

7.0 Public and Agency Involvement

Pursuant to the requirements of NEPA and CEQA, the Authority and FRA, as lead agencies, conducted a public and agency involvement program as part of the environmental review process. This chapter describes the public and agency involvement efforts conducted in the preparation of this Draft Project EIR/EIS. The public and agency involvement program includes the following efforts:

- Public involvement and outreach – informational materials including fact sheets; informational and scoping meetings, including town hall meetings, public and agency scoping meetings, meetings with individuals and groups, presentations; and briefings.
- Agency involvement – agency scoping meetings, interagency working group, meetings with agency representatives, and other agency consultation.
- Notification and circulation of the Draft Project EIR/EIS.

In addition, the Authority posts meeting notices and public documents on its website, www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov. The site includes information about HSTs, the proposed HST route, the Authority's updated Final Business Plan, newsletters, press releases, board of directors meetings, recent developments, status of the environmental review process, Authority contact information, and related links. The Authority Board of Directors meetings are open to the public, and one of the first items on the meeting agenda is to provide an opportunity for public comment on any public agenda item.

California High-Speed Train Authority Web Site

Information on HST project activities, including meeting notices and publications, are available on-line at:

www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov

Throughout the environmental process, some of the most frequently asked questions were related to the location of the HMF. Other commonly asked questions regarded the timing of the project; funding for construction and operation of the project, including which alignment would be selected; right-of-way acquisition; and potential impacts on agricultural land. Project staff addressed these and other questions, often referring to the environmental analysis that was already under way for the Draft Project EIR/EIS and informing people of upcoming opportunity for them to provide public comment on that document. Project staff also assessed impacts of other alternatives or changes that individuals and organizations had suggested. Outreach staff logged outstanding questions for direct follow-up with the individual organization that had inquired or as items to be addressed at future meetings. Upon request, Project staff offered to provide meetings and briefings.

7.1 Environmental Justice Outreach

The Authority conducted specific outreach efforts to low-income and minority populations and to communities of concern. The purpose of this outreach was to increase understanding of how the project may potentially affect these populations. Environmental justice populations were identified using 2007 data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section: Community Impact Assessment Technical Report* contains a list of environmental justice-related interest groups that have been engaged through outreach efforts (Authority and FRA 2011). The Authority also contacted groups with interest in environmental and economic social justice issues, such as California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) and established minority organizations such as the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA), as well as other civic and group leaders. Materials for public meetings hosted by the Authority were translated into Spanish, and Spanish language interpreters were available at all public information meetings. For additional information about environmental justice outreach to low-income and minority populations and communities of concern please see Section 3.12, Socioeconomics, Communities, and Environmental Justice.

Table 7-1, which is provided at the end of this chapter, lists the meetings held as part of the Authority's outreach effort, both during and after scoping.

7.2 Public and Agency Scoping

Public scoping is an important element in the process of determining the focus and content of an EIR/EIS and provides an opportunity for public involvement. Scoping helps identify the range of actions, alternatives, environmental effects, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in depth. It also helps focus detailed study on those issues pertinent to the final decision on the proposed project.

Information from Scoping Meetings Available On-line

Scoping meeting materials available at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov include the following:

- Fresno-Bakersfield Fact Sheet
- Scoping meeting notification postcard mailer (English and Spanish)
- Public Meeting Presentations
- Agency Coordination Plan

7.2.1 Notices of Preparation, Notices of Intent, and Public Information Materials

On February 24, 2009, a Notice of Preparation was distributed to the State Clearinghouse; elected officials; local, regional, and state agencies; and the interested public. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the *Federal Register* on March 16, 2009 notifying the public of FRA's intention to prepare an EIS for the Merced to Bakersfield section of the HST System (74 FR 11172, March 16, 2009). The Authority and FRA subsequently determined that the environmental impacts of the HST System from Merced to Bakersfield would be more appropriately assessed in two separate EIR/EIS documents, one from Merced to Fresno and another from Fresno to Bakersfield. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) (SCH Number 2009091126) and Notice of Intent (74 FR 50866, October 1, 2009) for the Draft Project EIR/EIS, amending the environmental process were issued on September 29, 2009, and October 1, 2009, respectively. Information from the scoping meetings is available online at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov, including the Fresno to Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet (English and Spanish); scoping meeting notification postcard mailer (English and Spanish); public meeting presentations; and Agency Coordination Plan.

7.2.2 Scoping Meetings

The public is encouraged to provide input on the scope of an EIR/EIS throughout the environmental review process. As part of public outreach for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section, three public and agency scoping meetings were held between March 18 and March 26, 2009, in Fresno, Visalia, and Bakersfield in the Fresno to Bakersfield corridor. A total of 400 people attended the meetings as part of the HST project section that had been defined for the corridor between Merced and Bakersfield. The scoping meetings held in March 2009 for the Merced to Bakersfield HST Project EIR/EIS are an important component of the scoping process for both the state and federal environmental review.

All meetings were held between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to allow representatives from agencies and the public the opportunity to participate. The format of the scoping meetings was an open house, which allowed people to arrive at any time to obtain information and provide input. Agendas, fact sheets, and scoping period comment sheets were distributed at the scoping meetings. The comments received at the meetings were documented and are summarized below and in the Draft Scoping Report: Fresno to Bakersfield Section (Authority and FRA 2009). Approximately 2,980 people listed in the Merced to Bakersfield Section database received direct mail announcements of the public scoping meetings. The meetings were also announced on the Authority's website. Local newspapers published advertisements of the meetings, and local media

outlets received press releases. Approximately 135 people participated in the formal scoping meetings in Fresno and Bakersfield. The places and dates of the public and agency scoping meetings are listed below.

- Fresno: Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall, March 25, 2009.
- Bakersfield: Rabobank Theater Lobby, March 26, 2009.

In addition to these formal scoping meetings, public input on the scope of the environmental review was sought through other means including presentations, briefings, and workshops. Table 7-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the meetings held as part of the lead agencies' outreach effort.

