

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

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**Wednesday
August 13, 2025
11:00 A.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order :**
- II. Approval of Discussion Summary:**
 - a. Meeting Notes from June 11, 2025
- III. HSR Updates- Information Item**
 - a. High-Speed Rail Updates
 - b. Members of the Sub-Committee provide a brief report on their own activities/interactions with High-Speed Rail
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting October 8, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Kern COG High Speed Rail Sub Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.

Clay Lomax	CHSRA	Joy Pinne	CHSRA
Lorena Mendibles	Caltrans		
Scott Hurlbert		Staff:	Irene Enriquez
Luis Topete	Bakersfield		Victoria Romero Valdivia
Ravi Pudipeddi	Shafter		

A. Approval of Meeting Notes from February 4, 2024, approved (no comments)

1. E-mail updates from April 4, 2025

B. HSR Updates

1. Project:

- a. HSR project update report is currently in progress and is expected in July
- b. Working on updating design criteria: scope, cost, etc..
- c. Right-of-way acquisitions along the alignment have started
- d. Relocation discussions have begun with 26 different property owners
- e. Potholing continues across full alignment 85% complete in public right of way and 25% complete in private right of way
- f. HSR is looking at alternate locations for inaccessible areas
- g. CRISI and FSP grant status: continuing with the FRA on project management plans for both grants

2. Agreements

- a. Co-Operative Agreements/MSAs are being renewed with all the agencies
- b. Caltrans continues to hold staff-level meetings on a bi-weekly basis
- c. CHSRA has worked with Caltrans on renewing various permits, SR 43, SR 99, and SR 204, to perform potholing and geotechnical investigations
- d. Optimization for Caltrans touchpoints is in progress
- e. Utility agreements continue to be finalized; Companies who are still in the negotiations stage: No. Cal. Gas, AT&T, North Kern Water Storage District

C. Agency Updates:

GET – No update.

Kern County – No update.

Bakersfield – No updates.

Shafter – Shafter has reviewed RFPs and finished ranking proposals. They anticipate the CHSRA response before awarding proposals.

Caltrans – No updates.

D. Comments

- Mr. Topete (Bakersfield) asked for clarification on an email Bakersfield received. Mr. Lomax clarified the email and offered some assistance.
- Mr. Hurlbert asked for clarification on a Merced Extension and Mr. Lomax provided clarification.

Next Meeting will be August 13, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.