

**Informational Workshops:**  
(4-7 p.m.)

**Rosedale**

Monday, August 13, 2012  
Rosedale Middle School  
Multipurpose Room  
12463 Rosedale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA 93312

**Wasco**

Tuesday, August 14, 2012  
Elks Lodge  
16694 Wasco Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280

**Corcoran**

Wednesday, August 15, 2012  
Corcoran Veterans Memorial Hall  
1000 Van Dorsten Avenue  
Corcoran, CA 93212

**Fresno**

Thursday, August 16, 2012  
The Grand 1401 Ballroom  
1401 Fulton Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

**Public Comment Hearings:**  
(3-8 p.m.)

**Bakersfield**

Monday, August 27, 2012  
Beale Memorial Library Auditorium  
701 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Hanford**

Tuesday, August 28, 2012  
Hanford Fraternal Hall  
1015 N. 10th Avenue  
Hanford, CA 93230

**Fresno**

Wednesday, August 29, 2012  
Fresno Convention Center  
Exhibit Hall III  
848 M Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

*Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate.*

*For translation services or special needs, please call 916-679-2341.*



**Now Available for Public Review and Comment:  
Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS for the Fresno  
to Bakersfield Section of the High-Speed Train Project**

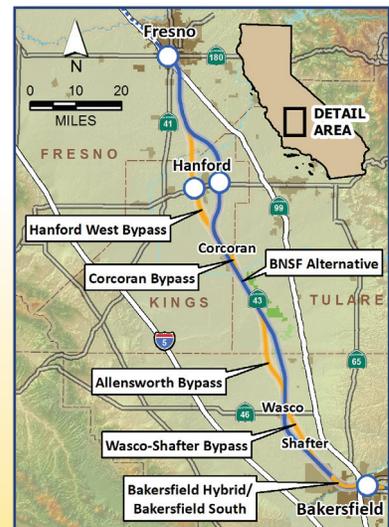
The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have released for public review and comment a joint Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Fresno to Bakersfield section of the California High-Speed Train (HST) Project. The Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS is available for public review and comment from (and including) July 20 to September 20, 2012.

**The California High-Speed Train System**

The Authority is proposing to develop an 800-mile high-speed train system to connect the San Francisco Bay Area to Sacramento in the north, through the Central Valley to Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego in the south. A comprehensive program-level environmental study was completed in 2008 to determine general HST alignment and station locations. The November 2008 California voter-approved \$9.95 billion bond measure moved the program forward, and project-specific environmental studies are now underway. The High-Speed Train in the Central Valley, 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.

**The Fresno to Bakersfield Section**

The Fresno to Bakersfield section of the HST system is approximately 114 miles long and has stations proposed in Fresno and Bakersfield, with an additional station option to serve the Kings-Tulare County region. The project section begins north of downtown Fresno and ends southeast of downtown Bakersfield.



## How can I comment on the Fresno to Bakersfield Revised Draft EIR/ Supplemental Draft EIS?

There is a 60-day public comment period during which comments on the document can be submitted. The comment period extends from July 20 through September 20, 2012. There are several ways that you can provide comments:

- Attend a public workshop on August 13, 14, 15 or 16 and submit a comment card.
- Attend a public hearing on August 27, 28 or 29 and submit a comment card or have your comment transcribed by a court reporter. Public hearings will be held in three different communities that may be impacted by the project.
- Anytime during the comment period, comments will be accepted via e-mail, website or standard mail at the following locations:

### Mail:

Fresno to Bakersfield Revised Draft EIR/ Supplemental Draft EIS Comment  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### Online:

Visit the Authority's website:  
[www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov)

### E-mail:

[Fresno\\_Bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:Fresno_Bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov)  
Subject line: Revised Draft EIR/ Supplemental Draft EIS Comment



## What happens to my comments?

Each comment received regarding the environmental document will be reviewed, and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS document, anticipated for public release in early 2013. Comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS, circulated in 2011, will also be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.

## What role does the EIR/EIS play in the project decision-making?

Following the publication of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, the Authority and FRA will select a Preferred Alternative. A preferred location for a possible heavy maintenance facility may also be selected. FRA's Record of Decision and the Authority's Notice of Determination will follow the Final EIR/EIS and present each agency's selected alternative.

## About the Environmental Review Process

Large infrastructure projects like the California High-Speed Train project require extensive studies on potential impacts that the project may have on the physical environment, and ways to reduce and/or eliminate any potential negative impacts.

