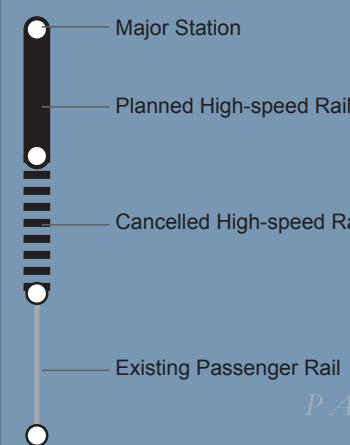
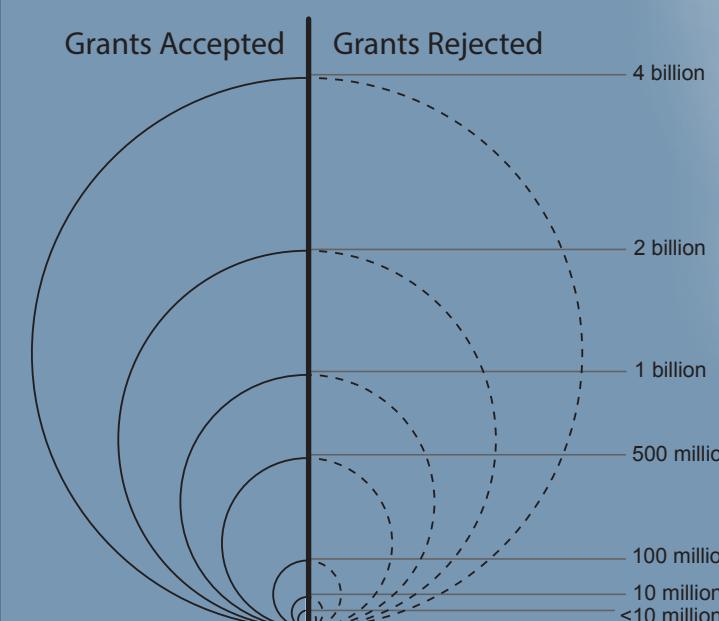


High-speed rail in the United States is here. Definitions of what constitutes high speed rail vary, but generally it refers to speeds of 110+ mph on dedicated lines. The latest push for high-speed rail is a product of policies and development dating back to the start of the 20th century. With the passage of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009, the federal government paved the way for high-speed rail.

This cartographic visualization illustrates how federal funding was distributed and where high-speed rail is being implemented. Many projects are underway despite political contention from a variety of stakeholders. Constructing high-speed rail lines is a dynamic process, requiring the cooperation of federal, state, and local governments, citizens, corporations, and other organizations. Going forward, high-speed rail is set to be an integral part of America's diversified 21st century transportation network.



Federal High-Speed Rail Funding by State (\$)



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High-Speed Passenger Rail in the US

