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Mr. Roelof van Ark  
Chief Executive Officer  
California High Speed Rail Authority  
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Dear Mr. van Ark:

Thank you for your letter of August 6, 2010, accompanying applications for the Los Angeles to Anaheim, San Francisco to San Jose, Merced to Fresno, and Fresno to Bakersfield project sections of the California High-Speed Train System, under the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program. These applications describe how the new FY10 Service Development Program (SDP) funding, available through the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA's) June 28, 2010, Notice of Funding Availability, would complement use of prior funding (FY09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-- ARRA funds) for each of the four mutually exclusive project scenarios proposed by your agency.

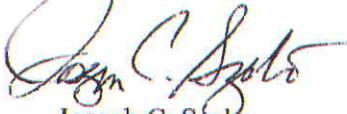
As indicated in FRA's official selection letter dated October 28, 2010, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CAHSRA) was selected for FY10 SDP funding for use in combination with the remaining unobligated FY09 ARRA funds. These combined funds can be applied to final design and construction of one of two Central Valley sections (Fresno to Bakersfield or Merced to Fresno) of the California High Speed Train System as described by CAHSRA. On October 28, 2010, CAHSRA was also selected to receive FY10 SDP funding toward specific improvements to the 4th and King Street yard in the San Francisco to San Jose project section.

These FY10 funds supplement our initial down payment on high-speed rail and demonstrate our commitment to developing a world-class transportation network. The Central Valley funding selections are contingent upon successful completion of the project-level National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes that are currently underway. Any FRA investments must be consistent with forthcoming NEPA decisions.

FRA will be working with you to ready a Central Valley project for grant obligation by December 31, 2010. This includes developing or refining the project definition, financial plan, project management plan, and implementing agreements by early December to meet the obligation deadline. FRA's goal of early grant obligation will require that CAHSRA select a Central Valley project scenario by early December 2010.

We are pleased to be working closely with CAHSRA to obligate this funding by December 31, 2010. Thank you for your support of the Obama Administration's far-reaching vision of building a national passenger rail network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph C. Szabo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" being the most prominent.

Joseph C. Szabo  
Administrator