Bay Area and Modesto as well as points beyond.

3. Potential stations should include Stockton, Tracy, Livermore, Fremont (vicinity), Milpitas and San Jose.

Elements of Project Description

4. The project will provide an intermodal connection to an extension of the Dublin/Pleasanton BART line in the Tri Valley area.

5. The project will provide an intermodal connection to BART in the Fremont / Union City vicinity.

6. The project will accommodate a future connection to the Dumbarton rail service in the Fremont/Union City vicinity.

7. The project will include an intermodal connection to the Valley Transportation Authority Light Rail network.

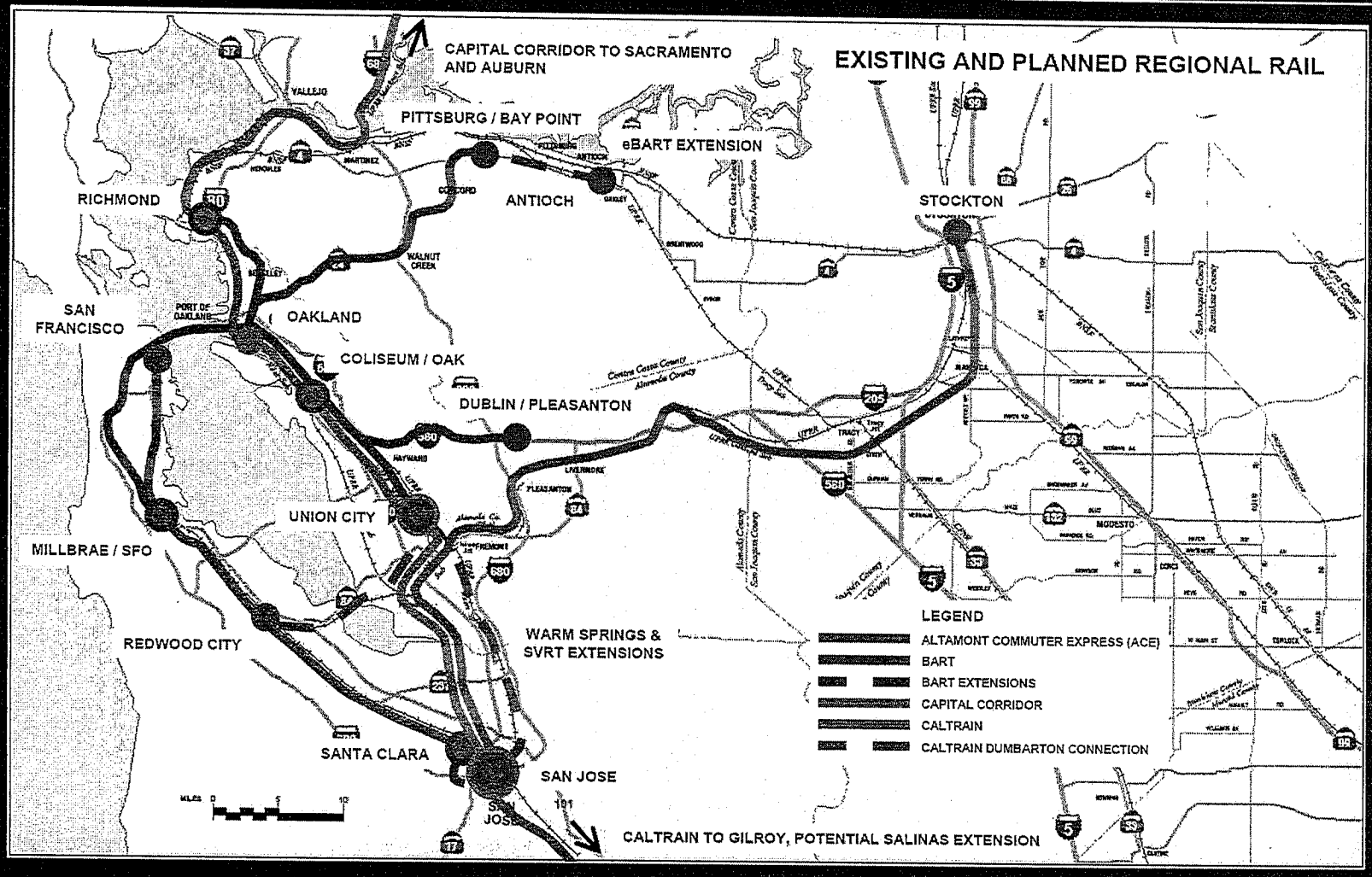
Elements of Project Description

8. The trackage will be fully separated from the UPRR and will be developed outside of the UPRR right of way where feasible.

