

8.0 Public and Agency Involvement

Pursuant to the requirements of NEPA and CEQA, the Authority and FRA have conducted an extensive 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 EIR/EIS and Revised Draft EIR (DEIR)/Supplemental Draft EIS (DEIS) and outreach that has occurred between the conclusion of the comment process for the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and the publication of this Final EIR/EIS. The public and agency involvement program includes the following efforts:

- Public involvement and outreach included the preparation and distribution of informational materials, such as fact sheets; informational and scoping meetings, including town hall meetings, public and agency scoping meetings, meetings with individuals and groups, as well as presentations; workshops and public hearings regarding the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, and briefings to interested and/or affected stakeholders.
- Agency involvement included agency scoping meetings, an interagency working group, meetings with agency representatives, and other agency consultation.
- Public and agency outreach included notification and circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.

California High-Speed Rail Authority Website

Information on HST project activities, including meeting notices and publications, are available online at: www.hsr.ca.gov

Table 8-1 lists the agency and public meetings held as part of the Authority's and FRA's outreach efforts, during and after scoping and during preparation of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS. 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 including ongoing environmental reviews like the Fresno to Bakersfield EIR/EIS.

Upon the release of the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, the Authority posted the entire three-volume document on its website, as well as technical reports that provided further technical data and information in support of the EIR/EIS. FRA also posted the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS on its website. The documents were also provided for public review in hard copy at a number of locations within the project area, including libraries, city planning departments, and community centers. In addition, materials (in both English and Spanish) on how to participate in the public comment period and navigate the extensive document were also available online.

In addition, a Hanford project office was opened in Downtown Hanford and was staffed four days a week with one to two outreach personnel and/or project engineers. Hard copies of the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, and related materials, including maps, were available for the public to review and ask questions about. The office remained open through the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and the public comment period. In May 2012, the Hanford project office began hosting educational seminars to further engage stakeholders on project topics. One was held in May 2012 to provide an overview of the revised business plan; a second seminar was held in June 2012 to provide an overview and update on the engineering design of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section. Outreach meetings with the city and community members have continued into 2014, as noted in Table 8-1 at the end of this chapter.

Throughout the environmental review process, more than 2,200 comments were received. Some of the most frequently asked questions received by email, phone calls, public information meetings, and one-on-one discussions with landowners included the timing of the project; funding for construction and operation of the project, including selection of the alignment; right-

of-way acquisition; and potential impacts on agricultural land as well as the location of the heavy maintenance facility (HMF). Project staff addressed these and other questions, often referring to the environmental analysis that was already underway for the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and informing people of upcoming opportunities for them to provide public comment on that document. Once the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS were available, the members of the public were directed to the appropriate chapter(s) that addressed their question(s), and oftentimes to maps or relevant hyperlinks or to page numbers of specific chapters. Project staff also assessed and responded to inquiries concerning impacts of other alternatives or to changes that individuals and organizations had suggested. Outreach staff logged outstanding questions for direct follow-up with the individual or organization that had inquired, or logged items to be addressed at future meetings. Upon request, project staff provided meetings and briefings.

Various publications and materials were developed in English and Spanish and made available at public meetings and on the Authority's website, including the Fresno to Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet, Fresno to Bakersfield Frequently Asked Questions, and "Your Property, Your High-Speed Rail Project." In addition, the Authority website includes information about HSTs, the proposed HST route, the Authority's Draft and Revised Business Plans, newsletters, press releases, board of directors meetings, recent developments, the status of the environmental review process, Authority contact information, and related links.

During scoping and beyond, the development of the reasonable range of alternatives, many of the studies supporting the EIR/EIS, and methods to reduce, avoid, or otherwise mitigate potential project impacts can be traced to public comments. The Hanford West Bypass and Bakersfield Hybrid alternatives are examples of how public input shaped the scope of study. Both have been developed in response to comments received during the Draft EIR/EIS review. More fine-tuned changes have also occurred in the design development in response to concerns about avoiding impacts on churches and schools in Bakersfield.

8.1 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 and how those effects could be minimized. Environmental justice populations were identified using year 2000 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as American Community Survey data and participation data by zip code for state social service and other programs. Additionally, outreach to 22 local agencies and organizations was conducted to inquire about recent changes in local demographics that would lead to changes in the locations of identified environmental justice populations. 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 2011a). 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 and elected officials. Materials for public meetings hosted by the Authority were translated into Spanish, and Spanish-language interpreters were available at all public information meetings, and Spanish-language materials were posted to the website and used to notify the public of 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 8-1, 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.

Executive Order (EO) 12898 requires federal agencies to address, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, the potentially disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental impacts of their programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. Section 3.12.5 of the EIR/EIS describes the methodology used to identify the communities and disadvantaged persons that would be affected by the construction and operation of the HST project.

A number of opportunities for public involvement have been made available throughout the HST project with the purpose of ensuring environmental justice populations had access to information on the project and to solicit their input about community-based concerns. Through this outreach effort the Authority identified potentially disproportionate impacts on minority and/or low-income populations and developed ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate for the impacts. Outreach to communities of concern will continue throughout the HST project to obtain feedback from adversely affected neighborhoods, as described in SO-MM#6 in Section 3.12.12.

Other opportunities to gain a better understanding of the potential environmental justice impacts included city council meetings, technical working groups (composed of senior staff from county and city departments, agricultural commissioners, redevelopment agencies, and economic development agencies), public information meetings, and opportunities to comment during the public hearings as part of the Draft EIR/EIS and Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS process.

Specific environmental justice outreach efforts included providing meeting notices to environmental justice interest groups, listing advertisements in Spanish-language newspapers, posting meeting notices (in English and Spanish) at community facilities that serve low-income and minority populations, providing a telephone number to call for information in Spanish, Hmong, and Tagalog, and providing Spanish interpreters and informational materials at public hearings and meetings. Meeting materials provided contact information for those with special needs to allow them to make necessary arrangements. Public meetings were typically from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. or from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. People working more than one job and in-between work shifts were likely to attend during these 4-hour meeting windows.

The Authority has also contacted groups with interest in environmental and economic social justice issues, including the Mercado Latino Tianguis, Wasco Housing Authority, California Rural Legal Assistance, Fresno Rescue Mission, California State University Fresno Economic and Community Development, and the Center for Race, Poverty, and Environment, among others. In addition, there have been a number of meetings with organizations (i.e., Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kern Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, Kern County Minority Contractors Association, and Salon Juarez) and businesses in the project area to discuss the project and the alternatives, and ways to best reach the communities they serve.

In March 2012, the High-Speed Rail Authority Board adopted a Title VI Program, in May 2012 the Board adopted the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Policy, and in August 2012 the Board adopted the Environmental Justice (EJ) guidance. The adoption of these policies formalized the Authority's long-standing efforts to ensure that no person in California is excluded from participation in, nor denied the benefits of, its programs, activities, and services on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability as afforded by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and by related statutes. The Authority, as a federal grant recipient, is required by the Federal Railroad Administration to conform to Title VI and related statutes. As permitted and authorized by Title VI, the Authority will administer a Title VI, LEP, and EJ Program in accordance with the spirit and intent of the non-discrimination laws and regulations. The Authority's sub-recipients and contractors are required to prevent discrimination and ensure non-discrimination in all of their programs, activities, and services.

The LEP Policy articulates the intent of the Authority to communicate effectively and with respect, and to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals to all the Authority's programs, services, and activities. The Authority will provide free language assistance services whenever LEP individuals are encountered or whenever an LEP individual requests language assistance services. Language assistance will be provided through a variety of methods, including staff interpreters, translation and interpreter service contracts, and formal arrangements with local organizations providing interpretation or translation services or telephonic interpreter services.

The EJ guidance articulates the Authority's position that fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income, is incorporated into all of the Authority's programs, policies, and activities, and in particular during the development and evaluation of environmental documents (under CEQA/NEPA). The EJ guidance provides a framework to both evaluate and mitigate disproportionate adverse impacts, particularly on minority and low-income populations that may occur as part of the Authority's activities and business.

8.2 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.

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

The Authority issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on February 23, 2009, initiating the preparation of an EIR/EIS for the Merced to Bakersfield Section of the HST System and soliciting public and agency input on project development (SCH Number 2009021107). FRA published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* on March 16, 2009, notifying the public of FRA's intention to prepare a joint EIR/EIS for the Merced to Bakersfield Section of the HST System (74 F.R. 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 NOP (SCH Number 2009091126) and NOI (74 F.R. 50866, October 1, 2009) for the EIR/EIS, amending the prior NOP and NOI, were issued on September 29, 2009, and October 1, 2009, respectively.

8.2.2 Scoping Meetings

The public is encouraged to provide input 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, including agency representatives, elected officials, members of the media, and the general public, 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 Section EIR/EIS are an important component of the scoping process for both the state and federal environmental review. Information from the scoping meetings is available online at www.hsr.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.

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 2009a). Approximately 2,980 people listed in the Merced to Bakersfield Section database, which is made up of impacted landowners, elected officials, media, agency and local government representatives, and interested members of the public, received direct mail announcements of the public scoping meetings, which also were announced on the Authority's website. The direct mail recipients were members of the public identified as stakeholders, impacted property owners, those who attended meetings and/or submitted comments and questions. Local newspapers published advertisements of the meetings, and local media outlets received press releases. Of the 400 attendees, approximately 135 people participated in the formal scoping meetings in Fresno and Bakersfield by submitting comments or questions. The places and dates of the public and agency scoping meetings are listed below.

Information from Scoping Meetings Available Online

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

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

- Visalia: Visual Convention Center, March 24, 2009.
- 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 8-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the meetings held as part of the lead agencies' outreach effort. Comment cards were distributed at meetings with the option to be mailed, email notifications were sent alerting stakeholders of the opening of the public comment period, and a press release was issued to encourage participation and public comments at the public hearings.

8.2.3 Scoping Comments

The scoping meetings and comments received on the NOI/NOP helped the lead agencies identify general environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft 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 scoping period for the Fresno to Bakersfield EIR/EIS was extended until 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 on 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 SR 99 corridor to reduce overall length by eliminating westerly swing toward Hanford along the BNSF corridor, reduce impacts on resource conservation areas, and be compatible with urban development. Environmental, cost and funding, transportation, and other issues mentioned in scoping comments included the following:

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

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

8.3 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 EIR/EIS. The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010a), the September 2010 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b), the May 2011 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2011b) and the December 2011 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2011c) are intended to identify the range of potentially feasible alternatives to analyze in the 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 incorporated the *Visalia-Tulare-Hanford Station Feasibility Study* (Authority 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 western side of the BNSF corridor (E. Manning Avenue to Hageman Road in Rosedale).
- Bakersfield subsection (Hageman Road to Oswell Road).

Alternatives Analysis Reports Available for Public Review

The Preliminary and Supplemental Alternative Analysis Reports, are available online at:

http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/fresno_bakersfield.html

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 described above: 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, and are detailed in the *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010a).

Public and agency comments received during the Visalia-Tulare-Hanford station feasibility study, the NOI/NOP comment period for the Fresno to Bakersfield Draft 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 technical working group (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 received and approved a briefing on the alternatives analysis. On June 3, 2010, project staff presented the *Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010a), 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.

Additional analysis of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section alternatives is documented in three supplemental alternative analysis (AA) reports, one published in September 2010, the second issued in May 2011, and the third issued in December 2011 (Authority and FRA 2010b, 2011b, 2011c).

On September 2, 2010, California High-Speed Rail Authority Board review of the September 2010 Supplemental AA Report confirmed the alternatives selected in the Preliminary AA Report 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 (Authority and FRA 2010b).

On May 5, 2011, Authority Board review of the May 2011 Supplemental AA Report confirmed proposed refinements of alternative alignments through the entire Fresno to Bakersfield Section including changes in profiles of existing alternatives from elevated to at-grade (Authority and FRA 2011b). The May 2011 Supplemental AA Report was prepared to document additional development and refinement of alignments and design options resulting from preliminary engineering, environmental impact analysis, public and stakeholder input, and federal and state environmental agency input conducted from September 2010 through April 2011.

On December 11, 2011, the Authority Board review of the December 2011 Supplemental AA Report confirmed the investigation of proposed changes to the Preliminary AA Report as well as the two Supplemental AA Reports issued in September 2010 and May 2011 including a new alignment and station location west of Hanford in Kings County (Authority and FRA 2011c).

After publication of the Draft EIR/EIS, and in response to stakeholder, agency, and public feedback, the Authority and FRA reintroduced alternative routes that bypass Hanford to the west, along with an alternative station location to serve the Kings/Tulare region. An alternative route in the area—the Hanford West Bypass Alternative—was previously identified in the 2005 Statewide Program EIR/EIS and its inclusion is consistent with input from regulatory agencies. Potentially feasible alignments that pass west of Hanford have been studied in order to identify the most viable alignment and station location that both minimize environmental impacts and provide a feasible and cost-effective option for the Authority.

