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Supervisor Perea Travels to San Diego to Pitch Fresno Works to High Speed Rail Authority Board Members

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Fresno, CA – The CA High Speed Rail Authority is considering 12 proposals for its heavy maintenance facility that were submitted by government agencies from across the Central Valley. To reiterate why Fresno County's collaborative Fresno Works proposal is the best choice, Supervisor Henry Perea will travel to San Diego for the CA High Speed Rail Authority meeting tomorrow, Feb. 4th.

"In the near future the Authority will narrow the field down to three proposals and move those on to the environmental review process," said Supervisor Perea. "It's important we make every effort to ensure Fresno Works is on that list."

The CHSRA will place its system's only heavy maintenance facility somewhere in the San Joaquin Valley. It is projected that the facility will bring more than 2,000 jobs to the community where it is placed.

"This Heavy Maintenance Facility could be an economic game changer for our community. It could forever change our economy and bring the kinds of high-paying jobs our community needs," Supervisor Perea said.

Supervisor Perea also will request the CA HSRA use its recently awarded federal stimulus dollars to keep local infrastructure work local. The Authority will need to complete significant environmental review work for infrastructure in the Valley within the next year.

"I plan to request that the Authority hire local engineering firms to complete the work that needs to be done locally," Supervisor Perea said.

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