



April 23, 2012

Amy Shuklian
Mayor

Assembly Member Cathleen Galgiani
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Steven A. Nelsen
Vice Mayor

Gregory F. Collins
Councilmember

RE: AB 1779 (Galgiani) Intercity Passenger Rail Act of 2012 for San Joaquin Corridor.
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

E. Warren Gubler
Councilmember

Assembly Member Galgiani:

The City of Visalia is pleased to support AB 1779, which would enable the transfer of administrative responsibility of the San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service from the Department of Transportation to a new joint powers authority.

Bob Link
Councilmember

In 1996, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) was created to oversee the administration of the Capitol Corridor service under the provisions of SB 457 (1996). Since that time, the CCJPA has shown that there are several benefits to local authority administration of intercity passenger service including: more cost effective administration and operations, stronger voices in advocating for service improvements and expansions, local decision-making that is more responsive and adaptive to passenger issues, joint marketing and partnerships with local agencies, and more engagement by local communities to support the service.

AB 1779 follows the model of the CCJPA and would enable regional governance/management of the existing San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service between Bakersfield-Fresno-Stockton-Sacramento-SF Bay Area.

With more efficient administration and stronger local/regional support, we believe a regionally managed San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service can result in much higher frequencies of service and increases in ridership and revenue.

For these reasons, the City of Visalia supports AB 1779. If you have any questions about our position, you can reach Michael Olmos at (559) 713-4332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Shuklian".

Amy Shuklian
Mayor

cc: Assembly Member Connie Conway
Senator Jean Fuller