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## Cesar Chavez' eldest son: "Once you're educated, no one can take that away from you"



**Fernando Chavez with the mural of his father, Cesar Chavez, at Cesar Chavez Elementary School on September 16, 2013.**

*(Photo/Shannon Mayock)*

### by Kristina Puga, @kristinapuga

On Monday, Fernando Chavez, the eldest son of the late civil rights icon, Cesar Chavez, was the honored guest at Cesar Chavez Elementary School in Los Angeles for a mural unveiling paying tribute to his father.

The mural is the collective work of famed Mexican-American artist Simon Silva and several Cesar Chavez Elementary parents who all came together in grief when popular teacher José Guajardo, who taught at the school for numerous years, passed away. Together they decided to celebrate his life through art — one of his life's passions.

"It's very touching, because this was done by very young students — third and

fourth graders — and they put their heart and energy into it, and the name of the school is Cesar Chavez so it was very moving," says Chavez.

The school's principal, Norma Velasco-Aceves, who met Cesar Chavez while in college, was also proud of the mural.

"For me, it has a lot of meaning because just meeting his son, Fernando, allows for [the legacy] to continue," she told Annenberg TV News.

Chavez, an immigration rights attorney for more than 30 years who also sits on the Board of Directors of the school after-school program, After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, says his father taught him the importance

of being a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves as well as the importance of education, and he delivered that message to the students at the unveiling.

"I was telling the children when I was a young boy — probably 13 or 14 — my father had never given me a gift before, but he gave me a book, and I was bewildered," recalls Chavez. "I opened it up, and I tried to read the first few pages, and I was lost. It wasn't until college that I could read it — it was 'The Brothers Karamazov.' Now I understand how important education was to him."

He also remembers his father telling him and his other eight brothers and sisters, "Once you're educated, nobody can take that away from you."

Chavez says he was honored to speak at the school because he doesn't feel there are a lot of Latino role models for children.

"I think this is a very good opportunity for them to learn about who Cesar Chavez was and what he represented not only the Latino commu-

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**Route 580 – Rehab Bridges Deck Poly  
Caltrans Project #04-1A6714  
Bid Date: September 25, 2013 at 2:00 pm**

This is a highway project with the typical items of work associated, but not limited to: Aggregate, Rip Rap Material, Bridge Deck Overlay, CIDH Pile, Clear and Grubbing, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Crack Sealing, Construction Area Signs, Consult - Enviro Compliance, Core and Saw, Demo Bridge, Demo Minor, Earthwork and Base, Imported Borrow, Electrical H'Way, Fence & MBGR, Minor Flat Concrete, Joint Seals, K-Rail, Landscape, Erosion Control, Metal Bridge Rail, Minor Concrete Structure, Pavement Grinding, Paving PCC, Plane A C, Paving ASPH Concrete, A C Dike and Misc, Pile Drive, Pipe - Coor Steel, Precast Concrete Pipe, Prestress Concrete, Ready Mix Concrete, Rebar, Rock Slope Protect, Sign Structures, Signs Roadside, Stripe and Mark, Structure Excavate Bridge, Structure Excavate Site, Traffic Control, Trucking.

C.C. Myers, Inc. is willing to break down items of work into economically feasible units to encourage DBE participation. If you are interested in any of this work, please provide us with a scope letter or contact us immediately. Plans and Specifications are available from Caltrans at: [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe).

Conditions or exceptions in Subcontractor's quote are expressly rejected unless expressly accepted in writing. Subcontractor and Supplier quotes are required 24 hours prior to the bid date to enable thorough evaluation.



## C.C. Myers, Inc.

3286 Fitzgerald Rd. • Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 • 916-635-9370 • Fax 916-635-1527

Each Subcontractor shall be prepared to submit faithful performance and payment bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. The Contractor will pay standard industry rates for these bonds.

Contact C. C. Myers, Inc. for assistance with bonds, insurance, lines of credit, equipment, supplies or project plans and specifications. C.C. Myers, Inc., is a Union Contractor.

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**San Vicente Marina Facilities, Specification 594  
Project Owner: San Diego County Water Authority  
Project Location: North end of Moreno Ave., Lakeside, CA in San Diego County  
Bid Date: September 20, 2013**

**Trades:** Site grading, shoreline stabilization, pump stations, concession buildings, office building, drainage pipe, water tank, water pipe, sanitary sewer pipe, boat ramp concrete, floating docks, ADA compliant wheelchair lift, asphalt concrete paving, PCC paving, storm drain channels, bio-retention facilities, inlet filters, drainage facilities, selective demolition, fire sprinklers, landscaping, irrigation, habitat restoration, curbs, gutters, sidewalk, retaining walls, fencing, park amenities, shade structure, signage and striping, signal intersection, electrical, communications, foundation grouting, monitoring wells.

