

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL'S SUPPORT OF THE ALTERNATE ALIGNMENTS FOR HIGH SPEED TRAIN ("HST") SYSTEM WITH THE CITY OF GILROY AS THE PREFERRED STATION LOCATION AND US HIGHWAY 101 THROUGH MORGAN HILL AS THE PREFERRED HST SYSTEM ALIGNMENT IN THE SAN JOSE TO MERCED SECTION

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

WHEREAS, the Bay Area to Central Valley section of HST System has been further broken down by the Authority and FRA into project specific areas, including the San Jose to Merced section, which includes the City of Morgan Hill (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the San Jose to Merced Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report, as prepared by the Authority in May 2011, identifies several alternatives from Morgan Hill to Gilroy, including:

- Union Pacific Railroad (the "UPRR") Right-of-Way (through Downtown Morgan Hill) to Downtown Gilroy Station
- UPRR Right-of-Way (through Downtown Morgan Hill) to East Gilroy Station
- US 101 to Downtown Gilroy Station
- US 101 to East Gilroy Station; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and FRA are currently preparing a project EIR/EIS that examines site-specific impacts of identified alternate alignments, station locations, and HST System operations in the San Jose to Merced section, including identifying specific mitigation measures, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 2, 2009, pursuant Resolution No. 6287, the City Council formally declared its opposition to the proposed HST System alignment east of the UPRR right-of-way through Downtown Morgan Hill; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reaffirm its support for the alternate alignments which would utilize the Highway 101 corridor with Gilroy as the preferred station locations; and

WHEREAS, further reasons supporting the City's support these alternative alignments for the HST System described in, and that is the subject of, this Resolution are set forth in detail in

that certain City Council Staff Report entitled "California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Reimbursement Agreement and Related Actions," submitted for City Council consideration at its meeting of June 1, 2016, submitted to the City Council by the City Manager (the "Staff Report"), the contents of which Staff Report are incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that adoption of this Resolution is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find, determine and resolve that all of the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council does further resolve as follows:

- a. That the City of Morgan Hill (the "City") reaffirms its opposition to the High Speed Train ("HST") System 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 System tracks and parallel security fencing will have an adverse effect by creating a barrier or divide between the communities of the City and the City of Gilroy. The Authority should consider alternate alignments using the Highway 101 corridor; and
- b. That the City reaffirms its support of the Gilroy station location alternatives as the preferred station location for the HST System. 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; and
- c. That the City reaffirms its finding that the Gilroy station is consistent with the above goals, but desires HST System design alternatives compatible with an ultimate Highway 101 corridor north of Gilroy regardless of whether the station is located in downtown Gilroy or at an alternative site in Gilroy; and
- d. That should the Gilroy station location prove infeasible due to right-of-way constraints or other insurmountable design constraints, then the City reaffirms its support for consideration of a Morgan Hill location for the HST System station.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Morgan Hill at its meeting held on this 1st day of June, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
COUNCIL MEMBERS:
COUNCIL MEMBERS:
COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DATE: _____

Steve Tate, MAYOR

∞ CERTIFICATION ∞

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. XXXX, adopted by the City Council at the meeting held on June 1, 2016.

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

DATE: _____

Irma Torrez, CITY CLERK