

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

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TO: ED JOHNSON, Planning and Building Director  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*  
SUBJECT: HIGH SPEED RAIL PROPOSALS

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTED THIS Order on January 23, 1996

ACTION AND VOTE:

- Ken Gosting, with assistance from Mark Felix and Lyn Maccarone, gave a presentation to the Board in regard to the High Speed Rail proposals for the State. Mr. Gosting illustrated the three routes being considered and stressed the positive impact the High Speed Rail would have on Mariposa if the eastern/Highway 99 route was selected. He requested that the Board adopt a resolution in support of the Eastern Route prior to the Commission taking action on February 2, 1996, to adopt a route. Supervisor Reilly supported the suggestion to keep on top of the transportation issues but felt that the Local Transportation Commission should continue to be in charge of the issues at hand. Supervisor Taber voiced her concerns and asked that the Board consider waiving the rules and adopt a resolution to support the Eastside route. (M)Taber, (S)Parker, Board waived its rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this matter, finding it was not known about at the time the agenda was prepared and action is necessary prior to the next meeting/Ayes: Unanimous. Following further discussion, (M)Taber, (S)Parker, Res. 96-27 adopted reiterating the County's support for the eastern/Highway 99 route for the future high speed rail system due to the planned UC Campus in Merced, and the route's location to Yosemite National Park/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Mike Edwards, Public Works Director  
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- District 3.....ROBERT C. STEWART
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January 26, 1996

Intercity High Speed Rail Commission  
P. O. Box 942874  
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Attn: Dan Leavitt, Executive Director

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to provide support from the County Board of Supervisors in Mariposa County to develop a high speed rail system along the Route 99 Corridor through or near Merced.

The eastern route through Merced along Highway 99 is a logical location for the development of a high speed rail system because it will better service the valley and foothill communities. The close connection to Yosemite Valley, and plans to develop a UC campus in the town of Merced, only further strengthens the choice of developing the High Speed Rail system along Route 99.

The County Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolution 96-27 (copy of resolution enclosed) to stress the importance of this decision and to share with the Intercity High Speed Rail Commission the County's support for the development of the eastern proposal. The future of California's transportation system is at stake and developing the most effective route is critical.

If you need any further assistance, or have any questions, please call Ed Johnson at (209) 966-5151.

Sincerely,

*Doug Balmain*  
DOUG BALMAIN  
Chairman, County Board of Supervisors



MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96-27

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**WHEREAS**, The California High Speed Rail Commission is studying a proposal for a high speed rail system connecting the San Francisco Bay Area and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is examining two route alignments for this system, one along Interstate 5 and the other along Route 99; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will soon be deciding on a route alignment for this rail system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Route 99 Corridor is a more logical location because it will better serve the Central Valley and foothill communities and has the highest compatibility with existing and planned development of any proposed alternative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Route 99 Corridor alternative will provide for the opportunity to serve the new U.C. campus in Merced; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 4 million people a year visit Yosemite Valley, many of them traveling by private automobile, and a station stop in or near Merced will provide the opportunity to serve those Yosemite travelers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the concept of a high speed rail system with an alignment along the Route 99 Corridor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board supports an alignment which extends north at least to the Merced area so that Yosemite visitors can be served with a transit connection to Yosemite Valley.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board urges the High Speed Rail Commission to adopt the Route 99 Corridor alignment with a station stop in or near Merced.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, this 23rd day of January, 1996 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Taber

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**EXCUSED:** None

*Doug Balmain*

DOUG BALMAIN, Chairman  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

*Margie Williams*  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

*Jeffrey G. Green*  
JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel