

RESOLUTION NO. 94- 19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
SUPPORTING THE COAST RAIL LINE
HIGH SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the 424 mile California Coast Rail Line is host to the most popular intercity passenger train in the United States, the Coast Starlight; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Rail Line represents the only through passenger train route between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, recent studies demonstrate that for less than 1 billion dollars, the Coast Rail Line can be transformed into a high speed intercity passenger train route capable of achieving speeds as high as 125 MPH and reducing the current 12 hour trip between the Bay Area and Los Angeles to about 6 hours; and

WHEREAS, transformation of the Coast Rail Line into a high speed passenger train route will help boost the California economy, create thousands of new jobs, reduce automobile traffic, improve air quality, and help preserve the most beautiful passenger train route in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Rail Line need not compete with any other high speed project in California because the state's transportation and clean air requirements demand a high speed passenger train system serving various regions and populations; and

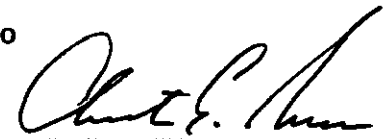
WHEREAS, the Coastal Corridor communities will grow to a population of almost 19 million residents by the year 2010 according to the California department of Finance; and

WHEREAS, a new Multi-Modal Center with a train station in Paso Robles has been planned and approved for funding which would serve and be of great benefit to all of Northern San Luis Obispo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles hereby supports the implementation of the Coast Rail Line High Speed Passenger Train Project and calls upon the United States Department of Transportation, the California Department of Transportation, the High Speed Rail Commission established pursuant to SCR6 (1993), and other regional and local transportation agencies to conduct the studies and analysis and seek the funding required to implement the Coast Rail Line High Speed Passenger Train Project as quickly as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, this 1st day of February, 1994, on the following vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, Martin, and Picanco
NOES: None
ABSENT: Iversen


Christian E. Iversen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richard J. Ramirez, City Clerk