

Memorandum

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Subject: California High-Speed Rail Informational Presentation

Summary:

Alice Rodriguez, Deputy Director of External Affairs with the California High-Speed Rail Authority will provide an informational presentation on the High-Speed Rail project in California.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building, and operating the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the megaregions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs, and preserve agricultural and protected lands.

When completed, Phase 1 of the high-speed rail system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of exceeding 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs.

Objectives

The Authority is working toward three fundamental objectives:

1. Initiate high-speed rail passenger service as soon as possible.
2. Make strategic, concurrent transportation investments that will link over time and provide mobility, economic and environmental benefits at the earliest possible time
3. Position ourselves to construct additional segments as funding becomes available.

Implementation Progress

- The Authority has 119 miles of active construction in the Central Valley with dozens of active construction sites.
- 422 miles of the 500-mile Phase 1 system from San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim has completed the analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- The Authority has acquired almost all of the parcels needed for construction in the Central Valley.
- The design work for construction in the Central Valley is nearing completion.