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President Trump wants investigation into California's High Speed Rail project

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CALIFORNIA, USA — President Donald Trump says he wants an investigation into California's [controversial high-speed rail project](#).

"The train that's being built between Los Angeles and San Francisco is the worst managed project I think I've ever seen," Trump said.

The California High Speed Rail Authority [wrote on X](#) they're entering the track-laying phase, with 171 miles of it under active construction. They've finished 50 major structures along with 60 miles of guideway.

That being said, criticism of the project and its cost isn't new. In January, [Republican Congressman Kevin Kiley](#) introduced a bill in Washington that would cut federal funding to the project, saying it's unrealistic to keep spending money on it.

Governor Gavin Newsom also relayed details about the project in January, saying that once they lay down the track for the project they'll be able to get the track equipment to help them lay it down.

Rail officials said they are focused on delivering the project in building blocks to get the Merced to Bakersfield system operational between 2030 and 2033. Around 170 miles of the corridor is also under design and active construction with new structures expected soon in the Central Valley. More than 460 miles of the Phase 1 system from San Francisco to Los Angeles/ Anaheim area are also environmentally cleared.

President Trump criticized the project Tuesday and its rising costs.

"We're going to start an investigation of that because it's not possible. I built for a living and I built on time, on budget. It's impossible that something could cost that much," he told reporters.

ABC10 asked HSRA for a statement. They referred us to the following tweet on X:

Ignore the noise. We're busy building. 🚧

As we enter the track-laying phase, 171 miles are under active construction & we've already:

- ✅ COMPLETED 50 major structures
- ✅ COMPLETED 60 miles of guideway
- ✅ COMPLETED full enviro clearance from SF to LA
- ✅ CREATED 14,600 jobs <pic.twitter.com/esbk0Gespb>

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