



## RESOLUTION #HSRA 19-09

### **Revision of the CEO Delegation of Authority Related to Preferred Alternatives**

**Whereas**, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant the Public Utilities Code §185030 et seq;

**Whereas**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code §185024, the Authority has appointed an Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who, subject to the direction of the Authority, has charge of administering the affairs of the Authority;

**Whereas**, the Authority Board delegated authority to the CEO in Board Policy HSRA 11- 001, originally approved via Resolution #HSR 11-09, which Policy the Board amended in August 2018 in anticipation of imminent NEPA assignment, which did not occur until July 2019;

**Whereas**, the Board concurred in October and November 2018 with staff-identified preferred alternatives (under CEQA as state lead agency only) for the four southern California project section, for inclusion in forthcoming draft environmental documents;

**Whereas**, the Board in October 2018 took final action on the CEQA state lead agency only to approve for implementation the Locally Generated Alternative alignment in the southern Fresno to Bakersfield section;

**Whereas**, actions previously taken by the Board as state lead agency only require equivalent actions under NEPA, and NEPA assignment has now occurred;

Whereas, preferred alternative previously identified by the Board for inclusion in draft environmental documents may require minor revisions; and,

**Whereas**, given these parameters, the Board has determined that a revision of the delegation of authority to the CEO is appropriate for timely execution of actions to advance the Program.

### **Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Board amends Board Policy HSRA 11-001, Section H. Program, generally as follows, and more specifically as shown in the attached (Attachment A) underline and strikeout version of the Board Policy HSRA 11-001. These changes would delegate to the CEO the following:

- a) to identify a preferred alternative alignment for NEPA purposes if it is the approximate equivalent to an alignment the Board previously identified for CEQA purposes;
- b) to make non-major revisions to a preferred alternative previously identified by the Board; and
- c) to approve for implementation under NEPA any preferred alternative that the Board previously approved for implementation as state lead agency under CEQA prior to NEPA assignment.

Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Date: