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## **High Speed Rail Board to Consider Extending First Segment Toward Bakersfield** More Valley Residents to Reap Benefits of this Economic Game Changer

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Fresno, CA – Thousands of more jobs, on top of the thousands of jobs already expected, could be headed to the Valley thanks to the economic game changer that is high speed rail.

In light of an additional \$624 million in federal funding recently awarded to California's High Speed Rail Authority, the Authority will consider extending its first segment of construction even farther south toward Bakersfield – a decision expected to come at a special Authority Board meeting this Monday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, in Sacramento.

At its historic Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the Authority voted unanimously to begin its first leg of construction from a point just north of Fresno to Corcoran. Thanks to the promise of additional federal funding, the Authority is conducting a special meeting of its Board to amend its initial decision by considering the extension of the first segment of the construction project from north of Fresno to beyond Corcoran toward Bakersfield. With that decision could come thousands of more jobs for the Valley.

“High speed rail is an economic game changer for the San Joaquin Valley,” said Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea. “We will soon reap the fruits of our labor and Valley residents will have the opportunity to get back to work.”

Supervisor Perea and other members of Fresno Works will be at the Authority meeting on Monday.

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