



**CALIFORNIA**  
High-Speed Rail Authority

# **CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL CEO REPORT**

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# Federal Grants Submitted in August

Grant Program	Date	Amount	Scope
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED/PENDING AWARD NOTIFICATION			
Federal Highway Administration Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program	Application Submitted August 1, 2023	\$2M (Grant Request) \$2.5M (Total Project Cost)	<u>Central Valley 119-Mile Wildlife Crossing Monitoring Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and monitoring of wildlife/vehicle collisions</li> <li>• Review of the San Joaquin kit fox migration corridors</li> <li>• Analysis of alternative design specifications</li> </ul>
MEGA	Application Submitted August 18, 2023	\$231.7M (Grant Request) \$386.2M (Total Project Cost)	<u>Merced Integrated Multimodal Station Project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canopies, platforms, elevators, escalators, concourses, functional and operational spaces</li> <li>• Electric vehicle charging and transit facilities</li> <li>• Parking, solar facilities and pick-up and drop-off areas</li> <li>• Station access, particularly roadways</li> </ul>

# Seven Structures Complete in 2023



Merced Avenue



McCombs Road



Elkhorn Avenue



Idaho Avenue



Dover Avenue



Cedar Viaduct

# Poso Avenue Undercrossing Opens



# Inspector General Appointed

- Governor Newsom appointed Benjamin Belnap as Inspector General of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.
- Belnap has been a Deputy State Auditor at the California State Auditor's Office since 2015. He began work at the California State Auditor's Office in 2001.
- The Inspector General Position was created in 2022 through SB 198.
- Belnap was appointed to a 4-year term.

# Questions?

