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Congressman Gary Miller's Statement on Congressional Hearing into California's High Speed Rail Project

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing on the growing concerns regarding California's high speed rail project. In 2008, California voters approved a \$9.95 billion bond measure to help finance the project, which was estimated at the time to cost \$43 billion. Since then, the estimated costs of the project have soared to \$98 billion, and the projected completion date has been pushed back from 2020 to 2033.

After the hearing, Congressman Miller issued the following statement:

“With a population that is expected to grow by twenty-five percent in the next fifteen years, it is vital that we address California's future transportation needs. However, with the national debt now exceeding \$15 trillion and the state continuing to grapple with double-digit billion dollar budget deficits, we must ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely and effectively. I thank Chairman Mica for holding this hearing today to address growing concerns about the high speed rail line's future ridership projections and soaring cost. With billions of dollars on the line, it is essential that these issues surrounding the project's feasibility be addressed as soon as possible.”

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