

# JR Central, the Tokaido Shinkansen and High Speed Rail in the US



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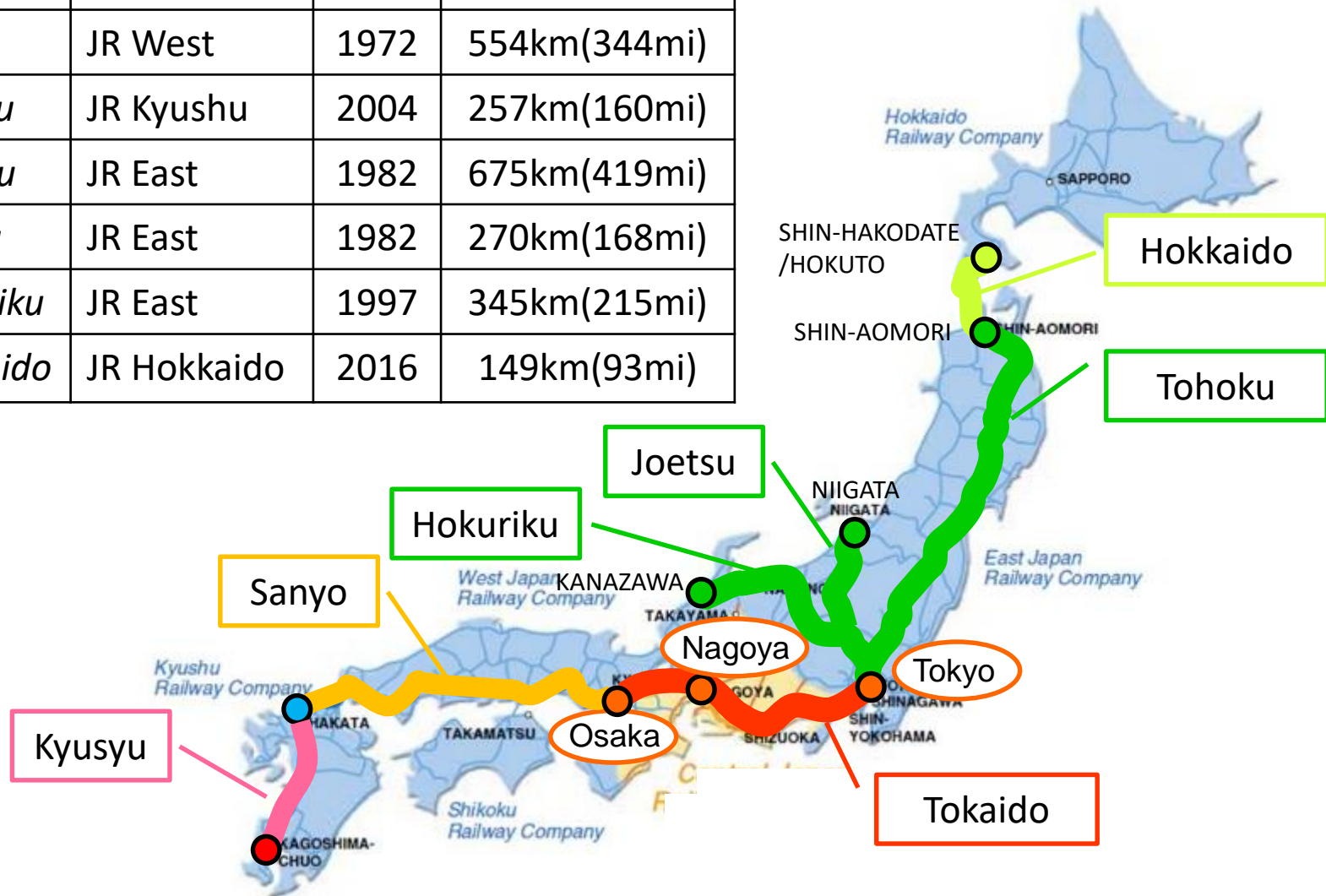
# History of Japanese Railway

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- 1872** The first railway in Japan opened, linking Tokyo and Yokohama (18 miles) with 3 ft 6 in narrow gauge tracks.
- 1906** A law passed to nationalize the nationwide railway network.
- 1949** Japanese National Railways (JNR) was incorporated as a state-owned public corporation, in accordance with the US postwar policies.
- 1964** First High-Speed Line, Shinkansen, commenced its operation between Tokyo and Osaka (320 miles).
- 1987** JNR railway operation was split to 6 passenger and 1 freight companies. JR-Central and other JR companies are incorporated. At this time, they are 100% owned by the government.
- 1997** JR-Central was listed on the Japanese stock markets.
- 2006** 100% privatization of JR-Central was achieved, after the Japanese government sold the remaining of JR-Central stock they were holding.

