Facts about the **Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor**

The Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor is a federally designated high-speed rail corridor that connects most of the major population centers in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and northern Florida. When fully developed to 90 to 100 mph, the SEHSR corridor will potentially create hundreds of thousands of jobs, help alleviate congestion on our roads and in the air, and reduce the region's fuel consumption and air pollution.

Population (VA, NC, SC, and GA)

- **31,157,047** or **10.24%** of America's population
- Between 2000 and 2008 the Southeast grew **13.5 %**, well above the national average
- The Southeast is expected to grown another **26%** by **2030** to **39,219,165**

Congestion

- Roads/ Interstates:
  - The road network along the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor (SEHSR) ranks as one of the most congested in America
  - The average resident along the SEHSR Corridor spends **213 hours** commuting or stuck in traffic annually
  - The average driver along the SEHSR corridor wastes over 40 gallons of gas annually stuck in traffic, this amounts to $112.75 (at $2.75 a gallon) saved per driver
- Airways:
  - The average flight delay at airports along the SEHSR Corridor is **55.6 minutes**
  - **9** of the top **22** least reliable airports are in the Southeast

Economic

- Trip Savings
  - Today, a business traveler saves **62%** between Raleigh and Charlotte, and **46%** between Richmond and Washington, traveling by train compared to being reimbursed the national average for mileage reimbursement
- Job Creation/Economic Development
  - Building/upgrading the SEHSR Corridor to 90-110 mph passenger rail service is projected to create or sustain an estimated **228,000** jobs, about **75,000** in construction jobs alone
  - It could also create about **$30 billion** in **economic development** along the SEHSR corridor

Environmental

- Automobiles
  - Passenger trains use **27% less** fuel per passenger mile than automobiles
  - The SEHSR corridor is estimated to eliminate over 1.3 million car trips annually
- Airplanes
  - Passenger trains use **19% less** fuel per passenger mile than regional flights
  - The SEHSR corridor is projected to remove over **255,000** regional flights annually
- Fuel/ CO2
  - The SEHSR corridor could reduce fuel consumption by over **26 million gallons annually**
  - The SEHSR corridor could reduce greenhouse gases by **1.2 million tons annually**

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