High-Speed Rail: Creating Jobs

California’s high-speed rail program is putting people to work. Currently, in the Central Valley there are 119 miles of construction underway. As the program expands into the northern and southern regions of California, the number of employment opportunities also increases.

CONSTRUCTION JOBS
As construction commences in the Central Valley and other regions of California, there will continue to be a high demand for electricians, cement workers, steel laborers and more. Job-specific skills are essential in building the supportive structures for the high-speed rail system.

PRE-APPRENTICE TRAINING PROGRAM
The Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board is currently recruiting for its Construction Pre-Apprentice training. This training is in partnership with the Plumbers, Cement Masons, Iron Workers, Teamsters, Sheet Metals Workers, Pipefitters, Electricians and Operating Engineers Building Trades Unions.
Visit www.valleybuild.net to sign up.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES JOBS
As part of building the nation’s first high-speed rail system, there has been a tremendous need for professional services including architects, engineers, planners and other related services. Such work is necessary to complete Phase I of the high-speed rail system from San Francisco to the Los Angeles area.

If you are interested in a state career with the California High-Speed Rail Authority, visit hsr.ca.gov/employment/state-jobs-employment/.
If you are interested in a career with our Rail Delivery Partner, WSP, visit www.wsp.com/en-US/careers/join-our-team.

CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER
In April 2020, the Authority partnered with the City of Selma to announce the creation of the Central Valley Training Center, a workforce development center to provide pre-apprenticeship classes and hands-on construction training for residents up and down the Central Valley who are looking for work on the nation’s first high-speed rail project. The center welcomed its first group of 30 students in October 2020, and almost 75 people have graduated since the center’s opening. In addition, more than 950 people have already applied for future classes. Visit cvtctprogram.com to find out more or to sign up.
CHRISTINA CUNNINGHAM
From the Medical Field to the Construction Site
After spending 15 years in a rewarding career as a hospice nurse, Christina Cunningham needed a change of pace. The next step in her career was obvious—to follow in her grandfather and great-grandfather’s footsteps and become a crane operator. “He would call all my aunts and uncles and tell them, ‘My granddaughter is doing cranes,’” Cunningham shared. “He would call me every day and ask what I’m operating on and where I was going.” A mother of two young girls and a son who is a Marine, Cunningham now works as a crane operator for design-build contractor Dragados-Flatiron / Joint Venture and has worked on various structures across Construction Package 2-3 including the Conejo Viaduct and the South Avenue Grade Separation. “I get to play with Tonka Toys all day,” Cunningham said jokingly. “Instead of helping people transition, I’m now helping bring something to life,” she replied more seriously.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED WORKERS
The California High-Speed Rail Authority is committed to ensuring that jobs created by building and operating the high-speed rail system benefit communities most in need.

Under our Community Benefits Policy, we and our contractors adopt and implement programs designed to promote and advance construction employment and training opportunities for all individuals, especially those residing in extremely economically disadvantaged areas and veterans returning from military service.

Our Community Benefits Agreement (CBA), which covers current construction in the Central Valley, focuses on engaging disadvantaged communities and achieving employment targets for individuals who reside in disadvantaged areas and individuals designated as “Disadvantaged Workers,” including veterans.

Many of the workers dispatched to various construction sites live within the Central Valley. Out of the nearly 8,000 workers dispatched to the project, a high number report that they live in one of these counties: Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare or Kern.

For current information on jobs numbers and to find out about jobs on the construction packages, visit hsr.ca.gov/jobs or scan the QR code below.

LOOKING FOR A CONSTRUCTION JOB ON HIGH-SPEED RAIL?
Contact the Design Build Contractor Job Coordinator below for more info.

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Construction Package 2-3
Dragados/Flarton Joint Venture
Rinarda Burnley, Job Coordinator
(559) 257-4128
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Construction Package 4 California Rail Builders
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