The environmental process for this project falls under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These statutes provide a standardized method of identifying, evaluating, and addressing the HST project impacts. Under NEPA, the HST project impacts are reported in the Environmental Impact Statement. Under CEQA, the HST project impacts are reported in the Environmental Impact Report. With large projects such as these, the state and the Federal government agree that the EIR and EIS processes can proceed concurrently instead of consecutively in order to more efficiently move the project forward. Thus, a combined "joint document" has been created, called an EIR/EIS.

## What is the purpose of an EIR/EIS?

The EIR/EIS serves several purposes. Required under United States environmental law, this joint document:

- Informs the public and agency decision-makers of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project
- Provides mitigation measures to avoid or significantly reduce potential negative environmental impacts
- Identifies and evaluates reasonable alternatives that could avoid or lessen potential negative environmental impacts
- Allows the public to have input into the use of public funds and agency decisions

## Which agencies oversee the environmental impact review process?

The Authority is the agency responsible for upholding the state's CEQA requirements through the EIR. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is the agency responsible for upholding the federal NEPA requirements through the EIS.

## Why is there a Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS?

In response to stakeholder, agency, and public feedback on the alternative alignments, the Authority and FRA introduced two alternatives that bypass Hanford to the west, as well as an additional alternative through Bakersfield. The Revised documents also include refinements to the existing Fresno to Bakersfield alternative alignments.

## The Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS includes the following chapters:

**Chapter 1.0, Project Purpose, Need, and Objectives** explains why the project is proposed and provides a history of the planning process.

**Chapter 2.0, Alternatives** describes the proposed Fresno to Bakersfield section alternatives and design options, HST station options, and heavy maintenance facility options, as well as the No Project Alternative. It contains illustrations and maps and provides an overview of construction activities.

**Chapter 3.0, Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, and Mitigation Measures** includes information about the existing transportation, environmental, and social conditions in the area of the proposed project. This chapter provides the analytical findings of the project's potential environmental impacts, along with methods to reduce these impacts (referred to as mitigation measures).

The contents of this chapter are broken out into the following resource areas:

3.1 Introduction	3.11 Safety and Security
3.2 Transportation	3.12 Socioeconomics, Communities, and Environmental Justice
3.3 Air Quality and Global Climate Change	3.13 Station Planning, Land Use, and Development
3.4 Noise and Vibration	3.14 Agricultural Lands
3.5 Electromagnetic Fields and Electromagnetic Interference	3.15 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
3.6 Public Utilities and Energy	3.16 Aesthetics and Visual Resources
3.7 Biological Resources and Wetlands	3.17 Cultural and Paleontological Resources
3.8 Hydrology and Water Resources	3.18 Regional Growth
3.9 Geology, Soils, and Seismicity	3.19 Cumulative Impacts
3.10 Hazardous Materials and Wastes	

**Chapter 4.0, Section 4(f)/Section 6(f) Evaluation** summarizes parks, wildlife refuges, and historic properties in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 and Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Funds Act. It describes avoidance alternatives and measures to minimize harm to these resources.

**Chapter 5.0, Project Costs and Operations** summarizes the estimated capital and operations and maintenance costs for each Fresno to Bakersfield section alternative evaluated in the Project EIR/EIS, including funding and financial risk.

**Chapter 6.0, Other CEQA/NEPA Considerations** summarizes the project's significant adverse environmental effects, including those which cannot be avoided if the project is implemented.

**Chapter 7.0, Public and Agency Involvement** presents summaries of coordination and outreach activities, with agencies and the general public.

**Chapter 8.0, EIR/EIS Distribution** identifies individuals and organizations informed of the availability of the Revised Draft EIR/ Supplemental Draft EIS.

**Chapter 9.0, List of Preparers** provides the names and responsibilities of the authors of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

**Chapter 10.0, References/Sources Used in Document Preparation** cites the references and contacts used in writing this document.

**Chapter 11.0, Glossary of Terms** provides definitions of certain terms used in the Project EIR/EIS.

**Chapter 12.0, Index** provides a tool to cross-reference major topics used in the Project EIR/EIS.

**Chapter 13.0, Acronyms and Abbreviations** defines the acronyms and abbreviations used in this document.





## Where can I find the Fresno to Bakersfield Revised Draft EIR/ Supplemental Draft EIS?

The documents are available for public review in hard copy and/or on a CD-ROM at a number of publicly accessible locations. The document can also be viewed online at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) and [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov). In addition, several materials have been translated into Spanish and are available online. The document is available for public review at the following locations :

