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Steinberg Statement on High Speed Rail Business Plan

(Sacramento) – Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg issued the following statement today on the High Speed Rail Authority’s updated business plan:

“The revised business plan may bring some sticker shock, but it is a tough and honest assessment of the challenges ahead if we are to build a functioning high speed rail system in California. While we have to assess the plan carefully, I remain supportive of a project which could be the single biggest job creator California has seen in decades with some 100,000 jobs in the immediate future.

“Whether or not we choose to build out this system, our state will need to invest billions of dollars in infrastructure to accommodate our growth. Beginning in 2012, we must decide whether we make these investments with an eye toward the past (more highways, bigger airports, more traffic congestion) or with an eye toward the future (a clean 21st century transportation system). While the projected price tag to build out the high speed rail system is high, reaching the same mobility goals through business-as-usual approaches will cost us much more.

“With this draft proposal, the public, the legislature, and local agencies will all have opportunities to assess the costs and benefits of high speed rail. The Senate will convene hearings in the coming weeks to review this plan and to help us determine the best path for California’s future transportation needs. I commend the High Speed Rail Authority for providing a frank and thoughtful proposal.”



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Statement from Speaker John A. Pérez on California High Speed Rail Business Plan

SACRAMENTO – Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez (D-Los Angeles) made the following statement today regarding the updated California High Speed Rail business proposal:

“Today’s release of the High Speed Rail Business Plan underscores the fact that building a project of this scale will require a major investment to make high speed rail a reality and a success in this state. The plan will be thoroughly reviewed by the Legislature and I am committed to working with Governor Brown and President Obama’s administration to move High Speed Rail forward and create hundreds of thousands of jobs for Californians while dramatically reducing congestion along our roads, highways, and airports.”