HIGH-SPEED RAIL—COMING TO AMERICA?

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ABSTRACT

The United States lags many parts of the world when it comes to high-speed rail. But investing in high-speed rail could help us through current problems. Funds—$8 billion—in the economic stimulus package passed by Congress are designated for high-speed rail. Other funds in the pipeline total approximately $15.5 billion. High-speed rail can relieve congestion, free up national airspace, provide reliable transportation and positive economic development, create jobs, and is more energy efficient than other modes of travel.