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Mr. Joseph Boardman, CEO  
National Passenger Rail Corporation (AMTRAK)  
60 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Subject: Amtrak California Accelerated Rail Service Proposal

Dear Mr. Boardman:

As project manager for California Rail Capital Project Development, I invite you to review my department's proposal for a profitable accelerated speed express route on the Los Angeles – San Francisco corridor.

An express line, modeled on the profitable northeast corridor Acela service and capable of speeds up to 150mph would offer airline competitive travel times coupled with premium onboard amenities and service. The proposed line would position Amtrak as a viable competitor for the 15 – 20 million annual business and leisure travelers on this route. It would also serve as a model for other markets and help pave the way for new high-speed rail (HSR) development throughout the country.

The enclosed proposal highlights a number of key factors demonstrating the benefits and feasibility of the line: Implementation and operational costs, travel trends and ridership projections for the new line, potential routes and travel times, and the environmental impact of rail compared with other modes of travel. Our research incorporated data and relevant studies from a wide range of sources including the Federal Railroad Administration, Caltrans, Amtrak and the International Union of Railways.

With steady increases in rail ridership across the board, the time is now for profitable, competitive passenger rail in America, with California leading the way. Thank you for reviewing our proposal and don't hesitate to contact us if we can answer any questions or provide additional information not included in this report.

Sincerely,

Howard Green  
Project Manager

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cc: Bill Bronte

