

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35

IN THE MATTER OF:
**CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL
PROJECT**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF:
A RESOLUTION OF THE FRESNO COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE
CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the California high-speed rail system will alleviate crippling congestion on California’s roads and airports, some of the most crowded in the nation; and

WHEREAS, high-speed rail will improve air quality by reducing harmful greenhouse gas and other emissions; and

WHEREAS, high-speed rail will connect Fresno County to other regions of the state more efficiently, reducing travel times and making the San Joaquin Valley more accessible; and

WHEREAS, construction of high-speed rail has already employed hundreds of people from throughout Fresno County and brought work to numerous area small businesses; and

WHEREAS, this economic stimulus will continue to be felt as Fresno County will be more closely tied to the other major economic centers of the state – the Bay Area and Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority’s (Authority) 2016 Business Plan lays out a fully funded plan to begin operations on a line connecting the Central Valley with the Silicon Valley, offering significant benefits to Fresno County and the Central Valley as part of the first high-speed rail line in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has worked closely with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation to ensure that impacts to businesses and agricultural entities are minimized and mitigated appropriately, allowing several businesses the opportunity to expand; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments has built a successful partnership with the Authority in its goal of increasing transportation options in the San Joaquin Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fresno Council of Governments as follows:

1. The Fresno Council of Governments reaffirms its full support the high-speed rail project including the location of facilities, such as the heavy and light maintenance facilities, train manufacturing, passenger station, and training facility, in the County of Fresno.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 28th day of October, 2016.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director