Plans and specifications can be purchased directly from SDCWA by filling out the Contract Documents Order Form found at <http://www.sdcwa.org/contracting-opportunities>

Plans and specifications are available to be viewed and copied at the Pulice offices located at 591 Camino De La Reina, San Diego, CA 92018 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please call 619-814-3700 to make an appointment to view the plans and specifications.

Plans are also available for download on the eBidBoard website at:

<http://www.ebidboard.com/public/projects/index.asp?mbrguid=D27F6EF1-9BA1-46D6-BICC-429FA8EB09CC>

### Pulice Construction, Inc.

591 Camino De La Reina, San Diego, CA 92108  
Phone: 619-814-3700 • Fax: 619-814-3770  
Contact: **Arinda Cale** • E-mail: [acale@pulice.com](mailto:acale@pulice.com)

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DL Falk Construction is requesting subcontractor / supplier bids from certified DVBE Companies for the above project:

**New Academic Campus, Project No. 11556  
300 Seneca Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112  
Bid Date: October 01, 2013 at 2:00 PM**

Scope includes hazmat abatement, selective demo, underground utilities, concrete patching, structural steel, metal fabrication, rough carpentry, caseworks, insulation, roofing, floor/wall/ceiling finishes, metal doors & hardware, specialties, equipments, HVAC, plumbing, electrical and etc...

### D.L Falk Construction, Inc.

3256 Investment Blvd. • Hayward, CA 94545  
Phone 510-887-6500 Fax 510-887-6501

Bid Documents are available for viewing at our office, or at local Builders Exchanges

### Requesting Subcontractor Bids for Rehab Work

D&H Construction is seeking subcontractor bids for the  
**University Avenue  
Cooperative Homes project.**

Send inquiries to  
**UACHconstruction@gmail.com.**

**Project description/information:**  
Rehab construction of a multifamily residential complex in Berkeley.  
Multiple trades needed.

State prevailing wage requirements apply.

**Mandatory job walk:**  
**October 1, 2013, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Bid due date: October 9, 2013**



**Santa Clara Valley  
Transportation Authority  
Design-Build Contract DB1102F  
Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension  
Project C700**

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Please visit: [www.sshjc-c700.com](http://www.sshjc-c700.com)

frequently to see procurement opportunities and project contacts in the Bid Packages folder. Plans, specs, drawings, etc. can be found on the procurement web site.

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RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE's) for the following project:

**Pinole Valley High School Detention Basin, Utilities and Paving  
West Contra Costa Unified School District  
Bid #3621377-01  
DVBE Goal: 3%**

**Bids Date: September 25, 2013 at 2:00pm**

**Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to):** CIDH Piles, Reinforcing Steel, Fencing, Electrical and Trucking

**Scope of Work:** Installation of an underground storm water detention basin system. Work also included underground work associated with future interim campus including, but not limited to, the installation of underground domestic water, fire water, storm water, sewage piping, electrical power, telecommunication, gas utilities and asphalt paving.

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DVBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or from BPXpress, 4903 Central Ave., Richmond, CA (510) 559-8299. Contact **Terry McIntyre 925-606-2400** for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, insurance, equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation.

## RGW Construction, Inc.

Contractors License A/B 591940  
550 Greenville Road • Livermore, CA 94550 • Phone: 925-606-2400 • Fax: 925-961-1925  
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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers

**For Construction on State Highway in Riverside County in and near Coachella from  
S. Junction Route 86S to 0.5 mile East of Coachella Canal Bridge  
District 08 on Route 10 • Contract No.: 08-OK2304 • DBE Goal: 9%  
Bid Date: October 3, 2013 – 2:00PM**

Plans and Specifications are available for view at our main office in Riverside or on the Caltrans website: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly\\_ads/index.php](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php)

