

Western High Speed Rail Alliance/ State Rail Plan Update

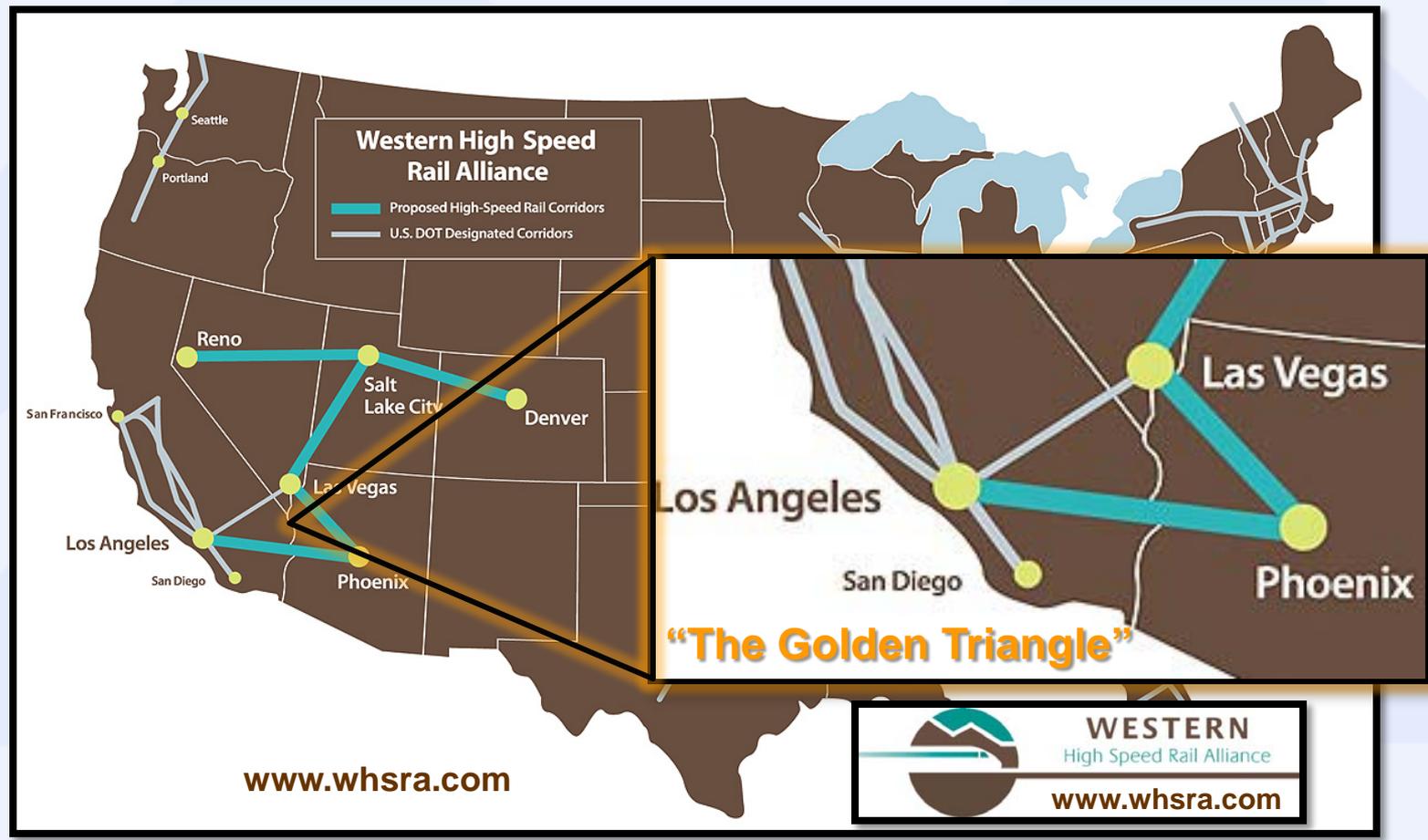
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- WHSRA members Nevada DOT / Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas) have made progress with Federal Railroad Administration on high speed rail studies.
- Funding had been allocated by the FRA in late 2010 for high speed rail corridor studies between Phoenix, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, also known as **The Golden Triangle**, and additional details are forthcoming in spring 2011.





AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HSR IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

As highway capacity between major metropolitan centers becomes increasingly overburdened, the corresponding options for expansion are also increasingly limited. Environmental challenges, right-of-way constraints, escalating costs and the limits of highway technology all contribute to the demise of unlimited highway expansion. Connecting the western U.S. would be the first step toward reducing air traffic and highway congestion, while in turn increasing interstate highway capacity for trucking and improving air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Connecting Western states via high-speed rail is the future of our nation.

