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Mr. John Swiecki, AICP
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Via Email (jswiecki@ci.brisbane.ca.us): Baylands Development Proposal

Dear Mr. Swiecki:

Thank you for providing the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) the opportunity to comment on the proposed Baylands Development Plan and to clarify the status and progress of the California High-Speed Rail program. As we have discussed, the Authority is committed to constructively engaging with the City of Brisbane to address our mutual concerns in an on-going, collaborative way.

As you are aware the Authority is continuing the environmental review of the Bay Area high-speed rail corridors, including the Peninsula Corridor between San Francisco and San Jose. It is important to note that the Authority continues to collaborate with Caltrain towards the goal of operating in a "Blended" configuration along the Caltrain alignment. Blended operations require that both Caltrain commuter service and high-speed rail will operate substantially within the existing Caltrain right-of-way. Our environmental review will consider improvements to the corridor that will accommodate higher-speed operations (110 mph) for both Caltrain and high-speed rail, curve straightening, passing tracks, safety improvements (installation of four-quadrant gates and perimeter fencing), and the siting and development of a vehicle storage and maintenance facility. We expect to complete our environmental review by the end of 2017.

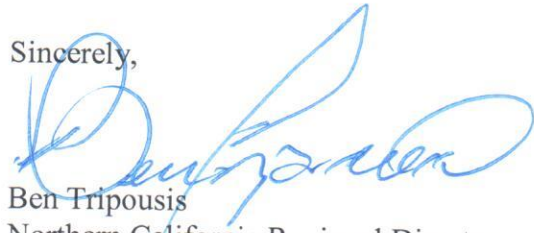
It should be noted that the Authority continues to consider several potential locations for a rail vehicle storage and maintenance facility, including possible sites in the City of Gilroy and the vicinity of the proposed Baylands project in Brisbane. While the parameters for a potential maintenance facility to be studied (footprint size, type, uses, etc.) in our environmental review have not yet been determined, we would like to ensure that the City is aware that the Baylands site is under consideration for development of conceptual components of our project in the vicinity of the proposed site.

The Authority appreciates the City's desire to move forward with the planning of the Baylands in order to better understand the site's potential and to establish a firm direction for the City's future. It is our hope that as you proceed with this review and as the Authority better defines our vehicle storage and maintenance facility needs, we can work together to preserve land use options that will continue to support the development of

high-speed rail and expanded commuter rail service in the Peninsula Corridor, as well as the City's aspirations for future development.

We look forward to continuing to work together on the planning and development of these important projects.

Sincerely,



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