



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL: MERCED INTEGRATED MULTIMODAL STATION

The California High-Speed Rail Authority has applied for grant funding from the **United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** Program. The application is for **Final Design** and related third-party coordination to ready the preliminary **Merced Integrated Multimodal Station Project (Project)** designs for construction. The Project is a planned mobility hub in downtown Merced designed to maximize seamless multimodal opportunities. It will serve passenger needs more effectively and increase rail and bus ridership.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PROJECT?

The grant would be used to complete final design on:

- 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, landscaping and sustainable stormwater management.

The Project will allow travelers on high-speed rail, the San Joaquins intercity service and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) commuter service to connect easily at one station instead of three separate 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 is a critical milestone of the California State Rail Plan.



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 RAISE application is for federal funding of **\$15.88 million**. The State of California will provide matching funds from the Authority's Cap-and-Trade revenue of **\$3.97 million**, for a total grant funded project scope of **\$19.85 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 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.

The Project will operate and provide services in a disadvantaged community, ensuring benefits to a region facing barriers and fully aligning 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.

This application is part of an on-going federal-state partnership that, to date, has provided approximately \$28.7 billion in funding for California High-Speed Rail (\$21.9 billion / 76% state, and \$6.8 billion / 24% 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.