

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles - San Diego - San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) intercity commuter and freight rail corridor is the second busiest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Surfliner and Metrolink commuter rail lines are part of LOSSAN, and will be essential links to California's future high speed rail system; and

WHEREAS, currently, service on the Ventura County line portion of LOSSAN is slow and unreliable as a result of 'bottlenecks' at the Van Nuys station and the limitations of a single track rail line between Van Nuys and Chatsworth; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation is applying for a Federal Railroad Administration, High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program grant to conduct preliminary studies relative to building a second platform and a double track between Van Nuys and Chatsworth; and


WHEREAS, construction of a second platform and double track will immediately improve performance of Pacific Surfliner and Metrolink trains, and expand capacity for future train service; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and Federal government have recently committed a combined funding total of more than \$12 billion for the development of a high speed rail system in California; and

WHEREAS, the City Council should support the application as it has historically supported the development of a statewide high speed rail system and because improved railroad systems will help to reduce congestion and improve air quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby supports the California Department of Transportation, Division of Rail's grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration, High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program, to carry out necessary preliminary engineering studies to the construction of railroad improvement projects.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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