



ACTON TOWN COUNCIL
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BY THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL:

A DECLARATION

The Acton Town Council opposes the placement of any high speed rail corridors within any portion of Acton. Furthermore, the Acton Town Council finds that the above-ground placement of high speed rail alignments within Acton will create significant impacts that cannot be mitigated and which will result in the destruction of numerous rural residential and equestrian neighborhoods. The Acton Town Council further finds that the placement of high speed train corridors underground and away from homes and residential/agricultural well systems will result in fewer impacts on the community of Acton.

Given the topography of Acton in the vicinity of the 14 freeway, a high speed train corridor that is entirely underground and away from homes and wells could easily be devised and feasibly constructed. There is no reason to place the tracks above ground through this area.

Given the topography of Acton in the vicinity of the Angeles Forest Highway, a high speed train corridor that is entirely underground and away from homes and wells could easily be devised and feasibly constructed. There is no reason to place the tracks above ground through this area.

Given the topography of Acton in the vicinity of the Aliso Canyon area, a high speed train corridor that is entirely underground and away from homes and wells could easily be devised and feasibly constructed. There is no reason to place the tracks above ground through this area.

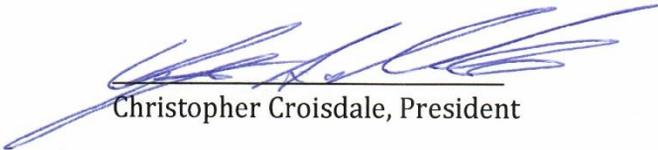
Given the topography of Acton in the vicinity of Arrastre Canyon and Bootlegger Canyon, a high speed train corridor that is entirely underground and away from homes and wells could easily be devised and feasibly constructed. There is no reason to place the tracks above ground through these areas.

Over the last year, the Community of Acton has presented these indisputable facts to the California High Speed Rail Authority on multiple occasions.

Nonetheless, recent corridor proposals make it quite clear that the Authority intends to decimate Acton neighborhoods by maximizing "above-ground" routes through Acton's residential areas, while simultaneously protecting adjacent federal lands by placing routes underground wherever they traverse the Angeles National Forest ("ANF"). These facts are demonstrated by the Authority's draft routes provided in February, 2015 which are clearly contrived to go underground **precisely** at the ANF boundary.

The Acton Town Council declares that the California High Speed Rail Authority has heretofore failed to develop any "reduced impact" route alternatives for the community of Acton, despite clear and overwhelming evidence that such alternatives are technically feasible and logistically viable. The Rail Authority is hereby noticed that such failures constitute substantial violations of state and federal statutes, including (but not limited to) the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). To rectify these violations, the Acton Town Council insists that the Authority develop underground route alternatives which avoid residential areas within the Community of Acton for both the "14 Freeway" corridor and the "Angeles National Forest" Corridor, and that both these alternatives be studied in the combined Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Study that will be issued for the Palmdale-Burbank HSR segment.

Signed this 16th day of March, 2015:


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