The Authority, in cooperation with the affected stakeholders, also developed a hybrid alternative alignment for the Bakersfield subsection to address substantive comments received during public and agency review of the Draft EIR/EIS and to reduce community impacts. The Authority and FRA identified the Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative to carry through the environmental analysis in the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS. This Hybrid Alternative is a variation of the two Bakersfield subsection alternatives already carried forward into this EIR/EIS, and all three alternatives share corresponding termini. While the Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative would require reduced speeds and would affect the overall travel times mandated by the California State Legislature, it provides the advantage of avoiding the Bakersfield High School campus and reduces the number of religious facilities and homes affected in east Bakersfield. The Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative also includes a potential station site.

With board concurrence, refinements to the Fresno to Bakersfield Section alternatives and additional alignment alternatives west of Hanford and in the Bakersfield area were included in the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.

8.3.1 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 website. See Table 8-1 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 2010a), the September 2010 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b), the May 2011 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2011b), and the December 2011 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2011c) were 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, as well as updates to the alignment. In addition to the public information meetings, one-on-one briefings and small group meetings were held throughout the process. 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, Visalia, 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: http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/fresno_bakersfield.html.

Table 8-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the public outreach meetings associated with the lead agencies' ongoing outreach efforts.

8.3.2 Technical Working Group Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

The Authority formed agency Technical Working Groups (TWG) 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 8-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the TWG meeting dates and topics. The TWG groups include planning and city works directors and staff from the four impacted counties.

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 TWGs 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.

The outreach team was proactively meeting with stakeholders once the results and findings of the preliminary alternatives analysis and the supplemental alternatives analysis were approved.

8.3.3 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 on wetlands and threatened or endangered species.

8.4 Development of the Draft EIR/EIS

During the development of the Draft 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.

8.4.1 Public Information Materials and Meetings

The Authority and FRA held informal and formal public meetings during the Draft EIR/EIS preparation process. 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. Table 8-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the public meeting dates and topics.

In the spring of 2011, public information meetings were held during preparation of the Draft EIR/EIS, and after its release, to inform the public about the alignment alternatives and the associated impact analysis for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section, and status of the Project 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), and 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 (http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/fresno_bakersfield.html). 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."

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 8-1, provided at the end of this chapter.

8.4.2 Technical Working Group Meetings

The TWGs continued to meet regularly during the Draft 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. The TWG meetings helped transfer information needs, express concerns and preferences, and relay important project updates. Table 8-1, at the end of this chapter, lists the TWG meeting dates and topics.

8.4.3 Agency Meetings and Consultation

The Authority and FRA consulted with cooperating agencies under NEPA and with trustee and responsible agencies under CEQA regarding specific resource areas associated with these agencies. Interested state, federal, and local agencies were also consulted throughout the process. 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

Public Meeting Materials Available Online

Various publications and materials are available online at http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/Project_Sections/fresno_bakersfield.html

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

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 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 Section of the HST. 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 under NEPA, 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 U.S. EPA, 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 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] 2010), and consider developing a MOA for the project sections. The Authority met with SHPO staff on June 29, August 4, and August 17, 2009, and on January 21, February 3, and May 19, 2010, to review the cultural resources analytical methodology for all of the Draft 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 the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (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 initiating tribal consultation and providing information about the proposed project alternatives. The letters also requested information about cultural properties that could be affected by the project. Formal Consultation between FRA and federally recognized tribes began in February 2010. A meeting for 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. The meeting was held on July 27, 2011, in Fresno, California. Representatives from the following federally recognized tribes attended the meeting: North Fork Rancheria, Tule River Tribe, Picayune Rancheria, and Table Mountain Rancheria. Representatives from the following non-federally recognized groups attended the meeting: Traditional Choinumni and North Fork Mono. Numerous additional meetings and informal communications have been ongoing since that time. Details regarding the continuing Native American consultation and communication are discussed in Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Section 3.17.3.2, Agency, Native American, and Public Outreach of the EIR/EIS.

8.5 Notification and Circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS

Notice regarding the availability and the circulation of this Draft Project EIR/EIS was provided pursuant to CEQA and NEPA requirements and in both English and Spanish. 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, the time and location of workshops, public hearings, where the document could be viewed, and the period during which public comment will be received. The notice was strategically placed in a well-read section to encourage maximum notification. A letter, informational brochure, and NOA were made available in English and Spanish and mailed to those within a 300-foot buffer to all permanent impacts associated with the alignment. In addition, a postcard in English and Spanish was mailed to additional stakeholders that indicated their interest in the project, and requested to be kept informed; and an e-mail was released advising of the availability of the document for public review. A notice of completion indicating the availability of the Draft Project EIR/EIS was filed with the State Clearinghouse and sent to state agencies. The U.S. EPA published a notice of availability for the Draft Project EIR/EIS in the *Federal Register* on August 12, 2011. In addition, several dozen posters were displayed at businesses and public gathering places, such as post offices and Amtrak stations within the alignment.

The Draft Project EIR/EIS was circulated among federal, state, and local agencies, regional transportation agencies, and organizations and persons who have expressed an interest in the project. The Draft Project EIR/EIS is available on the Authority and FRA's websites and on DVD upon request. Public hearing dates and locations also were posted on the Authority's website. A distribution list for the Draft EIR/EIS is provided in the Draft EIR/EIS, Chapter 8, EIR/EIS Distribution.

8.6 Publication and Review of the Draft EIR/EIS

The Draft EIR/EIS was posted on the Authority's website for public review on August 9, 2011, and was formally made available to California state agencies by the State Clearinghouse beginning August 10, 2011. On August 25, 2011, the Authority announced the public comment period was extended to October 13, 2011, 60 days after the document was first published for public review and comment, rather than the original closing date of September 28, 2011. To inform the public about the extension, notices were placed in local newspapers, a postcard announcement was mailed to the same stakeholder list mentioned above, posters and informational materials were revised, and an e-mail was sent to our database. On September 8, 2011, FRA published a notice in the *Federal Register* advising the public that the comment period would be extended until October 13, 2011.

In order to provide the greatest opportunity for agencies and the public to review and comment on the Draft EIR/EIS, the Authority and FRA provided widespread notice of its availability. On August 9, 2011, the Authority sent a press release to all major newspapers in the area advising the public of the availability of the Draft EIR/EIS on the Authority's website. Notices were placed in newspapers of general circulation in the area and in the Federal Register.

8.6.1 Public and Agency Information Meetings and Hearings

Several advertised public workshops were held in the project area during the review period to present the Draft EIR/EIS and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and collect information about the project. Four public workshops were held in late August in Rosedale, Wasco, Corcoran, and Fresno, at which members of the public could review copies of the Draft EIR/EIS; obtain help in identifying how the project might affect their property; and submit written comments. Formal hearings were held in Fresno, Hanford, and Bakersfield, and written and verbal comments were accepted on September 20, 21, and 22, 2011. Public meetings held after publication of the Draft EIR/EIS are listed in Table 8-1 at the end of this chapter. The places and dates of the workshops and public hearings are listed below.

Draft EIR/EIS Workshops:

- Rosedale: Grace Baptist Church, August 23, 2011
- Wasco: Veteran's Hall, August 24, 2011
- Corcoran: Technology Center, August 25, 2011
- Fresno: Harvest of Harmony Church, August 30, 2011

Draft EIR/EIS Public Hearings:

- Fresno: Convention Center, September 20, 2011
- Hanford: Hanford Auditorium, September 21, 2011
- Bakersfield: Beale Memorial Library, September 22, 2011

The Draft EIR/EIS was made available for review in several ways. The document was posted on the Authority and FRA's websites, beginning on August 9, 2011. Printed and electronic copies were made available in 40 libraries and community centers located in Fresno, Hanford,

Bakersfield, Lemoore, Corcoran, Wasco, Clovis, Laton, Delano, Shafter, Visalia, and Tulare (see Chapter 9, EIR/EIS Distribution). Copies were sent to cooperating federal agencies, state-responsible and trustee agencies (including copies sent through the State Clearinghouse), and were available at the Authority's office in Sacramento. DVDs with the Draft EIR/EIS in electronic form were sent, without charge, to all who requested them.

8.6.2 Comments on the Draft EIR/EIS

The public was also given the opportunity to comment in several ways. Comments could be submitted to the Authority and FRA by card or letter (including cards and letters submitted at the public hearings), through the Authority website, in writing at the four informational workshops, verbally at the three public hearings, and by means of e-mail. Spanish translators were available at all of the workshops and hearings to translate project information, as well as comments, as requested. The provision of Lao and Hmong language interpreters was offered in public notice materials before the meetings. The Authority also provided computer stations at the workshops and hearings with internet access so that the public could submit comments via the Authority website. During the comment period, there were approximately 1,450 comment submittals on the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Draft EIR/EIS.

The Authority and FRA assessed and considered all substantive comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS. Responses to these comments are provided in Volume IV of this Final EIR/EIS.

On October 5, 2011, the Authority announced that it would issue a Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section of the HST project, which would have a separate, additional 60-day comment period. The Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS included new alignment alternatives in response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS.

In response to stakeholder, agency, and public feedback on the BNSF Alternative bypassing Hanford to the east, the Authority reintroduced an alternative route to the west of Hanford, and an alternative station location to serve the Kings/Tulare region along that portion of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section. The Authority also investigated improvements to the existing Fresno to Bakersfield alternatives to respond to community and local agency concerns. This step afforded additional time for the public and interested agencies to continue to review the information contained in the then-current Fresno to Bakersfield Draft EIR/EIS. Throughout the months leading up to the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, the outreach team proactively met with stakeholders to discuss potential alternatives, responded to stakeholder inquiries with timely information, and sent ongoing email alerts to stakeholders to provide project-wide updates.

8.7 Development of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS

During the development of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, 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.

8.7.1 Public Information Materials and Meetings

The Authority and FRA held informal and formal public meetings during the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS preparation process. Various meeting formats, such as open houses, formal presentations, 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.

A series of six public information meetings were held in May 2012 to further inform affected communities of the engineering refinements and project status, and to advise the public on the upcoming revised environmental documents and the associated comment period.

- Shafter: Veterans Hall, May 15, 2012.
- Rosedale: Grace Baptist Church, May 16, 2012.
- Bakersfield: Kern County Administration Building, May 17, 2012.
- Fresno: Convention Center, May 22, 201.
- Hanford: Civic Auditorium, May 23, 2012.
- Corcoran: Technology Center, May 24, 2012.

Engineering, environmental, and public outreach team members were available to answer questions and to highlight the alignment changes in the new maps. Three additional technical working group sessions were held in May 2012 to provide project updates and to exchange information with local government representatives.

- Bakersfield: Kern County Development Services Building, May 17, 2012.
- Fresno: Council of Governments Sequoia Conference Room, May 22, 2012.
- Hanford: City of Hanford Training Room, May 23, 2012.

These public information meetings were held during preparation of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS to inform the public about the alignment alternatives and the associated impact analysis for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section, and status of the EIR/EIS preparation. In addition, these meetings conveyed information on various HST project components, and served as forums for obtaining feedback. During the 90-day comment period that followed publication of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, four informational workshops were held to provide information on the contents of the environmental documents. Three formal public hearings were subsequently held to solicit public comments. All of the public information meetings included brief presentations and project information materials (on display and in fact sheets), and project staff were available to answer questions. Meeting times and locations were announced through direct mail to those in the project database, advertisements in local newspapers, and postings on the Authority's website (<http://www.hsr.ca.gov>). Various publications and materials were also made available at this website, including the Fresno-Bakersfield High-Speed Train brochure, which detailed the environmental review process and methods the public could submit their comments, Fresno-Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet, "Your Property, Your High-Speed Rail Project."

The Authority participated in additional public meetings hosted by other agencies to provide project information and obtain feedback. Public and agency meetings are listed in Table 8-1, provided at the end of this chapter.

8.7.2 Technical Working Group Meetings

The TWGs continued to meet regularly during the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS 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. The TWG meetings helped transmit information needs, express concerns and preferences, and relay important project updates. Table 8-1, at the end of this chapter, lists the TWG meeting dates and topics.

8.7.3 Agency Meetings and Consultation

The Authority and FRA continued to consult with cooperating agencies under NEPA and with trustee and responsible agencies under CEQA regarding specific resource areas associated with

these agencies during the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS development process. Interested state, federal, and local agencies were also consulted throughout the process.

8.8 Notification and Circulation of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS

Notice regarding the availability and the circulation of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS was provided pursuant to CEQA and NEPA requirements and in both English and Spanish. 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 Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, the time and location of workshops, public hearings, where the document could be viewed, and the period during which public comments would be received. The notice was strategically placed in a well-read section of these newspapers to encourage maximum notification.

A letter regarding the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS was mailed to owners/occupants within the footprint of the proposed alignments. The letter informed them that their property may be impacted by the HST and may be necessary for construction (within the project construction footprint) of one or more of the alternatives or project components being evaluated.

A postcard both in English and Spanish regarding the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS was mailed to businesses and owners/occupants within a 0.25 mile in the rural subsection (South Fresno County through Kings County) of proposed alignments, and all others within 1,000 feet of the alignment (North Fresno and through Kern County). Postcards were also mailed to all stakeholders who commented on the Draft EIR/EIS and requested to stay informed about the HST project.

Both the letter and postcard detailed the availability of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS including: locations where a hard copy of the document would be available, information about the public workshop and public hearings to be held, how to submit a comment about the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, and how to request a CD of the document.

