

RESOLUTION NO. 27-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHOWCHILLA
SUPPORTING THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY ALIGNMENT DESIGNATED AS "A1"**

WHEREAS, the voters of the state of California have approved funding of a high speed rail system designed to travel from Los Angeles to Sacramento to San Francisco and to points in between,

WHEREAS, the High Speed Rail Authority has selected two potential north/south routes designated as "A1" near or along the existing BNSF right of way, and "A2" near or along the UPRR right of way,

WHEREAS, The City of Chowchilla Supports the High Speed Rail System in California as a vital component to the future of the San Joaquin Valley and the entire State of California,

WHEREAS, the City of Chowchilla has actively participated in attempting to identify alternate rail routes that would minimize the impact on cities and agriculture,

WHEREAS, the placement of the east/west connection along the Hwy 152 corndor has the potential for significant negative impacts for the City of Chowchilla,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chowchilla hereby resolves, finds and orders as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The City of Chowchilla supports High Speed Rail Alignment along the Santa Fe Railroad Corridor, designated as "A1" by the High Speed Rail Authority.
3. This Alignment follows an established transportation corridor and mitigates any negative effects on the City Of Chowchilla.
4. The City of Chowchilla does not support The High Speed Rail Alignment along the Union Pacific Railroad, designated as "A2" by the High Speed Rail Authority. This alignment creates short and long term negative effects on the City of Chowchilla, its retail and commercial corridors, and is not consistent with its General Plan.
5. The City of Chowchilla supports the East/West Alignment of The High Speed Rail to be placed on Avenue 21 as it enters Madera County from the west. The City further supports the East/West to North/South "Y" connection to be placed at the intersection of Avenue 21 and the Santa Fe Railroad (A1). This alignment and connection has been proposed to the High Speed Rail Staff. This connection and alignment minimizes the negative effects on farm land and the Cities of Chowchilla and Madera.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chowchilla at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of April, 2010 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



Jim Kopshever, Mayor

Janene Nicko Deputy City Clerk
Cindy Black, Acting City Clerk