

## California High-Speed Rail Authority to Provide Funding for Station Area Planning

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The California High–Speed Rail Authority recently announced that cities across California will soon be able to look to the Authority for help in planning for development around high–speed train stations along the proposed 800–mile route. The Authority's Board approved a policy outlining a funding opportunity in which the Authority can enter into local agreements to provide up to 40 percent of the cost for locally led station area planning studies, not to exceed \$200,000. The state funding can be used in addition to any federal funding for station area planning, including funding from the \$4.5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds announced last year. For more, please visit the Partnership for Sustainable Communities website: <a href="http://bit.ly/egkxJH">http://bit.ly/egkxJH</a>.

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