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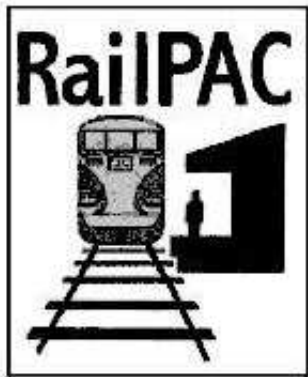
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A drawing of how High Speed Rail service in Fresno near Shaw Avenue might look.

[Winning bid to start high-speed rail far below estimates](#)

California Watch-Apr 15, 2013

Engineers for the rail authority – the state agency in charge of developing the statewide train system – had at one time estimated that the 28-mile portion would cost between \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion to design and build. More recent estimates suggested the bids would likely come in at \$1.2 billion to \$1.8 billion.

[Bullet Train Bidder Has History Of Cost Overruns](#)

California Watch Apr 16, 2013

According to an August report by The Bay Citizen, sister site of California Watch, 11 major projects in the San Francisco Bay Area completed by Tutor in the last dozen years cost local governments \$765 million more than they expected, or 40 percent above the initial bids.

[Builder contends low bid for high-speed rail in Valley realistic](#)

Fresno Bee-Apr 16, 2013

The Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons bid was about \$100 million below the next lowest proposal -- so low, in fact, that it prompted fears of a lowball bid with the potential for change orders that could drive up the final pricetag for the project.

[California high-speed rail bidding rules were changed](#)

Los Angeles Times Apr 18, 2013

The changes made it possible for Sylmar-based Tutor Perini to be ranked as the top candidate despite having received the lowest technical rating among bidders.

[Settlement reached in Calif. bullet train lawsuit](#)

Fresno Bee- Apr 18, 2013

Under the deal, the authority agreed to establish a \$5 million fund to preserve farmland and pay nearly \$1 million in legal fees to the groups that filed the lawsuit, which include the Madera and Merced county farm bureaus. It also spells out how the authority will work with landowners to acquire land along the route.

[High-speed rail training grant boosts Valley's job hopes](#)

The Fresno Bee Apr 19, 2013

Fresno leaders said Friday that a \$1.5 million grant to train people for jobs building the first stage of California's high-speed rail line has the potential to "transform lives" of local residents.

[Consensus on high-speed rail evades local transportation group](#)

Bakersfield Californian- Apr 19, 2013

Disagreements over how to deal with the contentious project erupted Thursday as representatives of local municipalities narrowly defeated a measure that would have banned further deliberations on high-speed rail by a committee of the Kern Council of Governments.

[Amtrak beefs up security after Boston bombing](#)

WGEM- Apr 16, 2013

CHICAGO (AP) -- Passengers getting on and off trains at Chicago's Union Station can see for themselves security measures that Amtrak is ...

[Boston Travel Nearly Shut Down, Logan Still Operating Flights](#)

CNBC.com- Apr 19, 2013

While Amtrak service between New York and Boston was suspended indefinitely, Amtrak service was operating normally between Washington, ..

[Amtrak service to fully resume tomorrow](#)

WTNH- Apr 19, 2013

Amtrak has said that its trains will resume regular service between New York and Boston on Saturday. Limited service will resume on Friday ...

[Man arrested in Metrolink bomb scare](#)

Los Angeles Times- Apr 17, 2013

A 53-year-old Lancaster man who claimed there was a bomb on a Metrolink train Tuesday was arrested after officials discovered he was ...

[Sheriff's Deputies Patrol Union Station In Los Angeles](#)

A Day After Explosions Hit The Boston Marathon

Alert Net Apr 16, 2013

[Amtrak derailment won't impact East Bay Monday commute](#)

San Jose Mercury News-Apr 14, 2013

FREMONT -- Monday morning commuters won't be impacted by the Saturday night Amtrak derailment that delayed travelers by about four ...

[Capitol Corridor upgrades Wi-Fi service on Amtrak trains](#)

Progressive Rail Roding-Apr 16, 2013

The recent upgrade makes Wi-Fi speed three times faster than before on Capitol Corridor trains. The authority is offering the amenity in an effort to attract more riders to Capitol Corridor trains, CCJPA officials said in a press release.

[Capitol Corridor Monthly Report \(March, 2013\)](#)

And other California Corridor statistics.

Reported by DAVID B. KUTROSKY, Managing Director

[Rockslide disrupts Amtrak service to GJ](#)

KKCO-TV- Apr 18, 2013

Amtrak had to cancel its service between Salt Lake City and Denver on Wednesday and Thursday after a rockslide fell onto the tracks near the ...

[The Denver Crossover for the Southwest Zephyr and the California Chief.](#)

By Noel T. Braymer

A major problem since the creation of Amtrak is there are so many places it is impossible for passengers to get to by Rail in this country.



This is a brand new Talgo Trainset for the Cascades Trains in the Pacific Northwest in Sacramento on a layover on April 14th on its way to to the Northwest from the factory in Wisconsin. Photo by Don Bing

[Make tracks to event at San Bernardino Depot](#)

San Bernardino Sun- Apr 20, 2013

It's an enchanted chapter of local history that will be celebrated at this coming weekend's fifth annual Railroad Days, April 27-28, in San Bernardino. The event includes an opportunity to ride one of the West's most famed steam engine trains on a commemorative trip between San Bernardino and Los Angeles.

Want to have Fun on May 9th during National Train Day? Be a part of it! Represent RailPAC at National Train Day events at Santa Barbara, Emeryville, Van Nuys and particularly at LA Union Station. We also have space for San Bernardino Railroad Days on April 27/28 and Fullerton Railroad days May 4/5 For more information call RailPAC President Paul Dyson at 818-845-9599 or write at pauljdyson@yahoo.com