



*Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council  
Representing 160,000 members of 48 local unions and district councils*

**“WE WILL NOT LET TRUMP KILL OUR JOBS”**

**BUILDING TRADES DEFEND HIGH-SPEED RAIL AFTER DUFFY ATTACK**

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21, 2025—The attack by DOT Secretary Duffy Feb. 20 on California High Speed Rail is another example of the Trump Administration’s autocratic, vengeful and unilateral approach to scare and divide the American people, says Council Executive Secretary Ernesto Medrano, who gave the following statement:

“On behalf of our 160,000 members of 48 local unions and district councils, with many affiliated local unions working on High Speed Rail in the Central Valley for the past decade, we welcome accountability and transparency. We do not welcome an ideology-driven effort to undermine the will of the people of California.

“The people of the state of California voted for High Speed Rail, and for the elected officials who oversee it. A recent poll shows that 54 percent of the public supports the High Speed Rail project. To this date, 14,000 hard-working, high wage and highly skilled union members are building High Speed Rail, the most ambitious system in the United States.

“The LA/OC Building Trades continue to strongly support High Speed Rail. We will not let the Trump Administration kill our jobs.”

*The Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council represents 160,000 skilled members of 48 local unions and district councils, with members on the job building infrastructure, housing, schools, hospitals and more. For additional information, please go to: [www.LAOCBuildingTrades.org](http://www.LAOCBuildingTrades.org)*