Resolution #HSRA11-03
Resolution Determining the Need to Take Immediate Action

Whereas, the United States Department of Transportation on June 28, 2010, announced the availability of new federal funding in the amount of $2.3 billion for the development of high-speed intercity rail, and

Whereas, until the announcement it was not known that the due date for applications for the funding would be as early as August 6, 2010, and

Whereas, the Department of Transportation’s announcement was made after the notice and agenda for the board’s July 8, 2010, meeting had already been posted, and

Whereas, there is an immediate need for the Authority to address how it will respond to the Department of Transportation’s announcement, and

Whereas, it is very much in the public interest for the Authority to submit an application for additional federal funding, and

Whereas, the Authority’s next scheduled board meeting is August 5, 2010, the day before the applications are due, which is too late for the board to take meaningful initial action, and

Whereas, the timing of the announcement, the due date for applications, the importance to the Authority and to California’s high-speed rail project of additional funding, and the current schedule of board meetings, all make it necessary for the board to take immediate action with regard to the June 28 announcement,

Therefore, it is

Resolved, that the board hereby determines, pursuant to Government Code section 11125.3, subdivision (a)(2), that, as a result of timing of the announcement on June 28, 2010, of the availability of additional federal funding for the development of high-speed intercity rail, and of the August 6, 2010, due date for applications for such funding, there exists a need to take immediate action, and that the need for action came to the attention of the state body subsequent to the agenda being posted.

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Date: July 8, 2010

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