



# High Speed Rail Taking Shape in America

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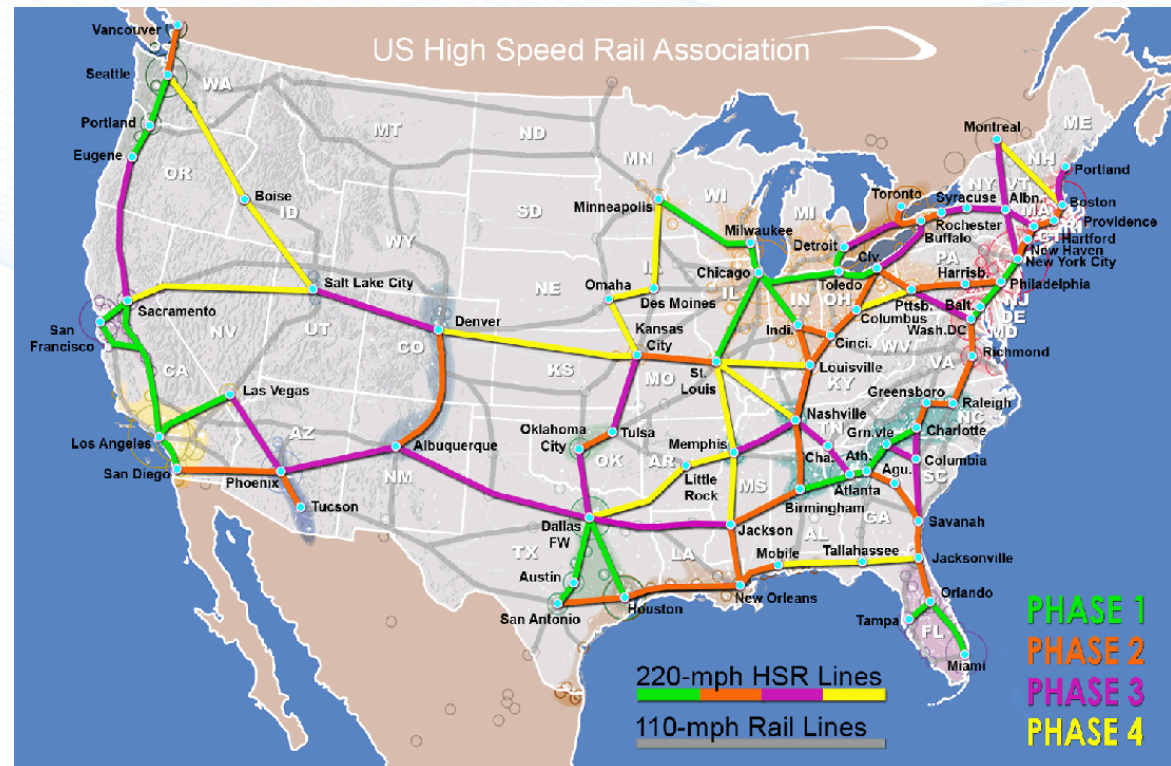
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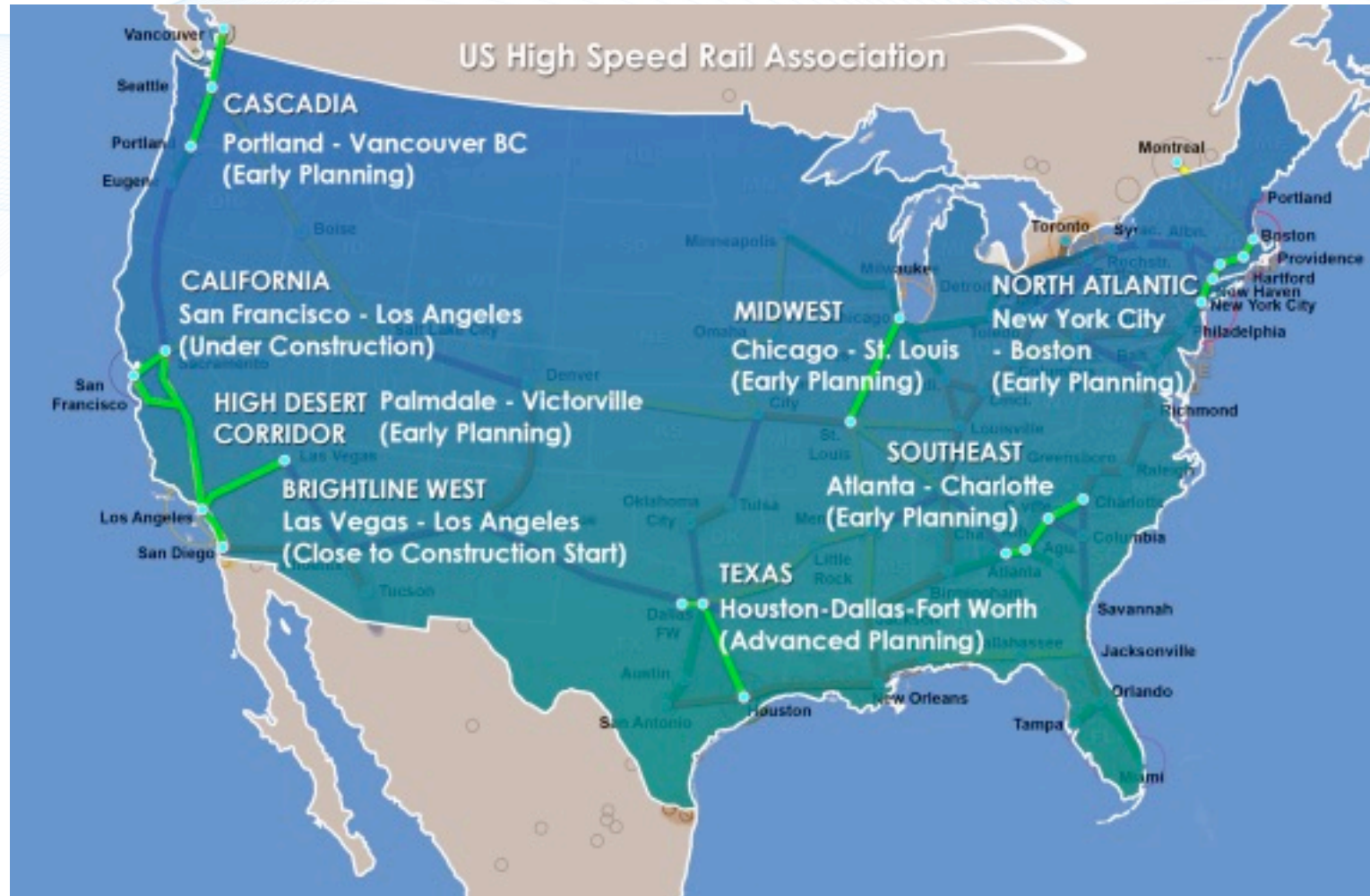


