

7.0 Public and Agency Involvement

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

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

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

California High-Speed Train Authority Website

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

www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov

Upon the release of the Draft Project EIR/EIS, the Authority posted the document in its entirety on the above website. 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.

A Hanford project office was opened in downtown Hanford and is staffed 4 days a week. Hard copies of the Draft EIR/EIS, and related materials, including maps, were available for the public to review, and ask questions about. The office is staffed with one to two outreach and/or project engineers and remains open through the release of this Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS and the public comment period. In May 2012, the Hanford project office began hosting monthly educational seminars to further engage stakeholders on project topics.

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

7.1 Environmental Justice Outreach

The Authority conducted specific outreach efforts to low-income and minority populations and to communities of concern. The purpose of this outreach was to increase understanding of how the project may potentially affect these populations. Environmental justice populations were identified using 2007 data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section: Community Impact Assessment Technical Report* contains a list of environmental justice–related interest groups that have been engaged through outreach efforts (Authority and FRA 2011). The Authority also contacted groups with interest in environmental and economic social justice issues, such as California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) and established minority organizations such as the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA), as well as other civic and group leaders 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. For additional information about environmental justice outreach to low-income and minority populations and communities of concern, please see Section 3.12, Socioeconomics, Communities, and Environmental Justice. Table 7-1, which is provided at the end of this chapter, lists the meetings held as part of the Authority's outreach effort, both during and after scoping.

7.2 Public and Agency Scoping

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

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

FRA published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* on March 16, 2009, notifying the public of FRA's intention to prepare an EIS for the Merced to Bakersfield Section of the HST System (74 FR 11172, March 16, 2009). The Authority and FRA subsequently determined that the environmental impacts of the HST System from Merced to Bakersfield would be more appropriately assessed in two separate EIR/EIS documents: one from Merced to Fresno, and another from Fresno to Bakersfield. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) (SCH Number 2009091126) and Notice of Intent (74 FR 50866, October 1, 2009) for the Draft Project EIR/EIS, amending the environmental process, were issued on September 29, 2009, and October 1, 2009, respectively.

7.2.2 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 HST Project 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.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov, including the Fresno to Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet (English and Spanish); scoping meeting notification postcard mailer (English and Spanish); public meeting presentations; and Agency Coordination Plan.

All meetings were held between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to allow representatives from agencies and the public the opportunity to participate. The format of the scoping meetings was an open house, which allowed people to arrive at any time to obtain information and provide input. Agendas, fact sheets, and scoping period comment sheets were distributed at the scoping meetings. The comments received at the meetings were documented and are summarized below and in the Draft Scoping Report: Fresno to Bakersfield Section (Authority and FRA 2009). Approximately 2,980 people listed in the Merced to Bakersfield Section database, 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.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov include the following:

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

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 7-1, 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.

7.2.3 Scoping Comments

The scoping meetings and comments received on the NOI/NOP helped the lead agencies identify general environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft Project EIR/EIS. The Fresno to Bakersfield Section HST scoping process identified issues with the proposed alignments and stations; suggestions for new or modified alignments, stations, and heavy maintenance facilities; and issues of potential concern (listed below) related to the proposed project. The scoping period for the amended environmental process extended from September 29 to 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 Highway 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

financing, 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 Final EIR/EIS Scoping Report (Authority and FRA 2009) is available on the Authority's website.

7.3 Alternatives Analysis Process

The alternatives analysis process uses preliminary planning and environmental and engineering information to identify feasible and practicable alternatives to carry forward for environmental review and preliminary engineering design in the Fresno to Bakersfield HST Draft Project EIR/EIS. The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b), the September 2010 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010c), 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 the *Visalia-Tulare-Hanford Station Feasibility Study* (Authority and FRA 2007) that was recommended in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS. Alternatives to carry forward for environmental analysis were separated into three sub-areas of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section:

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

The analysis included the preferred alternative identified in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS documents that parallels the BNSF alignment. In addition, the analysis included consideration of

Alternatives Analysis Reports Available for Public Review

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

www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/lib/Fresno_Bakersfield.aspx

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 2010b).

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

Public and agency input on issues to be studied, city and county land use and planning information, and input on the range of alternatives provided valuable information to assist in evaluating the alternatives. After the initial review of these alternatives, a series of 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 2010b), and the board identified the alternatives to carry forward for detailed evaluation for the three sub-areas (the Fresno, Rural, and Bakersfield sub-areas). The alternatives carried forward were as follows:

For the Fresno sub-area: Fresno East and Fresno West.

