

San Joaquin Valley Rail Corridor Strategic Business Plan

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STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED FOR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RAIL CORRIDOR *Public Meeting Planned for November 7, 2006*

(Stockton, CA)—Members of the public are invited to a public meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, to provide input on a Strategic Business Plan being developed for the San Joaquin Valley Rail Corridor. The meeting will be held from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Merced Multi-Cultural Arts Center, 645 West Main Street, Merced. Refreshments will be served, and maps and other exhibits will be available for public review. Brief presentations will be made at 4:00pm and 5:00pm.

The November 7 public meeting for a Strategic Business Plan is sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee and California Department of Transportation Division of Rail. When completed, the plan will chart the course for future development of the corridor, based on input during the public outreach process.

According to the California Department of Finance, the Central Valley's population will grow from 3.5 million to 9.0 million by 2046. This growth will have a profound effect on mobility.

The goals for the corridor could include improved on-time performance, additional train service, improved safety and reliability, better schedules and more destinations. Other issues of local importance could include mobility for the UC Merced Campus, preventing regional traffic congestion, and serving as a gateway to Yosemite National Park.

For more information, people are welcome to call the toll-free Hotline at 1-877-464-4350, or send email to Hotline@buethepr.com. http://www.buethepr.com/lets_talk_train_travel.html Or, just come to the meeting on November 7. *Se habla Espanol.*

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