

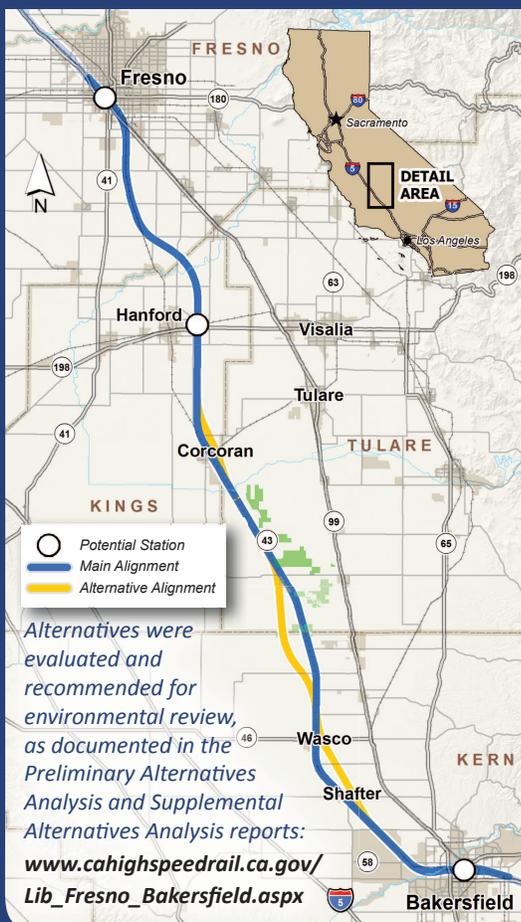
## Fresno to Bakersfield

*The Fresno to Bakersfield Section of California's high-speed train project is 113 miles long. The route travels through the San Joaquin Valley with stations proposed in the cities of Fresno and Bakersfield, and one additional station proposed near Hanford to serve Kings and Tulare Counties. Potential route alignments and station locations are being evaluated through an environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This process will result in the development of a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) available for public review and comment.*

### What's Next?

The Fresno to Bakersfield section stretches through the heart of the state's Central Valley, a diverse area that is home to many thriving communities and two-thirds of California's critical agricultural production. Based on its ability to connect major city centers across the state and the opportunity to create jobs in an area of the state hit hardest by the struggling economy and unemployment, the region has been selected to receive a total of \$6.33 billion for initial construction from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funds, and Prop 1A matching funds. This first construction phase will take place from north of Fresno, near Madera, to Bakersfield.

The Central Valley section, made up of the Merced to Fresno and the Fresno to Bakersfield sections, will serve as the backbone of the High-Speed Train system, connecting southern California to the San Francisco Bay Area and northern California.



### Regional Facts

- **Job Opportunities**—The project has the potential to create approximately **20,000 construction-related jobs** in the Central Valley for every \$1 billion invested.
- **Travel Time**—High-speed train will create a safe, convenient, and fast way to travel throughout California. Travel time between Fresno and Bakersfield is estimated to be **35 to 40 minutes**, compared to 90 minutes by car or 2 hours via Amtrak. Estimated travel times for other common routes include: Fresno to Los Angeles - **1 hour 24 minutes**; Bakersfield to Los Angeles - **54 minutes**; Fresno to San Francisco - **1 hour 20 minutes**; and Bakersfield to San Francisco - **1 hour 51 minutes**.<sup>2</sup>
- **Ridership**—By 2035, the system is projected to attract as many as **8,400 boardings daily** in Fresno and **9,200** in Bakersfield.<sup>1</sup>
- **Environmentally Responsible**—High-speed rail uses only one-third the energy of airplanes and one-fifth the energy of the family car.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> December 2009 Business Plan/Report to the Legislature, CA High-Speed Rail Authority  
<sup>2</sup> 2005 Statewide Programmatic EIR/EIS  
<sup>3</sup> ADDENDUM/ERRATA to Final Program EIR/EIS for the Bay Area to Central Valley Portion of the CHST System, California High-Speed Rail Authority, June 2008, S-11



### Where Are We Now?

The Fresno to Bakersfield high-speed train route is currently in the project-level environmental review phase. The environmental impacts being evaluated include impacts to existing roads, communities and neighborhoods, agricultural lands, air quality, water resources, sound and vibration, and wildlife and ecosystems, among others. Public comment is an important part of this process. The Fresno to Bakersfield **draft EIR/EIS** will be available for public review and comment in summer 2011. Comments received on the draft EIR/EIS will be evaluated and responded to in the final EIR/EIS.

The draft EIR/EIS process will lead to the selection of a preferred alternative, establishing the alignment and station locations to be carried forward in the final EIR/EIS and the ultimate construction of the project.



### California High-Speed Rail

- 800-mile system
- Maximum operating speeds of 220 mph
- Powered by electricity
- Efficient travel with connections to local public transportation

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