



DRAFT Resolution #HSRA 22-18

Approval to enter into Interagency Agreement with Caltrans for the Wasco State Route 46 Grade Separation Improvement Project

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, constructing, and operating an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the state's existing intercity transportation services (Public Utilities Code sections 185030 and 185031);

Whereas, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction, and operation of high-speed rail trains including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 185036;

Whereas, the State Route 46 project is a critical component to meeting the obligation of the Authority listed in the lawsuit, County of Kern v. California High-Speed Rail Authority (Sacramento County Court Case No. 34-2014-80001863);

Whereas, the Authority has a need to enter into the Interagency Agreement to meet the conditions of the County of Kern's settlement; and,

Whereas, based upon the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, the framework for accomplishing the project objectives by entering into an Interagency Agreement is appropriate and reasonable.

Therefore, it is resolved: The Board authorizes Authority staff to enter into an Interagency Agreement for Design and Right -of Way Services, Construction, and Close-out for the Wasco State Route 46 Grade Separation Improvement Project for a contract value up to \$77 million. Authority staff is also authorized to make appropriate non-substantive changes to the Interagency Agreement as part of the project development and construction phases.

No further action will be required from the board.

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