A second postcard in both English and Spanish regarding the extension of the comment period was mailed to property owners and owners/occupants within the footprint of the proposed alignments feet from the proposed alignments. The postcard informed stakeholders of the new date for submission of comments about the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS. A notice of completion indicating the availability of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS was filed with the State Clearinghouse and sent to state agencies. The U.S. EPA published a notice of availability for the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS in the *Federal Register* on July 20, 2012.

A hard copy of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS was distributed to the original 40 repository locations in Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties plus an additional eight locations to provide additional means for public review. Each location also received several copies of the Public Notice of Availability and upcoming public meetings poster in both English and Spanish. Although some repository locations had limited hours, because of the number of locations a member of the public could have access to the hard copy document 7 days a week.

Notice of Availability posters in both English and Spanish were posted at various public locations throughout the alignment footprint in Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties. The locations included local grocery stores, city and county offices, Amtrak stations, post offices, downtown merchants, and local community based organizations.

An email was sent on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 to 1,680 stakeholders on the Fresno to Bakersfield mailing list to announce the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS. A second email was

sent on Thursday, August 9, 2012 to 1,693 stakeholders in the Fresno to Bakersfield mailing list to provide information on the upcoming Public Workshops and Hearings. Both emails were also sent to the following community-based organizations and clubs—several targeting Environmental Justice groups.

The Authority set up a stakeholder conference call via email, which was held on July 16, 2012, to inform key stakeholders about the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS. The key stakeholders invited to the call included elected officials (city, county, and state), County Council of Governments, County Economic Development Corporations, and local chambers of commerce.

Copies of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS were also sent to cooperating federal agencies, state-responsible and trustee agencies (including copies sent through the State Clearinghouse), and were available at the Authority's office in Sacramento. Additionally, copies were sent to local municipalities, including city managers and planning or community development departments as an additional means for public review. DVDs with the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS in electronic form were sent, without charge, to all who requested them. Public hearing dates and locations were also posted on the Authority's website. A distribution list for the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS is provided in Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, Chapter 8, EIR/EIS Distribution.

**Revised Draft
 EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS
 Materials Available Online:**

- Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS Executive Summary (English/Spanish)
- Fresno-Bakersfield California High-Speed Train Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement Brochure (English/Spanish)
- List of locations of hard copies and DVD copies of the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS

8.9 Publication and Review of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS

The Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS was posted on the Authority's website for public review on July 16, 2012, and was formally made available to California state agencies by the State Clearinghouse beginning July 20, 2012.

In order to provide the greatest opportunity for agencies and the public to review and comment on the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, the Authority and FRA provided widespread notice of its availability. On July 16, 2012, the Authority sent a press release to all major newspapers in the area advising the public of the availability of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS on the Authority's website. Notices were placed in newspapers of general circulation in the area and FRA published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

On August 22, 2012, the Authority announced the public comment period was extended to October 19, 2012, 90 days after the document was first published for public review and comment, rather than the original closing date of September 20, 2012. A press release was issued on August 22, 2012, advising of the extension of the comment period.

8.9.1 Public and Agency Information Meetings and Hearings

Several advertised public workshops were held in the project area during the review period to present the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and collect information about the project. Four public workshops were held in mid August in Rosedale, Wasco, Corcoran, and Fresno, at which members of the public could review copies of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS; obtain help in identifying how the project might impact their property; and submit written comments. Formal hearings were held in Fresno,

Hanford, and Bakersfield, and written and verbal comments were accepted on August 27, 28 and 29, 2012. The places and dates of the workshops and public hearings are listed below.

Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Workshops:

- Rosedale: Rosedale Middle School, August 13, 2012.
- Wasco: Elks Lodge, August 14, 2012.
- Corcoran: Veterans Memorial Hall, August 15, 2012.
- Fresno: The Grand 1401 Ballroom, August 16, 2012.

Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Hearings:

- Bakersfield: Beale Memorial Library, August 27, 2012.
- Hanford: Hanford Fraternal Hall, August 28, 2012.
- Fresno: Convention Center, August 29, 2012.

Public meetings held after publication of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS are listed in Table 8-1 at the end of this chapter.

8.9.2 Comments on the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS

The public was also given the opportunity to comment in several ways. Comments could be submitted to the Authority and FRA by card or letter (including cards and letters submitted at the public hearings), through the Authority website, in writing at the four informational workshops, verbally at the three public hearings, and by means of e-mail. The Authority also provided computer stations at the workshops and hearings with internet access so that the public could submit comments via the Authority website. Spanish translators were available at all of the workshops and hearings to translate project information, as well as comments, as requested. Again, the provision of Lao and Hmong language interpreters was offered in public notice materials before the meetings. Although formal comment period start and end dates were noted and followed as guidance, comments on the EIR/EIS were taken continuously through the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS. During the comment period for the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, 800 comment submittals were received.

The Authority and FRA assessed and considered all substantive comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS and the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS, and revised document text where appropriate. Responses to Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments are provided in Volume V of this Final EIR/EIS.

8.9.3 Ongoing Outreach Leading Up to Publication of the Final EIR/EIS

Ongoing outreach efforts following the close of the public comment period in fall 2012 included one-on-one briefings with impacted property owners, businesses, and organizations as well as city and county representatives throughout the Fresno to Bakersfield project section. Meetings have occurred with impacted businesses to address their issues.

The Authority's Central Valley regional director held briefings and made phone calls to local elected officials and key stakeholders in preparation of the staff recommendation for the Preferred Alternative in April and November of 2013.

In early 2014, the Authority's Central Valley regional director met with several federal, state and local elected officials to provide project updates and address questions.

Table 8-1
 Public and Agency Meetings

Date of Meeting	Meetings Held from March 2007 to March 2014	Topic
3/16/2007	Cities of Fresno, Selma, Fowler, Kingsburg	Educate elected officials on HST.
4/29/2007	Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) State Conference	General presentation on HST in California.
5/30/2007	Fresno Area Stakeholders	General presentation on HST in the CV and questions and answers (Q&A).
6/4/2007	Kings County Area Stakeholders	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/7/2007	Tulare County Area Stakeholders	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/12/2007	Tulare County Area Stakeholders	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/14/2007	Building Industry Association (BIA) of Fresno/Madera Counties	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/25/2008	Downtown Visalians	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/5/2008	Fresno Metropolitan Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/13/2008	College of the Sequoias (COS)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/21/2008	Dinuba Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/13/2008	Visalia, AEP Central Chapter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/26/2008	CalPIRG Bike Tour, Fresno	Press conference to present benefits of HSTs in California.
3/26/2008	CalPIRG Bike Tour, Bakersfield	Press conference to present benefits of HSTs in California.
3/27/2008	Porterville Breakfast Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/21/2008	High-Speed Rail and El Paseo Project	Potential impacts of HST on property owner's proposed project; El Paseo commercial development proposed on both sides of the UPRR tracks in north Fresno.
4/1/2008	Hanford Breakfast Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/2/2008	Tulare Sunrise Breakfast Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/2/2008	Steve Geil, Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC)	General update on HST in the valley and economic benefits to the valley.

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Date of Meeting	Meetings Held from March 2007 to March 2014	Topic
4/2/2008	Hanford Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/8/2008	Visalia County Center Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/14/2008	Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/17/2008	Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/17/2008	Young Professionals Organization	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/18/2008	Fresno Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/18/2008	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (FCEOC) Policy Advisory Committee	Educate elected officials on HST.
4/24/2008	FCEOC Board Meeting	Project update and request for support of HST.
4/25/2008	Tulare Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/26/2008	League of Women Voters	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/30/2008	Madera Sunrise Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
5/6/2008	Hanford City Council Study Session	Educate elected officials, staff, and public on HST.
5/6/2008	Madera Tribune, Newspaper, Chuck Coud, Publisher	Proposed routes through the valley; status of project.
5/6/2008	Madera County Board of Supervisors (open public meeting)	Educate elected officials and public on HST.
5/6/2008	Kings County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Tony Oliveira	Educate elected officials on HST.
5/7/2008	Madera City Council (regular meeting, open to the public)	Educate elected officials on HST.
5/7/2008	Great Valley Center Conference	HST information booth at the conference.
5/8/2008	Great Valley Center Conference	General presentation on HST in the CV and Q&A as part of a panel.
5/8/2008	KMJ 580 Radio	Answered question from show host and public on HST.
5/10/2008	Fresno Amtrak Station, National Train Day Event	HST booth providing information to the public and answering questions.

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5/12/2008	Tulare Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
5/14/2008	Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/2/2008	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)	Gain input from elected officials and public on proposed HST alignments.
6/3/2008	Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/5/2008	Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce (10 in attendance)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/5/2008	KJWL Radio Station (Bud Elliot and Feleena Sutton)	Discuss benefits of HSTs.
6/6/2008	Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL seminar)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/6/2008	Tulare County Board of Supervisors (individual members of the board)	Educate elected officials on HST.
6/6/2008	Tulare County Supervisor Allen Ishida	Educate elected officials on HST.
6/6/2008	City of Visalia Mayor Jesus Gamboa and City Manager Steve Soloman	Educate elected officials and city staff on HST.
6/9/2008	Tulare County Board of Supervisors (public meeting, Channel 30 present)	Update elected officials and public on HST.
6/10/2008	Bass Lake Chamber of Commerce (11 in attendance)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/11/2008	Tehipite Chapter of Sierra Club, Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/11/2008	Lemoore Chamber of Commerce (80 to 100 in attendance)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/11/2008	Lindsay Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/11/2008	Madera Rancho's Kiwanis Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/12/2008	Visalia Sunset Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/16/2008	Tulare County Supervisor Steve Worthley (District 4)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/16/2008	Tulare County Supervisor Mike Ennis (District 5)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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Date of Meeting	Meetings Held from March 2007 to March 2014	Topic
6/17/2008	Kiwanis Club of East Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/20/2008	Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/20/2008	Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/8/2008	Sierra Oakhurst Kiwanis Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/9/2008	East Fresno Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/9/2008	Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/16/2008	Hanford Noon Kiwanis Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/16/2008	Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/17/2008	City of Tulare, Practicing Planners Luncheon	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/22/2008	Madera County Supervisor Vern Moss	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/25/2008	Fresno Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/28/2008	Fresno Downtown Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/28/2008	Reedley Kiwanis Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/30/2008	Rotary Club of Taft	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/30/2008	Taft Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/30/2008	Meeting with Madera County Supervisor Frank Bigelow	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/31/2008	Madera Ranchos Kiwanis Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/4/2008	Oildale Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/19/2008	Porterville Breakfast Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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 Public and Agency Meetings

Date of Meeting	Meetings Held from March 2007 to March 2014	Topic
9/5/2008	Clovis Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/18/2008	Fresno Council of Governments (COG) Board Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts. Request letter of support for HST.
9/23/2008	Fresno City Council and Fresno County Board of Supervisors	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts. Request letter of support for HST.
9/24/2008	Orange Cove Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/25/2008	Leadership Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/7/2008	Bakersfield Californian Newspaper Editorial Board	Status of project, costs, and benefits of HST.
10/8/2008	Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/11/2008	National Federation of the Blind, Central Valley Chapter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/11/2008	Valley Land Use Conference, City of Clovis	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts. Participate in a panel discussion.
10/16/2008	North Fresno Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/17/2008	Certificate Award in Urban and Regional Planning	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/24/2008	American Public Works Association, Central Valley Chapter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/25/2008	Transportation, Energy, and Fuels Forum	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/28/2008	Chowchilla Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/29/2008	Madera County Supervisor Bigelow, Ray Beach (Madera County Resource Management Agency [RMA]) Mitch and Johannes (Roads Department)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/3/2008	Amtrak Press Conference	Presented information to the public and media on HST.
11/19/2008	Hanford Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/13/2009	Tulare County Board of Supervisors, County Clerk	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/13/2009	Meeting with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.; emphasize need for City Staff support.

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1/28/2009	Tulare County Board of Supervisors	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/28/2009	Kern County Supervisor Don Maben	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/28/2009	City of Bakersfield Staff, Mayor Harvey Hall, and Councilman Harold Hanson	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/28/2009	Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/29/2009	Bakersfield Councilwoman Sue Benham and Councilman David Couch	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/29/2009	Bakersfield Vice Mayor Zack Scrivner, Councilwoman Jackie Sullivan, and Councilman Ken Weir	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/29/2009	FRA and SHPO	Development of environmental method, mitigation measures, and the creation of a PA and MOA discussed.
2/10/2009	Fresno Business Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/12/2009	Cross Valley Rail Joint Powers Authority (JPA)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/17/2009	Hanford City Council study session	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/19/2009	Madera County Supervisor Frank Bigelow	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/24/2009	Madera Mayor Sam Armentrout	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/26/2009	City of Corcoran City Manager Ron Hoggard and Mayor Ray Lerma	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/26/2009	Paramount Farms	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/26/2009	Shafter/Wasco Outreach Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/2/2009	Tulare County Supervisors Phil Cox and Pete Vander Poel and Debbie Vaughn, Tulare County Administrative Office (CAO)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/2/2009	Tulare County Supervisors Steve Worthley and Mike Ennis	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/2/2009	Tulare County Supervisor Allen Ishida (District 1)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/2/2009	Visalia City Council Study Session	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.

