BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21

In the Matter of:	)	RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
HIGH SPEED RAIL HEAVY	**)**	**THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL HEAVY**
MAINTENANCE YARD	**)**	**MAINTENANCE YARD LOCATION**
_____	**)**	**IN FRESNO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, California and Fresno County voters approved, with solid levels of support, Proposition 1A on November 4, 2008, which provides $9.95 billion for the purpose of constructing a statewide high speed rail facility that will link San Francisco to Los Angeles as well as other California cities, including Fresno, with trains that will operate at speeds up to 220 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is tasked with completing final planning and environmental efforts, and as part of these efforts has determined that it will establish a Heavy Maintenance Facility in the Central San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the CHSRA has invited interested parties to submit a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) that will be used in identifying potential sites for planned High-Speed Train Maintenance Facilities that meet the criteria described in this RFEI; and

WHEREAS, the RFEI process has allowed interested parties located along the proposed high-speed rail system route to express their interest in locating a maintenance facility in their community by identifying potential locations that meet the CHSRA's maintenance facility siting requirements, minimize environmental impacts, and offer financial incentives and other economic benefits to the State of California and the community; and

WHEREAS, public and private stakeholders have entered into a partnership for the purpose of developing a competitive proposal of economic incentives in support of locating the heavy maintenance facility in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, local government agencies have been actively engaged with other community stakeholders including the Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County and the Workforce Investment Board and have identified a potential site as well as various financial incentives that are being used to attract the siting of a Heavy Maintenance Facility in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the location of the heavy maintenance facility in Fresno County would serve as a much needed stimulus to the local economy and create an estimated 1,500 new local jobs which will reduce the current high unemployment rate, and generate more than $2 billion annually in economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, competition for location of the heavy maintenance facility from other Central Valley has been strong; and

WHEREAS, the submission of a viable proposal including economic incentives in support of locating the heavy maintenance facility in Fresno County has strengthened the competitive advantage for Fresno County, and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the prospects of the campaign that Fresno County communities be unified in their support of this effort, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board, recognizing the economic benefits that the siting of a Heavy Maintenance Facility will provide to the region and the community, has committed its full support to the campaign to attract this facility to our County.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 24h day of June, 2010.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of June, 2010.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director