

Resolution - Accommodation of Bicycles Onboard High-Speed Rail

Whereas Caltrain, ACE rail, Metrolink, and Coaster provide vital regional commuter rail public transit within localized regions of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego and accommodate onboard carriage of bicycles as unboxed, carry-on baggage without additional charges over passenger ticket cost and without time-of-day restrictions; and

Whereas the Capitol Corridor line provides vital intrastate rail public transit from San Jose to Auburn in the State of California and accommodates onboard carriage of bicycles as unboxed, carry-on baggage without additional charges over passenger ticket cost and without time-of-day restrictions; and

Whereas High-Speed Rail will transport tourists, students, residents, and business commuters to and from northern and southern California inter-modal transportation hubs, and bicycles provide a convenient and flexible means for passengers to access the stations and to reach their final destinations while reducing both traffic congestion and the need for parking lots; and

Whereas bicycling provides health benefits to communities by reducing both air pollution and noise pollution, and bicycling provides health benefits to riders through exercise to help curb the steep rise in maladies such as hypertension, diabetes, and obesity in America today; and

Whereas High-Speed Rail can depend on revenue from significant and consistent numbers of bicycle-dependent and bicycle-preferring customers; and

Whereas High-Speed Rail needs high volumes of passengers to succeed in offering cost-competitive transportation alternatives to air transit, buses, and the automobile; and

Whereas bicycles onboard all rail transit is an inter-modal transportation solution that is socially beneficial in reducing or eliminating reliance on the automobile, effecting a reduction of the impact of global warming and a reduction in the demand for and international conflict over petroleum resources, two of the most critically important issues in the world today; and

Whereas our Governor and the State of California have taken a leadership position in the United States with respect to constructively addressing our collective responsibility to participate in developing solutions to global warming and petroleum alternatives;

Therefore be it resolved that the undersigned encourage the California High-Speed Rail Authority to deliver an excellent and forward-thinking transportation solution of bicycles combined with train service; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the undersigned request the California High-Speed Rail Authority to establish High-Speed Rail service that accommodates onboard carriage of bicycles as unboxed, carry-on baggage without additional charges over passenger ticket cost and without time-of-day restrictions.

Signature

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