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3/3/2009	Kings County Board of Supervisors Study session	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/4/2009	Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/9/2009	Madera County Supervisors Vern Moss and Tom Wheeler	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/9/2009	Madera City Councilman Robert Poythress	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/10/2009	Fresno County Board of Supervisors	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/11/2009	City of Fresno Council President Cynthia Sterling	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/12/2009	Madera Supervisor Max Rodriguez	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/16/2009	Bakersfield City Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/16/2009	Kern COG Board	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/17/2009	Fresno City Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; invite to Scoping meetings.
3/24/2009	Visalia – Merced to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS Scoping Meeting	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.
3/25/2009	Fresno – Merced to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS Scoping Meeting	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.
3/26/2009	Bakersfield – Merced to Bakersfield Section EIR/EIS Scoping Meeting	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.
4/22/2009	California Transportation Commission Town Hall Meeting, Bakersfield	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/29/2009	Fresno Technical Working Group	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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5/6 -5/7/2009	Great Valley Center Conference	HST booth providing general information on HST in the CV.
5/18/2009	Fresno Chamber Transportation Committee	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
5/20/2009	Tulare Breakfast Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/1/2009	North Fresno Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/5/2009	Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL) Seminar on Transportation	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/13/2009	PBS Interview with Gene Tackett, Outreach–Kern County	Provided historic information on railroads and HST through the Tehachapis.
6/16/2009	Bakersfield Technical Working Group	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/19/2009	Phone Conversation with John Lindt, Valley Voice Newspaper	Answered questions from news reporter on HST in the valley.
6/24/2009	Meeting with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin and Carrie Pourvahidi, Deputy Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/26/2009	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council	Update Policy Council on status of HST and alternatives development.
6/29/2009	Authority and SHPO	Discuss analytical methods and initiate preparation of a programmatic agreement (PA).
7/1/2009	Fresno County Board of Supervisors	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
7/22/2009	East Fresno Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/28/2009	Meeting with Fresno Mayor Swearengin	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
7/30/2009	Office of State Senator George Runner	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/4/2009	Authority and SHPO	Review analytical methods and PA.
8/12/2009	The Nature Conservancy, including both outreach teams from the Bakersfield to Palmdale and Los Angeles to Palmdale Sections	Stakeholder
8/17/2009	Authority and SHPO	Review analytical methods and PA.
8/18/2009	Meeting with Kern County Supervisor John McQuiston	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/18/2009	Meeting with Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.

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8/19/2009	Meeting with Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/19/2009	Meeting with Bakersfield Councilman Harold Hanson	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/19/2009	Meeting with Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/19/2009	Meeting with Bakersfield Vice Mayor and Councilman Zack Scrivner	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/19/2009	Meeting with Bakersfield Councilmember David Couch	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/19/2009	Meeting with Bakersfield Councilwoman Irma Carson	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/19/2009	Meeting with Kern County Supervisor Don Maben	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/20/2009	Corcoran Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/24/2009	Meeting with Fresno Supervisor Susan Anderson, Chairperson, Fresno County Board of Supervisors	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
8/25/2009	Freight Rail Realignment Update to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Information Item	Update elected officials on Freight Rail Realignment Study and relationship to HST alternatives in Fresno.
8/31/2009	Rey Leon (Mexican American Political Association [MAPA])	Conducting outreach to Mexican American and other Environmental Justice communities in the Valley and assistance with this effort.
9/15/2009	Bakersfield Public Involvement Meeting (PIM)	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
9/15/2009	Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA) Luncheon in Bakersfield	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/2/2009	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Fall Conference	Update elected officials, transportation agency staff, and public on HST in the CV, HMF location criteria, and alternatives development.
10/2/2009	High-Speed Rail Authority Board, Elected Officials, Local Leaders Press Conference in Fresno	Press conference announcement of California High-Speed Rail Authority stimulus funding application details.
10/8/2009	Rosedale Neighborhood near Bakersfield, Conference Call	Update residents about potential impacts on their houses and property acquisition process.
10/15/2009	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Debbie Poochigan	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
10/16/2009	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Susan Anderson	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.

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10/21/2009	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
10/22/2009	Fresno American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Lunch Presentation	General presentation on HST in the valley and Q&A focusing on engineering issues.
10/23/2009	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley 2009 Annual Summit	Valley transportation planning summit,
10/26/2009	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
10/26/2009	Assemblyman Gilmore, Representative Noah Lawson	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
10/27/2009	Fresno County Board of Supervisor Carrie Bowen	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
11/3/2009	East Bakersfield PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
11/4/2009	Rosedale PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
11/9/2009	Corcoran Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission Members	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
11/10/2009	Hanford Mayor David Ayers and City Manager	Update elected officials and staff on HST and alternatives development; discuss Hanford Station.
11/10/2009	Sons in Retirement (SIRS)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/12/2009	Central Valley Infrastructure Conference	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/17/2009	Construction Services Institute Dinner	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/18/2009	Fresno Council Members Xiong, Borgeas, and Sterling	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
11/23/2009	TCAG Board	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
11/26/2009	City of Fresno City Council	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
11/30/2009	Kings County Board of Supervisors	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
12/1/2009	Hanford City Council Study Session	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development, proposed Hanford station.
12/09/2009	East Bakersfield PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.

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12/16/2009	Ace Mentoring/Kerman High School Outreach Meeting	General presentation on HST in the Valley and Q&A, provide input on class project to design HST Station in Fresno.
12/17/2009	Exchange Club HST Presentation	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/8/2010	Cross Valley Rail JPA Board Meeting Presentation	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development.
1/19/2010	Fresno Public Information Meeting at Tower Theater	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
1/21/2010	Authority and SHPO	Discuss draft PA.
2/3/2010	FRA/Authority/SHPO Coordination Meeting	Discussion of SHPO edits to PA.
2/8/2010	SJVAPCD EJ Committee	Update elected officials on HST and alternatives development, request assistance in identifying and reaching EJ communities in the Valley.
2/16/2010	Kern County Board of Supervisors	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, Authority Central Valley Deputy Director.
2/16/2010	East Bakersfield Public Information Meeting	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
2/17/2010	Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, Authority Central Valley Deputy Director.
2/17/2010	Bakersfield City Council	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, Authority Central Valley Deputy Director.
2/17/2010	Kern Agriculture Forum	General presentation on HST in the valley with focus on agricultural impacts.
2/19/2010	Leadership Bakersfield Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/24/2010	California Partnership Board	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, HMF criteria and stations.
2/24/2010	Tulare County Agriculture/Water Committee	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community on HST.
2/24/2010	Meeting with Visalia Mayor Bob Link, Councilman Warren Gubler	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, Authority Central Valley Deputy Director.

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2/24/2010	Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Commission	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, access restrictions from SR 198 and SR 43 to proposed Hanford station.
3/9/2010	Kings County Board of Supervisors	Update elected officials on HST, alternatives development, and station locations; introduce Carrie Bowen, Authority Central Valley Deputy Director.
3/11/2010	Fresno County Measure C Oversight Committee Meeting Focusing on High-Speed Rail Project	Update committee on HST and HMF location and criteria for locating HMF.
3/16/2010	North Fresno PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
3/17/2010	Wasco-Shafter Conf. Call #1	Alternatives through Wasco and Shafter, receive feedback on proposed alignments.
3/19/2010	Wasco-Shafter Conf. Call #2	Alternatives through Wasco and Shafter, receive feedback on proposed alignments.
3/22/2010	Presentation to Fresno Historic Preservation Commission	Update committee on HST alternatives through Fresno and discuss potential impacts on historic properties.
3/23/2010	Jeff Fabbri, Landowner in Bakersfield	Alignment alternatives, impacts on farming operations and water districts and potential options to reduce those impacts.
3/23/2010	Western Properties, Kern County Developer	Alignment alternatives, impacts on farming operations and water districts and potential options to reduce those impacts.
4/1/2010	FRA and ACHP Meeting	Review Section 106 process for HST projects.
4/1/2010	North Fresno Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/8/2010	Kings County Landowners	Answer questions on proposed East Hanford Alignment in Kings County.
4/9/2010	Leadership Visalia and North Tulare County	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/14/2010	West Bakersfield Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/14/2010	Kings County Agriculture Advisory Committee	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community on HST alignment east of Hanford.
4/15/2010	Kern Packers and Shippers	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.

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4/15/2010	City of Bakersfield Planning Commission	Gave presentation on alignments through Bakersfield and answered questions from the planning commission on the alignments.
4/15/2010	Fresno County Agricultural and Water Leaders	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.
4/15/2010	Kern County Agricultural and Water Leaders	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.
4/19/2010	Agricultural Commodity Groups	Gain input on potential impacts and concerns from agricultural community.
4/27/2010	Hanford PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
5/3/2010	Kings County Planning Commission	Update committee on HST alternatives including station locations east of Hanford.
5/4/2010	Wasco PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
5/5/2010	Wasco Real Properties, 29341 Kimberlina, Wasco	Discuss impacts of HST on Rosedale Ranch approved development.
5/5/2010	Keith Gardner and Holly King of Western Properties	Discuss impacts of HST alternatives on agricultural operations near Wasco, potential alternatives to reduce impacts.
5/5/2010	Jeff Fabbri, Landowner in Bakersfield	Discuss impacts of HST alternatives on agricultural operations near Wasco, potential alternatives to reduce impacts.
5/5//2010	Corcoran PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
5/18/2010	American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Kern County Chapter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
5/24/2010	Kings County Water Advisory Committee	Update committee on HST alternatives, station locations and impacts on agriculture.
6/15/2010	American Public Works Association	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/29/2010	City of Hanford City Manager and Members of the City Council	Update elected officials and city manager on HST, alternatives in East Hanford and station locations.
6/29/2010	Kings County Agriculture Interest Group	Discuss impacts of HST alternatives on agricultural operations east of Hanford and potential alternatives to reduce impacts.
6/30/2010	Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall	Update mayor on HST in Bakersfield.
6/30/2010	Kern High School District and Bakersfield High School	Discuss impacts and mitigation strategies for Bakersfield High School.

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6/30/2010	Congressman McCarthy Staff	Update elected official and staff on HST in the Valley.
7/8-11/2010	The Kings Fair, Kings County	Booth providing general information on HST in the valley.
7/14/2010	Kings County Agricultural Advisory Committee	Update on HST alternatives in Kings County and potential impacts on agriculture.
7/20/2010	Fresno Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/22/2010	Native American Tribal Meeting	Update Native American Tribes on HST in the valley and gain input on issues of concern. No Native American representatives attended.
7/27/2010	Visalia City Staff Conference Call	Proposed Hanford Station and East Hanford HST alignment.
7/29/2010	Mercy Hospital Briefing	Gain input from hospital on potential impacts from HST including noise, vibration, and other impacts.
7/29/2010	Kern River Foundation	Discuss HST potential impacts on Kern River Parkway.
7/30/2010	Kern High School District	Follow up on development of mitigation strategies for Bakersfield High School.
8/11/2010	Shafter PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
8/11/2010	Bakersfield City Manager Alan Tandy	Update city manager on HST alternatives, Bakersfield stations, and gain input.
8/11/2010	Kern Technical Working Group	Update to agency staffs on HST alternatives, Bakersfield stations, and gain local input.
8/11/2010	Lemoore Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/13/2010	Fresno Chamber Earth Committee	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/18/2010	Fresno City Staff	Update to agency staffs on HST alternatives, Fresno stations, and gain local input.
8/18/2010	Fresno Technical Working Group	Update to agency staffs on HST alternatives, Fresno stations, and gain local input.
8/19/2010	Kern High School District	Additional follow-up on development of mitigation strategies for Bakersfield High School.
8/19/2010	Bakersfield PIM	Open House public meeting to present project information, answer questions from the public, and receive comments from the public.
9/7/2010	Caltrans District 6	Update staff on HST in the CV.
9/16/2010	Kern County Farm Bureau	Update on HST alternatives in Kern County and potential impacts on agriculture.

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10/26/2010	Assemblyman Gilmore Rep Noah Lawson	Update on HST alternatives in Kings County and concerns from agriculture.
10/28/2010	Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC)	Presentation by Roelof van Ark at Fresno EDC annual conference.
11/3/2010	Commercial Real Estate Women of Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/17/2010	Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/18/2010	Caltrans Project Manager Institute	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
12/2/2010	Bullard Talent Elementary School	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
12/11/2010	Booth at Mercado in Bakersfield	EJ outreach event.
12/15/2010	Teleconference for FRA and Federally Recognized Native American Tribes	Coordination between the FRA and federally recognized Native American Tribes.
1/13/2011	Landowner Meeting (Aaron Fukuda)	Proposed alignment through Ponderosa community.
1/18/2011	Leadership Bakersfield Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/19/2011	Institute of Transportation Engineers	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/25/2011	Counter Center Rotary	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/15/2011	City of Fresno and HST Engineers Meeting	Meeting regarding Design/Engineering.
2/18/2011	Kern Minority Contractors Association	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/23/2011	Kern County stakeholder meeting	Meeting to garner stakeholder support.
2/23/2011	HSR Engineering Design Issues Meeting with Fresno City Engineers	Follow-up meeting to February 15th regarding design/engineering.
2/23/2011	Fresno State College of Engineering	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/24/2011	Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/24/2011	Lacey Rural Community Meeting	Meeting to discuss proposed alignment impacts on Ponderosa community. Follow-up meeting.
2/28/2011	Kings River Complex USACE Meeting	Coordination and alternatives brainstorming for HST crossing of Kings River Complex.
3/2/2011	Kern County Public Works Meeting	Meeting to discuss alignment profiles impacts on county roads and planned renewable projects.

