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High-Speed Rail Authority Board Vice-Chair Jim Hartnett Steps Down, Appointed to Lead San Mateo County Transit District

SAN JOSE, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today released the following statement from Board of Director’s Chair Dan Richard on the departure of Vice-Chair Jim Hartnett and his appointment as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the San Mateo County Transit District:

“For the past several years, Vice-Chair Hartnett has played a pivotal role in helping to lead us in our effort to build the nation’s first high-speed rail system,” said Chair Dan Richard. “Jim was particularly instrumental in resolving alignment issues on the San Francisco peninsula to minimize impacts and accelerate the benefits of rail modernization. He was a dedicated board member whose insight, knowledge and leadership will be sorely missed, but we know that the future of the Transit District couldn’t be in better hands.”

Mr. Hartnett served on the Board of Directors since 2011 and was appointed by former California Senate Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg.

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra