

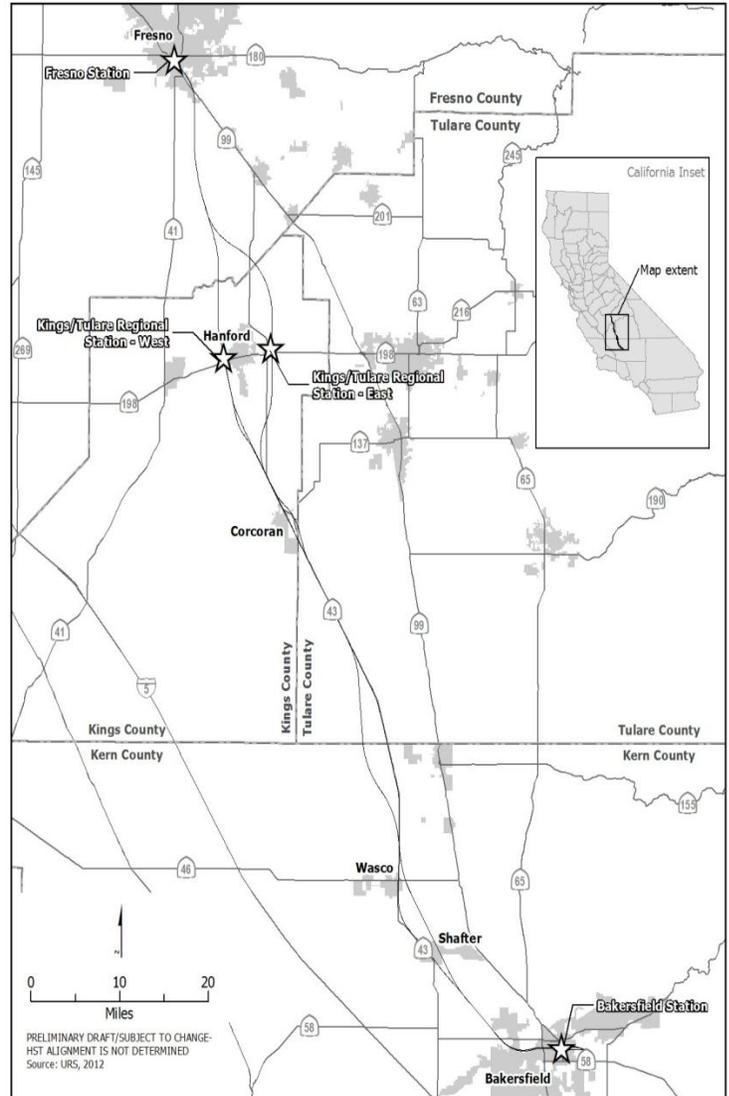
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT – FRESNO TO BAKERSFIELD SECTION REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED PROJECT AND LOCATION: A Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) (tier 1) was certified in November 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California high-speed train (HST) system. The primary goal of the HST system is to provide a reliable high-speed, electric-powered train system that links California's major metropolitan areas and delivers predictable and consistent travel times in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources. Other objectives of HST system are to provide an interface with commercial airports, other mass transit systems, and the state highway network, and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as intercity travel demand in California increases. The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), has prepared a Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS that further examines the Fresno to Bakersfield Section at the project level (tier 2) within Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties. The project would entail construction and operation of a grade-separated, dedicated double-track, electric powered, passenger, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail, high-speed railroad between Fresno and Bakersfield, including stations in downtown Fresno and Bakersfield, a potential Kings/Tulare Regional Station east or west of Hanford, and a possible heavy maintenance facility. This Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS describes a no-project alternative and HST alternatives (including alignment, station, and heavy maintenance facilities alternatives), and identifies potential impacts, benefits, and mitigation measures.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS: Significant environmental effects are anticipated from project implementation in the following resource areas: transportation; air quality; noise and vibration; electromagnetic fields; public utilities; biological resources and wetlands; hazardous materials and wastes; safety and security; communities; land use; agricultural lands; parks, recreation, and open space; aesthetics and visual resources; and cultural and paleontological resources.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project would cross several sites on hazardous waste lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. Thirty-two sites that fit the criteria for Section 65962.5 were identified. The identified sites are included in the 121 sites of potential environmental concern (PEC) that were reviewed during the baseline conditions assessment for all sites with the potential to negatively affect the HST alternatives study area. Those 32 sites are: Lamoure's Cleaners (1304 G Street, Fresno); VOPAK USA, Inc. (1152 G Street, Fresno); Greyhound Bus Depot (1033 Broadway, Fresno); Premier Valley Foods, Inc. (1625 Tulare Street, Fresno); former Caltrans Service Yard (2312 and 2365 S. Tulip Street, Fresno); United States Cold Storage (2539 E. Woodward Avenue, Fresno); Arctic Glacier-Jack Frost Ice (2003 E. Cherry Avenue, Fresno); Rumbley property (2160-2180 S. Van Ness Avenue, Fresno); Chris Sorensen facility (2205 S. Van Ness Avenue, Fresno); two vacant lots (2368 and 2376 S. Grace Street, Fresno); California Diesel Report and Anderson Clayton (2396 S. Railroad Avenue, Fresno); former Burlington Northern Santa Fe Ice House (3090 E. Church Avenue, Fresno); FMC Corporation (2501 S. Sunland Avenue, Fresno); Weir Floway Inc. (2494 S. Railroad Avenue, Fresno); former Valley Foundry and Machine Works (2510 S. East Avenue, Fresno); south Fresno regional groundwater plume (north of Church Avenue, east of Golden State Boulevard., south of Woodward