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3/3/2011	Corcoran Rotary Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/6/2011	Fiesta de la Familia	Booth at Univision festival to provide information to the public on HST.
3/7/2011	Wasco/Shafter Meeting	HST presentation.
3/7/2011	City of Corcoran Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts on Ponderosa community. Follow-up meeting.
3/7/2011	CSU Fresno Economic and Community Development	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/8/2011	Fresno Cherry Auction	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/8/2011	CA Rural Legal Assistance	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/8/2011	Fresno Rescue Mission	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/9/2011	Kit Carson Union School District	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/9/2011	Poverello House	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/10/2011	Fresno Flea Market	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/9/2011	Kings City/County Coordinating Meeting	Jeff Abercrombie guest speaker – meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/10/2011	Black Metro Chamber of Commerce	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/10/2011	City of Bakersfield	Stakeholder outreach.
3/10/2010	John Hernandez – Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
3/11/2011	California HST Project Small group Meeting – Fresno	To discuss technical design issues with the city's engineers for each crossing.
3/16/2011	Kings County COG	Stakeholder outreach.
3/16/2011	City of Fresno Engineers 30% Design Follow-up Meeting	Follow-up meeting with city of Fresno engineers regarding 30% design.
3/21/2011	Fresno Rotary Presentation	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/22/2011	California State Parks Meeting	Meeting to discuss environmental process and potential impacts on Allensworth State Historic Park.
3/22/2011	Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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3/23/2011	Bakersfield Parks and Recreation	Meeting to discuss environmental process and potential impacts on Kern River Parkway.
3/24/2011	City of Corcoran	Stakeholder outreach follow-up meeting.
3/25/2011	City of Bakersfield	Stakeholder outreach follow-up meeting.
3/30/2011	Hanford Sheriff	Meeting to discuss issues and questions regarding HST project and impacts on community.
3/30/2011	Centro la Familia	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/1/2011	Tulare Basin Working Group	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/8/2011	Visalia Leadership	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/12/2011	Allensworth Elementary School	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/12/2011	Allensworth Progressive Association/Community Council	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/12/2011	Adventist Health	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/12/2011	Hanford Police and Fire Dept./Carnegie Museum/City of Hanford	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/12/2011	Center for Race, Poverty, and Environment	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/12/2011	Delano International Village	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/13/2011	Kern Black Chamber of Commerce	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/13/2011	Kern Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/13/2011	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Senior Center, PAL Youth Center	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/13/2011	Shafter Police/Fire Department, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter Rural Health Clinic, National Health Services	Community survey interview regarding EJ outreach efforts.
4/14/2011	Reedley College Green Summit	HST presentation and booth at Green Summit.
4/14/2011	Fresno Downtown Coalition	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/14/2011	CSU Fresno Business School	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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4/15/2011	Kern County and Kern COG	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts; follow-up meeting.
4/18/2011	Corcoran City Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/19/2011	Fresno Kiwanis Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/19/2011	Kings County Board of Supervisors Discussion	Meeting to discuss Authority and Kings County coordination process.
4/21/2011	Kern Contractors Minority Association	HST presentation at annual event.
5/19/2011	Authority and SHPO	Finalize PA.
5/25/2011	Kings County Community Development Director Follow-up Meeting	Follow-up meeting to provide information on questions raised at previous meeting in reference to proposed alignment.
5/26/2011	High-Speed Rail Minority Business Outreach Panel	Presentation on the HST in the CV, Q&A.
6/2/2011	Wasco City Council Presentation – Public Comment	Presentation on the HST in the CV, Q&A.
5/30/2011	Hanford Marketplace Event	Booth at Farmers Market to provide information on HST and answer questions.
6/7/2011	Kings County Board of Supervisors Coordination Meeting	Presentation to Board of Supervisors, project update.
6/7/2011	Kings County Public Forum	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/10/2011	Mexican Consulate	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/11/2011	Fresno Air Quality Consortium	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/13/2011	John Zumwalt Call	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/13/2011	Hanford Mayor Dan Chin	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/15/2011	John Zumwalt conference call	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/16/2011	Kern County HST Design Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/21/2011	Allensworth Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting to update public and gain feedback on project alternatives.
6/21/2011	City of Fresno Station Planning (webinar)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/21/2011	Ray Souza (past president of Dairyman Council)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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6/22/2011	Rosedale Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting to update public and gain feedback on project alternatives.
6/22/2011	City Councilman Couch	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/22/2011	HST Presentation to Fresno State High School Engineering Classes	Presentation on the HST in the CV, Q&A.
6/23/2011	Chinatown Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting to update public and gain feedback on project alternatives.
6/23/2011	Central Valley County Supervisors Conference on HSR	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/23/2011	Wasco-Shafter Agricultural Group, with Holly King	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/24/2011	Fresno County HST Design Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
6/29/2011	Kings/Tulare Station Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/1/2011	Wasco-Shafter Agricultural Group, with Holly King	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/2/2011	Kennedy Club HST Presentation	Presentation on the HST in the CV, Q&A.
7/7/2011	Fresno Economic Development Corporation and Japan Delegation	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/7-7/10/2011	Kings County Fair	Booth at fair to provide information on HST and answer questions.
7/11/2011	HST Discussion with the City of Corcoran Planner	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/13/2011	Briefing City of Hanford Mayor and Councilmembers, City Manager	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/14/2011	Concerned Citizens of Calwa	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/15/2011	Cannella Agriculture and Transportation Hearing	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/21/2011	High-Speed Rail Community Forum	Authority representatives attended forum.
7/15/2011	Downtown Merchants Association	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/27/2011	Merced-Fresno and Fresno-Bakersfield Tribal Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/29/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
7/29/2011	EJ De Jong (Kings County Dairyman)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/2/2011	Tulare County Roadway Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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8/11/2011	National Association of Women in Construction	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/11/2011	League of CA Cities Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/12/2011	International Right-of-Way Association	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/12/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/23/2011	Rosedale Draft EIR/EIS Public Workshop	Public information workshop to educate attendees about the Draft document and guide them through the document.
8/24/2011	Wasco Draft EIR/EIS Public Workshop	Public information workshop to educate attendees about the Draft document and guide them through the document.
8/22/2011	Association of Environmental Professionals Presentation	Presentation on the HST in the CV, Q&A.
8/25/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/25/2011	Corcoran Draft EIR/EIS Public Workshop	Public information workshop to educate attendees about the Draft document and guide them through the document.
8/30/2011	Fresno Draft EIR/EIS Public Workshop	Public Information meeting to educate attendees and guide them through the Draft EIR/EIS document.
8/30/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/7/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/9/2011	City of Fresno Businesses Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/13/2011	Allensworth Progressive Association/Community Council	Public Information meeting to inform the community about the Draft EIR/EIS document and how to provide formal comments.
9/16/2011	City of Fresno Businesses Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/20/2011	Fresno Draft EIR/EIS Public Hearing	Public Information Meeting to allow attendees to make formal comments on the Draft EIR/EIS document to a panel of Authority and FRA representatives.
9/19/2011	City of Corcoran Conference Call	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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9/21/2011	Hanford Draft EIR/EIS Public Hearing	Public Information Meeting to allow attendees to make formal comments on the Draft EIR/EIS document to a panel of Authority and FRA representatives.
9/21/2011	Meeting with Baker Commodities	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/22/2011	Bakersfield Draft EIR/EIS Public Hearing	Public Information Meeting to allow attendees to make formal comments on the Draft EIR/EIS document to a panel of Authority and FRA representatives.
9/30/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/6/2011	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/11/2011	Fresno County Board of Supervisors Meeting	Inform County of project-level work on HST.
10/11/2011	San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agency Directors Committee Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/12/2011	San Joaquin Fall Policy Conference	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/13/2011	San Joaquin Regional Policy Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/19/2011	Fresno Council of Governments Transportation Forum	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/20/2011	City of Hanford	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/21/2011	Kings County Supervisor Tony Barba	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/26/2011	Fresno Planning Department	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/26/2011	Kings County Office of Education	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/26/2011	Koinonia Christian Fellowship	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/26/2011	Hanford Joint Union High School District	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/26/2011	College of Sequoias	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/27/2011	Premier Collision	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
10/28/2011	Agriculture Working Group Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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11/2/2011	Last Chance Ditch Company	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
11/2/2011	Pioneer School District	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
11/2/2011	Laton Community Services District	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion.
11/2/2011	City of Visalia Assistant City Manager	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/3/2011	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/8/2011	Golden State Feed and Grain	Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives discussion. Stakeholder Outreach.
11/8/2011	Valadeo Bakersfield Hearing	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/9/2011	Lazy H Mobile Park conference call	To discuss possible HST impacts on the Lazy H mobile home park.
11/9/2011	Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	Discuss Hanford West Bypass Alignment.
11/10/2011	Kern Station Meetings	Discuss Kern station options.
11/15/2011	City of Hanford Study Session	Presentation regarding the proposed Hanford West Bypass alignments during the City Council study session.
11/17/2011	Kings/Tulare Hanford West Technical Working Group	Presentation regarding the proposed Hanford West Bypass alternatives to city and county staff. Q&A session.
11/17/2011	Hanford West Public Information Meeting	Presentation regarding the proposed Hanford West Bypass alignments to members of the public. Q&A session.
11/18/2011	HST Agriculture Working Group	Monthly meeting.
11/21/2011	Fresno County Public Works – Hanford West alignments	Discuss proposed Hanford West Bypass alignments design and impacts on roads, etc.
11/21/2011	Caltrans District 6 – Hanford West alignments	Discuss proposed Hanford West Bypass alignments design and impacts on roads, etc.
11/21/2011	Bakersfield Councilmember Couch	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
11/21/2011	Laton Community Services District – HST Hanford West Public Meeting	Presentation regarding the proposed Hanford West Bypass 1 and Hanford West Bypass 2 alternatives to members of the public. Q&A session.
12/5/2011	College of Sequoias – Follow-up Meeting on Hanford West Bypass	Discuss Hanford West Bypass Alignment updates
12/7/2011	Grace Baptist Church	Discuss HST project and potential impacts on the church.
12/8/2011	Mercado Latino – EJ Outreach	Provide updated information on HST project and receive feedback, answer questions.

