



North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

August 1, 2019

Mr. Brian P. Kelly
Chief Executive Officer
California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: NCTC Support Paper for Bakersfield to Palmdale CHSRA Section

Dear Mr. Kelly:

On behalf of the North County Transportation Coalition JPA (NCTC) Board of Directors, we write to support the Bakersfield to Palmdale segment. The NCTC JPA Board member agencies representing Los Angeles County 5th District, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, and the City of Santa Clarita, **voted their support position unanimously** at the July 22, 2019 meeting.

The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is an approximately 80-mile underground, at-grade and elevated rail corridor which goes through or near the cities of Edison, Tehachapi, Rosamond, Lancaster and Palmdale with proposed stations in Bakersfield and at the Palmdale Transportation Center.

In October 2018, the CHSRA Board of Directors concurred with the Staff Recommended State Preferred Alternative as Alternative 2 with CCNM Design Options (consolidated sealed Rail Corridor) with a station at the Palmdale Transportation Center that includes 73 grade separations along the route.

The NCTC JPA Supports the CHSRA Bakersfield to Palmdale Alternative 2 with CCNM (Cesar Chavez National Monument) Design Options to minimize noise and visual impacts which includes the Palmdale Transportation Center Station, all designed grade separations in the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and a Double-Ended LMF Maintenance facility site along Avenue M in the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster.

We look forward to working with you and your staff throughout the environmental clearance process to make high-speed rail a reality for North Los Angeles County. You can contact me at sohikian@northcountytransportationcoalition.org or at (213) 379-1551.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
North County Transportation Coalition JPA

CC: CHSRA Board of Directors