

Merced RAISE Grant Award

The California High-Speed Rail Authority was awarded grant funding from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program to advance the project beyond the 119-miles under construction and into downtown Merced.



This award is for \$25 million, the maximum grant amount. The funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation will provide more than half of the expected \$41 million cost for the Madera to Merced design contract. This grant is for configuration-level design, which covers at least a 30 percent design level.

The grant funding will be used to design:

- civil infrastructure,
- track and systems, and
- station platforms

Implementing the California Inaugural High-Speed Service between Merced and Bakersfield is a critical milestone of the State's rail modernization plan, linking key regional passenger rail systems and building toward the future Phase 1 High-Speed Rail Corridor from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The projected ridership for the California Phase 1 Corridor would make it the most traveled intercity passenger service in the nation.

This grant 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 \$3.7 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 project grant support from IJA funding.

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