**Quotes requested for Contractors, Suppliers and Service Providers include, but are not limited to:** Construction Site Management, Storm Water Pollution Plan, Street Sweeping, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Flashing Area Sign, Type III Barricade, Erosion Control, Portable Delineator, Temporary Pavement Marking, Temporary Traffic Stripe, Channelizer, Temporary Railing, Portable Changeable Message Signs, Temporary Crash Cushion Module, Roadside Signs, Remove Concrete, Clearing and Grubbing, Roadway Excavation, Develop Water Supply, Erosion Control, Fiber Rolls, Class 2 Aggregate Base, Hot Mix Asphalt, Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike, Tack Coat, Concrete Pavement, Seal Pavement Joining, Roadside Signs, Install Sign, Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Plastic Pipe, Corrugated Steel Pipe, Alternative Flared End Section, Rock Slope Protection, Rock Slope Protection Fabric, Miscellaneous Metal, Crash Cushion, Thermoplastic Pavement Marking, Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe, Paint Traffic Stripe, Pavement Marker

Skanska is interested in soliciting in Good Faith all subcontractors as well as certified DBE companies for this project. All interested subcontractors, please indicate all lower tier DBE participation offered on your quotation as it will be evaluated with your price. Please call if we can assist you in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies. Skanska will also review breaking out scope packages and adjusting schedules to help permit maximum participation.

**Subcontracting Requirements:** Skanska's insurance requirements are Commercial General Liability (GL): \$1M ea. occ., \$1M personal injury, \$2M products & completed operations agg. and general agg.; \$1M Auto Liability; \$5M Excess/Umbrella and \$1M Workers Comp. Endorsements and waivers required are the Additional Insured End., Primary Wording End., and a Waiver of Subrogation (GL & WC). Other insurance requirements may be necessary per scope. Subcontractors may be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the full amount of their subcontract by an admitted surety and subject to approval by Skanska. Skanska will pay bond premium up to 1%. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for contract award. Conditions or exceptions in Subcontractor's quote are expressly rejected unless accepted in writing. Skanska is signatory to the Operating Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons, Carpenters Unions and Teamsters. Subcontractors must provide weekly, one original and one copy of all certified payrolls, including non-performance and fringe benefit statements if required by law or by the Prime Contract. Subcontractor scope (including any conditions or exceptions) is required 24 hours prior to bid deadline to allow proper evaluation.

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Skanska Estimating Dept:**

1995 Agua Mansa Rd, Riverside, CA 92509 – Ph: (951) 684-5360, Fax: (951) 788-2449  
Hamied.Kazerooni@skanska.com



## Arntz Builders, Inc.

19 Pamaron Way • Novato, CA 94949  
415-382-1188 • Fax: 415-883-7529

Contact: Kathy Rowen or Adrienne Lewis  
bid@arntzbuilders.com

REQUESTS QUOTATIONS FROM ALL  
CERTIFIED DVBE/SBE/DBE/WBE/MBE/LBE  
and ALL QUALIFIED  
SUBCONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS  
FOR ALL TRADES

FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**NEW ACADEMIC CAMPUS AT 300 SENECA  
MAIN BUILDING & MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING  
ALTERATION**

**SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**BID DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2013 at 2:00pm  
ESTIMATE: \$7,700,000.00**

Bonding, Insurance, Technical Assistance available. Plans available in GC's Plan room. Successful subcontractors will be required to sign Arntz Builders inc standard subcontract agreement which includes the right for Arntz Builders inc to require subcontractors to provide a 100% faithful performance and payment bonds of the subcontract price from a treasury listed surety company acceptable to Arntz Builders. Bond premium to be included in bid as a separate item. Subcontractors will be required to provide a waiver of subrogation endorsement to their workers compensation insurance.

We are signatory to the carpenter's and laborer's collective bargaining agreements

This project has a Project Labor Agreement

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REQUEST FOR LBE & DVBE  
SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS  
FOR:

**Pinole Valley High School Detention Basin,  
Utilities and Paving  
Bid #3621377-01  
West Contra Costa Unified School District  
BID DATE: September 25, 2013 @ 2:00 PM**

**We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to):** Materials Trucking, Construction Survey, SWPPP update, REAP's (Risk Level 2), Tree Pruning, Tree Protection, Underground Utilities, Gas Utilities, Site Electrical, Pre-Cast Concrete Structures, CIDH Piers, Cast-In-Place Concrete Retaining Wall, Street Sweeping, Chain Link Fencing, Hydroseeding, CL1 RCRA Soil Disposal, C12 non-RCRA Soil Disposal, C12 Soil Disposal, C13 Soil Disposal and Construction Materials

## O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.

1520 Fourth Street • Berkeley, CA 94710 • Phone:  
510-526-3424 • FAX: 510-526-0990

Contact: Russ Hague

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100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Worker's Compensation Waiver of Subrogation required. Please call OCJ for assistance with bonding, insurance, necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. OCJ is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage LBE/DVBE Participation. Plans & Specs are available for viewing at our office.

