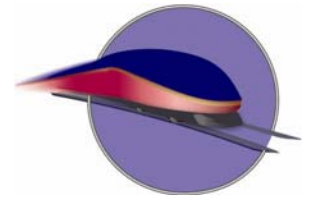




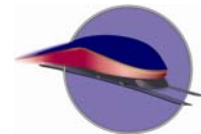
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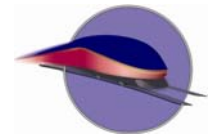
The President's Vision for High-Speed and Intercity Rail

“Imagine boarding a train in the center of a city. No racing to an airport and across a terminal, no delays, no sitting on the tarmac, no lost luggage, no taking off your shoes.

Imagine whisking through towns at speeds over 100 miles an hour, walking only a few steps to public transportation, and ending up just blocks from your destination. Imagine what a great project that would be to rebuild America.”

-- President Barack Obama





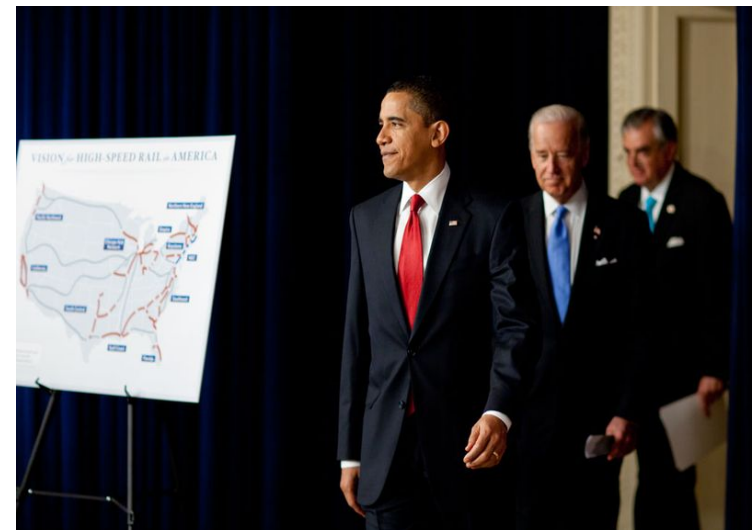
President Obama's Priorities/Goals for High-Speed and Intercity Rail

Ensuring safe and efficient transportation choices

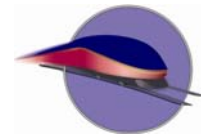
Building a foundation for economic competitiveness

Promoting energy efficiency and environmental quality

Supporting interconnected, livable communities



President Obama, Vice President Biden, and Transportation Secretary LaHood announce their vision for high speed rail systems in the U.S.



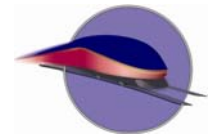
Keys to High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Success

The future of high-speed and intercity rail depends on how effectively we spend this \$8B – all of us, together

Keys to Success

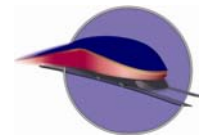
- **Active, sustainable, and effective PARTNERSHIPS**
- **Clearly identifiable BENEFITS**
 - **Customer Benefits**
 - **Public Benefits**
- **COMMITMENT** to building a sustainable program for the future
- **Effective COLLABORATION** between federal and state organizations

“Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.” - Peter Drucker



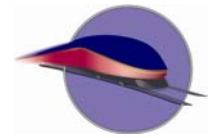
Merit-Based Evaluation Criteria & Additional Selection Criteria

Evaluation Criteria			Selection Criteria
Public Return on Investment	Project Success Factors	Other Attributes	Balance and Diversity
1. Transportation Benefits	1. Project Management Approach	1. Timeliness of Project Completion	1. Region/Location
2. Economic Recovery Benefits	2. Sustainability Benefits		2. Innovation
3. Other Public Benefits			3. Partnerships
			4. Tracks and Round Timing



Implementation Timeline

	Key Dates by Track			
	1. Project	2. Programs	3. Planning	4. FY09 Appropriations Projects
Preapplication and Comment	July 10, 2009	July 10, 2009	July 10, 2009	July 10, 2009
Application	August 24, 2009	October 2, 2009	August 24, 2009	August 24, 2009
FRA Obligation	ASAP after selection (No later than September 30, 2010)	No later than September 30, 2011	ASAP after selection	ASAP after selection
Project(s) Completion	Within 2 years of obligation	September 30, 2017	Within 2 years of obligation	Within 5 years of obligation



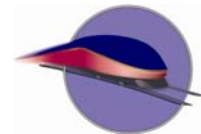
Key Questions States/Region Need To Ask Themselves

Does our application:

- ☑ Have a strong state and regional plan
- ☑ Have clear state and regional priorities
- ☑ Have a strong program management and financial plan
- ☑ Provide sustainability and funding to support ongoing service
- ☑ Have agreements with other states, freight RRs and operators

Our real problem, then, is not in our strength today; it is rather the vital necessity of action today to ensure our strength tomorrow.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower



Continue to Foster Collaborative Partnerships

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- **Public Docket:** [FRA-2009-0045](#)