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12/8/2011	Full Gospel Lighthouse Church	Discuss HST project and potential impacts on the church.
12/14/2011	City of Hanford	Follow-up meeting to provide and updated map of the Hanford West Bypass Alignment.
1/3/2012	California Rural Legal Assistance Inc.	Discuss comment letter submitted in response to the Fresno to Bakersfield Draft EIR/EIS regarding EJ outreach and suggestions for future outreach.
1/10/2012	Tulare County Board of Supervisors	Agenda item #54 – Board to make decision on whether to oppose/support the HST project. Decision—oppose the project as it currently stands.
1/12/2012	Last Chance Ditch Company, People's Ditch Company, and Kings County Water District	Discuss proposed canal realignments, canal crossings with culverts, and possible stormwater discharge all along the Hanford West Bypass Alignment.
1/12/2012	Laguna Irrigation District	Discuss the Liberty Canal, Murphy Slough, Grant Canal, and Kings River water crossings along the Hanford West Bypass Alignment.
1/13/2012	Melga Canal Company	Discuss Melga Canal crossing on the proposed Hanford West Bypass Alignment.
1/13/2012	HST Agriculture Working Group	Monthly meeting. Discuss white papers being created by the group.
1/17/2012	Wasco City Council meeting	Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval a resolution of the City Council of the City of Wasco opposing the High-Speed Rail Project, as currently proposed.
1/20/2012	City of Bakersfield Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments, associated impacts, and station location.
1/20/2012	Department of Pesticide Regulations	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts, and pesticide regulations
1/26/2012	Empower Forum	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/27/2012	City of Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
1/27/2012	HST Agriculture Working Group	To assist the Authority in addressing the key issues raised by the agricultural community
1/31/2012	City of Fresno	Discuss HST and Roeding Park
2/1/2012	California State University, Bakersfield	Discuss HSR discussion class series. Supervisor Ray Watson and Richard Champan, head of Kern Economic Development Corporation addressed the projects employment potential.
2/2/2012	San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Directors Meeting	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/6/2012	Kern County Board of Supervisor, Ray Watson	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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2/6/2012	Kern County Board of Supervisor, Mike Maggard	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/6/2012	Kern County Board of Supervisors, Zach Scrivner and Karen Goh	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/7/2012	Kern County Board of Supervisors	Proposed Resolutions to adopt formal position on the construction of the California High-Speed Rail project. Presentation by Lance Simmens on HST project.
2/8/2012	Business and Local Leaders Breakfast Roundtable with Secretary LaHood	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/8/2012	County of Fresno -- Master Agreement Meeting	HST discussion regarding master agreement.
2/8/2012	Secretary LaHood Meeting with Property Owners	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
2/8/2012	Press Conference with Business Leaders and Affected Business Owners - Secretary LaHood	Press conference regarding HST project.
2/8/2012	Agriculture Roundtable with Secretary LaHood	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts and agriculture.
2/8/2012	City of Fresno - Master Agreement Meeting	HST discussion regarding master agreement
2/9/2012	Kern Station Meetings	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts, and Kern station options
2/10/2012	HST Agriculture Working Group	To assist the Authority in addressing the key issues raised by the agricultural community
2/13/2012	Fresno County Transportation Authority, Fresno Council of Governments, California High-Speed Rail Authority Workshop	Provide overview of HST Business Plan, Q&A session.
2/15/2012	California State University, Bakersfield	Discuss HSR discussion class series. Topic discussed business plan and financing. Presentation by Daniel Krause of Californians for High-Speed Rail.
2/16/2012	Kern Council of Governments	HST project on the agenda. Board postponed vote on resolution to oppose the project until next meeting.
2/17/2012	Leadership Bakersfield Meeting	HST presentation to class. Q&A session.
2/22/2012	Kings County Association of Governments	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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2/24/2012	Fresno Economic Development Corporation Workshop for Property owners and Businesses	Support the efforts of the City of Fresno and Fresno EDC during workshop to inform impacted property and business owners within the initial construction section that the appraisal process is commencing.
2/29/2012	California State University, Bakersfield	Discuss HSR discussion class series. Topic discussed consequences of building versus not building HST in California.
2/29/2012	Cal Mentor	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/1/2012	San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors Meetings	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/8/2012	Kern Station Meetings	Discuss Kern station options.
3/9/2012	Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/13/2012	City of Corcoran Public Works Meeting	HST project update and discussion of concerns in regards to the Caltrans improvement project in the City of Corcoran
3/13/2012	Meeting with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/14/2012	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/14/2012	HST Agricultural Working Group	Discuss the white papers the group is working on to address concerns of the agricultural community and the HST project.
3/15/2012	Meeting with Kern County Planning Department, City of Wasco, and City of Shafter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Kern Council of Governments	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project.
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Kern County Board of Supervisor Watson	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Save Bakersfield Representatives	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project.
3/15/2012	California State University Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Discussion	Townhall meeting and discussion about HST project.
3/14/2012	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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3/14/2012	HST Agricultural Working Group	Discuss white papers the group is working on to address concerns of the agricultural community and the HST project.
3/15/2012	Meeting with Kern County Planning Department, City of Wasco, and City of Shafter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Kern Council of Governments	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project.
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Kern County Board of Supervisor Watson	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with Save Bakersfield Representatives	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project.
3/15/2012	California State University Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Discussion	Town hall meeting and discussion about HST project.
3/15/2012	Dan Richard Meeting with California State University Bakersfield President	Dan Richard, Authority Chairman meeting with stakeholders in Kern County to discuss the HST project.
3/15/2012	Briefing Fresno County Supervisor Phil Larson	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/16/2012	Fresno City Councilmembers Andreas Borgeas and Lee Brand	Meeting with councilmembers to discuss high-speed train project.
3/16/2012	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	Meeting with supervisor to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/16/2012	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Debbie Poochigian	Meeting with supervisor to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/17/2012	Meeting with City of Fresno Senior Staff and Mayor Ashley Swearengin	Planning meeting to discuss HST route and impacts on businesses in Fresno.
3/19/2012	Meeting CA Jobs Alliance	Meeting with organization regarding interest in getting involved with HST project.
3/19/2012	Meeting with Fresno Business Journal	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/20/2012	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	Provide a high-speed train project update, specifically on developments regarding impacts on Laton.
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3/21/2012	Department of Transportation Division of Engineer Services (DES) Committee Presentation	HST presentation to DES Education Committee
3/21/2012	Authority – City of Fresno Work Session	Work session regarding right-of-way and relocation issues in the city of Fresno.
3/22/2012	Briefing Allison Rodriguez, Office of Fresno County Board of Supervisors Henry Perea	Discussion regarding Fresno County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 27, 2012.
3/23/2012	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council	Briefing regarding business plan.
3/26/2012	Phone Conversation with Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	Discussion regarding Fresno County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 27, 2012.
3/27/2012	Meeting Harry Armstrong (Clovis City Council and Chair of Fresno County Transportation Authority)	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/27/2012	Fresno County Board of Supervisors Meeting	Discussion about letter to the Authority regarding concerns/questions about the HST. Board decided to not send the letter and revisit the topic during the April meeting.
3/28/2012	Fresno Metro Black Chamber Diversity Expo	Presentation by the Authority regarding the jobs associated with the start of the initial construction section and first construction package. Hosted booth to inform participating small businesses about contracting opportunities.
3/28/2012	Job Fair Hosted by Fresno Economic Development Corporation, Central CA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and City of Fresno Social Services Department	Hosted booth to inform and educate job seekers about the HST project and jobs the project will create in the construction and other industries.
3/31/2012	High-Speed Rail Get Ready Workshop–Minority Contractors Association	Workshop to educate local contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers about HST contracting opportunities.
4/2/2012	HST Revised Business Plan Press Conference	Revised HST business plan press conference.
4/3/2012	Kings County Board of Supervisors Meeting	Special meeting to discuss the HST project in Kings County.
4/5/2012	Meeting with Fresno City Councilmember Larry Westerlund	Right-of-way issues and coordination with city.
4/9/2012	Armona Community Services District	Meeting to discuss Armona Community Services District DEIR/S comment letter.
4/11/2012	Fresno Center for New Americans	Discuss opportunities to get involved with HST specifically employment, employment training, and timeline.
4/11/2012	Fresno City Councilman and Council President Clint Olivier	Discussed questions and issues on HST raised in a recent letter to the Authority.

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4/13/2012	Associated General Contractors Construction Awareness Day	Introduce high school students to a variety of career opportunities in the construction industry. HST representatives will host a booth to provide information on the project.
4/16/2012	California Retired County Employees Association's Spring Conference	HST presentation to group and Q&A session.
4/16/2012	Fresno Councilmember Blong Xiong	Discuss updated business plan and follow-up to meeting with Fresno Center for New Americans.
4/16/2012	Phone Conversation with Fresno Councilmember Larry Westerlund	Discuss HST impacts on businesses in the Downtown Fresno area.
4/18/2012	City of Wasco Housing Authority	Discuss DEIR/S comments received and project update
4/18/2012	Bakersfield Homeless Shelter	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts and right-of-way process.
4/19/2012	Fresno County Supervisors Phil Larson and Debbie Poochigian	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/26/2012	Reedley College Green Summit	Host a booth to educate participants about the HST. Presentation by Bart Bohn on the revised business plan.
4/28/2012	Fresno City College Asian Fest	Host a booth to educate participants about the HST. Presentation by Bart Bohn on the revised business plan.
5/1/2012	CA State Board of Food and Agriculture	High-speed rail and the state's agricultural economy. Presentations by Pete Weber and Authority board member Tom Richards focused on HST and impacts on agriculture in California.
5/1/2012	Supervisor Judy Case	Follow-up meeting to provide a HST project update.
5/1/2012	Fresno Rescue Mission	Discuss right-of-way issues and HST impacts.
5/2/2012	Fresno Economic Development Corporation	Discuss right-of-way issues and process in the city of Fresno.
5/4/2012	Kings County Staff	Kings County's letter to the Authority. They would like more information from the Authority.
5/5/2012	Hanford Cinco de Mayo Festival	Host a booth at community event to provide information about the project and upcoming public information meetings.
5/6/2012	Univision Cinco de Mayo Festival	Host a booth at community event to provide information about the project and upcoming public information meetings.
5/8/2012	Fresno County Board of Supervisors	Weekly board meeting. Tom Richards to comment on HSR topic.
5/8/2012	Kings County Board of Supervisors	Follow up meeting. Discuss letter sent to Authority and responses. Public comment.
5/9/2012	Baker Commodities	Discuss DEIR/S comments received and project update

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5/10/2012	HSR Hanford Office Seminar: Revised Business Plan	Revised business plan presentation, Q&A
5/15/2012	Kern County High School District	Provide and update on timing and overview of the Bakersfield Hybrid alignment
5/15/2012	Shafter/Wasco Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting
5/16/2012	Mercy Hospital Briefing	Discuss DEIR/S comments received and project update
5/16/2012	Rosedale Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting
5/16/2012	Briefing with Holly King: Wasco Shafter Agricultural Group	HST project briefing
5/17/2012	Authority Meet the Primes Event	An opportunity for local contractors to meet the prime firms bidding on the construction proposal.
5/17/2012	Bakersfield Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting
5/17/2012	Bakersfield Technical Working Group	Technical Working Group
5/22/2012	Fresno Technical Working Group	Technical Working Group
5/22/2012	Fresno Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting
5/21/2012	Briefing with Kirk Yergat	Discuss questions and concerns regarding HST impacts on property and show updated maps.
5/21/2012	Raven Farms	Discuss questions and concerns regarding HST impacts on property and show updated maps.
5/23/2012	Hanford /Tulare Technical Working Group	Technical Working Group
5/23/2012	J.G. Boswell Company	Discuss DEIR/DEIS comment letter received and project update
5/23/2012	Hanford Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting
5/24/2012	Lazy H Mobile Park	Discuss DEIR/DEIS comments received and project update
5/24/2012	Hanford Visitors Agency	Stakeholder briefing
5/24/2012	Corcoran Public Information Meeting	Public Information Meeting
6/4/2012	Kings County Staff	Discuss Kings County letter to CHSRA and concerns regarding HST impacts on county.
6/6/2012	Fresno Business/Property Owners (Fresno EDC and City of Fresno)	Provide information to business and property owners who may be affected by the development of the HST project.
6/6/2012	Fresno Young Professionals	HST project update, Q&A session
6/12/2012	Fresno Business/Property Owners (Fresno EDC and City of Fresno)	Provide information to business and property owners who may be affected by the development of the HST project.
6/12/2012	Kings County Board of Supervisors	To continue discussions between the County of Kings and the CHSRA

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6/13/2012	Fresno Business/Property Owners (Fresno EDC and City of Fresno)	Provide information to business and property owners who may be affected by the development of the HST project.
6/14/2012	Hanford HSR Seminar - Engineering Design	Provide an overview and update on the engineering design of the HST in the Fresno to Bakersfield Section.
6/22/2012	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council	HST project update.
6/26/2012	Fresno Councilman Blong Xiong	Discuss the HST project, including the timeline for initial construction and opportunities for engaging local businesses.
6/26/2012	City of Fresno Working Meeting	Discuss potential improvements to reduce impacts on businesses along Railroad Avenue.
6/26/2012	City of Fresno Working Meeting	Discuss potential improvements reducing impacts to businesses along Railroad Avenue.
6/26/2012	Fresno Councilman Clint Olivier	Project update.
6/28/2012	HST Ag Working Group Meeting	Monthly meeting.
7/10/2012	Conversation with Fresno Mayor's Office	Discussion regarding the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and about the upcoming site tour from the San Joaquin River to American Avenue in the Fresno area.
7/10/2012	Fresno City Councilmember Clint Olivier	Discussion regarding the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and about the upcoming site tour from the San Joaquin River to American Avenue in the Fresno area.
7/10/2012	Fresno City Councilmember Lee Brand	Discussion regarding the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS and about the upcoming site tour from the San Joaquin River to American Avenue in the Fresno area.
7/13/2012	Tour of HST Alignment with Fresno Economic Development Corporation	Tour of the HST alignment through the city of Fresno from the San Joaquin River to American Avenue (their HMF site).
7/16/2012	Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Stakeholder Call	Stakeholder call to announce the release of the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS for public review and comment.
7/19/2012	Fresno City Council	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts on Veterans Boulevard.
7/25/2012	Fresno Bee	Project update.
7/25/2012	Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Fresno Works Reception	Introduce Rob Wilcox, the new Director of Communications for the CHSRA to Fresno, specifically EDC and Fresno Works.
7/31/2012	City of Corcoran	Discussion regarding overcrossing at Orange Avenue in Corcoran and the HST project.
8/6/2012	One-On-One Meeting with Fresno Mayor	Discuss outstanding technical issues regarding the HST and City of Fresno.

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8/6/2012	Fresno Individual Business Meetings	Discuss HST project with impacted businesses.
8/6/2012	Chaffee Zoo/Roeding Park Meeting	Discuss master plan and reconfiguration work that needs to be accomplished due to HSR alignment.
8/6/2012	Reception Coordinated/Sponsored by Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC) & Fresno Chamber of Commerce	Reception for Jeff Morales and invited guests, sponsored by Fresno EDC.
8/7/2012	Empire Storage – High Speed Rail Impact	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/7/2012	RV Outlet	Meeting with HST representatives and Fresno EDC to discuss HST project.
8/13/2012	Richland School District Superintendent Dr. Kenneth R. Bergevin	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/13/2012	Rosedale Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Workshop	Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Information workshop.
8/14/2012	Shafter/Wasco Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Workshop	Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Information workshop.
8/14/2012	Briefing with Kern High School District/Bakersfield High	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/14/2012	Bakersfield City School District	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/14/2012	Lemoore Rotary Club	Project update, Q&A session.
8/15/2012	Corcoran Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Workshop	Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Information workshop.
8/16/2012	Fresno Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Workshop	Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Information workshop.
8/20/2012	Fresno City Councilmember Blong Xiong Community Meeting	Informational meeting to provide a project update and give guidance on small-business opportunities.
8/22/2012	People's Ditch & Last Chance Water District	Discuss reimbursement agreement with water districts.
8/22/2012	Fresno City Councilmember Blong Xiong Conversation	Conversation to encourage future participation and coordination as the project progresses.
8/24/2012	Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Expo	Annual CCHCC Business Expo; the HST project was the focus this year. Robert Padilla led a workshop for small businesses interested in pursuing contracting opportunities and CEO Jeff Morales gave the luncheon keynote address.
8/24/2012	Del Monte	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/27/2012	Bakersfield Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Hearing	Public Hearing on the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.

