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## High-Speed Rail Authority Selects HNTB for Work in Northern California

**FRESNO, Calif.** – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board of Directors today approved the awarding of a contract to conduct preliminary engineering and environmental services for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced project sections to HNTB Corporation (HNTB). The two project sections extend approximately 135 miles and will connect the Bay Area to the Central Valley.

“Awarding this contract is an essential piece to help us move forward in bringing high-speed rail to the Bay Area,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. “HNTB is an experienced firm that has the resources and expertise to complete the work required to meet our goal of environmental clearance in the region by 2017.”

HNTB will assist the Authority in further defining and environmentally clearing high-speed rail blended operations along the Caltrain Corridor from 4<sup>th</sup> and King Streets in San Francisco to the Tamien Station in San Jose. They are also tasked to environmentally clear a high-speed rail alignment between San Jose to the Central Valley Wye. Environmental clearance in both project sections is scheduled to be completed by December 2017. The contract is for a three-year period at a cost of \$36 million.

To obtain the Authority’s aggressive 30 percent goal for Small Business participation, HNTB has a commitment of 31.2 percent from 21 Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. HNTB Corporation is an employee-owned, national firm with more than 100 years of experience providing infrastructure solutions through the application of engineering, architecture, planning and management services.

The San Francisco to San Jose Project Section is approximately 51 miles between the 4th and King St. Station in San Francisco and Caltrain’s Tamien Station in San Jose. The San Jose to Merced Project Section is approximately 84 miles and travels from the Caltrain San Jose Diridon Station to the western limit of the Central Valley Wye at the intersection of Carlucci Road and Henry Miller Avenue, approximately nine miles northeast of Los Banos in Merced County.

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### *About California High-Speed Rail Authority*

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra](https://twitter.com/cahsra)