7.2.3 Scoping Comments

The scoping meetings and comments received on the NOI/NOP helped the lead agencies identify general environmental issues to be addressed in this Draft Project EIR/EIS. The Fresno to Bakersfield Section HST scoping process identified issues with the proposed alignments and stations; suggestions for new or modified alignments, stations, and heavy maintenance facilities; and issues of potential concern (listed below) related to the proposed project. The NOI/NOP requested that comments be submitted by October 30, 2009. Most of the comments about station preferences supported stations in the downtown areas of Fresno, Bakersfield, and east of Hanford. Concerns about proposed route alternatives consisted of potential community and natural resource impacts of the BNSF Alternative, especially in the Allensworth State Historical Park and Ecological Reserve and potential community impacts in Fresno, Corcoran, Wasco, Shafter, and Bakersfield. The Mayor of Fresno stated a preference for a downtown station as an integral part of the revitalization effort. The Mayors of the cities of Tulare and Visalia supported an elevated rail between Fresno and Bakersfield to minimize impacts to farmland and wildlife. Most of those expressing an opinion supported the location of the HMF at Castle Commerce Center (in the Merced to Fresno Section). Other commenters supported an elevated alignment along the Highway 99 corridor to reduce overall length by eliminating westerly swing toward Hanford along the BNSF corridor, reduce impacts to resource conservation areas, and be compatible with urban development. Environmental, cost and financing, transportation, and other issues mentioned in scoping comments included the following:

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| • Location of HST stations and alignment | • Rail consolidation |
| • Location of the maintenance facility | • Power source and system requirements. |
| • Air quality, congestion, and economic benefits | • Economic growth |
| • Connections to local transit | • Benefits/impacts on local businesses |
| • General support for the project | • Employment opportunities |
| • Fast tracking of the project | • Ridership estimates |
| • Agricultural impacts | • Property acquisition |
| • Natural resource impacts | • Displacement of people |
| • Noise impacts | • Potential devaluation of property. |
| • Cost and financing of the HST system | • Use of domestic labor and products for construction |

The Fresno to Bakersfield Final EIR/EIS Scoping Report (Authority and FRA 2009) is available on the Authority's website.

7.3 Alternatives Analysis Process

The alternatives analysis process uses preliminary planning and environmental and engineering information to identify feasible and practicable alternatives to carry forward for environmental

review and preliminary engineering design in the Fresno to Bakersfield HST Draft Project EIR/EIS. The draft *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b) is intended to identify the range of potentially feasible alternatives to analyze in the Draft Project EIR/EIS. It documents the preliminary evaluation of alternatives, indicating how each of the alternatives would meet the purpose for the HST project, how evaluation criteria were applied and used to determine which alternatives to carry forward for detailed environmental analysis, and which alternatives should not be carried forward for further analysis.

The analysis began with the corridors selected in the 2005 Statewide Program EIR/EIS (Authority and FRA 2005) and the *Visalia-Tulare-Hanford Station Feasibility Study* (Authority and FRA 2007) that was recommended in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS. Alternatives to carry forward for environmental analysis were separated into three sub-areas of the Fresno to Bakersfield section:

- Fresno subsection (Clinton Avenue to E. Manning Avenue).
- Rural subsection on the west side of the BNSF corridor (E. Manning Avenue to Hageman Road in Rosedale).
- Bakersfield subsection (Hageman Road to Oswell Road).

The analysis included the preferred alternative identified in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS documents that parallels the BNSF alignment. In addition, the analysis included consideration of variations in Fresno that were suggested during the scoping process: the elevated Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) west; elevated UPRR east; and UPRR crossover that combined the UPRR west and UPRR east alternatives. The alternatives analysis process also included the study of local variations in the rural subsections, including a bypass east of Hanford; a bypass east of Corcoran; another bypass (at-grade) to the west of Allensworth State Historic Park and Allensworth Ecological Reserve; and a Wasco-Shafter bypass east of the BNSF. The Bakersfield subsection alignments include: through the BNSF yard, north of east Bakersfield, and south of the UPRR, elevated; and north of the BNSF right-of-way and yard, along California Avenue through east Bakersfield, and south of UPRR, elevated.

With consideration of the public and agency comments received during the planning and initial scoping processes, various design options to the main north-south alternatives and station options were considered. The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b) provides details.

Public and agency comments received during the Visalia-Tulare-Hanford station feasibility study, the NOI/NOP comment period for the Fresno to Bakersfield Draft Project EIR/EIS, and ongoing interagency coordination meetings and public information meetings helped to identify the initial alternatives to carry forward for detailed evaluation. After initial project alternatives were identified, alignment plans, preliminary profile concepts, and cross-sections were developed and used for this detailed evaluation of the alternatives.

Public and agency input on issues to be studied, city and county land use and planning information, and input on the range of alternatives provided valuable information to assist in evaluating the alternatives. After the initial review of these alternatives, a series of TWG meetings was held to review results and gather input. Other agency and public comments resulted in adjustments to alignments and profiles of the alternatives to avoid and minimize environmental and community impacts. On December 3, 2009, the Authority Board of Directors

Alternatives Analysis Reports Available for Public Review

The Preliminary and Supplemental Alternative Analysis Reports, are available on-line at:

www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/lib_Fresno_Bakersfield.aspx

received a briefing on the alternatives analysis. On June 3, 2010, project staff presented the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report (Authority and FRA 2010b), and the board identified the alternatives to carry forward for detailed evaluation for the three sub-areas (the Fresno, Rural, and Bakersfield sub-areas). The alternatives carried forward were as follows:

- For the Fresno sub-area: Fresno East and Fresno West.
- For the Rural sub-area: BNSF Route west side shared right-of-way with bypass east of Hanford.
- For the Bakersfield sub-area: Through BNSF yard, north of East Bakersfield, south of UPRR, elevated and North of BNSF right-of-way along California Avenue through East Bakersfield, south of UPRR elevated.

On September 2, 2010, California High-Speed Rail Authority Board review of the *Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010c) confirmed the alternatives selected in the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report (Authority and FRA 2010b) for detailed evaluation. The HMF sites identified for detailed evaluation were the Fresno Works–Fresno site, the Kings County–Hanford site, the Kern Council of Governments–Wasco site, and the Kern Council of Governments–Shafter site.

7.3.1 Public Information Meetings and Materials during the Alternatives Analysis Process

Public information meetings were held during the alternatives analysis process to inform the public about the Fresno to Bakersfield Section alternatives analysis recommendations. Various meeting formats, such as open house, formal presentation, and question and comment sessions, were used to present information and provide opportunities for input by participants. Project information and announcements were posted on the Authority's web site. See Table 7-1 at the end of this chapter for a list of public meeting dates and topics.

