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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Full State Funding for the  
High Speed Rail Corridor Study Group Created by  
Assembly Bill 971

SUMMARY

Assembly Bill 971 would create the Los Angeles/Fresno/Bay Area/Sacramento High Speed Rail Corridor Study Group, including a representative from Sacramento County. The group would be charged with developing a phased plan for a high speed rail corridor connecting these areas and to submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 1990 and a final report by July 1990. The bill would appropriate \$150,000 from the State Transportation Fund to support the study, but an equal amount in local matching funds is required in order to expend the State funds. This report recommends adoption of a resolution urging the State Legislature to provide full funding for the study.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles/Fresno/Bay Area/Sacramento Corridor has potential for development in the future as a high speed rail corridor using modern technology similar to that used in Europe and Japan. Implementation of a high speed rail corridor needs a long term planning effort.

Assembly Bill 971, by Assemblyman Jim Costa, would create a study group consisting of various County representatives and transportation professionals. The group would be charged with devising a plan for development of a high speed corridor and providing a preliminary report to the Legislature by January, 1990.

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The study group is to identify improvements to existing rail lines that would reduce train running times, increase reliability of service, and facilitate additional frequency of service while maintaining capacity for freight operation. These improvements would include, but not be limited to, increasing current slow speeds, improving grade crossings, and installing cap signalling or a comparable system which permits speeds up to 110 miles per hour on appropriate tracks under current Federal standards. The study is also intended to identify new alignments for high speed passenger or combined passenger and freight lines between Los Angeles and Bakersfield, review at-grade alignment with or adjacent to State Route 5 right of way and to establish an implementation and funding plan.

While Assembly Bill 971 appropriates \$150,000 in State funds to support the study, the funds will be made available only as local matching funds are provided in an equal amount. The Caltrans Rail Task Force Steering Committee has recommended that the State assume full funding responsibility for the study as it is not a local study. A number of regions are involved, from Los Angeles to San Francisco, and the Steering Committee believes full State funding is appropriate.

The attached resolution declares the City's support for the Steering Committee's recommendation. AB 971 has passed the Assembly and is pending hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee, so it can still be amended to include full State funding.

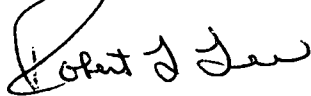
FINANCIAL

If AB 971 is amended to remove the requirement for matching funds, there will be no financial impact on the City. Should it be approved by the Legislature in its current form, however, there might be a request for a contribution from the City of Sacramento.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the attached resolution recommending full State funding of the High Speed Rail Corridor Study Group proposed in AB 971 be adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,




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Recommendation Approved:



Walter J. Slipe  
City Manager

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Director of Public Works

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# RESOLUTION No. 88-215

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL STATE FUNDING FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR STUDY GROUP PROPOSED IN AB 971

WHEREAS, AB 971 would create the Los Angeles-Fresno-Bay Area/Sacramento High Speed Rail Corridor Study Group; and

WHEREAS, members of the Study Group are to be appointed from throughout the area served by the Corridor to represent both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the study involves various regions of the state from southern to northern California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

The City Council urges the Steering Committee of the Caltrans Rail Task Force to petition the Governor, the State Legislature, and the California Transportation Commission to amend AB 971 to provide full State funding of the rail study group created by the bill.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk