

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING OF REGIONAL HIGH-SPEED RAIL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday
July 5, 2023
11:00 A.M.**

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AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order :**
- II. **Approval of Discussion Summary:**
 - a. Meeting Notes from May 31, 2023 meeting – **Action**
- III. **Review CHSRA Station Design Meeting #1 (Attachement 1)**
- IV. **HSR Updates- Information Item**
 - a. High-Speed Rail Updates (D Abiah, HSR)
 - b. Members of the Sub-Committee provide a brief report on their own activities/interactions with High-Speed Rail
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Attachments: HSR CV Station Technical Working Group Meeting Notes

Attachment 1 - HSR CV Station Technical Working Group Meeting Notes

Bakersfield Station Design Meeting #1 – Kern COG Notes

Attendees:

Design Team: John Eddy – Arup Group* Project Manager John.Eddy@arup.com; Peter Sokoloff – Foster+Partners psokoloff@FosterandPartners.com; Steve Gaskill – Arup; Ben Wong; Taylor Fulton

CHSRA: Meg Cederoth – Lead margaret.cederoth@hsr.ca.gov; Garth Fernandez; Toni Tonoco; Ben Lichte

Bakersfield: Christian Clegg, CM; Tony Valdez - Asst. CM; Chris Boyle - Dev Svcs; Paul Johnson – Planning; Jason Cater – Comm Dev; Greg Straklous – PW; Louis Topete; Scott Andrews – Asst. CM

Kern County: Josh Champlin – PW

GET: Ricardo Perez - Planning

Caltrans: Michael Navarro – D6

Kern COG: Ahron Hakimi; Irene Enriquez; Ben Raymond; Rob Ball

* Arup is the British architect firm that designed the Sidney Opera House, 17k employees worldwide with offices in LA, SF, & Oakland, Foster is another international architect group with 16 offices including LA & SF.

DT gave presentation –

- Hakimi requested input from outlying cities (Delano, etc.) be invited to these meetings
- Schedule: NPT1 30% design complete Summer 2025, complete design 2026/27, Construction complete 2031
- Expandible smaller platform (800') will be built with initial construction segment Merced to Bakersfield in 2028. design is for a 1,400' platform and canopy.
- DT asked if they had all the background studies.
- Hakimi requested to consider Amtrak and Amtrak bus system
- Autonomous shuttles
- Large parking requirements decrease with phases
- Graphic only showing 2 access points to station site

Discussion after presentation

- GET should be considered for a phased co-location at the same site
- Pedestrian access one of highest priorities for the City
- Design to discourage homeless loitering under viaduct
- World class station on day 1
- 800' of a 1,400' would be built in Phase 1 – Smaller platform may mean less access facilities such as less improvements to 204. This is not acceptable.
- Access to the N.E. needed
- 34th Street needs to go thru to F St
- Housing needed downtown