



Moderator's Remarks

- Increasing urbanization, highway and airport/airway capacity issues suggest a changing transportation future for the US
- Significant markets (100-600 mi) where HSR could offer advantages when demographics permit, as will happen in the US by 2050
- HSR is a well proven option in Japan and elsewhere
- UC Berkeley work, analysis of FRA HSR program, combined with other studies, suggest potential US role for HSR in major corridors, especially by 2050
- HSR could help reduce congestion, pollution, GHGs and accidents
- HSR not a panacea, but deserves a place in the modal MIX evaluated
- HSR poses major governmental, funding and managerial issues
- 2050 is tomorrow, in infrastructure program terms