



May 25, 2011

Mr. Curt Pringle, Chairman  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for High-Speed Rail Route to Palmdale

Dear Mr. Pringle:

The Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) is an organization established about ten years ago consisting of several participating governmental entities, elected officials, community groups, airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration, and Los Angeles World Airports to collaborate on noise issues affecting communities associated with LAX operations and to seek feasible solutions resulting in noise reduction.

We have read that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is currently considering a revision to its present plan that may possibly remove the Palmdale route to opt for a shorter, more direct route to connect northern and southern California. Since the Authority has already decided some time ago to implement the Palmdale route, we discourage you from revisiting this plan. Our membership encourages your Authority to maintain close coordination with the Palmdale Airport throughout the planning process and to support the route that includes a stop at the Palmdale Airport.

LAX currently carries the bulk of the aircraft operations among airports in the Southern California region. Communities impacted by LAX operations experience the greater share of noise as a result. In addition, the Southern California Association of Governments forecasts air commerce capacity will become constrained. Therefore, the members believe that air traffic should be spread out within the region to accommodate growth and to alleviate congestion at LAX.

The high-speed rail route through Palmdale Airport is seen as a method of improving this airport's access and thereby system capacity. Improving access to this airport not only fosters its growth, but also provides a synergistic travel benefit that can result in greater train usage.

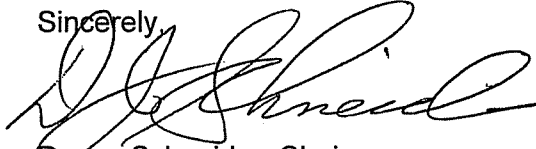
Thank you for your consideration of this request. The position stated in this letter is the opinion of the majority of the Roundtable membership and is not the official position of the Federal Aviation Administration, the City of Los Angeles or Los Angeles World Airports.

If you wish to provide a response, please send your correspondence to the LAX/Community

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Noise Roundtable, c/o Los Angeles World Airports, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles,  
CA 90009-2216, Attention: Kathryn Pantoja.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denny Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Denny Schneider, Chairman  
LAX/Community Noise Roundtable

cc: Roundtable Members