

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
on the date of June 1, 2000
on the motion of Commissioner
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NEW TRAIN SERVICES
CONNECTING LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO
ALONG THE COAST ROUTE

WHEREAS transportation planning agencies and local governments along the Coast Rail corridor between Los Angeles and San Francisco have been working together since 1992 to support increased passenger rail services; and,

WHEREAS these local governments, Amtrak West, the Caltrans Rail Program and commuter rail agencies have participated in the planning process to identify a service schedule, train equipment, station stops and other operational details for the new service articulated in the Coast Daylight Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS the new train service is included in the Caltrans Draft Passenger Rail Program Report and the California Passenger Rail System Five-Year Improvement Plan Summary Report sponsored by Amtrak; and

WHEREAS Caltrans has \$7.9 million in its State Budget request for Fiscal Years 2001/02 to cover capital and operating expenses to start the new Coast Daylight train in October 2001.

BE IT RESOLVED, THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION hereby supports implementation of new train services on the coast route as described in the Coast Daylight Implementation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION hereby requests the support of State legislators and the Governor to provide funding for this service

in Fiscal Year 2001/02.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Almquist, Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Wilshusen, Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 51-98

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

on the date of May 7, 1998
on the motion of Commissioner Rotkin
duly seconded by Commissioner Graves

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
PACIFIC COAST RAIL HIGH SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Pacific Coast Rail corridor between San Francisco and Los Angeles is the most popular intercity train route in the United States and offers unparalleled scenic vistas; and

WHEREAS, the current rail passenger operation, the Coast Starlight, could be dramatically improved in terms of the frequency of service, on-time performance, travel speeds, and system reliability; and

WHEREAS, several studies have been conducted jointly by the California Department of Transportation and local agencies in northern, southern and central California that demonstrate the potential for improved passenger rail service opportunities on the Pacific Coast Rail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, these studies have identified a multi-year program of incremental capital improvements to increase maximum train speeds from 79 MPH to 110 MPH, thereby significantly reducing travel times; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the Pacific Coast Rail Line would create thousands of new jobs, reduce automobile traffic, improve air quality, provide a major tourist attraction, and help preserve this beautiful passenger train route; and

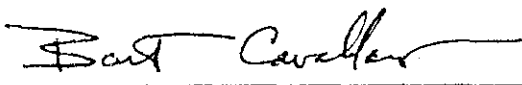
WHEREAS, the Pacific Coast corridor communities will grow to a population of almost 19 million residents by the year 2010 according to the Department of Finance; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the Pacific Coast Rail line will complement plans for high speed rail through the Central Valley by providing an alternate high speed rail route to the California coastal communities:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:


1. The Commission supports efforts to incrementally upgrade the Pacific Coast Rail corridor.
2. The Commission encourages State and Federal legislators to support funding for the capital improvements and operation costs for a new Pacific Coast Rail corridor train.
3. The Commission requests that any capital improvement funding program which moves forward for the High Speed Rail project, or other transportation bond measure, include financing for the Pacific Coast Rail corridor.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS Beautz, Beiers, Graves, Kennedy, Rios,
Rotkin, St. John, Symons, Wormhoudt, and Cavallaro
NOES: COMMISSIONERS
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS



Bart Cavallaro, Chair

ATTEST:



Linda Wilshusen, Secretary

Distribution: Coast Rail Coordinating Council

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