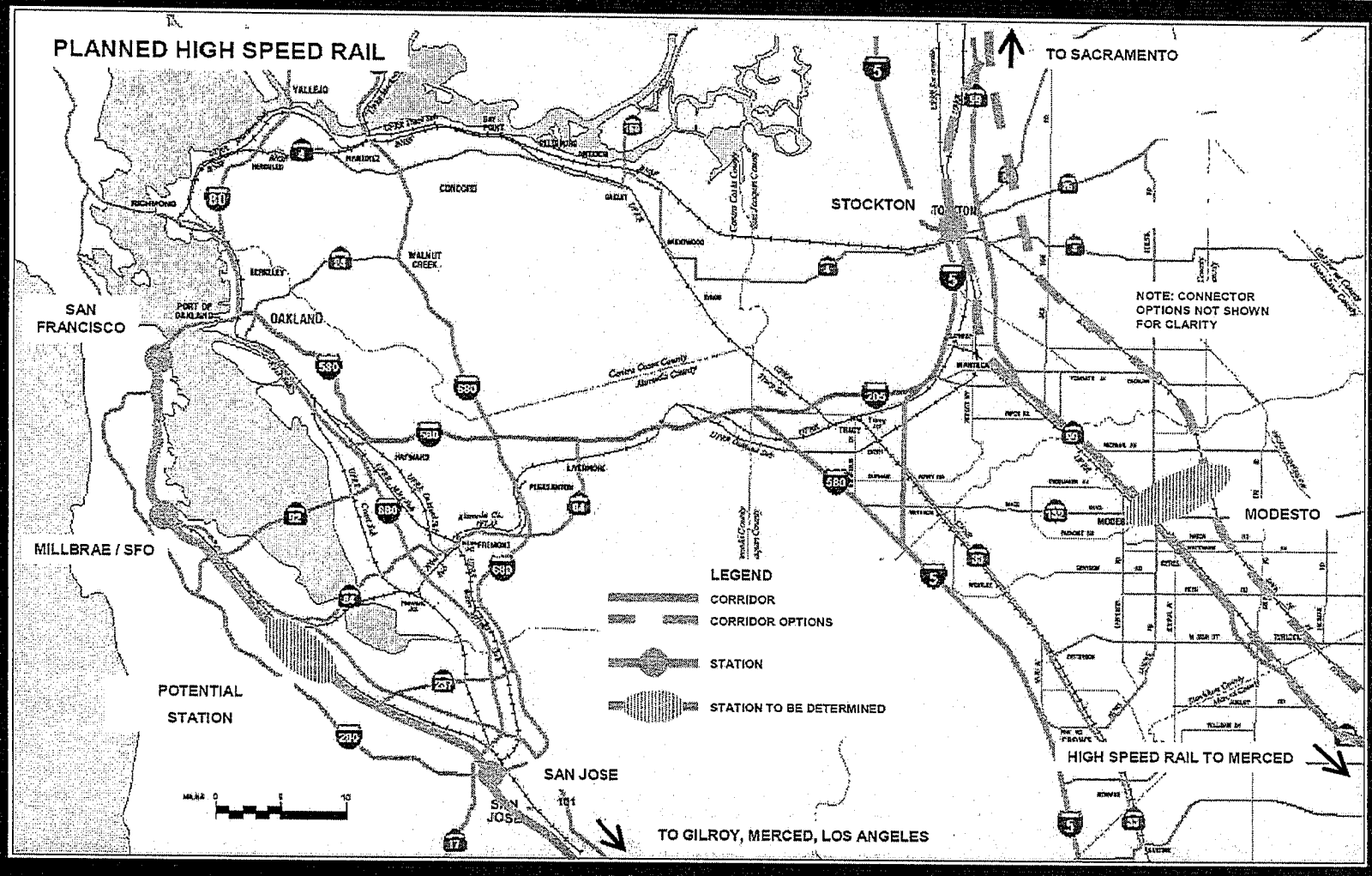
9. As appropriate, near term improvements will be useable by the current ACE service.

