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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

### MEDIA ALERT

#### Public Input Sought at September 15, 16 and 17 Scoping Meetings in Bakersfield, Tehachapi and Palmdale on Proposed California High-Speed Train System

- WHAT:** The California High-Speed Rail Authority is holding scoping meetings in Bakersfield, Tehachapi and Palmdale to support the project environmental review process for the Bakersfield to Palmdale section of the high-speed train system. Scoping meetings are open house format. People can drop by at any time to get information, ask questions and provide input. Authority representatives will be available throughout the session to respond to questions, and a variety of maps and exhibits will be available for review.
- WHEN & WHERE:**
- Bakersfield**  
September 15, 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
Red Lion Hotel  
2400 Camino Del Rio Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308
- Tehachapi**  
September 16, 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
Stallion Springs Community Center  
27850 Stallion Springs Dr.  
Tehachapi, CA 93561
- Palmdale**  
September 17, 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
Chimbole Cultural Center  
38350 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550
- WHY:** A Project-Level Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) is being prepared to assess the technical studies, impact analysis and mitigation measures for the high-speed train section between Bakersfield and Palmdale. In its Statewide Program EIR/EIS, the Authority and Federal Railroad Administration selected State Route 58/14 corridor as the preferred route alternative between Bakersfield and Palmdale. This next level of analysis will build upon all previous work prepared for and incorporated in the Statewide Program EIR/EIS and provide the more detailed level of analysis required before construction can begin.
- Scoping meetings along the proposed corridor are the first of many opportunities members of the public and public agencies will have to learn more about the project, ask questions and provide input.
- BACKGROUND:** The California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for building the state's high-speed train service covering 800 miles and reaching speeds up to 220 m.p.h. With the passage of Proposition 1A in the November 2008 ballot, California voters approved funding for the nation's first high-speed train system that will link the state's major cities and increase mobility while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov).
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