

# CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM WILL HELP PROTECT OUR STATE'S ENVIRONMENT



CALIFORNIA IS READY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ONCE AGAIN

With voter approval of Prop 1A, construction could begin as early as 2011 on a statewide high-speed train system that will protect our air and reduce dangerous greenhouse gas emissions.

## THE PROBLEM: CONGESTION & GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- California's population will grow to about **50 million people** in 20 years. Already, California has three of the top five most congested urban areas in the United States.
- Congestion costs Californians **\$20 billion** per year in wasted fuel and lost time.
- California is the **12th largest** source of greenhouse gas emissions on the planet. Transportation accounts for **41%** of the states emissions.
- San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles International Airports are predicting "**unacceptable delays**" and will need 90 new gates and five new runways just to accommodate trips among California's major metropolitan areas—with virtually no room to accommodate future expansion.

## THE SOLUTION: HIGH-SPEED TRAINS

- **High-speed trains will remove nearly 70 million** passenger trips from our highways every year and attract millions of airline passengers to reduce airport delays.
- **High-speed trains use 1/3** the energy of air travel and **1/5** the energy of auto travel.
- **High-speed trains will eliminate** nearly 12.7 billion pounds of the **greenhouse gas emissions** that cause global warming each year. That's equivalent to removing more than one million vehicles from our roads annually.
- **High-speed trains** will reduce dependence on foreign oil by up to **12 million** barrels per year.
- **High-speed trains** are part of San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Fast Track Plan for Clean Air.

*Vote YES on Prop 1A!*

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### **CALIFORNIANS FOR HIGH-SPEED TRAINS — YES ON PROPOSITION 1A**

*Californians for High Speed Trains – Yes on Proposition 1A – A Coalition of Taxpayer, Business, Environmental and Labor Groups and People from Across California Tired of Being Stuck in Traffic --Major funding by International Union of Operating Engineers and Local 3 Operating Engineers.*

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