

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION PROMOTING HIGH-SPEED RAIL**  
(Forwarded by the Southern Legislative Conference)

The Council of State Governments recommends that states work cooperatively where appropriate to enter into multistate agreements and interstate compacts to enhance the potential for federal high-speed rail funding.

The Council of State Governments also recommends that Congress and the administration prioritize intercity passenger rail and high-speed rail, and include in the next federal transportation authorization a "State Planning and Research Program," which will provide each state with a base level of funding to support comprehensive, state-wide passenger rail and high-speed rail planning.

The Council of State Governments also recommends that Congress and the administration authorize in the next federal transportation authorization \$1.5 million in discretionary state rail planning and research grants that could be awarded in areas related to: coordination with non-motorized transportation; context sensitive design; environmental justice; and measurement of public benefit.

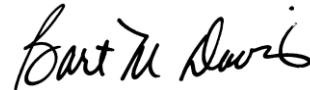
The Council of State Governments encourages states to work with the entire range of stakeholders in this process including officials with AMTRAK, private railroad companies and other related organizations to promote high-speed rail across the country.

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