



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL RESOLUTION #HSRA 21-02

Adoption of the Final 2020 Business Plan

Whereas, the California-High Speed Rail Authority is required to prepare, adopt and submit to the Legislature an updated Business Plan by May 1, 2020, and every two years thereafter;

Whereas, the Authority released a Draft 2020 Business Plan for public comment on February 12, 2020, which allowed the mandatory 60-day public review and comment period before Board adoption;

Whereas, the Draft 2020 Business Plan was presented to the Board and public at the February 18, 2020 and April 21, 2020, Board meetings, providing a public forum for discussion of the Plan by the Board, staff and public, consistent with legal requirements for public hearing and comment featured in Public Utilities Code Section 185033;

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic forced federal, state and local governments to issue emergency health orders and “stay-at-home” orders to protect citizens’ health and well-being;

Whereas, due to the pandemic, the California Legislature requested the California High-Speed Rail Authority to extend the delivery date of the Final 2020 Business Plan to July 1, 2020;

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority extended the 60-day public comment period to June 1, 2020 on the Draft 2020 Business Plan;

Whereas, due to the continued effects of the pandemic, the Administration, Legislative leadership and the Authority first agreed to defer the adoption of the 2020 Business Plan from July 1, 2020, to December 15, 2020, and then to enter into a second agreement to defer the release of the Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan to February 12, 2021, and that the final 2020 Business Plan would be submitted to the Legislature by April 15, 2021;

Whereas, the Authority released a *Revised* Draft 2020 Business Plan on February 9, 2021 for a 30-day public comment period and held a public hearing on it to receive comments on March 2, 2021;

Whereas, the Legislature held hearings to ask questions and provide comments on the Business Plans to the Authority at an Assembly Transportation Committee hearing on the Draft 2020 Business Plan on May 27, 2020, and subsequently held two additional hearings on the *Revised* Draft 2020 Business Plan at the Assembly Joint Hearing Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation and Transportation Committees on March 10, 2021 and the Senate Joint Hearing Transportation and Budget Subcommittee #5 on March 16, 2021;

Whereas, the Authority received, reviewed and considered comments on both the February 12, 2020 Draft 2020 Business Plan and the February 9, 2021 *Revised* Draft 2020 Business Plan from Legislative leaders and a broad range of agencies, stakeholders and other interested parties;

Whereas, as a result of public comments and Board direction, Authority staff has recommended proposed changes to the *Revised* Draft 2020 Business Plan; and,

Whereas, the Board has reviewed the public comments as well as the changes recommended by staff to the *Revised* Draft 2020 Business Plan in response to those comments.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Board adopts the 2020 Business Plan, incorporating the edits from the Errata and Update table and the changes identified in the Staff-Recommended Edits table responding to public comments. The Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make further non-policy revisions to the Business Plan as necessary and to submit the Business Plan to the Legislature by April 15, 2021.

Vote: 9

Yes: Richards; Miller; Schenk; Williams; Perea; Ghielmetti

No: Camacho; Butros; Escutia

Absent: N/A

Date: March 25, 2021

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