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High-Speed Rail, Getting Americans Back On Track

(NAPSA)—Many believe that transforming this nation's transportation network can put the country on track for new jobs, a healthier economy and more mobility.

The Interstate Highway System began more than 50 years ago. And just as that vision led to a system of highways that was the envy of the world and an economic engine for America, the nation may soon embark on an ambitious plan that will lead to a network of high-speed rail corridors.

Investing in environmentally friendly and energy-efficient high-speed rail projects will:

- Support and create highly skilled jobs in the transportation industry and revitalize domestic industries supplying transportation products and services.
- Upgrade passenger and freight operations on newly revitalized tracks, bridges and rights of way, spurring business productivity along all corridors.
- Provide hundreds of thousands of forward-looking, green-collar jobs.
- Reduce the nation's dependency on foreign oil while keeping billions of dollars in the U.S. economy; decrease greenhouse gas emissions; help meet national and international climate change goals; and improve air quality.
- Reduce congestion, improve



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connectivity and provide more travel choices.

At a town hall meeting in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 28, 2010, President Obama announced more than \$8 billion in grants for high-speed rail—a follow-up to the State of the Union address that focused on getting Americans back to work. Thirteen passenger rail corridors in 31 states will receive grants, which are funded by the economic recovery act enacted last year.

High-speed rail will not only increase mobility options while decreasing travel between cities, but it will also put thousands of Americans back to work.

For more information on the proposed high-speed rail legislation or to contact your member of Congress, visit highspeedrailonline.org or call (202) 496-4800.