# Shinkansen Network in JAPAN

Route	Operator	Opened	Route Length
<i>Tokaido</i>	JR Central	1964	515km(320mi)
<i>Sanyo</i>	JR West	1972	554km(344mi)
<i>Kyushu</i>	JR Kyushu	2004	257km(160mi)
<i>Tohoku</i>	JR East	1982	675km(419mi)
<i>Joetsu</i>	JR East	1982	270km(168mi)
<i>Hokuriku</i>	JR East	1997	345km(215mi)
<i>Hokkaido</i>	JR Hokkaido	2016	149km(93mi)



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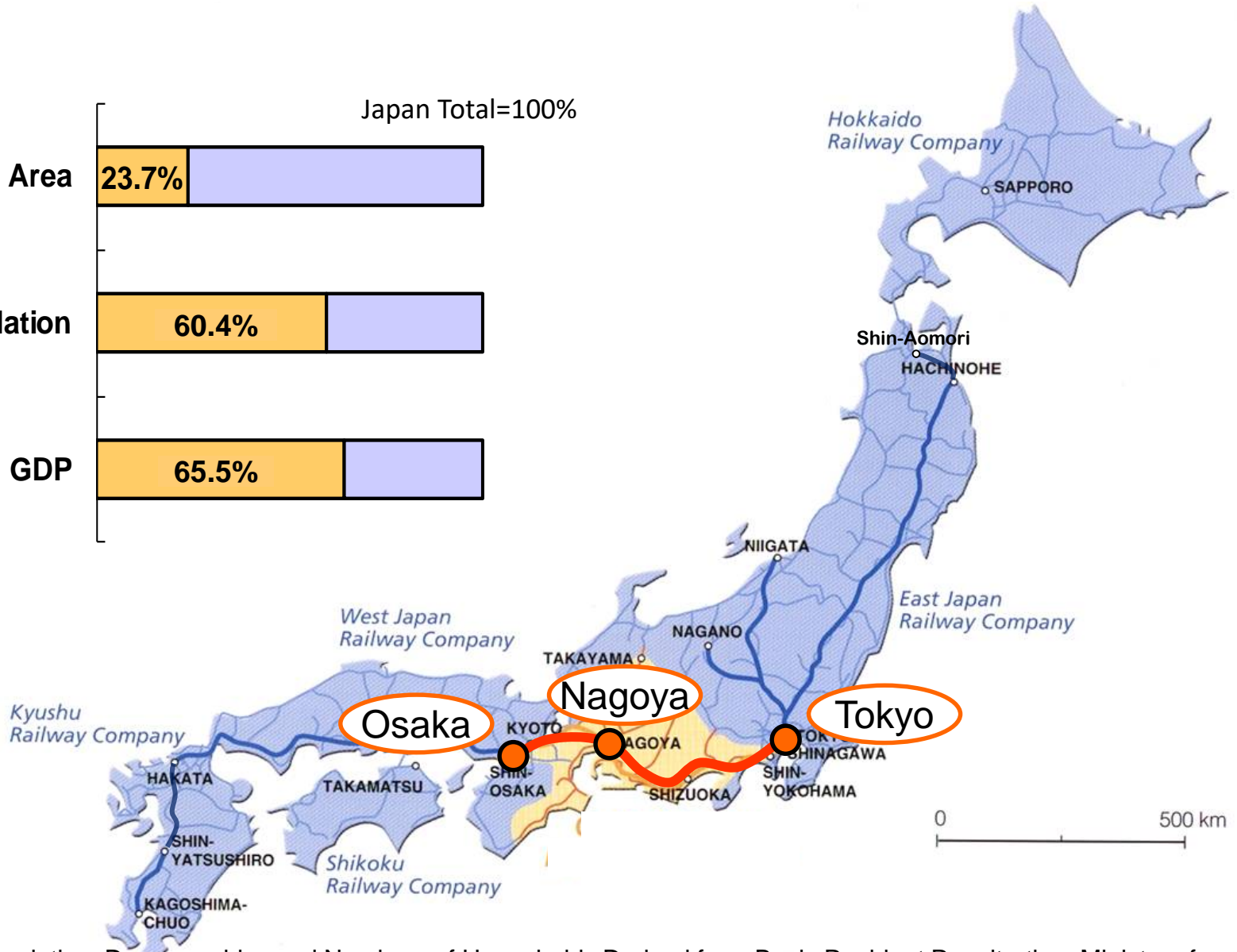
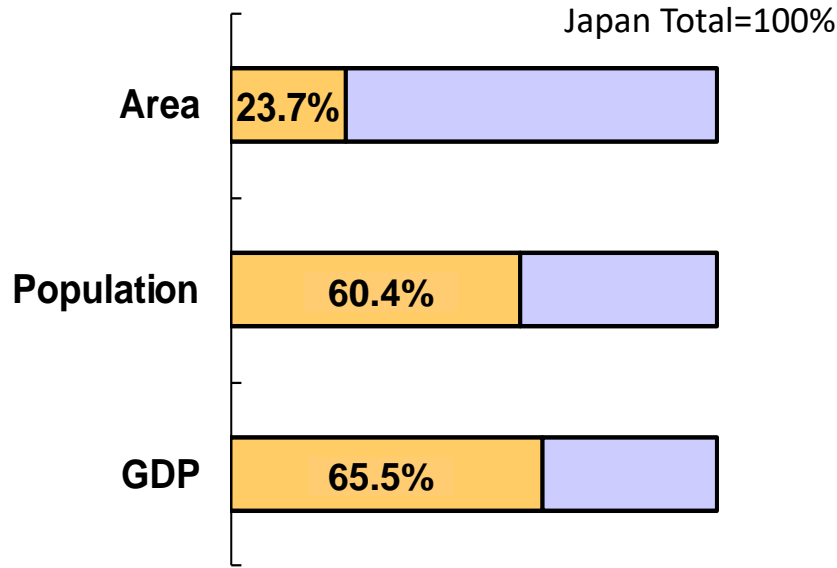
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# JR Central Operating Area



