

Subject: GHG reductions

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One of the most effective measures that California can take to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions is to prioritize planning, construction, and operation of high speed rail service between northern and southern California. High speed rail as being considered for California will significantly reduce auto and air traffic between northern and southern California, as has happened in Europe, and will boost California's economy by making such trips more feasible and practical. The Transportation and Land Use Coalition, a non-profit organization in Oakland, has calculated that building high-speed rail would keep 8.7 - 11.9 million metric tons of greenhouse gases out of our atmosphere in 2030, compared to what would be emitted if highways and airports were expanded instead.

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