

February 24, 2021

California High-Speed Rail Authority  
Attn: Draft 2020 Business Plan  
770 L Street, Suite 620 MS-1  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Richards and Members of the Board:

Golden Empire Transit District (GET) in Bakersfield is again submitting comments on the California High-Speed Rail Authority Draft 2020 Business Plan. Our comments are brief as they are consistent with the message GET has transmitted for the past five years.

GET owns property on which we operate and maintain the public transit service in Bakersfield. That property has been identified as being needed by your project for siting the rail station in Bakersfield. We are pleased that the updated Draft 2020 Business Plan proposes that the Authority move forward with constructing the Central Valley Segment of the project all the way into Bakersfield. For this segment to be functional, that will necessitate the construction of the station and consequently, the acquisition of GET's property.

We continue to urge the Authority to proceed expeditiously with the acquisition of right-of way for the project. In particular, GET's property. As outlined in numerous communications previously GET has an urgent need for you to commence the acquisition process. We are ready to work with you through the acquisition and relocation process.

GET supports the Draft 2020 Business Plan to the extent it brings the project into the F Street station and proposes to fund that extension of the project and investment in ROW acquisition.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Cindy Parra  
Chair

cc: Board of Directors, Golden Empire Transit District  
Karen H. King, Chief Executive Officer