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Los Angeles, sealed bids for a lump-sum contract are invited from prequalified general contractor bidders for the following work:

**MP200 SUITE 565 KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CENTER**  
Project Number 945396.01

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Renovation of a 10,000 gross square foot suite on the fifth floor of the Medical Plaza 200 building (MP 200) on the UCLA Campus. The new suite will provide patient examination, consultation, and infusion rooms; a reception, waiting and education area; a conference room; medical and administrative offices; and clinic support space. The scope of work includes demolition; modifications to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire/life safety and environmental control systems; provision of a new rooftop air handling unit and provision of conduit and cable tray for communications connectivity and security systems. Tenant improvements include installation of lighting, casework, fixtures, signage and finishes.

Work shall take place in an occupied medical office building with tenants located above, below and adjacent to the project area. Patient movement and usage of the facility cannot be impacted by the construction. Strict noise and access restrictions shall apply.

The estimated construction cost is \$4,310,000.00.

### **BIDDING DOCUMENTS:**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, San Francisco, sealed bids for a lump sum contract are invited for the following Work:

**KORET VISION BACK-UP GENERATOR**  
Project No.: M2611 / Contract No.: SL0266

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Install University-furnished 175kw diesel-engine driven back-up generator with new closed-transition automatic transfer/by-pass switch. Modifications to existing main switchboard internal bussing and distribution feeder circuit breakers, electrical feeders interconnecting the new generator, automatic transfer switch and existing main switchboard. Work will also include: Relocation of existing equipment to accommodate installation of new equipment; Construction of drilled pier foundation and structural steel platform; Construction of generator engine exhaust flue piping.

**BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS:** To be eligible for consideration of award, bidders must have the minimum experience set forth in the Supplementary Instructions To Bidders. Bidders must submit qualification documents as an attachment to the Bid Form.

1. Bidding Documents will be available beginning on September 19, 2013 and will be issued at:

ARC  
2435 Military Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
Telephone (310) 477-6501  
Website: <http://social.fordgraphics.com/>

2. Each prequalified General Contractor Bidder will be issued (1) complete set of Bidding Documents at no cost (each prequalified entity must contact ARC to instruct them as to whether they wish to receive digital or hard copy). Said entities and all other interested parties may view the Bidding Documents online at the ARC PlanWell Public Plan Room, and purchase digital and/or hard copies of the Bidding Documents by contacting ARC as indicated above. All parties will make arrangements with and payment to ARC directly. (NOTE: Bidding Documents will not be issued at the University's office.)

**PREQUALIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTOR BIDDERS:** University has prequalified general contractor bidders for this Project. Refer to the website address listed at the end of this Advertisement for a list of said prequalified entities.

**BID DEADLINE:** Bids will be received only at the following location:

Contracts Administration  
University of California, Los Angeles  
1060 Veteran Avenue, Suite 125  
Box 951365  
Los Angeles, California 90095-1365  
310-825-7015

and must be received at or before:

**2:00 p.m., October 8, 2013**

**MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE & JOB WALK:** A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and mandatory Pre-Bid Job Walk will be conduct-

ed on 10:00 a.m., September 24, 2013 beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. Only bidders who participate in both the Conference and the Job Walk, in their entirety, will be allowed to bid on the Project as prime contractors. Participants shall meet at Capital Programs Building, 1060 Veteran Avenue (follow signs to the meeting room), UCLA campus (refer to the online UCLA Campus Map at [www.ucla.edu/map](http://www.ucla.edu/map)). For further information, contact Michael L Grant-Martin at 310-206-1531.

*(NOTE: Bidders are advised that parking may be difficult. Bidders should allow ample time to drive to the above location in heavy traffic, find a parking space, walk to the building, and arrive in the designated Meeting Room prior to the required time. It is currently anticipated that the Conference/Job Walk will last at least 2 hours.)*

**LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:** The successful Bidder will be required to have the following California current and active contractor's license at the time of submission of the Bid:

### **B License (General Building)**

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Bidder may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

The work described in the contract is a public work subject to section 1771 of the California Labor Code.

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### **PROCEDURES:**

Bidding Documents will be available at **10:00 AM, September 18, 2013** and will be issued only at:

UCSF Documents, Media & Mail (UCSF-DMM)  
1855 Folsom Street, Room 135  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
Contact Persons: Ben La (415) 476-5030 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)  
Customer Service Line (415) 514-2054 (before & after working hours)  
Fax No. (415) 476-8278  
Log into <http://www.cpfm.ucsf.edu/contracts/index.htm>  
Click on the UCSF Documents, Media & Mail button

Bidders must attend a **mandatory** pre-bid conference at **10:00 AM, September 24, 2013**. For details, see <http://www.cpfm.ucsf.edu/contracts/index.htm> (Use the same website above to view complete Advertisement for Bids - Project Bidding Information).

