



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL:

MERCED INTEGRATED MULTIMODAL STATION

The **California High-Speed Rail Authority** is applying for grant funding from the **United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG)** Programs, specifically under the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (**Mega**). The application is for the **Merced Integrated Multimodal Station Project (Project)**, a planned mobility hub in downtown Merced designed to maximize seamless multimodal opportunities. The Project will serve passenger needs more effectively and generate higher rail and bus ridership.

The integrated multimodal station in downtown Merced will allow travelers on High-Speed Rail, the San Joaquins service and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) to connect seamlessly at one station (rather than three different station locations connected by buses). The Project also is a vital element of the 171-mile California Inaugural High-Speed Service between Merced and Bakersfield, which itself is a critical milestone of the California State Rail Plan.

The Mega application is for federal funding of **\$231.7 million**. The State of California will provide matching funds from the Authority's Cap-and-Trade revenue of **\$154.5 million**, for a total project cost of **\$386.2 million**. The Project will serve as a "Northern California Gateway" to Sacramento, the Bay Area, other San Joaquin Valley destinations, and points south for high-speed intercity passenger rail and coordinated regional rail and transit services, including:

- **High-Speed Rail service, initially between Merced and Bakersfield with bus connections to Southern California;**
- **Amtrak's realigned San Joaquins rail service toward Oakland, Sacramento, the Far North and North Coast;**



The Merced Integrated Multimodal Station will be the signature point of convergence for high-speed rail and multiple additional Northern California rail and transit services

- **The planned Ceres-Merced Extension of the ACE, with service to San José, as well as a planned Sacramento connection; and**
- **Interregional and Merced County Transit bus services.**

Since the Project will operate and provide services in a disadvantaged community, this investment ensures benefits to a region facing barriers and fully aligns with the Biden Administration's Justice40 initiative. The Project and the Inaugural High-Speed Service will improve the health, safety, access, connectivity and economic vitality of underserved communities in California's Central Valley, home to 6 million people.

The Project consists of:

- **Canopies and platforms, including a center platform to allow seamless transfers;**
- **Elevators, escalators and concourses;**

- **Functional and operational spaces, including crew space;**
- **Electric vehicle charging and transit facilities (including bus stops);**
- **Parking (ADA, bike, automobile), solar facilities and pick-up and drop-off areas; and**
- **Station access, particularly roadways.**

This Mega Grant Program application is part of an on-going federal-state partnership that, to date, has provided approximately \$25.2 billion in funding for California High-Speed Rail (\$21.7 billion / 85% state, and \$3.5 billion / 15% federal). California is the only state in the country to have committed this level of funding to modernizing rail, and the Authority is asking the federal government to match this level of commitment with strong grant support of the project with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding.