

RESOLUTION NO. 07-66

RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE ALTAMONT PASS AS THE PREFERRED ROUTE FOR THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM ALIGNMENT

WHEREAS, California High-Speed Rail Authority has conducted a program-level environmental impact report/environmental impact study that proposes two alignment routes: Altamont Pass in eastern Alameda County and Pacheco Pass in southern Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Central California represents a major market segment for potential High-Speed Rail System ridership; and

WHEREAS, the Altamont alignment would provide job opportunities and economic development opportunities to residents of Central California; and,

WHEREAS, the Altamont alignment would also have lesser overall impact on sensitive environmental habitats; and

WHEREAS, Kern Council of Governments, in its role as the Regional Planning Agency for Kern County, supports the Altamont alignment as a preferred route;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ridgecrest City Council supports the Altamont Pass as the preferred high-speed rail alignment from Central California to the San Francisco Bay Area.

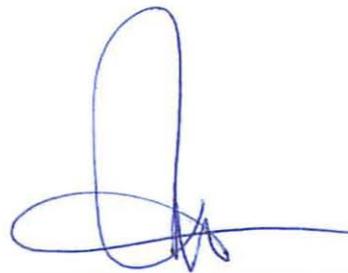
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Holloway, Council Members Morgan, Wiknich, Carter, and Clark

NOES: None

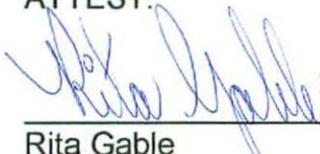
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Marshall "Chip" Holloway, Chairman

ATTEST:



Rita Gable
City Clerk