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8/28/2012	Kern County Separation of Grades District	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/28/2012	City of Corcoran	Discuss reimbursement agreement with City of Corcoran.
8/28/2012	Hanford Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Hearing	Public Hearing on the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.
8/28/2012	Bakersfield Councilmember Couch	Introduce Jeff Morales as new CEO and provide a project update.
8/28/2012	Kern Council of Governments	Introduce Jeff Morales as new CEO and provide a project update.
8/29/2012	JG Boswell	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/29/2012	Fresno Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS Public Hearing	Public Hearing on the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.
8/30/2012	Laguna Irrigation District, Murphy Slough Association, and Liberty Canal Company	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
8/31/2012	Fresno Workforce Investment Board	Discussion about job training for HST construction workers in the Fresno area. This is a follow-up discussion that focused on construction tasks and skills.
9/4/2012	City of Corcoran	Discuss Orange Avenue engineering design options.
9/10/2012	Shafter/Wasco Irrigation District	Discuss reimbursement agreement with water districts.
9/10/2012	Semi Tropic Water Storage District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/11/2012	North Kern Water Storage District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/11/2012	Call with Property Owner: Charles Kimber	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/11/2012	Kern County and Kern County Grade Separation District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/12/2012	Alpaugh Irrigation District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/12/2012	Angiola Water District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/12/2012	City of Wasco	Discuss master and reimbursement agreements.
9/12/2012	Corcoran Irrigation District and Corcoran Irrigation Company	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/13/2012	Kings River Conservation District (KRCD)	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/13/2012	Pixley Irrigation District and Lower Tule River Irrigation District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/13/2012	Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.

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9/16/2012	Univision Fiestas Patrias	Host an event booth to provide information about the HST project in the Central Valley.
9/18/2012	Hmong Empowerment Resources and Outreach	Discuss opportunities to outreach to Hmong community and translation services.
9/19/2012	County of Tulare	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/19/2012	City of Shafter	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/20/2012	Cross Creek Flood Control District, Tulare Lake Drainage District, Lakeside Irrigation Water District, Lakeside Ditch Company	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/20/2012	Consolidated Irrigation District	Discuss reimbursement agreement.
9/25/2012	Kings County Supervisor Richard Valle and Corcoran Mayor Lerma	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/25/2012	Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Small-Business Certification Workshop	Small business certification workshop.
9/26/2012	Hmong Community Based Organization and Media Meeting	Project update.
9/26/2012	Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Meet and Greet Luncheon	CHSRA CEO Jeff Morales and Board Member Tom Richards, provided about construction of the HST project.
9/26/2012	California Trucking Association	Briefing on the current proposed alignment alternatives, more information on road closures and potential impacts on highway 99 and other truck routes within our section.
9/26/2012	Kern Minority Contractors Association Meet and Greet	Construction project get ready session hosted by Robert Padilla.
9/26/2012	Alan Tandy, City Manager, City of Bakersfield	Project update.
9/27/2012	Kern County Fast Forward Group	Project update and introduction to Jeff Morales.
9/27/2012	Kern County Black Chamber	HSR project update and discussion about EJ outreach in Kern County.
9/27/2012	Mercado Latino	HSR project update, specifically about extension of comment period.
9/27/2012	City of Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin and Staff	Project update.
9/28/2012	Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea	Project update.
10/2/2012	California Parks Foundation	Project update.
10/3/2012	Fresno County	Discuss design speed and side slopes on overcrossings.
10/3/2012	City of Corcoran	Discuss side slopes/retaining walls on overcrossings and realigned Orange Avenue connection (C3).

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10/4/2012	Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District	Discuss reimbursement agreements.
10/4/2012	North of the River Sanitation District	Discuss reimbursement agreements.
10/4/2012	Vaughn Water Company	Discuss reimbursement agreements.
10/4/2012	California Water Service	Discuss reimbursement agreements.
10/4/2012	Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, Semitropic Water Storage District, North Kern Water Storage District	Discuss reimbursement agreements.
10/5/2012	HSR Tour of Wasco/Shafter with Holly King	Tour of Wasco/Shafter alignments and area.
10/9/2012	Tribal Meetings - State and Federally Recognized Tribes	Project update, Q&A Session.
10/9/2012	Allensworth Community Council	Provide a project update and guide community members through Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.
10/9/2012	Laguna Irrigation District	Discuss engineering design details.
10/10/2012	Consolidated Irrigation District	Discuss engineering design details.
10/10/2012	Lower Tule Lake River Irrigation District	Discuss engineering design details.
10/10/2012	Cross Creek Flood Control District	Discuss engineering design details.
10/11/2012	Corcoran HSR Townhall Meeting	Town hall meeting on HSR, comments given at this meeting will be a part of the EIR review. Hosted by Richard Valle, Kings County Supervisors and Corcoran Mayor Ray Lerma.
10/11/2012	California Trucking Association (CTA) Members Meeting	Project Update for CTA members. Q&A session.
10/15/2012	Corcoran City Council	Meeting agenda included discussion of the High-Speed Rail project.
10/18/2012	City of Wasco	Discuss side slopes and overcrossings (plans show 4:1) and road closures (Beech Ave, Fresno Ave, Tulare Ave, E. Los Angeles Ave (WS2)).
10/18/2012	City of Shafter	Discuss Wasco Avenue closure (WS1) and McCombs Road closure (WS2)
10/18/2012	County of Kern	Discuss engineering design details.
10/18/2012	Forestiére Underground Gardens	Identifying potential opportunities to increase tourism as a result of the HST project.
10/18/2012	Blong Xiong Meeting	Meeting to discuss future engagements for Jeff Morales to potentially encourage local hiring in Fresno, especially Hmong communities.
10/19/2012	Kings County Office of Education	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
10/24/2012	Fresno City Councilmember Lee Brand	Check in meeting with Councilmember Brand to get feedback on outreach efforts to date.

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10/25/2012	Fresno Exchange Club	Project update.
10/29/2012	Kings River Conservation District & Kings River Water Association	Discuss engineering design details and reimbursement agreement.
10/29/2012	Kern County Water Agency	Discuss HST reimbursement agreement.
10/30/2012	City of Fresno	Project update.
11/6/2012	Fresno County	Project update.
11/7/2012	City of Bakersfield	Discuss City of Bakersfield's comments about the Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS.
11/9/2012	Hmong Outreach Opportunity	Hmong TV interview with Diana Gomez.
11/20/2012	Community Leader Bus Tour	Community leader bus tour of the proposed HST alignment.
11/27/2012	Kern Black Chamber of Commerce HSR Workshop	High-Speed Rail workshop hosted by the Kern Black Chamber of Commerce.
11/29/2012	Cities of Hanford & Visalia & Others	Discuss how potential investment opportunities and Proposed Regional Hanford station.
12/12/2012	City of Bakersfield	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
12/12/2012	City of Wasco	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
12/12/2012	City of Shafter	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
12/12/2012	Construction Package #1 Open House-Merced to Fresno Section (Madera)	Open house to provide information about CP1 to members of the public, impacted property and business owners, and other stakeholders. FB team hosted a table.
12/12/2012	Fresno City Councilmember-elect Steve Brandau	Discussed HST project and economic impacts.
12/13/2012	Construction Package #1 Open House-Merced to Fresno Section (Merced)	Open house to provide information about CP1 to members of the public, impacted property and business owners, and other stakeholders. FB team hosted a table.
12/13/2012	Leadership Fresno	HST Presentation, Q&A Session.
12/17/2013	Frank Oliveira, Kings County Farmer	Project update.
12/21/2012	City of Hanford	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
12/21/2013	City of Fresno	Project update.
12/26/2012	Investment Opportunities Meeting	Discuss investment opportunities in the HST.
12/26/2012	Fresno County	Project update.
1/4/2013	Baker Commodities Conference Call	Discuss future outreach actions; identify needs to update stakeholders.
1/8/2013	City of Corcoran	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.

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1/9/2013	Wasco/Shafter Farmers	Project update.
1/11/2013	Fresno Metro Flood Control District	Discuss HST impacts and mitigation measures.
1/16/2013	Kings County Fire Department	Project update.
1/16/2013	Fresno Council of Governments	Project update.
1/17/2013	Cosmos	Project update.
1/18/2013	Kern COG	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
1/18/2013	California State University, Bakersfield	Project update.
1/24/2013	Weir Floway	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
1/25/2013	Fresno Councilman Brandau	Project update.
1/29/2013	Wasco/Shafter Farmers	Project update.
1/30/2013	Fresno Councilman Brandau	Project update.
1/30/2013	Holly King	Project update.
1/30/2013	Peoples Ditch / Last Chance / Settlers, Lakeside Irrigation District – Reimbursement Agreement	Discuss reimbursement agreements.
2/5/2013	Fresno City Councilmember Lee Brand	Project update, impacts, and mitigation measures.
2/5/2013	Fresno City Councilmember Clint Olivier	Project update.
2/13/2013	City of Bakersfield	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
2/13/2013	OK Produce	Project update.
2/15/2013	City of Fresno	Project update.
2/15/2013	Fresno Works	Project update.
2/20/2013	Fresno Councilmember Blong Xiong	Project update.
2/21/2013	City of ShafterTown Hall	Townhall meeting and discussion about HST project.
2/21/2013	Kern High School District	Discuss Revised DEIR/Supplemental DEIS comments.
2/21/2013	Statewide Rail Conference	Caltrans, which manages two of the nation's busiest passenger rail lines, is asking its rapidly growing passenger base what they think about rail systems in the Golden State. The department will host five public open houses and a statewide webinar this month to solicit input on the draft California State Rail Plan (CSRP), which will lay out a vision for freight, passenger, and high-speed rail in the state.
2/21/2013	Kern County Farm Bureau	Project update.
2/21/2013	Wasco/Shafter Stakeholders	Project update.
2/22/2013	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Project update.

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2/23/2013	Assemblyman Rudy Salas	Project update.
2/26/2013	City of Fresno Luncheon	Project update.
2/28/2013	Western Manufacturing	Project update.
2/28/2013	Kern COG/BNSF/CaDOT Division of Rail	Project update.
2/28/2013	CSU Fresno Dinner	CSU Fresno dinner
3/1/2013	Fresno County	Project update.
3/1/2013	Caltrans	Project update.
3/6/2013	Kern County	Discuss HSR engineering design standard assumptions in Kern County.
3/6/2013	City of Shafter	Discuss HSR engineering design standard assumptions in Shafter.
3/6/2013	Tulare County	Discuss HSR engineering design standard assumptions in Kern County.
3/7/2013	Kings County	Discuss HSR engineering design standard assumptions in Kings County.
3/7/2013	Larry Hagopian Manufacturing	Project update.
3/8/2013	Hanford City Manager	Discuss HSR design speed tables in Kings County.
3/8/2013	Fresno Irrigation District (Water Districts Environmental Coordination Meeting)	Discuss water agency permitting issues in relation to the HST project.
3/8/2013	FB Canal Maintenance	Discuss canal maintenance in relation to the HSR project.
3/15/2013	City of Fresno	Project update.
3/20/2013	City of Fresno Mayor and Staff	Project update.
3/20/2013	City of Visalia	Discuss letters submitted by the City of Visalia in support of the Hanford East Alignment.
3/20/2013	Cosmopolitan Fresno	Project update.
3/20/2013	<i>Fresno Bee</i> Editorial Board	Project update.
3/20/2013	OK Produce	Project update.
3/21/2013	Kern County Supervisor Leticia Perez	Project update.
3/21/2013	American Society of Civil Engineers Fresno Branch	Project update.
3/22/2013	Fresno County Supervisor Phil Larson	Project update.
3/22/2013	Assemblyman Jim Patterson	Project update.
3/22/2013	Fresno Hispanic Chamber Gala event	Community organization event.
3/22/2013	Dumont Printing Company	Project update.
3/26/2013	HSR Seminar	Hosted by Fresno Chamber Foundation, speakers; Lee Ann Eager, Fresno EDC and Robert Padilla, Small Business Advocate for CHSRA.