The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b) was prepared to provide information to the public regarding the alternatives analysis process, the initial range of alternatives considered, and the criteria for evaluating those alternatives. Detailed information displays about the alternatives analysis process were also provided at public meetings. In addition to the public information meetings, another element of the outreach was to provide updates and presentations to clubs, organizations, farm bureaus, and business owners, as well as to the counties of Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern and the cities of Fresno, Hanford, Corcoran, Wasco, Shafter, and Bakersfield to facilitate an inclusive and transparent process. Common comments included concern impacts on agricultural fields, effects on community resources, and the desire for alignment changes. The alternatives analyses, including the preliminary and supplemental reports, are available online at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/lib_Fresno_Bakersfield.aspx.

Public Meeting Materials Available On-line

Various publications and materials are available on-line at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

Some key publications (in English and Spanish) include:

- Fresno to Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions – Fresno to Bakersfield
- Your Property, Your High-Speed Rail Project
- Permit to Enter Fact Sheet

7.3.2 Technical Working Group Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

The Authority formed agency TWGs composed of senior staff from county and city public works and planning departments, County Agricultural Commissioners, redevelopment agencies, and economic development agencies for each of the sub-areas. The purpose of these groups was to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas during the course of the study. Table 7-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the TWG meeting dates and topics.

After the scoping period ended, the initial range of alternatives was developed. In June 2009, the Fresno to Bakersfield HST Section alternatives were presented to the TWGs for Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties, and the City of Bakersfield/Kern County. These Technical Working Groups provided input on the alternatives and information about city and county land use, transportation and other planning projects, as well as updates to their boards or councils.

After the initial review of alternatives, the project team continued to meet with the TWGs for Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties, and the City of Bakersfield/Kern County to review the initial range of alternatives and receive more detailed information about transportation and land use development patterns that could be affected by the alternatives, and to receive input on station locations and alignments. The TWG members offered insights about important community features, proposed and additional infrastructure plans, and existing utilities. These insights resulted in adjustments in the position and profile of the alternatives to avoid and minimize impacts on community resources.

After the preliminary alternatives analysis findings were available, but before publication of the alternatives analysis report, the results and findings were communicated to the TWGs, the public, and the Authority Board of Directors in December 2009.

7.3.3 Environmental Resource Agency Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

Meetings were held with the Environmental Agency TWG for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section to provide an overview and review of the alternatives analysis process and to present recommendations. Primary feedback included information about subsequent environmental permitting processes, site-specific knowledge, and interest in carrying more than one HST alternative through the EIR/EIS. Potential environmental concerns raised at these meetings included impacts to wetlands and threatened or endangered species. These meetings are discussed in Section 7.4.3 and listed in Table 7-1.

7.4 Development of the EIR/EIS

During the development of the Draft Project EIR/EIS, the Authority and FRA held meetings to consult with federal, state, and local agencies, and to provide project updates and obtain feedback from the public. The following subsections provide details of these activities.

7.4.1 Public Information Materials and Meetings

The Authority and FRA held informal and formal public meetings during preparation of the Project EIR/EIS. Various meeting formats, such as open house, formal presentation, and question and comment sessions, were used to present information and provide opportunities for input by participants. Project information and announcements were posted on the Authority's website. Meetings are described in Section 7.3.1 and listed in Table 7-1 at the end of this chapter.

Public information meetings were held during preparation of the Draft Project EIR/EIS to inform the public about the alternatives analysis recommendations for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section and status of the EIR/EIS preparation. In addition, these meetings provided information on various HST project components and served as forums for obtaining feedback. The public information meetings included brief presentations and project information materials (on display and in fact sheets); project staff were available to answer questions. Meetings were announced through direct mail to those on the project database, advertisements in local newspapers, and postings on the Authority's website (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov). Various publications and materials were also made available at this website, including the *Fresno-Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet*, *Fresno to Bakersfield Frequently Asked Questions*, *Your Property, Your High-Speed Rail Project*, and the *Permit to Enter* fact sheet.

The Authority participated in additional public meetings hosted by other agencies to provide project information and obtain feedback. The places and dates of these meetings are listed in Table 7-1, provided at the end of this chapter.

7.4.2 Technical Working Group Meetings

The TWGs continued to meet regularly during the Draft Project EIR/EIS preparation process to facilitate information exchanges about modifications to alignments selected for analysis in the EIR/EIS, HST station and alignment design details, and identification of potential resource impacts and avoidance alternatives. Table 7-1, at the end of this chapter, lists the public meeting dates and topics.

7.4.3 Agency Meetings and Consultation

The Authority and FRA consulted with cooperating or participating federal, state, and local agencies under NEPA and with trustee and responsible agencies under CEQA regarding specific resource areas associated with these agencies. To-date, the Authority and FRA have held four statewide agency meetings. On June 13, 2007, and April 8, 2008, the Authority and FRA held statewide agency group meetings to discuss agency participation and coordination efforts for the project-level EIR/EIS documents for the HST Project. On July 29, 2009, the Authority and FRA held a statewide agency group meeting to provide an update on the project environmental review process, the status of project-level EIR/EIS reports, and project-level scoping comments from state and federal agencies. At this meeting, the Authority also requested agency review and comment on the Draft Project EIR/EIS methodologies posted on the Authority web site. On December 13, 2010, the Authority held a statewide meeting to provide an update on the Central Valley sections of the HST System, including the Fresno to Bakersfield HST section. Federal and state representatives from the following agencies attended these meetings:

- Federal agencies
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Federal Railroad Administration
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State agencies
 - Air Resources Board
 - Caltrans
 - California Environmental Protection Agency
 - Central Valley Flood Protection Board
 - Coastal Commission

- Department of Conservation
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Water Resources
- Natural Resources Agency
- Office of Planning and Research/Strategic Growth Council
- Public Utilities Commission
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Transportation Commission
- State Lands Commission
- State Water Resources Control Board

One federal agency, USACE, was designated as a cooperating agency under NEPA for preparation of the Project EIR/EIS. Numerous federal and state agencies were invited to become Participating Agencies for the NEPA as suggested in the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFTEA-LU), and those agencies are listed in the *Draft Agency Coordination Plan: Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS* (Authority 2009). The Authority hosted Participating Agency meetings on October 8, 2009, and December 14, 2009. Staff representatives of the various Participating Agencies were invited, including the FHWA, USFWS, EPA, NOAA, the Department of Health Services, Caltrans, California State Lands Commission, SJVAPCD, DWR, SWRCB, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, CDFG, CVFPB, DOC, and California State Parks.

