

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4376

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING A HIGH SPEED RAIL ALIGNMENT ALONG THE I-215 WITH STATIONS NEAR MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE AND THE DOWNTOWN SAN BERNARDINO TRANSIT CENTER

WHEREAS, the California state government is proposing to build a high-speed rail line stretching from San Diego to Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, California's high-speed train initiative has attracted interest from around the world – and won our state a larger share of federal funding than any similar project in the country -- \$2.25 billion; and

WHEREAS, the southern section of the high speed rail project will link San Diego to Los Angeles, via the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, the California High Speed Rail Authority is charged with determining the rail alignment and location of rail stations, and are currently deciding whether to follow an I-15 alignment through Corona or an I-215 alignment through Riverside and San Bernardino; and

WHEREAS, the measure of success for the high speed rail project will be ridership and the ability of the project to be self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, the Inland Empire, comprised of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, has a population of over four million people as of 2008, and is the second largest area in Southern California. Since the 2000 Census, the area has experienced a 25.4% growth in population; and

WHEREAS, of the staggering growth in the Inland Empire, the overwhelming majority is along the I-215 corridor in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The existing population along the I-215 corridor and Coachella Valley is near 2.2 million potential riders; and

WHEREAS, residents in Riverside and San Bernardino County cities along the I-215 corridor and in Coachella Valley simply cannot get to an I-15 station easily. With the population base of the region located along the I-215 corridor, this becomes a major impediment to ridership. Conversely, the I-215 alignment would provide easy access for a majority of potential riders, and, as such, it is far more likely to be supported; and

WHEREAS, future federal funding is dependent on any high speed rail project's ability to connect to other transit options; and

WHEREAS, the I-215 corridor will have strong interconnectivity to five separate Metrolink lines – the San Bernardino, Riverside, 91, Inland Empire-Orange County, and the Perris Valley lines. The San Bernardino and Perris Valley Lines are unique to the I-215 corridor; and

WHEREAS, a station near March Air Reserve Base that is linked with the proposed Metrolink Station in the same vicinity will be very attractive for potential high speed train riders; and

WHEREAS, a station at the Downtown San Bernardino Multimodal Center will provide the same kind of connectivity to the north; and

WHEREAS, a key component of connectivity is access to commercial airports. The I-215 corridor will allow for easy access to the Ontario International Airport, March Air Reserve Base, San Bernardino International Airport, Riverside Municipal Airport, and Flabob Airport; and

WHEREAS, transit centers in the vicinity of March Air Reserve Base and San Bernardino International Airport will provide a hub where high speed trains, Metrolink, and air travel converge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris, California, hereby supports a high speed rail alignment along the I-215 corridor with station locations near March Air Reserve Base and the Downtown San Bernardino Transit Center.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 8th day of February 2011.

Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney, C.M.C.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Judy L. Haughney, duly elected City Clerk of the City of Perris do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 4376 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of February 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: LANDERS, EVANS, ROGERS, YARBROUGH, BUSCH

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

City Clerk, Judy L. Haughney, C.M.C