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High-Speed Rail Authority and City of Shafter Reach Settlement Agreement

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced that it has reached a settlement agreement with the City of Shafter, which will result in the dismissal of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation over the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Fresno to Bakersfield project section of the high-speed rail program. This agreement demonstrates the commitment between both parties to work together to bring high-speed rail service to the Central Valley.

“We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Authority and believe the Project is improved through this process,” said Shafter City Manager Scott Hurlbert.

“This agreement represents our continued commitment to working with regional partners to resolve issues that allow us to move the high-speed rail program forward,” said Central Valley Regional Director Diana Gomez.

The Final EIR/EIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield project section of the high-speed rail program was adopted in 2014 and identified the high-speed rail route from Fresno to Bakersfield.