# USHSR

- USHSR was started in 2009 in Washington, DC
- Advocating for world-class high speed rail systems connecting America
- Building up high speed rail industry capacity in America



# Projects Taking Shape





## HSR PROGRESS

- 2021: \$66 billion for passenger rail in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law;
- 2021: Eligibility for high-speed rail projects for \$12 billion in passenger rail grants in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law;
- 2022: \$4.2 billion bond appropriation for California High Speed Rail project;
- 2023: \$6.3 billion in federal grants for California High-Speed Rail and Brightline West – the largest federal HSR investment in U.S. history;
- 2024: \$64 million grant for Texas Central and \$50 million grant for Cascadia High-Speed Rail;
- 2024-2030: \$30 billion in HSR public and private investment planned through the end of the decade.

## 2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### **#1: HSR Permitting Reform**

- 2-year EIS limit
- 1-year EA limit
- STB jurisdiction over HSR construction & operations
- Federal preemption

### **#2: Federal-State Partnership Grants for HSR Projects**

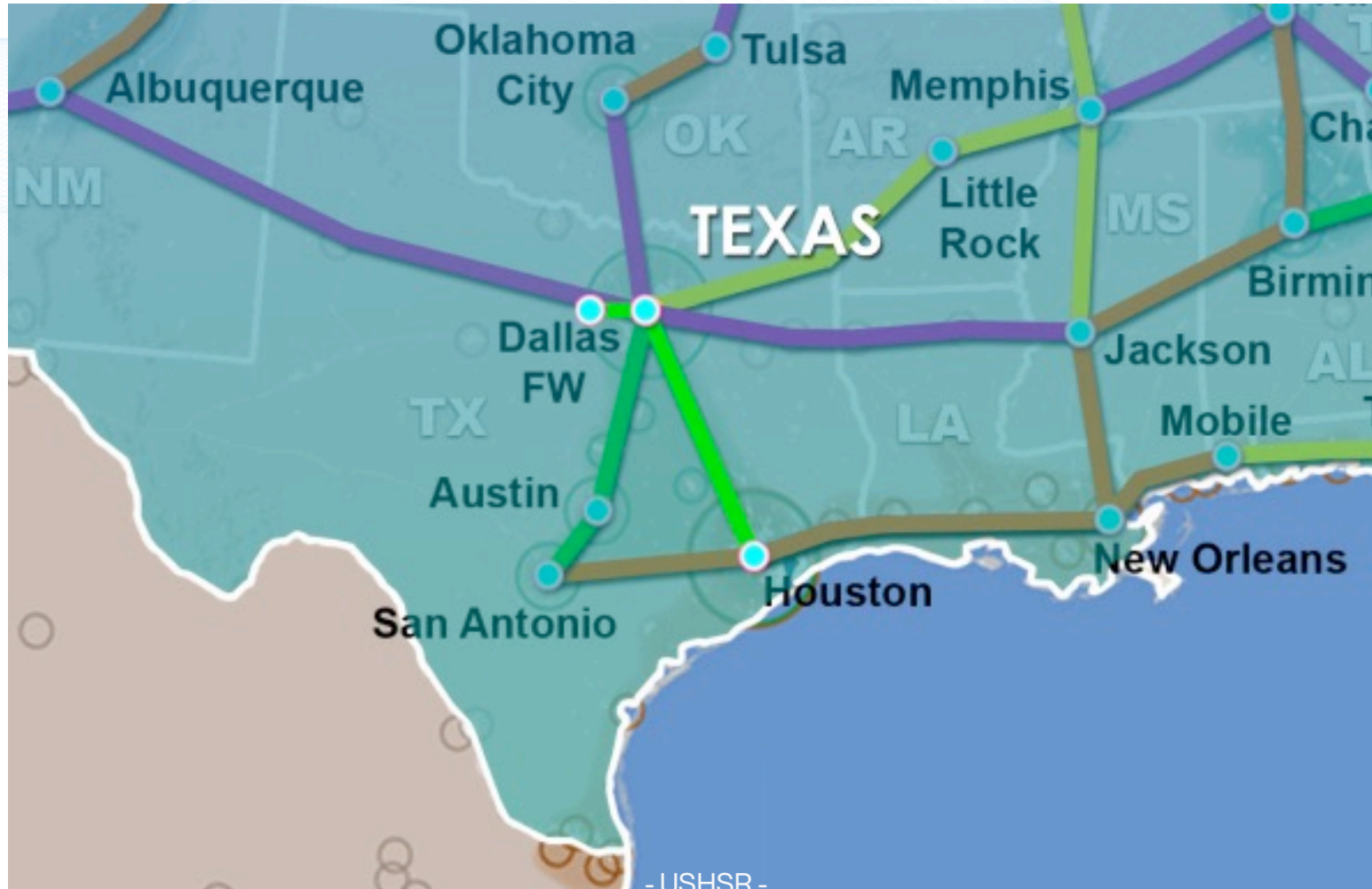
- Brightline West
- High Desert Corridor
- Texas Central

### **#3: Extend Cap-and-Trade Funding for California HSR From 2030-2050**

### **#4: Develop Common Standards for Southwest HSR Network**



# Texas High Speed Rail



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**High Speed Rail – the best way to stimulate tourism and the state economy**

- **Economic development**
- **Jobs, housing, new transport capacity**
- **Tourism & travel stimulus**
- **New Real Estate boom**
- **Connecting up the state's north and south economies**
- **Encouraging business & research clusters & new relationships**



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