

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01

In the Matter of:)
FIRST SEGMENT OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL)
LINE)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL FIRST
SEGMENT OF RAIL LINE IN SAN JOAQUIN
VALLEY

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) will build the first portion of its system between an area north of Fresno to an area north of Bakersfield. The federal government has awarded \$4.3 billion to the High-Speed Rail Authority with the stipulation that the award must be spent on a section in the San Joaquin Valley and that construction on the first segment must be concluded by the fall of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County is at the northern end of the first segment of what is the nation's largest infrastructure project, and

WHEREAS, Fresno County's unemployment rate as of September 2010 was at 15.2% unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County boasts a strong, able, dedicated and talented workforce; and

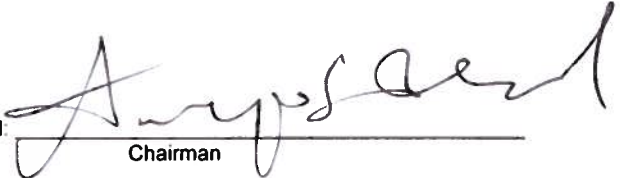
WHEREAS, 135,000 full-time workers will be required to complete construction of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's high speed rail line from Merced to Bakersfield, and

WHEREAS, Fresno County residents consistently voice strong support for the high-speed train.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno Council of Governments hereby requests that the California High-Speed Rail Authority give a strong commitment to hiring local Fresno County businesses to complete the environmental, planning, design, engineering and construction work that will be required to complete the first segment of its high-speed rail line.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 27th day of January, 2011.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Kingsburg
ABSENT: Fresno

Signed: 
Chairman

ATTEST:

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 thereof held on the 27th day of January, 2011.

Signed: 
Tony Boren, Executive Director