Bids will be received and opened only at Minnesota St. Finance Service Center, University of California, San Francisco, 654 Minnesota Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107. Phone: (415) 476-5343. Bid Deadline: Sealed bids **must be received on or before** 3:00 PM, October 8, 2013.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Bidder may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

The successful Bidder will be required to have the following California current and active contractor's license at the time of submission of the Bid:

**LICENSE CLASSIFICATION:**  
**General Building Contractors**  
**LICENE CODE: B**

**ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:**  
**\$525,000 - \$600,000**

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University of California, San Francisco  
September, 2013

# “Once you’re educated, no one can take that away from you”

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nity but to society in general,” he says.

He further explains that growing up around the civil rights leader was a contributing factor for him getting into immigration law.

“I always learned you have to help people who can’t help themselves or speak for themselves — so it was a natural progression,” says Chavez. “Our firm has a big segment on immigration law. That’s important because

you are dealing with individuals who have been put aside and fearful of someone turning them in. They are paid low wages, but they live in constant fear of immigration services. I think it’s time that society realizes we need immigration reform that will legalize millions and millions of people...we think it’s going to happen — it needs to happen — and we need to make sure that things are done appropriately.”

Source: <http://nbclatino.com>

## Calif. High-Speed Rail Board To Vote on \$268M in Additional Spending



California High-Speed Rail Authority board members will be asked to approve up to \$268 million in additional spending for work on the first segment of a statewide bullet-train program.

The board’s agenda Tuesday in Sacramento includes three different items related to work on the 29-mile stretch of the rail line from east of Madera to the south end of Fresno.

In June, the authority awarded a \$985 million contract to Tutor Perini Corp. of Sylmar, Calif., Zachry Construction of Texas and Parsons Corp. of Pasadena, Calif., to design and build the Madera-Fresno section. The award included an extra \$53 million for work such as removing asbestos or other hazardous materials from buildings to be demolished along the route or other unexpected conditions.

On Tuesday, the authority’s staff is recommending that the board approve a contingency allowance of up to \$160 million more for unanticipated risks that Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons might encounter during construction, such as different soil conditions or unmapped utilities that would have to be relocated.

“Contingency provides a level of protection to the project budget that allows for the successful completion of the project in the face of uncertainty and risk,” said Jon Tapping, the rail authority’s risk manager. The contingency fund allows project managers to react to “variations

in the project cost in a timely manner to keep the project moving forward.”

Spending from the contingency allowance will be controlled by the rail authority, and not by the contractor, Tapping added.

### Two other big-ticket items on Tuesday’s agenda are:

- Authorizing agency CEO Jeff Morales to make agreements with AT&T and Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to cover the costs for the utility companies to relocate cables, switches, pipelines and other equipment to make way for construction of the Madera-Fresno section.

The agreements would reimburse AT&T up to \$18.4 million for relocating equipment at 54 locations in the 29-mile segment, and PG&E up to \$50.4 million for relocating gas and power lines at 85 locations in the section.

- Allowing Morales to sign agreements with Union Pacific Railroad for up to \$39.4 million for engineering, construction and maintenance of the high-speed rail line that runs adjacent to or near the UPRR freight tracks through Fresno.

“UPRR’s cooperation and accommodation is crucial” to completing construction of the Madera-Fresno segment, said Frank Vacca, the authority’s chief program engineer.

For the agency to build the section, it requires UPRR’s permission to come onto its right of way for appraising parcels and construction, temporary relocation of tracks, and approval of overpasses and walls to prevent derailments from intruding on its tracks.

“At no point in time will high-speed rail share passenger tracks with UPRR,” Vacca said in a staff report, “but it will go over and, in some areas, be in extremely close proximity to their right of way.”

The contingency and additional agreements being considered Tuesday are on top of work that the California Department of Transportation will be doing under a \$226 million agreement to relocate a 2.5-mile stretch of Highway 99, between Ashlan and Clinton avenues in west-central Fresno.

The six-lane freeway runs adjacent to a Union Pacific Railroad switching yard; to make room for the high-speed tracks, the highway will be moved 100 feet to the west. Highway interchanges at Ashlan and Clinton avenues will also be rebuilt.

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