Avenue, and west of Gearhart Street); Swift Transportation (2797 S. Orange Avenue, Fresno); Professional Asbestos Removal Corp. (2706 S. Railroad Avenue, Fresno); CL Bryant (3220 S. Parkway Drive, Fresno); Cedar Avenue Recycling and Transfer Station (3457 S. Cedar Avenue, Fresno); Wilbur-Ellis Company (4106 S. Cedar Avenue, Fresno); Bowen Engineering and Environmental (4664 S. Cedar Avenue, Fresno); Fowler Packing Co. (8570 S. Cedar Avenue, Fresno); Vie-Del Company #1 (11903 S. Chestnut Avenue, Fresno); Baker Commodities (7480 Hanford-Armona Road, Hanford); Puregro-Corcoran (6991 Nevada Avenue, Corcoran); Santa Fe Railroad Property (7th and H Streets, Wasco); Brown and Bryant (135 Commercial Drive, Shafter); KVS Transportation, Inc. (3752 Allen Road, Bakersfield); Tosco Corporation Bakersfield Refinery (6500 Refinery Boulevard, Bakersfield); and Kern Rock Company (529 Dolores Street, Bakersfield).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS is being made available to the public for a 60-day review and comment period, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. During the 60-day comment period, written comments may be submitted via mail to “Fresno to Bakersfield Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS Comment,” 770 L Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA 95814; through the Authority’s website [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov]; or via e-mail to Fresno_Bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov with the subject line “Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS Comment.” The comment period is from July 20 to September 20, 2012. **Comments must be received electronically, or postmarked, on or before September 20, 2012.**

The information in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and the comments received will be considered by the Authority and FRA when they identify the preferred HST alignment alternative and station location options for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section of the proposed California HST system. The Authority and FRA will prepare a Final EIR/EIS, which will include responses to comments received and a description of the preferred alignment and station location options.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The Authority and FRA invite you to attend the public hearings that have been scheduled to receive public and public agency comments on the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and the HST alternatives it discusses. Each hearing is scheduled from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The hearings will include a short open-house portion followed by a public hearing during which members of the public may formally submit an oral comment on the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS. Written comments also may be submitted at the hearings. Spanish translation will be provided; if you have other special needs, such as a hearing impairment, please call Ms. Lisa Lanterman at (916) 679-2341 in advance of the meetings. All public hearings will be wheelchair accessible. Below is a list of scheduled hearing dates and locations:

- Bakersfield: August 27, 2012 – Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
- Hanford: August 28, 2012 – Hanford Fraternal Hall, 1015 N. 10th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230
- Fresno: August 29, 2012 – Fresno Convention Center, Exhibit Hall III, 848 M. Street, Fresno, CA 93721

Please call the Authority at (916) 324-1541, or check the Authority website [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov], for more information, including up-to-date information on planned hearings.

COPIES OF THE REVISED DRAFT EIR/SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIS: Visit the Authority website [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov] or the FRA website [www.fra.dot.gov], where you may view and download the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS. The Authority website also contains technical reports underlying the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS. You may also request a CD-ROM of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS by calling (916) 679-2341. Printed copies of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS have been placed in public libraries in the following cities: Fresno – Central Branch (2420 Mariposa Street), Cedar-Clinton Branch (4150 E. Clinton Street), Fig Garden Regional Branch (3071 W. Bullard), Mosqueda Center (4670 E. Butler Avenue), Senior Resource Center Library (2025 E. Dakota Avenue), Sunnyside Branch (5566 E. Kings Canyon Road), West Fresno (188 E. California Avenue); Clovis – Clovis Regional Library (1155 Fifth Street); Pinedale – Pinedale Community Center (7170 N. San Pablo Street); Woodward Park (944 E. Perrin Avenue); Laton (6313 DeWoody Street); Kings-Hanford (401 N. Douty Street); Lemoore (457 C Street); Corcoran (1001 Chittenden Avenue); Armona (11115 C Street); Tulare-Visalia (200 West Oak Avenue); Tulare (475 North M Street); Kern-Delano (925 10th Avenue); Shafter (236 James Street); Wasco (1102 7th Street); Bakersfield – Beale Memorial (701 Truxtun Avenue), Baker Branch (1400 Baker Street), Northeast Branch (3725 Columbus Street).

Printed copies of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and the underlying technical reports also are available for review during business hours at the Authority’s offices at 770 L Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA.

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