	VENUE	ADDRESS
<b>FRESNO COUNTY</b>	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Central Branch</b>	2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA 93721
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Cedar-Clinton Branch</b>	4150 E. Clinton Street, Fresno, CA 93703
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Clovis Regional Library</b>	1155 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Fig-Garden Branch</b>	3071 W. Bullard Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Mosqueda Community Center</b>	4670 E. Butler Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702
	<b>Pinedale Community Center</b>	7170 N. San Pablo Street, Pinedale, CA 93650
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Sunnyside Branch</b>	5566 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, CA 93727
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, West Fresno Branch</b>	188 E. California Avenue, Fresno, CA 93706
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Woodward Park Branch</b>	944 E. Perrin Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720
	<b>Fresno County Public Library, Laton Branch</b>	6313 DeWoody Street, Laton, CA 93242
	<b>City of Fresno - Planning Department</b>	2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721
	<b>Fresno County - Clerk of the Board</b>	2281 Tulare Street, #301, Fresno, CA 93721
	<b>Laton Community Services District</b>	6501 E. Latonia Avenue, Laton, CA 93242
	<b>Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (F.I.R.M.)</b>	1940 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93703
	<b>Ted C. Wills Community Center</b>	770 N. San Pablo, Fresno, CA 93728
	<b>Einstein Neighborhood Center</b>	3566 E. Dakota, Fresno, CA 93726
	<b>Mary Ella Brown Community Center</b>	1350 E. Annadale, Fresno, CA 93706
	<b>Lafayette Neighborhood Center</b>	1516 E. Princeton, Fresno, CA 93704
	<b>Dickey Development Center</b>	1515 E. Divisadero, Fresno, CA 93721
	<b>KINGS COUNTY</b>	<b>Frank H. Ball Community Center</b>
<b>Senior Resource Center Library</b>		2025 E. Dakota Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726
<b>Kings Community Action Organization</b>		1130 N. 11th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230
<b>Kings County Library, Corcoran Branch</b>		1001 Chittenden Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212
<b>Kings County Main Library, Hanford</b>		401 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA 93230
<b>Kings County Library, Lemoore Branch</b>		457 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245
<b>Kings County Library, Armona Branch</b>		11115 C Street, Armona, CA 93202
<b>City of Hanford - Planning Department</b>		315-321 North Douty Street, Hanford, CA 93230
<b>City of Corcoran - Planning Department</b>		832 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212
<b>Hanford Adult School</b>		905 Campus Drive, Hanford, CA 93230
<b>TULARE COUNTY</b>	<b>High-Speed Rail Hanford Project Office</b>	101 N. Irwin Street, Suite 109, Hanford, CA 93230
	<b>Housing Authority of Kings County</b>	670 S. Irwin Street, Hanford, CA 93230
	<b>City of Tulare - Planning Department</b>	411 East Kern Avenue, Tulare, CA 93274
	<b>City of Visalia - Planning Department</b>	707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA 93278
	<b>Tulare County Library, Visalia Branch</b>	200 W. Oak Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291
	<b>Tulare County Library, Main Branch</b>	475 N. M Street, Tulare, CA 93274
<b>KERN COUNTY</b>	<b>Allensworth Community Services District</b>	3336 Road 84, Allensworth, CA 93219
	<b>Allensworth Community Center</b>	8123 Avenue 36, Allensworth, CA 93219
	<b>Kern County Library, Baker Branch</b>	1400 Baker Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305
	<b>Kern County Library, Beale Memorial Branch</b>	701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
	<b>Kern County Library, Delano Branch</b>	925 10th Avenue, Delano, CA 93215
	<b>Kern County Library, Northeast Branch</b>	3725 Columbus Street, Bakersfield, CA 93306
	<b>Kern County Library, Shafter Branch</b>	236 James Street, Shafter, CA 93263
	<b>Kern County Library, Wasco Branch</b>	1102 7th Street, Wasco, CA 93280
	<b>City of Wasco- Planning Department</b>	746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280
	<b>City of Shafter- Planning Department</b>	336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263
	<b>City of Bakersfield- Planning Department</b>	1715 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center</b>	1000 S. Owens Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307
	<b>Greenacres Community Center</b>	2014 Calloway Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93312
	<b>Shafter Youth Center</b>	455 E. Euclid Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263
<b>SACRAMENTO COUNTY</b>	<b>Shafter Housing Authority</b>	300 Terra Vista Lane, Shafter, CA 93263
	<b>Wasco Housing Authority</b>	750 H Street, Wasco, CA 93280
	<b>Community Action Partnership of Kern</b>	300 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301
	<b>Richard Prado East Bakersfield Senior Center</b>	2101 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA 93305
	<b>Sacramento Public Library</b>	828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
	<b>California High-Speed Rail Authority</b>	770 L Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA 95814

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