

KERN COUNTY WELCOMES

HIGH SPEED RAIL

The Kern Transportation Foundation

On behalf of
The Kern County Fast Track
Stakeholder Coalition

Invites you to attend a luncheon
Welcoming

Mr. Roelof van Ark
Chief Executive Officer
The California High Speed Rail Authority
As
Keynote Speaker

Monday, May 16, 2011
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Marriott Hotel Ballroom
801 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield

\$30 per person
Advance registration required, as space is limited
Registration closes Thursday, May 12



Space Will Be Limited

Yes, I Want to Attend!

Space Reservation for May 16 High Speed Rail Welcome Luncheon

Please mail this card and your check to: Kern Transportation Foundation, P.O. Box 417, Bakersfield, CA 93302-0417

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Primary reservation:

Name: _____ Organization: _____ Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Mailing Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Additional reservations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>
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Total number of reservations ____ X \$30 per reservation = \$_____.



About KTF

The Kern Transportation Foundation was formed in 1992, with a membership composed of active citizens and representatives of local public entities particularly dedicated to the pursuit of transportation issues affecting the region. A non-profit, public benefit corporation, KTF works with state and local government agencies and private sector organizations to develop planning strategies and find funding solutions to meet Kern County's present and future needs.

One of the Foundation's primary purposes is to educate and inform Kern's citizens about the many benefits a modern, balanced, multi-modal transportation system can provide in improving their local quality of life and in supporting regional economic vitality. KTF's presentations are typically objective and non-political, motivated entirely by the organization's interest in highlighting the urgency of transportation-related concerns now confronting Kern County residents.

More information concerning the Foundation may be found on its website: <http://www.ktfonline.org/>.

About Kern County Fast Track

The Kern County Fast Track coalition was created by the Kern County Board of Supervisors to keep people in Kern County informed on the development of High Speed Rail, both locally and system-wide. Kern County Fast Track works closely with California High Speed Rail Authority representatives, local government officials, and private industry groups to address potential issues and concerns to ensure that Kern County and California receive the maximum benefit from this major new transportation resource. Fast Track provides an open forum aimed at building consensus to solve High Speed Rail alignment issues and to assist the Authority in evaluating proposed locations for the Heavy Maintenance Facility.

More information concerning the Fast Track coalition may be found on its website: <http://www.kernfasttrack.com>.

About Roelof van Ark

Roelof van Ark was named Chief Executive Officer of the California High-Speed Rail Authority by the Authority's Board of Directors, effective June 1, 2010. Mr. van Ark is a senior executive with more than 30 years experience as an engineer and manager for some of the world's leading transportation companies. He brings tremendous expertise and leadership to guide the implementation of California's 800-mile high-speed rail system.

Prior to his appointment by the HSRA, Mr. van Ark was President at Alstom Transportation Inc. for the preceding five years. Before that, he previously served as President of Aviation Security for Invision Technologies Inc.

Mr. van Ark also spent more than 20 years in various assignments working as an executive, managing director, general manager, senior technical manager and senior project engineer for Siemens, the manufacturers of the popular ICE high speed trains. With that organization, he worked in Germany, South Africa and most recently in Sacramento, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Siemens Transportation Systems from 1999 to 2002.

Mr. van Ark holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and an MBA from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.