

























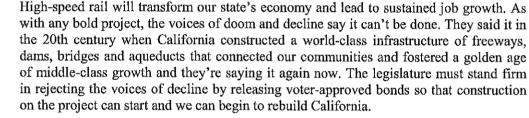




The High-Speed Rail Authority swiftly responded to criticisms and made key improvements to the previous business plan, bringing California one step closer to making the vision of high-speed rail - and all its benefits to our economy and environment- a reality.



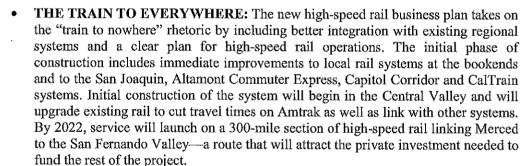








The undersigned unions support the new HSRA business plan and immediate authorization of bond funds for the project.

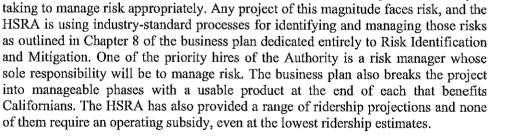


RIDERSHIP and RISK: The new business plan outlines the steps the Authority is

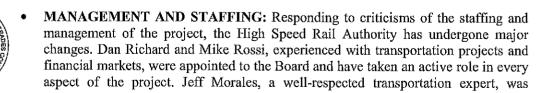




















recently hired as the CEO and a CFO and Chief Risk Manager will be brought on by the end of July. In addition, the HSRA has hired 23 staff in the last 11 months to fill important positions to ensure a smooth start to construction. The HSRA has also responded to the Legislature's request for a key management resources plan and is developing one now.

• FEDERAL FUNDING: The HSRA received \$3.3 billion in federal funds for the construction of high-speed rail in California. The federal grant requires that construction funded with that money be completed by 2017, which means California needs to break ground in 2012 to meet that deadline. The federal funds also require that construction begin in the Central Valley to build the spine that links existing local and regional rail lines. By authorizing bond funds, California can double our investment with federal funds and reap immediate economic benefits from construction of high speed rail.

Whenever a project of this size is undertaken, a crushing host of questions are raised. The new HSRA Board has answered many of these questions. Great projects require vision and the courage to move through uncertainty. The transcontinental railroad, Hoover Dam, Golden Gate Bridge and interstate highways all had their detractors but were built despite doubt. California's high-speed rail system is one of those momentous decisions. We ask you to join us in supporting this critical project.

SUPPORT HIGH SPEED RAIL! AUTHORIZE THE BOND FUNDS!

California Labor Federation

State Building and Construction Trades Council

Alameda Labor Council

Butte & Glenn Counties Central Labor Council

California-Nevada Conference of Operating Engineers

Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council

Fresno, Madera, Tulare & Kings Counties Central Labor Council

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Rail Conference

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

Los Angeles & Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council

Monterey Bay Central Labor Council

Napa-Solano Building & Construction Trades Council

Napa Solano Central Labor Council

North Bay Labor Council

Riverside & San Bernardino Central Labor Council

Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building & Construction Trades Council

San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council

San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council

San Francisco Labor Council

San Joaquin & Calaveras Counties Central Labor Council

San Mateo County Building & Construction Trades Council

San Mateo Labor Council

South Bay Labor Council

Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne & Mariposa Building & Construction Trades Council

Tri-Counties Building & Construction Trades Council

Tri-Counties Central Labor Council