

RESOLUTION #HSRA 18-21

**State's Preferred Alternative for the
Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact
Statement**

Whereas, the Authority has conducted preliminary engineering and environmental analysis to a level sufficient to describe the comparative differences among the Project Alternative and No Project Alternative for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project Section;

Whereas, the Authority has briefed the regulatory agencies and conducted public open houses in Los Angeles, Montebello, Santa Fe Springs, Buena Park, Commerce and Anaheim to seek input, which was carefully considered;

Whereas, the preliminary analyses indicate that the Project Alternative best meets the High-Speed Rail Authority's project objectives while also incorporating stakeholder input and minimizing effects to environmental and community resources;

Whereas, the Board has delegated to staff the authority to develop the Draft EIR/EIS;

Whereas, the Board has retained authority to identify a preferred alternative in the Draft EIR/EIS;

Whereas, staff has identified the public transparency benefits of identifying the State's Preferred Alternative in the forthcoming Los Angeles to Anaheim Draft EIR/EIS;

Whereas, the identification of the State's Preferred Alternative at this time is not a final decision by the Board and allows for full consideration of all the effects of the alternatives considered in the still-ongoing environmental process, and,

Whereas, the Authority recognizes the function of the forthcoming Los Angeles to Anaheim Draft EIR/EIS is to elicit public comments prior to the Authority making any final decision regarding any alternative.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Authority Board concurs with the staff recommendation that the Project Alternative shall be identified as the State's Preferred Alternative in the forthcoming Los Angeles to Anaheim Draft EIR/EIS.

The Authority Board directs staff to work with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to obtain FRA's concurrence that the Project Alternative is the FRA NEPA Preferred Alternative.

The Authority Board further directs staff to continue to engage local stakeholders to address comments about high-speed rail within their communities.

Vote: 6 – 0
Yes: Camacho; Miller; Richard; Richards; Rossi; Schenk
No: N/A
Absent: Curtin; Lowenthal
Date: 11/15/18

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