The biological survey methodology was discussed with the USFWS, USACE, and the CDFG during a meeting on November 5, 2009. The Authority met with NOAA representatives to discuss fisheries on January 5, 2010. The Authority met with USEPA, USACE, and USFWS representatives for purposes of NEPA and Section 404 (Clean Water Act) consultation on February 10, 2010. On October 26, 2010, the Authority presented an overview of the project to U.S. EPA Region 9 to discuss agency coordination, environmental approval guidance, and the Authority's sustainability initiative. On January 29, 2009, the Authority and FRA met with SHPO staff to review the methodology of analysis for the Draft Project EIR/EIS documents, discuss the mitigation measures from the Statewide Program EIR/EIS (Authority and FRA 2005) and the Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS (Authority and FRA 2008), and consider developing an MOA for the project sections. The Authority met with SHPO staff on June 29, August 4, and August 17, 2009, and January 21, February 3, and May 19, 2010, to review the cultural resources analytical methodology for all of the Draft Project EIR/EIS documents, discuss the mitigation measures in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS documents and Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS, and develop a programmatic agreement (PA) for the overall HST project. On February 3, 2010, the FRA, Authority, and SHPO met to discuss revisions to the PA. On April 1, 2010, the FRA and ACHP met to discuss revisions to the draft PA, as well as an approach to tribal consultation.

The Authority and FRA initiated consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission for a search of their Sacred Lands file and lists of Native American contacts in April of 2010. The contacts for all 24 identified tribes were sent letters about the proposed project alternatives; the letters also requested information about traditional cultural properties that could be affected by the project. Formal Consultation between FRA and federally-designated tribes began in February 2010. A meeting of tribal representatives was held at the Visalia Convention Center on July 22, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; project staff attended the meeting to answer questions about the project and discuss the alternative alignments. No tribal representatives attended. Follow-up calls were made to tribes listed in the Native American Heritage Commission for the project area. A telephone conference for coordination between the FRA and federally recognized tribes was held in December of 2010. A second telephone conference, also for coordination between the FRA and federally recognized tribes, was held in January 2011. In May of 2011, the FRA sent a letter to federally recognized tribes inviting representatives to a consultation meeting

in the project area in July 2011. A more thorough discussion of SHPO, ACHP, and Native American outreach efforts can be found in Section 3.17, Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources.

7.5 Notification and Circulation of the EIR/EIS

Notice regarding the availability and the circulation of the Project EIR/EIS has been provided pursuant to NEPA and CEQA requirements. Notice included publication of an announcement in newspapers that have general circulation in areas potentially affected by the proposed project. The announcement indicated the availability of the Project EIR/EIS, the time and location of public hearings, and the period during which public comments will be received. A postcard announcement was mailed to those on the mailing list. A notice of completion (NOC) and notice of availability (NOA) were prepared to satisfy CEQA. The NOC notified the reviewers that the Draft EIR/EIS was complete; and the NOA let public agencies and individuals know that the Draft EIR/EIS was available for review and comment. The Draft Project EIR/EIS, NOC, and NOA were submitted to the State Clearinghouse and to state agencies. The U.S. EPA published notice of availability for the Project EIR/EIS in the Federal Register on August 12, 2010.

The USACE published a notice of availability for the Project EIR/EIS on the district web site. The Project EIR/EIS is being circulated among federal, state, and local agencies, regional transportation agencies, and organizations and persons who have expressed an interest in the project. The Project EIR/EIS is available on the Authority's web site and on compact disc upon request. Public hearing dates and locations also are posted on the Authority's web site. A distribution list for the Project EIR/EIS is provided in Chapter 8, EIR/EIS Distribution.

Table 7-1
Public and Agency Meetings

Organization / Individual	Date	Topic
Cities of Fresno, Selma, Fowler, Kingsburg	3/16/2007	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) State Conference	4/29/2007	General presentation on HST in California.
Fresno area stakeholders	5/30/2007	General presentation on HST in the Valley and questions and answers (Q&A).
Kings County area stakeholders	6/4/2007	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare County area stakeholders	6/7/2007	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare County area stakeholders	6/12/2007	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Building Industry Association (BIA) of Fresno/Madera counties	6/14/2007	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Downtown Visalians	1/25/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.

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Organization / Individual	Date	Topic
Fresno Metropolitan Rotary Club	2/5/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
College of the Sequoias (COS)	2/13/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Dinuba Chamber of Commerce	2/21/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Visalia, AEP Central Chapter	3/13/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
CalPIRG bike tour, Fresno	3/26/2008	Press conference to present benefits of high speed trains in California.
CalPIRG bike tour, Bakersfield	3/26/2008	Press conference to present benefits of high speed trains in California.
Porterville Breakfast Lions Club	3/27/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
High-speed rail and El Paseo project	3/21/2008	Potential impacts of HST on property owner's proposed project, El Paseo commercial development proposed on both sides of the UP tracks in north Fresno.
Hanford Breakfast Lions Club	4/1/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare Sunrise Breakfast Rotary Club	4/2/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Steve Geil, Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC)	4/2/2008	General update on HST in the Valley and economic benefits to the Valley.
Hanford Chamber of Commerce	4/2/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Visalia County Center Rotary Club	4/8/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners	4/14/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club	4/17/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Young Professionals Organization	4/17/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.

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Fresno Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Council	4/18/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (FCEOC) Policy Advisory Committee	4/18/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
FCEOC board meeting	4/24/2008	Project update and request support for HST.
Tulare Rotary Club	4/25/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
League of Women Voters	4/26/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Madera Sunrise Rotary Club	4/30/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Hanford City Council Study session	5/6/2008	Educate Elected Officials, staff, and public on HST.
Madera Tribune, newspaper, Chuck Coud, publisher	5/6/2008	Proposed routes through the Valley, status of project.
Madera County Board of Supervisors (open public meeting)	5/6/2008	Educate Elected Officials and public on HST.
Kings County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Tony Oliveira	5/6/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Madera City Council (regular meeting, open to the public)	5/7/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Great Valley Center conference	5/7/2008	HST information booth at the Conference.
Great Valley Center conference	5/8/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A as part of a panel.
KMJ 580 radio	5/8/2008	Answered question from show host and public on HST.
Fresno Amtrak Station, National Train Day event	5/10/2008	HST booth providing information to the public and answering questions.
Tulare Chamber of Commerce	5/12/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce	5/14/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.

