



Media Advisory

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UPDATED Media Advisory **High-Speed Rail Authority to Host Official** **High-Speed Rail Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 6**

Fresno, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) will join government, community, transportation, business and labor leaders on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 to commemorate the start of sustained construction on the nation’s first high-speed rail system at a ceremonial groundbreaking in Fresno.

WHAT: Official High-Speed Rail Groundbreaking Ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, January 6, 2015
12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Site of Future High-Speed Rail Station
1625 Tulare Street
Fresno, California 93706

Media Tour Scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Prior to the groundbreaking ceremony, there will be a tour available to media to highlight progress being made on the high-speed rail program in the Central Valley. Credentialed media on the tour will visit the old Del Monte Plant, which was recently demolished and is now having steel, asphalt and concrete recycled. Media will also view a building that is being prepared for demolition, and interview Authority staff and construction crews working on the first segment of high-speed rail in California.

WHAT: High-Speed Rail Media Tour

WHO: Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director
Hugo Mejia (Spanish Speaker), Central Valley Design and Construction Manager
Jill Kroeker, J. Kroecker Inc., Small Business Enterprise from Fresno
Paul Katchadourian, Owner, Katch Environmental, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise from Fresno

WHEN: Tuesday, January 6, 2015
10:00 a.m.
*Media is advised to wear closed-toe shoes

WHERE: Old Del Monte Plant
Corner of Kern Street and G Street
Fresno, California 93706

*NOTE: This event is open to invited guests and credentialed media only. Live truck parking is located at Tulare and G Street.

About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The 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

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