



RESOLUTION NO. 2009-264

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SITING AND
FINANCIAL STRATEGIES NEEDED TO ESTABLISH
A HIGH-SPEED RAIL HEAVY MAINTENANCE
FACILITY IN FRESNO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the voters approved Proposition 1A on November 4, 2008, which obligated \$9.95 billion for the purpose of constructing a statewide high-speed rail facility that will link San Francisco to Los Angeles as well as other California cities, including Fresno, with trains that will operate at speeds up to 220 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is tasked with completing final planning and environmental efforts, and as part of these efforts has determined that it will establish a Heavy Maintenance Facility in the Central San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the CHSRA has invited interested parties to submit a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) that will be used in identifying potential sites for planned High-Speed Train Maintenance Facilities that meet the criteria described in this RFEI; and

WHEREAS, the RFEI process will allow interested parties located along the proposed high-speed rail system route to express their interest in locating a maintenance facility in their community by identifying potential locations that meet the CHSRA's maintenance facility siting requirements, minimize environmental impacts, and offer financial incentives and other economic benefits to the State of California and the community; and

WHEREAS, City and County staff are proposing a partnership for the purpose of developing a competitive proposal of economic incentives in support of locating the Heavy Maintenance Facility in Fresno County; and

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WHEREAS, the County and City of Fresno have been actively engaged with other community stakeholders in indentifying a potential site(s) as well as various financial incentives that could be used to attract the siting of a Heavy Maintenance Facility in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the location of the Heavy Maintenance Facility in Fresno County would serve as much needed stimulus to the local economy as well as creating local new jobs which will reduce the current high unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, Fresno's Economic Development Corporation will create more than 1,500 new jobs and generate more than \$2 billion annually in economic benefit; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that competition for location of the Heavy Maintenance Facility from other Central Valley cities will be strong; and

WHEREAS, submission of a proposal including economic incentives in support of locating the Heavy Maintenance Facility in Fresno County will strengthen the competitive advantage for Fresno City and County; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all financial incentives and/or other funding opportunities be available to support of this effort, including those that could be used to provide needed infrastructure improvements including the use of Development Impact Fees, Measure C, as well as other transportation and/or economic development funds; and

WHEREAS, these resources would also help in addressing infrastructure improvements that will be needed to support other businesses that will be established within close proximity of the Heavy Maintenance Facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno City Council recognizes the economic benefits that the siting of a Heavy Maintenance Facility will provide to the region and the community and supports the use of various



financing strategies, which will be used to successfully attract the construction of a Heavy Maintenance Facility within Fresno County. The final proposal including the economic incentives supporting the location of the Heavy Maintenance Facility in Fresno County will be presented to the City Council for approval prior to submission to the State of California.

This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of December, 2009.

AYES : Borgeas, Brand, Dages, Perea, Westerlund, Xiong, Sterling
NOES : None
ABSENT : None
ABSTAIN : None

Mayor Approval: N/A, 2009
Mayor Approval/No Return: N/A, 2009
Mayor Veto: N/A, 2009
Council Override Veto: N/A, 2009

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

BY: Rebecca E. Klisch

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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