



Section-Specific Policy Statement Fresno-to-Bakersfield

The following policies represent the positions of Californians For High Speed Rail for a range of issues related to the Fresno-to-Bakersfield section of the project-level environmental review process currently being undertaken by the California High Speed Rail Authority. Note, this policy document may be changed from time to time to reflect evolving policy as implementation of the high speed rail project progresses.

- We support a station in downtown Fresno along the UPRR ROW (as identified in the program-level EIR/EIS).
- We oppose any consideration of other station locations outside UPRR ROW in downtown Fresno.
- We support efforts already underway to move the Fresno Amtrak Station from the BNSF ROW to the UPRR ROW so a dual HSR/Amtrak can be created at the proposed downtown Fresno station site.
- We support efforts already underway to create bypass tracks west of Fresno for the consolidation of all freight operations in the Fresno area. As a part of this effort, we support the exploration of including HSR express tracks in any new railroad ROW west of Fresno.
- We support further examination of placing a CA HSR station in downtown Hanford just south of the existing Amtrak Station to serve the Hanford/Visalia/Tulare area.
- We support the consideration of a station for the Hanford/Visalia/Tulare area at the junction of S.R 43 and S.R 198. As this is currently a green field site, we will only support development of a station at this site if a high level of transit-oriented development is planned for areas around the station site.
- We do not support any further consideration of a station near the immediate vicinity of Visalia
- We support the creation of a HSR/Amtrak transfer station at the existing downtown Bakersfield Amtrak Station just south of Truxtun Avenue (along the BNSF ROW).
- We support use of BNSF alignment for HSR between Fresno and Bakersfield.
- We do not support further examination of the UPRR alignment between Fresno and Bakersfield.
- We support examination of bypass alignments around towns not receiving a HSR station.