DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Supervisor Pickard
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discussion and Provide Direction Relative to the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee's (SJVRC) Request for the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to Adopt a Resolution Calling upon Congress to Provide Adequate Operating and Capital Funding for Amtrak in the FFY 2006 Federal Budget

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors frequently consider requests of different agencies to support their causes, in an attempt to better the county and state of California.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee would not receive support to their request from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors at this time.

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Annual Recurring Cost: $

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
SJVRC Letter dated 7-14-05
SJVRC "Tracking the San Joaquin Corridor"
Resolution

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 2002-379
Ord. No.
Vote - Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Approved
Minutes Order Attached | ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
☑ Requested Action Recommended
☐ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: [Signature]

Revised Dec. 2002
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-379

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING UPON CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDING FOR AMTRAK IN THE FFY 2006 FEDERAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of California and the County of Mariposa adopted certain bond measures to implement passenger rail service across our state and those passenger rail systems have now largely been constructed and services operating as defined in the voter-approved ballot measures; and

WHEREAS, key elements of the State’s transportation system are the three intercity passenger rail corridor services (the Pacific Surfliner, the Capitol Corridor and the San Joaquin routes) and these three intercity rail services now transport some 4.5 million passengers annually within California in large part due to the successful partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Corridor rail service is the fifth busiest Amtrak route, in the nation, carrying 700,000 passengers annually and the partnership with Amtrak brings certain significant operating, financial and liability benefits to the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has undergone a major reform of its business during the last two-and-one-half years, resulting in substantial progress in renewing its assets and stabilizing its costs and Amtrak is the only entity in the nation with a statutory right-of-access to the private freight railroads for the purpose of providing passenger rail services; and

WHEREAS, the State of California’s capital investments to date for intercity passenger rail services, based upon the voter approved bonds, are approximately $1.7 billion, with most of these funds providing new rolling stock, stations and track capacity improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Mariposa to protect these public investments for their intended purpose as expressed by the voters who approved the bond measures which provided the initial funding for these investments and it is the expressed will of the County Board of Supervisors to continue to provide, improve and expand our intercity passenger rail program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, do hereby call upon Congress to provide adequate operating and capital funding for Amtrak in the FFY 2006 federal budget to allow uninterrupted continuation of California’s Amtrak operated services at the levels proposed to Congress (Amtrak determined that $1.8 billion was needed); and furthermore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors call upon Congress to preserve and improve the four National Network Amtrak trains currently serving California (California Zephyr, Coast Starlight, Southwest Chief and Sunset Limited) as these trains stretch across America, uniting California and our state-supported trains with the rest of the nation; and furthermore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors call upon Congress to establish a multi-year capital funding program available to the states on a matching basis to initiate, improve or expand passenger rail services and to provide an adequate level of capital funding for Amtrak to sustain the mandated rail passenger services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the President of the United States, the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary, the Governor, all members of the California Congressional delegation, and Chairs of all Congressional Committees having jurisdiction over Amtrak and the national rail system

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of August, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: STETSON, TURPIN, FRITZ, PICKARD

NOES: BIBBY

ABSTAINED: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

BOB PICKARD, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

THOMAS GUARINO, County Counsel
July 14, 2005

Honorable Bob Pickard
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Mariposa
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA  95338

Dear Mr. Pickard:

Today the members of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee approved the enclosed resolution.

They also agreed to take the resolution and informational letter back to their respective Boards of Supervisors (Boards) and request their Boards to prepare a similar resolution, adopt it, and send copies to those individuals named in the resolution, their own Congressional Representatives, both Senators Boxer and Feinstein, and finally their California Legislators.

Amtrak trains and/or buses may serve your county. If you are served by Amtrak buses alone, I am requesting that your Board consider adopting a similar resolution, but stressing the importance and need for continued Amtrak bus service for the thousands of citizens and voters living in your county.

The next 2-1/2 months in Congress are going to be critical for the future of Amtrak. I am requesting that your Board encourage any and all cities, towns, transportation agencies, and the citizens of your county to write to all of the previously listed individuals.
Honorable Bob Pickard  
July 14, 2005  
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Your local newspapers may also be interested in this nationwide issue and the negative impact on your county if bus service is discontinued and Amtrak is not funded as needed.

I thank you in advance for your support and efforts on this significant issue.

Sincerely,

BOB WATERSTON  
Chair  
San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee

Enclosure

c:  David Gunn, President & CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation  
Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency  
Honorable Roger Dickinson, Chair, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority  
Honorable Art Brown, Chair, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency  
Will Kempton, Director, California Department of Transportation  
Eugene Skoropowski, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority  
Linda Culp, Senior Transportation Planner, San Diego Association of Governments
Tracking the San Joaquin Corridor

The San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, composed of elected and public members representing California counties along the route of the SAN JOAQUIN trains, is pursuing the following objectives:

1. Promoting ridership on the SAN JOAQUIN trains linking Sacramento and the Bay Area to Southern California by way of the San Joaquin Valley.

2. To ensure service frequencies of the SAN JOAQUIN trains that meet market demand.

3. To foster connections to and from SAN JOAQUIN trains by motorcoaches serving communities and areas not on the main railroad line.

4. To work closely with, and offer suggestions from the committee to the Caltrans Division of Rail.

5. To recommend improvements in service, scheduling and equipment to the Caltrans Division of Rail and Amtrak.

6. To monitor and suggest pertinent legislation relative to passenger rail and more particularly SAN JOAQUIN train service, with both State and Federal representatives.

For more information, see the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee website at:
www.dot.ca.gov/hq/rail/dorwebsite/sjvrc/sjvrchome.htm
August 11, 2005

President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

Enclosed, please find a copy of Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Resolution 05-379 passed and adopted on August 2, 2005, calling upon Congress to provide adequate operating and capital funding for Amtrak in the FFY 2006 Federal Budget.

Sincerely,

Bob Pickard

BOB PICKARD, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure

cc: Governor Schwarzenegger
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congressman George Radanovich
Department of Transportation
File
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 2, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

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BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion. (M)Stetson, (S)Fritz, Res. 05-379 was adopted calling upon Congress to provide adequate operating and capital funding for Amtrak in the FFY 2006 Federal Budget. Supervisor Bibby stated she would like to see more information on how the funding has been expended that has been received and relative to the funding request. Ayes: Stetson, Turpin, Fritz, Pickard; Noes: Bibby.

cc: File