



## Transportation Transit

### Client

California High Speed Rail Program

### Location

California, USA

## Environmental Studies and Public Participation

### Project Highlights

- 700-mile high-speed train system
- Currently screening proposed regional alignments and station locations to identify options that might be highly impacted by system construction and/or operation
- Extensive public involvement program initiated for the first segment of the project encompassing 150 miles from Los Angeles to San Diego

### Project Description

CH2M HILL is supporting the California High Speed Rail Authority as the major regional subconsultant and deputy project manager in the first phase of the construction and operation of a statewide, high-speed train system. The more than 700-mile rail system will ultimately connect the major California population and business centers of the San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento, the Los Angeles Basin, and San Diego. The system will use state-of-the-art train technology capable of speeds in excess of 220 miles per hour, providing intrastate travel times comparable to airline travel. The high-speed train stations will operate like small airports, providing rapid transit and intermodal travel connections to millions of passengers without the substantial real estate and airspace requirements of conventional airports.

CH2M HILL is supporting this program, currently in the environmental clearance phase, performing environmental studies and environmental scoping, and leading the public participation effort within the Southern California region of the system, a 150-mile segment from Los Angeles Union Station, through the Inland Empire, and into San Diego. CH2M HILL is screening proposed regional alignments and stations to identify locations that might be highly impacted by system construction or operation. Following this screening phase, CH2M HILL will perform program-level environmental analyses to support the preparation of a statewide program-level EIR and Tier I EIS.

Concurrently, CH2M HILL is managing the regional public scoping and outreach program, informing citizens, agencies, and governmental bodies about the program, soliciting input, and providing stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the process. This public outreach effort includes town hall meetings, public workshops, focused stakeholder meetings, and preparation and distribution of communication pieces for the public and the media. The environmental scoping process involves formal scoping meetings in Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Diego, as well as one-on-one meetings with affected resource agencies.