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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Phillip A. Washington  
Chief Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Re: California High-Speed Rail Authority Commitment to Los Angeles Union Station

Dear Mr. Washington,

In October 2015, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board approved accommodating high-speed rail in Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) as part of the implementation of the LAUS Master Plan. This important step forward was conditioned on a written commitment from the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) to participate financially in the planning, development and enhancement of LAUS. This letter affirms CHSRA's commitment to being part of LAUS, and to working with Metro to advance the Master Plan, the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP), and related programs.

On February 16, 2016, the Authority Board unanimously approved the commitment of up to \$15 million as our proportional share of the preliminary planning, design and environmental clearance needed to modernize the LAUS facility so it can accommodate High-Speed Rail on top of projected increases in regional rail and transit services.

In parallel, as part of the process of bringing HSR service to LAUS, we will advance our work with Metro to enter into an option agreement for the right to purchase an easement to use up to two platforms and four tracks at LAUS and to run trains through the area leading into the yard from the mainline along the Los Angeles River. It is anticipated that additional rights will also be required and CHSRA will continue to work with Metro to advance the appropriate discussions, agreements, payments, and ROW preservation activities required to secure HSR operating rights at LAUS using up to \$32 million identified in our ARRA grant with the goal committing these funds by their deadline in 2017. Our mutually agreed-upon target for completion of the option agreement is June 30, 2016.

Integrating high-speed rail into LAUS is a priority. The Authority worked to secure Proposition 1A connectivity funds for the Regional Connector and other projects to enhance the ties between regional and interregional services and this effort further improves these connections and lays the foundation for fully integrated transit, local and regional rail, and HSR services. We are committed to working collaboratively with Metro, Metrolink, Amtrak, LOSSAN, SCAG and other partners to advance additional key improvements in the region and greatly appreciate the partnership with Metro.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR



The Authority looks forward to working with Metro to plan, fund, and construct this fully integrated, sustainable, multimodal station facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Morales". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Morales  
Chief Executive Officer



**Resolution #HSRA 16-03**

**Direct Staff to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to Share Project Development Costs for the Integration of High-Speed Rail at Los Angeles Union Station**

**Whereas**, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant California Public Utilities Code §185030 *et seq.*;

**Whereas**, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed rail trains, including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to California Public Utilities Code §185036;

**Whereas**, the California Legislature and the people of California declared in the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, Proposition 1 A, that "It is the intent of the Legislature ... and the people of California ... to initiate construction of a high-speed train system that connects the San Francisco Transbay Terminal to Los Angeles Union Station and Anaheim." (Cal. Sts. & High. Code §2704.04(a));

**Whereas**, Metro acquired the historic Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) property and rights of way in 2011, and is now prepared to implement improvements to LAUS through the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP) and the LAUS Master Plan that will preserve rights of way at LAUS for high-speed rail use;

**Whereas**, the original SCRIP project incorporated new run-through tracks on the LAUS site to serve existing local, regional, and intercity rail and is the consensus #1 project on the Southern California MOU list;

**Whereas**, Metro is updating and integrating the SCRIP and LAUS Master Plan project plans to accommodate high-speed rail service at LAUS and a new passenger concourse; and,

**Whereas**, the Authority agrees to pay for its fair share of project development costs Metro will incur to update existing and in progress plans to accommodate high-speed rail at LAUS.

**Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or a qualified designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to undertake all that is necessary to negotiate and execute a contract with Metro to share project development costs for the integration of high-speed rail at Los Angeles Union Station. Under the contract the Authority will pay a proportional share of project development costs up to a maximum of \$15,000,000.00.