## \*Sources

Population: Population, Demographics and Numbers of Households Derived from Basic Resident Registration, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

GDP: Annual Report on Prefectural Accounts. Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office

# JR-Central Tokaido Shinkansen

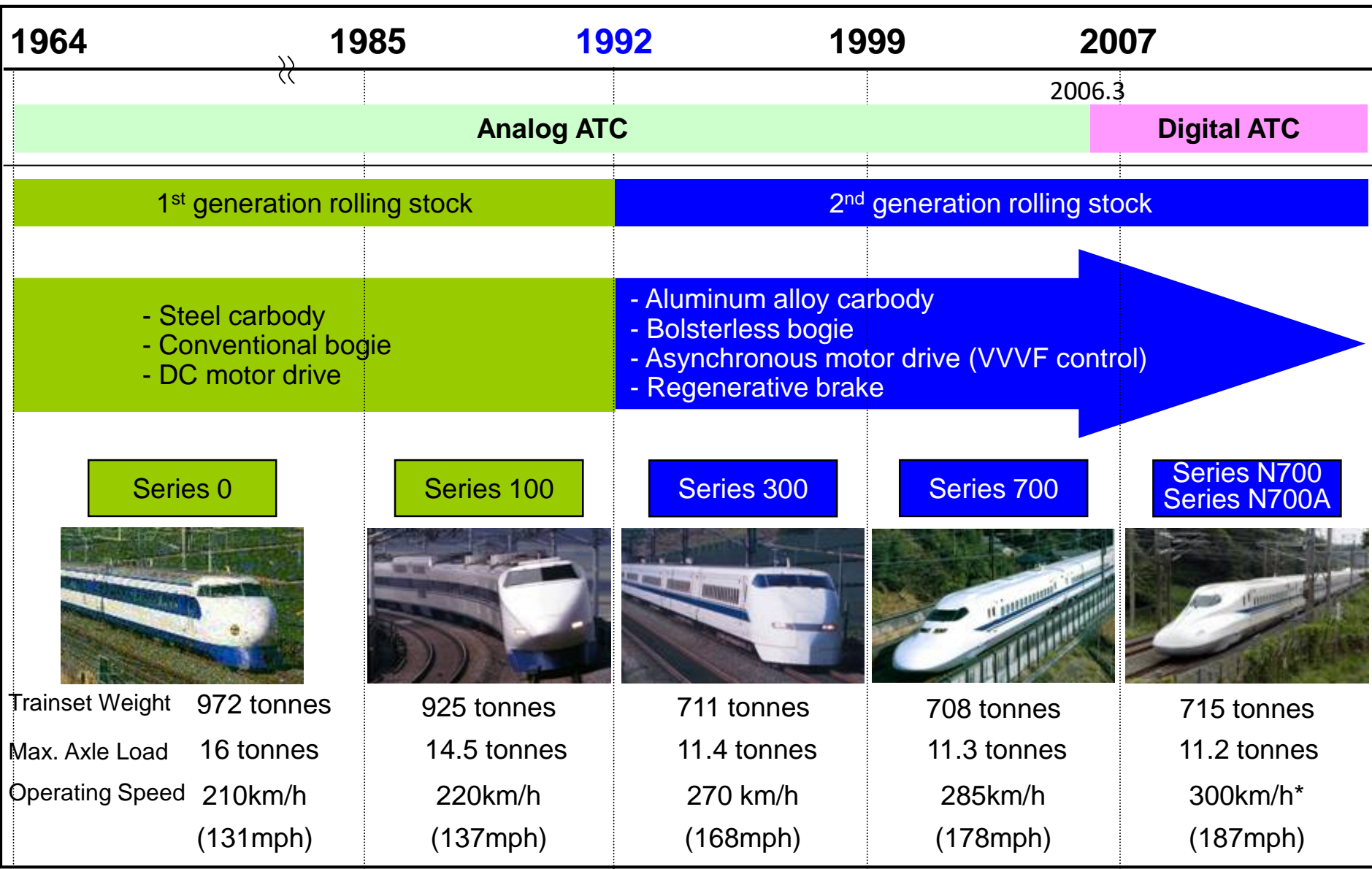
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## Key Performance Statistics

