

# Open house Wednesday on high-speed rail stretch through central Fresno

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Caltrans and the California High-Speed Rail Authority will hold an open house Wednesday in Fresno to update residents on plans for relocating a two-mile stretch of Highway 99 through central Fresno.

The rail agency has contracted with Caltrans, the state Department of Transportation, to move the freeway west by about 100 feet between Ashlan and Clinton avenues. The relocation is necessary to make room for the proposed high-speed rail route that will run between the highway and the adjacent Union Pacific Railroad freight right of way.

Wednesday's meeting is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mental Health Systems offices -- the former Hacienda Hotel -- at 2550 Clinton Ave., just west of the freeway. Caltrans and rail authority representatives will be on hand to answer question from the public.

Construction on the \$225 million project is anticipated to start in early 2016.