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**Subject:** ACE is now the Altamont Corridor Express, plans service to Modesto & Merced

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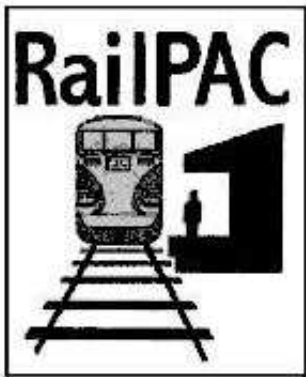
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A recent view from the current end of the line for the Expo Line at Culver City. This is construction at Venice Blvd for the extension of the Expo Line to Santa Monica by 2016. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

### [Train derails, damages track on popular CA route](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - Jun 3, 2013

DENAIR, Calif. (AP) — Rail authorities are working to repair damage on Amtrak's popular San Joaquin route after a freight train derailed in the Central California town of Denair. Passenger service has been disrupted between Modesto and Merced since the ...

### [Trains rolling down Santa Fe tracks again](#)

Merced Sun-Star - Jun 4, 2013

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway spokeswoman Lena Kent said a temporary rail siding, which allows trains to pass around the damaged area, was in place by 3:30 p.m. Monday, and freight and passenger trains began to use the line shortly thereafter.

### [Denair Amtrak Train Service to Resume on Friday](#)

TurlockCityNews.com- Jun 4, 2013

Amtrak service at the Denair station will return to normal operation on Friday, five days after a massive freight train derailment tore apart tracks ...

### [Rail board will vote on Fresno-Madera contract](#)

Fresno Bee- Jun 5, 2013

The California High-Speed Rail Authority board will meet in Sacramento and consider awarding a \$985.1 million contract to a consortium comprised of Tutor Perini Corp. of Sylmar, Texas-based Zachry Construction, and Parsons Corp., a Pasadena company. The consortium was the low bidder from among

five teams competing for the contract.

### [Board approves Calif high-speed rail construction](#)

Fresno Bee- Jun 6, 2013

California's High-Speed Rail Authority board has approved a nearly \$1 billion contract to start construction on the first leg of the bullet train in ...

### [California GOP Rep. Jeff Denham urges shift in high-speed rail funds to Northeast](#)

Kansas City Star - Jun 7, 2013

Jeff Denham, the chairman of the railroads subcommittee in the House of Representatives and like many fellow House Republicans a critic of California's high-speed rail project, said the money should go instead to Amtrak's busy but aging Northeast Corridor,

**Rep. Denham's district is served by the San Joaquin and ACE trains. NB**

### [Judge Weighs Arguments Over California High-Speed Rail Plans](#)

Sacramento Bee Jun 3, 2013

They are asking Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny to rule that the plan, and the Legislature's subsequent approval of money to begin construction, are invalid....Michelle Inan, a deputy with the state attorney general's office, responded that the funding plan "was for the benefit of the Legislature," not a guarantee to voters.

"The authority had a duty to submit the funding plan, and it did that. It had a duty to provide the information requested in the statute, and it did that," she said. "The plaintiffs' complaint is about the quality of the information. They don't think it satisfies the requirement. But that was a decision for the Legislature to decide, and it decided."

### [High Speed Rail Authority delays approving route through Bakersfield](#)

KGET 17-Jun 3, 2013

BAKERSFIELD, CA - The High Speed Rail Authority will delay voting on a route through Bakersfield again. This is the second delay, but the ...

### [Authority delays decision on Hanford routes](#)

Hanford Sentinel-Jun 5, 2013

HANFORD — The Hanford East Bypass alignment for high-speed rail is back in play.

At a meeting in Hanford Tuesday with county officials, California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Chairman Dan Richard said the agency is delaying its decision on whether to swing east or west of Hanford to get more input.

### [High Speed Rail Sheds Altamont Corridor | Transportation](#)

Central Stockton News- Jun 7, 2013

The California High-Speed Rail Authority board of directors has transferred full leadership and funding for rail planning in the Altamont Corridor to the commission...“With this signed MOU, we can expedite improvements at the local level while preparing ACE to be an important connecting service to high-speed rail,” says Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

### [Rail Commission's profile to expand with train projects](#)

Stockton Record- Jun 9, 2013

Local control of the project can speed up the planning work enough to make it possible to connect ACE to Modesto sometime in 2019, officials said. The extension line would also have a new station in downtown Manteca.

A longer-term goal is to extend to Merced in time to connect to the completed spine of the new high-