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3/26/2013	Meeting with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)	Provided a walk-through of the draft checkpoint-C summary report.
3/26/2013	Oil/Gas well tour in Wasco/Shafter area	Bobby Pentorali took a tour of Wasco Shafter oil wells.
3/27/2013	Thermo King	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
3/27/2013	Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Discuss drainage basins.
4/4/2013	CHSRA Board Meeting in Fresno	Presentation of recommended alignment for the FB section.
4/8-4/9/2013	HSR Tour EPA and USACE	Review the HW alignment, Bakersfield issues, and mitigation sites.
4/10/2013	Kings County Doug Verboon	Kings County roadway coordination.
4/10/2013	Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) presentation	Project update.
4/10/2013	Clovis City Councilman Harry Armstrong	Project update.
4/10/2013	Fresno Councilman Steve Brandau	Project update.
4/10/2013	Fresno Councilman Olivier	Project update.
4/12/2013	Kern Council of Governments	Discuss HSR impacts in Kern County.
4/17/2013	Leadership Reedley	Project update.
4/18/2013	CSU Bakersfield	Project update.
4/18/2013	Small Business in Bakersfield	Small-business information.
4/19/2013	Kern County Grade Separation	Grade-separation discussion.
4/19/2013	KMCA Bakersfield Small-Business Event	Update on small-business opportunities.
4/19/2013	Fresno EDC/Caltrans	Right-of-way coordination meeting.
4/19/2013	City of Hanford	Tour of well location in Kings County.
4/19/2013	Fresno Works	Discussion of HMF site and ongoing outreach efforts.
4/23/2013	Water Agencies	Meeting to discuss the status of the water permitting issues with water districts.
4/23/2013	Bettancourt Farms	Tour of property, investigating possible mitigation of impacts on property.
4/23/2013	City of Hanford	Tour of culvert and discussed impacts of perched water table along the Hanford West Bypass Alignment.
4/23/2013	Glen Parsons	Tour of property, investigating possible mitigation of impacts on property.
4/23/2013	Karen and Dewy Allen	Answered property owner right-of-way questions. Would like more information on relocation benefits.

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4/23/2013	Anthony Tesoriere	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/23/2013	City of Bakersfield	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/23/2013	Mercy Hospital	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
4/24/2013	Williams Family Farms	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts and right-of-way process.
4/24/2013	Reedley College Green Summit	HSR Presentation and booth at event.
4/24/2013	Caltrans	Coordination meeting.
4/25/2013	Fresno City Council	Presentation to city council.
4/25/2013	CHSRA Small-Business Certification Workshop	Small business certification workshop for qualified small businesses.
4/25/2013	Kings County Association of Governments Interagency meeting	Project update.
4/25/2013	City of Wasco	Project update.
4/25/2013	Brad Johns Meeting	Discuss BNSF Alignment in Hanford.
4/25/2013	Wasco Housing Authority	Private meeting with residents from the farm worker housing area in Wasco.
4/25/2013	Occidental Petroleum	Discuss impacts on oil wells.
4/26/2013	San Joaquin Valley 2nd Annual Regional Economic Forum	Community organization event.
4/26/2013	Southeast Fresno Economic Development Association	Project update.
4/26/2013	San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVRR)	Coordination meeting.
4/27/2013	Fresno City College Asian Fest	HSR booth at community event.
5/1/2013	ThermoKing	Project update; discuss timeline.
5/1/2013	Fresno COG	Project update and discussion of impacts on Veterans Blvd.
5/1/2013	Fresno County Property Owners Rose Ann Martinez, Robert Garcia	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/3/2013	Kings County Property Owner Michael Stevenson	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/6/2013	Kings County Property Owner Peter de Young, Cloverdale Farms	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/6/2013	Kings County Property Owner Rusel Smith	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/6/2013	Kings County Property Owner Martella Farms	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/6/2013	Kings County Property Owner Fred Salyer	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.

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5/6/2013	Kings County Property Owner Richard and Charlene Hook	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/6/2013	Fresno County	Discussion of project and impacts on county roads.
5/6/2013	Kings County Property Owner Sam and Joyce Cravens	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/7/2013	PG&E	Coordination meeting to review inter-agency contract.
5/8/2013	Caltrans	Coordination meeting to review inter-agency contract.
5/8/2013	Kings County Property Owner Boyett Farms	Answered property owners' right-of-way questions.
5/13/2013	KSEE 24 Interview	Media interview for Maddy report.
5/13/2013	Councilmember Blong Xiong	Mr. Xiong is concerned about the Community Benefits Agreement.
5/15/2013	John Skoury, Hill International	Contractor asking for bid information.
5/16/2013	Dirk Buschell	Answered property owners right-of-way questions.
5/21-22/2013	HST FB Wildlife Mitigation Site Visit tour	Site tour of FB mitigation sites.
5/22/2013	Caltrans	Discussion of SR 43 and HSR impacts near Corcoran.
5/22/2013	City of Fresno, Caltrans, and Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR)	Coordination meeting for interaction between the three projects and UPRR (Overall DB Contract, Caltrans portion of HST and Veterans Blvd.).
5/23/2013	Meet Building Trades/Unions	Discussion of CBA (Community Benefits Agreement).
5/24/2013	Forestiery Gardens	Discussion of impacts on Forestiery Gardens.
5/28/2013	Hormel Foods Conference call	Discuss HSR impacts on hog ranch in Corcoran owned by Hormel Foods.
5/28/2013	Congressional Hearing	Congressional hearing to discuss HSR project.
5/28/2013	Fresno County	Discussion of design speeds in Fresno County roads.
5/28/2013	Fresno City Councilmember Blong Xiong	Discussion of Community Benefits Agreement.
5/30/2013	Lasalle Dairy	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
5/30/2013	Hansen Farms	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
5/30/2013	Netto Farm	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
5/31/2013	City of Bakersfield and Kern COG	Discussion of Bakersfield alternatives.
6/4/2013	City of Visalia	Project update.
6/4/2013	Kings County	Project update. Meeting was recorded by a court reporter.
6/6/2013	California High-Speed Rail Board Meeting	Monthly board meeting.

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6/10/2013	TGS Transportation Business in the HMF Alignment	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
6/11/2013	Media Interview for Spanish Radio Program KWRU AM 1300	Spanish media KWRU RADIO 1300 AM.
6/13/2013	Alert O Lite	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
6/14/2013	Carpenters Union Meeting	Project update.
6/14/2013	Vie-Del Company	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
6/20/2013	C&S Wholesale - Sunny McPherson	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
6/26/2013	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Meeting, Eagle Mountain Casino	Discussed Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.
6/26/2013	Alliance of American Manufacturing	Project update.
7/1/2013	Del Monte	Discussed potential impacts on plant due to Hanford West alternatives.
7/3/2013	Val Print Meeting	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
7/11/2013	Carpenters Union Meeting	Discuss employment opportunities.
7/18/2013	Kings County Property Owners	Meeting to discuss Hanford East property impacts with Kings County property owners.
7/19/2013	Kings County Farm Bureau	Introduced Diana Gomez to the Farm Bureau's new director Diane Friend.
7/20/2013	Wasco Housing Authority	Project update.
7/23/2013	Friant Water Authority	Reviewed engineering drawings of the canal to determine if 4(f) elements are being impacted and how these can be avoided.
7/24/2013	City of Fresno	Meeting to review HST impacts on traffic on Stanislaus Street and Tuolumne Street.
7/24/2013	County of Fresno	Discussed Fresno Roadway Design Exceptions.
7/26/2013	Caltrans	Discussion pertaining to the impacts of Regional Subsidence on their infrastructure in the valley between Fresno and Bakersfield.
8/21/2013	Baker Commodities	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
8/21/2013	Kern County	Discuss economic development and small business impacts as a result of the HST project.
8/22/2013	Mercy Hospital	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
8/23/2013	Hormel Foods and Assemblywoman Connie Conway	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
8/25/2013	Salon Juarez	Traditional Cultural Property.
8/27/2013	City of Wasco	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/6/2013	Fresno County	Meeting to discuss Fresno roadway design exceptions.

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9/6/2013	Fresno Chinatown Revitalization and Economic Development Corporation	Project update.
9/9/2013	City of Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts on traffic on Stanislaus.
9/10/2013	City of Fresno	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts on traffic on Stanislaus.
9/11/2013	Kern County Water Agencies and Districts	Review engineer drawings of the Bakersfield alignment options.
9/20/2013	Salon Juarez Follow-up	Inform the Sociedad Juarez Mutualista Mexicana's (Sociedad's) membership about the HST project and alignment options, and about where the project is in the environmental review process. Comment cards made available.
9/25/2013	Fresno County Retirement Association	Discussion of right-of-way impacts on property.
9/25/2013	Tulare County	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.
9/26/2013	Kings County Farm Bureau	Follow-up from a meeting in July to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts through Kings County.
9/26/2013	Chinatown Revitalization Organization	Discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures.
10/8/2013	Certis	Learn more about how the facility operates and possible mitigation measures.
10/8/2013	Hormel	Project update.
10/9/2013	Salon Juarez	Follow-up on findings from ethnographer interactions with membership.
10/10/2013	Caltrans	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts on traffic on Stanislaus.
10/14/2013	Fresno Co Employees' Retirement Association	Project update.
10/14/2013	Downtown Fresno Businesses	Project update.
10/16/2013	City of Fresno and Caltrans	Project update.
10/17/2013	San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies	Project update.
10/18/2013	Fresno Chamber of Commerce Environment, Agriculture, Resources, Transportation and H2O (E.A.R.T.H.) Committee	Project update.
10/23/2013	Caltrans	Caltrans meeting to discuss realignment of SR 99
10/25/2013	Sunny Gem	Stakeholder briefing.
10/28/2013	Corcoran Irrigation District	Discuss possible impacts on irrigation district
10/29/2013	Univision Interview	Media interview
11/5/2013	PG&E	Project update

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11/5/2013	City of Wasco council meeting	Project update
11/5/2013	City of Fresno staff	Project update
11/5/2013	Lance-Kashian & Company	Project update
11/5/2013	City of Shafter council meeting	Project update
11/6/2013	Coordination Meeting with City of Fresno, TPZP, CHSRA	Coordination meeting with HSR, City of Fresno, and Contractor Tutor Perini
11/8/2013	Blong Xiong, Fresno City Councilman	Project update
11/12/2013	Savage Coal	Project update
11/14/2013	Kings River Conservation District	Project update
11/14/2013	Fresno Economic Development Corporation Tour	Tour of the city of Fresno HSR alignment
11/15/2013	Mayor Ashley Swearingen; Lee Ann Egger, and Brady Matoian	Discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures
11/18/2013	City of Fresno and Public Utilities Commission Regarding Section 130	Discuss Section 130
11/18/2013	Salon Juarez	Project update
11/19/2013	City of Fresno	Project update
11/21/2013	Baker Commodities	Discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures
11/26/2013	Fresno Irrigation District	Discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures
11/26/2013	San Joaquin Facilities Management Group	Discuss potential impacts and mitigation measures
12/3/2013	Presentation to the Fresno Board of Supervisors	Regarding the closures of Springfield and Clayton Ave.
12/9/2013	BNSF	Project update
12/12/2013	Fresno Board of Supervisors	Vote regarding the closures of Springfield and Clayton Ave.
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1/10/2014	California Regional Transportation Summit/Marvin Dean, Kern County Minority Contractors Association	Project update
1/14–17/2014	Impacted landowners	Discuss HSR impacts
1/30/2014	City of Corcoran and Corcoran Irrigation District	Discuss HSR impacts
2/3/2014	City of Wasco and City of Shafter Staff	Project update
2/3/2014	County of Kern	Project update
2/3/2014	Senator Jean Fuller's office	Project update
2/3/2014	City of Wasco	Project update
2/5/2014	City of Hanford	Project update
2/5/2014	City of Corcoran	Project update
2/5/2014	Tulare County	Project update
2/5/2014	City of Visalia	Project update
2/5/2014	Assemblymember Connie Conway's office staff	Project update
2/6/2014	Congressman Jim Costa's office staff	Project update
2/6/2014	U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer's office staff	Project update
2/6/2014	City of Fresno	Project update
2/6/2014	Offices of Senator Andy Vidak, Senator Tom Berryhill, Assemblyman Jim Patterson, Assemblyman Henry Perea, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, Congressman David Valadao	Project update
2/13/2014	Lucio Hay Co	Project impacts
2/13/2014	Jeffries Brothers Exxon Distribution	Project impacts
2/20/2014	Raven Farms and other neighboring landowners: Tim Raven, Mark Raven, Scott Raven; John Diepersert of Kingsburg Orchards; Paul Green of PRG Farms; Frank Menezes of Oak Tree Farms; Daniel Leith; Manuel Leonardo Bros Dairy; Paul & Ronald Kazarian; Parmjit Grewal	Project impacts
2/21/2014	Holly King and Savage Coal	Project impacts
3/4/2014	Tulare County	Project impacts
3/6/2014	Salon Juarez	Project impacts
3/7/2014	City of Bakersfield, City Manager Alan Tandy	Project update

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3/13/2014	City of Bakersfield: Steven Teglia, Assistant to the City Manager; Virginia "Ginny" Gennaro, City Attorney; Richard Iger, Associate City Attorney; Dianne Hoover, Recreation and Parks Director; Darin Budak, Parks Superintendent; James Santos, Environmental Planner; Gregory Gharib, Planner	Project update regarding specific park and recreation resources in the city of Bakersfield.		
3/25/2014	AT&T	Project update		
3/26/2014	City of Wasco Public Works Department	Project impacts		
3/26/2014	Certis USA	Project impacts		
3/26/2014	Sandoval Industries	Project impacts		
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