

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

September 26, 2023

FROM

JESSE ARMENDAREZ, Second District Supervisor, Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

Resolution Supporting Brightline West and Nevada Department of Transportation's Application for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Adopt **Resolution No. 2023-174** supporting the Brightline West and State of Nevada Department of Transportation's application for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant.

(Presenter: Jesse Armendarez, Second District Supervisor, 387-4833)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Promote the Countywide Vision.

Create, Maintain and Grow Jobs and Economic Value in the County.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this Resolution will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 17, 2023, Brightline West and the State of Nevada Department of Transportation applied to the United States Department of Transportation for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant. The Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant provides funding for capital projects that reduce the State of Good Repair Program backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service.

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

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. The project will create a positive environmental and economic impact, and increase job opportunities for the region, including San Bernardino County. The Brightline West Project will positively impact the

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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.

The proposed Resolution would declare support for the Brightline West and State of Nevada Department of Transportation's application for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Julie Surber, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on September 21, 2023; Finance (Stephanie Maldonado, Finance Analyst, 387-4348) on September 21, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on September 21, 2023.

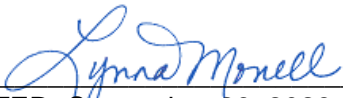
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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Jesse Armendarez
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: September 26, 2023



cc: w/Resolution
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