BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01

In the Matter of:	)	RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
FIRST SEGMENT OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL	**)**	**THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL FIRST**
LINE	**)**	**SEGMENT OF RAIL LINE IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) will build the first portion of its system between an area north of Fresno to an area north of Bakersfield. The federal government has awarded $4.3 billion to the High-Speed Rail Authority with the stipulation that the award must be spent on a section in the San Joaquin Valley and that construction on the first segment must be concluded by the fall of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County is at the northern end of the first segment of what is the nation's largest infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County's unemployment rate as of September 2010 was at 15.2% unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County boasts a strong, able, dedicated and talented workforce; and

WHEREAS, 135,000 full-time workers will be required to complete construction of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's high speed rail line from Merced to Bakersfield; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County residents consistently voice strong support for the high-speed train.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno Council of Governments hereby requests that the California High-Speed Rail Authority give a strong commitment to hiring local Fresno County businesses to complete the environmental, planning, design, engineering and construction work that will be required to complete the first segment of its high-speed rail line.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 27th day of January, 2011.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
, Chairman

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of January, 2011.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director