

**RESOLUTION NO. 6287**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF  
THE CITIES OF GILROY AND MORGAN HILL IN  
SUPPORT OF AN ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT FOR HIGH  
SPEED TRAIN (HST) WITH GILROY AS THE  
PREFERRED STATION LOCATION AND US HIGHWAY  
101 THROUGH MORGAN HILL AS THE PREFERRED  
HST ALIGNMENT IN SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) completed a Final Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) in July 2008 to identify a preferred corridor for the Bay Area to Central Valley section of the HST System; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the HST Alternatives selected for further analysis, the Authority and FRA defined a corridor between San Francisco and San Jose along the San Francisco Peninsula and between San Jose and the Central Valley through Pacheco Pass; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has identified a preferred corridor between San Jose and Gilroy on or adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way with Gilroy as a preferred station location; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill jointly support an alternate alignment for HST using the Highway 101 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority and FRA will prepare a project EIR/EIS that examines site-specific impacts of alignments, station locations and HST operations between San Jose and Merced, that identified specific mitigation measures, as necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF GILROY  
AND MORGAN HILL DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill oppose the preferred HST corridor on or adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way through Downtown Morgan Hill. The existing UPRR rail corridor is constrained in several areas by existing development and the elevated/graded separated HST tracks and parallel security fencing will have an adverse effect by creating a barrier or divide within our communities. The Authority should consider alternate alignments using the Highway 101 corridor

**SECTION 2.** The Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill support the Gilroy station location alternatives as the preferred station location for High Speed Train. The Gilroy station alternatives provide better connectivity, travel times, closer access and lower costs to the Santa Cruz, Monterey/Carmel, and Salinas markets. While preferring the Gilroy Caltrain station, ultimately, the station location itself should not dictate the alignment through South County.

**SECTION 3.** The Cities find the Gilroy station to be consistent with the above goals, but desire HST design alternatives compatible with an ultimate Highway101 corridor north of Gilroy regardless of whether the station is located in downtown Gilroy or at an alternative site in Gilroy.

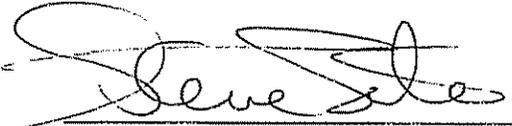
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORGAN HILL CITY COUNCIL BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**CITY OF MORGAN HILL:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>	<b>Carr, Lee, Librers, Sellers, Tate</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS:</b>	<b>None</b>

**DATE:** 12/4/2009

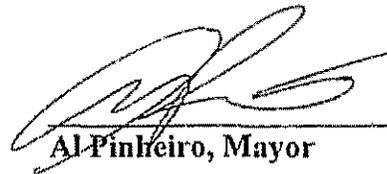
  
**Steve Tate, Mayor**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILROY CITY COUNCIL BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**CITY OF GILROY:**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Arellano, Bracco, Dillon, Gartman, Tucker, Woodward, Pinheiro**  
**NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:**  
**ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:**  
**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**DATE:** 12-09-09

  
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Al Pinheiro, Mayor

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I, **Irma Torrez, City Clerk of the City of Morgan Hill, California**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 6287, adopted by the City Council at the meeting held on December 2, 2009.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL.

DATE: 12/8/09

  
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Irma Torrez, City Clerk

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**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:**

**DATED:**

**APPROVED:**

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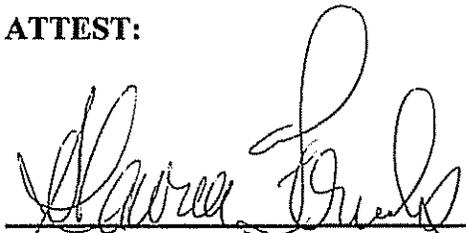
**NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE**

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Albert Pinheiro, Mayor of Gilroy**

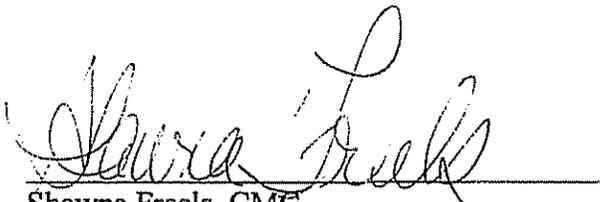
**ATTEST:**

  
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**Shawna Freels, City Clerk**

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I, SHAWNA FREELS, City Clerk of the City of Gilroy, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 2009-44 is an original resolution, or true and correct copy of a city resolution, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Gilroy at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gilroy this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

  
Shawna Freels, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Gilroy

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