- Safety
  - No train accidents resulting in passenger fatalities or injuries for over 50-year operation
- High Speed
  - 285km/h
- High Frequency/High Capacity
  - 368 trains carrying 466,000 passengers/day\*
- Punctuality
  - Average delay less than 0.7 minute/train\*

\*FY2017

# Technology improvement of Tokaido Shinkansen

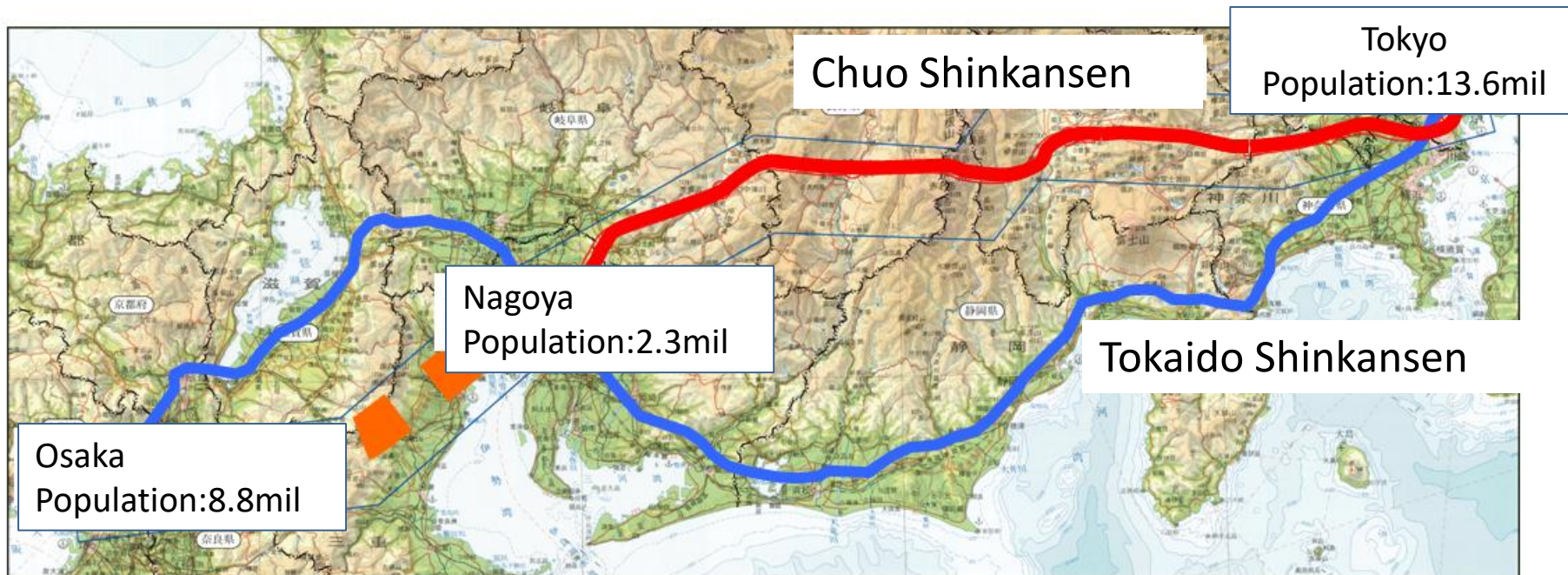


\* Sanyo section



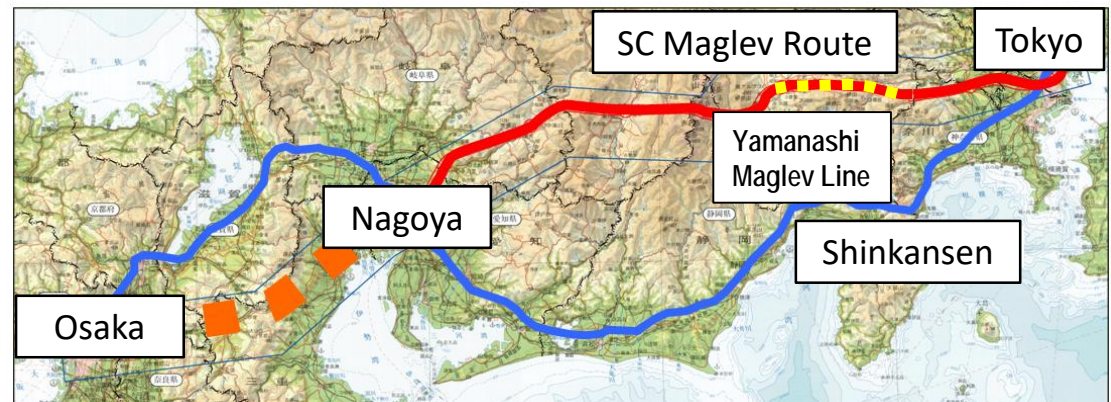
# Overview of the SC Maglev Project in Japan

	Distance	Journey time	Expected Launch
Tokyo-Nagoya	178mi (286km)	40 min.	2027
Tokyo-Osaka	273mi (438km)	67 min.	2045 (may be expedited by using loan)



# History of the SC Maglev Technology

- 1962 Research of SC Maglev train started
- 1977 Miyazaki Test Track Completed
- 1987 Apr JR-Central was incorporated
- 1997 Mar Yamanashi Maglev Line Completed (18.4km=11.4miles)  
Apr Running tests started  
Nov Running speed of 500km/h(311mph) was achieved
- 2013 Aug Yamanashi Maglev Line was extended and upgraded (42.8km=26.6miles)
- 2015 Apr Current World speed record of 603km/h(375mph) was achieved



