Resolution #HSRA 16-22

Approval to Enter into a Funding MOU with the City of San Mateo for the San Mateo Grade Separation Project on the Caltrain/Authority Blended System Corridor

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 185030, et seq.;

Whereas, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed rail trains, including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 185036;

Whereas, the San Mateo grade separation project, led by the City of San Mateo as the project sponsor, will greatly improve safety and traffic operations in the Caltrain/Authority blended system corridor and potentially provide for future passing tracks necessary for the blended system;

Whereas, the San Mateo grade separation costs within the Caltrain/Authority blended system corridor are consistent with the cost projections contained in the Authority’s 2016 Business Plan; and,

Whereas, proceeding with the San Mateo grade separation project at this time will result in significant cost savings because the grade separated structures can be completed prior to Caltrain electrification being installed.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or a qualified designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to undertake all that is necessary to negotiate and execute an MOU to contribute $84 million toward the San Mateo grade separation project which is necessary to improve safety and traffic operations on the Caltrain/Authority Blended System corridor, and to negotiate and execute any further detailed agreements that may be necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution and the MOU.

Vote: 7 – 0
Yes: Correa; Curtin; Paskett; Richard; Richards; Rossi; Schenk
No: N/A
Absent: Lowenthal
Date: 08/09/2016