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Organization / Individual	Date	Topic
Corcoran City Council (City Manager Ron Hoggard, other city staff, and a few members of the public, including Carlos Rodrigues, water manager for the J.G. Boswell Company)	6/2/2008	Gain input from Elected Officials and public on proposed HST alignments.
Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club	6/3/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce (10 in attendance)	6/5/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
KJWL radio station (Bud Elliot and Feleena Sutton)	6/5/2008	Discuss benefits of high speed train.
Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL seminar)	6/6/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare County Board of Supervisors (individual members of the board)	6/6/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Tulare County Supervisor Allen Ishida	6/6/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
City of Visalia Mayor Jesus Gamboa and City Manager Steve Soloman	6/6/2008	Educate Elected Officials and City Staff on HST.
Tulare County Board of Supervisors (public meeting, Channel 30 present)	6/9/2008	Update Elected Officials and public on HST.
Bass Lake Chamber of Commerce (11 in attendance)	6/10/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tehipite Chapter of Sierra Club, Fresno	6/11/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Lemoore Chamber of Commerce (80 to 100 in attendance)	6/11/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Lindsay Chamber of Commerce	6/11/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Madera Ranchos Kiwanis Club	6/11/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Visalia Sunset Rotary Club	6/12/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare County Supervisor Steve Worthley (District 4)	6/16/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Tulare County Supervisor Mike Ennis	6/16/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.

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(District 5)		
Kiwanis Club of East Fresno	6/17/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce	6/20/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce	6/20/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Sierra Oakhurst Kiwanis Club	7/8/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
East Fresno Rotary Club	7/9/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce	7/9/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Hanford Noon Kiwanis Club	7/16/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	7/16/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
City of Tulare, Practicing Planners Luncheon	7/17/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Madera County Supervisor Vern Moss	7/22/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Fresno Chamber of Commerce	7/25/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno Downtown Rotary Club	7/28/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Reedley Kiwanis Club	7/28/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Rotary Club of Taft	7/30/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Taft Chamber of Commerce	7/30/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Meeting with Madera County Supervisor Frank Bigelow	7/30/2008	Educate Elected Officials on HST.
Madera Ranchos Kiwanis Club	7/31/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.

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Oildale Rotary Club	8/4/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Porterville Breakfast Lions Club	8/19/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Clovis Rotary Club	9/5/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno Council of Governments (COG) Board Meeting	9/18/2008	Update Elected Officials and public on HST, request letter of support for HST.
Fresno City Council and Fresno County Board of Supervisors	9/23/2008	Update Elected Officials and public on HST, request letter of support for HST.
Orange Cove Chamber of Commerce	9/24/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Leadership Fresno	9/25/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Bakersfield Californian newspaper editorial board	10/7/2008	Status of project, costs and benefits of HST.
Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce	10/8/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
National Federation of the Blind, Central Valley Chapter	10/11/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Valley Land Use Conference, City of Clovis	10/11/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A as part of a panel.
North Fresno Rotary Club	10/16/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Certificate award in Urban and Regional Planning	10/17/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
American Public Works Association, Central Valley Chapter	10/24/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Transportation, Energy & Fuels Forum	10/25/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Chowchilla Lions Club	10/28/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Madera County Supervisor Bigelow, Ray Beach (Madera County Resource Management Agency [RMA]) Mitch and	10/29/2008	Gain input from Elected Officials and County Staff on HST.

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Johannes (Roads Department)		
Amtrak press conference	11/3/2008	Presented information to the public and media on HST.
Hanford Chamber of Commerce	11/19/2008	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare County Board of Supervisors, county clerk	1/13/2009	Educate Elected Officials and County Staff on HST.
Meeting with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin	1/13/2009	Update Elected Official and staff on HST, emphasize need for City Staff support.
Tulare County Board of Supervisors	1/28/2009	Update Elected Officials and public on HST.
Kern County Supervisor Don Maben	1/28/2009	Update Elected Official on HST.
City of Bakersfield staff, Mayor Harvey Hall, and Councilman Harold Hanson	1/28/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST.
Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson	1/28/2009	Update Elected Official on HST.
Bakersfield Councilwoman Sue Benham and Councilman David Couch	1/29/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST.
Bakersfield Vice Mayor Zack Scrivner, Councilwoman Jackie Sullivan, and Councilman Ken Weir	1/29/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST.
FRA and SHPO	1/29/2009	Development of environmental method, mitigation measures, and the creation of a PA and MOAs discussed.
Fresno Business Council	2/10/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Cross Valley Rail Joint Powers Authority (JPA)	2/12/2009	Update Elected Officials and staff on HST.
Hanford City Council study session	2/17/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST.
Madera County Supervisor Frank Bigelow	2/19/2009	Update Elected Official on HST.
Madera Mayor Sam Armentrout	2/24/2009	Update Elected Official on HST.
City of Corcoran City Manager Ron Hoggard and Mayor Ray Lerma	2/26/2009	Update Elected Official and City Staff on HST.

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Paramount Farms	2/26/2009	Update property owner/stakeholder on HST in Kern County.
Shafter/Wasco outreach meeting	2/26/2009	Met with City staffs to discuss project alignments and answer questions.
Tulare County Supervisors Phil Cox and Pete Vander Poel and Debbie Vaughn, Tulare County Administrative Office (CAO)	3/2/2009	Update Elected Officials and City Staff on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Tulare County Supervisors Steve Worthley and Mike Ennis	3/2/2009	Update Elected Officials and City Staff on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Tulare County Supervisor Allen Ishida (District 1)	3/2/2009	Update Elected Official on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Visalia City Council study session	3/2/2009	Update Elected Officials, public, and City Staff on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Kings County Board of Supervisors study session	3/3/2009	Update Elected Officials, public, and City Staff on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club	3/4/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Madera County Supervisors Vern Moss and Tom Wheeler	3/9/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Madera City Councilman Robert Poythress	3/9/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Fresno County Board of Supervisors	3/10/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
City of Fresno Council President Cynthia Sterling	3/11/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Madera Supervisor Max Rodriguez	3/12/2009	Update Elected Official on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Bakersfield City Council	3/16/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Kern COG board	3/16/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.
Fresno City Council	3/17/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST, invite to Scoping meetings.

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Visalia – Merced to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS scoping meeting	3/24/2009	Open House Public Scoping meeting with displays giving history of project, explanation of the NEPA/CEQA process, environmental issues to be studied, roll out maps of proposed alignments, and opportunity to provide written or verbal comments.
Fresno – Merced to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS scoping meeting	3/25/2009	Open House Public Scoping meeting with displays giving history of project, explanation of the NEPA/CEQA process, environmental issues to be studied, roll out maps of proposed alignments, and opportunity to provide written or verbal comments.
Bakersfield – Merced to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS scoping meeting	3/26/2009	Open House Public Scoping meeting with displays giving history of project, explanation of the NEPA/CEQA process, environmental issues to be studied, roll out maps of proposed alignments, and opportunity to provide written or verbal comments.
California Transportation Commission town hall meeting, Bakersfield	4/22/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno Technical Working Group	4/29/2009	Update to local agency staff on HST and gain input and feedback on proposed alternatives to date.
Great Valley Center conference	5/6 - 5/7/2009	HST booth providing general information on HST in the Valley.
Fresno Chamber Transportation Committee	5/18/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Tulare Breakfast Rotary Club	5/20/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
North Fresno Lions Club	6/1/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL) seminar on transportation	6/5/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
PBS interview with Gene Tackett, Outreach–Kern County	6/13/2009	Provided historic information on railroads and HST through the Tehachapis.