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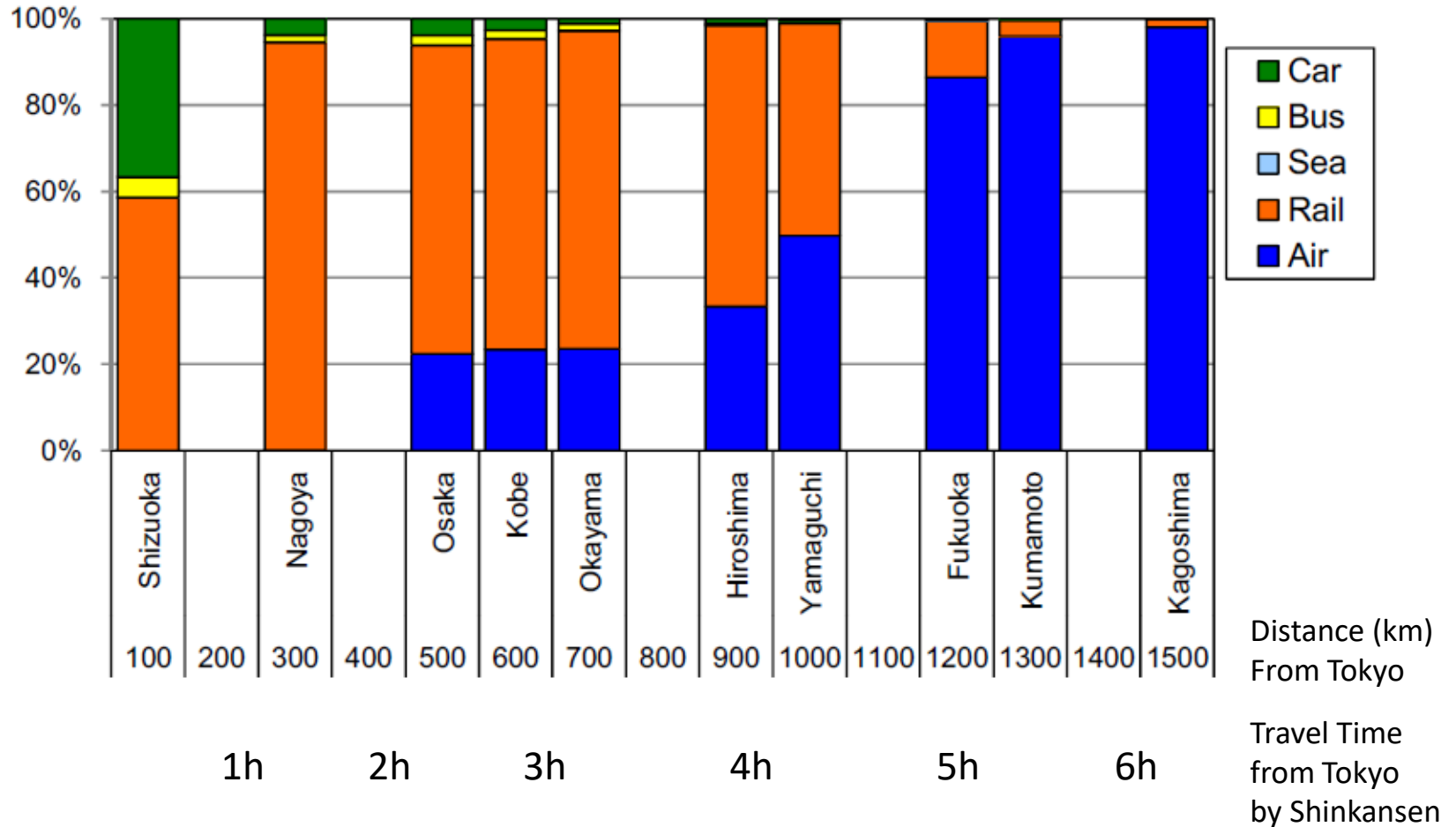
