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California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Report

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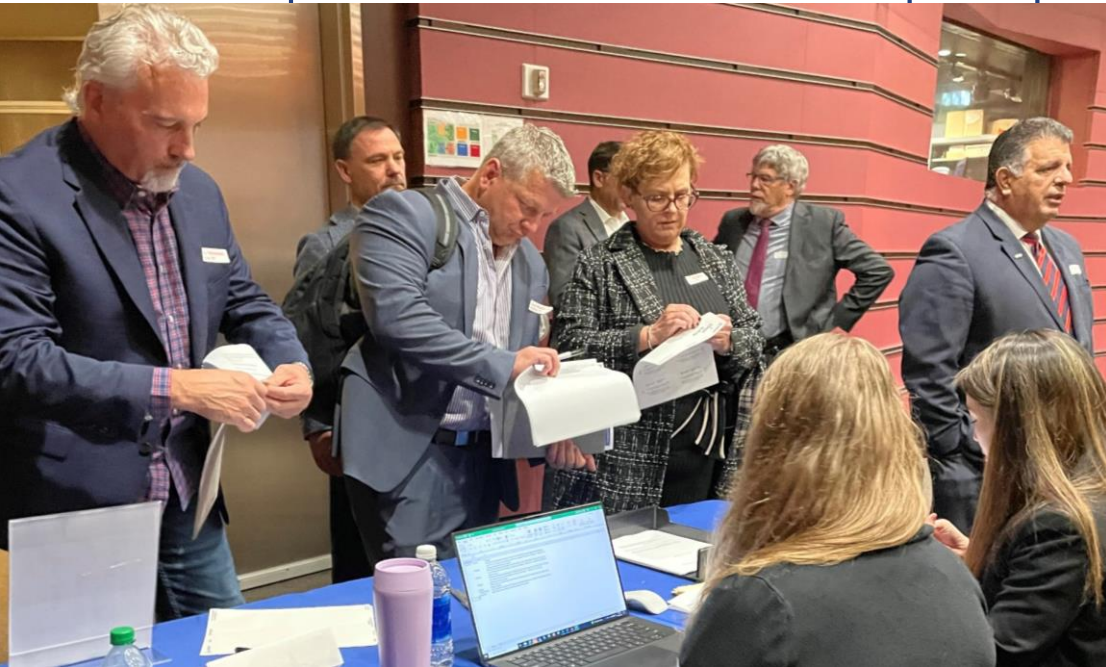


Program Update



Industry Awareness Day Summary

- The Industry Awareness Day event was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023
- The purpose of the Industry Awareness Day was to provide information on the current and upcoming rail procurements aimed at delivering the first 171-mile operational segment of the California High-Speed Rail project.
- The event was the first in person Industry event since the COVID-19 pandemic
- 343 in-person and virtual attendees participated



Industry Awareness Day Summary

- A question-and-answer session was held at the he event, addressing both in person and virtual questions from attendees.
- Online resources:
 - » The event registration list
 - » Presentation slides,
 - » Video
 - » Written questions and answers
 - » On HSR Track and Systems landing page:
 - <https://hsr.ca.gov/business-opportunities/contract-opportunities/track-systems/>

Merced and Bakersfield Extension

- The Authority is on schedule to complete Draft Configuration Footprint for Merced and Bakersfield extensions.
 - » Value Engineering and Value Analysis workshops were conducted in late October and early November. The Authority team is reviewing the recommendations to be considered for the final design.
- The Authority and Stantec's team hosted a Community Open House and Workshop in the cities of Chowchilla and Merced on November 8th and 15th to provide project updates.
- The Authority received a grant from the 2022 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (2022 CRISI) Program. This \$202 million grant in federal funds will complete design, purchase right-of-way, and construct six grade separations in the City of Shafter. The grade separations are at Poplar Ave, Fresno Ave, Shafter Ave, Central Ave, Lerdo Hwy, Riverside St.
 - » The Authority started monthly coordination meetings with FRA from November 14, 2023.

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Upcoming Items in 2024 for extensions

- Authority has applied for a \$3 billion grant from the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program to accelerate construction in the Central Valley and advance design work on the extensions
- Contingent on the grant's approval, the Authority Board to consider issuing NTP-2 for 100% design on the entirety of both extensions and to commence early targeted right-of-way acquisition

Business Plan Update

- Required by PUC Section 185033
 - » Foundational document for implementing the program
 - » Required every two years (even years)
- 2024 Business Plan
 - » Draft released in February for 60 day public comment review
 - » Board to adopt at April, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
 - » Due to Legislature (by statute) May 1, 2024
 - » Extensive draft preview at January, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting



2023 Progress Update Video