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Bakersfield Technical Working Group	6/16/2009	Update to local agency staff on HST and gain input and feedback on proposed alternatives to date.
Phone conversation with John Lindt, Valley Voice newspaper	6/19/2009	Answered questions from news reporter on HST in the Valley.
Meeting with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin and Carrie Pourvahidi, Deputy Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority	6/24/2009	Update Elected Official on HST, discuss support for HST.
San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council	6/26/2009	Update Policy Council on status of HST and alternatives development.
Authority and SHPO	6/29/2009	Discuss analytical methods and initiate preparation of a programmatic agreement (PA).
Fresno County Board of Supervisors	7/1/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
East Fresno Rotary Club	7/22/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Meeting with Fresno Mayor Swearengin	7/28/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Office of State Senator George Runner	7/30/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Authority and SHPO	8/4/2009	Review analytical methods and PA.
The Nature Conservancy, including both outreach teams from the Bakersfield to Palmdale and Los Angeles to Palmdale sections	8/12/2009	Stakeholder
Authority and SHPO	8/17/2009	Review analytical methods and PA.
Meeting with Kern County Supervisor John McQuiston	8/18/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall	8/18/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Bakersfield Councilman Harold Hanson	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.

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Meeting with Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Bakersfield Vice Mayor and Councilman Zack Scrivner	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Bakersfield Councilmember David Couch	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Bakersfield Councilwoman Irma Carson	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Kern County Supervisor Don Maben	8/19/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Corcoran Rotary Club	8/20/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Meeting with Fresno Supervisor Susan Anderson, Chairperson, Fresno County Board of Supervisors	8/24/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Freight rail realignment update to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, information item	8/25/2009	Update Elected Officials on Freight Rail Realignment Study and relationship to HST alternatives in Fresno.
Rey Leon (Mexican American Political Association [MAPA])	8/31/2009	Conducting outreach to Mexican American and other Environmental Justice communities in the Valley and assistance with this effort.
Bakersfield public involvement meeting (PIM)	9/15/2009	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA) luncheon in Bakersfield	9/15/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Fall Conference	10/2/2009	Update Elected Officials, transportation agency staff, and public on HST in the Valley, Heavy Maintenance Facility location criteria, and alternatives development.
High-Speed Rail Authority Board, elected officials, local leaders press conference in Fresno	10/2/2009	Press conference announcement of California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) stimulus funding application details.
Rosedale neighborhood near Bakersfield,	10/8/2009	Update residents about potential

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conference call		impacts to their houses and property acquisition process.
Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Debbie Poochigan	10/15/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Susan Anderson	10/16/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea	10/21/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Fresno ASCE Lunch Presentation	10/22/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A focusing on engineering issues.
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley 2009 Annual Summit	10/23/2009	Valley transportation planning.
Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	10/26/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Assemblyman Gilmore, Representative Noah Lawson	10/26/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Fresno County Board of Supervisor Carrie Bowen	10/27/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
East Bakersfield PIM	11/3/2009	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Rosedale PIM	11/4/2009	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Corcoran Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission members	11/9/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Hanford Mayor David Ayers and city manager	11/10/2009	Update Elected Officials and staff on HST and alternatives development, discuss Hanford Station.
Sons in Retirement (SIRS)	11/10/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Central Valley Infrastructure conference	11/12/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.

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Construction Services Institute dinner	11/17/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno Council members Xiong, Borgeas, and Sterling	11/18/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
TCAG Board	11/23/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
City of Fresno City Council	11/26/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Kings County Board of Supervisors	11/30/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Hanford City Council study session	12/1/2009	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development, proposed Hanford station.
East Bakersfield PIM	12/09/2009	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Ace Mentoring/Kerman High School outreach meeting	12/16/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A, provide input on class project to design HST Station in Fresno.
Exchange Club HST presentation	12/17/2009	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Cross Valley Rail JPA board meeting presentation	1/8/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development.
Fresno Public Information Meeting at Tower Theater	1/19/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Authority and SHPO	1/21/2010	Discuss draft PA.
FRA/Authority/SHPO Coordination Meeting	2/3/2010	Discussion of SHPO edits to PA.
SJVAPCD EJ Committee	2/8/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST and alternatives development, request assistance in identifying and reaching EJ communities in the Valley.
Kern County Board of Supervisors	2/16/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, and station

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		locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, CHSRA Central Valley Deputy Director.
East Bakersfield Public Information Meeting	2/16/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall	2/17/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, CHSRA Central Valley Deputy Director.
Bakersfield City Council	2/17/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, CHSRA Central Valley Deputy Director.
Kern Agriculture Forum	2/17/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley with focus on agricultural impacts.
Leadership Bakersfield meeting	2/19/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
California Partnership Board	2/24/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, HMF criteria and stations.
Tulare County Agriculture/Water Committee	2/24/2010	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community on HST.
Meeting with Visalia Mayor Bob Link, Councilman Warren Gubler	2/24/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, CHSRA Central Valley Deputy Director.
Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Commission	2/24/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, access restrictions from SR 198 and SR 43 to proposed Hanford station.
Kings County Board of Supervisors	3/9/2010	Update Elected Officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, CHSRA Central Valley Deputy Director.
Fresno County Measure C Oversight Committee meeting focusing on high-	3/11/2010	Update committee on HST and HMF location and criteria for locating HMF.

