(New York, NY) - America 2050 today released the following statement regarding Vice President Biden’s announcement outlining the Obama Administration’s $53 billion commitment to High Speed Rail in America:

“Vice-President Biden’s announcement today of a 6-year, $53 billion high-speed intercity passenger rail plan is an enormous step toward giving private investors, the manufacturing industry, and the states the assurances they need to get started on these ambitious high-speed rail projects,” said Petra Todorovich, Director, America 2050. “It clearly demonstrates the Obama Administration’s commitment to putting this program on the fast track to success. I commend the Administration for backing up their bold, new vision of transportation for our country with this plan, and for recognizing that high-speed rail can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, make our cities and regions more competitive, and create short- and long-term jobs.”

America 2050 recently released a comprehensive report entitled “High Speed Rail in America” which identifies the high-speed rail corridors with the greatest potential to attract ridership in each of the nations’ megaregions.

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