For the Rural sub-area: BNSF Route west side shared right-of-way with bypass east of Hanford.

For the Bakersfield sub-area: Through BNSF yard, north of East Bakersfield, south of UPRR, elevated and North of BNSF right-of-way along California Avenue through East Bakersfield, south of UPRR elevated.

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 2010c, 2011a, 2011b).

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 2010c).

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 2011a). 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 2011b).

The Authority and FRA reintroduced an alternative route that bypasses Hanford to the west, along with an alternative station location to serve the Kings/Tulare region in response to stakeholder, agency, and public feedback. This alternative route—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. The Authority and FRA identified the Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative to carry through the environmental analysis in this Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS. 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 impact 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 impacted 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 are included in this Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

7.3.1 Public Information Meetings and Materials during the Alternatives Analysis Process

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

The *Fresno to Bakersfield Section Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010b), the September 2010 *Fresno to Bakersfield Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report* (Authority and FRA 2010c), 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, 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.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/Lib_Fresno_Bakersfield.aspx

An announcement regarding the reissuance of the environmental document was made in October 2011. The Fresno to Bakersfield Section Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS, it was announced, would add refinements to the existing alignment alternatives, include an alternative route that bypasses Hanford to the west with an alternative station location to serve the Kings/Tulare region. The subsequent addition of the Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative was announced in early 2012.

Table 7-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the public outreach meetings associated with the lead agencies' ongoing outreach efforts.

7.3.2 Technical Working Group Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

The Authority formed agency TWGs composed of senior staff from county and city public works and planning departments, County Agricultural Commissioners, redevelopment agencies, and economic development agencies for each of the sub-areas. The purpose of these groups was to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas during the course of the study. Table 7-1, provided at the end of this chapter, lists the TWG meeting dates and topics. 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 Technical Working Groups provided input on the alternatives and information about city and county land use, transportation and other planning projects, as well as updates to their boards or councils.

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

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.

7.3.3 Environmental Resource Agency Meetings during the Alternatives Analysis Process

Meetings were held with the Environmental Agency TWG for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section to provide an overview and review of the alternatives analysis process and to present

recommendations. Primary feedback included information about subsequent environmental permitting processes, site-specific knowledge, and interest in carrying more than one HST alternative through the EIR/EIS. Potential environmental concerns raised at these meetings included impacts on wetlands and threatened or endangered species.

7.4 Development of the Draft EIR/EIS

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

7.4.1 Public Information Materials and Meetings

The Authority and FRA held informal and formal public meetings during the Draft Project 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 7-1, 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 Project 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 (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov). Various publications and materials were also made available at this website, including the Fresno-Bakersfield High-Speed Train Fact Sheet, Fresno to Bakersfield Frequently Asked Questions, "Your Property, Your High-Speed Rail Project," and the "Permit to Enter" fact sheet.

Public Meeting Materials Available Online

Various publications and materials are available online at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

Some key publications (in English and Spanish) include:

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

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

7.4.2 Technical Working Group Meetings

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

7.4.3 Agency Meetings and Consultation

The Authority and FRA consulted with cooperating 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 provide an update on the project environmental review process, the status of project-level EIR/EIS reports, and project-level scoping comments from state and federal agencies. At this meeting, the Authority also requested agency review and comment on the Draft Project EIR/EIS methodologies posted on the Authority web site. On December 13, 2010, the Authority held a statewide meeting to provide an update on the Central Valley sections of the HST System, including the Fresno to Bakersfield 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 USEPA, USACE, and USFWS representatives for purposes of NEPA and Section 404 (Clean Water Act) consultation on February 10, 2010. On October 26, 2010, the Authority presented an overview of the project to U.S. EPA Region 9 to discuss agency coordination, environmental approval guidance, and the Authority's sustainability initiative. On January 29, 2009, the Authority and FRA met with SHPO staff to review the methodology of analysis for the Draft Project EIR/EIS documents, discuss the mitigation measures from the Statewide Program EIR/EIS (Authority and FRA 2005) and the Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS (Authority and FRA 2008), and consider developing a MOA for the project sections. The Authority met with SHPO staff on June 29, August 4, and August 17, 2009, and January 21, February 3, and May 19, 2010, to review the cultural resources analytical methodology for all of the Draft Project EIR/EIS documents; discuss the mitigation measures in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS documents and Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS; and develop a programmatic agreement (PA) for the overall HST project. On February 3, 2010, the FRA, Authority, and SHPO met to discuss revisions to the PA. On April 1, 2010, the FRA and 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 traditional cultural properties that could be affected by the project. Formal Consultation between FRA and federally designated 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. A more thorough discussion of SHPO, ACHP, and Native American outreach efforts can be found in Section 3.17, Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources.

