

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** August 28, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Amtrak's Sunset Limited Plan to Provide Daily Intercity Rail Service from Los Angeles, California, to San Antonio, Texas, via the Coachella Valley

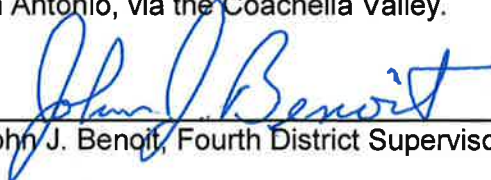
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), Resolution No. 11-003, Resolution in support of Amtrak's Sunset Limited Plan to Provide Daily Intercity Rail Service from Los Angeles, California, to San Antonio, Texas, via the Coachella Valley
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the same.

**BACKGROUND:** At the CVAG Executive Committee meeting in October 2010, the 2010 Update to the Coachella Valley Passenger Rail Study Executive Committee was accepted. The update was undertaken with substantial input from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). At that meeting the Executive Committee approved the following staff recommendations:

- A. Encourage Establishment of Daily Intercity Rail Service by Amtrak as the Intermediate Goal of bringing Passenger Rail Service into the Coachella Valley, and;
- B. Encourage Amtrak to operate a Daily Sunset Limited passenger service on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks from Los Angeles, through Fullerton, to Colton.

At the CVAG Executive Committee February 2011 meeting, RCTC staff presented a report on rail matters that affect the RCTC service area, including the Coachella Valley. Among the actions recommended was the adoption of a Resolution in support of Amtrak's Sunset Limited Plan to Provide Daily Intercity Rail Service from Los Angeles to San Antonio, via the Coachella Valley.

  
John J. Benoit, Fourth District Supervisor

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In support of the efforts of RCTC, and in keeping with the earlier action of CVAG's Executive Committee, a Resolution In Support of Amtrak's Sunset Limited Plan to provide Daily Intercity Rail Service from Los Angeles, California, to San Antonio, Texas, via the Coachella Valley was approved by the CVAG Executive Committee in March of 2011.

There is strong local support in Riverside County for alternate public transit, due to rapid population growth, in the Coachella Valley.