



# 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 its FY 2025 and FY 2026 National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega). The application is for the Merced Integrated Multimodal Station (Project), a planned mobility hub in downtown Merced designed to maximize seamless multimodal opportunities. Serving passenger needs more effectively will increase rail and bus ridership.**

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 rather than three separate stations connected by buses. The Project also is a vital element of the 171-mile California Inaugural High-Speed Service between Merced and Bakersfield.

The Mega application requests federal funding of **\$236.1 million** (60%). The remaining **\$157.4 million** (40%) in funding for the project will be secured through a combination of state matching funds from the Authority's Cap-and-Trade revenue and previously-awarded federal grant funds from the Federal-State Partnership National (FSP-National) program for right-of-way acquisition, for a total Project cost of **\$393.5 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



**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**

- Interregional and Merced County Transit bus services, including to Yosemite National Park.

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. 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, landscaping and sustainable stormwater management.

This application is part of an on-going federal-state partnership that, to date, has provided approximately **\$28.7 billion** in combined 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 intercity passenger rail and the Authority is asking the federal government to match this level of commitment with continued strong grant support of the project with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding.