Resolution #HSRA 16-03

Direct Staff to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to Share Project Development Costs for the Integration of High-Speed Rail at Los Angeles Union Station

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant California Public Utilities Code §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 §185036;

Whereas, the California Legislature and the people of California declared in the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, Proposition 1 A, that "It is the intent of the Legislature ... and the people of California ... to initiate construction of a high-speed train system that connects the San Francisco Transbay Terminal to Los Angeles Union Station and Anaheim." (Cal. Sts. & High. Code §2704.04(a));

Whereas, Metro acquired the historic Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) property and rights of way in 2011, and is now prepared to implement improvements to LAUS through the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP) and the LAUS Master Plan that will preserve rights of way at LAUS for high-speed rail use;

Whereas, the original SCRIP project incorporated new run-through tracks on the LAUS site to serve existing local, regional, and intercity rail and is the consensus #1 project on the Southern California MOU list;

Whereas, Metro is updating and integrating the SCRIP and LAUS Master Plan project plans to accommodate high-speed rail service at LAUS and a new passenger concourse; and,

Whereas, the Authority agrees to pay for its fair share of project development costs Metro will incur to update existing and in progress plans to accommodate high-speed rail at LAUS.

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 a contract with Metro to share project development costs for the integration of high-speed rail at Los Angeles Union Station. Under the contract the Authority will pay a proportional share of project development costs up to a maximum of $15,000,000.00.
Vote:  7 – 0
Yes:  Correa; Curtin; Lowenthal; Paskett; Richard; Richards; Schenk
No:  N/A
Absent:  Rossi
Date:  2/16/16

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