



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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Mark A. McLoughlin
Director of Environmental Services
ATTN: Palmdale to Burbank
California High-Speed Rail Authority
Southern California Regional Office
700 N Alameda, Room 3-532
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. McLoughlin,

As you are well aware, the task of connecting Palmdale to Burbank via High-Speed Rail is one that presents many opportunities for the future of Los Angeles County and the State, as well as many challenges for the communities that will be affected by the proposed alignments between these two established stations.

My October 11, 2013, letter to the Authority Chairman Dan Richard asked the Authority to “review a tunnel-oriented alternative between the Palmdale Station and the potential Burbank/Bob Hope Airport Station that would provide a more direct, much faster, less costly and less community-intrusive route between the Antelope Valley and the San Fernando Valley.” The Authority’s proposed new corridor for study through the Angeles National Forest now brings the Authority into potential contact with new communities including Sun Valley, Sylmar, Kagel Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, Sun Valley, and Lake View Terrace – communities known for their equestrian facilities, ecological resources, recreational areas, and other important elements vital to their respective and communal rural quality of life.

As County Supervisor for communities affected by both the original corridor along State Route 14 and the new corridor through the Angeles National Forest, I would further ask that the Authority retain its emphasis on alignments that emerge from this corridor as “tunnel-oriented” and “less community-intrusive,” as I originally requested.

Furthermore, over the past few years I have advocated with the Authority to work more closely with many of these communities along the State Route 14 and Interstate 5 corridors—including Acton, Agua Dulce, and Santa Clarita (Sand Canyon)—and I have appreciated the increased attention and dialogue between your staff and my constituents to address their questions and provide information through a transparent and recurrent process.

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An open, proactive, and recurrent dialogue with our affected communities for their concerns which can be incorporated into the Authority's corridor study would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Antonovich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor, Fifth District