GOAL
The construction of the Heavy Maintenance Facility (HMF) will be the first major construction project for the California High-Speed Rail System (HSR). The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is reviewing 12 proposals for sites for the HMF. The benefits of locating the HMF in Kern are numerous.

DESCRIPTION
Two proposals were developed in cooperation with Kern County, Kern Economic Development Corporation, Kern COG, and numerous local organizations. The proposals submitted were for the HMF at Shafter and the HMF at Wasco.

The HMF will be located in the Central Valley along the proposed HSR route between Bakersfield and Merced. The facility will be used for acceptance testing of trains as well as for ongoing heavy maintenance of trains. Both sites allow for a co-located maintenance of way (MOW) facility, reducing construction and operations costs.

NECESSITY
Siting the HMF Heavy Maintenance Facility in Kern will provide the region with the following benefits:

Construction - The HMF will bring $450 million in construction to build the 981,000 square feet of shops and related facilities.

Jobs - The facility will employ an estimated 2,300 workers with an additional 2,700 indirect jobs. This is a total increase of 5,000 jobs, which are ready to be filled by Kern County's historically highly unemployed workforce.

Economic Benefits - It has been estimated that over $220 million in annual payroll will result from new jobs.

Supports Local Business - HMF will require products, supplies, and services from local businesses.

New Industries - The location of the HMF will be the catalyst for other industries to locate within the region.

Test Track - With the HMF comes a 100+ mile test track which will designate Kern as a landmark for the first true HSR in the United States, a priority for the CHSRA.

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Kern County HMF...
Ready for High Speed Rail

Why Kern County?

LOCATION
• Center of California’s high-speed rail system.
• Adjacent to all alignment alternatives.
• Efficiently meets CHSRA heavy maintenance facility layout and operational needs.

READY TO BUILD
• No existing structures, no environmental impacts to mitigate.
• No zoning changes, no hazardous materials to mitigate.
• No impediments for project approvals and construction.
• Sites are ready for design and construction to begin.
• $189 million in programmed access improvements will support development of proposed sites.

STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT
• Full support from Kern COG, City of Shafter, City of Wasco, Kern County, Golden Empire Transit (GET), Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, CSU Bakersfield, and more...

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Kern County provides 12% of the state’s commercial machinery repair and maintenance workforce and is home to four major training programs:
- CSU Bakersfield
- Bakersfield College
- Taft College
- Westec

The Shafter site is located adjacent to the International Trade and Transportation Center and less than 10 miles from Meadows Field Airport.

**Wasco**

- **Size**: 421 acres
- **Ownership**: Single owner
- **Zoning**: Industrial
- **Access**: 1 mile from 7th Standard Rd
- **Environmental Impacts**: None
- **Economic Incentives**: Yes
- **Maintenance Facility Co-Location**: Yes

**Shafter**

- **Size**: 640 acres
- **Ownership**: Single owner
- **Zoning**: Industrial
- **Access**: 1 mile from 7th Standard Rd
- **Environmental Impacts**: None
- **Economic Incentives**: Yes
- **Maintenance Facility Co-Location**: Yes

**Legend**

- Heavy maintenance facility
- High-speed rail alignment

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