

YES on Proposition 1A

Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act

The problems:

- 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 California \$20 billion per year in wasted fuel and lost time.
- Over the next 20 years, the Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco airports are predicting "unacceptable delays" and will reach capacity. These costly delays will result in demand for 90 new gates and five new runways to serve trips between California's major metropolitan areas—with virtually no room to accommodate future expansion.
- California is the 12th largest source of greenhouse gas emissions on the planet. Transportation accounts for 41 percent of the state's emissions.

High-speed trains will:

- Remove millions of passenger trips from our highways every year and attract millions of airline passengers to reduce airport delays.
- Use 1/3 the energy of air travel and 1/5 the energy of auto travel.
- Eliminate over 12 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.
- Create 160,000 construction jobs and 450,000 permanent new jobs in related industries like tourism. These are American jobs that can't be outsourced.
- Take 92 million vehicle trips off the road every year.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 12 billion pounds a year.
- Reduce our dependence on foreign oil by up to 12.7 million barrels a year.
- Increase commerce and tourism throughout the state.
- Take travelers from the Bay Area to southern California in 2+ hours, with stops in every major city on the way.
- Set the standard for fast, safe, and efficient transportation in the 21st century.