

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-174

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING BRIGHTLINE WEST AND THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

On Tuesday September 26, 2023, on motion of Supervisor Baca, Jr., duly seconded by Supervisor Armendarez and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2023, Brightline West and the State of Nevada Department of Transportation submitted an application for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant to the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant provides funding for capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Brightline West Project will connect Las Vegas and Southern California through planned stations in Las Vegas and San Bernardino County, with connectivity to Los Angeles County through Metrolink; and

WHEREAS, the Brightline West Project will positively impact the Inland Empire by providing a cleaner, safer, and faster alternative to driving to and from Las Vegas, as well as connecting travelers from all over the world to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Brightline West Project is expected to be a catalyst for tourism and economic development in the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority received a \$25 million Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant award ("RAISE Grant") from the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE Grant will fund the final design and construction of two Brightline West passenger stations and associated facilities in Hesperia and Apple Valley, California; and

WHEREAS, together with the RAISE Grant, the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant will be an important component to implementing the Brightline West Project and creating a positive environmental and economic impact in the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, the Brightline West Project is leveraging public-private partnerships to make this project a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors hereby declares its support for the Brightline West and State of Nevada Department of Transportation application for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY)

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of September 26, 2023. #4 CCM

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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