

# High Speed Rail: Mobilizing a New Generation

Washington, DC

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**Main Seminar** 2:00pm - 5:30pm, **Reception** following the Main Seminar  
Come early (12:00pm) and view exhibits, displays, and informational brochures.

**The St. Regis Hotel**

923 16th and K Streets, NW Washington, DC 20006

Presented by:

- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan
- Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (METI), Japan
- Institute for Transportation Policy Studies (ITPS), Japan
- Japan International Transport Institute (JITI)

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## Seminar Overview

In 2009, as part of the stimulus package, President Obama dedicated eight billion dollars to help turn the U.S. vision of high speed rail (HSR) into reality. HSR is proven to be an effective, energy-efficient way to move large numbers of people quickly over long distances. In addition, HSR can reduce travel times, highway and airport congestion, and pollution — all while creating tens of thousands of jobs.

***“High speed rail is a smart transportation system equal to the needs of the 21st Century”***

***President Obama, April 2009***

## Sharing Expertise

With nearly 50 years of experience, HSR is well established in Japan and is a way of life for many. Leaders in the Japanese transportation industry and government will share valuable insights about HSR in this half day seminar. Topics include how a HSR system fits into an American context, the economic and environmental benefits, as well as some specific concepts for introducing HSR systems to the U.S. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of America's new era in transportation.

## Seminar Program

### Opening Remarks

**Ministerial level**, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

**Jiro Hanyu**, President, ITPS

### Guest Speakers

**Congressman James L. Oberstar**, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (invited)

**Congresswoman Corrine Brown**, Chairwoman of the Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials (invited)

**U.S. Department of Transportation / Federal Railroad Administration**

**Secretary Eugene A. Conti, Jr.**, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Chairman of the Standing

Committee on Rail Transportation, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

**Arthur L. Guzzetti**, Vice President – Policy, American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

### Presentations

*Study on the benefits of HSR in the U.S.*

**Lee Schipper**, Project Scientist, Global Metropolitan Studies, University of California, Berkeley

**Yuki Tanaka**, Director, International Affairs Office, ITPS

*Explanation of Shinkansen, Japanese HSR technology*

**Japanese HSR Industries**

### Panel Discussion

**Louis S. Thompson**, Principal, Thompson, Galenson & Associates (Moderator)

**Secretary Eugene A. Conti, Jr.**, NCDOT, AASHTO

**Arthur L. Guzzetti**, APTA

**Makoto Washizu**, President, JITI

The seminar is **free of charge** but we request that you **pre-register**. **Space is limited**.  
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