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Press Release



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City of Chowchilla adopts Urgency Ordinance to stop High Speed Rail Project

Chowchilla City Council takes action to temporarily prohibit High Speed Railway construction in the City

Chowchilla, CA, July 26, 2011: At last night's Chowchilla City Council meeting, Council Members adopted an Urgency Ordinance that imposes a temporary 45-day moratorium on the construction of any portion of the High Speed Rail system within the City limits unless negative impacts from the proposed project are resolved.

The next step is a consideration of an extension of this Urgency Ordinance at the next City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 2011. An extension would allow the City of Chowchilla more time to prepare a more detailed ordinance outlining specific standards required for building a High Speed Rail Project that minimizes the adverse impact on the citizens of Chowchilla.

Current proposed potential routes being considered by the High Speed Rail Authority would bisect the City of Chowchilla in two directions creating public safety issues by delaying emergency response times, eliminating or damaging existing businesses within City limits, and causing blight and excessive noise issues.

Mayor David Alexander stated "The Chowchilla City Council is taking necessary action to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents from the potentially detrimental effects of the High Speed Rail Project."

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