

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: September 27, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Reimbursement Agreement for City Staff Costs – California High Speed Rail Authority**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve the agreement between the California High Speed Rail Authority and the City of Lancaster to reimburse City staff costs associated with the proposed high speed rail project, and authorize the City Manager to sign documents related to the agreement.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Reimbursement of City staff costs up to \$185,269.56.

**Background:**

The California High Speed Rail (CHSRA) project is proposed to be developed through the City of Lancaster. As part of this proposed project, the City will be involved in numerous discussions and reviews with the CHSRA involving City rights-of-way, utility, and other planning efforts. This will require the involvement of several key members of City staff over the next several years.

The CHSRA has entered into agreements with most of the jurisdictions along the proposed route to reimburse the staff costs incurred by those jurisdictions. In this case, the City has estimated that staff associated with this initial planning effort would total in excess of \$185,000.00 over the next several years. Approval of this agreement would allow the City to receive reimbursement for these costs. The agreement in no way binds the City to approve or support the project.

**Attachment:**

CHRSA Reimbursement Agreement