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You are cordially invited to join an upcoming Listening Session regarding the 2018 California State Rail Plan (2018 Rail Plan), the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan (CSFAP), and revisions to the California High-Speed Rail Programmatic Agreement for Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the High-Speed Rail Program. These statewide plans and agreement are currently under development. These Native American Listening Sessions are sponsored by the Caltrans Native American Liaison Branch (NALB), Division of Rail and Mass Transportation, and Office of Freight Planning, in partnership with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority).

Purpose of Listening Session

The purpose of these listening sessions is to establish a meaningful dialogue with California Native American Tribes about the critical state government plans focusing on state rail and freight transportation issues and identify the concerns and priorities of tribal communities. We want to take this opportunity to hear recommendations from California Native American Tribes on how best these concerns may be considered, addressed and incorporated into the 2018 Rail Plan, the revised High-Speed Rail Programmatic Agreement for Compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA for the High-Speed Rail Program, and the CSFAP. Participating departments in the creation of the CSFAP include the California Air Resources Board, the California Energy Commission, and the Governor’s office of Business and Economics, as well as their corresponding state agencies.

Attendees will receive preliminary information about these plans, and information about consultation opportunities.

Why Tribal Representatives Should Attend:

These plans are important for prioritizing potential State actions and funding for rail and freight projects that meet statewide goals - the planning process for these different Caltrans and Authority plans are underway. Tribal input will be essential in guiding the direction of the plans and ensuring that the recommendations and strategies in them reflect and support tribal values and community needs.

Caltrans and the Authority recognize that Listening Sessions are not formal government-to-government consultation, but a related informational and collaborative effort to support that process. These Listening Sessions will develop the framework for future formal government-to-government consultation on the 2018 Rail Plan. Listening Sessions have been scheduled at the following locations:

Redding, CA	San Diego, CA	Sacramento, CA
March 21, 2016 10:00 am -3:00 pm	March 25, 2016 10:00 am -3:00 pm	March 29, 2016 10:00 am -3:00 pm
<i>All dates: Presentation 10:00am – 12:30 pm; Listening Session from 1:30 – 3:00 pm</i>		
Redding Rancheria Community Center Side B 2000 Redding Rancheria Road Redding, CA 96001	Caltrans District 11 4050 Taylor Street San Diego, CA 92110	AECOM 2020 L Street Sacramento, CA 95811 <i>Webinar Participation available*</i>

* March 29, 2016 Statewide webinar link:

<https://aecom.webex.com/aecom/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0ad44e20bde4c5f90520e0e9355796c9>

For more details on our programs and information on how to participate, please see our webpages:

California State Rail Plan 2018: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/californiarail/tribal/>

CA Sustainable Freight Action Plan: <http://www.californiasustainablefreightactionplan.org/>

California High Speed Rail Program: http://hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Tribal_Relations/index.html