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TTI Contributes to High-Speed Rail Discussion

Should the train stop at smaller communities along the route, which would act to slow down trip times for big city commuters? Will everyone back a public/private partnership to pay for the estimated \$24 billion price tag? Should the track be elevated? Will land owners give up their property easily?

"We don't know a lot of things right now, but we are getting there," Christiansen said. He credited THSRTC with keeping the high-speed rail plan alive over the last 10 years since the potential impact "is so significant."

Proponents are hoping for a better outcome than in 1994, when high-speed rail plans were abandoned because of opposition, especially from airlines, who felt that rail projects would hurt their business.

"I think we are in a different frame of mind now," said Steve Clark, a rail expert for Arup, a consulting engineering firm. "I think we are going to see more high-speed rail in the United States." Clark said there is currently just one high-speed project in operation, located in the northeast corridor connecting Boston to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Much of the symposium was led by a delegation from Ciudad Real, Spain, which first began high speed rail operations in 1992.

Through an interpreter, the visitors credited the construction of the Spanish HSR network with the population and

economic growth of the city. They said Spain will have more kilometers of high-speed rail than any other country in the world by 2012.

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Other speakers at the symposium included Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation Amadeo Saenz, Chairman of THSRTC Robert Eckels, and Temple Mayor William Jones, who is also the vice chairman of the Executive Committee for THSRTC.

"There are very few people in Texas talking about high-speed rail," Jones said during the panel discussion. Even so, he hopes to see it operational by 2020.

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Dennis Christiansen speaks at the Texas/European Union High-Speed Rail Symposium in College Station in September.

Positive News on the Safety Front: Fatalities Down in 2009

Traffic deaths on U.S. roads reached a record low in the first half of 2009. Although 16,626 people died in traffic crashes between January and June, this was a 7 percent drop from the same period last year. AASHTO President and Pennsylvania DOT Secretary Allen Biehler praised state actions to make travel safer. "Of course, you would expect that with reductions in driving (due to the slowing economy), you would also see reductions in fatalities. But the fact is travel is down about a half of a percent, but fatalities are down by seven percent for the first six months of 2009. Over the past four years, travel has declined by about two percent, but the fatality rate has dropped by more than 20 percent. So the vital work being done in states is paying off big time in saving lives nationwide."

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Environment Friendly Holiday Tips

WRAPPING PAPER, GIFT BAGS, AND CARDS

- Wrap gifts in recycled or reused paper or gift bags.
- Remember to save or recycle used wrapping paper and gift bags.
- Give gifts that don't require much packaging, such as concert tickets, gasoline cards, gift cards, or gift certificates.
- Send recycled-content greeting cards to reduce the amount of virgin paper used during the holidays.
- To reduce paper waste, send electronic greeting cards.

BATTERIES AND ELECTRICITY

- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season, and many of those batteries end up in landfills. Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany your electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well.
- Incredibly efficient strings of LED holiday lights are now available at most large retailers. These lights use only 0.04 watts per bulb, one-tenth the energy of standard mini-lights and 11/100th the energy of C-7, four-watt bulbs and could save you \$30 on your electric bill over the holiday season.
- Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day and when you go to bed, or set all your lights on timers. Doing so will not only save energy, but will also help your lights last longer. Save energy while you're away for the holidays by leaving your home thermostat turned down. http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/communication/media/12-07HolidayTips.html

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11:30 -DINNER & PROGRAM

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
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Safety on the Roads for the Upcoming Holiday Season

Thousands of holiday travelers will soon hit the road to visit family and friends, and many of them will be navigating unfamiliar roads for long stretches of time during atypical hours of the day, such as early morning or late evening. Drivers planning long distance road trips should beware; these long journeys can be tiring and fatigue can be deadly behind the wheel. Drowsy driving causes more than 100,000 crashes each year, and results in 40,000 injuries and 1,500 deaths. If you are planning a road trip this holiday, get a good night's sleep the night before and remember to stop every two hours to stretch and get fresh air. If you become tired while driving, stop. A short nap and consuming caffeine can provide a temporary energy boost. To ensure your roadway safety this holiday season, follow these additional helpful tips: Service your vehicle before your trip. Crashes and disabled vehicles cause 25 percent of highway congestion. Be sure and check the battery, vehicle lights, windshield wipers and fluid, brakes, oil level, and tires. Stock your vehicle with the proper equipment and supplies including a flash light, jumper cables, flares or reflective triangles, first aid supplies, and a properly inflated spare tire.

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