A CHEAPER, LESS DISRUPTIVE WAY TO BUILD HIGH SPEED RAIL IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

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We all know the promise of high speed rail, which promotes central state revitalization in Europe without ever being realized. California has made many attempts at high speeds. Due to noise constraints and prohibitive costs, 200 mph speeds have not been possible. 200 mph speeds have not passed through Central Valley cities. Yet the residents insist on higher speeds. How did the Europeans deal with this basic quandry? We see, right.

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HIGH SPEED RAIL POLICIES

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A. California High-Speed Rail [CHSR] must be reconfigured to accommodate existing passenger rail services and the equipment. To begin.

B. CHSR network needs to be composed of corridors that have operated conventionally. The upgraded segments must be part of the overall CHSR plan and clearly stated as part of the HSR initiative. The CHSR project, if properly configured, could be a mixed use railroad, which would also benefit from the upgrades.

C. Chlorophyll's plus cost could be achieved by shortening the whole major distance of the route (Santa Clara to Redwood City via Alpont or Santa Clara to just outside San Jose via Alpont). This is necessary to obtain a 2:1 hour San Francisco-Los Angeles travel time, financial feasibility and congestion relief.

D. The Central Valley HSR mainline must be composed of 96 mph operation and built of West of 96 mph rail of high-speed.

E. 200 mph+ service creates sound envelopes incompatible with urban areas, 200 mph+ service creates sound envelopes incompatible with urban areas.

F. The HSR legislation must include the following

1) The CHSR Authority should consider service to the Central Valley from the south: the BNSF or State

2) Plan all services on the central valley high-speed.

3) Long and short distance: the BNSF or State

4) The idea of subway stations throughout the central valley.

The Fresno loop can be viewed as an

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five lines of service:

HSR Should Serve San Joaquins, Not Destroy Them

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