

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisors Jeff Stone and John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 9, 2014.

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2014-186 in Support for Federal Railroad Administration Grant Funding of Corridor Investment Study for Coachella Valley-San Gorgonio Pass Intercity Rail Service

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. That the Board of Supervisors approves Resolution No. 2014-186.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The California State Transportation Agency and Riverside County Transportation Commission are partnering to complete a corridor investment study of rail service from Los Angeles to Indio.

With the population growth in the Inland Empire, the Coachella Valley and San Gorgonio Pass, demand for such route will continue to increase.


Jeff Stone, Chairman Board of Supervisors
Third District Supervisor


John J. Benoit, Supervisor
Fourth District

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0.	\$ 0	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	Consent ☐ Policy ☒
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	
SOURCE OF FUNDS:				Budget Adjustment:	
				Fiscal Year: 2014/15	

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

The three existing rail passenger routes serve more than 5.5 million riders a year. Passenger rail and transit services, as they now exist, are limited and have inconvenient schedules.

Rail service could serve a population of approximately 10 million people in Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and Los Angeles counties. Expanded passenger service would generate good jobs, save time for passengers and motorists, reduce emissions and promote private investment in sustainable communities.

Local cities would benefit from expanded travel options that new passenger rail service would offer.

Partnership is essential to the success of intercity rails to the Coachella Valley.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-186

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDING
FOR CORRIDOR INVESTMENT STUDY FOR COACHELLA VALLEY-SAN GORGONIO PASS
INTERCITY RAIL SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the California State Transportation Agency and the Riverside County Transportation Commission are partnering to complete a corridor investment study of daily Los Angeles to Indio intercity rail service; and

WHEREAS, intercity rail service between Los Angeles and Indio could serve a population of as many as 10 million people in Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties; and

WHEREAS, California's intercity passenger rail program has three existing rail routes that serve more than 5.5 million riders a year. These services generate good jobs, save time for passenger and motorists, reduce emissions, and promote private investment in sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, new intercity passenger rail service from Los Angeles to Indio will ease congestion on local roads and freeways, providing new economic opportunity, improving mobility, and the quality of life in the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak currently runs the Sunset Limited train three days a week with service between Los Angeles and Coachella Valley in Riverside County at inconvenient schedules; and

WHEREAS, there are limited public transit options exist between Coachella Valley, Los Angeles, and other locations in the Inland Empire; and

1 **WHEREAS**, all local cities would benefit from the expanded travel options that would come from this new
2 passenger rail service; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Inland Empire, Coachella Valley, and the San Gorgonio Pass are experiencing rapid population
5 growth and demand on this route will continue to increase; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, there is strong local support to establish new intercity rail passenger service between Los Angeles
8 and the Coachella Valley-San Gorgonio Pass Area; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, federal partnership is essential to the success of intercity rail to the Coachella Valley;

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12 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside,
13 assembled in regular session on September 9, 2014 does hereby support the grant request by the California State
14 Transportation Agency and Riverside County Transportation Commission for Federal Railroad Administration
15 grant funding.

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Frist District

JOHN TAVAGLIONE, Supervisor
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20 **JEFF STONE, Chairman**
Third District

JOHN J. BENOIT, Supervisor
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22 **MARION ASHLEY, Vice Chairman**
Fifth District