

High-Speed Rail Authority Announces Bid Results on Next Segment of Construction in the Central Valley

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has identified Dragados/Flatiron/Shimmick as the apparent best value team for the design-build contract for Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3), the next 65 mile segment from Fresno to North of Bakersfield.

The Authority determined that Dragados/Flatiron/Shimmick, who bid \$1.2 billion, was the “apparent best value.”

CP 2-3 represents the continuation of construction of the high-speed rail program to the south. CP 2-3 will extend in excess of 65 miles from the terminus of Construction Package 1 at East American Avenue in Fresno to one mile north of the Kern-Tulare County line. CP 2-3 includes approximately 36 grade separations in the counties of Fresno, Tulare and Kings, including viaducts, underpasses and overpasses.

“Today is a significant milestone as we continue building the nation’s first high-speed rail system,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. “The proposals underscore the value of world class competition and the design-build approach to deliver high-speed rail in California.”

The California High-Speed Rail system is envisioned to connect all California population centers with a high speed rail system to achieve the goals of reducing airport congestions, reducing roadway congestion, supporting population growth and improving air quality. The California High-Speed Rail system is being designed to connect in to existing rail systems.

The System’s First Construction Segment (FCS) is located in California’s Central Valley. The Authority awarded Construction Package 1, the first 30 miles of the FCS, in June 2013. Construction Package 2-3 consists of approximately the next 65.5 linear miles of civil works. Successful completion of the FCS represents the first step toward delivery of the System.

Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3) is part of the larger Initial Operating Section (IOS) of the California High-Speed Rail. The IOS stretches 300 miles from Merced in the Central Valley south to San Fernando Valley in Southern California. CP 2-3 is located within the counties of Fresno, Tulare, and Kings and the cities of Hanford, Corcoran, and Allensworth.

Major work elements include construction of at-grade and aerial grade sections of high-speed train alignment for 65.5 miles of High-speed rail trackway civil infrastructure, complete in place, up to the top of subgrade, plus an additional protective layer of AC paving for purposes of protecting installed subgrade, including certain structural embedments, as appropriate, to mitigate/minimize future abortive work, (i.e., anchor bolts, embeds, grounding and bonding, foundations, etc.)

50.5 Miles Embankment

9.0 Miles Embankment/
Retained Fill

3.3 Miles Viaducts

0.4 Miles Trusses

2.3 Miles retained Fill