7.5 Notification and Circulation of the 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 Draft Project EIR/EIS, the time and location of workshops, public hearings, where the document could be viewed, and the period during which public comment will be received. 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 blast was released. 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 USEPA published a notice of availability for the Draft Project EIR/EIS in the *Federal Register* on August 12, 2010. 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 compact disc upon request. Public hearing dates and locations also are posted on the Authority's website. A distribution list for the Draft Project EIR/EIS is provided in Chapter 8, EIR/EIS Distribution.

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

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

7.6 Publication and Review of the EIR/EIS

The Draft Project 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*.

7.6.1 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 Project 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 Project 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 EIR/EIS are listed in Table 7-1 at the end of this chapter. The places and dates of the workshops and public hearings are listed below.

Draft Project 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 Project 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 Project 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 10). 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 Project EIR/EIS in electronic form were sent, without charge, to all who requested them.

7.6.2 Comments on the 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, verbally at the three public hearings, and by means of e-mail. During the comment period, there were 1,355 comment submittals on the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Draft Project EIR/EIS.

The Authority and FRA assessed and considered all substantive comments received on the Draft Project EIR/EIS, and revised text where appropriate in this Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental EIS. Responses to these comments and to additional comments that will be received on this Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental EIS will be provided in the Final EIR/EIS.

On October 5, 2011, the Authority announced that it will issue a Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS for the Fresno-to-Bakersfield Section of the high-speed train project which will have a separate, additional, formal comment 60-day period.

In response to stakeholder, agency, and public feedback on the HST alignment that bypasses Hanford to the east, the Authority will re-introduce 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 will also investigate improvements to the existing Fresno to Bakersfield alternatives. This step will also afford additional time for the public and interested agencies to review the information contained in the current Fresno to Bakersfield Draft EIR/EIS. Throughout the months leading up to the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS the outreach team proactively met with stakeholders to discuss potential alternatives, respond to stakeholder inquiries with timely information, and send ongoing email alerts to stakeholders to provide project-wide updates.

An additional 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, 2012
- 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 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

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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 high-speed trains in California.
3/26/2008	CalPIRG bike tour, Bakersfield	Press conference to present benefits of high-speed trains in California.
3/27/2008	Porterville Breakfast Lions Club	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.

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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.
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 support for 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.

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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.
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 high-speed trains.
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.

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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 Ranchos 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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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 Swearengin	Meeting to discuss HST alignments and associated impacts.; emphasize need for City Staff support.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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 Swarengin	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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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 Central Valley.
9/16/2010	Kern County Farm Bureau	Update on HST alternatives in Kern County and potential impacts on agriculture.
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.

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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 15 th 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 brain storming 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 planed renewable projects.
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.

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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.
3/21/2010	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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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 planning 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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
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 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 alignments during the City Council study session.

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11/17/2011	Kings/Tulare Hanford West Technical Working Group	Presentation regarding the proposed Hanford West alternatives to city and county staff. Q&A session.
11/17/2011	Hanford West Public Information Meeting	Presentation regarding the proposed Hanford West 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 alignments design and impacts on roads, etc.
11/21/2011	Caltrans District 6 – Hanford West alignments	Discuss proposed Hanford West 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.
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 FB DEIR/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 alignment.
1/12/2012	Laguna Irrigation District	Discuss the Liberty Canal, Murphy Slough, Grant Canal, and Kings River water crossings along the Hanford West alignment.
1/13/2012	Melga Canal Company	Discuss Melga Canal crossing on the proposed Hanford West Alignment.
1/13/2012	HST Agriculture Working Group	Monthly meeting. Discuss white papers being created by the group.

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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.
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

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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.
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.

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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.
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.

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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.
3/20/2012	Meeting with Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case	Provide a high-speed train project update, specifically on developments regarding impacts on Laton.
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.

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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.
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.

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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
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.

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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/S 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/S 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 to county.

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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
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 FB section.
6/22/2012	San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council	HST project update.
6/26/2012	Fresno Councilman Blong Xiong	Discuss the HST project specifically at this time he is interested in discussing initial construction and other ground breaking work. Who are some of the companies HSR will be working with or how is HSR outreaching to companies to provide services.
6/26/2012	City of Fresno Working Meeting	Discuss potential improvements reducing impacts to businesses along Railroad Avenue

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