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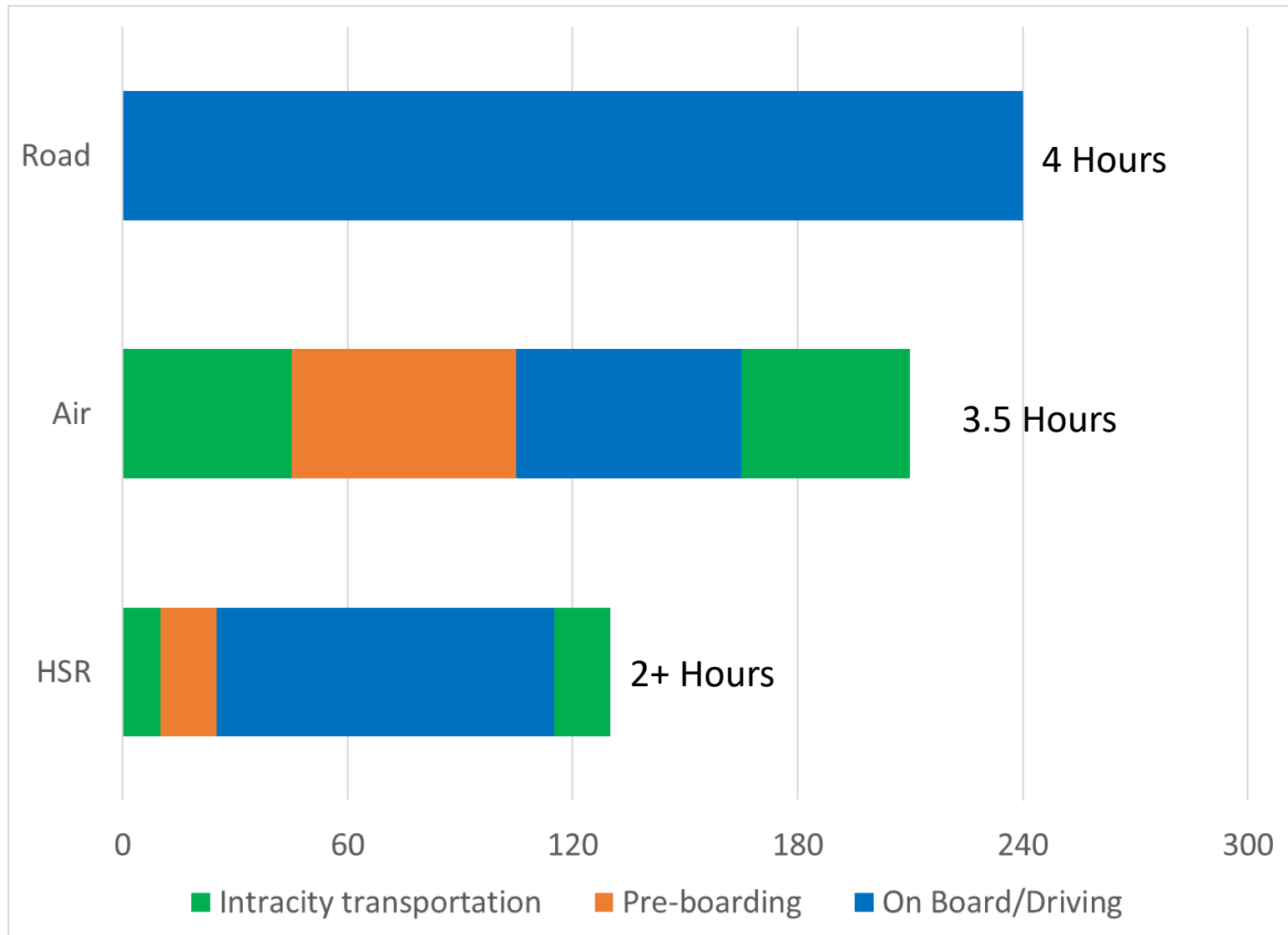


