



# High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority



## E-220 HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR

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California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 620-MS-1  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: High Desert Corridor JPA Comments to Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan via  
[DraftBP2020@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:DraftBP2020@hsr.ca.gov)

On behalf of the High Desert Corridor JPA (HDC) members, we are pleased to submit comments to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan.

The Authority Business Plans continues funding to complete environmental review for the Southern California Sections, especially for the **Bakersfield to Palmdale Section, which the HDC strongly supports**. The Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale have continued their cooperative working relationships with Authority staff and consultants on design elements as the CA high-speed rail project environmental documents continue through the process.

When construction funding becomes available beyond the current segments under construction, the HDC JPA strongly urges the CA High-Speed Rail Authority allocate construction funds to the Bakersfield to Palmdale Section.

The HDC JPA is currently advancing the HDC Rail Component from the 2016 Locally Preferred Alternative toward a Record of Decision in 2021. The HDC is excited with the interoperability of the high-speed rail systems to serve the high-desert communities in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.

We look forward to working with the Authority throughout the environmental clearance process to make high-speed rail a reality for the high-desert communities in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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