RESOLUTION #HSRA 26-17
Approval to Award and Execute Contract HSR23-18 for Trainsets

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 section 185030);

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 of Directors accepted an updated Program Baseline and Budget at the June 24, 2026, meeting that includes costs for the purchase of an initial set of trainsets to operate the California High-Speed Rail System between Merced and Bakersfield;

Whereas, the Board authorized initiating the procurement for Trainsets by approving issuance of the Request for Qualifications at the August 24, 2023, meeting;

Whereas, the Board authorized continuing the procurement for Trainsets by approving the shortlist and authorizing issuance of the Request for Proposals at the April 11, 2024, meeting; and

Whereas, based upon the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, staff now recommends Board approval to authorize the execution of the HSR23-18 Trainsets Contract, issuance of Notices to Proceed 0 through 5, inclusive, to the same, and approval to pay required and related import duties and tariffs.

Therefore, it is resolved:

(1) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to award and execute a contract to the apparent best value proposer, Siemens Mobility, Inc, for a total contract value not to exceed $772,100,000, including the following subtotals:
   a. A lump sum amount of $281,700,000 for manufacturing, delivery, and commissioning of three trainsets;

b. A lump sum amount of $284,100,000 for service mobilization and full service, spare parts, and 10 years of maintenance; and
c. An amount not-to-exceed $206,300,000 million in provisional sums for escalation, foreign exchange, taxes, and other items.

(2) The CEO, or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to make non-substantive changes to the Trainsets Contract as needed for execution.
(3) The CEO, or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to issue Notices to Proceed 0 through 5, inclusive, as needed to advance the work of the Trainsets Contract.
(4) The CEO, or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to pay required import duties and tariffs related to deliveries associated with the Trainsets Contract in an amount not-to-exceed $63,700,000.
(5) The Board hereby approves an increase to the Program Baseline in the amount of $195,900,000 associated with the award of the HSR23-18 Trainsets Contract.
(6) The Authority will return to the Board for approval to execute Notice to Proceed 6 to exercise options for the purchase of additional trainsets, with the expectation that those will include domestic manufacturing.

Vote:8-0

Yes: Kawa, Williams, Elliott, Cohen, Perea, Schenk, Camacho, Escutia

No: N/A

Absent: Worthe

Date: October 28, 2026

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