10. The ultimate alignment will be grade separated, electrified, and fully compatible with HST equipment.

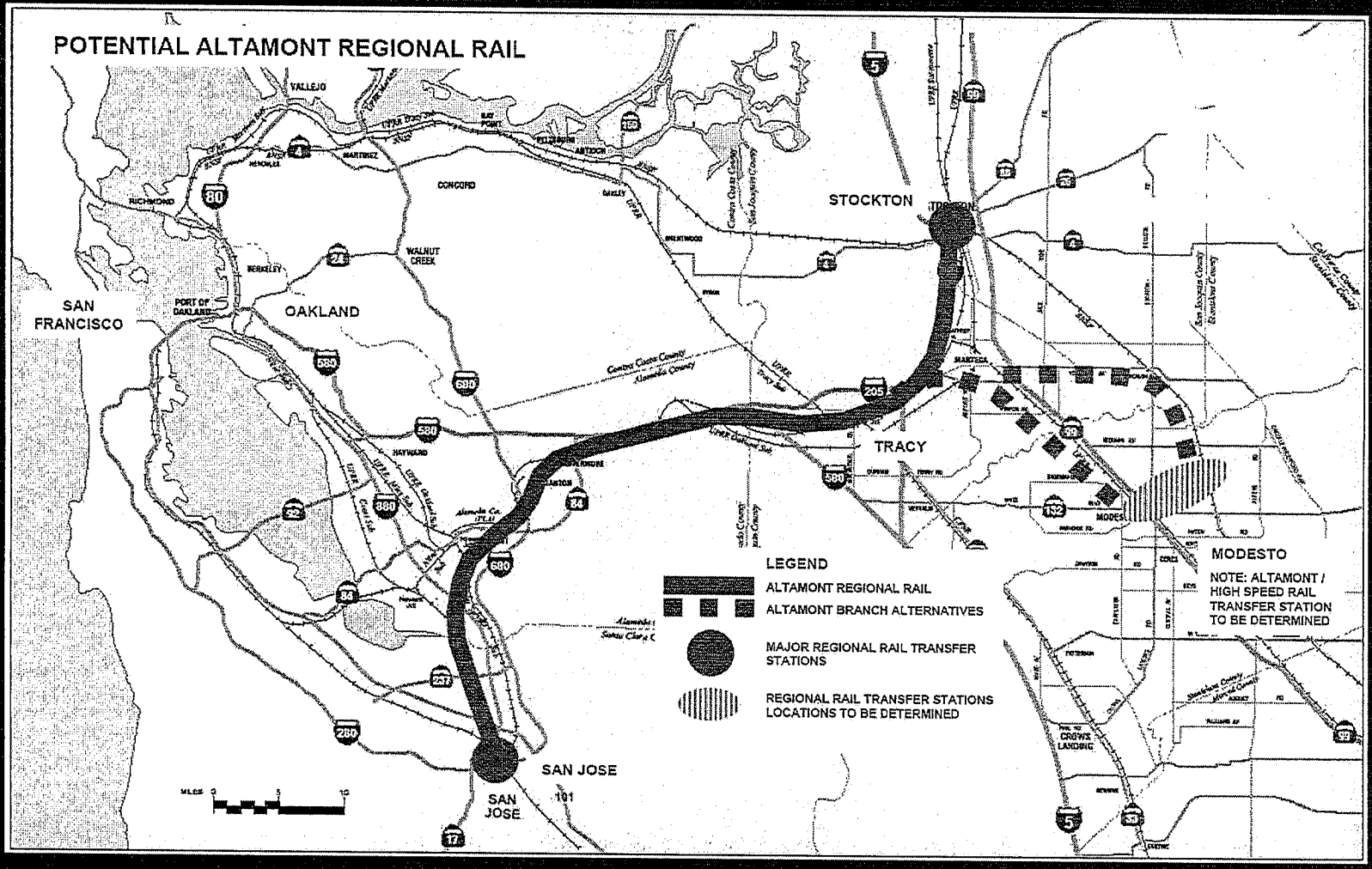
Existing and Planned Regional Rail



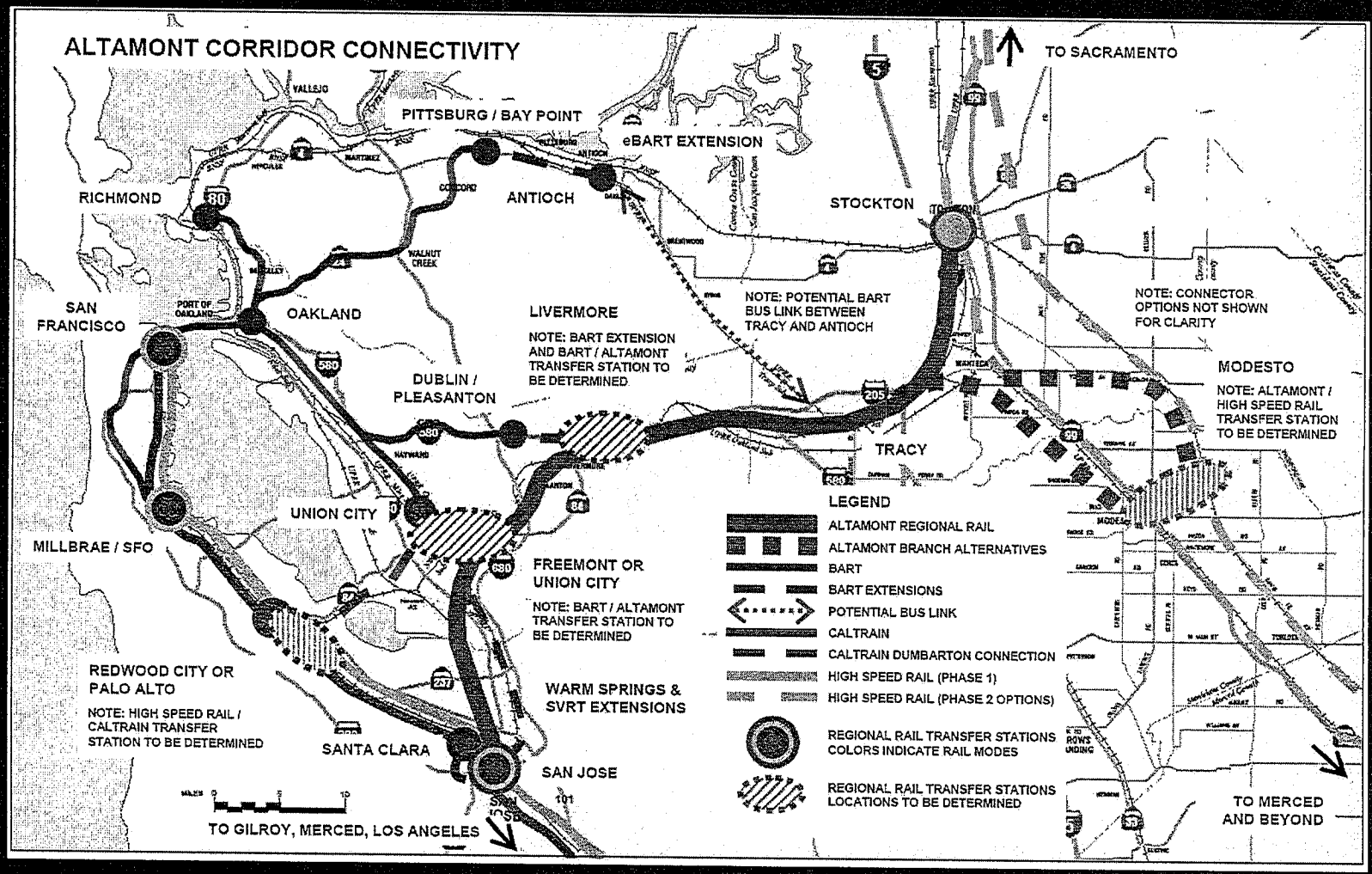
Planned High Speed Rail



Potential Altamont Regional Rail



Altamont Connectivity



Next Steps

- Develop MOU's with regional partners
- Continue to pursue Federal partner
- Identify public outreach process
- Identify environmental clearance process
- Provide input to BART for Livermore intermodal

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