Myth: High-speed rail will be a train to nowhere.
FACT: The California high-speed rail system will connect 8 of the 10 largest cities in the state.

Myth: No one rides trains anymore.
FACT: Other countries with high-speed rail systems service 1.6 billion passengers per year. Amtrak’s California corridors are among the busiest in the nation, with 5.7 million Californians riding trains last year.

Myth: High-speed rail will not be high-speed.
FACT: In blended/shared corridors, trains will be slowed to 110 miles per hour, as required by regulations. However, in other areas speeds will top 220 miles per hour.

Myth: High-speed rail is a waste of money.
FACT: Providing the same capacity as high-speed rail from San Francisco to Los Angeles would require:

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- 4 new airport runways

costing more than $158 billion with a 50-year maintenance cost of more than $132.8 billion.

Myth: High-speed rail is a solution in search of a problem.
FACT: California’s population is projected to grow to more than 50 million by 2060. $28 billion is lost each year in time and wasted fuel due to traffic congestion. Los Angeles, San Francisco and San José already rank among the top five most gridlocked cities in the nation.

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