

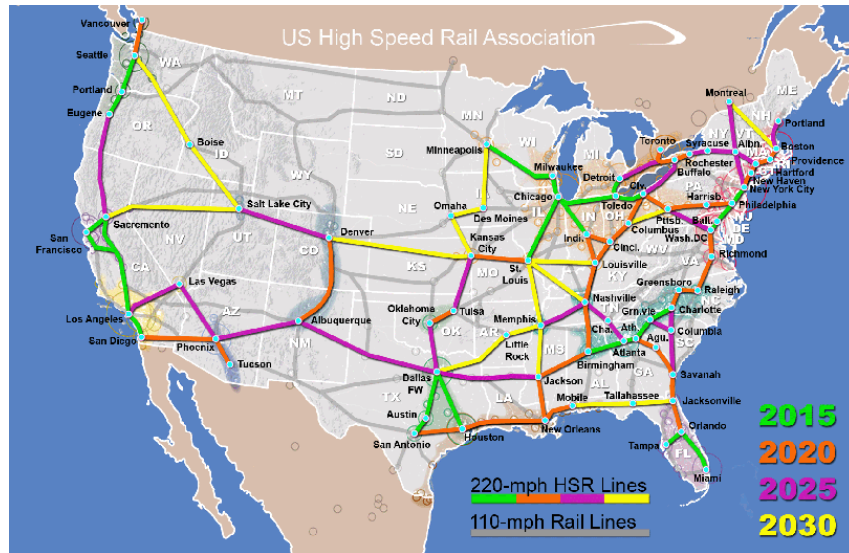
## **“ High Speed, Low Speed or No Speed”**

***Does High-Speed Rail still make sense for  
America?***

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# A National HSR Network: Are we asking the right questions?



## The Impact of “Interoperability”



Interoperability =

- More weight
- Slow speed
- Low acceleration
- Energy inefficiency
- Costly maintenance
- Unreliability

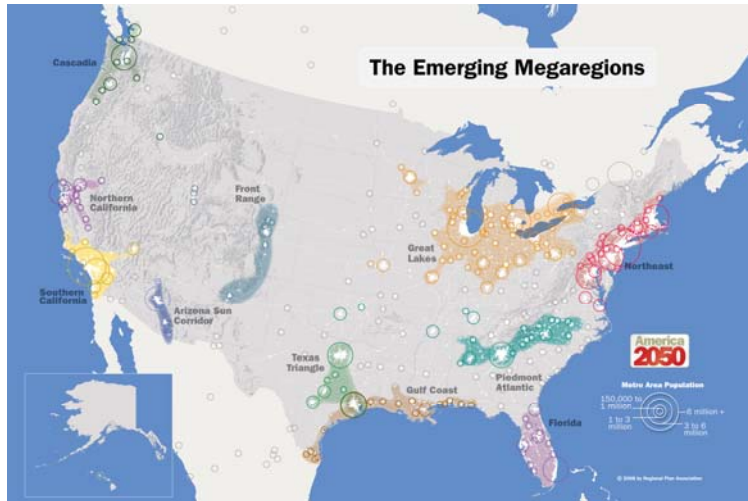
## Lessons from Abroad



### Dedicated Corridors =

- Lightweight trains
- Optimized design
- Superior performance
- Energy efficient
- Proven & reliable
- 100% Safety

## Does high-speed make sense in America?



Thank You