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Don't abandon high-speed rail

Why has our state leadership suddenly abandoned high-speed rail in favor of a massive road-building frenzy, all with no public input?

As a citizen, California resident and member of Californians for High Speed Rail (a statewide coalition of high-speed rail supporters), I share a sense of alarm and outrage with many that the proposed high-speed rail system is in danger of being derailed. (Page 4B, Jan. 26)

Discourse in Sacramento seems to focus more on abandoning high-speed rail and other forms of public transportation in favor of

more roads, traffic congestion, pollution and sprawl. High-speed rail works around the world (Japan, Europe, Korea, etc.), and California risks falling behind if we delay any longer. Even Mexico is moving ahead to build a high-speed rail line within the next 10 years.

By abandoning high-speed rail now for the next decade, state leaders are dooming our state and a fast-growing population to a terrible quality of life. Recycled plans of the past are completely unacceptable. Our leaders need to lead and move this state into the 21st century.

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