

**REVISED ATTACHMENT B**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-020**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**AUTHORIZING SUPPORTING THE BLENDED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**WHEREAS**, the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is responsible for planning, building, and maintaining an 800-mile statewide High-Speed Rail (HSR) system; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 the CHSRA certified a Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed statewide HSR system; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHSRA is currently pursuing project level environmental clearance on the segment from Orange County to Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHSRA's responsibility for planning, construction and operation of high-speed passenger train service in California is exclusively granted to CHSRA by Public Utilities Code Section 185032.a.2; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHSRA Draft 2012 Business Plan proposes to incrementally develop the HSR utilizing a blended system and blended operations involving coordinated passenger rail development and operations with existing passenger rail systems, and this emphasis reflects the recognition that a key to success in developing the statewide rail network, including a future HSR system, is in coordinated infrastructure development that improves, enhances, and expands the integration of HSR and regional/local passenger rail systems; and

**WHEREAS**, this blended approach requires a series of incremental investments in local rail corridors to prepare for integrated service and operations and the CHSRA recognizes the need for a collaborative effort with regional and local agencies to identify early investment improvements along existing rail corridors, that increase speed, improve safety and efficiency, and create linkages between the planned HSR system and local passenger rail service; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is responsible for planning, funding, construction, and/or operation of rail transit and bus service in Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, OCTA is further responsible for representing Orange County interests in the development and expansion of existing and new services that impact Orange County, including the proposed HSR system; and

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent for OCTA to be actively involved with the CHSRA in the development and implementation of passenger rail improvements that will improve local passenger rail service and operations while preparing designated HSR corridors for any future HSR operation to achieve region-wide systems integration of rail service in Orange County and the Southern California Region; and

**WHEREAS**, OCTA has been actively participating in the development of guiding policies and candidate projects for early investment related to the “blended approach”; and

**WHEREAS**, OCTA desires to work collaboratively towards the advancement of the blended approach to improved rail service in Southern California, recognizing that concerns about compliance with Proposition 1A for these investments and the financial viability of any future HSR system still require analysis and response for any future HSR system; and

**WHEREAS**, OCTA further desires to collaboratively partner in delivering the California HSR project improved passenger rail service to Southern California by supporting efforts to obtain funding, enhance stakeholder support, secure environmental clearance, and other aspects that will accelerate the implementation of proposed projects in Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, OCTA has been working with CHSRA and will continue to work collaboratively to increase community outreach in Southern California to improve community understanding of the proposed projects in Southern California;

**WHEREAS**, OCTA is supportive of the CHSRA efforts to direct additional Proposition 1A funds to implement early investment in the blended approach;

Now, Therefore be it resolved, that the OCTA supports the blended approach to developing the a higher speed passenger rail HSR system in Southern California; and

That the Board of Directors hereby directs staff to actively participate and partner with the CHSRA, the Southern California Associated Governments and other regional partners in the development of the a blended approach to higher speed rail HSR implementation and to pursue early investment opportunities for improved passenger rail services in Southern California.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Wendy Knowles  
Clerk of the Board

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Paul G. Glaab, Chair  
Orange County Transportation Authority

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