

# 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](http://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/](http://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](http://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 the first cohort of students graduated in January 2021. In addition, 500 more people have already applied for future classes. Visit [cvtcprogram.com](http://cvtcprogram.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.

More than 72 percent of the workers dispatched to various construction sites reported living within the Central Valley. Out of the 5,000-plus workers dispatched to the project, 77 reported living in Merced County, 251 reported living in Madera County, 1,988 in Fresno County, 201 in Kings County, 549 in Tulare County, and 798 in Kern County.

**LOOKING FOR A CONSTRUCTION JOB ON HIGH-SPEED RAIL?**

Contact the Design Build Contractor Job Coordinator below for more info.

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