# HSR Market Share in Japan

Transportation modes used for travels from/to Tokyo metropolitan area along Tokaido/Sanyo Shinkansen route



# Selecting Markets – Dallas to Houston



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# US Contribution to the World Railroad



# Buffers and Chain Coupler



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# Automatic Coupler

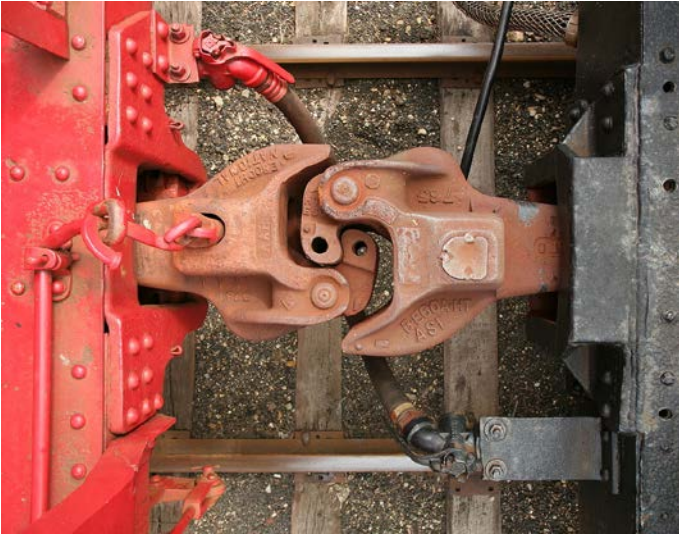


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1873 Eli H. Janney received a patent.

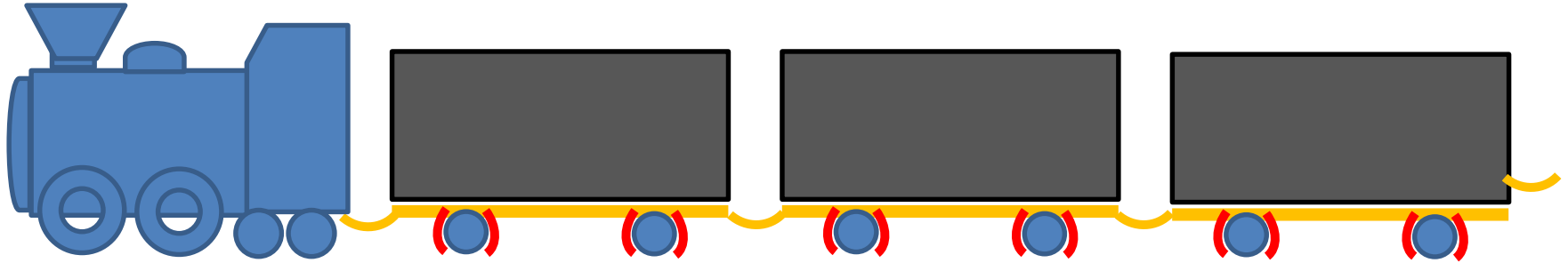
1893 In the US, Railroad Safety Appliance Act passed.

1925 In Japan, all the couplers were changed in one day.

In Honshu, it was on July 17, when couplers of passenger cars were replaced after the train arrived at its final destination. Freight services were cancelled all day on July 17 for this exchange.

# Westinghouse Air Brake

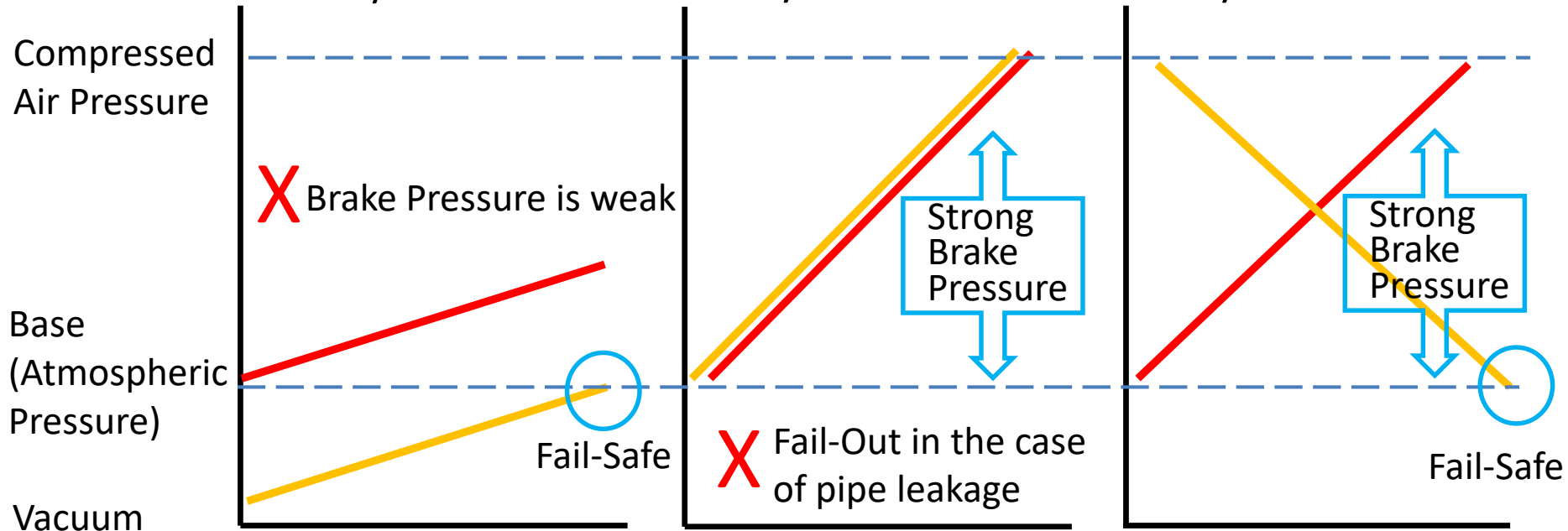
Compressed air/Vacuum generated in the engine is transmitted to cars through the air pipe.



