



## Californians for High Speed Rail

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President Aaron Peskin and Members  
Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

February 6, 2006

### **Re: SUPPORT CALTRAIN DOWNTOWN EXTENSION/TRANSBAY TERMINAL AND HIGH SPEED RAIL RESOLUTION**

Dear Members:

Californians for High Speed Rail, a statewide coalition of high speed rail supporters, is requesting your support of the resolution before you to fund both the Caltrain Downtown Extension/Transbay Terminal (\$475 Million) and the California High Speed Rail Project (\$1 Billion) in the state infrastructure bonds.

The Transbay Terminal project will become the main terminal station for High Speed Rail in northern California. It is critical that we get this project under construction without further delay to lay the foundation for High Speed Rail. In addition, we must get the tracks extended from the 4<sup>th</sup> and King Terminal to the Transbay Terminal. The other benefit of building this key project is that it will provide an extension of the Caltrain commuter service from the Peninsula and South Bay. Therefore, the project has both short-term and long-term benefits.

Originally, the \$9.95 Billion High Speed Rail bond scheduled for the November 2006 ballot contained funds for the construction of the Caltrain Downtown Extension/Transbay Terminal. Now it is likely that this bond will be delayed or removed. Therefore, it is critical that replacement funds are provided in the current infrastructure bonds at the state so the project can continue to move forward.

In addition, we urge that the final form of the resolution urge state lawmakers to not eliminate the \$9.95 Billion high speed rail bond. A delay in this is much better than total elimination, which would set back the project indefinitely.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Brian Stanke, Campaign Director  
Californians for High Speed Rail

cc:

Mayor Gavin Newsom  
Maria Ayerdi, Executive Director, Transbay Joint Powers Authority