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HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

TO: Chairman Umberg and Committee Members

FROM: Roelof van Ark: CEO

DATE: December 13, 2011

RE: Agenda Item # 3 - Request to Extend Public Comment period on the Small Business Program Plan.

### **Discussion**

Authority staff presented the Small Business Program Plan to the Board during the November 2011 board meeting. The Board authorized the Authority to enter into a 45 day public comment period on the draft SB Program Plan. The plan was posted on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and public comment would have closed on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Board had recommended that, due to the many public holidays in the November/December period, staff considers an extension of the 45 day public comment period. This would be with the understanding that the Authority could potentially extend the comment period however this is a question that needed to be clarified with the FRA. Chairman Umberg suggested that this clarification be obtained, and that the period of extending the comment time be agendaized for the next meeting.

Staff has received the approval from the FRA to extend the public comment period to Monday, January 16, 2012.

### **Recommendations**

That the Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to extend the public comment closing date for the draft Small Business Program Plan for an additional 30 days from December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as per Resolution #HSRA 11-29.

**Attachment:** Resolution #HSRA 11-29.