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speed rail project		
North Fresno PIM	3/16/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Wasco-Shafter Conf. Call #1	3/17/2010	Alternatives through Wasco and Shafter, receive feedback on proposed alignments.
Wasco-Shafter Conf. Call #2	3/19/2010	Alternatives through Wasco and Shafter, receive feedback on proposed alignments.
Presentation to Fresno Historic Preservation Commission	3/22/2010	Update committee on HST alternatives through Fresno and discuss potential impacts to Historic properties.
Jeff Fabbri, landowner in Bakersfield	3/23/2010	Alignment alternatives, impacts to farming operations and water districts and potential options to reduce those impacts.
Western Properties, Kern County developer	3/23/2010	Alignment alternatives, impacts to farming operations and water districts and potential options to reduce those impacts.
FRA and ACHP meeting	4/1/2010	Review Section 106 process for HST projects.
North Fresno Rotary Club	4/1/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Kings County landowners	4/8/2010	Answer questions on proposed East Hanford Alignment in Kings County.
Leadership Visalia and North Tulare County	4/9/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
West Bakersfield Rotary Club	4/14/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Kings County Agriculture Advisory Committee	4/14/2010	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community on HST alignment east of Hanford.
Kern Packers and Shippers	4/15/2010	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.

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City of Bakersfield Planning Commission	4/15/2010	Presentation on alignments through Bakersfield and answered questions from the Commission on the alignments.
Fresno County agricultural and water leaders	4/15/2010	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.
Kern County agricultural and water leaders	4/15/2010	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.
Agricultural commodity groups	4/19/2010	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.
Hanford PIM	4/27/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Kings County Planning Commission	5/3/2010	Update committee on HST alternatives including station locations east of Hanford.
Wasco PIM	5/4/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Wasco Real Properties, 29341 Kimberlina, Wasco	5/5/2010	Discuss impacts of HST on Rosedale Ranch approved development.
Keith Gardner and Holly King of Western Properties	5/5/2010	Discuss impacts of HST alternatives on agricultural operations near Wasco, potential alternatives to reduce impacts.
Jeff Fabbri, landowner in Bakersfield	5/5/2010	Discuss impacts of HST alternatives on agricultural operations near Wasco, potential alternatives to reduce impacts.
Corcoran PIM	5/5/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Kern County Chapter	5/18/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Kings County Water Advisory Committee	5/24/2010	Update committee on HST alternatives, station locations and impacts to agriculture.

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American Public Works Association	6/15/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
City of Hanford City Manager and members of the city council	6/29/2010	Update Elected Officials and City Manager on HST, alternatives in East Hanford and station locations.
Kings County Agriculture Interest Group	6/29/2010	Discuss impacts of HST alternatives on agricultural operations east of Hanford and potential alternatives to reduce impacts.
Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall	6/30/2010	Update Mayor on HST in Bakersfield.
Kern High School District and Bakersfield High School	6/30/2010	Discuss impacts and mitigation strategies for Bakersfield High School.
Congressman McCarthy Staff	6/30/2010	Update Elected Official and staff on HST in the Valley.
The Kings Fair, Kings County	7/8-11/2010	Booth providing general information on HST in the Valley.
Kings County Ag Advisory Committee	7/14/2010	Update on HST alternatives in Kings County and potential impacts to agriculture.
Fresno Lions Club	7/20/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Native American Tribal Meeting	7/22/2010	Update Native American Tribes on HST in the Valley and gain input on issues of concern. No Native American representatives attended.
Visalia City Staff Conference Call	7/27/2010	Proposed Hanford Station and East Hanford HST alignment.
Mercy Hospital Briefing	7/29/2010	Gain input from Hospital on potential impacts from HST including Noise, vibration, and other impacts.
Kern River Foundation	7/29/2010	Discuss HST potential impacts on Kern River Parkway.
Kern High School District	7/30/2010	Follow-up on development of mitigation strategies for Bakersfield High School.

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Shafter PIM	8/11/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Bakersfield City Mgr Alan Tandy	8/11/2010	Update to City Manager on HST alternatives, Bakersfield Stations, and gain input.
Kern Technical Working Group	8/11/2010	Update to agency staffs on HST alternatives, Bakersfield Stations, and gain local input.
Lemoore Chamber of Commerce	8/11/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno Chamber EARTH Committee	8/13/2010	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A.
Fresno City Staff	8/18/2010	Update to agency staffs on HST alternatives, Fresno Stations, and gain local input.
Fresno Technical Working Group	8/18/2010	Update to agency staffs on HST alternatives, Fresno Stations, and gain local input.
Kern High School District	8/19/2010	Additional follow-up on development of mitigation strategies for Bakersfield High School.
Bakersfield PIM	8/19/2010	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
Caltrans District 6	9/7/2010	Update staff on HST in the Central Valley.
Kern County Farm Bureau	9/16/2010	Update on HST alternatives in Kern County and potential impacts to agriculture.
Assemblyman Gilmore Rep Noah Lawson	10/26/2010	Update on HST alternatives in Kings County and concerns from agriculture.
Fresno Economic Development Corporation	10/28/2010	Presentation by VanArk at Fresno EDC annual conference.
Commercial Real Estate Women of Fresno	11/3/2010	HST Presentation.

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Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	11/17/2010	HST Presentation.
Caltrans Project Manager Institute	11/18/2010	HST Presentation.
Bullard TALENT Elementary School	12/2/2010	HST Presentation.
Booth at Mercado in Bakersfield	12/11/2010	EJ outreach event.
Teleconference for FRA and federally recognized Native American Tribes	12/15/2010	Coordination between the FRA and federally recognized Native American Tribes.
Landowner Meeting (Aaron Fukuda)	1/13/2011	Proposed alignment through Ponderosa community.
Leadership Bakersfield Meeting	1/18/2011	HST Presentation.
Institute of Transportation Engineers	1/19/2011	HST Presentation.
Counter Center Rotary	1/25/2011	HST Presentation.
City of Fresno & HST Engineers Meeting	2/15/2011	Meeting regarding Design/Engineering.
Kern Minority Contractors Association	2/18/2011	HST Presentation.
Kern County stakeholder meeting	2/23/2011	Meeting to garner stakeholder support.
HSR Engineering Design Issues Mtg with Fresno City Engineers	2/23/2011	Follow up meeting to February 15 th regarding design/engineering.
Fresno State College of Engineering	2/23/2011	HST Presentation.
Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	2/24/2011	HST Presentation.
Lacey Rural Community meeting	2/24/2011	Meeting to discuss proposed alignment impacts on Ponderosa community. Follow up meeting.
Kings River Complex USACE Meeting	2/28/2011	Coordination and alternatives brain storming for HST crossing of Kings River Complex.
Kern County Public Works meeting	3/2/2011	Meeting to discuss alignment profiles impacts to county roads and planed renewable projects.
Corcoran Rotary Club	3/3/2011	HST Presentation.
Fiesta de la Familia	3/6/2011	Booth at Univision festival to provide information to the public on HST.

