

Background

The *San Joaquin* rail corridor service has four round trips daily between Oakland and Bakersfield and two between Sacramento and Bakersfield. These trains carry 752,000 passengers annually. While this is an impressive number and the *San Joaquin* service is the fifth busiest intercity corridor in the Amtrak national system, it can be even better. Better on-time performance, shorter travel times and more destinations could attract more customers and make it an even more attractive alternative to the auto.

The Central Valley's population will grow from 3.5 million today to 9.0 million by 2046. What can the *San Joaquin* intercity rail service do to capture more trips from this growing market? More rail service is a way to meet this explosive growth and relieve the already severe roadway congestion. Therefore, the California Department of Transportation and the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee are preparing a Strategic Business Plan that will provide an overview, purpose, need and vision for the *San Joaquin* rail corridor.

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Get Involved

How Can You Help?

Get involved. Give us your suggestions on how improvements can be made to ensure safe, reliable, and convenient rail transportation. What would make you choose to travel by train rather than by air, auto, or bus? How can you and the railroads become better neighbors in your community?

- Come to a public workshop.
- Call the Hotline toll-free (877) 464-4350.
- Contact the Public Outreach Coordinator to get workshop dates, times, and locations.
- Send email to Hotline@buethepr.com.
- Write to Public Outreach Coordinator, P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201-0773.

Your suggestions and questions will be acknowledged and shared with the entire project team. Thank you for your support.

See <http://www.amtrakcalifornia.com> for more information about Amtrak and the *San Joaquin* corridor.



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The Need for a Strategic Business Plan

A Strategic Business Plan for the *San Joaquin* Route will chart the course for the future development of the corridor, based on the goals and priorities set during the planning process. The goals for the corridor include improved on-time performance, additional train service, improved safety and reliability, better schedules and more destinations. Some of the issues that might be important to local communities could include:

Bay Area - Stockton

- Connections to BART and other local transit providers
- A future direct connection to San Francisco
- Increased service to and from Stockton

Sacramento

- Shorter travel times to the southern Central Valley and Los Angeles
- Coordination with potential commuter rail service
- More daily frequency to the Central Valley

Merced

- Mobility for the UC Merced campus
- Preventing regional traffic congestion
- Serving as a gateway to Yosemite National Park

Fresno - Hanford - Visalia

- Increased service to Sacramento and Bakersfield
- More destinations throughout the Central Valley, including a potential line along the Union Pacific RR corridor from Bakersfield to Merced
- Shorter travel times to the Bay Area, Sacramento and Los Angeles
- Rail consolidation and grade separations through Fresno, or where needed
- Maximized use of available right-of-way, i.e., SR99 Corridor

Bakersfield - Southern California

- More convenient and shorter connections to Los Angeles
- Direct rail service to Los Angeles
- Increased service to Sacramento

How Will the Plan Be Developed?

A comprehensive public outreach program is being implemented with guidance from the San Joaquin Valley Rail Corridor Technical Advisory Committee. Membership of the committee includes representatives of Caltrans, Amtrak, the host railroads - Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF Railway, the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, local government and others. Caltrans has retained a consultant team to bring specific experience in rail corridor strategic planning and public outreach to coordinate this process. Public meetings will be publicized and held throughout the Valley, and other opportunities for public input are being developed.

Who Will Benefit?

With improved passenger service, you and other travelers on this corridor will have a viable alternative to driving. Other expected benefits are more efficient railroad freight service and an improved railway corridor.

How? Strategic Business Plan What? ...

