

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL RESOLUTION #HSRA 25-10

Approval of the Term Sheet Request for Proposals for the Track & Systems Construction Contract and Approval to Advertise the RFP

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, constructing, and operating an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the state's existing intercity transportation services (Public Utilities Code sections 185030 and 185031);

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 Public Utilities Code section 185036(a);

Whereas, the Board accepted an updated Total Expenditure Authorization at the January 18, 2024, meeting that includes costs for construction of the track and systems for the 171-mile Early Operating Segment in the Central Valley; and

Whereas, staff recommends a one-step "best-value" procurement process that includes a Request for Proposals, interviews, and negotiations with the apparent best value proposer under the authority granted pursuant to Public Utilities Code 185036 to award contracts with private or public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed trains, including all tasks and segments thereof; and

Whereas, staff recommends advancing procurement for a Track & Systems Construction Contract with approval of the Term Sheet and the advertisement of the Request for Proposals.

Therefore, it is resolved:

- (1) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain Proposals from interested teams for the Track and Systems Construction Contract.
- (2) Staff is hereby authorized to finalize the procurement and contractual documents prior to beginning the solicitation processes and to make necessary modifications thereto as part of the procurement processes.

Vote: 7-0

Yes: Schenk, Richards, Camacho, Miller, Perea, Escutia, Worthe

No: N/A

Absent: Williams, Cohen Date: November 20, 2025

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