



April 3, 2013

The Honorable Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair  
Assembly Transportation Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3152  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Eric Linder, Vice Chair  
Assembly Transportation Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Members Lowenthal and Linder:

The High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) would like to express its support for AB 481 (Lowenthal), as amended April 1, 2013, which would enable the Authority to effectively manage property acquired for the high-speed rail project.

Specifically, AB 481 would allow the Authority to negotiate with impacted landowners for continued access, exchange property between adjoining landowners to help mitigate impacts to existing uses, sell excess property no longer required for the project, and lease property to interested parties as a means of creating additional revenue sources for the project. The Authority can better plan for the project's short and long-term needs by exclusively managing access to property acquired for the high-speed rail project.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Matt Robinson, Deputy Director of Legislation, at [matthew.robinson@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.robinson@hsr.ca.gov) or (916) 324-1541.

Sincerely,

Jeff Morales  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem, California State Senate  
Attention: Arwen Chenery, Consultant  
Honorable John A. Pérez, Speaker, California State Assembly  
Attention: Erica Martinez, Consultant  
Honorable Mark DeSaulnier, Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee  
Honorable Ted Gaines, Vice Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee  
Mr. Brian Putler, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
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