Purpose and Need

Purpose of the High Speed Train Project

- Provide a new mode of high-speed intercity travel that would link the Central Valley to the Bay Area and Southern California
- Interface with international airports, mass transit, and highways
- Provide added capacity to meet increases in intercity travel demand in California in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources

Current and Projected Need

- Expected growth in population
- Increases in intercity travel demand
- Increases in travel delays arising from the growing congestion on California's highways and airports
- Intercity highway system, commercial airports, and conventional passenger rail serving the intercity market at or near capacity
- Negative effects on the economy, quality of life, and air quality from highway and airport congestion