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MEHDI MORSHED, Executive Director

## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

January 16, 2004

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's January 28, 2004 public Board Meeting will be held at Fresno City Hall, City Council Chambers located at 2600 Fresno Street in Fresno.

Prior to the Board Meeting, the Authority is going to hold a press reception in recognition of the release of the draft EIR/EIS in the Chambers at 9:30 a.m. This event is the culmination of a decade of research and outreach targeting how best to bring high-speed trains to California. A dedicated team of urban planners, transportation experts, elected officials, land use specialist, concerned citizens and business leaders have labored to develop this EIR/EIS.

The Board Meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will include the release of the draft program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/federal-level Tier-1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Staff will also deliver a presentation of the design options included in the Draft EIR/EIS. There will be a discussion of the public review period and the Board will vote on the selection of the dates and locations of the draft EIR/EIS public hearings.

Following conclusion of items 1 to 10 of the agenda, the Board will take a guided tour of the proposed routes in Fresno, Visalia and Hanford and of the routes connecting Fresno with Visalia and Hanford. The Board will view the proposed routes and station locations. Space will be available for members of the public. The tour will conclude where it originated. No action or decisions will be taken or made by the Authority during the tour.

I look forward to seeing you in Fresno at our press event and the Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed  
Executive Director