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Wasco/Shafter meeting	3/7/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
City of Corcoran meeting	3/7/2011	Meeting to discuss proposed alignment impacts on Ponderosa community. Follow up meeting.
CSU Fresno Economic and Community Development	3/7/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Fresno Cherry Auction	3/8/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
CA Rural Legal Assistance	3/8/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Fresno Rescue Mission	3/8/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Kit Carson Union School District	3/9/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Poverello House	3/9/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Fresno Flea Market	3/10/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Kings City/County Coordinating Meeting	3/9/2011	Jeff Abercrombie guest speaker-HST presentation.
Black Metro Chamber of Commerce	3/10/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
City of Bakersfield	3/10/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
John Hernandez-Central CA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	3/10/2010	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
CHSTP small group meeting-Fresno	3/11/2011	To discuss technical design issues with the City's engineers for each crossing.
Kings County COG	3/16/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
City of Fresno Engineers 30% follow up mtg	3/16/2011	Follow up meeting with city of Fresno engineers regarding 30% design.
Fresno Rotary Presentation	3/21/2010	HST Presentation.
CA State Parks meeting	3/22/2011	Meeting to discuss environmental process and potential impacts to Allensworth State Historic Park.

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Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development	3/22/2011	HST Presentation.
Bakersfield Parks and Recreation	3/23/2011	Meeting to discuss environmental process and potential impacts to Kern River Parkway.
City of Corcoran	3/24/2011	Stakeholder outreach follow up meeting.
City of Bakersfield	3/25/2011	Stakeholder outreach follow up meeting.
Hanford Sheriff	3/30/2011	Meeting to discuss issues and questions regarding HST project and impacts to community.
Centro la Familia	3/30/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Tulare Basin Working Group	4/1/2011	HST Presentation.
Visalia Leadership	4/8/2011	HST Presentation.
Allensworth Elementary School	4/12/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts .
Allensworth Progressive Association/Community Council	4/12/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Adventist Health	4/12/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Hanford Police & Fire Dept./Carnegie Museum/City of Hanford	4/12/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Center for Race, Poverty, and Environment	4/12/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Delano International Village	4/12/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Kern Black Chamber of Commerce	4/13/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Kern Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	4/13/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
MLK Community Center, Senior Center, PAL Youth Center	4/13/2011	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
Shafter Police/Fire Department,	4/13/2011	Community survey interview regarding

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Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter Rural Health Clinic, National Health Services		EJ outreach efforts.
Reedley College Green Summit	4/14/2011	HST presentation and booth at Green Summit.
Fresno Downtown Coalition	4/14/2011	HST Presentation.
CSU Fresno Business school	4/14/2011	HST Presentation.
Kern County & Kern COG	4/15/2011	Stakeholder outreach follow up meetings.
Corcoran City Council	4/18/2011	Presentation update about HST project.
Fresno Kiwanis Club	4/19/2011	HST presentation.
Kings Co. Board of Supervisors Discussion	4/19/2011	Meeting to discuss CHSRA and Kings Co. coordination process.
Kern Contractors Minority Association	4/21/2011	HST presentation at annual event.
Fresno County Transportation Authority	4/25/2011	HST Presentation.
Fresno Technical Working Group	4/26/2011	HST Presentation.
Hanford Technical Working Group	4/27/2011	HST Discussion.
City of Bakersfield	4/28/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
San Joaquin Rail Committee, Fresno	4/28/2011	HST Presentation.
Bakersfield Technical Working Group	4/28/2011	HST Discussion.
City of Bakersfield and Kern County	4/28/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
Kings County Human Services	4/29/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
Asian Fest, Fresno	4/30/2011	Environmental justice outreach.
Fresno Earth Day	4/30/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
Cinco de Mayo Festival, Fresno	5/1/2011	Environmental justice outreach.
Fresno Business Council	5/10/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
Fresno County Supervisor Phil Larson and Staff	5/10/2011	HST Briefing.
Hanford Marketplace Event	5/12/2011	Environmental justice outreach.
Corcoran Public Meeting	5/16/2011	Public Information Meeting and HST Presentation.

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JG Boswell Representatives	5/16/2011	HST Discussion.
City of Corcoran	5/16/2011	HST Presentation.
Fresno Public Meeting	5/17/2011	HST Presentation.
Councilmember Clint Olivier, Fresno	5/18/2011	HST Briefing.
Hanford Public Meeting	5/18/2011	Public Information Meeting and HST Presentation.
Bakersfield Public Meeting	5/19/2011	Public Information Meeting and HST Presentation.
Authority and SHPO	5/19/2011	Finalize PA.
Kings County Community Development	5/25/2011	Director follow up meeting.
Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Kern County	5/26/2011	Environmental justice outreach.
Wasco City Council	6/2/2011	HST Presentation.
Kings County Board of Supervisors	6/7/2011	Coordination Meeting.
Kings County property owners and community	6/7/2011	Public Information Meeting and HST Presentation.
Central Valley Consul Reyna Torres, Daniel Alvarez-Commercial and Political Affairs, Fresno	6/10/2011	HST Presentation to Mexican Consulate.
John Zumwalt, Hanford	6/13/2011	HST Discussion.
Hanford Mayor Dan Chin	6/13/2011	HST Discussion.
John Zumwalt, Hanford	6/15/2011	HST Discussion.
Kern County HST Design Meeting	6/16/2011	HST Discussion.
Allensworth Progressive Association and Public	6/21/2011	Public Information Meeting and HST Presentation.
Rosedale Public Information Meeting, Bakersfield	6/22/2011	Public Information Meeting and HST Presentation.
Fresno State HS Engineering Classes	6/22/2011	HST Presentation.
Chinatown Businesses/Residents, Fresno	6/23/2011	Chinatown Public Information Meeting and Environmental Justice Outreach.
Supervisor Henry Perea, Fresno Works, County Supervisors from Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties	6/23/2011	CV County Supervisors Conference on HSR.
Holly King, Fresno	6/23/2011	HST Discussion.

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Fresno County HST Design Meeting	6/24/2011	HST Presentation.
Holly King, Fresno	7/1/2011	HST Discussion.
Members of the Kennedy Club, Fresno	7/2/2011	HST Presentation.
Kings County Fair	7/7- 7/10/2011	Environmental justice outreach.
City of Corcoran Planner Kindon Meik	7/11/2011	HST Discussion.
Concerned Citizens of Calwa	7/14/2011	Stakeholder outreach.
Fresno Downtown Merchants Association	7/15/2011	Stakeholder outreach.