



High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority



E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

HDCJPA RESOLUTION NO. 10-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DESERTXPRESS HIGH SPEED RAIL CONNECTIVITY FROM PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

On motion by Director McEachron, seconded by Director Roelle, the Board approves the following:

WHEREAS: The High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA), supports multi-modal operations and solutions, and regional cooperation to regional surface transportation challenges; and

WHEREAS: Reducing green house gas emission is a priority for the JPA; and

WHEREAS: Reducing traffic congestion for commuters and tourists is a priority for the JPA; and

WHEREAS: Creating a better quality of life for the residents of the high desert regions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties is a primary goal of the JPA; and

WHEREAS: More than 11 million Californians travel between Southern California and Southern Nevada each year; and

WHEREAS: Interstate 15, the primary corridor between Southern California and Southern Nevada, is congested nearly every day of the year and time of day; and

WHEREAS: More than 100,000 residents of the Victor Valley region of San Bernardino County commute to the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Valleys and Los Angeles areas of Southern California for work; and

WHEREAS: More than 40,000 residents of the Palmdale/Lancaster region of Los Angeles County commute to Los Angeles for work each day; and

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WHEREAS: High Speed Rail connectivity is a priority of this region, our state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS: The goods movement between California and Nevada is expected to increase by four times the amount it is today over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS: The population growth of the high desert region of San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties is expected to increase 30% over the next ten (10) years; and

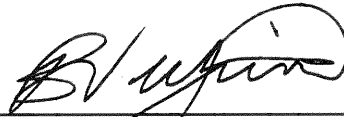
WHEREAS: The population growth of the Region is expected to grow 40% in the next five decades;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority supports the connectivity of the DesertXpress High Speed Rail project from Palmdale to Victorville, offering modal choices, reduction in traffic congestion and improved air quality for the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority recognizes that the DesertXpress High Speed Rail Project offers a substantial opportunity for this agency to complete its mission of developing the next generation of multi-modal surface transportation infrastructure to the region and nation ahead of schedule, on budget and privately funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority believes that the DesertXpress Project is a regional solution for the transportation challenges facing both Southern California and Southern Nevada.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2010



Chairman Brad Mitzelfelt
High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority

ATTEST:



Laura H. Welch, Secretary