

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Request of San Luis Obispo Council of Government (SLOCOG)
to support the *Coast Daylight* Train
DATE: July 18, 2006

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider adopting Resolution No. 06-xx to support starting the new *Coast Daylight* train service.

- FACTS:**
1. The California State Rail Plan includes starting the new *Coast Daylight* train in state fiscal year 2007-08. The proposed *Coast Daylight* service would connect downtown Los Angeles with downtown San Francisco.
 2. SLOCOG is encouraging the City to adopt a resolution to support the proposed service.
 3. If supported at the State level, the establishment of this service would:
 - a. Provide direct train service between the two largest population centers in the State.
 - b. Provide new/expanded service to the Central Coast.
 - c. Promote economic development at stations along the route.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) has been working for the implementation of this new train since the early 1990s. The CRCC is a coalition of transportation planning agencies, local governments, Caltrans, Amtrak and Union Pacific. Its main focus is to increase speed and frequency of passenger and freight trains.

POLICY

REFERENCE: General Plan / Economic Development Strategy

FISCAL

IMPACT: If the new train route is adopted it could increase the availability of train ridership at the City's Transportation Center and encourage visitors to the City.

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 06-xx to support expanded passenger rail services to connect downtown San Francisco and downtown Los Angeles along the Pacific Coast Rail Corridor.
 - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

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Attachments (2)

- 1) Resolution
- 2) E-mail request from Pete Rodgers (SLOCOG)

RESOLUTION NO. 06-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES
TO CONNECT DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO
AND DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES
ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST RAIL CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the "Coast Daylight" will provide direct train service between the two largest population centers in the state, and close a key gap in the system; and

WHEREAS, local governments, residences and businesses support the re-establishment of State-supported intercity rail passenger services to connect northern and southern California and provide new services to central coast cities; and

WHEREAS, new rail services will promote economic development at stations along the route, including benefits to California's freight movement; and

WHEREAS, local planning agencies have prepared all the necessary studies to initiate new train services and it is included in California's State Rail Plan for 2007-08; and

WHEREAS, there is strong ridership in the corridor; the train is projected to carry over 216,000 passengers in the first year, at a cost of about \$7.4 million per year, and achieve a farebox ratio over 45%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby request the Governor, state legislators, and the California Department of Transportation to fund the operation and required capital improvements to implement the Coast Daylight Train in State Fiscal Year 2007-08.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 18th day of July 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

From: Pete Rodgers [mailto:PRODGERS@SLOCOG.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 3:36 PM
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Cc: pwilmore@slochamber.org
Subject: Resolution of Support for new SF train

Mike, Tim, Ditas & Dave:

As you may recall, we've been working with all the transportation planning agencies along the coast to get State funds to extend a train from SLO to downtown San Francisco. (It's the train that currently arrives in SLO @ 12:45pm that would continue north. A separate train would leave SF in the morning heading south to LA).

The good news is this extension is in State plans for 07/08 - the bad news is Union Pacific is asking for gobs of \$\$ (...like over \$50 million) for capital improvements.

Nevertheless, there is a window of opportunity to rally legislative support, and they like to hear from the locals... TIMING IS EVERYTHING. Abel Maldonado seems like he's on-board. The Caltrans Rail program submits their draft 7/8 budget in the late Fall - and we want this train in it.

Attached is a draft staff report and resolution that we would like you to bring before your Council/Board. Anytime before mid-September is good. Please modify as you see fit. I would be happy to attend your meeting if you wish. (Seems like a simple consent item)

Thanks. Please let me know your plans.

<<Sample STF report and Reso for Coast train.doc>>

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