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Ms. Sarah Feinberg
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Request from the California High-Speed Rail Authority (“Authority”) to withdraw Two Waiver Requests from the Federal Railroad Administration’s (“FRA”) Buy America Requirements

Dear Administrator Feinberg:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (the “Authority”) withdraws its September 16, 2016, requests for the following two waivers from the Federal Railroad Administration’s (“FRA”) Buy America Requirements:

- A) a waiver to permit the manufacturer of the Authority’s new Tier III High-Speed Trains (“Authority’s Trains”) to purchase and incorporate into the Authority’s Trainsets certain components that are not manufactured in the United States. Specifically, these components were A – Car Body Shell: (1) car body shells (shell structure/frame-end, floor, roof, side); (2) integrated cab/CEM structure; (3) vehicle paintwork; and B - Brake System: (4) brake control unit; (5) disc brake equipment; (6) tread brake equipment/tread cleaners; (7) brake valves and (8) parking brake units and;
- B) a waiver to the manufacture and assembly of complete HSR trainset bogies (also known as trucks).

The Authority will proceed with the trainset manufacturing solicitation process that requires full compliance with Buy America requirements. This process will include scoring incentives for proposals submitted that do not require Buy America waivers. The Authority believes this is the best approach to encourage and afford opportunities for the United States manufacturing industry to fulfill this important role in the manufacturing of all components needed for high-speed rail trainsets.

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Please direct questions, comments, and dispositions to:

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Thank you for your careful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Morales". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Morales
Chief Executive Officer

cc: F. Vacca
G. Giovinazzi
TF/JP/slc