1) Vacuum Brake System

2) Straight Air Brake System

3) Automatic Air Brake System



— Brake Pressure at wheels      — Air Pressure in the pipe

# Westinghouse Air Brake

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1872 George Westinghouse invented the automatic air brake.

1893 In the US, Railroad Safety Appliance Act passed.

Continuous brake is required under this act.

1919 The Japanese government decided to use the automatic air brake in the national network. The preparation started in 1921 and it was 1930 when the system installation covered all the freight trains.

# Japanese Contribution to the World Railroad



# Shinkansen – Dedicated System for High-Speed Train

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In the early 1960s, it became obvious that the Tokyo-Osaka railroad corridor required enhancement to get more capacity.

To achieve the enhancement, many options were discussed. Those included:

- Adding 2 more tracks along the existing narrow-gauged 2-track line making it 4-track;
- Building a new narrow-gauged line bypassing the most heavily-used section of the route;
- Building a new narrow-gauged line on the entire route;
- Building a new standard-gauged line.

# Shinkansen – Dedicated System for High-Speed Train

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Many options tried to use the existing conventional line network. Those had advantages in the viewpoints of:

- cost; and
- interoperability.

However, decision was made to build new standard-gauged tracks, a route exclusively for high speed trains, i.e. independent from the existing national network.

The benefit of the high-speed, high-volume operation was considered to be far surpassing the limited, temporary effect that would have been derived from patching the narrow-gauged network.

# Shinkansen – Dedicated System for High-Speed Train

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In 1872, British people brought a narrow-gauged railroad to Japan. Since then, Japanese railroad had been struggling with low-capacity and technological inferiority of the system.

Paradoxically, the inferiority of the system worked positively in the decision of building the “True High-Speed Railroad”. The options were discontinuous and polarized – pay more and get more by building a true high-speed rail, or pay less and get less by continuing to use the small-capacity network. The discussion point was simple.

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A: They have little compatibility with the technology of the previous generation.

With a clear vision of what to achieve, the hurdle was cleared.

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# Strategy for the US HSR

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Strategy must focus on:

- Selecting the market (cities to be linked)

HSR is not an almighty transportation tool, especially in such a large country as the United States. Use that tool where it performs best.

- Having a clear vision of the target to achieve

Analyze the market and choose the best technology to achieve the goal.

# Case Study - Korea and Taiwan

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## Korea

- HSR opened in 2004.
- Core System : French Technology
- Interoperable with standard-gauged conventional lines.
  - HS trains are sharing tracks to get into Seoul citycenter
  - HS trains used to share tracks to get into the citycenters of Daejeon and Daegu, until the HSR lines were completed.

# Case Study - Korea and Taiwan

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## Taiwan

- HSR opened in 2007.
- Core System: Japanese Technology
- Dedicated HSR Line – not interoperable with the narrow-gauged conventional lines.
- Except the terminals (Taipei and Kaohsiung), the stations are located a little outside the citycenters. (5-30 minutes by public transport)

# Case Study - Korea and Taiwan

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Getting into the citycenters has great value only when the city can provide convenient transport system within the city.

Seoul, Daejeon, Daegu, Busan, Taipei, Kaohsiung have it.  
(All cities have a metro system.)

So do many European cities.

Interoperability is a strong tool in those cases, because it may facilitate the access to a citycenter.

However, if the last-mile transport relies on cars, airport-style location selection also works – like Texas case.