

High Desert Corridor  
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California High Speed Rail Authority Update



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E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

November 12, 2013

Michelle Boehm  
Southern California Regional Director  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Boehm:

Enclosed is a copy of Minutes from the November 30, 2012 meeting of the High Desert Corridor (HDC) JPA, on Pages 5 and 6, which detail the JPA's careful consideration, and the unanimous formal positions taken to support of **one station** in Palmdale to enable a future interstate and intrastate connectivity of all potential operators: **at the Palmdale Transportation Center.**

The JPA Board voted to support the northwestern station along the easterly alignment of the CAHSRA as the HSR alternative for Palmdale in the HDC's EIS/R. The motion also includes support of the PTC (Palmdale Transportation Center) for the CAHSRA station location, and a Wye Connection between XpressWest, Metrolink and CAHSR.

During our JPA discussion, it was noted that as the various HSR system plans integrate and are developed, there is a need to focus on how to someday integrate and connect the rail lines, and that this cannot be done in California unless the PTC is a common hub.

The HDCJPA is a single purpose agency created by Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties that unifies policies and support to guide the development of the High Desert Corridor as a Public Private Partnership. Our JPA Board is comprised of the two counties, Metro and SANBAG, and the five cities adjacent to the route.

The multi-purpose HDC is within a 500-foot wide, 50 mile right-of-way, and contains four components: Highway/ HSR/ Green Corridor/ Bikeway. The rail component connects the Palmdale Transportation Center with the XpressWest station in Victorville, enabling a transfer for Metrolink riders from LAUS (Los Angeles Union Station) to access XpressWest's service to Las Vegas in Palmdale. The draft HDC EIS/R is scheduled for release in the summer of 2014, the final in the spring of 2015.

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Please contact Laurie Hunter at (626) 808-8668 if you wish to discuss matters related to this motion.

Sincerely,



**LAURA H. WELCH**  
Secretary/Clerk  
High Desert Corridor JPA

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