

Tulare County Association of Governments

AGENDA ITEM IV-M

June 15, 2009

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SUBJECT:

Action: Adoption of Resolution: Formation of the Tulare County High Speed Rail Committee

BACKGROUND:

On November 4, 2008 the voters of California approved Proposition 1A, paving the way for high speed rail in California. The project is currently in the California environmental process and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Merced to Bakersfield section of the proposed California High-Speed Train (HST) System is underway. Local efforts are being made to secure a high speed rail station location in the Tulare County region.

DISCUSSION:

At the request of member agencies, TCAG has begun the process of forming a Tulare County High Speed Rail Committee (TCHSR Committee). The TCHSR Committee will be comprised of six elected officials that represent the Visalia and Tulare areas. The City of Tulare, the City of Visalia, and the County of Tulare will each have two elected representatives on the Committee. The County of Tulare will be represented by Supervisor Cox and Supervisor Vander Poel. The elected representatives for the City of Visalia and the City of Tulare will be selected at their upcoming city council meetings. The TCHSR Committee will focus on securing a station stop in Tulare County and will be involved in all other high speed rail issues pertinent to Tulare County and the Visalia/Tulare region.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution forming the High Speed Rail Committee

BEFORE THE
TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE)
TULARE COUNTY HIGH SPEED RAIL)
COMMITTEE) Resolution No. []

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the designated Council of Governments (COG) for the Tulare County Region; and

WHEREAS, the voters of California approved Proposition 1A, paving the way for high speed rail in California; and

WHEREAS, local efforts are being made in an effort to secure a high speed rail station location in the Tulare County region; and

WHEREAS, local agencies seek to form a regional high speed rail committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that TCAG adopts a resolution forming the six member Tulare County High Speed Rail Committee comprised of two elected representatives from the City of Visalia, the City of Tulare, and the County of Tulare.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Member _____, seconded by Member _____, at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of June, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Mike Ennis
Chair, TCAG

Ted Smalley
Executive Director, TCAG